

# BSM Explanations of the MiniBooNE Anomaly

## *SBND Theory Mini Workshop*



*Sometimes vanilla is not enough!*



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# Outline

- ★ SBL anomalies and the sterile neutrino hypothesis
- ★ Deep-dive into **alternative LEE models**
  - *Flavor transitions*
  - *New particles in neutrino scattering*
  - *New particles in the beam*
- ★ New physics models ranked!
- ★ Outlook for SBN program
- ★ Final words

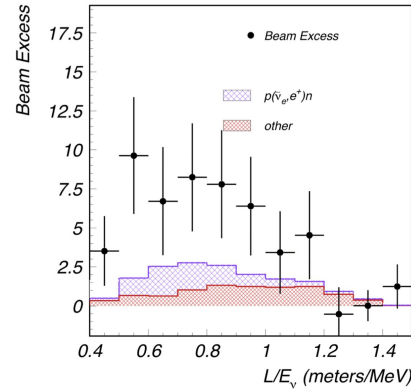


# Short-baseline Anomalies

Several hints of new physics at the short baselines

**Simultaneous explanation possible with a  $\sim 1$  eV fourth sterile neutrino**

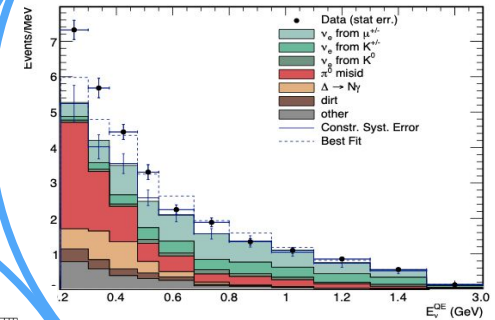
## LSND



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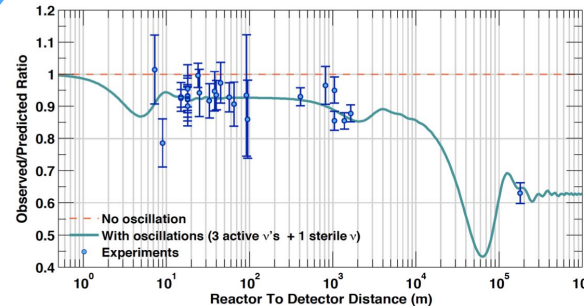
## MiniBooNE

arXiv:2006.16883



## Reactors

arXiv:1101.2755, arXiv:2106.05913



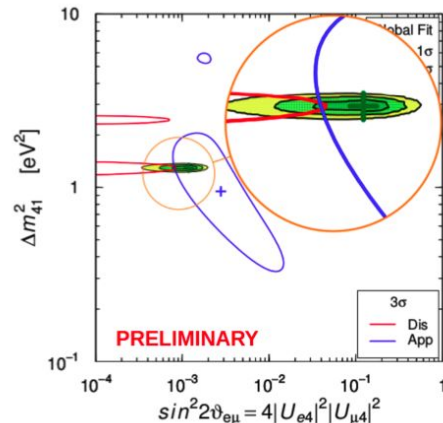
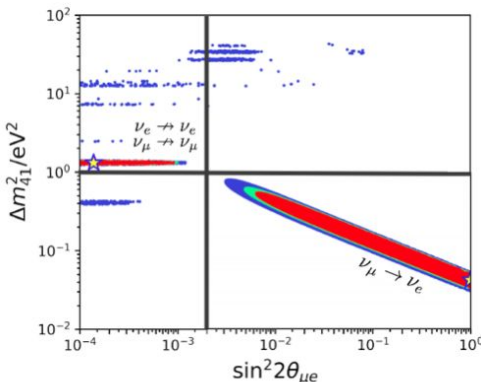
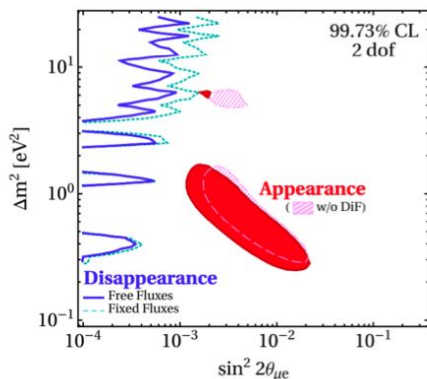
# Global Fits and the Vanilla Scenario

$$P_{\mu e}^{\text{SBL}} = 4|U_{\mu 4}|^2|U_{e 4}|^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

$$P_{\mu\mu}^{\text{SBL}} = 1 - 4|U_{\mu 4}|^2(1 - |U_{\mu 4}|^2) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E}\right)$$



Electron neutrino appearance and muon neutrino disappearance are correlated in the SBL limit

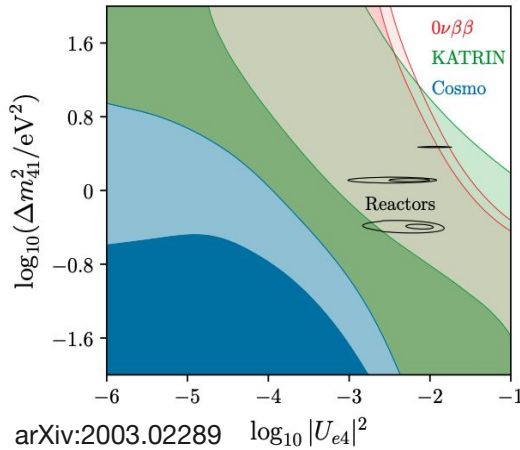


**3+1 model severely disfavored by tension between appearance and disappearance**

All global fit groups agree on this conclusion: Diaz et al arXiv:1906.00045, Gariazzo et al. 1703.00860, and Dentler et al JHEP 1808 (2018)

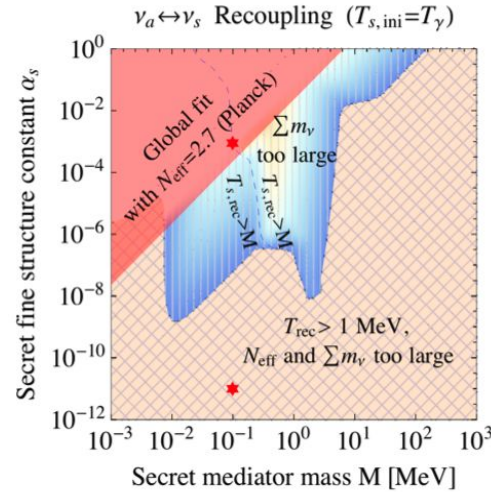
# Let's not forget cosmology!

**SBL O(eV) steriles severely constrained by cosmological data!**



Effective mixing  $\rightarrow \sin^2 2\theta_m = \frac{\sin^2 2\theta_0 \text{ (Vacuum mixing)}}{\left( \cos^2 2\theta_0 + \frac{2E}{\Delta m^2} V_m \right) + \sin^2 2\theta_0}$   $\rightarrow$  Keeps  $N_{\text{eff}}$  at 3

arXiv:1806.10629



Dasgupta & Kopp 2014; Chu, Dasgupta & Kopp 2015 Saviano et al. 2014; Mirrizi et al. 2015;  
 Cherry, Friedland & Shoemaker 2016; Chu et al. 2018  
See talk by Yvonne Y. Wong at Neutrino 2020 for summary

**New physics attempts to avoid constraints have largely failed**

# From here: The Garden of Forking Paths

- ★ Null results are often not scrutinized as carefully as anomalous ones.
  - ***Are all null results reliable?***
- ★ Experimental setups at MB, LSND, reactors... are markedly different.
  - ***Do the anomalies share a common origin?***
- ★ To what degree do the anomalies themselves constrain the possible explanations?

# What ideas have been proposed?

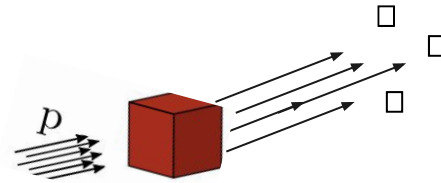
We focus on the MiniBooNE LEE and consider **three broad categories of models**

## Flavour transitions



- ★ Oscillations
  - sterile neutrinos
  - sterile neutrino + decays
  - Lorentz violation
  - matter effects
  - LED
- ★ LNV decays

## Production of new particles in the beam

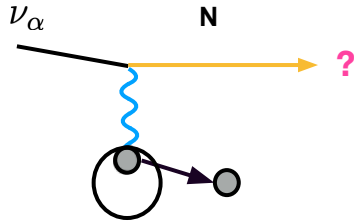


- ★ meson decay-in-flight to:
  - visible states
  - visible + invisible states
  - dark sector states

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- ★ HNL production from neutrino upscattering. Subsequent decays to
  - **electron-positron pairs**
  - **single photons**



# Flavor Transitions



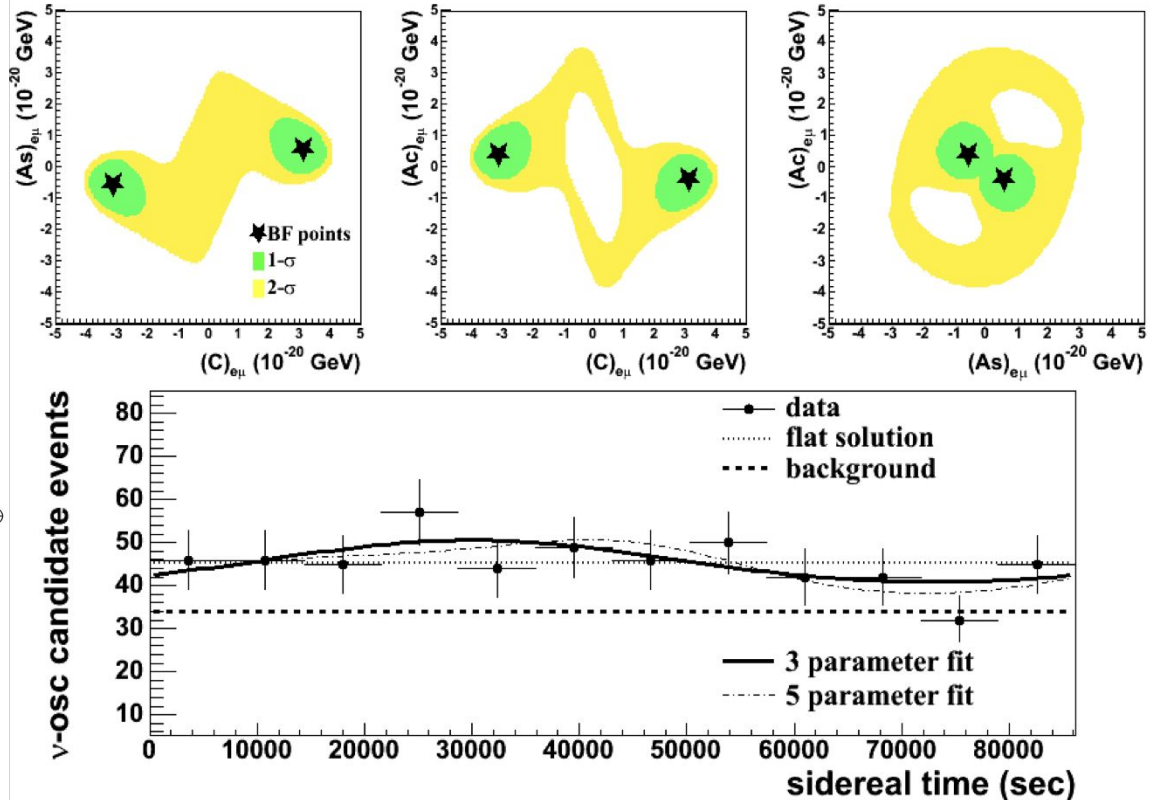
# Lorentz-Violation

The neutrino mode low-energy excess is consistent with no sidereal variation.

Only C-parameter is nonzero, but this is sidereal independent parameter.

$$P \simeq \frac{L^2}{(\hbar c)^2} \left| (C)_{e\mu} + (A_s)_{e\mu} \sin \omega_{\oplus} T_{\oplus} + (A_c)_{e\mu} \cos \omega_{\oplus} T_{\oplus} + (B_s)_{e\mu} \sin 2\omega_{\oplus} T_{\oplus} + (B_c)_{e\mu} \cos 2\omega_{\oplus} T_{\oplus} \right|^2.$$

MiniBooNE [1109.3480](https://arxiv.org/abs/1109.3480)



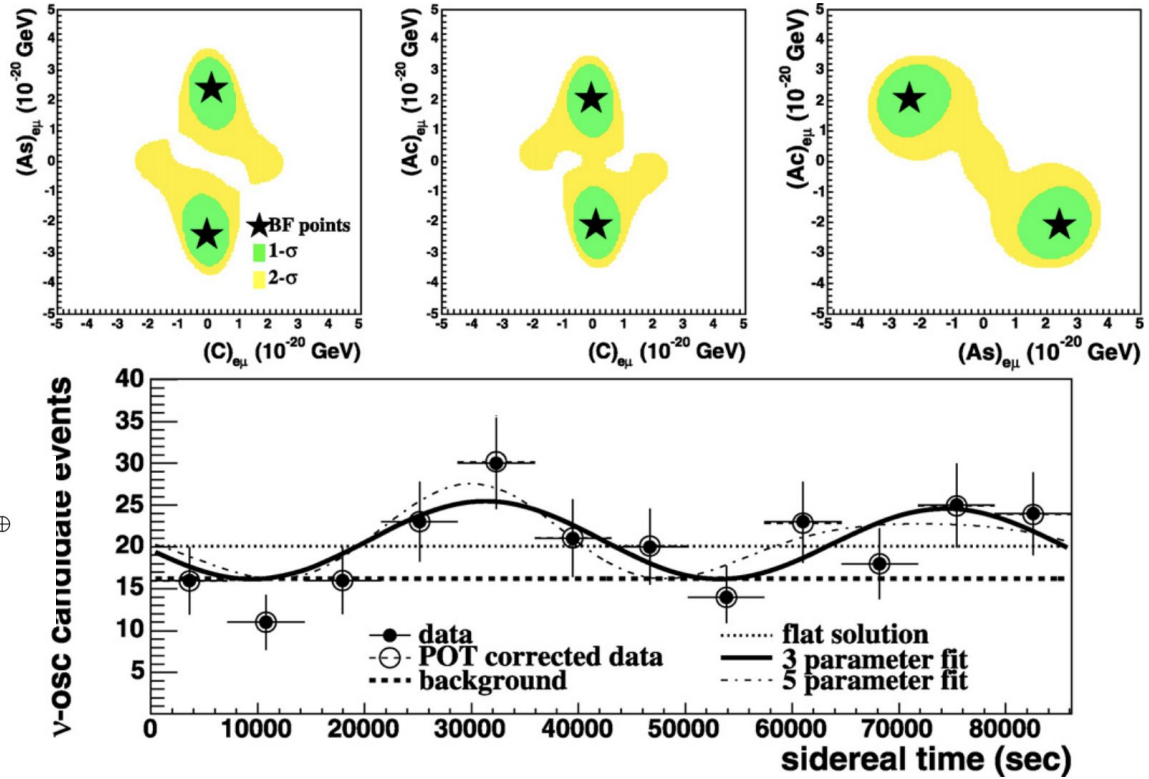
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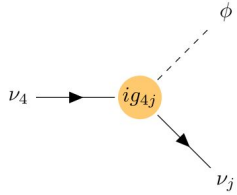
Antineutrino mode showed some hint of sidereal dependence.

Analysis has not been updated since 2013.

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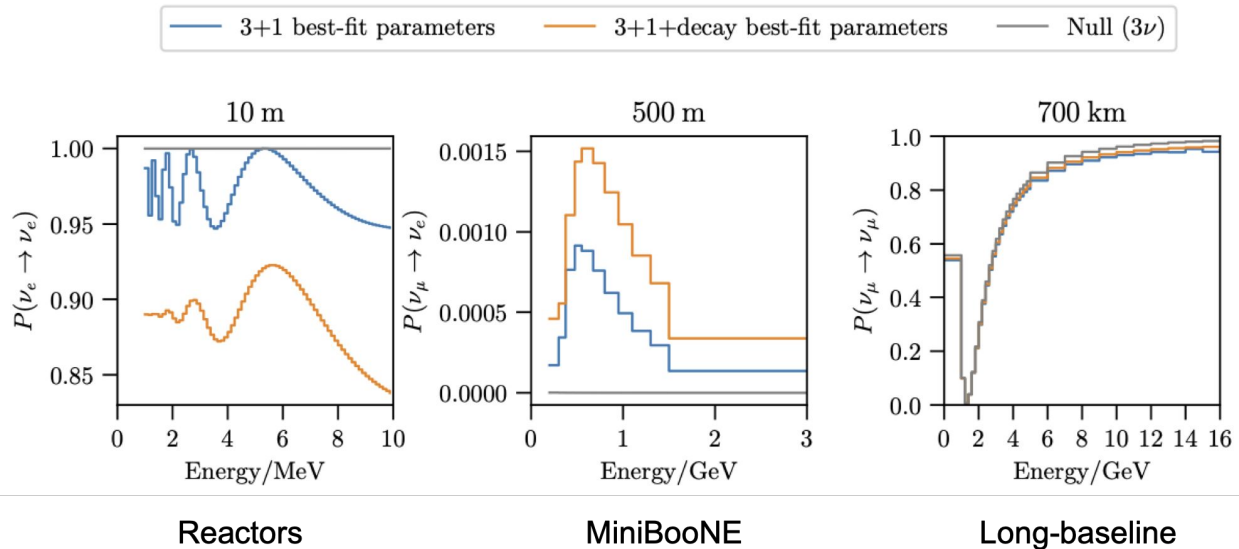
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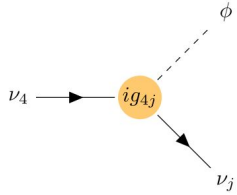
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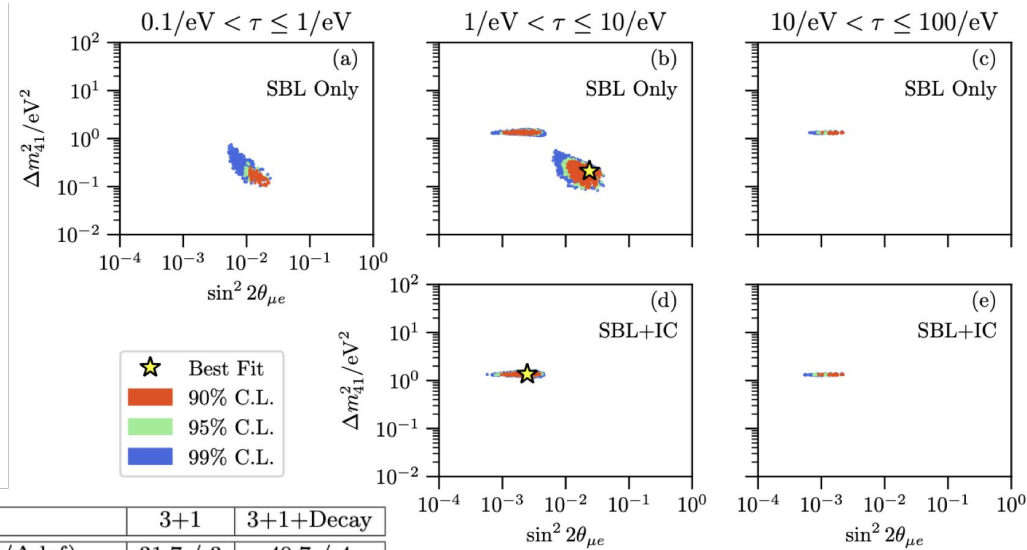
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$$\tau = \frac{16\pi}{g^2 m_4}$$

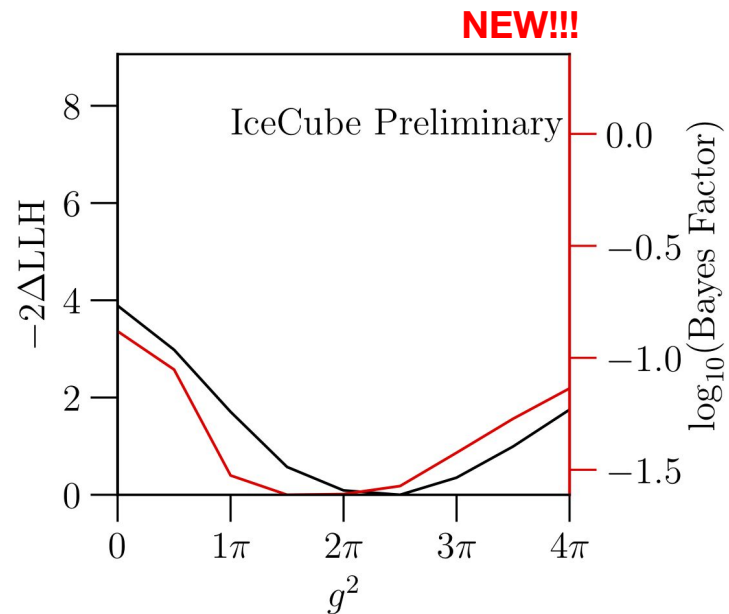
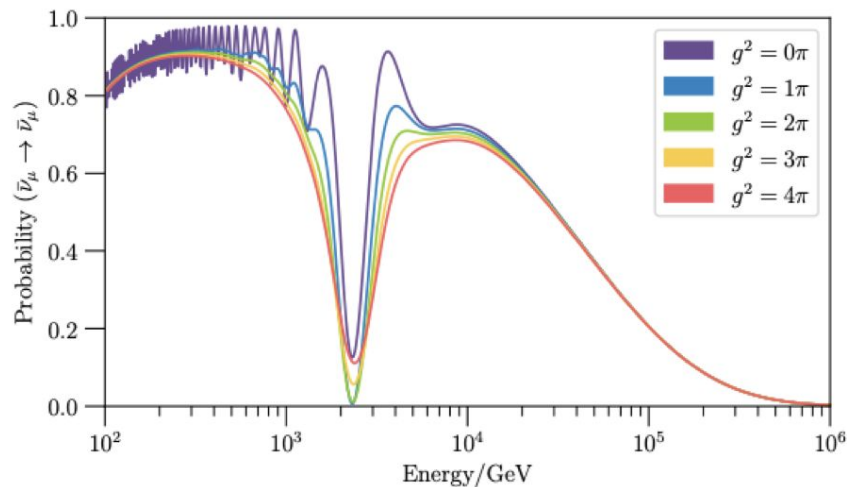
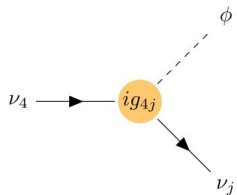


	3+1	3+1+Decay
$(\Delta\chi^2/\Delta\text{dof})_{\text{Null}}$	31.7 / 3	40.7 / 4
$(\Delta\chi^2/\Delta\text{dof})_{3+1}$	-	9.1 / 1

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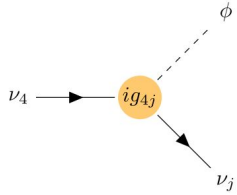
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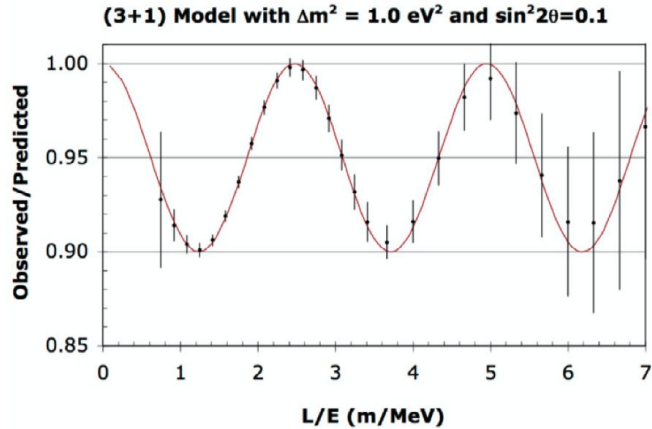
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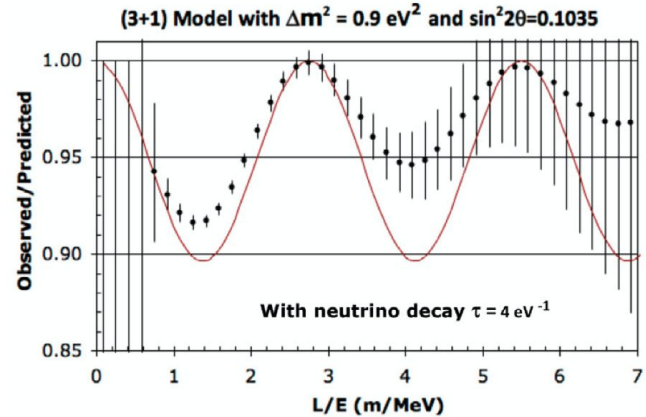


# Sterile Neutrino Decay (3+1 with Invisible Decay)

No decay



With decay



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J. Alonso et al 2111.09480

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# Non-Standard Matter Effects (3+1+NSI)

J. Liao et al <https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.01000>

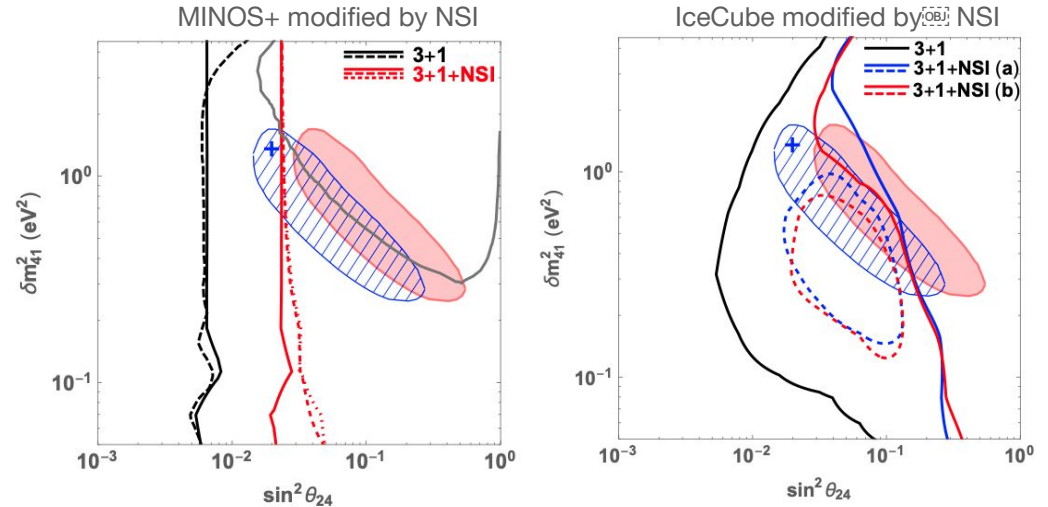
Muon-neutrino disappearance can be reconciled with **MiniBooNE**

- **NSI-CC** relax the **MINOS+** bounds on the mixing

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CC-NSI}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{f'f'C} [\bar{\nu}_\beta \gamma^\rho P_L \ell_\alpha] [\bar{f}' \gamma_\rho P_C f]$$

- **NSI-NC** relax the sensitivity of **IceCube** to 3+1 at high energy

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NC}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \sum_{f,P,\alpha,\beta} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{f,P} (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\beta) (\bar{f} \gamma_\mu P f)$$



See also E. Akhmedov et al <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1007.4171.pdf>

Denton et al <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1811.01310.pdf>

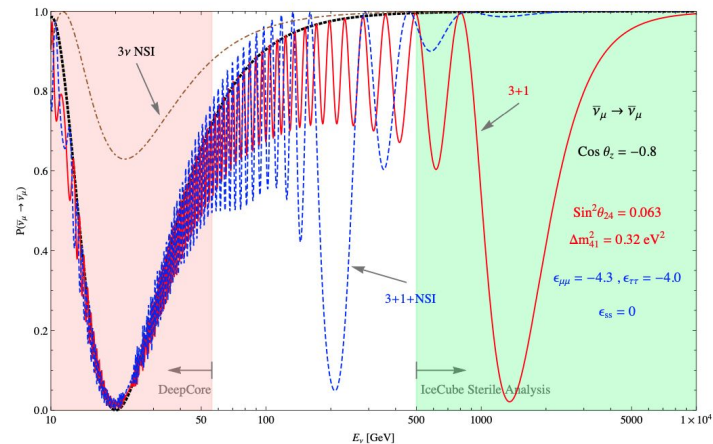
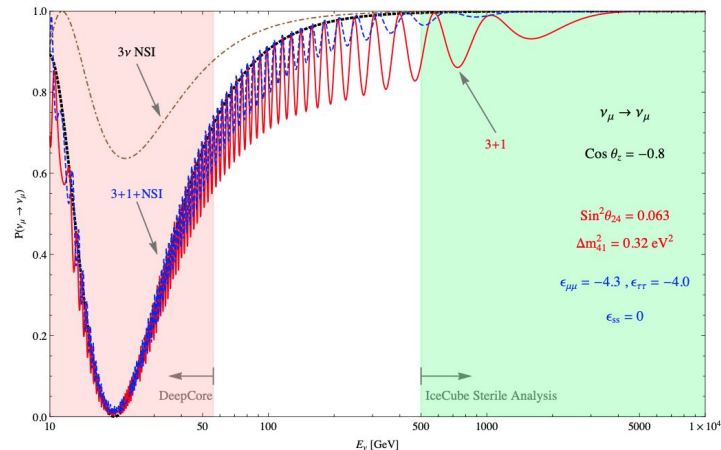
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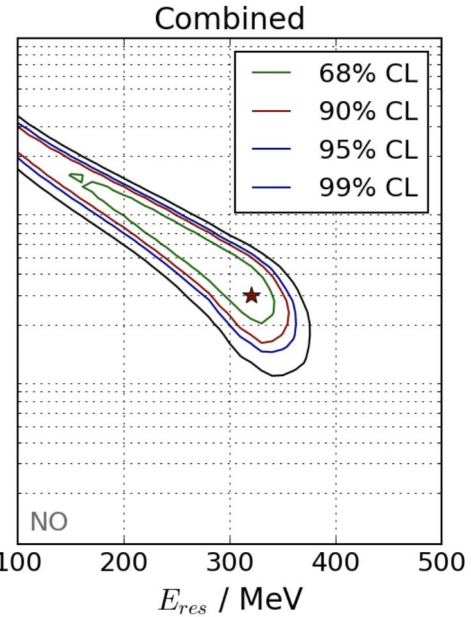
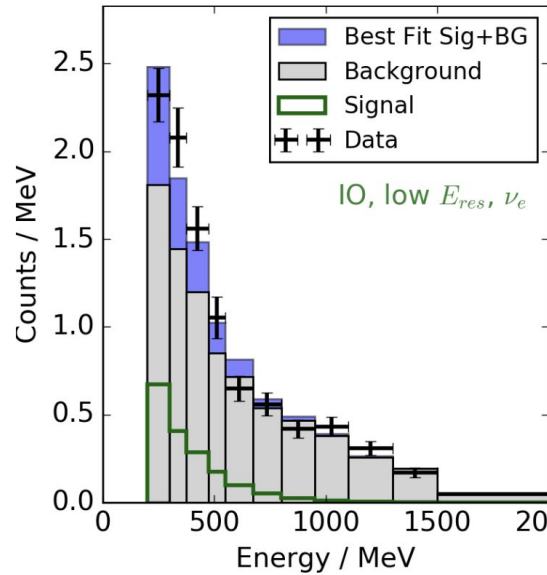
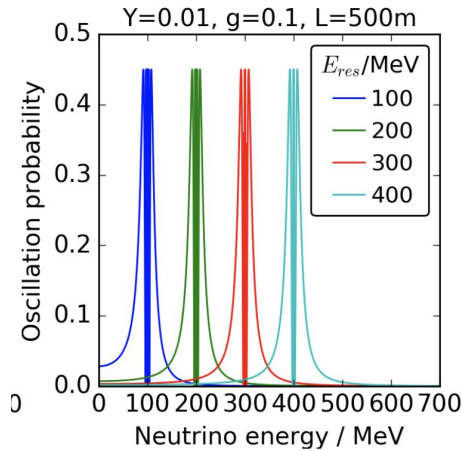
- The 3+1+NSI can be tested in IceCube
- NSI-NC will shift to lower energies the MSW resonance

$$E_\nu^{\text{res}} \simeq 4 \cos 2\theta_{24} \left( \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2}{1 \text{ eV}^2} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{1 - 2\epsilon_{\mu\mu} + 2\epsilon_{ss}} \right] \text{ TeV}$$

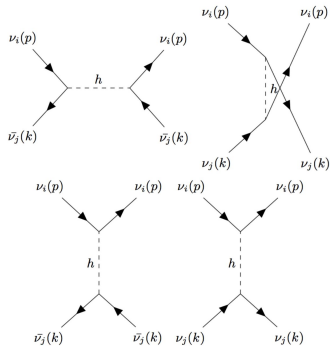


A. Esmaili et al <https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.11940>

# “Matter” may matter



J. Assadi et al [1712.08019](https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.08019).

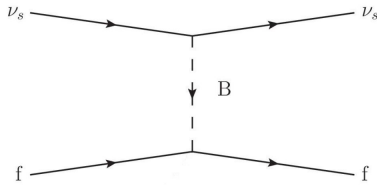


$$P_{\alpha\beta} = \sin^2_{\alpha\beta} 2\theta \sin^2 \left[ \frac{Y}{2} \left( \frac{E - E_{res}}{(E - E_{res})^2 + (\frac{1}{2} E_{res} g_i^2)^2} + \frac{-E - E_{res}}{(E + E_{res})^2 + (\frac{1}{2} E_{res} g_i^2)^2} \right) L \right]$$

# Anomalous Matter Effects

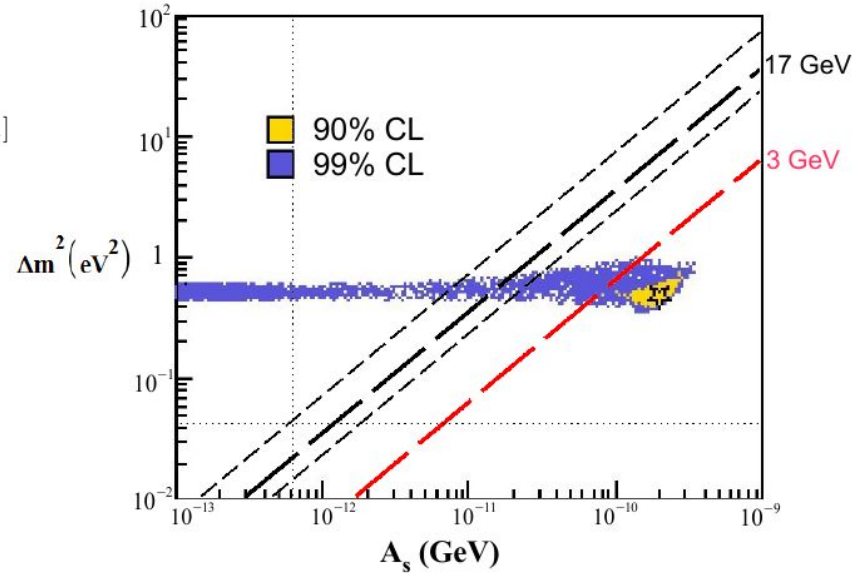
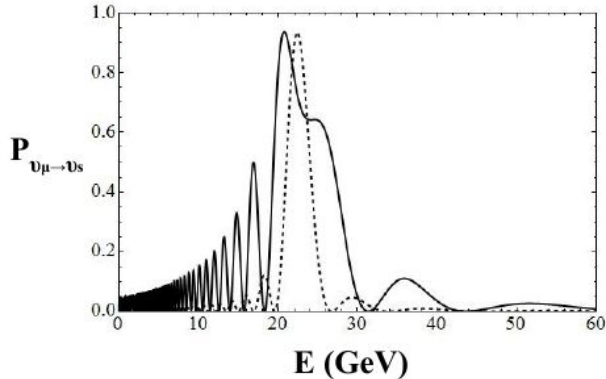
J. Bramante, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1110.4871.pdf>

U(1) vector coupling between sterile neutrinos and fermions



$$\mathcal{H}_{eff}^{(B)} = -\frac{g_s g_f}{8m_B^2} [\bar{\nu}_s \gamma^\mu \nu_s] [f_{R,L} \gamma_\mu f_{R,L}]$$

Oscillation resonance due to the sterile neutrino matter potential



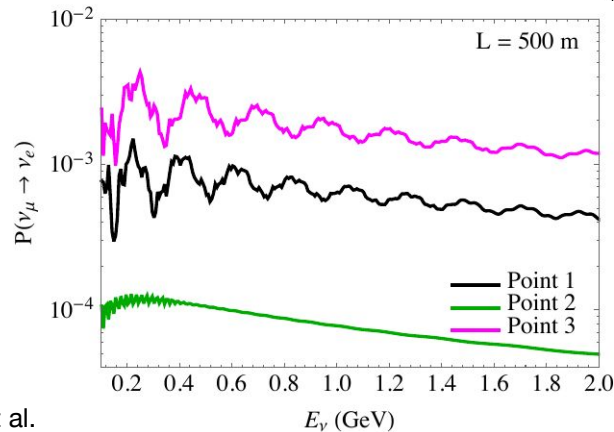
Region favored by LSND and MiniBooNE

See also G. Karagiorgi et al. <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1202.1024>

# Large Extra Dimensions

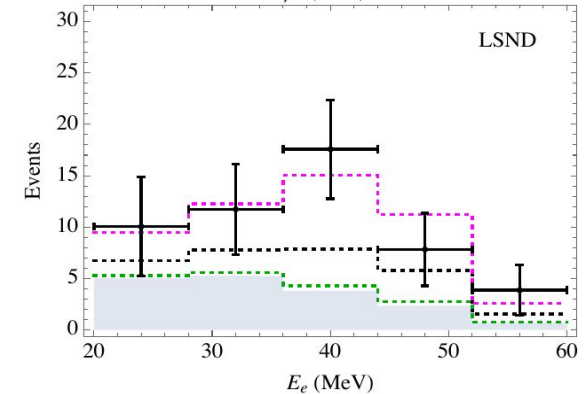
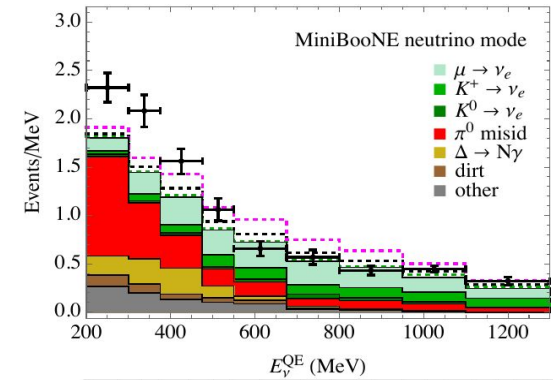
- Right handed neutrinos propagate in the bulk and SM fermions are restricted to 4D
- Masses in the bulk for the sterile neutrinos lead a seizable appearance

$$\mathcal{A}(\nu_{\alpha,0} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta,0}; L) = \sum_{i,n} U_{\alpha i}^{0n} (U_{\beta i}^{0n})^* \exp\left(i \frac{m_{i,n}^2 L}{2E}\right)$$



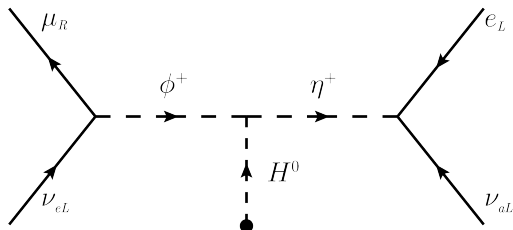
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M. Carena et al. <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1708.09548.pdf>

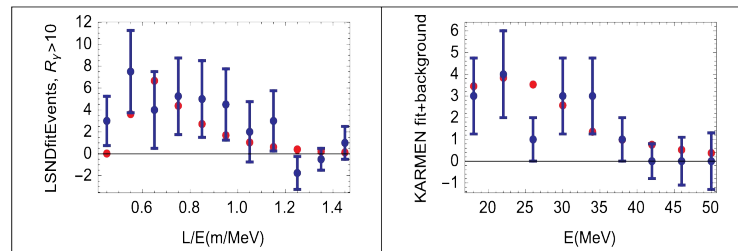


# Lepton-Number-Violating Decays + Sterile

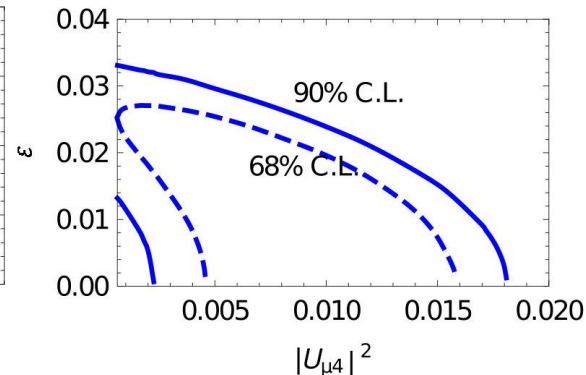
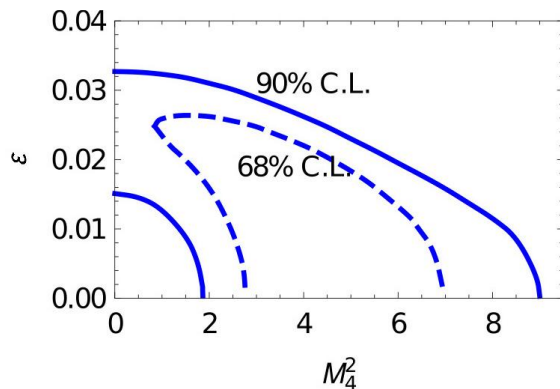
K.S. Babu et al, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1605.03625.pdf>



$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = -4 \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} [(\bar{e}_L \gamma_\lambda \nu_{eL})(\bar{\nu}_{\mu L} \gamma^\lambda \mu_L) + 2\epsilon(\bar{\mu}_R \nu_{eL})(\nu_{\mu L}^T C e_L)]$$



- The new interaction enable smaller values for the mass and the mixing
- Sterile + LNV get a better agreement between LSND, KARMEN and MiniBooNE



# New particles produced by neutrino scattering

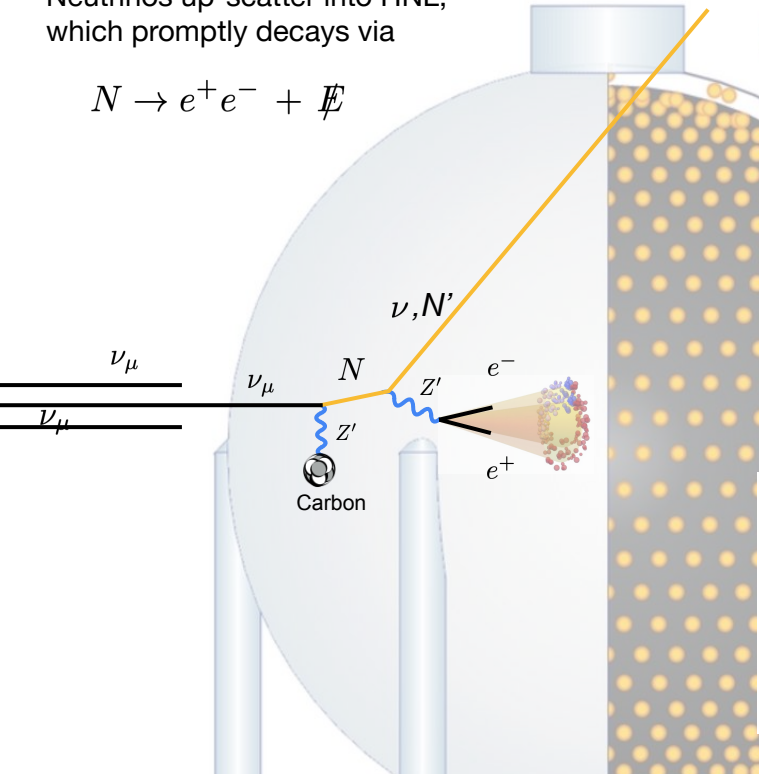


# Neutrino Upscattering with $N \rightarrow \nu e^+ e^-$

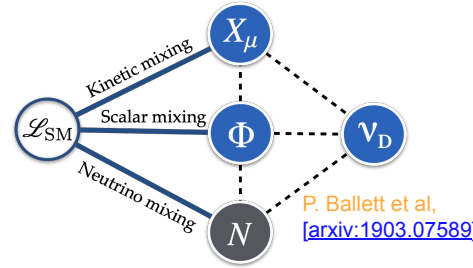
Dark sector coupled via neutrino portal + vector portal

Neutrinos up-scatter into HNL,  
which promptly decays via

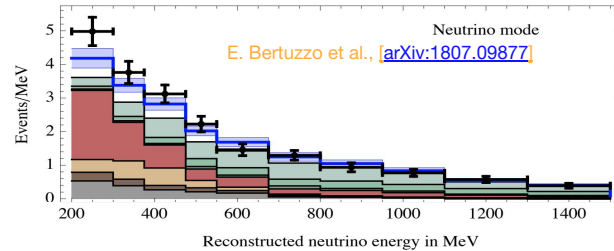
$$N \rightarrow e^+ e^- + \cancel{E}$$



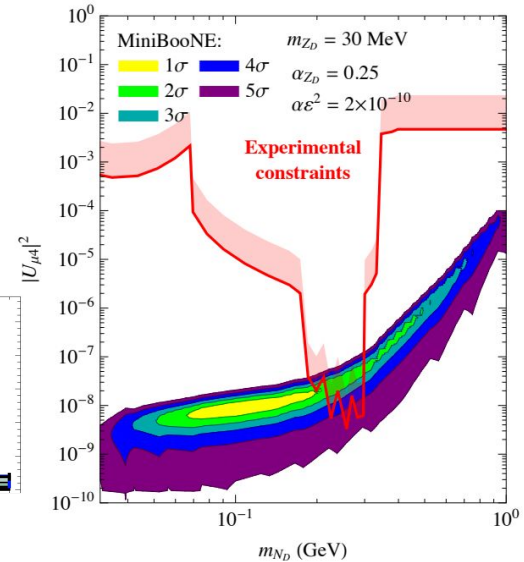
$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{\epsilon}{2} F_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} + y L H N + y' (\nu_D N) \Phi + g_D X_\mu (\nu_D \gamma^\mu \nu_D)$$



P. Ballett et al.,  
[\[arxiv:1903.07589\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.07589)



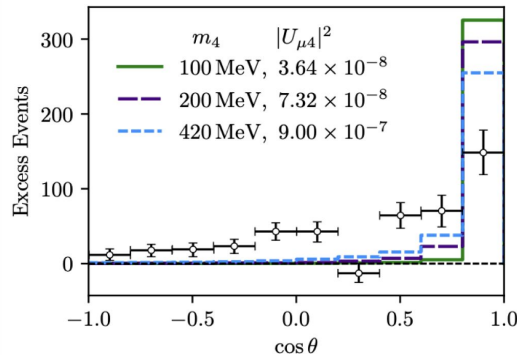
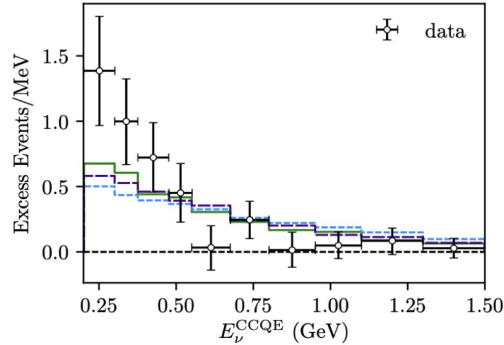
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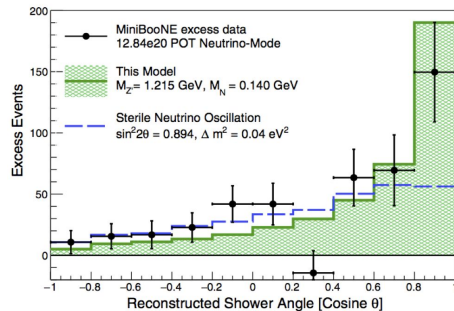
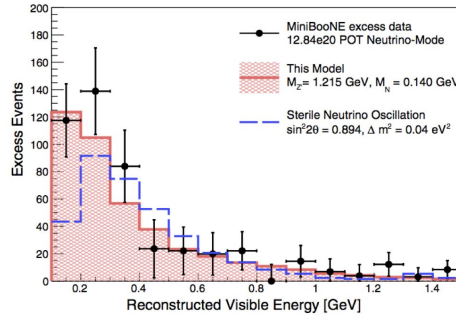
## Light mediators (10 - 100s of MeV $Z'$ )

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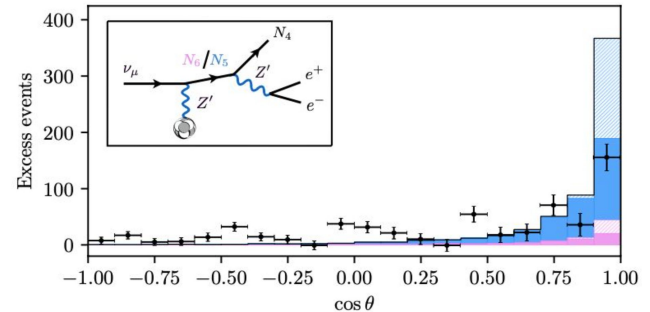
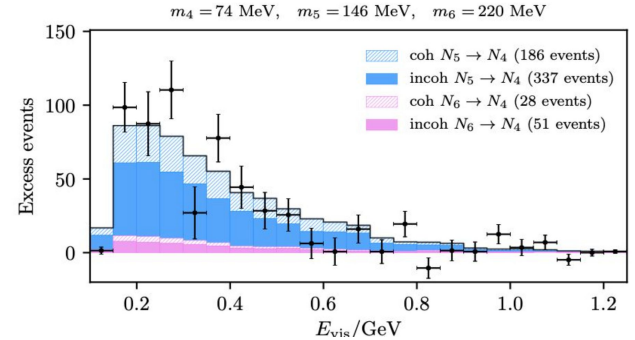
## Heavy mediators (~ GeV scale $Z'$ )

P. Ballett et al., [\[arxiv:1808.02915\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.02915)



## Inter-generational decays (~GeV scale $Z'$ )

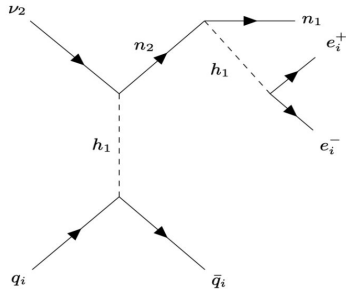
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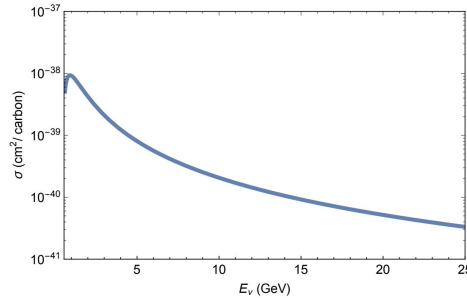
Scattering and decay may also be mediated by a scalar particle:



[B. Dutta et al. \[arxiv:2006.01319\]](#)

Cross section goes **down** in energy, so MINERvA and CHARM-II may have a harder time testing this.

**SBN would be in the sweet-spot for producing HNLs via this scalar**

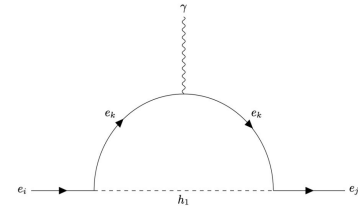


$$\Delta\mathcal{L}_S = -\frac{1}{4}\kappa S F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

[A. Datta et al. \[arXiv:2005.08920\]](#)

Scalars are interesting also because they  
Can decay to two photons.

**Would mimic a  $\pi^0$  signature – overlapping photons would contribute to the signal.**



**Same scalars can also appear in a contribution to the muon  $(g-2)_\mu$**

[A. Datta et al. \[arXiv:2005.08920\]](#)

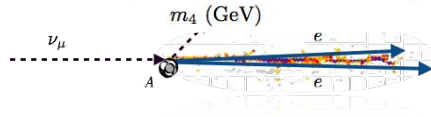
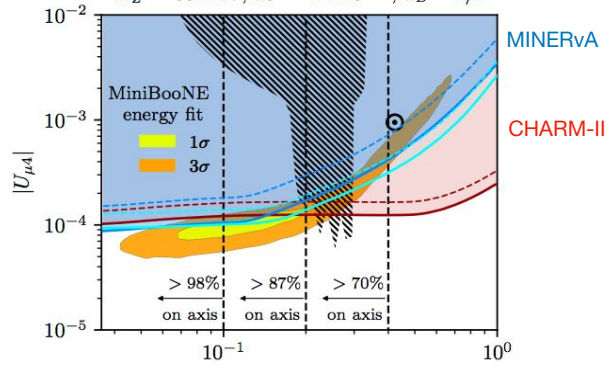
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# Neutrino Upscattering with $N \rightarrow \nu e^+ e^-$

**Mimicking photon final states**  
neutrino-electron scattering  
(MINERvA, CHARM-II)

C. Argüelles et al, [\[arXiv:1812.08768\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.08768)

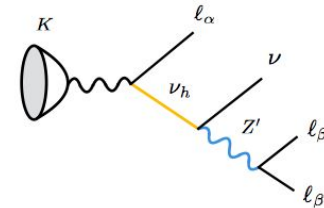
$m_{Z'} = 30 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $\alpha \epsilon^2 = 2 \times 10^{-10}$ ,  $\alpha_D = 1/4$



Measurements can also be done at  
**MINERvA, NOvA, and at the SBN program.**

**Rare kaon decays at NA62**

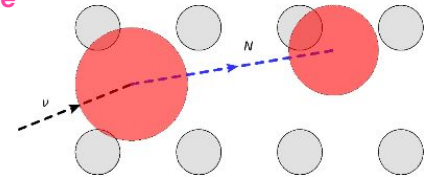
P. Ballett et al [\[arxiv:1903.07589\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.07589)



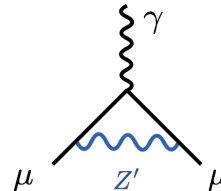
**Double cascades in IceCube**

P. Coloma et al, [\[arxiv:1707.08573\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.08573)

P. Coloma et al, [\[arxiv:2105.09357\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.09357)



**Dark sector may also be related to other anomalies:**  
KOTO, muon (g-2), dark matter



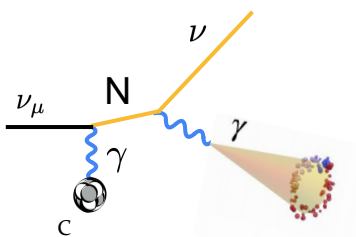
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A. Datta et al, [\[arxiv:2005.08920\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.08920)

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# Neutrino Upscattering with $N \rightarrow \nu\gamma$

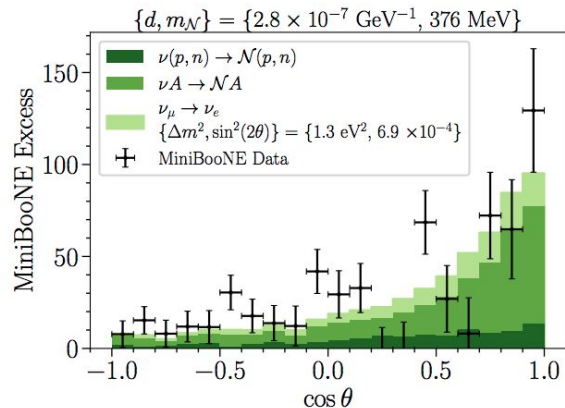


Transition magnetic moment  
("dipole portal")

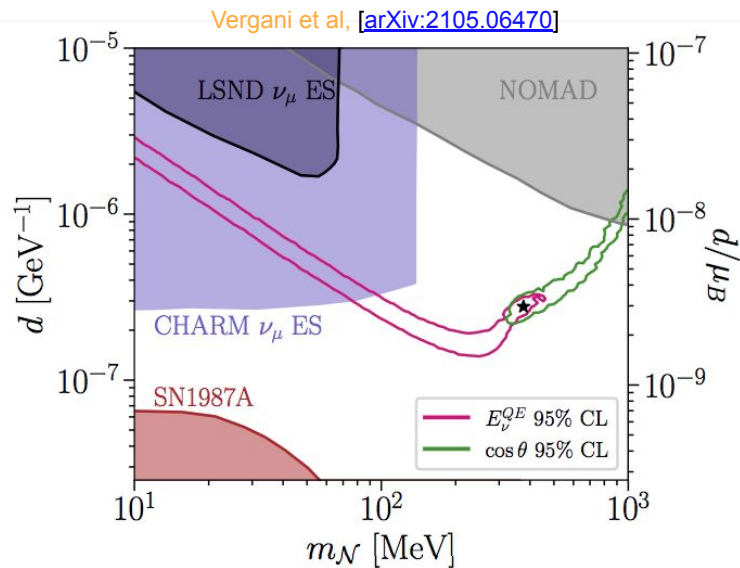
$$\mathcal{L}_\mu = \frac{\mu_\nu^\alpha}{2} F_{\mu\nu} \bar{\nu}_L^\alpha \sigma^{\mu\nu} N_R$$

Dim-5 operator – needs further UV completion – may be challenging?

Angular distribution benefits from Dirac nature and helicity-flipping interactions.



Simple model – 2 parameter model (d, mHNL)

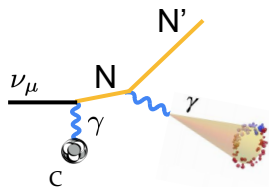


S. Gninenko, [arXiv:0902.3802], S. Gninenko, [arXiv:1201.5194], M. Masip et al, [arXiv:1210.1519], G. Magill et al, [arXiv:1803.03262], Vergani et al, [arXiv:2105.06470], Luis Alvarez-Ruso et al [arXiv:2111.02504]

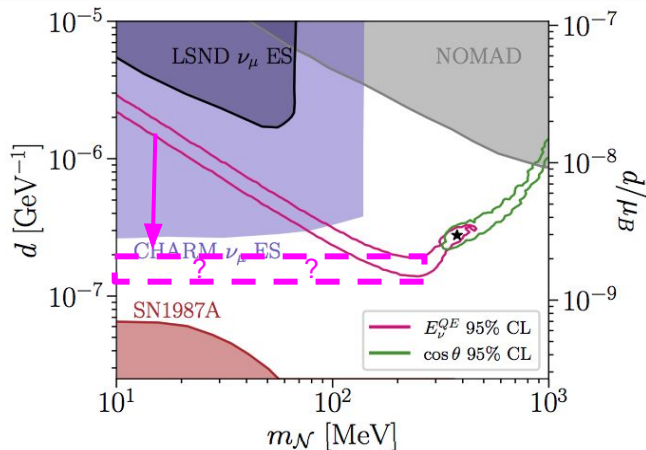
# Neutrino Upscattering with $N \rightarrow \nu\gamma$ related ideas

**Multiple HNLs** – faster N decay for lower-masses:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\mu_{NN'}}{2} F_{\mu\nu} \bar{N}'^i L \sigma^{\mu\nu} N_R$$

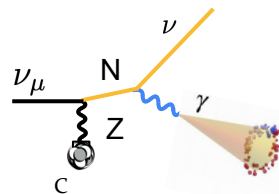


Vergani et al. [[arXiv:2105.06470](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.06470)]

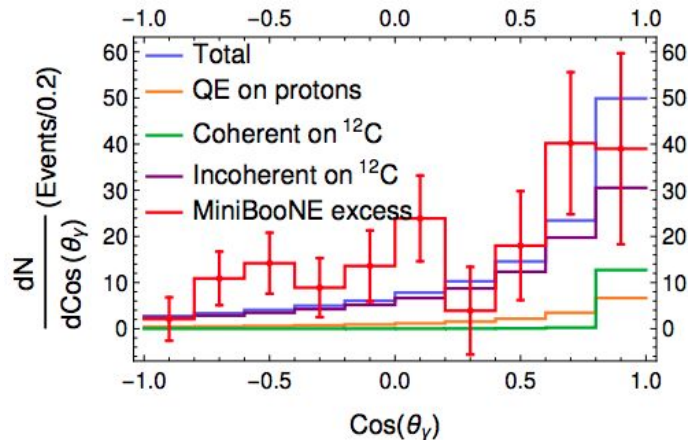


**Weak scattering** for better angular distribution.

S. Gninenko. [[arXiv:0902.3802](https://arxiv.org/abs/0902.3802)]:  
NC scattering for LSND to produce  
free neutron.

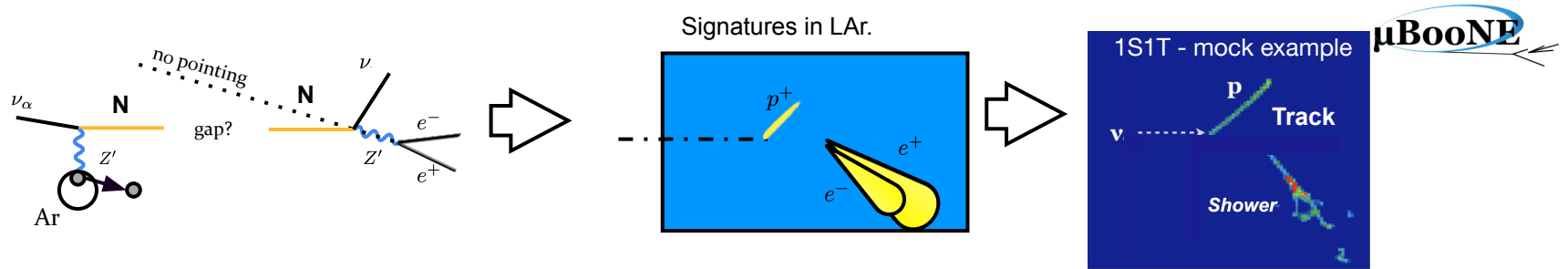


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# Neutrino Upscattering with $N \rightarrow \nu (e^+e^-)$ or $\gamma$

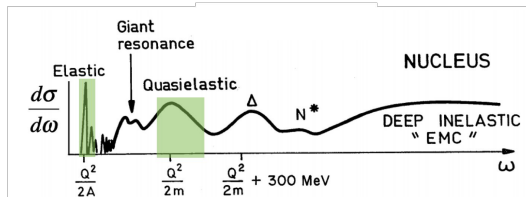
Liquid Argon TPCs can search for  $(e^+e^-)$  events as either single showers or separated  $e^+$  and  $e^-$  showers.



- 1S0T
- 2S0T
- 1S1T
- 2S1T

**Light  $Z'$  or Dipole:** no proton so smaller efficiencies, but enhanced in LAr ( $A^2$ coherent.)

**Heavy  $Z'$ :** shower displaced from proton. *Mostly photon-like showers.*



**Nuclear modelling so far has been rather simple.**

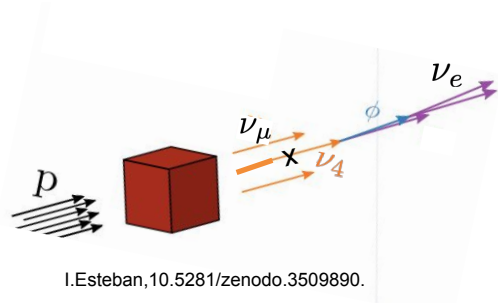
# New particles in the beam



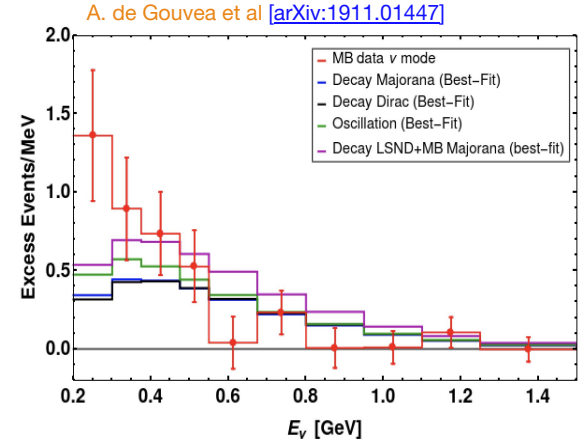
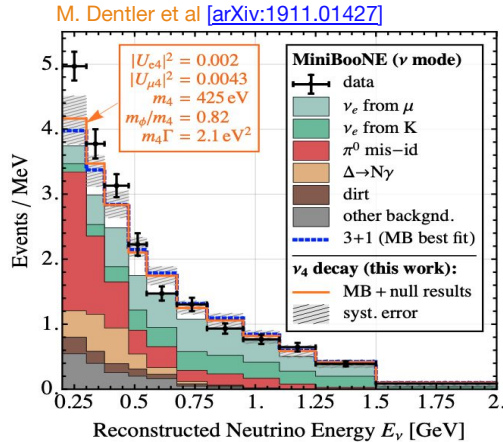
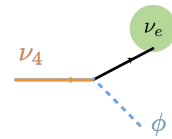
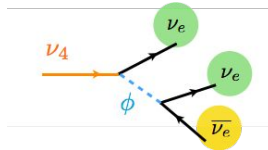
# Sterile Neutrino Decay (3+1) Visible Neutrino Decay

Light “steriles” coupled to a new scalar

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -g \bar{\nu}_s \nu_s \phi - \sum_{a=e,\mu,\tau,s} m_{\alpha\beta} \bar{\nu}_\alpha \nu_\beta$$

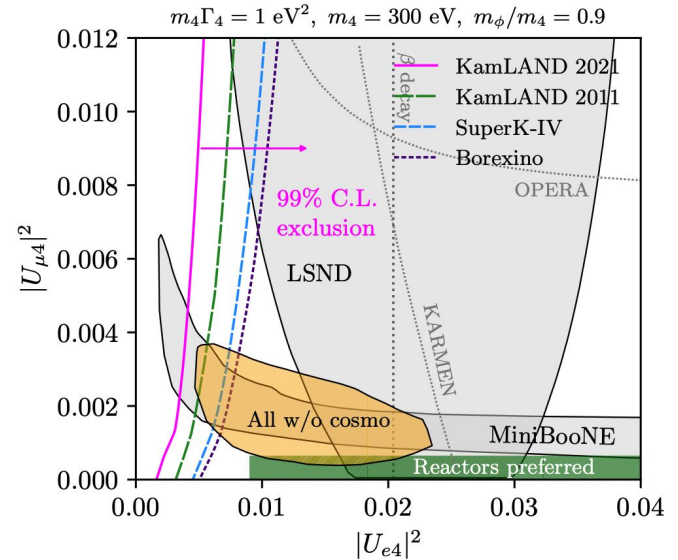
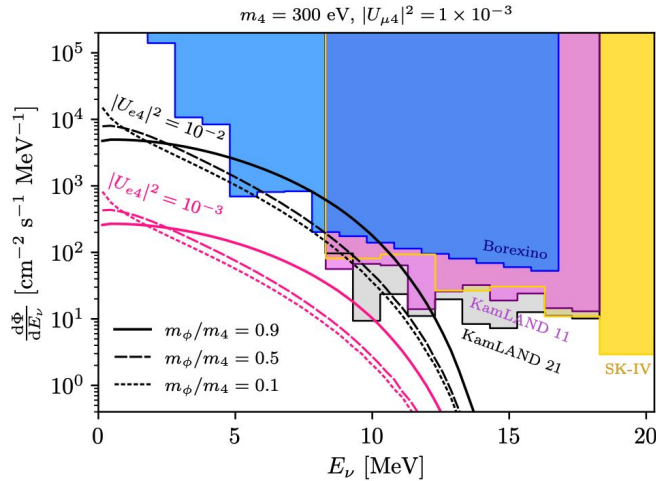
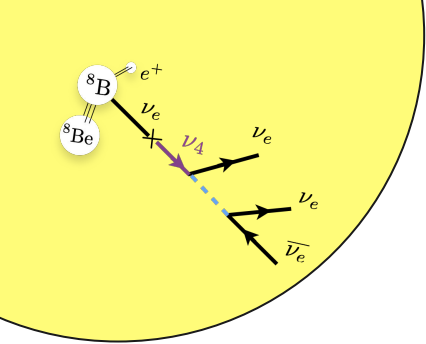


S. Palomares-Ruiz et al [arXiv:0505216]  
 Y. Bai et al [arXiv:1512.05357]  
 A. de Gouvea et al [arXiv:1911.01447]  
 M. Dentler et al [arXiv:1911.01427]



- $m_\phi > 0$  “favored compared to the  $m_\phi = 0$  case at more than 99% C.L.”
- At LSND, **anti- $\nu_e$**  can be produced from both  $\mu$  or  $\pi$  decays.

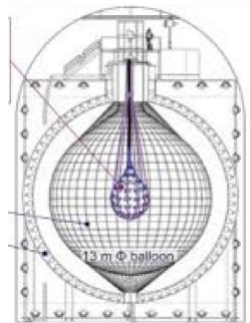
# Sterile Neutrino Decay (3+1) Visible Neutrino Decay



**Strong but model-dependent bound:**  
Requires sterile neutrino to be of Dirac nature with stable mediator.

M. Hostert & M. Pospelov [[arXiv:2008.11851](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.11851)]

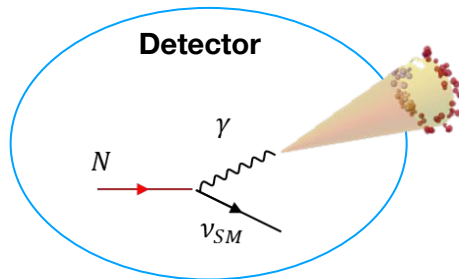
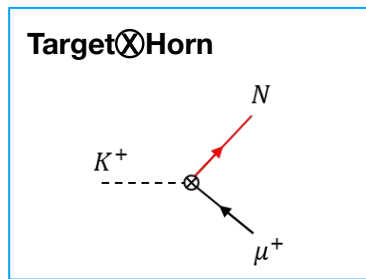
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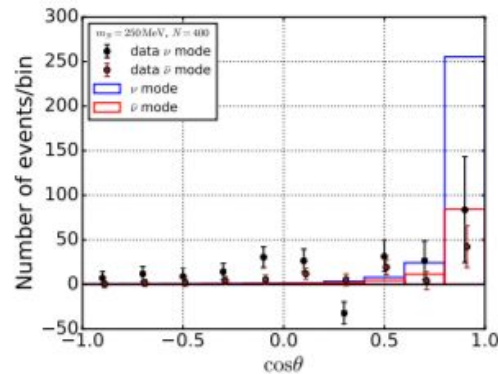
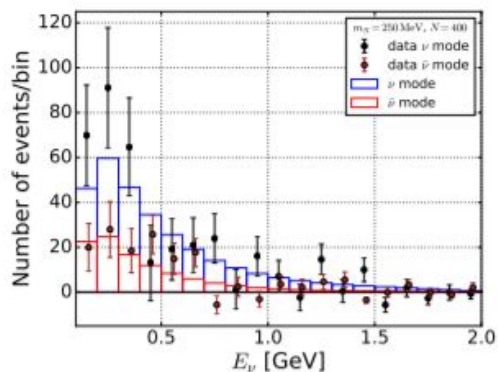
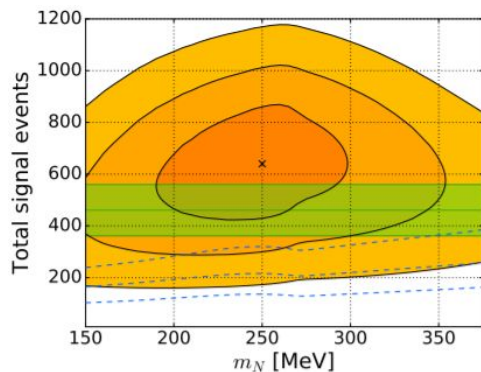
# Visible Decays in the Detector Fiducial Volume

$$U_{\ell 4} V_{q_u q_d} G_F [\bar{q}_u \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) q_d] [\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) N] + \text{h.c.}$$



$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} \bar{N} \sigma^{\alpha\beta} \nu F_{\alpha\beta}$$

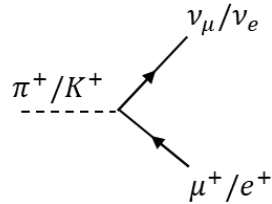
- Decays of a heavy sterile neutrino (~250 MeV) allows the photon to be emitted in the off-beam direction.
- Such heavy sterile neutrinos may travel in a less relativistic way and leave the delayed decay signal. (cf. Timing measurement by MiniBooNE disfavors the delayed signal [MiniBooNE Collaboration, arXiv:2006.16883](#))



[O. Fischer et al, [arXiv:1909.09561](#)]

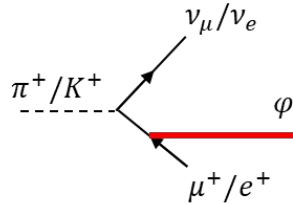
# Dark-Sector Interpretation with Charged Meson Decays

- Dark-sector interpretation [B. Dutta et al, arXiv:2110.11944](#)



Suppressed by a “wrong” helicity assignment

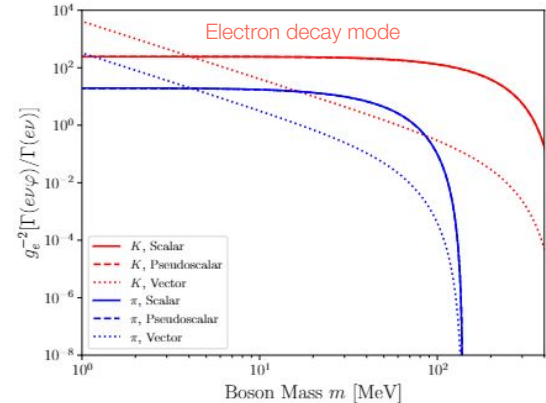
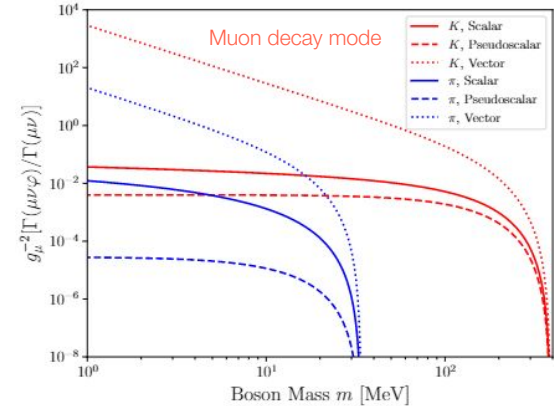
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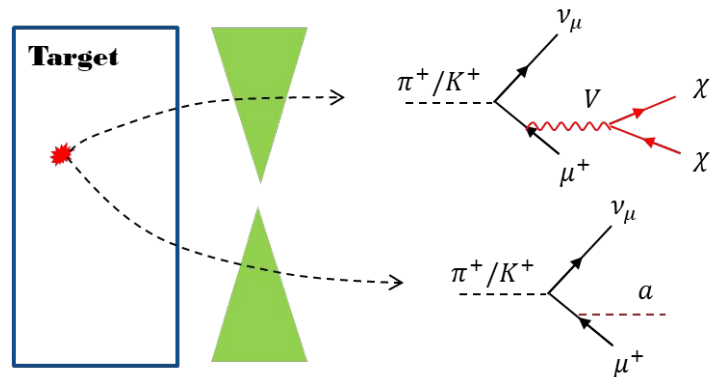
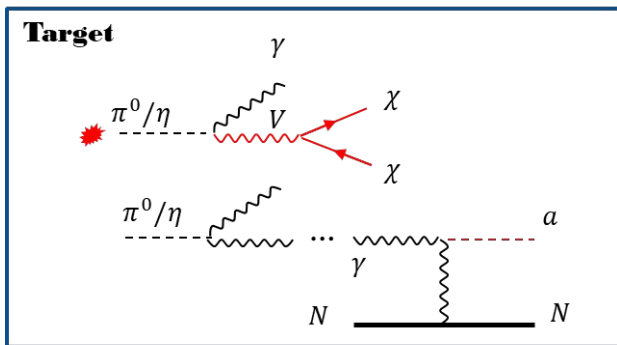
$\phi$  scalar, pseudoscalar, vector etc

By adding the third particle  $\phi$ , the helicity suppression can be evaded, i.e., 3-body decays can be hugely enhanced. The decay to a massive vector is even more enhanced due to the longitudinal polarization. e.g.,

[C.E. Carlson et al, arXiv:1206.3587](#)



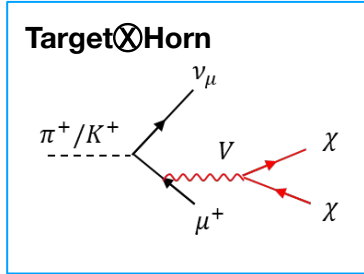
# Neutral Meson vs. Charged Meson



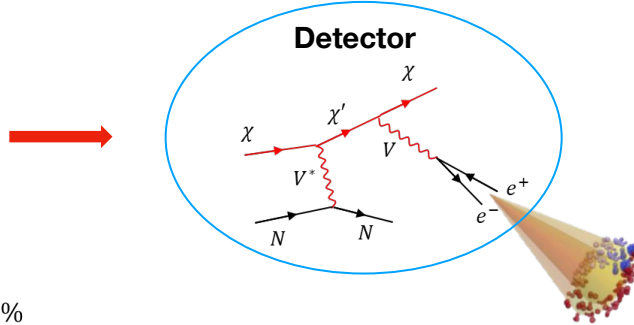
- **Comparable production rate:**  $\pi^0:\pi^+:\pi^-:\eta:K^+:K^- \approx 1:1:1:0.1:0.1:0.1$
- Unfocused  $\pi^0, \eta$  vs. **Focused**  $\pi^\pm, K^\pm$
- Wider spreading  $\pi^0, \eta$ -induced signal flux vs. **Forward-directed**  $\pi^\pm, K^\pm$ -induced signal flux
- No BR enhancement vs. **Large BR enhancement**

# Dark-Matter Upscattering Scenario

$$-\mathcal{L}_{V,\text{int}} \supset e(\epsilon_1 V_{1,\mu} + \epsilon_2 V_{2,\mu})J_{\text{EM}}^\mu + (g_1 V_{1,\mu} + g_2 V_{2,\mu})J_D^\mu + (g'_1 V_{1,\mu} + g'_2 V_{2,\mu})J_D'^\mu$$



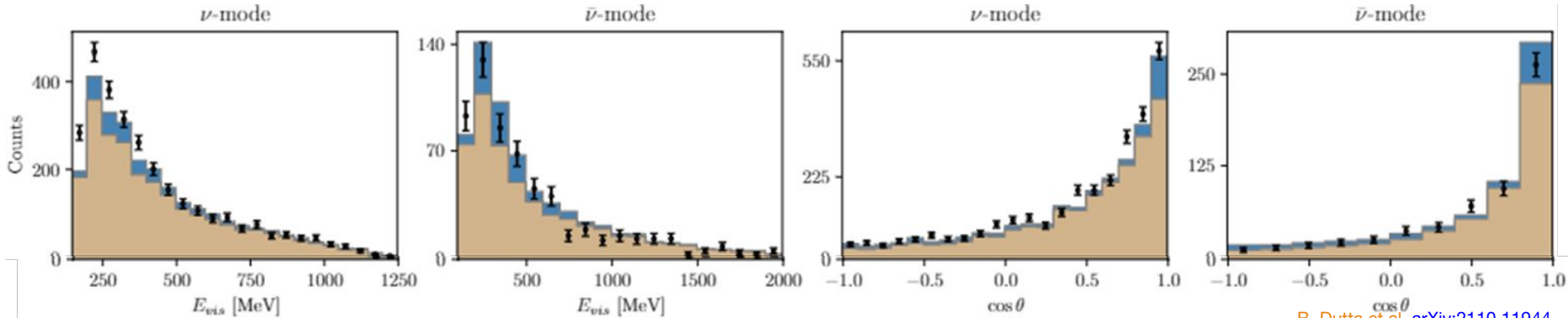
$\text{BR}(V \rightarrow 2\chi) : \text{BR}(V \rightarrow 2e) = 50\% : 50\%$   
for illustration



- Electron-positron pair **collimated**
- Scattering may happen through an exchange of a **different mediator**. [The different mediator could be massless, e.g., dipole operator,  $\bar{\chi}' \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi F_{\mu\nu}$ ]

Example fit in the double-mediator scenario

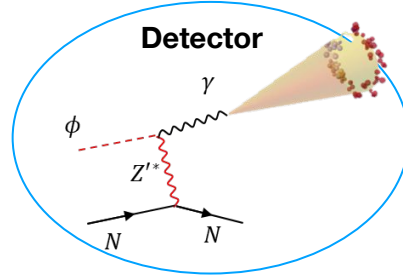
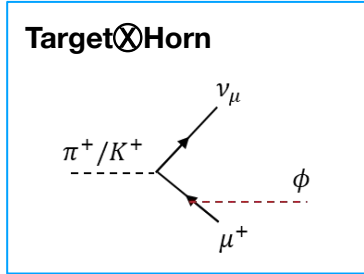
Scenario	$(m_{V_1}, m_{V_2}, m_\chi, m_{\chi'})$	$c_1 \epsilon_2 g_2'^2 / (4\pi)$
Double	(17, 200, 8, 50)	$1.3 \times 10^{-7}$



B. Dutta et al, [arXiv:2110.11944](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.11944)

# Inverse Primakoff Scattering of (Pseudo)Scalar

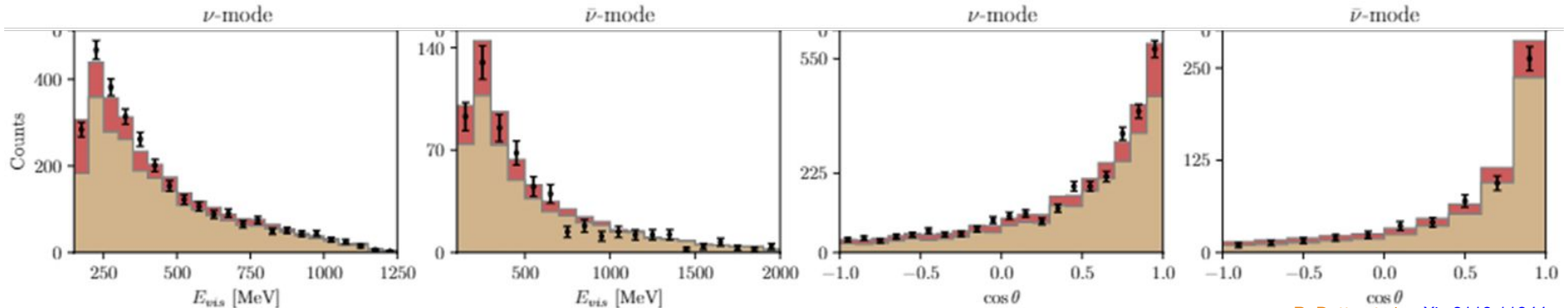
$$\mathcal{L}_S \supset g_\mu \phi \bar{\mu} \mu + g_n Z'_\alpha \bar{u} \gamma^\alpha u + \frac{\lambda}{4} \phi F'_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \text{h.c.},$$



- Photon signal **mimicking electron**
- Scattering through a **massive  $Z'$**  lets a sizable number of events populate in the off-forward region.

Example fit in the scalar scenario

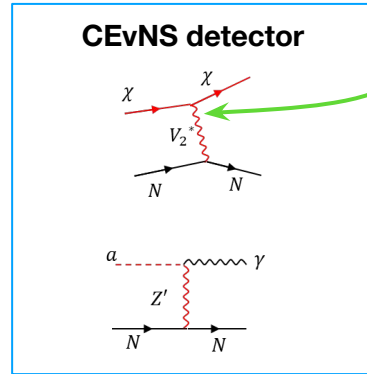
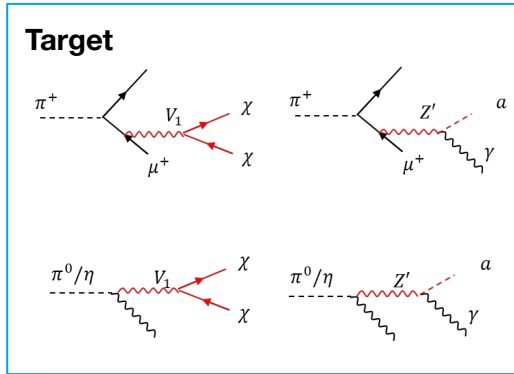
Scenario	$(m_{Z'}, m_{\phi/a})$	$(g_\mu g_n \lambda)$ [MeV $^{-1}$ ]
Scalar	(49, 1)	$2.2 \times 10^{-8}$



B. Dutta et al, [arXiv:2110.11944](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.11944)

# Predictions in Other Neutrino Experiments

## Stopped-pion neutrino experiments (CCM, COHERENT, JSNS2)

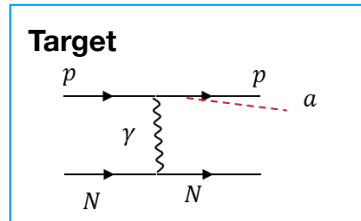


This dark-sector coupling in the double-mediator scenario can be **large** enough for CEvNS experiments to observe MB signal events.

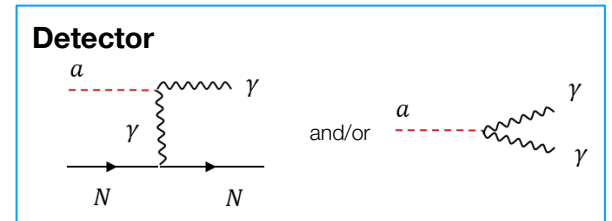
CCM is testing the dark-sector scenarios.

- Charged meson production channels become subdominant because of no focusing.
- Dark-sector coupling associated with  $V_1$  is as small as  $\sim \epsilon_1$  to have 50%:50% BRs.

## Neutrino experiments with detectors located in the forward region



Very **forward-moving** (pseudo)scalar



Photon signal populated in the very **forward region** creating "hot-spot" excess in the beam direction

# Features of Dark-Sector Solutions

- Charged pion/kaon decays → They allow to explain the difference between the neutrino and antineutrino mode excesses.
- Consistent with negligible events in the MiniBooNE dump mode: signals from neutral mesons are subdominant or negligible.
- Solutions can emerge from upscattering of dark matter (collimated  $e+e^-$  pair) or forward scattering of (pseudo)scalar via inverse Primakoff (photon)
- Allowed by the MicroBooNE results
- Predictions for stopped-pion neutrino experiments (vis neutral pion), on-axis measurement at SBND (smaller distance), off-axis NuMI measurements at MiniBooNE, SBN (ICARUS, MicroBooNE, SBND) etc

# AMERICA'S TOP TEN

## Favorite Ice Cream Flavors



1. **Vanilla**
2. **Chocolate**
3. **Cookies N' Cream**
4. **Mint Chocolate Chip**
5. **Chocolate Chip  
Cookie Dough**
6. **Buttered Pecan**
7. **Cookie Dough**
8. **Strawberry**
9. **Moose Tracks**
10. **Neapolitan**



Source: 2017 International Dairy Foods Association Ice Cream Survey, a national survey of ice cream makers and retailers. Conducted by Research America Inc.

# Summary of Models

*(and other considerations)*

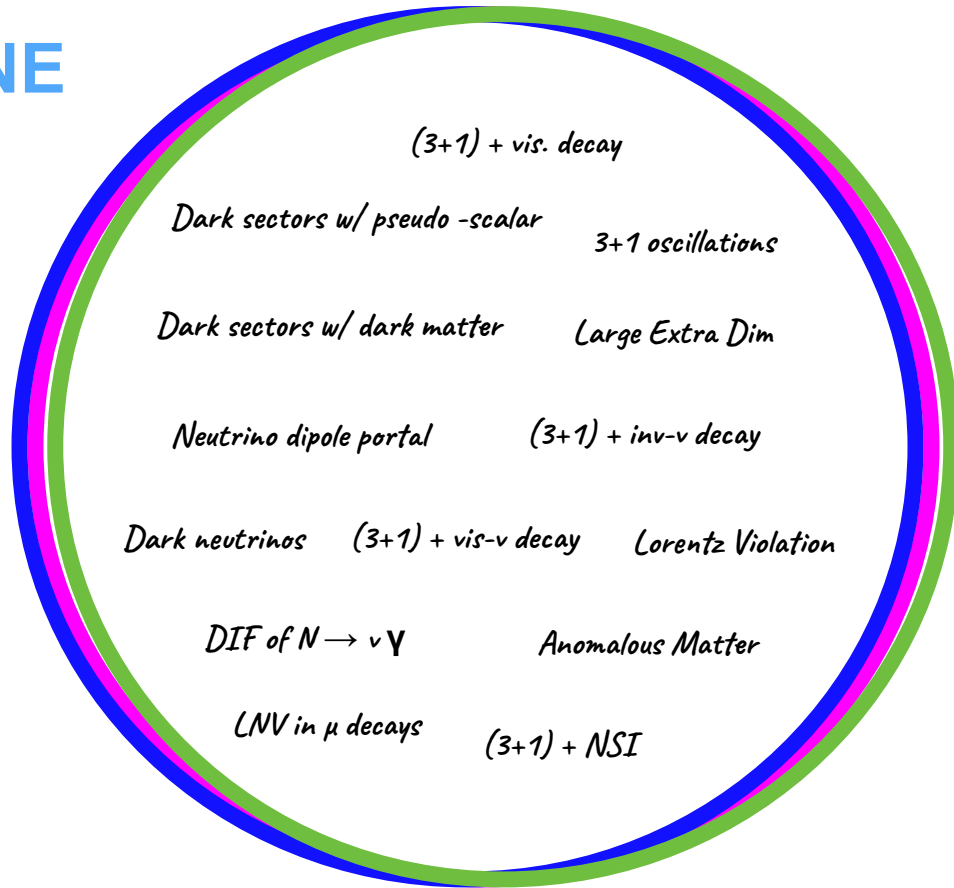


Model	U. Signature	LSND	MB	Reactors	Cosmology	Issues	Score
<b>3+1</b>	Oscillations					Appearance-disappearance tension.	<b>6</b>
<b>(3+1) + inv-v decay</b>	Damped oscillations					Large couplings. UV model?	<b>4</b>
<b>(3+1) + NSI</b>	Modified matter effects					Large NSI couplings. DeepCore tension.	<b>11</b>
<b>Anomalous matter</b>	Resonant appearance				unknown	Tension with T2K if resonance in E.	<b>9</b>
<b>Large extra dim</b>	Osc with related freqs.				unknown	Same issues as 3+1 or worse.	<b>12</b>
<b>LNV in <math>\mu</math> decays</b>	$\mu^+ \rightarrow \text{anti-}\nu_e$					Michel params in tension w/ TRIUMF.	<b>8</b>
<b>Lorentz violation</b>	Sidereal time variation				unknown	HE IceCube tension.	<b>10</b>
<b>Dark neutrinos</b>	Upscattering to $N \rightarrow \nu e^+e^-$					MINERvA/CHARM-II/ND280 tension?	<b>2</b>
<b>Dipole portal</b>	Upscattering to $N \rightarrow \nu \gamma$					MINERvA/CHARM-II/ND280 tension?	<b>3</b>
<b>(3+1) + vis-v decay</b>	DIF of $\nu_s \rightarrow \nu_e$					Tension with solar antineutrinos.	<b>5</b>
<b>(3+1) + vis decay</b>	DIF of $N \rightarrow \nu \gamma$					Tlmg at MB.	<b>7</b>
<b>Dark sectors: dark matter</b>	Upscattering to $\chi' \rightarrow \chi e^+e^-$					MINERvA/CHARM-II/ND280 tension?	<b>5</b>
<b>Dark sectors: (pseudo)-scalar</b>	Forward scattering to $\gamma$					MINERvA/CHARM-II/ND280 tension?	<b>1</b>

# The MiniBooNE Lens

Single photon

Single electron

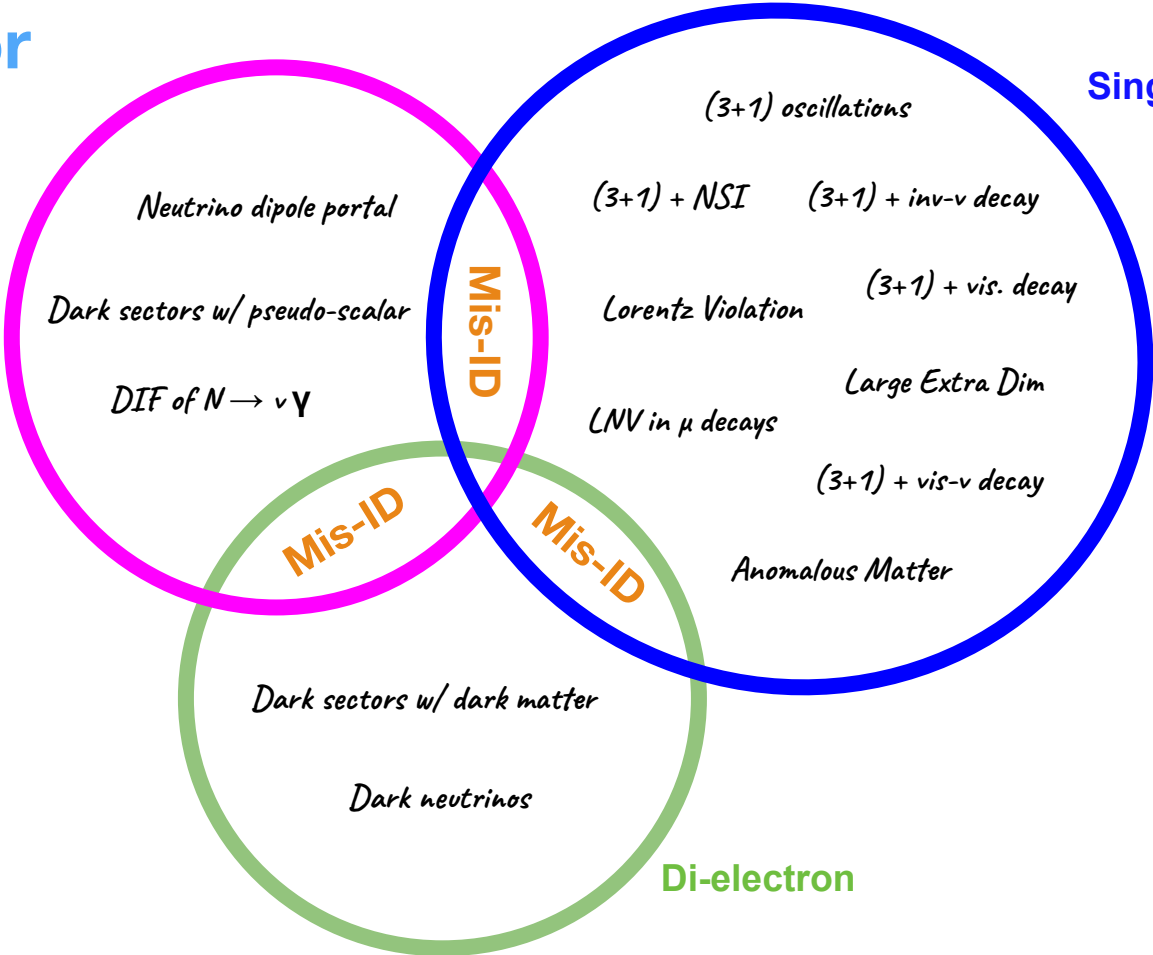


Di-electron

# SBN Tricolor Lens

Single photon

Single electron



# Take home message

- **Vanilla eV sterile neutrino is extremely disfavored as a solution, but is still an important benchmark model.**
- **Large number of proposals put forward:**
  - important to use benchmark models
  - improved PID at the SBN program can discriminate between them,
  - as a result, there is a need for more tailored analyses.
- **Non-oscillatory models have more predictions at other facilities – multi-prong approach**
  - if a signal is seen, other experiments can provide additional discrimination,
  - e+e- colliders, kaons, beam dumps, large volume neutrino detectors.



**Gracias!**