

# Recent highlights from neutrino theory

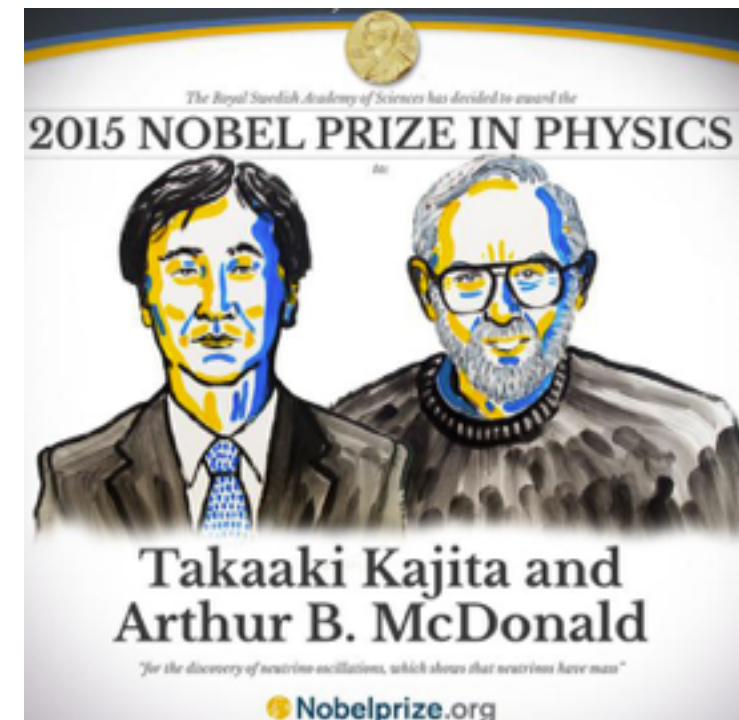
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**The existence of non-zero neutrino masses, inferred from neutrino oscillation measurements, is the only laboratory-based evidence of physics beyond the standard model**

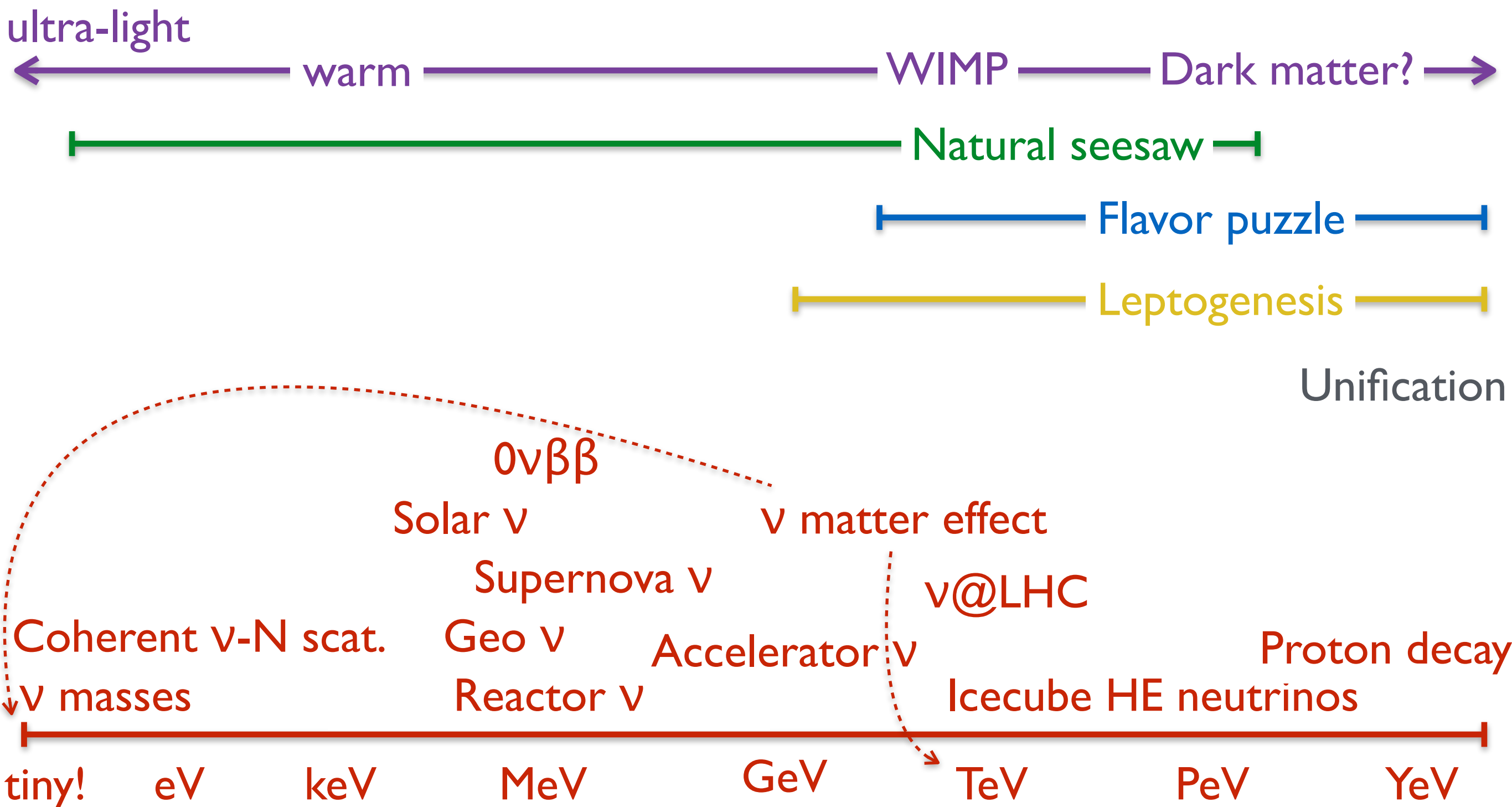


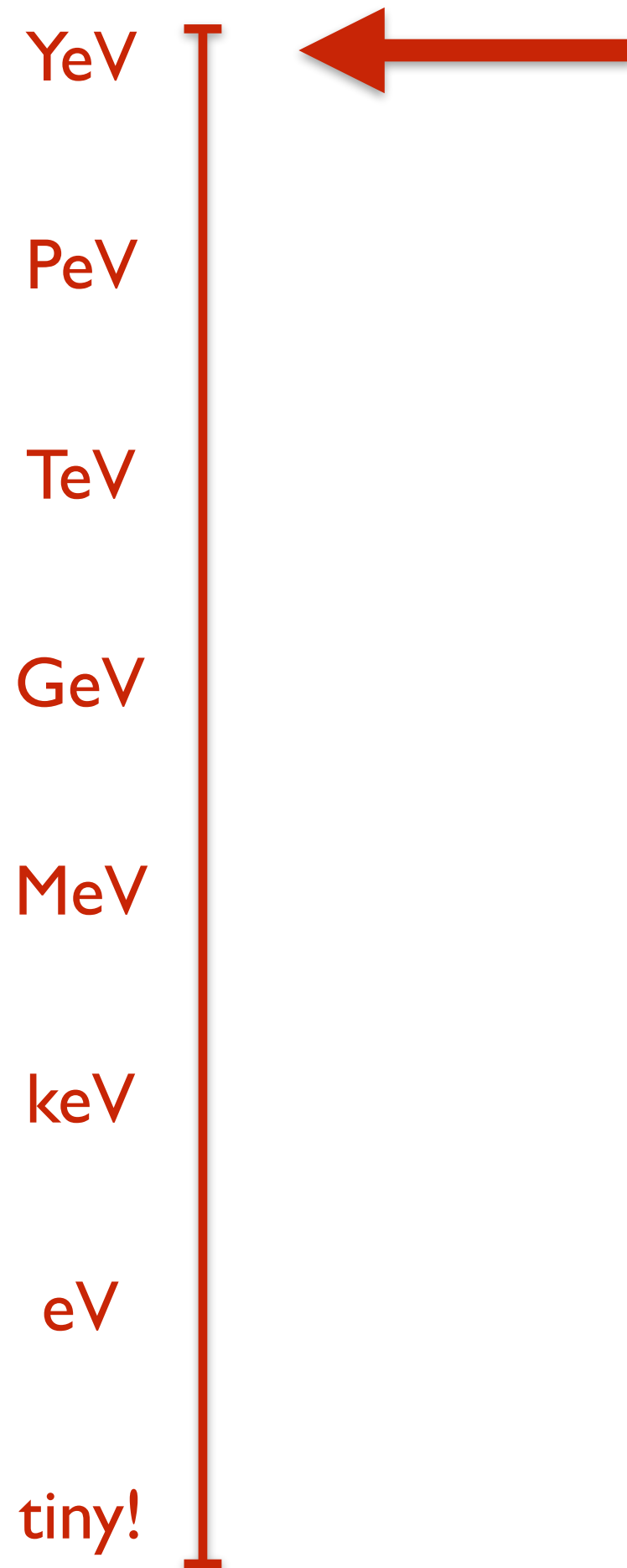
Relatively poorly known sector of the standard model

Neutrino mass mechanism is unknown

Neutrino physics relates to many energy scales

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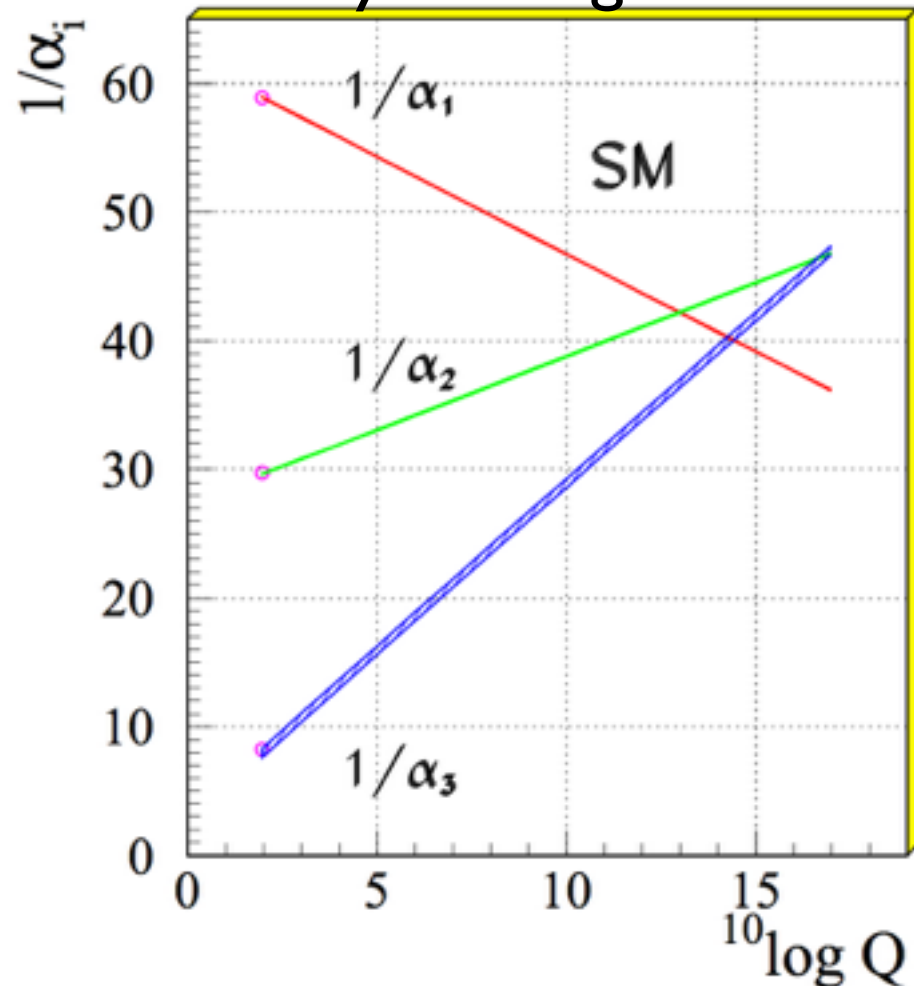




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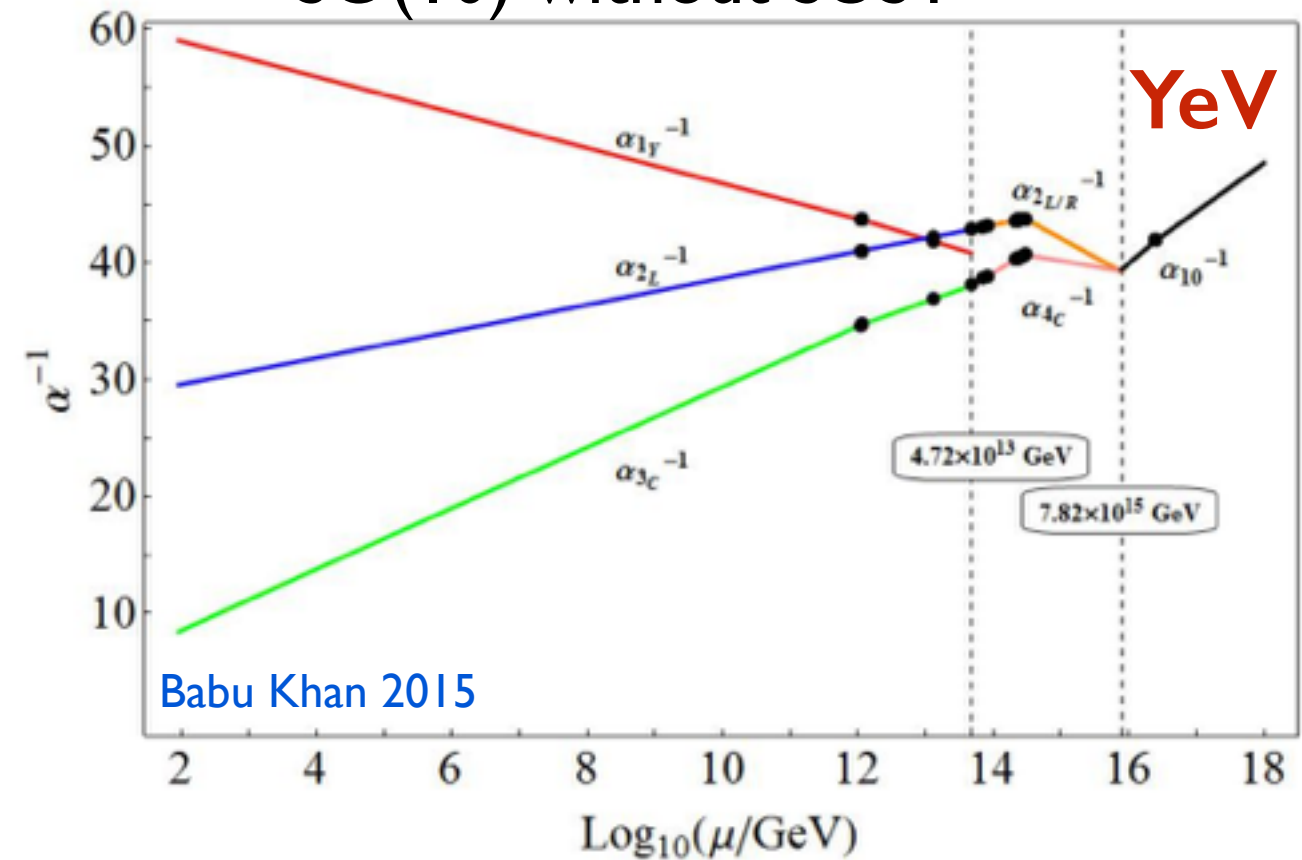
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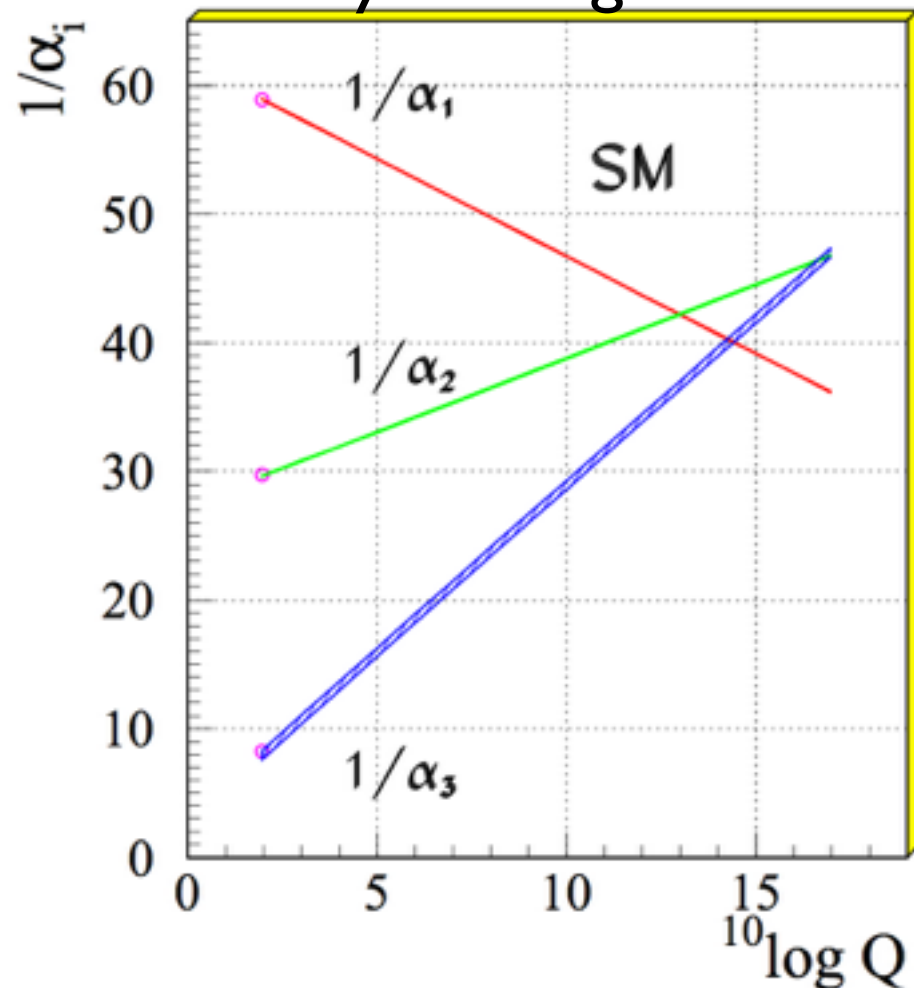




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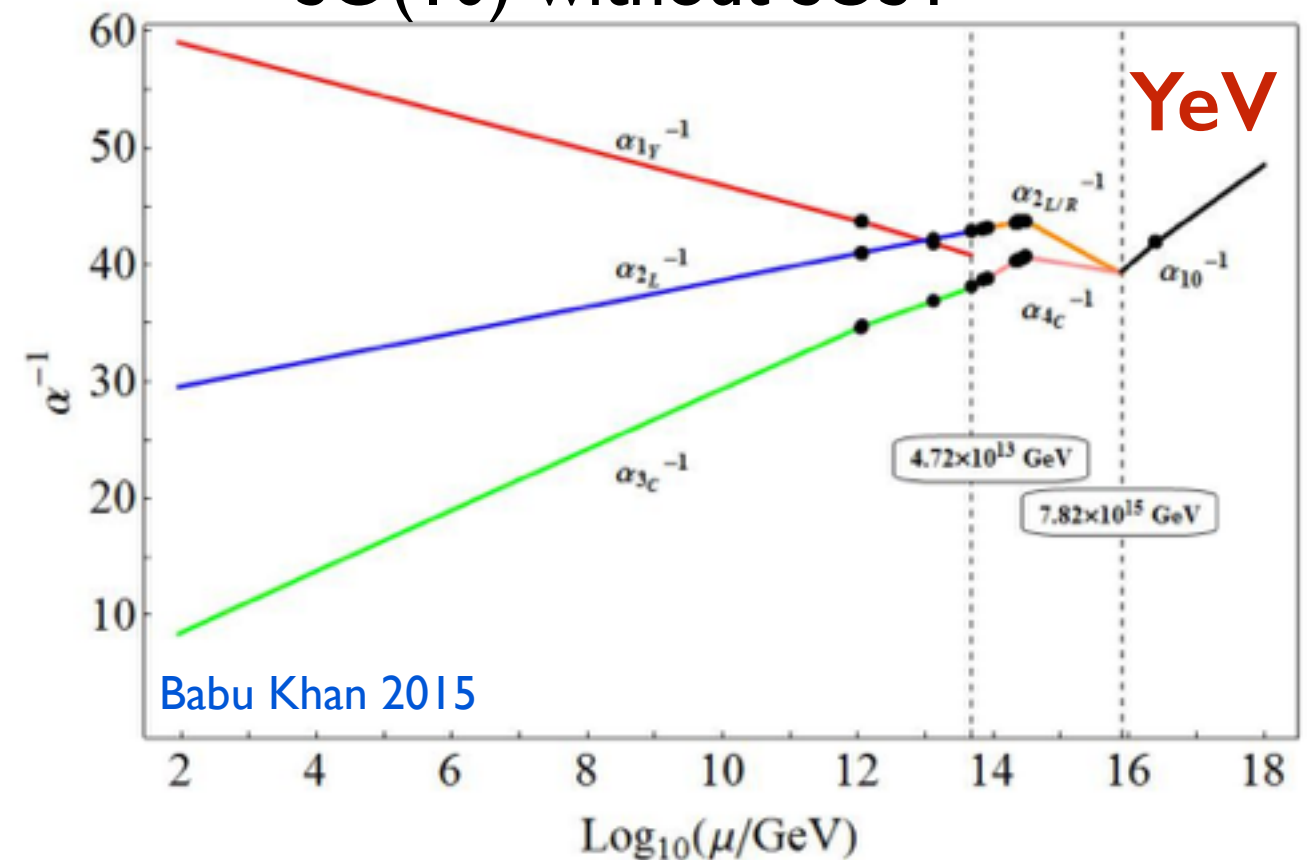
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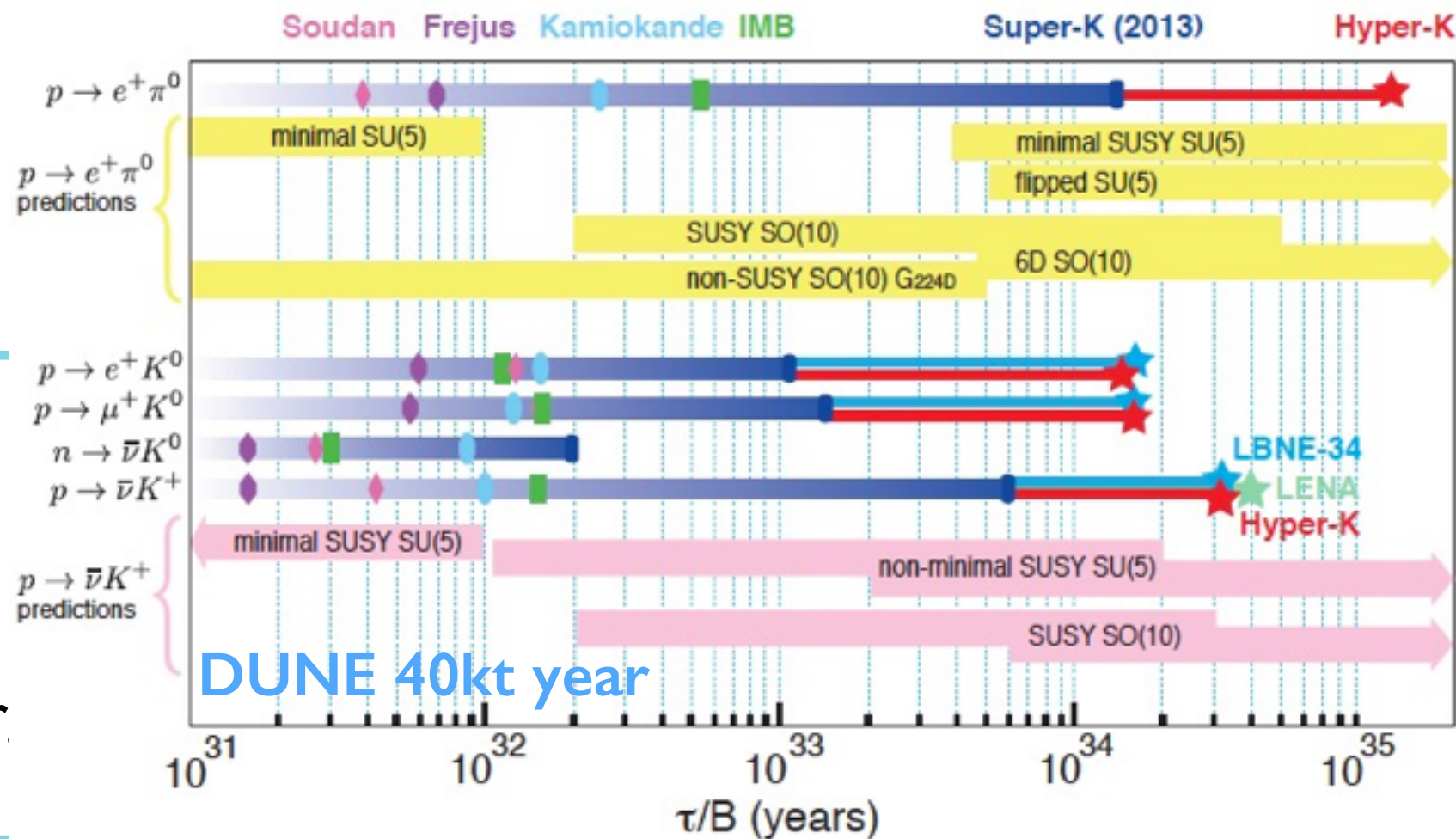


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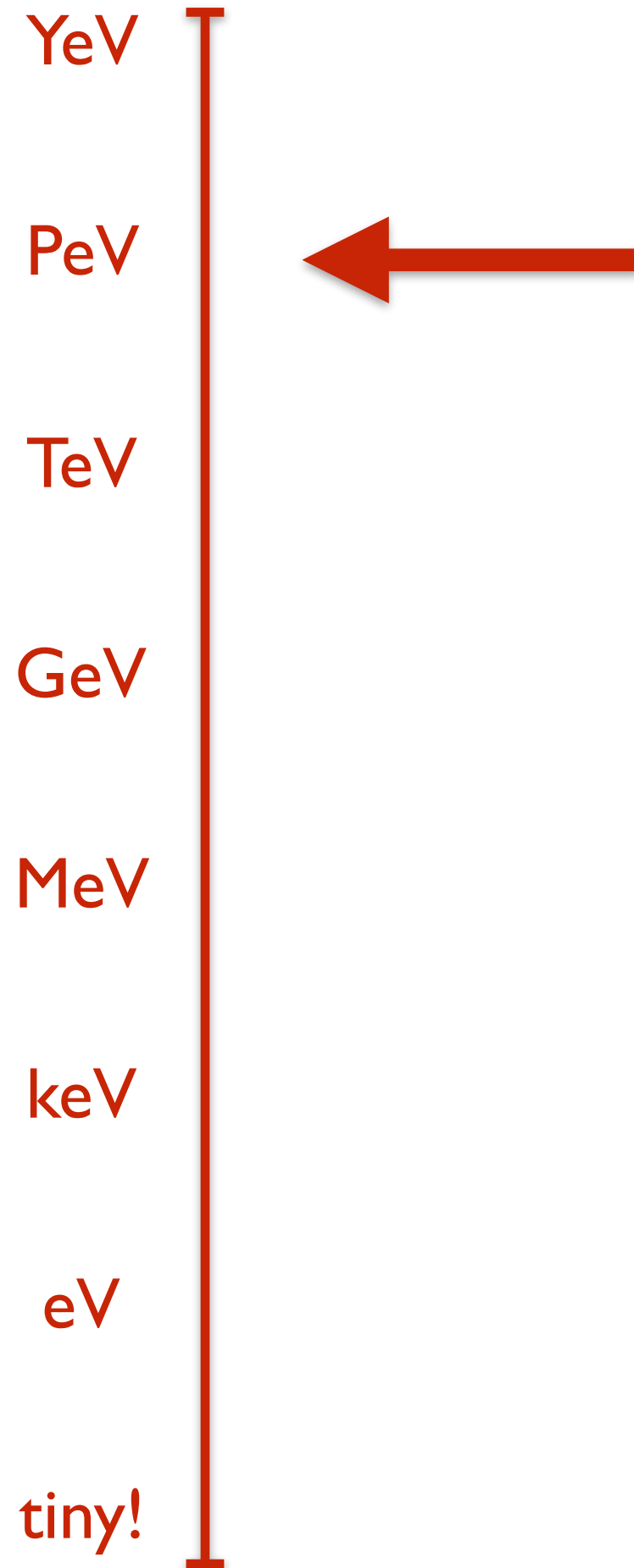


Babu Khan 2015



DUNE 40kt year

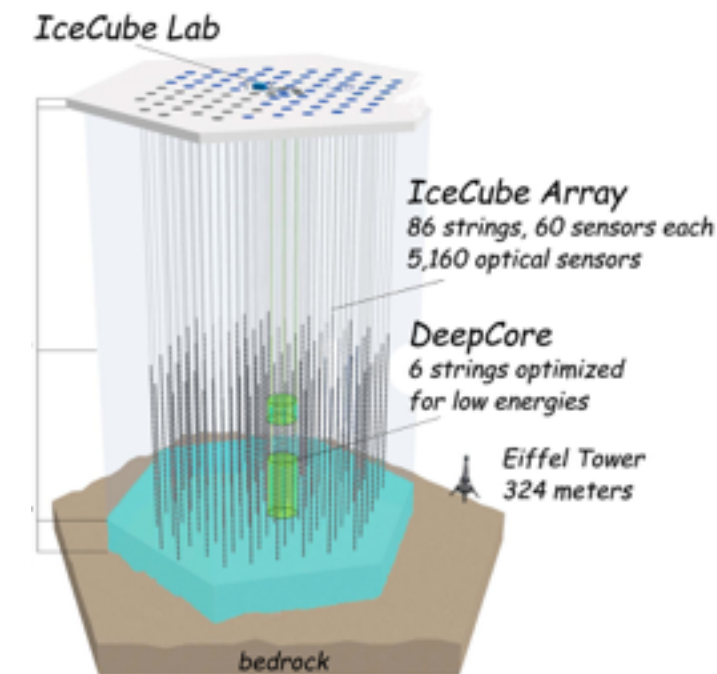
see also, e.g., Chu Smirnov 2016, Acharya Bozek Romao King Pongkitivanichkul 2016, Ellis Garcia Nagata Nanopoulos Olive 2016, Bucella Chianese Mangano Miele Morisi Santorelli 2017, Bjorkerth Anda King Perdomo 2017, ...



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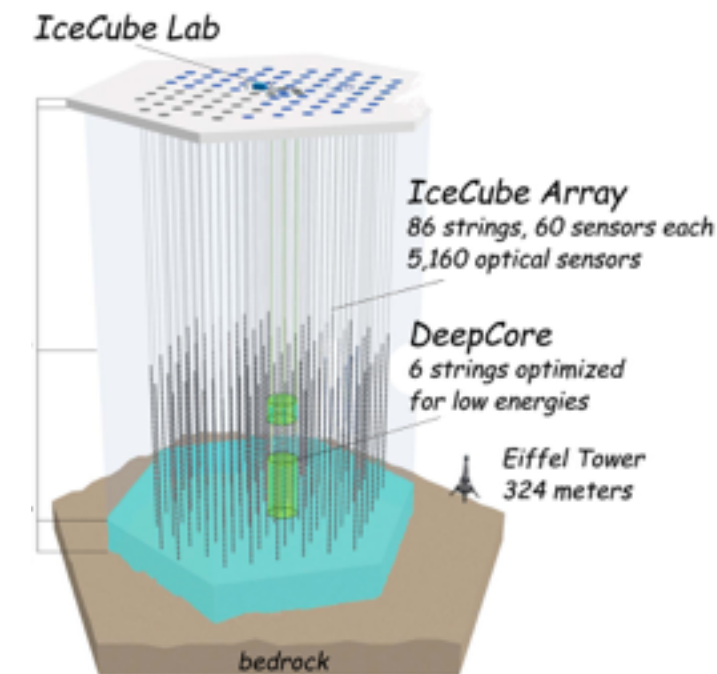




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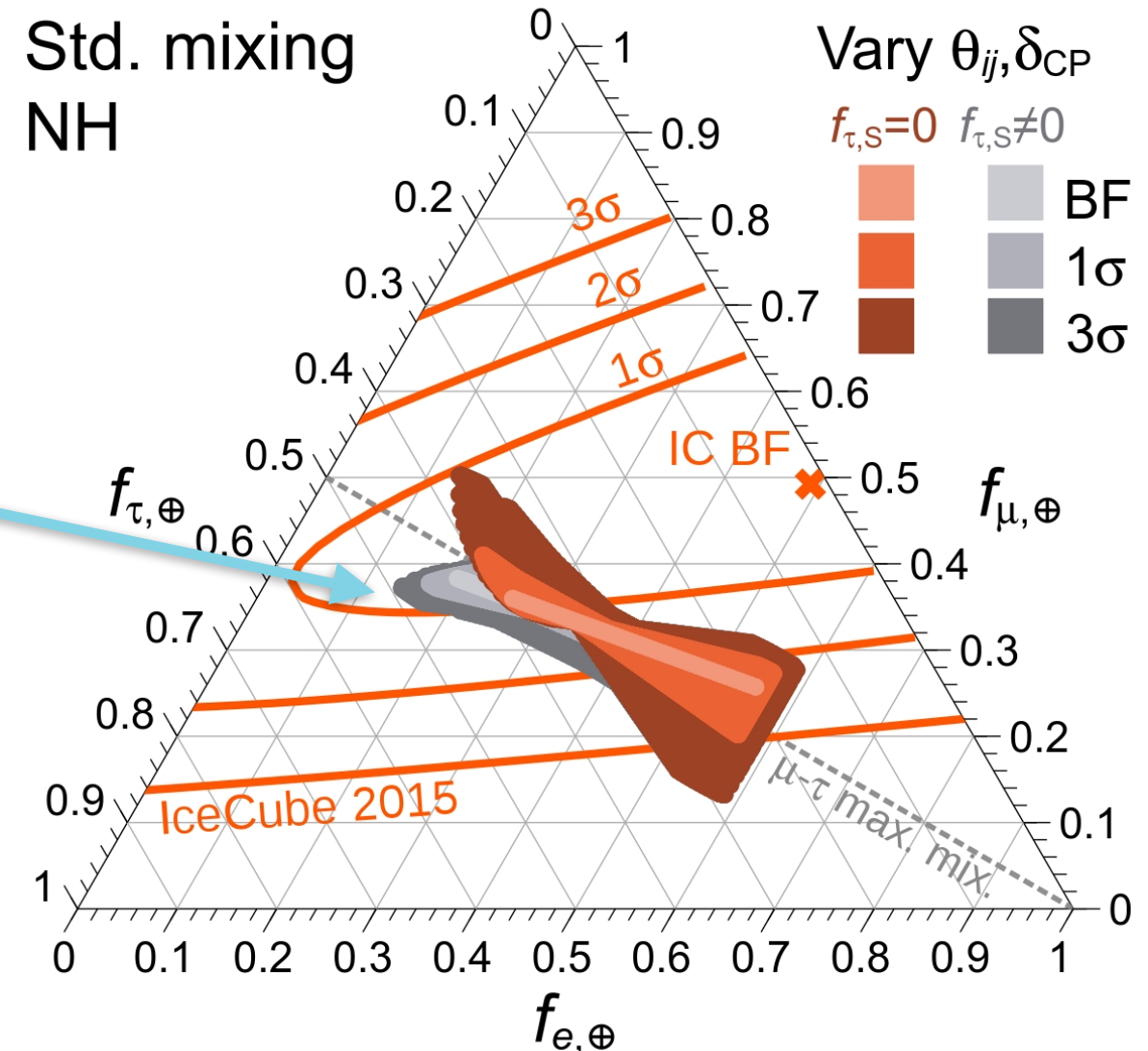


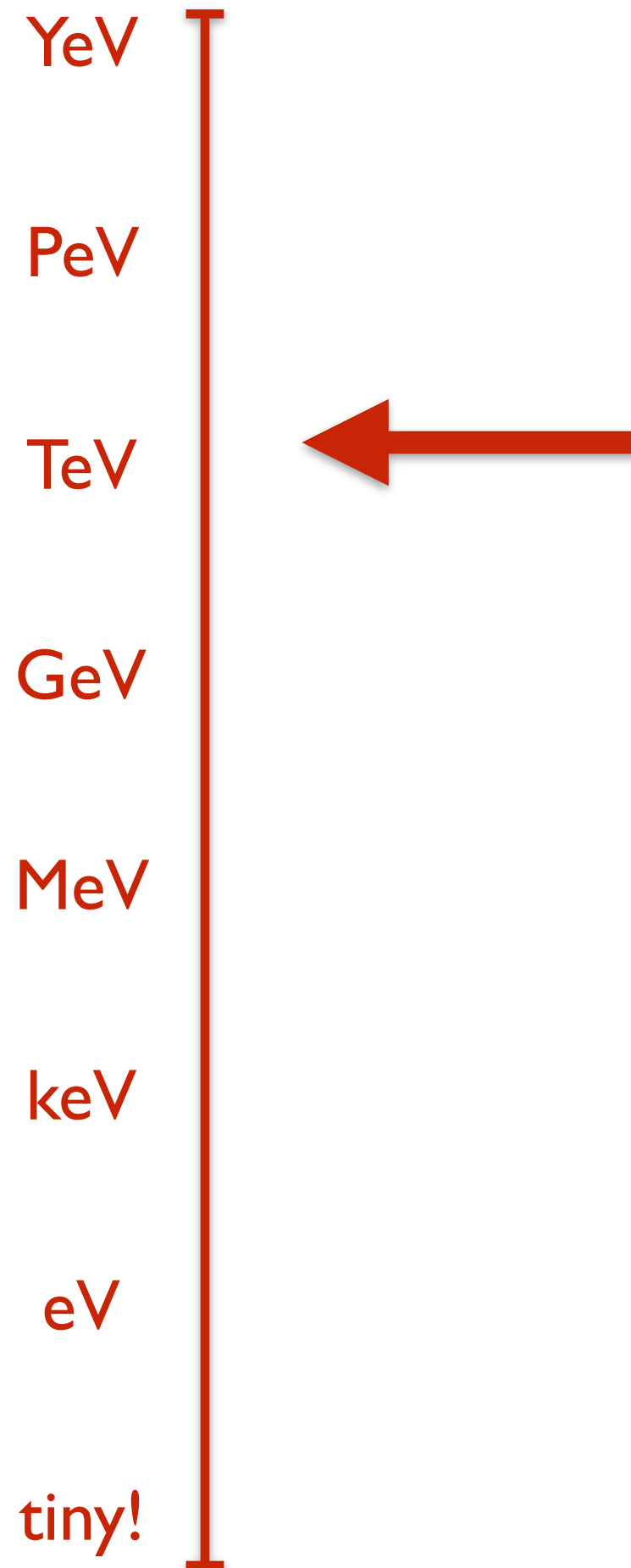
$$\bar{P}_{\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}}(E) = \sum_i |V_{\alpha i}(E)|^2 |V_{\beta i}(E)|^2$$

For any flavor composition at the source, the flavor ratio at detection is constrained by the PMNS matrix uncertainty

New experimental technique to separate EM from hadronic showers can improve the flavor ratio determination considerably

Li Bustamante Beacom 2016





# Neutrino masses could come from, e.g., type I seesaw What is the scale of right-handed neutrinos?

Minkowski 1977, Ramond 1979, Gell-Mann Ramond Slansky 1979,  
Yanagida 1979, Mohapatra Senjanovic 1980, Schechter Valle 1980

Naturalness:  
below  $10^7$  GeV  
Vissani 1997

Look for seesaw where we can: LHC

(1) Collider phenomenology

New developments in  
NLO corrections

Mattelaer Mitra Ruiz 2016  
Ruiz Spannowsky Waite 2017

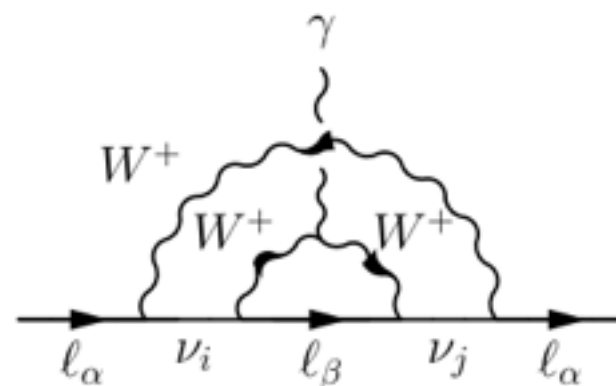
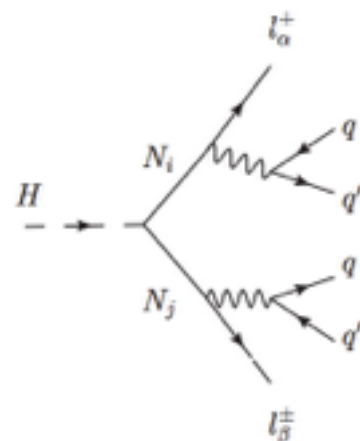
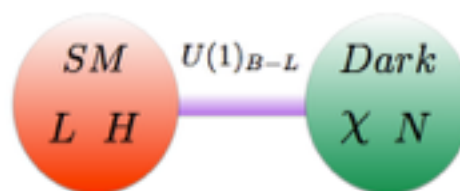
Impact on precision  
Higgs data

Das Dev Kim 2017

Novel LHC searches:  
displaced vertices

Gago Hernandez Jones-Perez Losada Briceño 2015

Accomando Rose Moretti Olaiya Shepherd-Themistocleous 2016



(2) Model building

Dynamical lepton number breaking

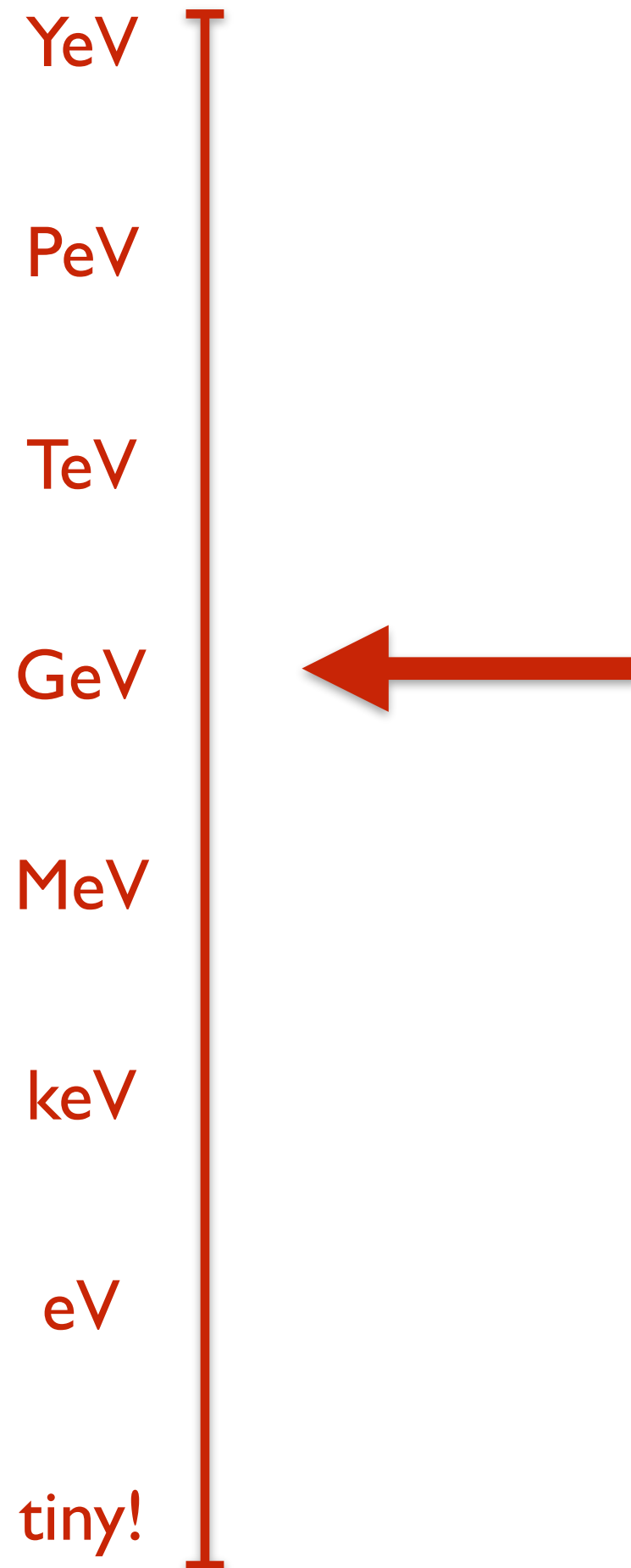
Khalil 2010, Freitas Pires Silva 2014,  
Aoki Haba Takahashi 2015, Escudero Rius Sanz 2016,  
Bertuzzo Machado Tabrizi Zukanovich-Funchal 2017  
De Romeri Fernandez-Martinez Gehrlein Machado Niro 2017  
Berryman de Gouvêa Kelly Zhang 2017

Thorough study of lepton flavor  
violation at LHC and meson decays

Abada De Romeri Teixeira 2015  
De Romeri Herrero Marcano Scarcella 2016  
Berryman de Gouvêa Kelly Kobach 2016

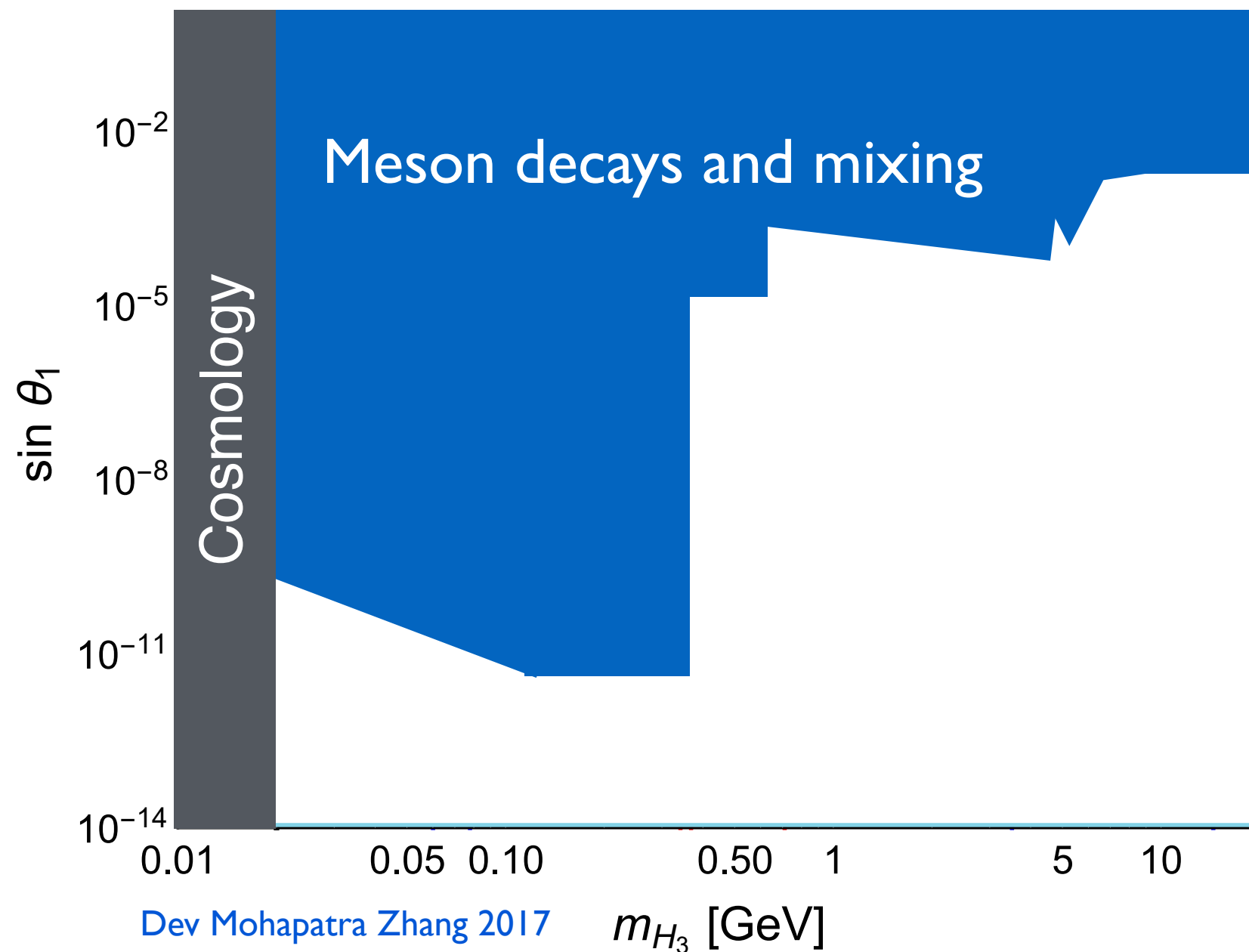
Constraints on light-heavy neutrino  
mixing via precision physics

Abada Toma 2015 de Gouvêa Kobach 2015  
Fernandez-Martinez Hernandez-Garcia Lopez-Pavon Lucente 2015  
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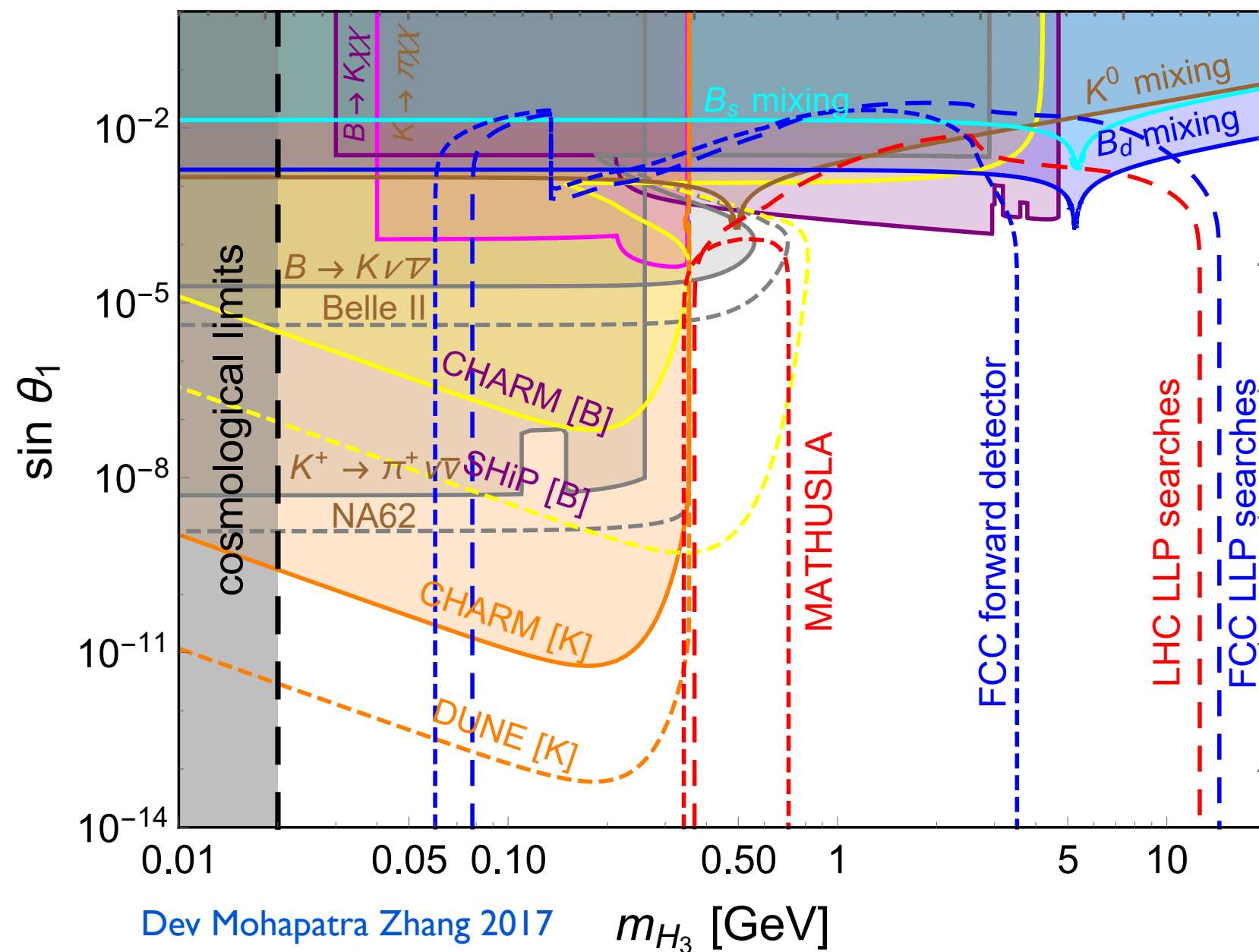


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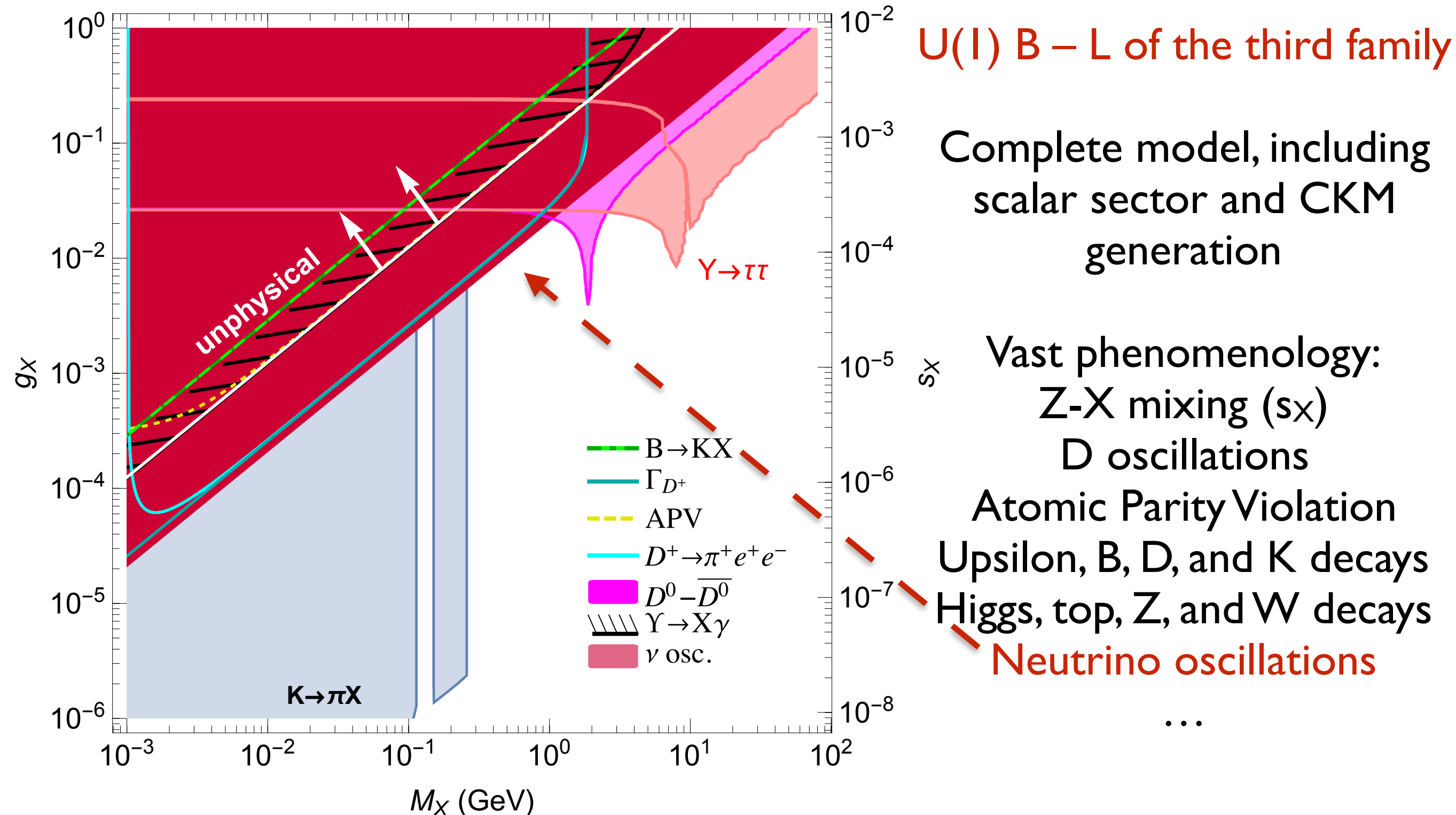
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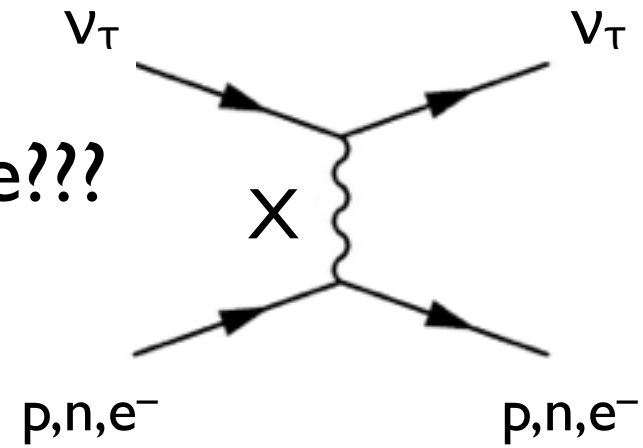
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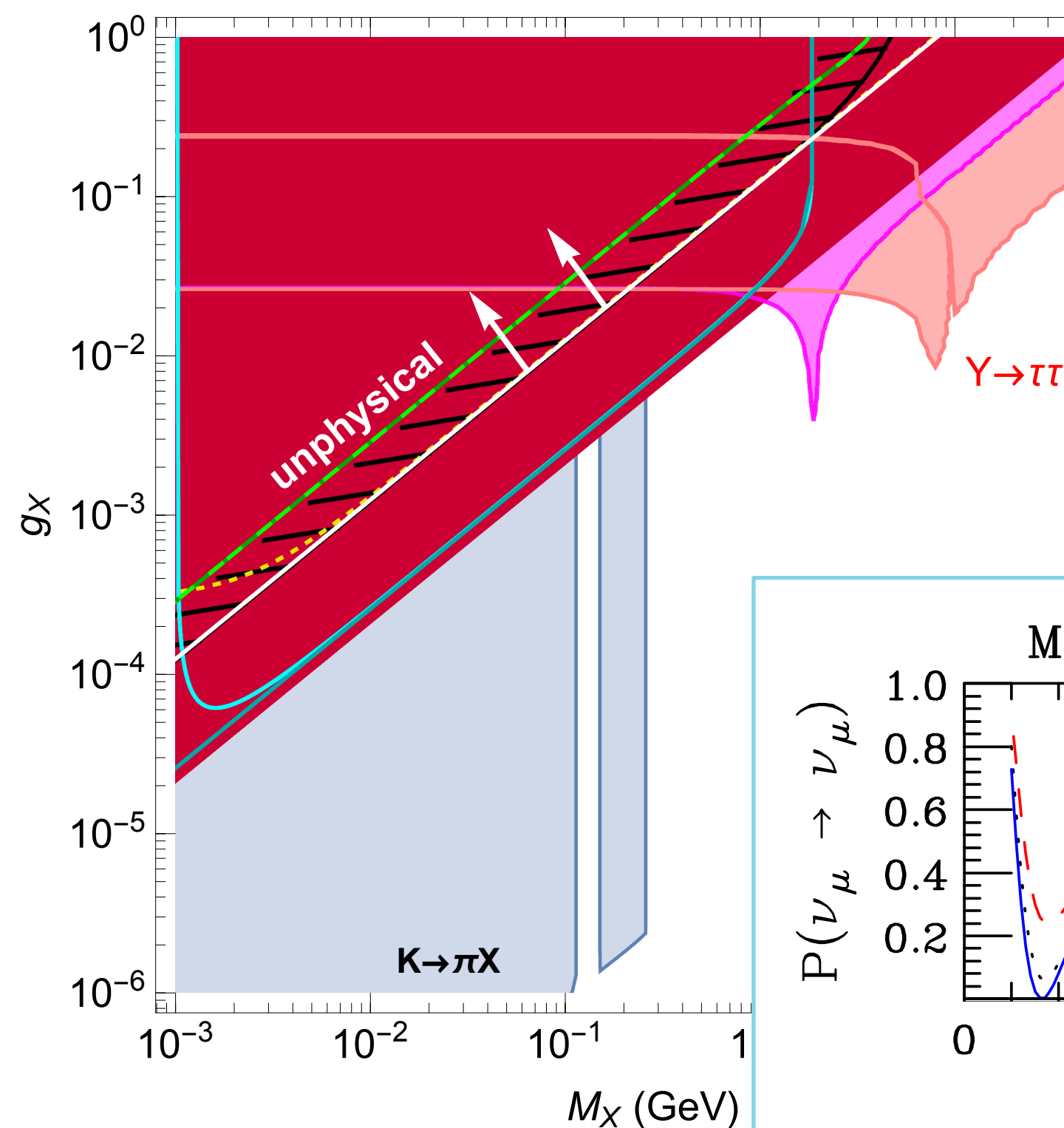


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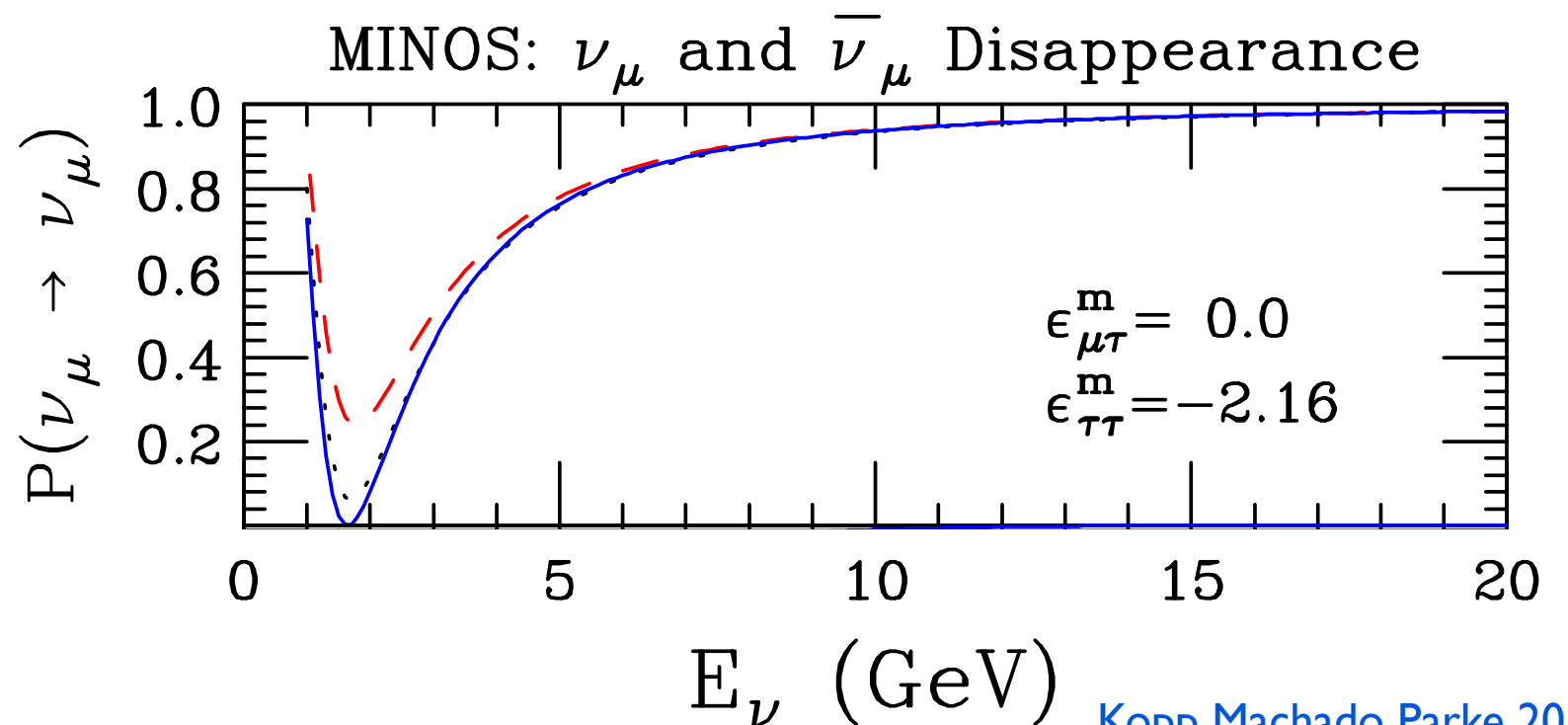
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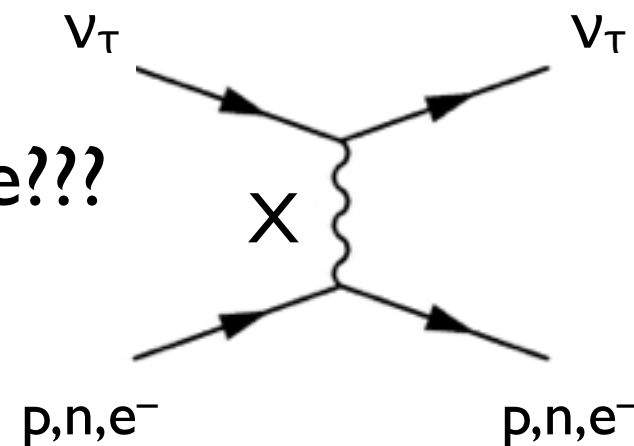
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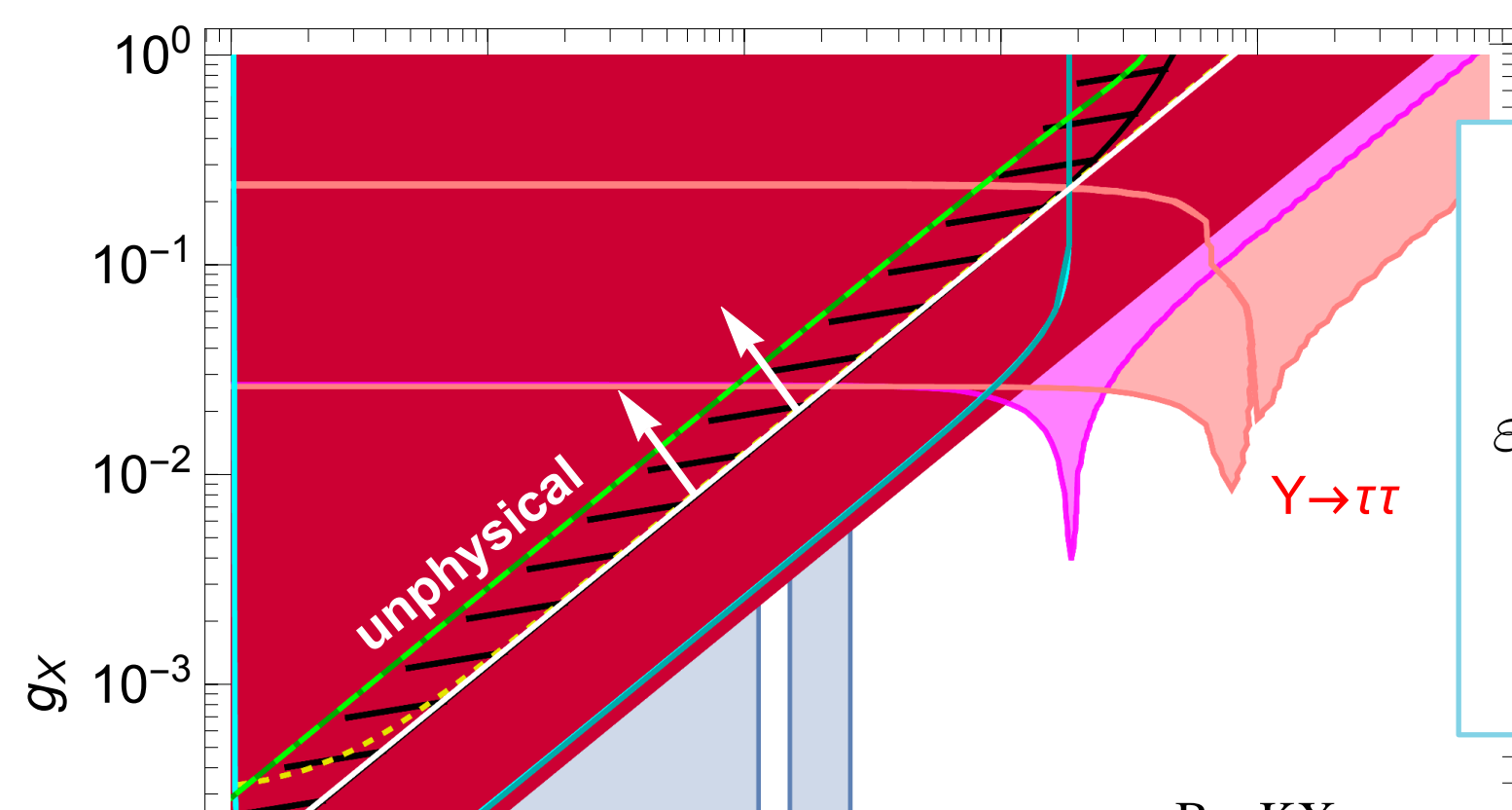


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Neutrinos could probe low scale flavor physics

The third family is special: **not so much for neutrinos!**

Neutrino matter potential actually probes the symmetry breaking scale

$$V_{CC} = \sqrt{2}G_F N_e, \quad G_F = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}v^2}$$

NSI:  $2\sqrt{2}G_F\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^f (\bar{\nu}_{\alpha L}\gamma_\mu\nu_{\alpha L}) (\bar{f}\gamma^\mu f)$   $\longrightarrow$  1% NSI translate into  $v' \sim 10v$

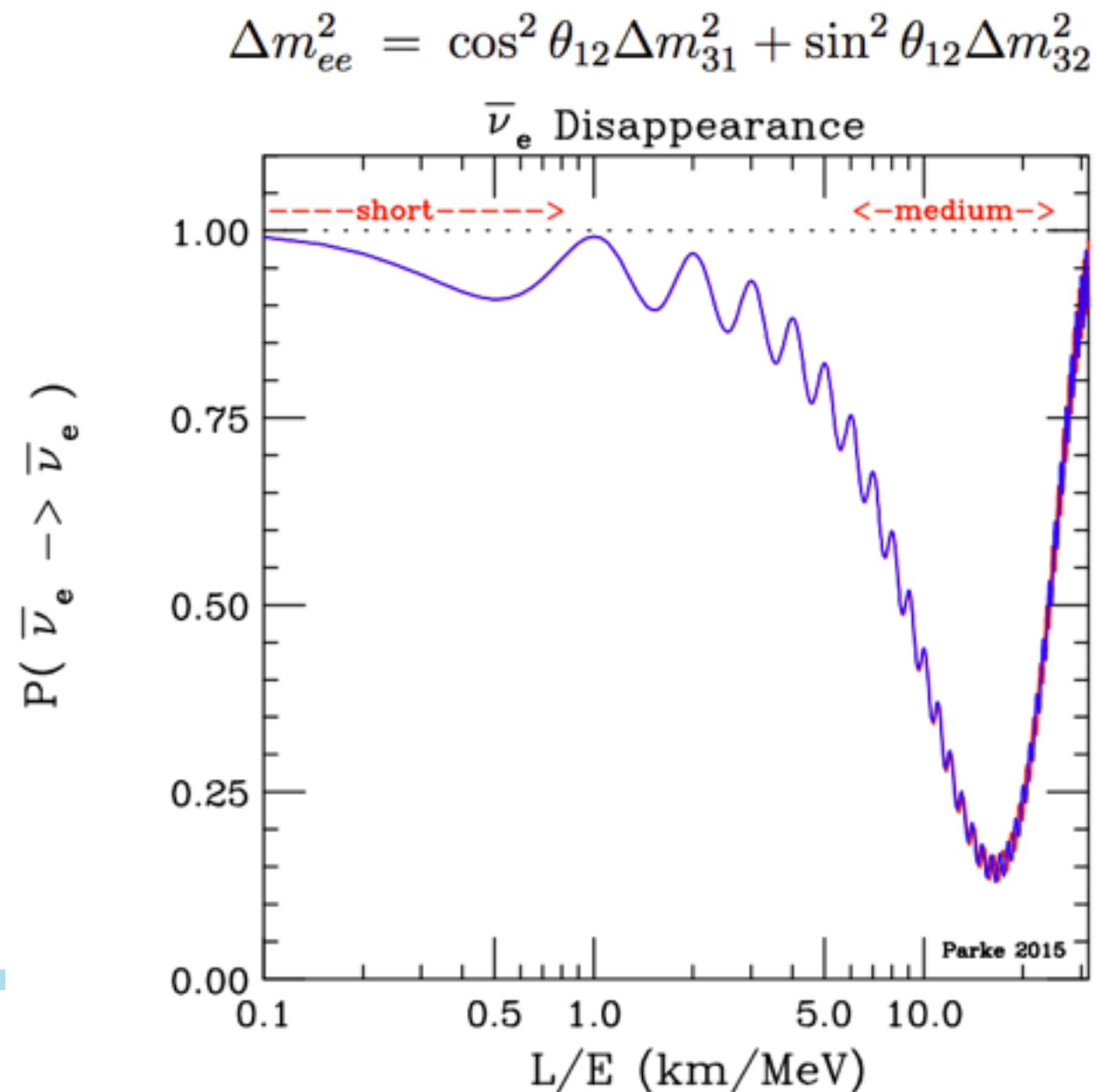


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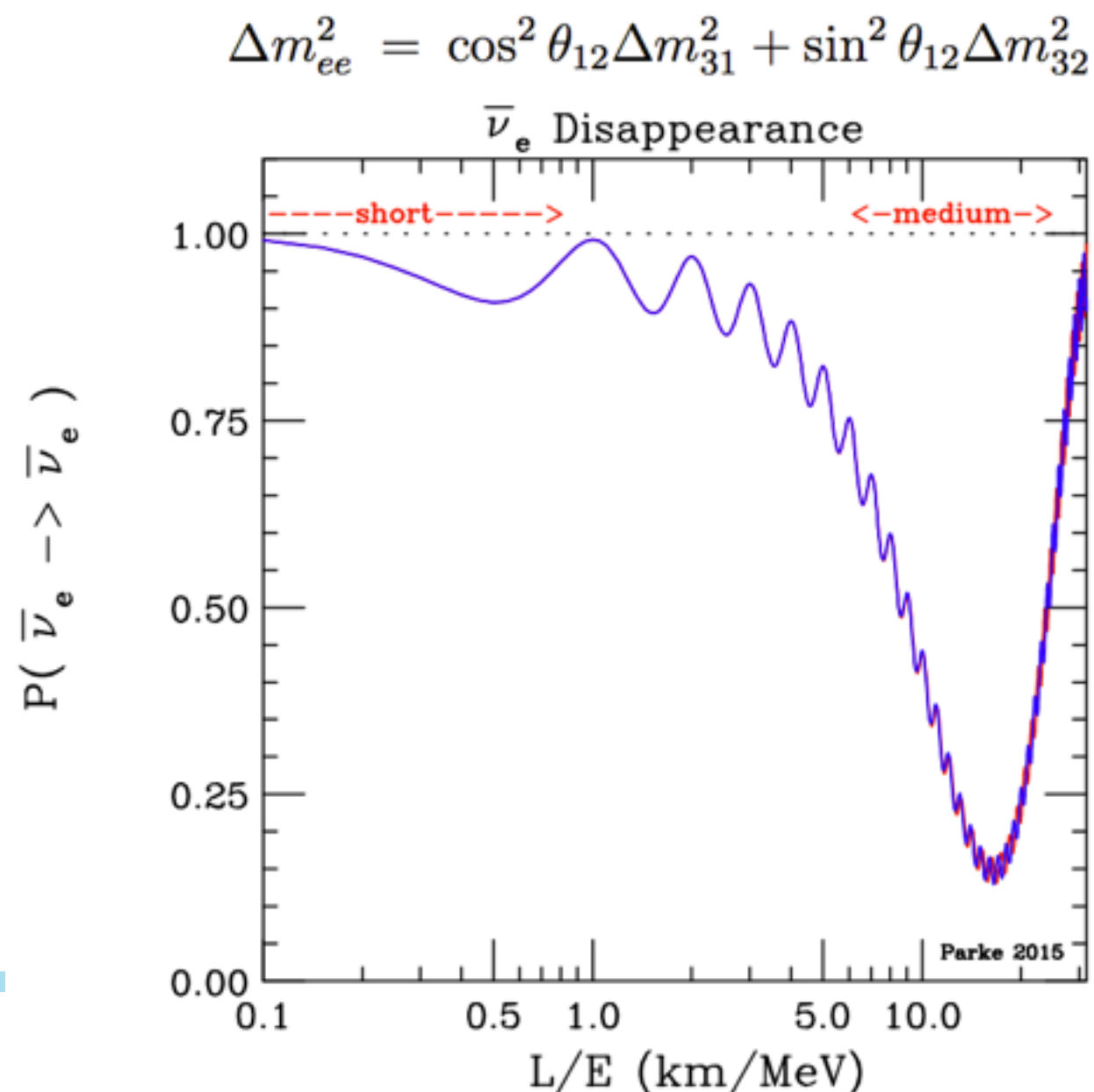
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With such understanding we can  
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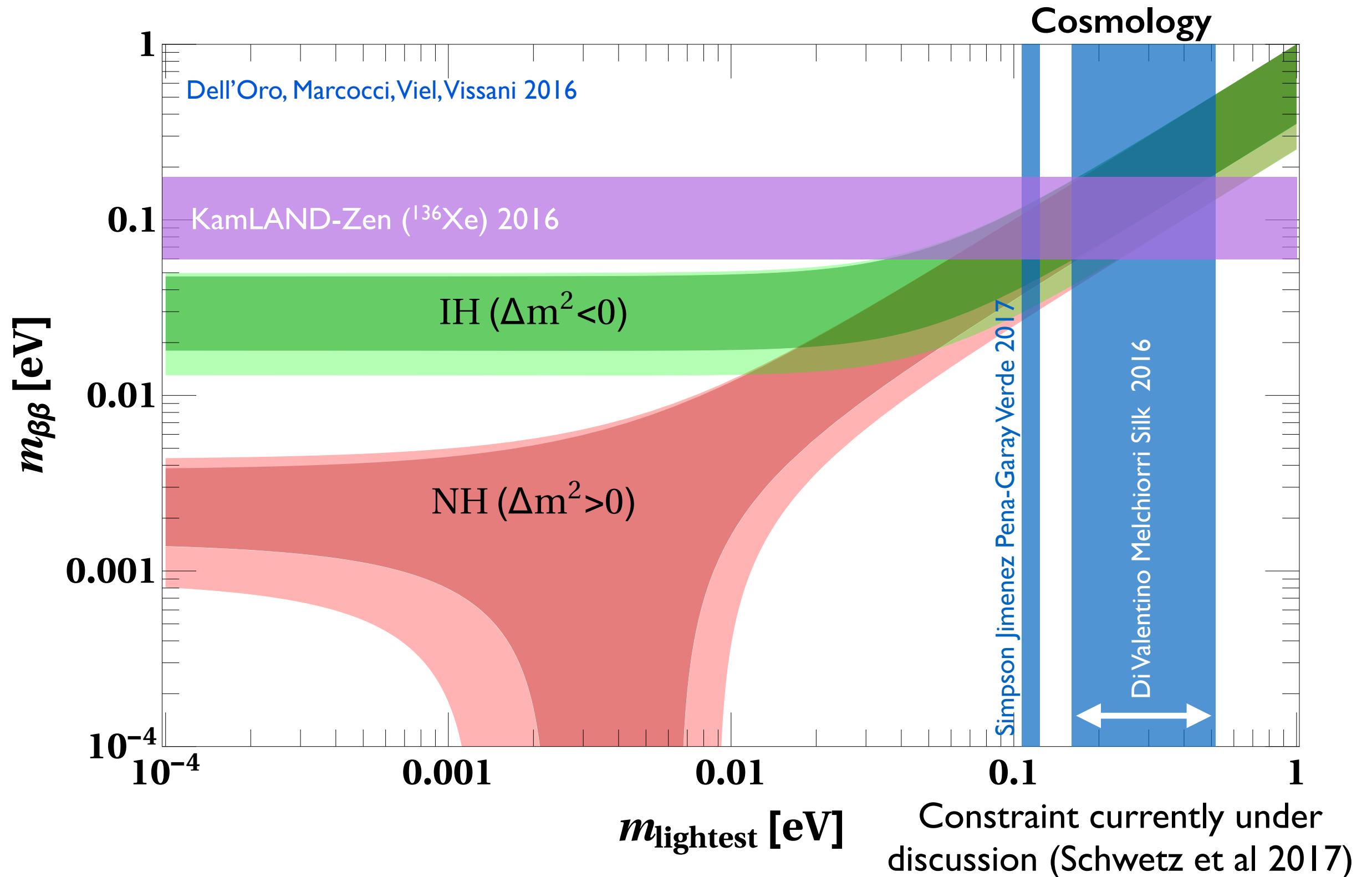
Huber Lindner Schwetz Winter 2009, Coloma Kopp Winter 2012,  
Machado Minakata Nunokawa Zukanovich-Funchal 2013,  
Minakata Parke 2013, Coloma Minakata Parke 2014,  
Chatterjee Pasquini Valle 2017, Raut 2017, and many others...

What do we learn when we measure  
 $\delta_{CP}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$ , and the mass ordering??



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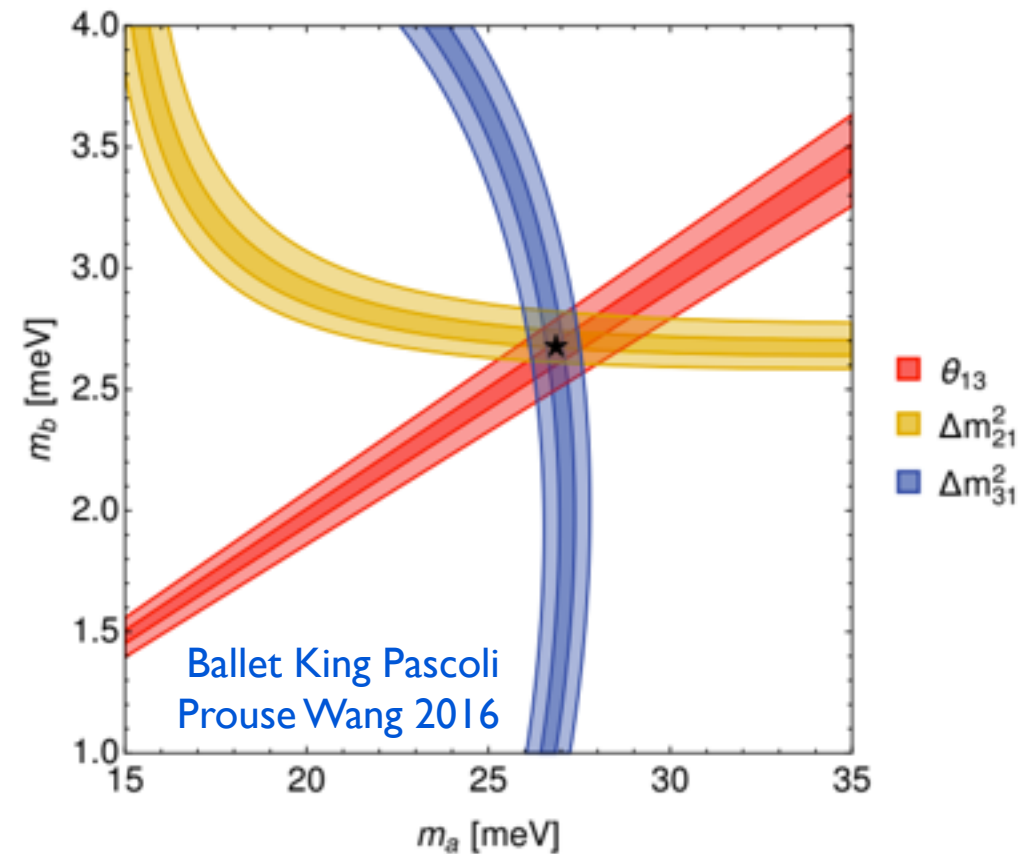
May help answering the paramount question: Are neutrinos Dirac or Majorana?  
Test of standard cosmology



# The CP phase and $\theta_{23}$ octant

Insights on the generation of the matter anti-matter asymmetry

Insights on the flavor puzzle



For a certain class of flavor groups:

- 1)  $\delta_{CP}$  is related to the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients
- 2) Dependence on group and fermion representations

Chen Fallbacher Mahanthappa Ratz Trautner 2014

Some predictions

$$\delta_\ell = 227^\circ$$

Chen Mahanthappa 2009

$$\theta_{13} \neq 0, \theta_{23} = \pi/4, \text{ and } \delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$$

Ma 2016, Ma 2017

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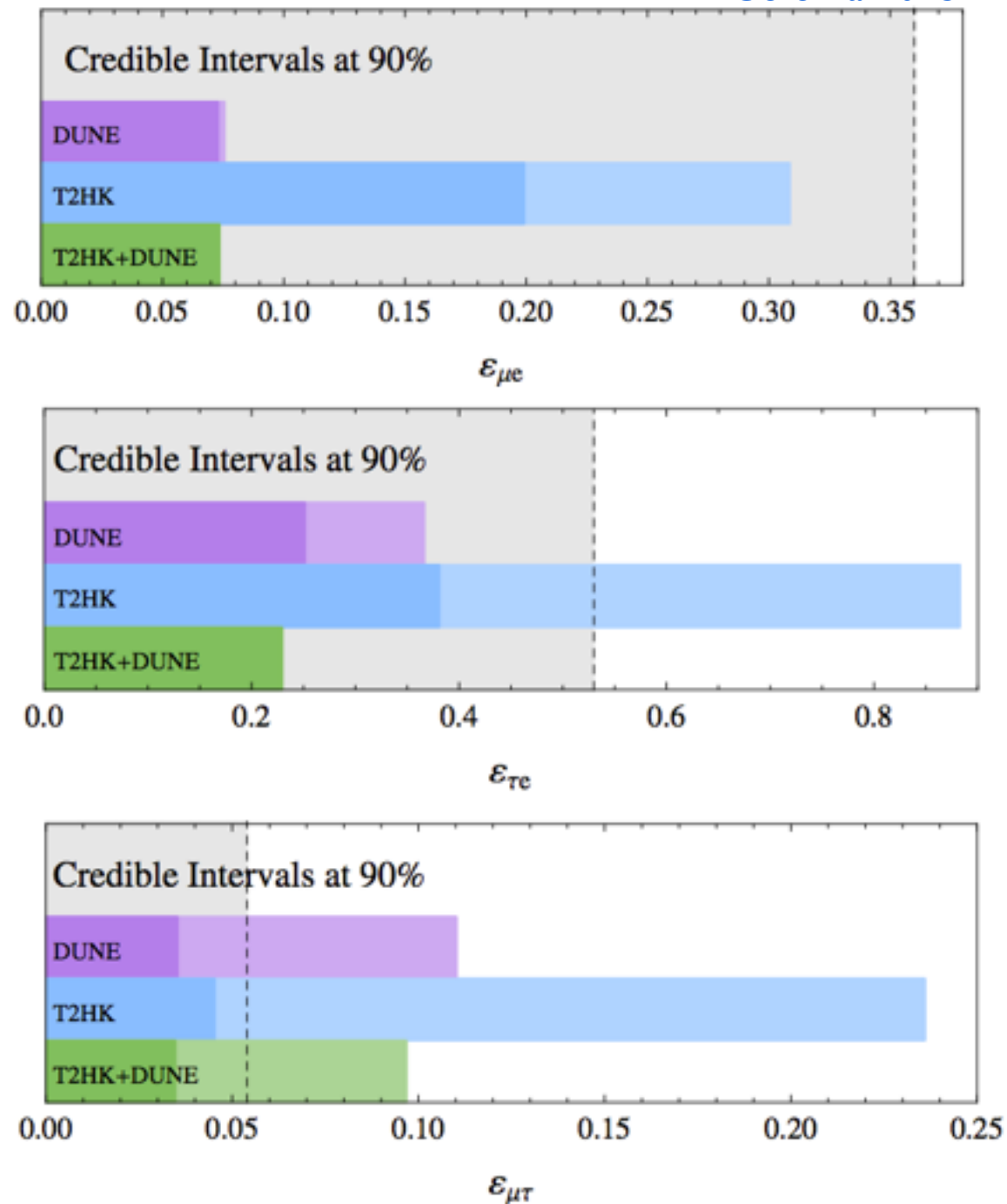
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Coloma 2015



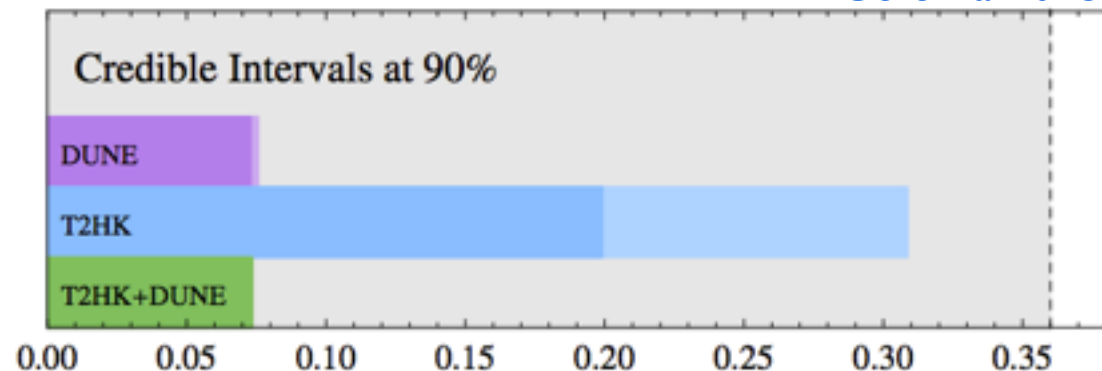


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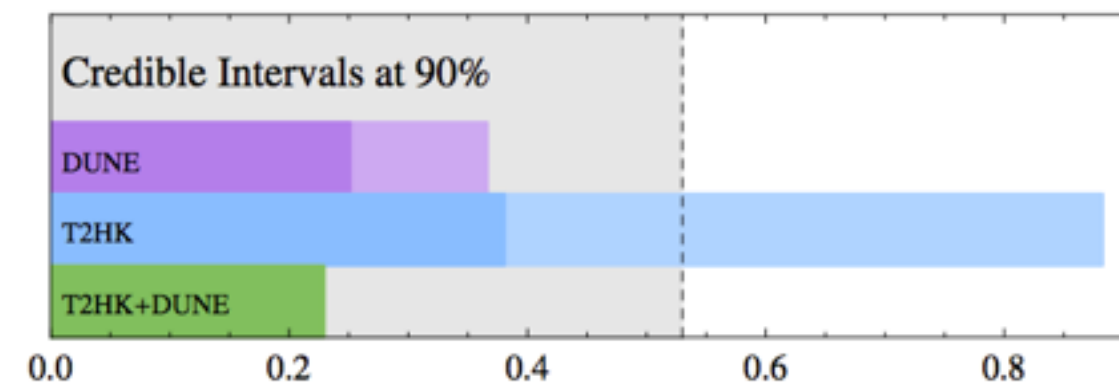
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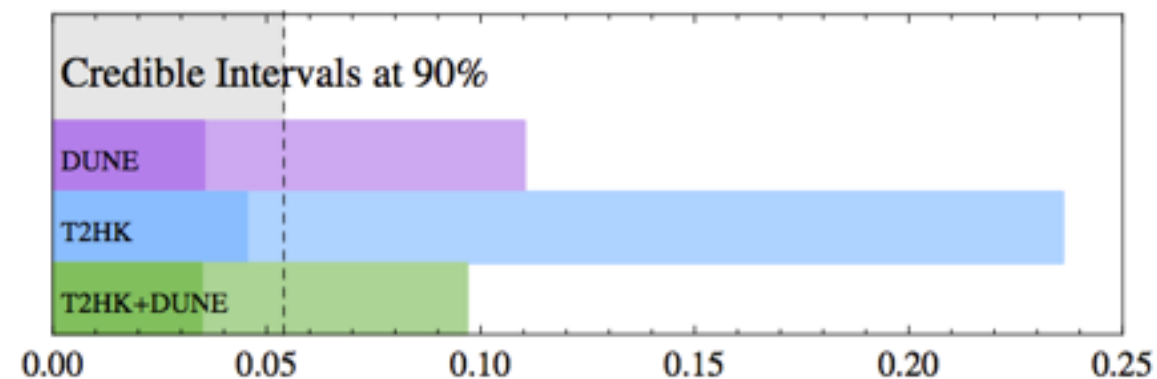
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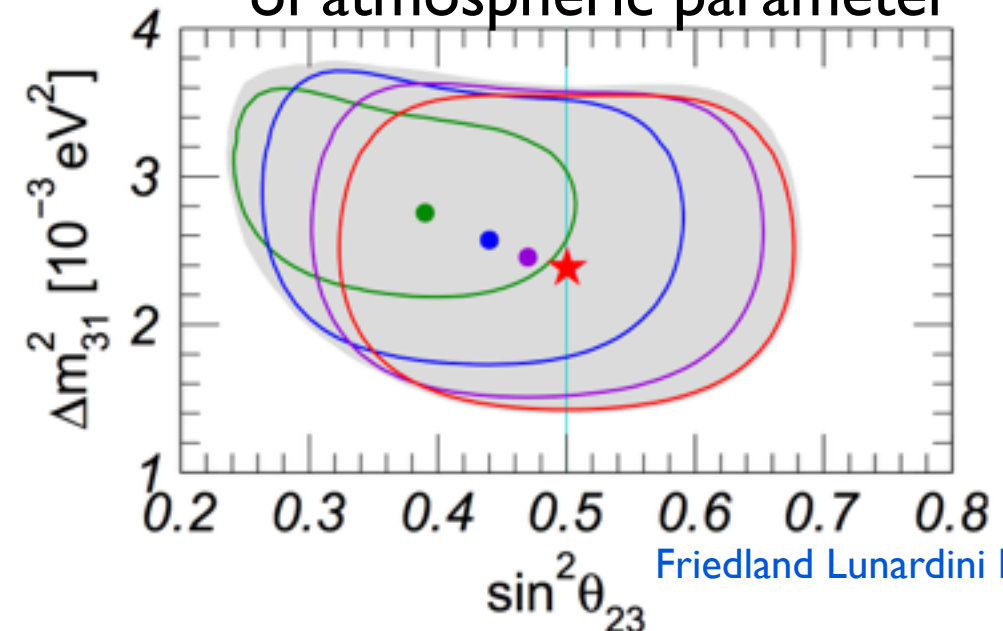
**NSI induce degeneracies!**  
Generalized degeneracy with NSI leaves oscillation invariant for any matter potential:  
Large NSI can flip the sign of matter potential

Coloma Schwetz 2016

Many other approximate degeneracies exist: extra work for current and future experiments

Mocioiu Wright 2014, Babu McKay Mocioiu Pakvasa 2016, Liao Marfatia 2016, Liao Marfatia Whisnant 2016, Deepthi Goswami Nath 2016, Fukasawa Ghosh Yasuda 2016, Agarwalla Chatterjee Palazzo 2016 Liao Marfatia Whisnant 2017, Tang Zhang 2017

Possible effect of NSI on the determination of atmospheric parameter



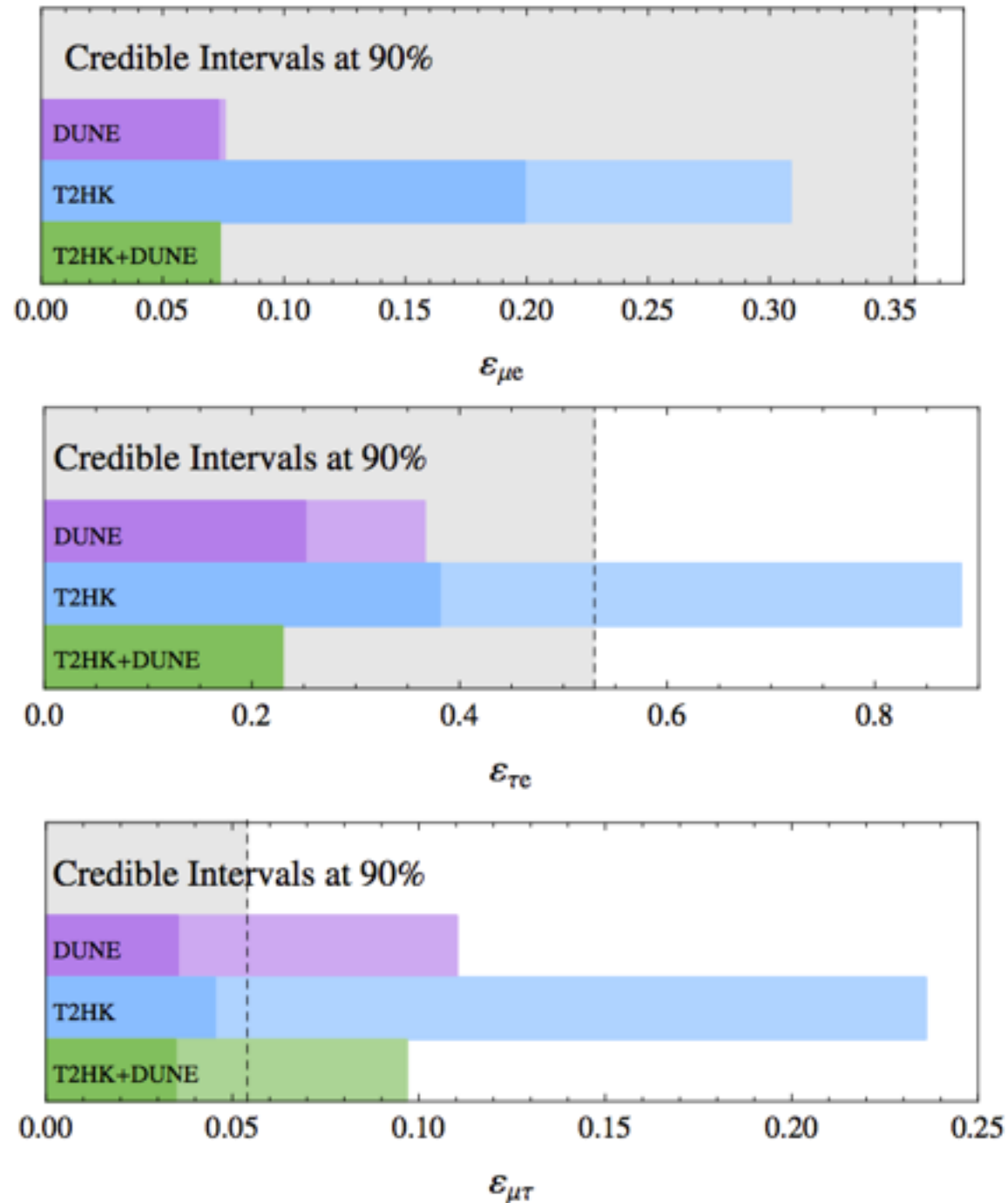
Friedland Lunardini Maltoni 2004

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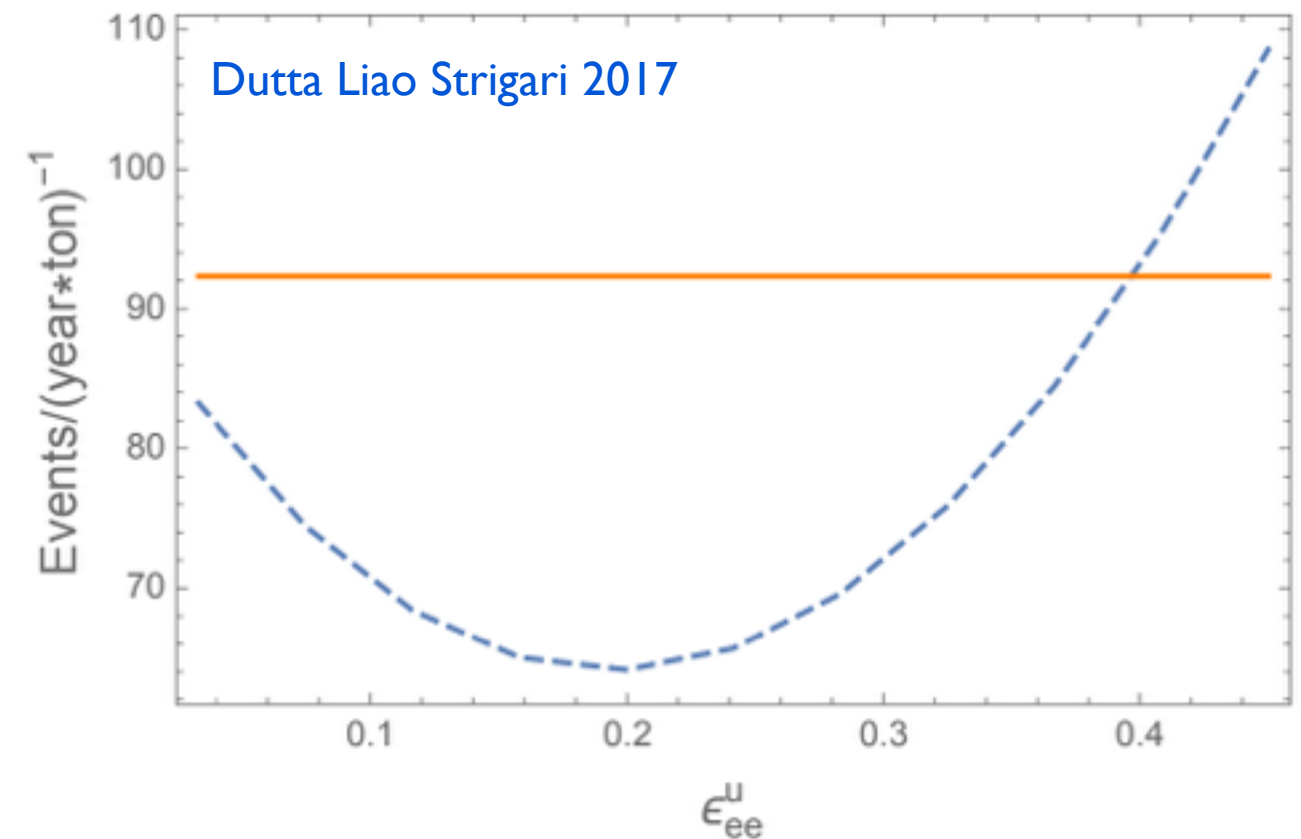


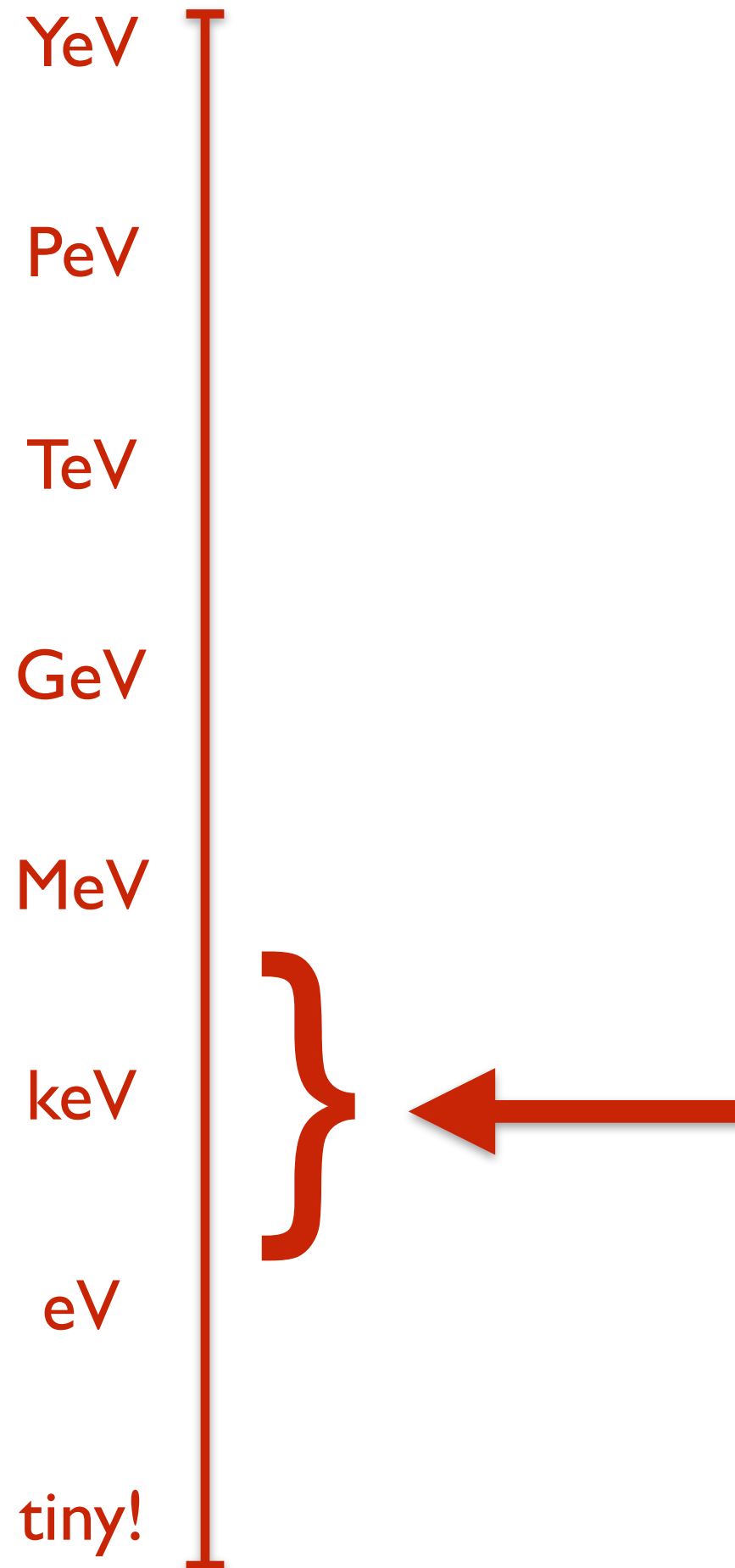
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Needs scattering data  
to solve generalized degeneracy

Neutrino-nucleus coherent scattering!

Dutta Liao Strigari 2017





# Neutrinos and new Physics

Dark matter detectors are excellent  
to probe new physics with solar neutrinos:

Low background

Low energy threshold

Large detectors to compensate small cross sections

Pospelov 2011, Harnik Kopp Machado 2012, Bilmis Turan Aliev Denis Singh Wong 2015, Cerd    
Fairbairn Jubb Machado Vincent Boehm 2016, Dent Dutta Liao Newstead Strigari Walker 2016,  
Bertuzzo Deppisch Kulkarni Perez-Gonzalez Zukanovich-Funchal 2017, Dutta Strigari Walker 2017

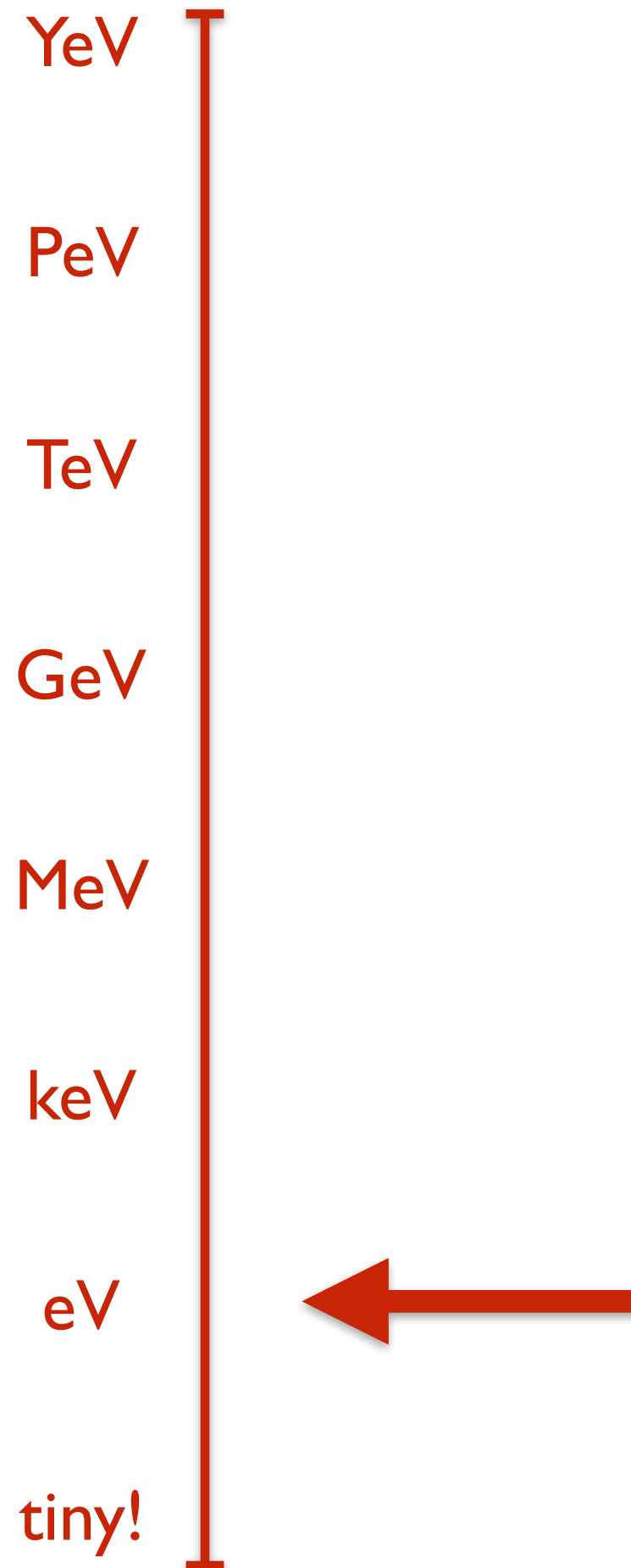
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Dedicated experiments to study  
coherent  $\nu$ -N scattering:

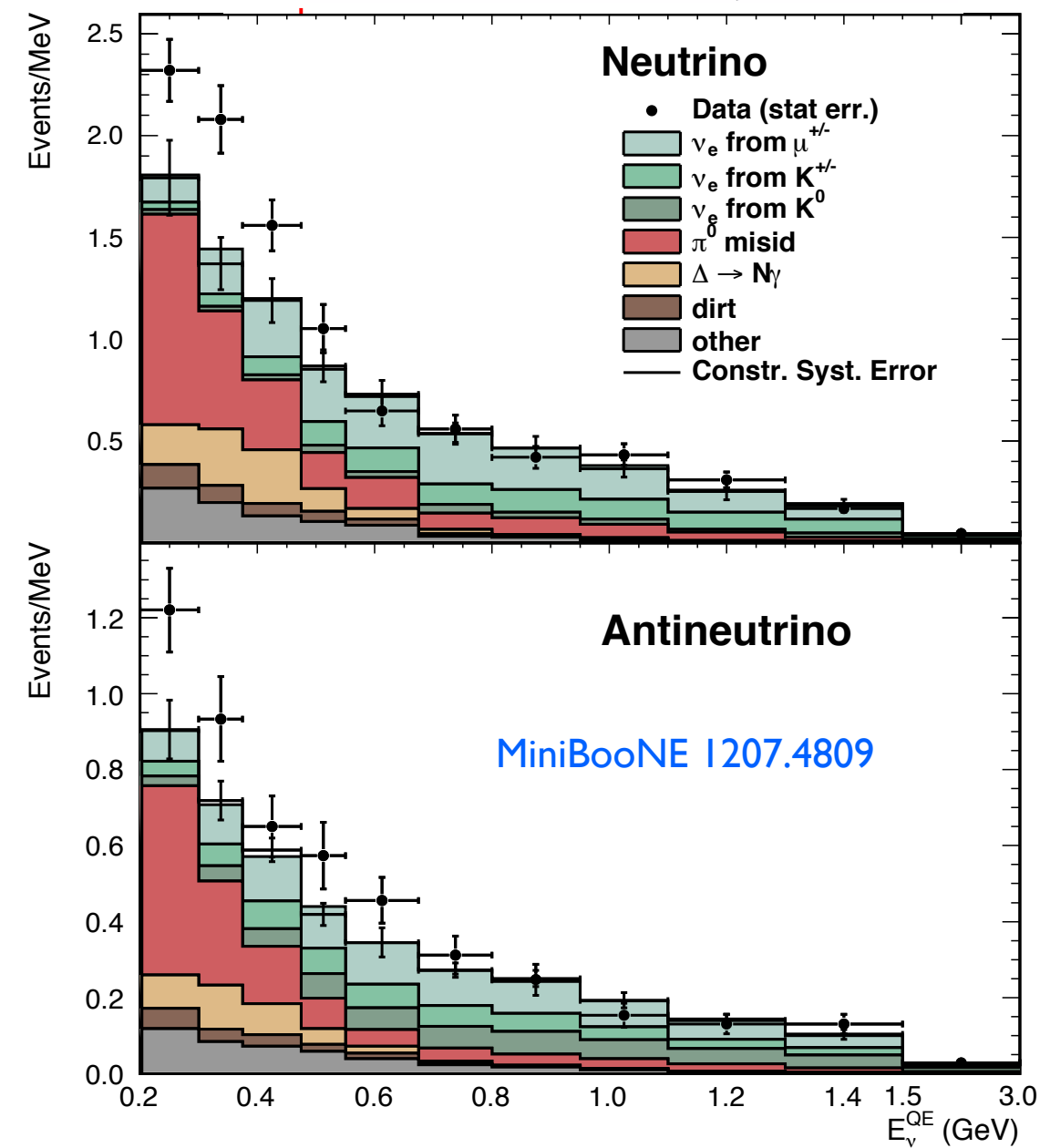
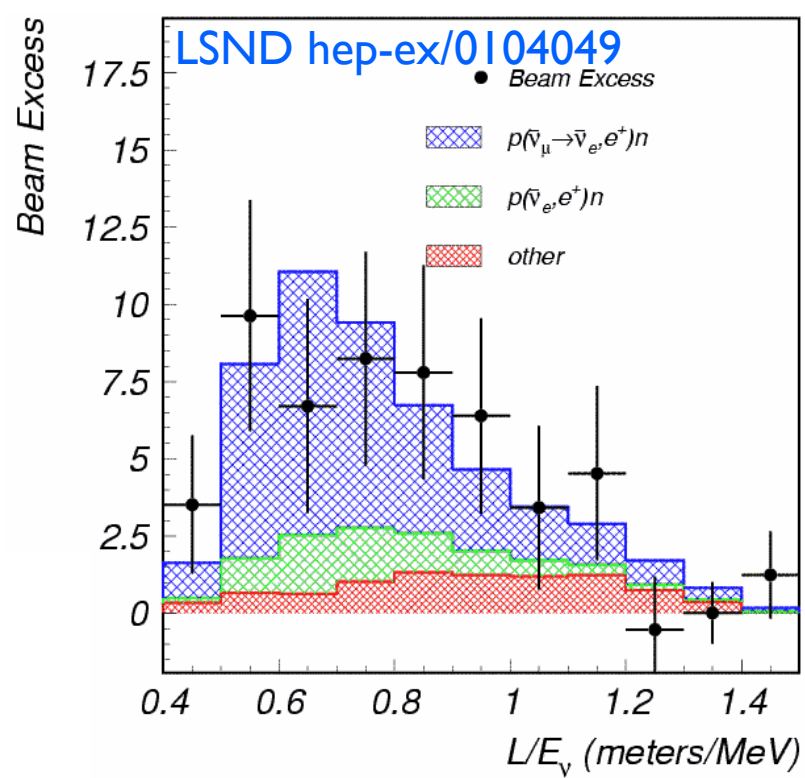
**CONNIE (Angra nuclear reactor)**

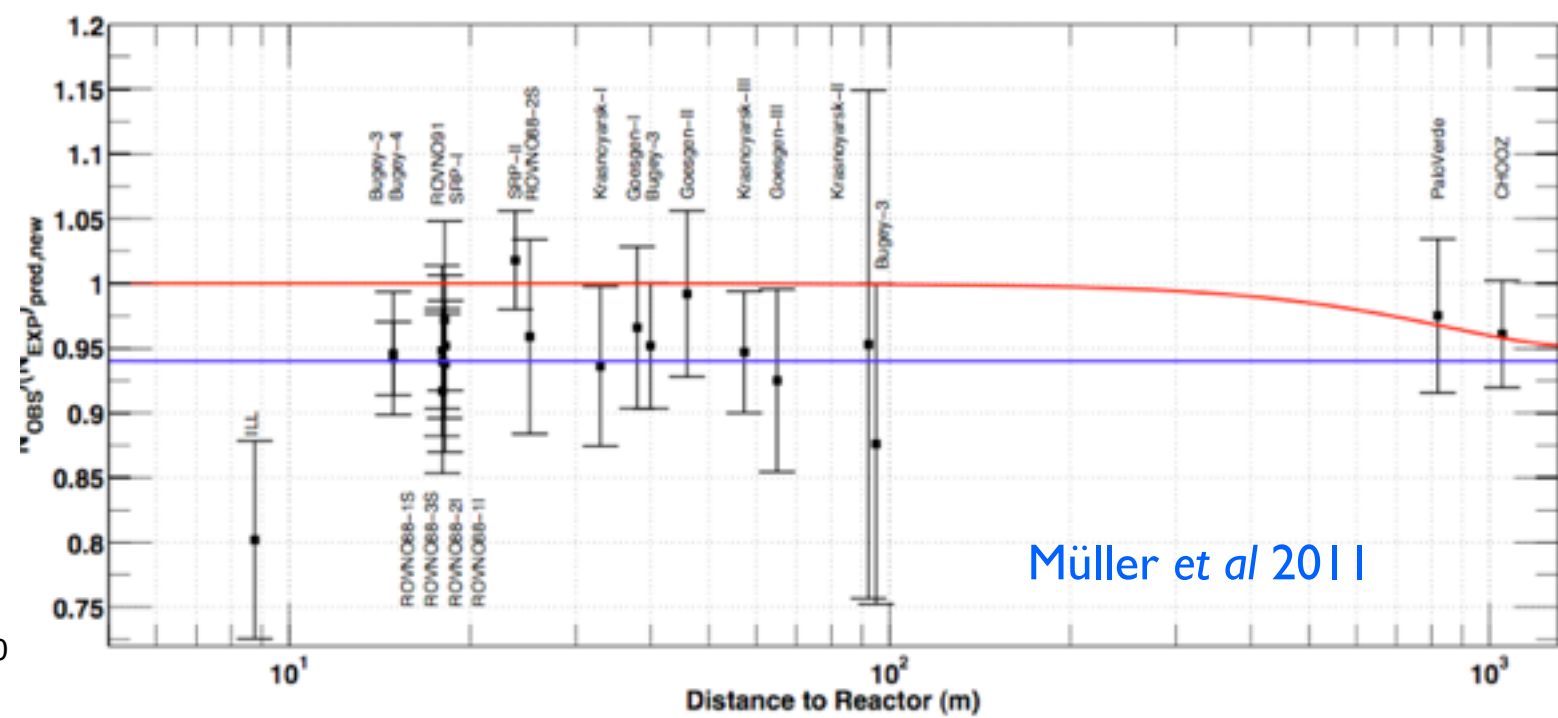
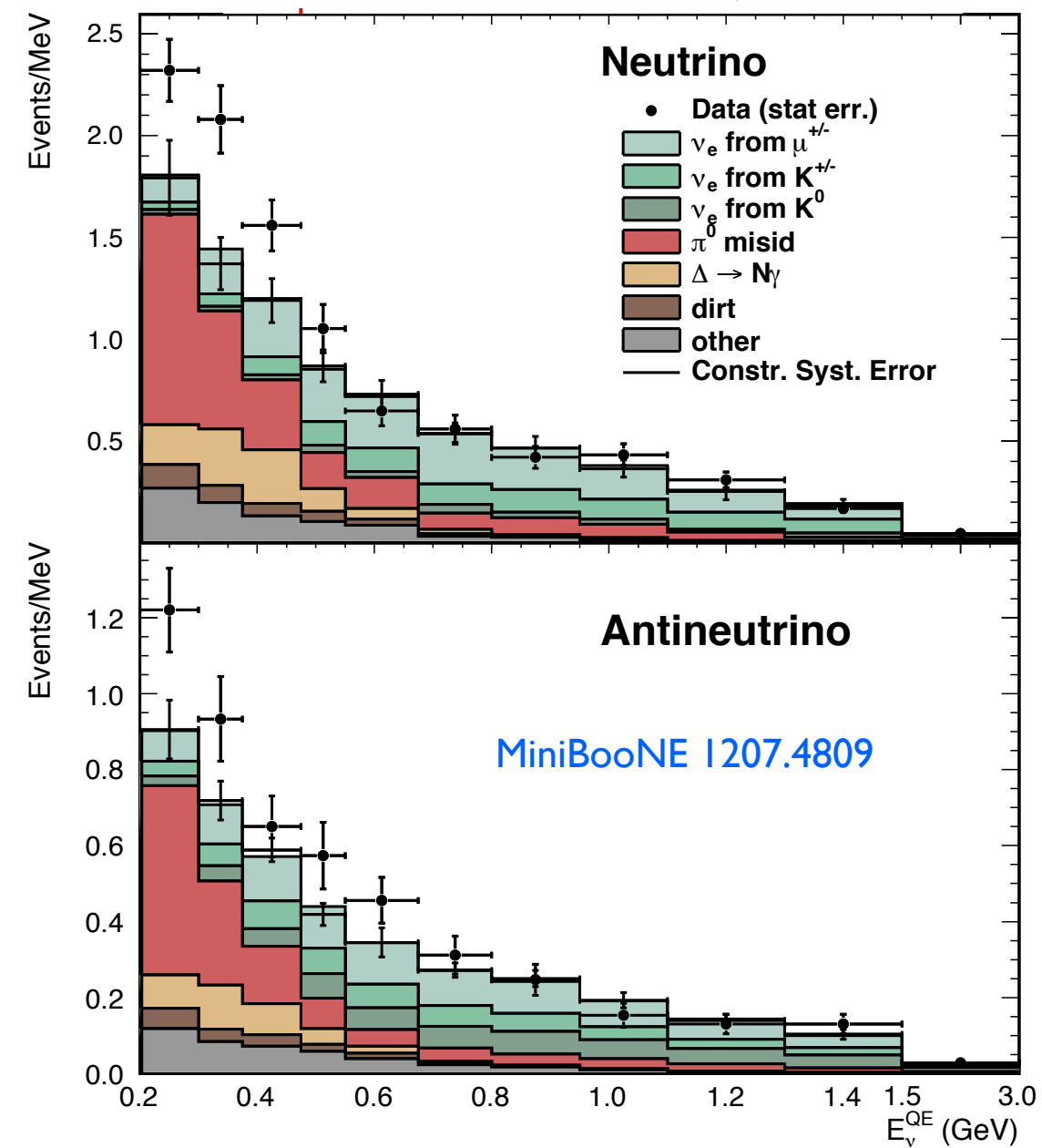
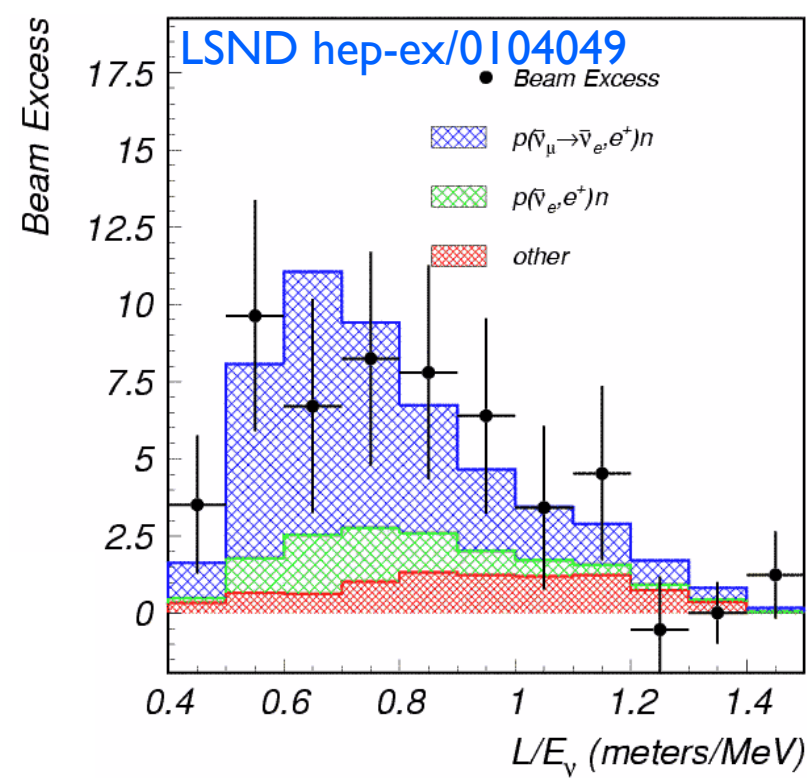
**COHERENT (Oak Ridge)**

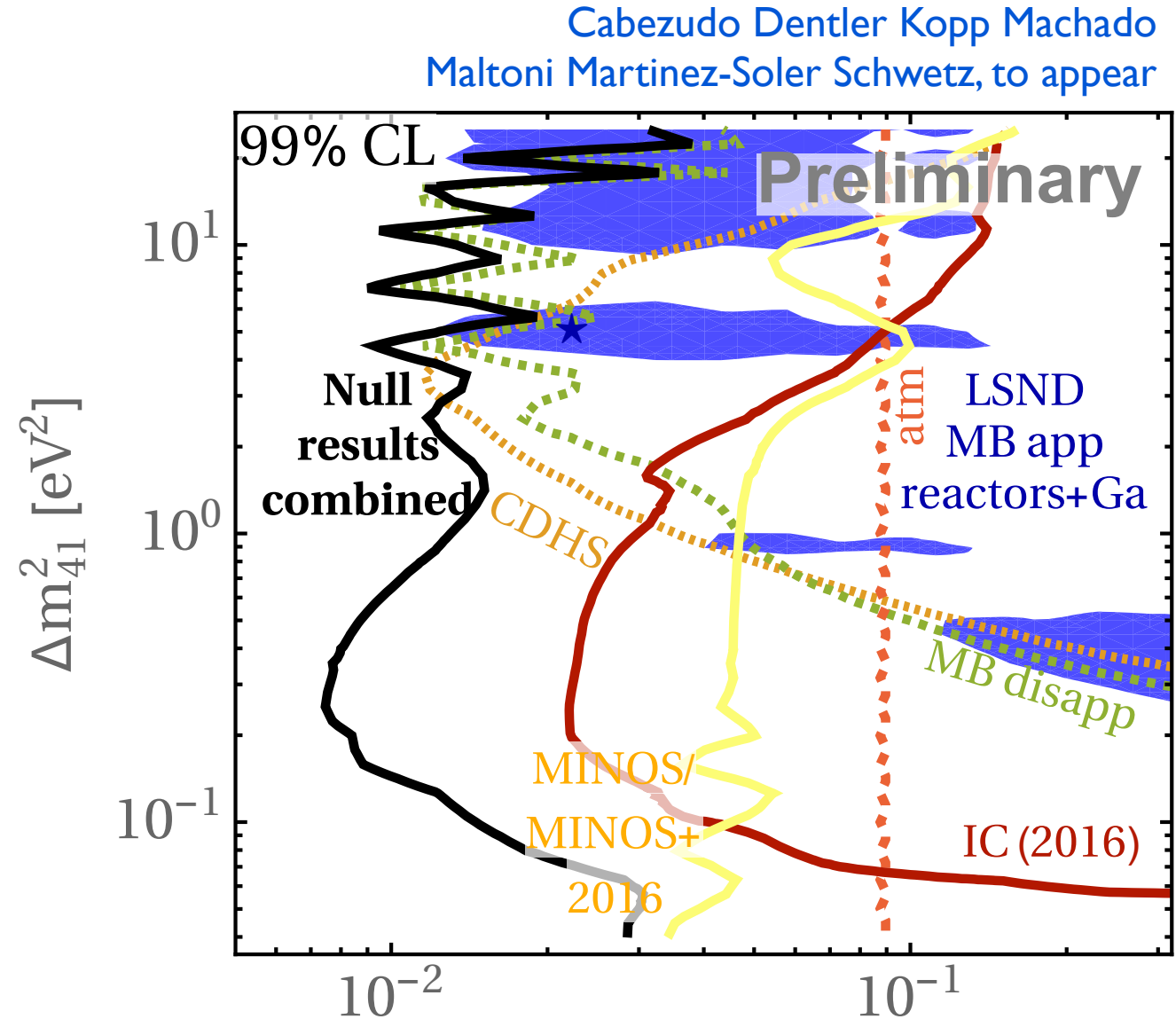
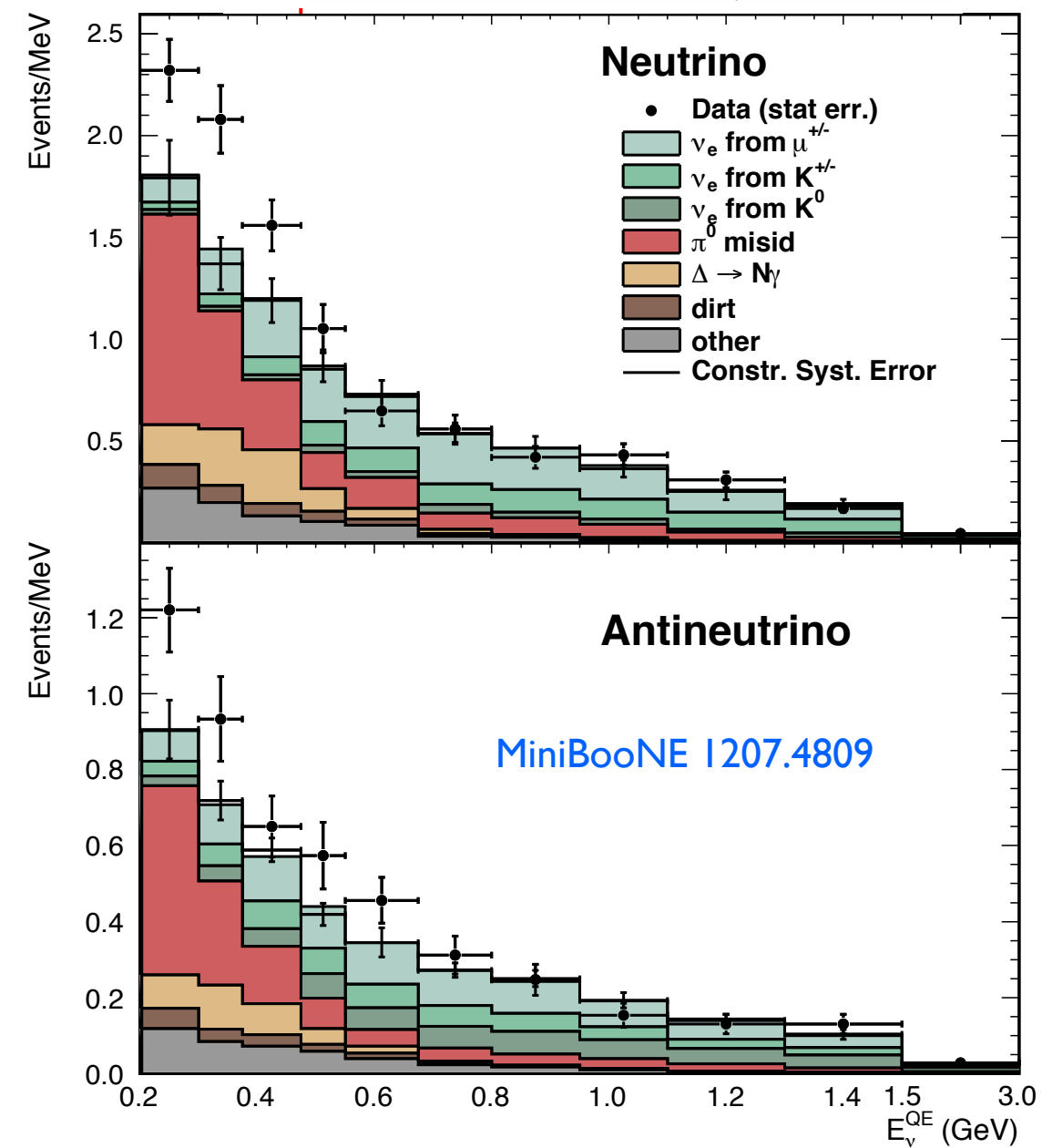
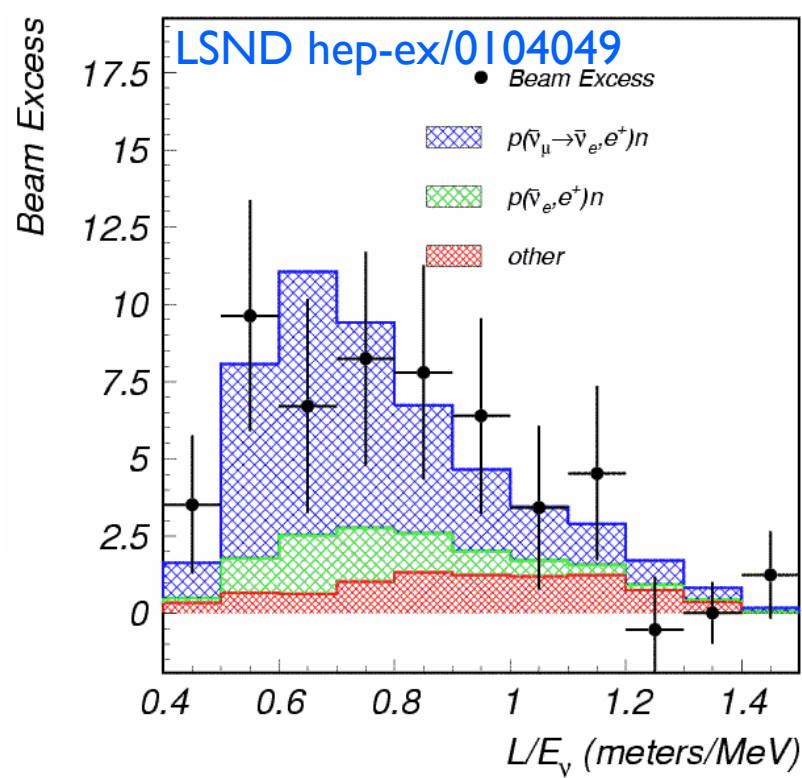
**MINER (Texas A&M)**





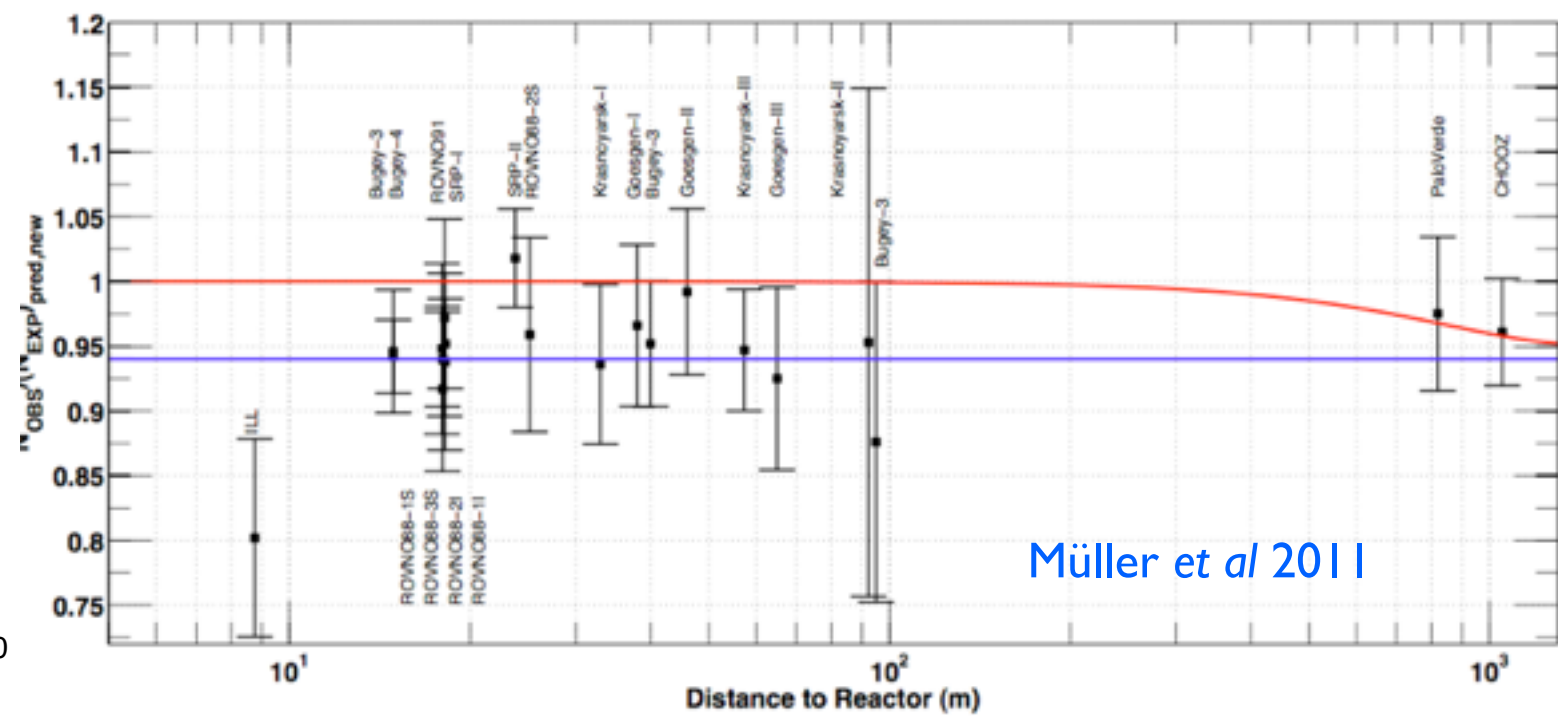




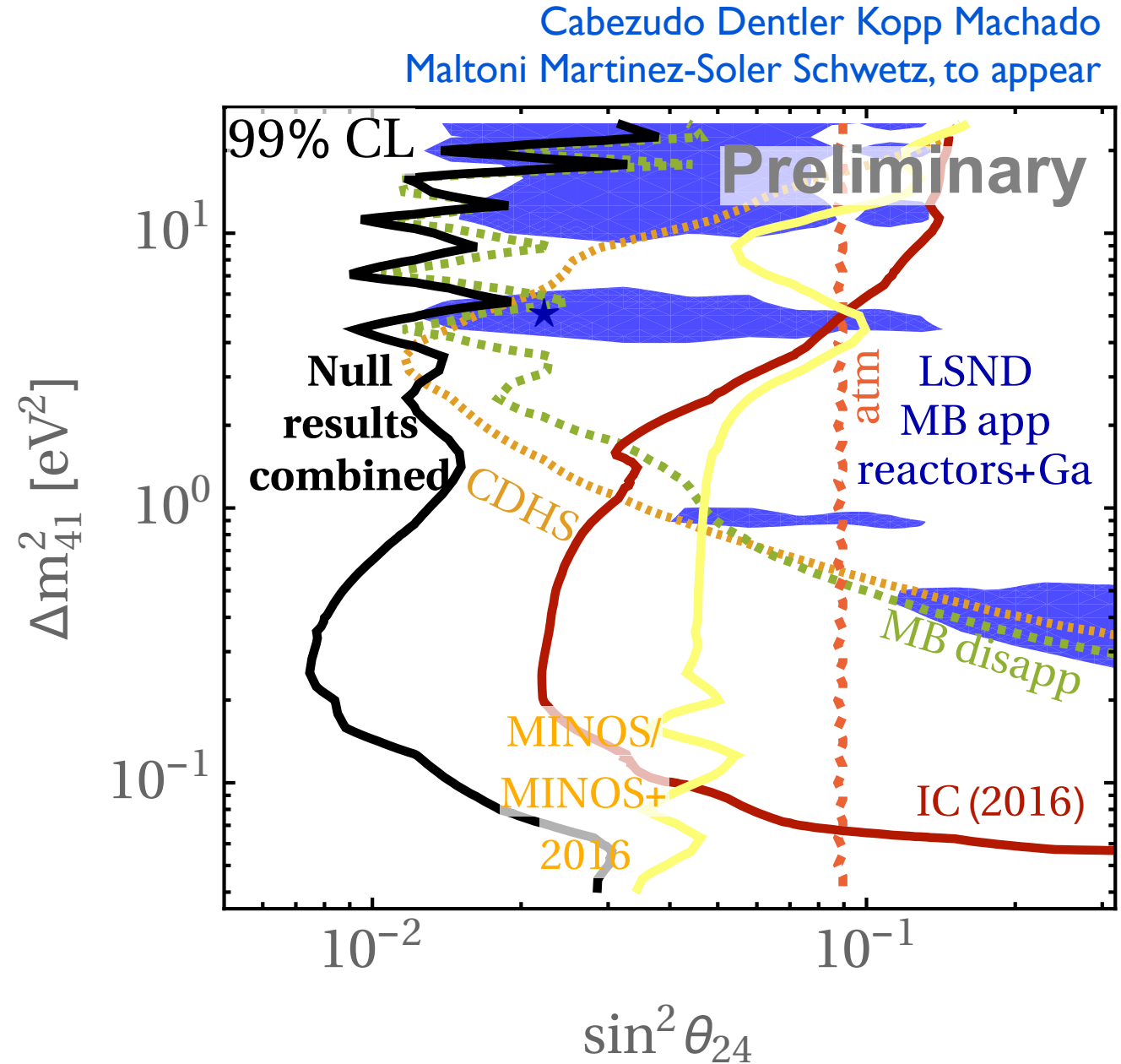
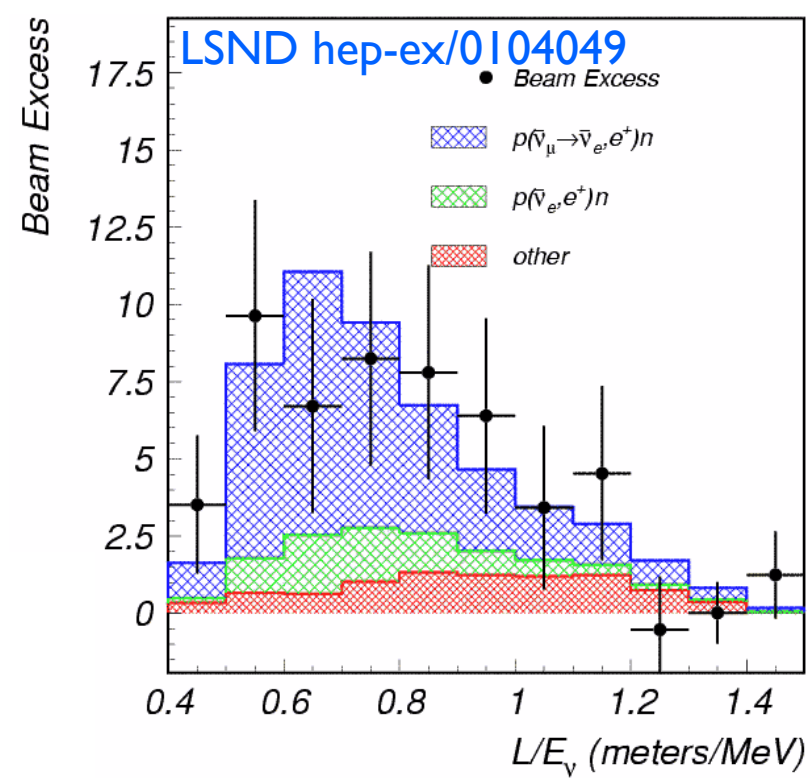


$\sin^2 \theta_{24}$

see also Collin Arguelles Conrad Shaevitz 2016, Gariazzo Giunti Laveder Li 2017

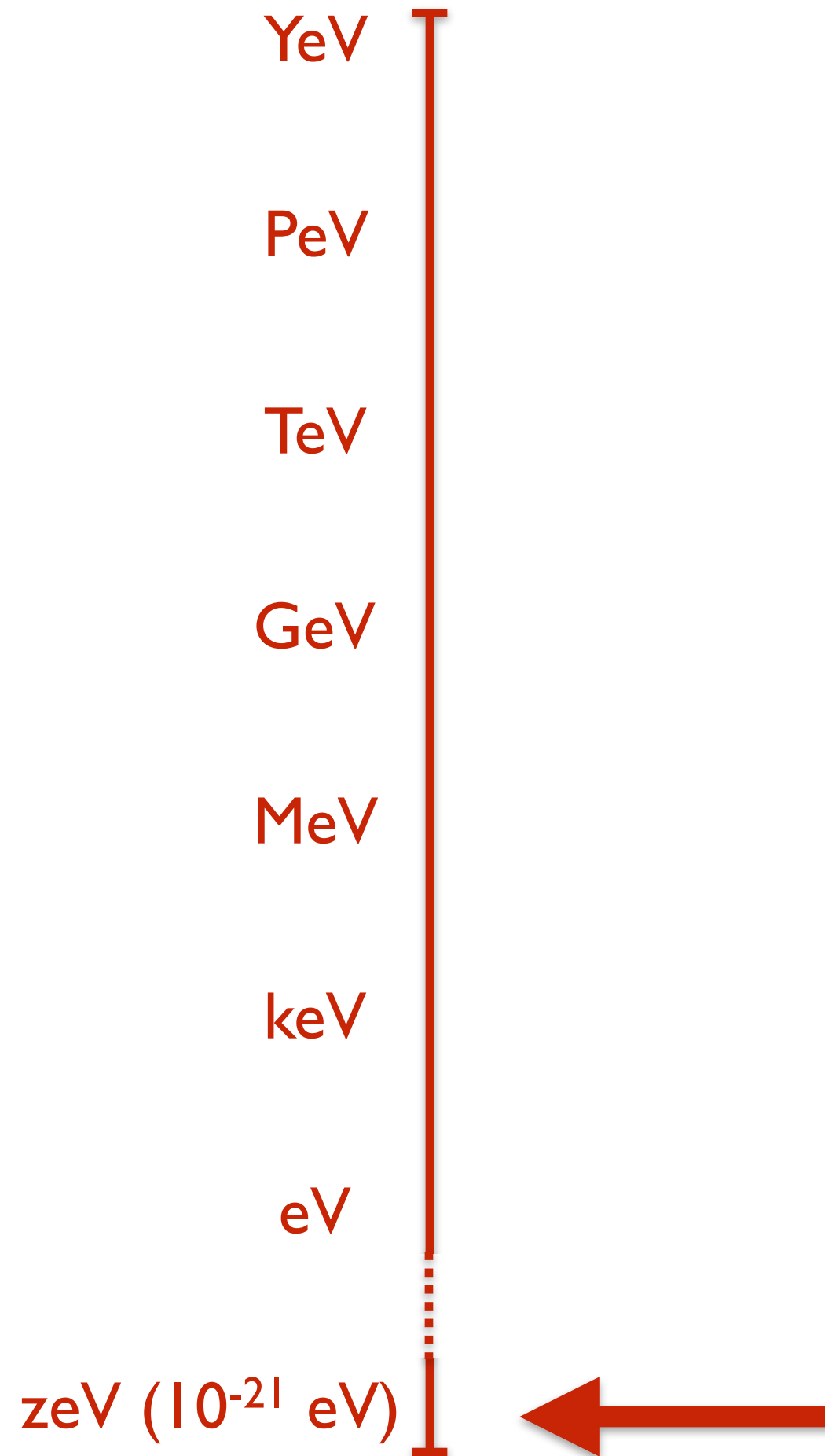






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# Neutrinos and new Physics

Going to even smaller scales:

Dark matter can be an ultra-light scalar field (e.g.  $m_\phi = 10^{-21}$  eV)

It behaves like a classical field, not like a particle

If it couples to neutrinos, it induces temporal variations in parameters

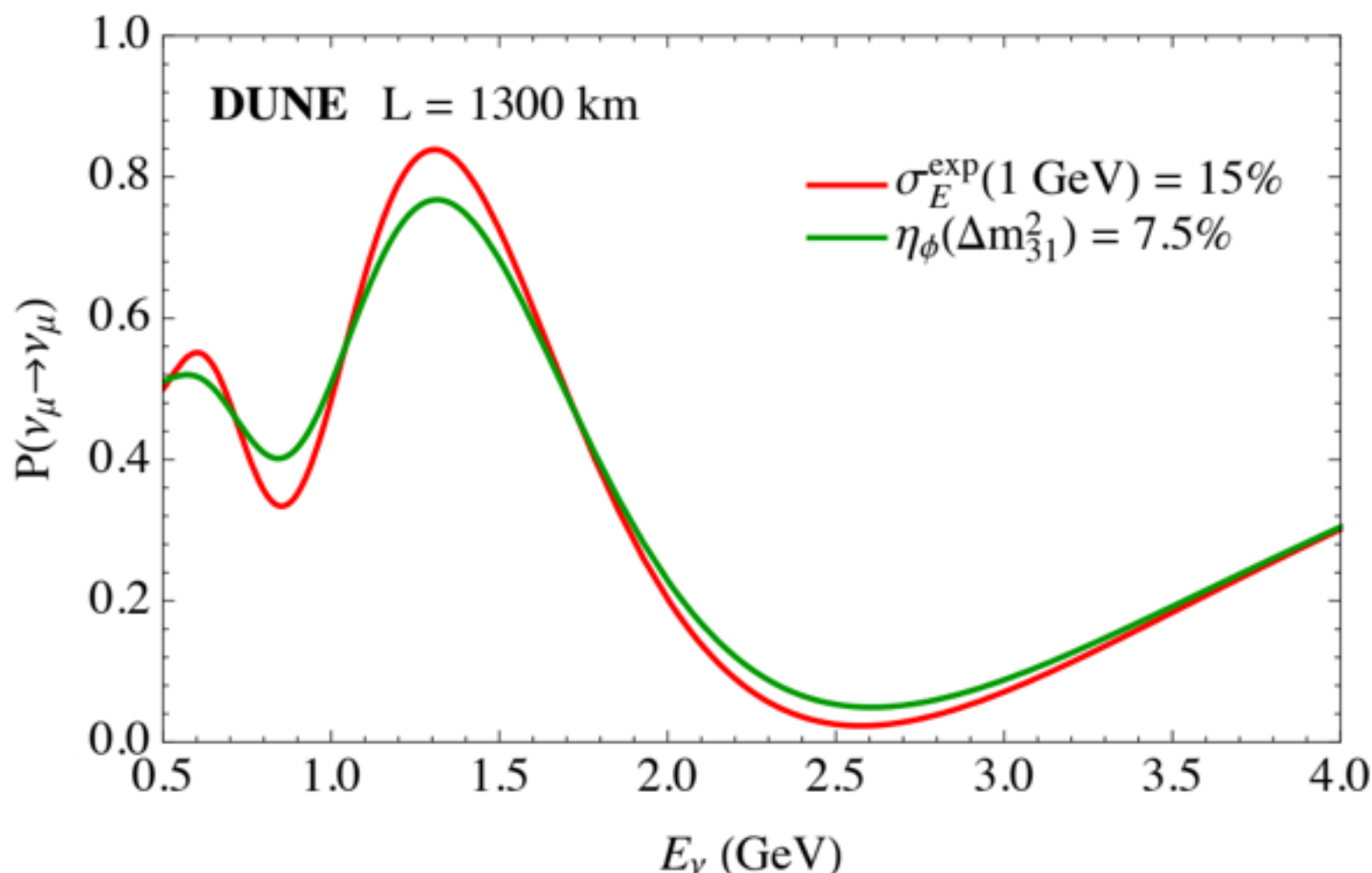
10 min  $< T < 10$  years: modulation signal @SNO, SK

Berlin 2015



few millisec  $< T < 10$  years: Distorted Neutrino Oscillations (DiNOs)

Krnjaic Machado Necib 2017





# Many many many other fronts!

Neutrino cross sections  
(NuSTEC effort)



Neutrinos in cosmology  
Early universe - BBN

Abazajian, Barbieri, Cirelli, Chizov, Di Bari, Dodelson, Dolgov, Foot, Holanda, Iocco, Kirilova, Kusenko, Mangano, Lesgourges, Pastor, Smirnov, Steigman, Volkas

Secret neutrino interactions

Dasgupta Kopp 2013, Chu Dasgupta Kopp 2015, Lundkvist Archidiacono Hannestad Tram 2016, Ghalsasi McKeen Nelson 2016, Archidiacono Gariazzo Giunti Hannestad Hansen Laveder Tram 2016, Forastieri Lattanzi Mangano Mirizzi Natoli Saviano 2017

Supernova evolution: non-linear effects from  
collective oscillations

Friedland 2010, Cherry Carlson Friedland Fuller  
Vlaesenko 2012, Chakraborty Hansen Izaguirre  
Raffelt 2016, Capozzi Basudeb Dasgupta 2016,  
Izaguirre Raffelt Tamborra 2016, Capozzi Dasgupta  
Lisi Marrone Mirizzi 2017

Chen Ratz Trautner 2015

Cosmic neutrino background: ideas to measure it?  
Non-thermal component?

Type II, type III and radiative seesaw

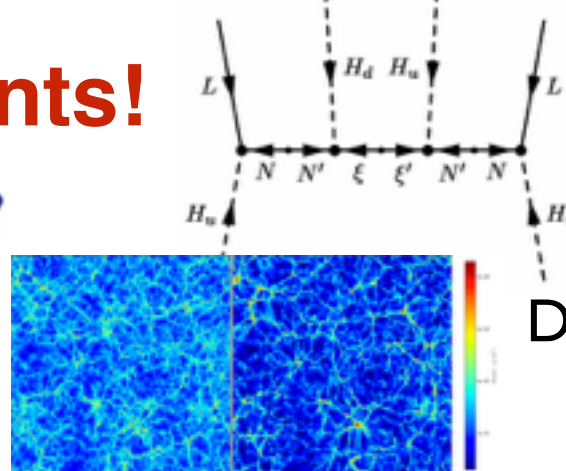
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Gaillard, Glashow, Hirsch, Keung, Ma, Mohapatra, Ota, Pakvasa,  
Schechter, Senjanovic, Valle, Yanagida, Winter, Wolfenstein, Zee,  
and many others

Flat extra dimensions: light sterile neutrinos

Antoniadis, Arkani-Hamed, Barbieri, Berryman, Davoudiasl, Dimopoulos, Dvali,  
de Gouvea, Langacker, Machado, Mohapatra, Nandi, Nunokawa, Perelstein,  
Peres, Perez-Lorenzana, Smirnov, Strumia, Tabrizi, Zukanovich-Funchal, ...

Leptogenesis

Barenboim, Davidson, Di Bari, Dolgov, Fukugita, Kuzmin,  
Rubakov, Servant, Shaposhnikov, Yanagida, Zeldovich, ...



Sterile neutrino in long baseline  
oscillation experiments

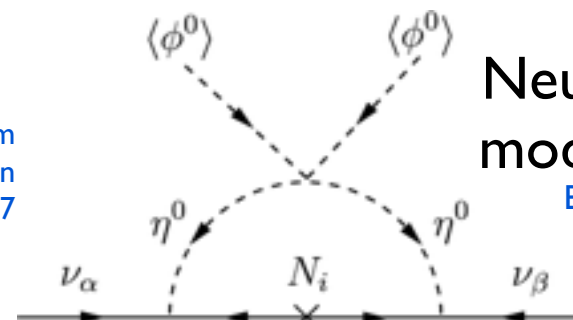
Agarwalla, Bhattacharya, Chatterjee, Dasgupta, Dighe, Donini,  
Fuki, Klop, Lopez-Pavon, Meloni, Migliozzi, Palazzo, Ray, Tang,  
Terranova, Thalapillil, Wagner, Yasuda, Winter, ...

Dark matter in neutrino detectors: light  
DM and light mediators

Ballett, Batell, Chen, Coloma, deNiverville, Dobrescu, Frugieue,  
Harnik, McKeen, Pascoli, Pospelov, Ritz, Ross-Lonergan

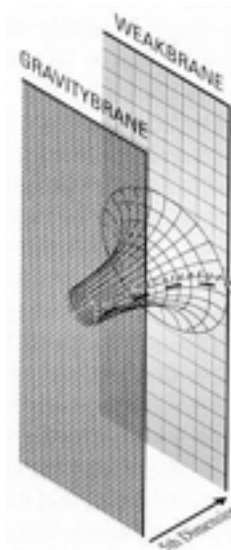
Neutrinos and the standard solar  
model: CNO cycle and metallicity

Bailey, Busoni, Christensen-Dalsgaard, Krief, Simone, Serenelli,  
Scott, Vincent, Vilante, Vissani, Vynioli, ...



Neutrino magnetic moment

see e.g. Salam 1957, Barbieri Fiorentini 1988, Barbieri Mohapatra 1989,  
Babu Chang Keung Phillips 1992, Tarazona Diaz Morales Castillo 2015  
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Coloma Machado Martinez-Soler Shoemaker 2017



Discrete symmetries with  
non-zero  $\theta_{13}$

Feruglio Hagedorn Torroop 2011, Lam 2012, Lam 2013, Holthausen Lim Lindner 2012,  
Neder King Stuart 2013, Hagedorn Meroni Vitale 2013  
King Neder 2014, Ishimori King Okada Tanimoto 2014, Yao Ding 2015, ...

Effective operator approach to neutrino  
masses and collider/low scale pheno

de Gouvea Jenkins 2007, Boucenna Morisi Valle 2014, Nath Syed 2015, Geng Tsai  
Wang 2015, Chiang Huo 2015, Bhattacharya Wudka 2015, Geng Huang 2016,  
Quintero 2016, Mohapatra 2016, Kobach 2016

New physics in neutrinoless double beta decay,  
lepton number violation at the LHC, left-right  
models, RS models and neutrino masses, neutrinos  
as dark matter, and much more!

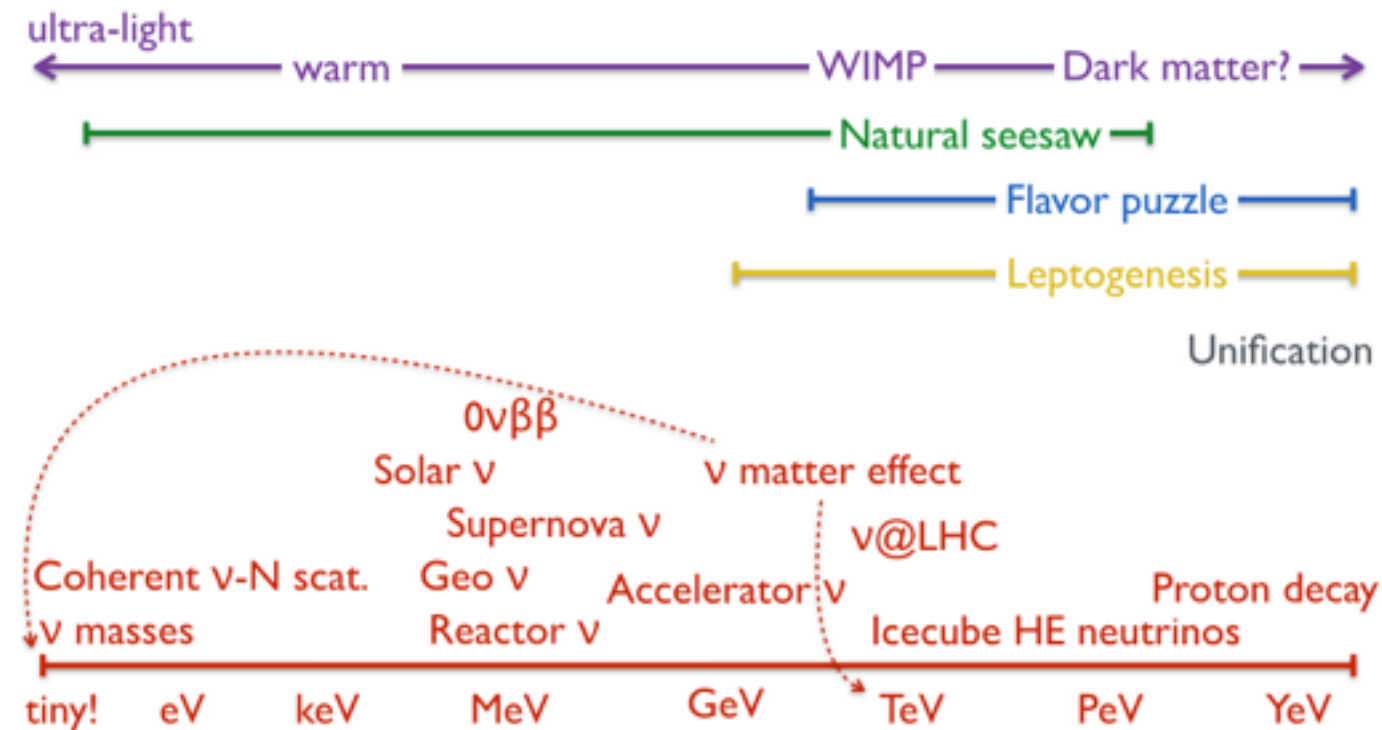


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# Conclusions

# Neutrinos: enormous range of energy scales - experimental and theoretical fronts

*Most exciting aspect of neutrino physics  
and also a big challenge*



## DUNE range:

## zeV (v-DM couplings)

**eV (sterile  $\nu$ )**

GeV, TeV (oscillations)

YeV (proton decay)

# 45 orders of magnitude!!!

from

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0.0000000000000000
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to

1000000000000000000  
proton mass!!!

## Standard predictions: essential for probing BSM with neutrinos

Ongoing TH effort: identify all BSM testable with neutrinos

**A coherent neutrino theory endeavor, addressing all aspects of neutrino physics, is essential for the success of the neutrino program**