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## Relic neutrinos: clustering and consequences for direct detection

*Featuring “Milky Way” & friends*

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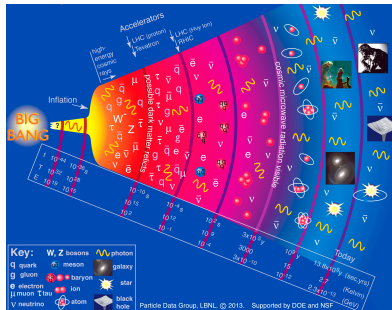
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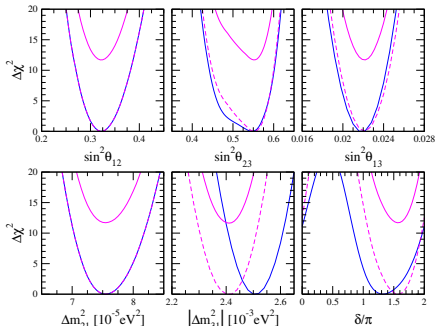
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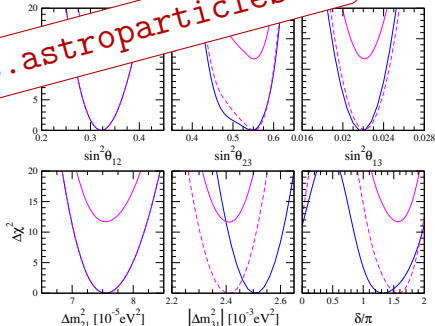
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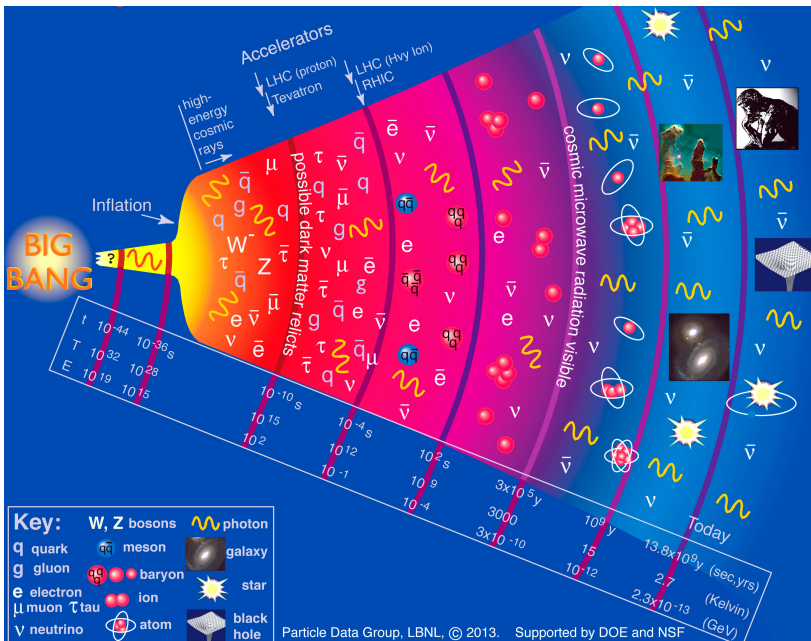
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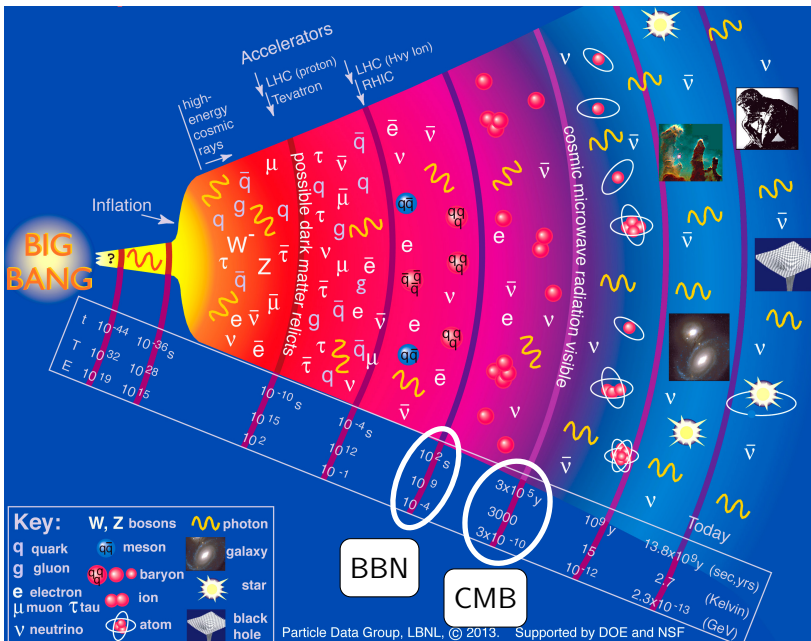


see also: <http://globalfit.astroparticles.es>

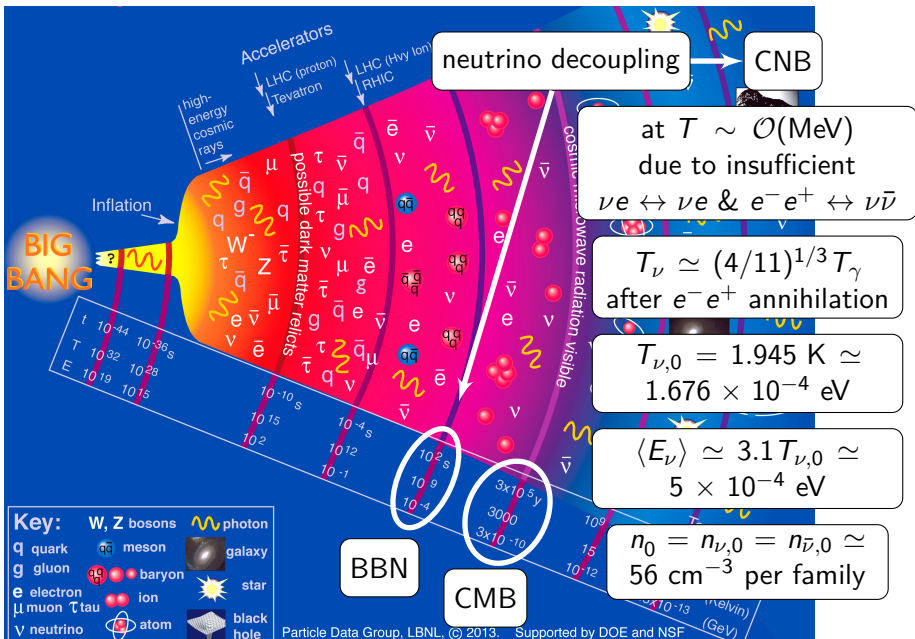
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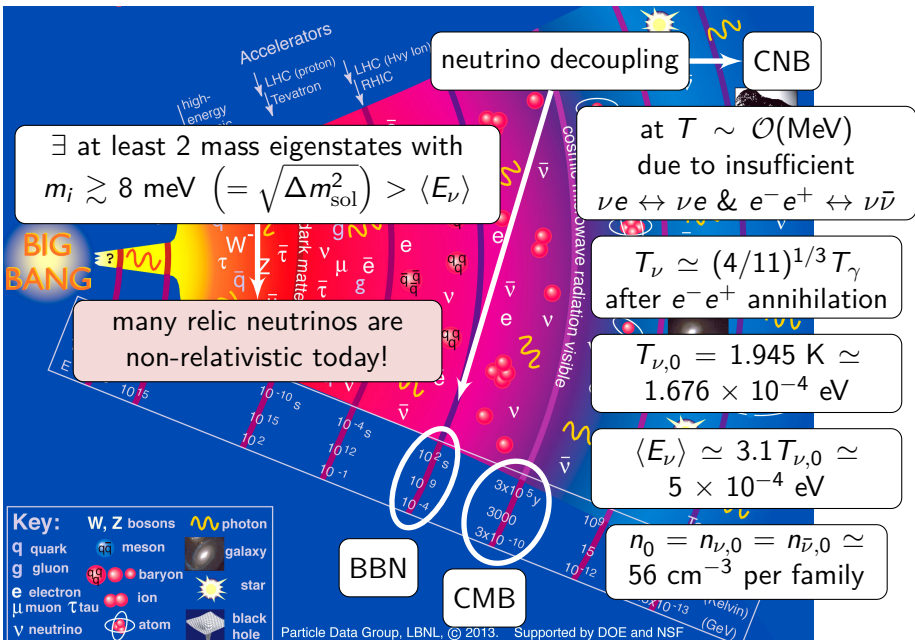


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## Relic neutrinos in cosmology: $N_{\text{eff}}$

Radiation energy density  $\rho_r$  in the early Universe:

$$\rho_r = \left[ 1 + \frac{7}{8} \left( \frac{4}{11} \right)^{4/3} N_{\text{eff}} \right] \rho_\gamma = [1 + 0.2271 N_{\text{eff}}] \rho_\gamma$$

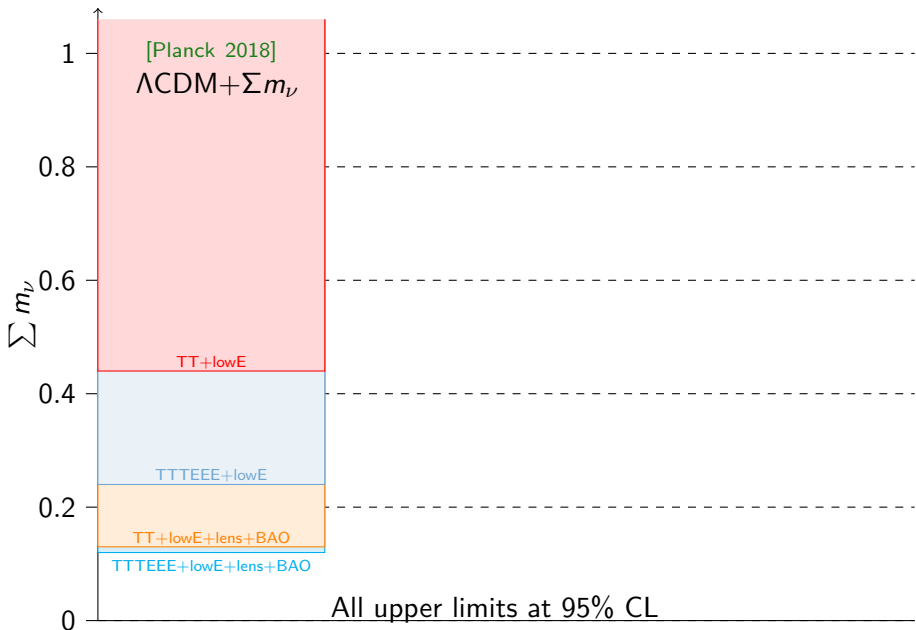
$\rho_\gamma$  photon energy density,  $7/8$  is for fermions,  $(4/11)^{4/3}$  due to photon reheating after neutrino decoupling

- $N_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow$  all the radiation contribution not given by photons
- $N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 1$  correspond to a single family of active neutrino, in equilibrium in the early Universe
- Active neutrinos:  
 $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.046$  [Mangano et al., 2005] (damping factors approximations)  $\sim$   
 $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.045$  [de Salas et al., 2016] (full collision terms)  
due to not instantaneous decoupling for the neutrinos
- + Non Standard Interactions:  $3.040 < N_{\text{eff}} < 3.059$  [de Salas et al., 2016]

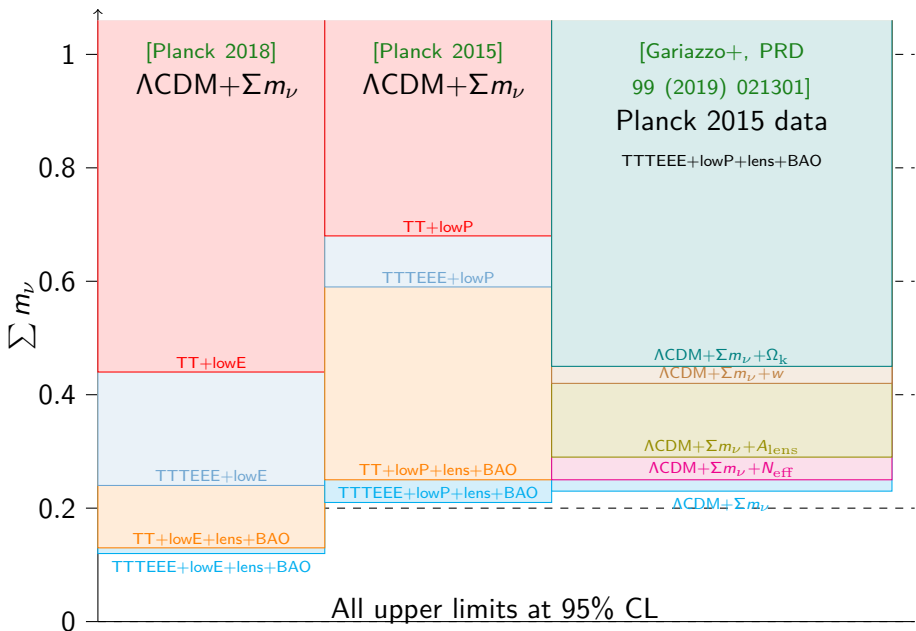
Observations:  $N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 3.0 \pm 0.2$  [Planck 2018]  
Indirect probe of cosmic neutrino background!

$\gg 10\sigma!$

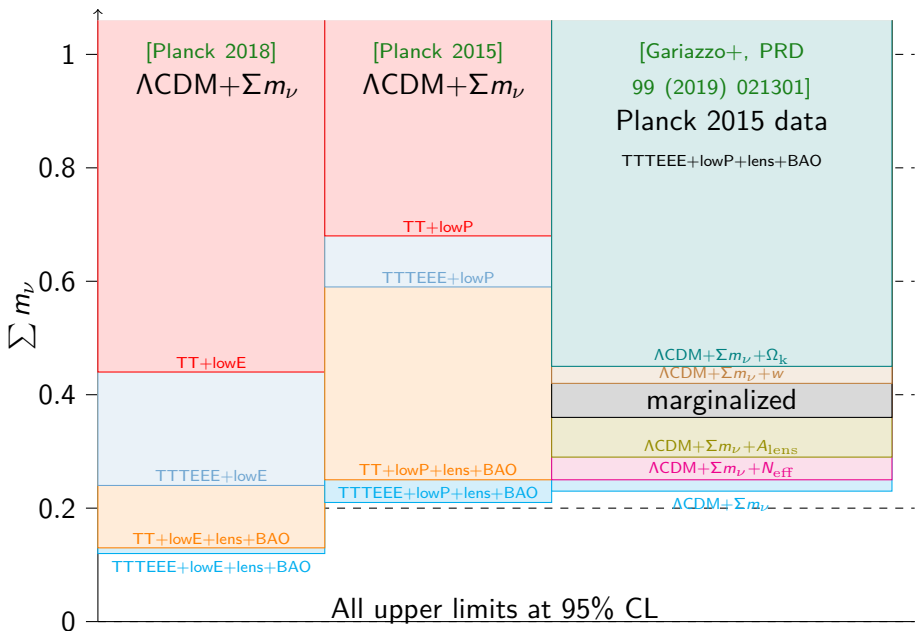
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# Relic neutrino capture

How to directly detect non-relativistic neutrinos?

Remember that  
 $\langle E_\nu \rangle \simeq \mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$  eV today



a process without energy  
 threshold is necessary

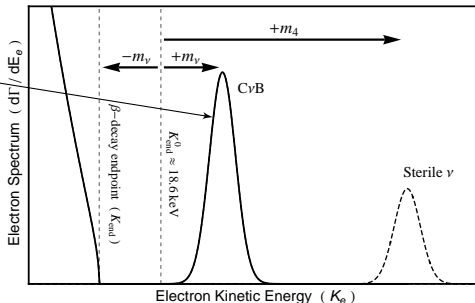
[Weinberg, 1962]: neutrino capture in  $\beta$ -decaying nuclei  $\nu + n \rightarrow p + e^-$

Main background:  $\beta$  decay  $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}$ !

signal is a peak at  $2m_\nu$   
 above  $\beta$ -decay endpoint

only with a lot of material

need a very good energy resolution



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 $\nu$  clustering in the galaxy?

enhancement from  
other effects?

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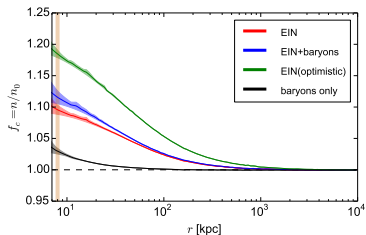
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# $\nu$ clustering with N-one-body simulations

Milky Way (MW) matter attracts neutrinos!

clustering  $\rightarrow$

$$\Gamma_{\text{CNB}} = \sum_{i=1}^3 |U_{ei}|^2 f_c(m_i) [n_{i,0}(\nu_{h_R}) + n_{i,0}(\nu_{h_L})] N_T \bar{\sigma}$$

$f_c(m_i) = n_i/n_{i,0}$  clustering factor  $\rightarrow$  How to compute it?

Idea from [Ringwald & Wong, 2004]  $\rightarrow$  **N-one-body** =  $N \times$  single  $\nu$  simulations

$\rightarrow$  each  $\nu$  evolved from initial conditions at  $z = 3$

$\rightarrow$  spherical symmetry, coordinates  $(r, \theta, p_r, l)$

$\rightarrow$  need  $\rho_{\text{matter}}(z) = \rho_{\text{DM}}(z) + \rho_{\text{baryon}}(z)$

Assumptions:

$\nu$ s are independent

only gravitational interactions

$\nu$ s do not influence matter evolution

$(\rho_\nu \ll \rho_{\text{DM}})$

how many  $\nu$ s is "N"?

$\rightarrow$  must sample all possible  $r, p_r, l$

$\rightarrow$  must include all possible  $\nu$ s that reach the MW

(fastest ones may come from  
several (up to  $\mathcal{O}(100)$ ) Mpc!)

given  $N \nu$ :

$\rightarrow$  weigh each neutrinos

$\rightarrow$  reconstruct final density profile with kernel method from [Merritt&Tremblay, 1994]

# Dark matter: profiles today

( $\gamma$ )NFW profile:

$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{NFW}} \left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right)^{-\gamma} \left(1 + \frac{r}{r_s}\right)^{-3+\gamma} = \rho_{\text{DM}}(r) = \mathcal{N}_{\text{Ein}} \exp\left\{-\frac{2}{\alpha} \left(\left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right)^\alpha - 1\right)\right\}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{NFW}} = 2^{3-\gamma} \rho_{\text{NFW}}(r_s) \quad \text{normalization}$$

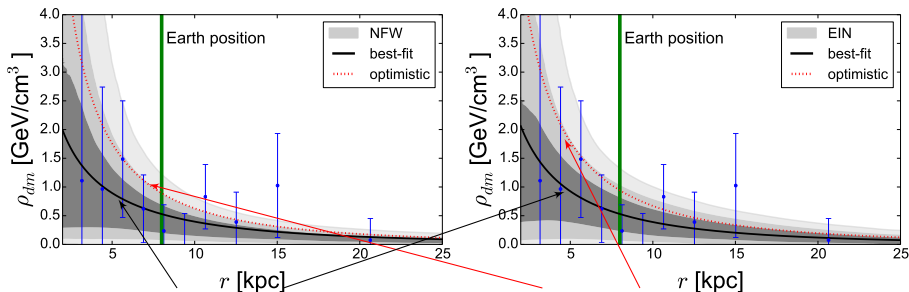
$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{NFW}}, r_s, \gamma$$

parameters

Einasto (EIN) profile:

$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{Ein}} = \rho_{\text{Ein}}(r_s)$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{Ein}}, r_s, \alpha$$



**Best-fit profiles**

fit of **data points** from [Pato & Iocco, 2015]

**optimistic**: close to  $2\sigma$  upper limits

## DM: Time evolution of the profiles

profile evolution from universe expansion

$$\rho_{\text{cr}}(z) = \frac{3}{8\pi G} H^2(z)$$

$$F_{\text{cr}}(z) = \Omega_{m,0}(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda,0}$$

$$H^2(z) = H_0^2 F_{\text{cr}}(z)$$

$$\rho_{\text{cr}}(z) = F_{\text{cr}}(z) \times \rho_{\text{cr}}(z=0)$$

$$M_{\text{vir}} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \Delta_{\text{vir}}(z) \rho_{\text{cr}}(z) a^3 r_{\text{vir}}^3(z)$$

(constant in time)

virial radius  $r_{\text{vir}}$ radius of sphere containing  $M_{\text{vir}}$ ,  
average density  $\Delta_{\text{vir}}(z) \times \rho_{\text{cr}}(z)$ but  $\rho_{\text{DM}} = \rho_{\text{DM}}(r; r_s, \mathcal{N}, [\gamma|\alpha])$ relation between  $r_s$  and  $r_{\text{vir}}$ ?

from N-body [Dutton et al., 2014]

$$\Delta_{\text{vir}}(z) = \begin{cases} 200 & \text{for EIN,} \\ 18\pi^2 + 82\lambda(z) - 39\lambda(z)^2 & \text{for NFW.} \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda(z) = \Omega_m(z) - 1$$

final expression  $\implies$ 

$$\rho_{\text{DM}}(r, z) = N(z) \tilde{\rho}_{\text{DM}}(r, r_s(z))$$

 $\tilde{\rho}_{\text{DM}}$  depends on redshift  
only through  $r_s$ 

$$a = 1/(1+z), h = H_0/(100 \text{ Km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}) \quad - \quad h = 0.6727, \Omega_{m,0} = 0.3156, \Omega_{\Lambda,0} = 0.6844 \quad [\text{Planck Collaboration, 2015}]$$

# Baryons: the complexity of a structure

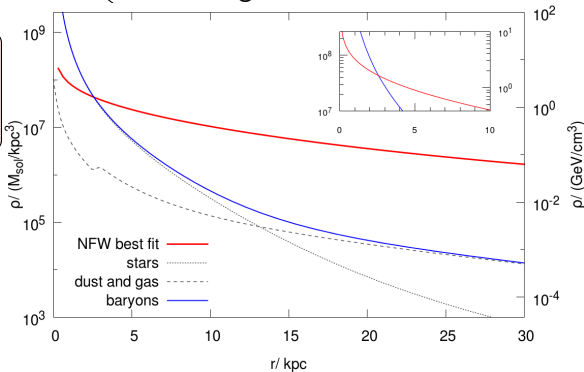
Complex problem: how to model baryon content of a galaxy?

e.g. [Pato et al., 2015]:  
70 different baryonic models

7 models for the bulge  
×  
5 for the disc  
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2 for the gas

[Misiriotis et al., 2006]:  
5 independent  
components

warm dust  
cold dust  
stars  
atomic  $H$  gas  
molecular  $H$  gas



our case: [Misiriotis et al., 2006], spherically symmetrized

# Baryons: redshift evolution

baryon evolution with redshift?

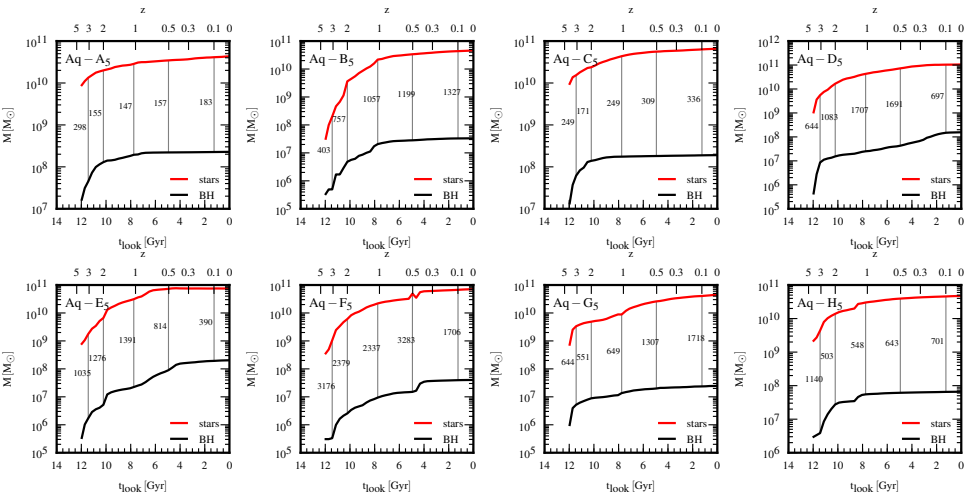
from [Marinacci et al., 2013]

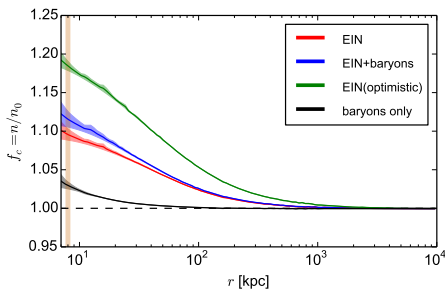
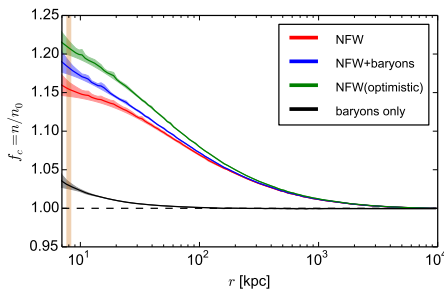
results of full N-body simulations

$\mathcal{N}_{\text{bar}}(z)$  from  $M(z)$

mean of 8 simulations

based on Aquarius simulation:  $M_{\text{Aq}} \simeq M_{\text{MW}}$

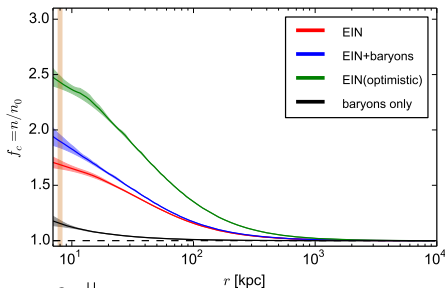
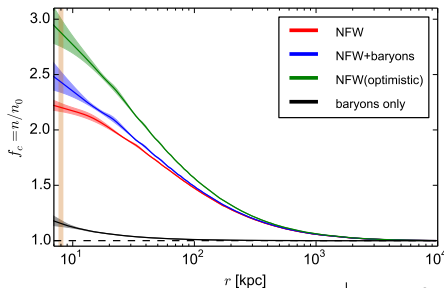




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ordering dependence from  $\Gamma_{\text{CNB}} = \sum_{i=1}^3 |U_{ei}|^2 f_i [n_i(\nu_{hR}) + n_i(\nu_{hL})] N_T \bar{\sigma}$

$\Rightarrow$  minimal mass detectable by PTOLEMY if  $\Delta \simeq 100$ –150 meV



matter halo	overdensity $f_c$ $f_1 \simeq f_2 \simeq f_3$	$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}$ ( $\text{yr}^{-1}$ )
any	no clustering	4.06
NFW(+bar)	2.18 (2.44)	8.8 (9.9)
NFW optimistic	2.88	11.7
EIN(+bar)	1.68 (1.87)	6.8 (7.6)
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no ordering dependence:  $m_1 \simeq m_2 \simeq m_3 \Rightarrow f_1 \simeq f_2 \simeq f_3$



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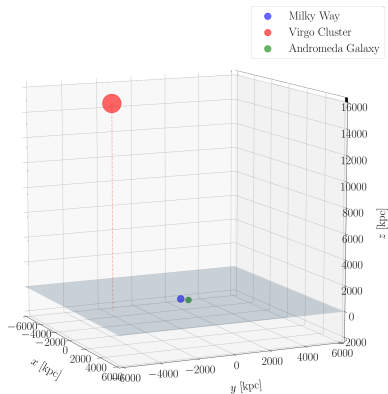
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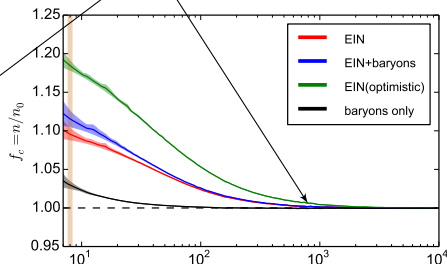
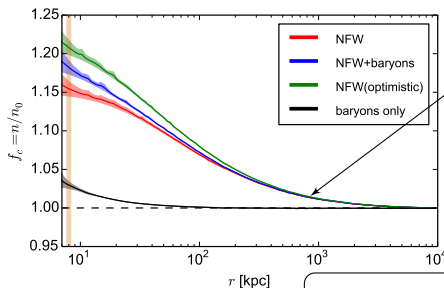
nearest galaxies: various MW satellites

with  $M_{\text{sat}} \ll M_{\text{MW}} \longrightarrow$  negligibly small  $\nu$  halo

nearest big galaxy:

Andromeda

$$M_{\text{Andromeda}} = M_{\text{MW}} \times \mathcal{O}(1) - d_{\text{Andromeda}} \simeq 800 \text{ kpc}$$



$m_{\text{heaviest}} \simeq 60 \text{ meV}$

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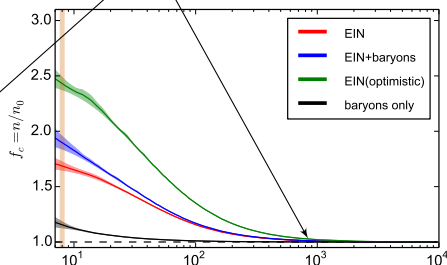
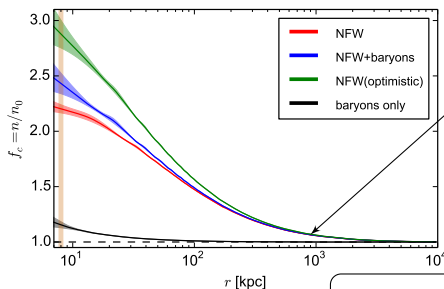
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$m_\nu \simeq 150 \text{ meV}$

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(halo is less diffuse for higher  $\nu$  masses)

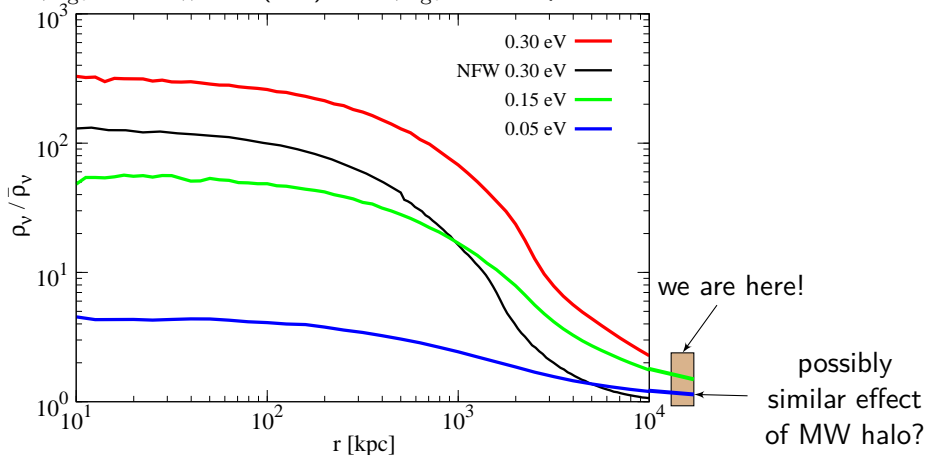
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nearest galaxy cluster:

Virgo cluster

very wide  $\nu$  halo, may reach Earth

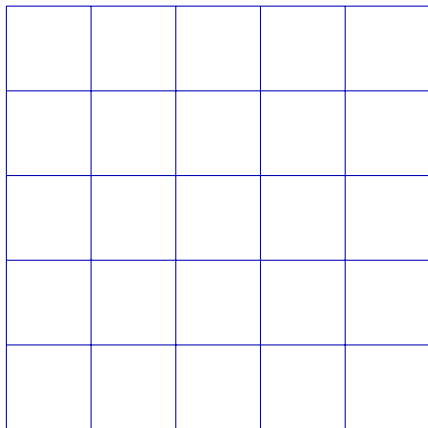
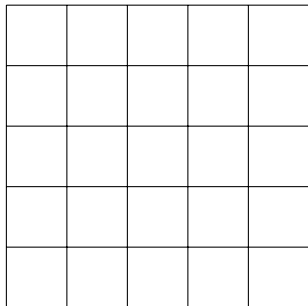
$$M_{\text{Virgo}} = M_{\text{MW}} \times \mathcal{O}(10^3) \quad - \quad d_{\text{Virgo}} \simeq 16 \text{ Mpc}$$



[Villaescusa-Navarro et al., JCAP 1106 (2011) 027]

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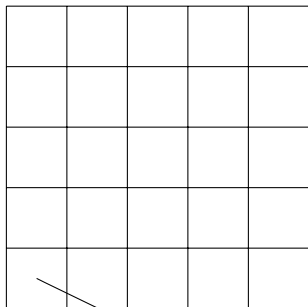
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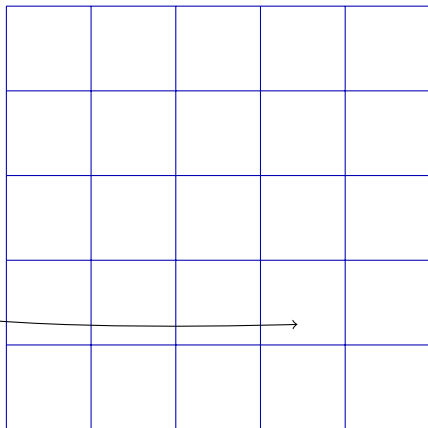
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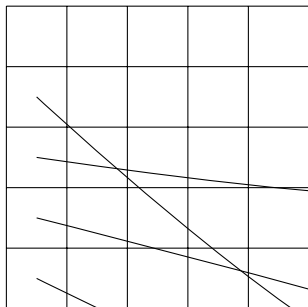
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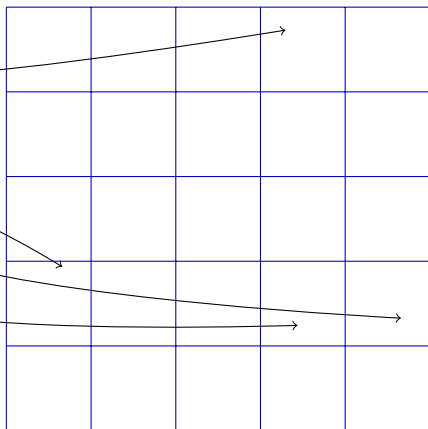
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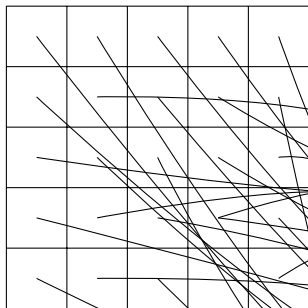
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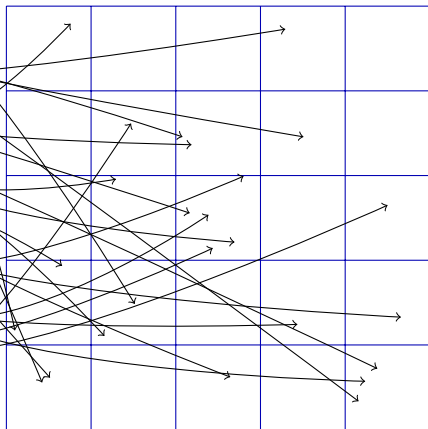
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use positions to find neutrino distribution today

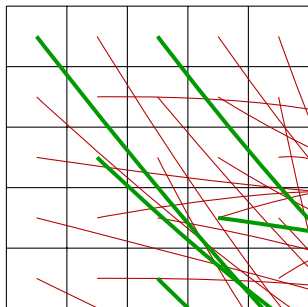


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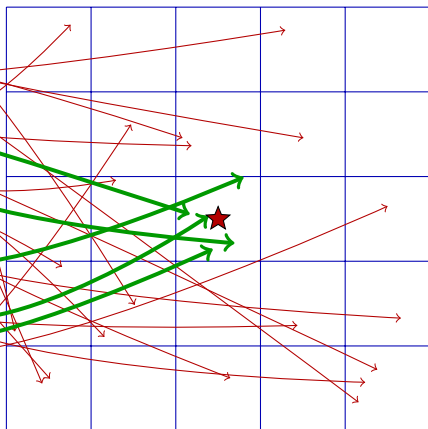


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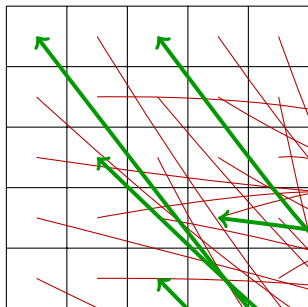


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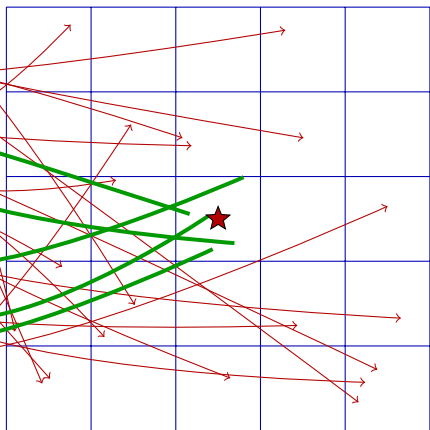
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with full grid would re-  
quire 3+3 dimensions!

Impossible to relax  
spherical symmetry!

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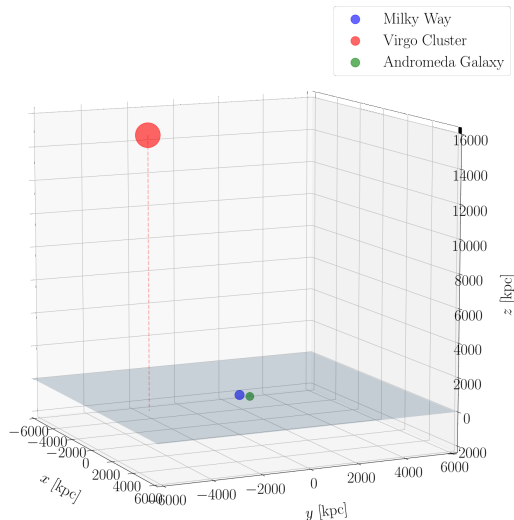
“Initial” conditions only described  
by 3D in momentum  
(position is fixed, apart for checks)

can do the calculation with  
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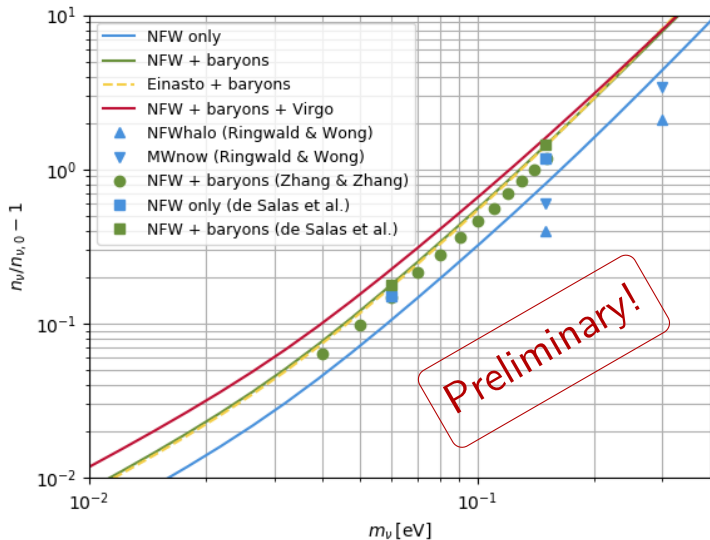
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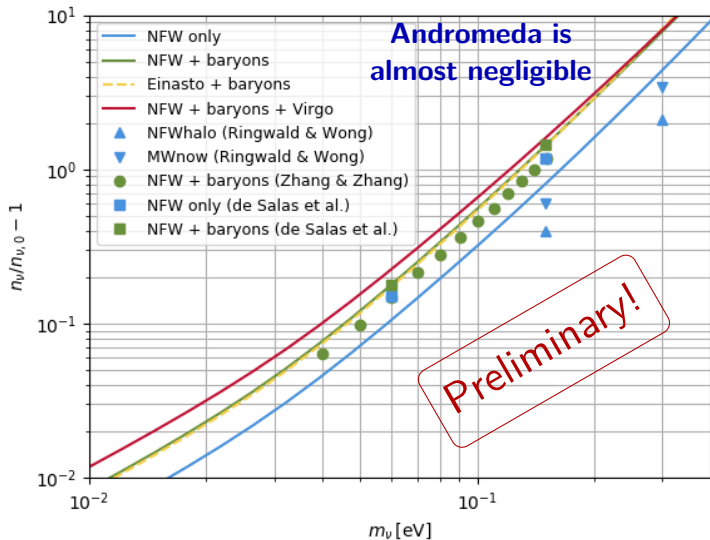
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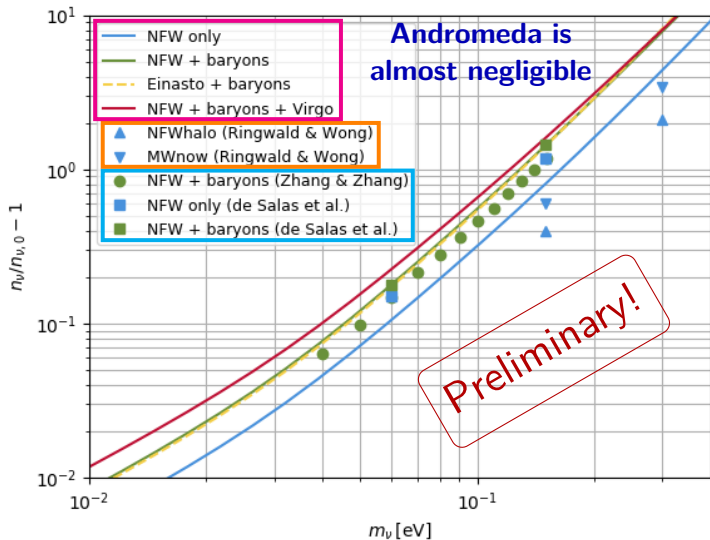
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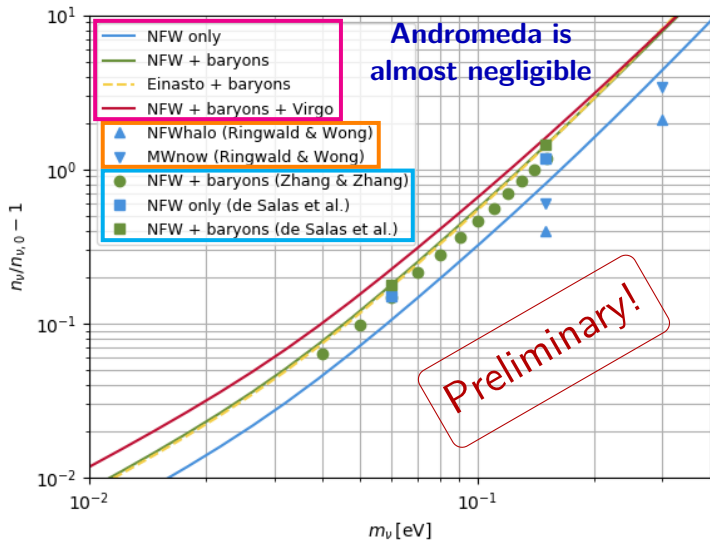
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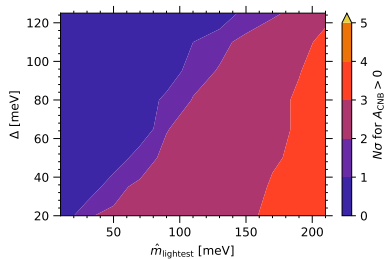
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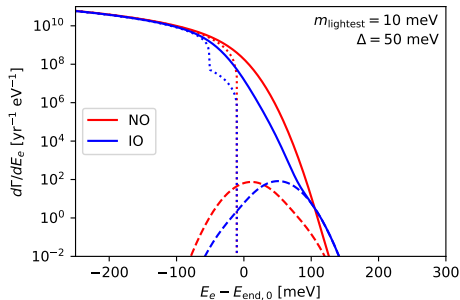
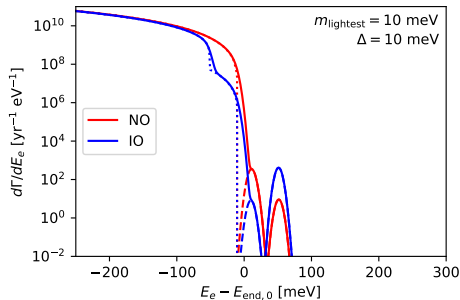
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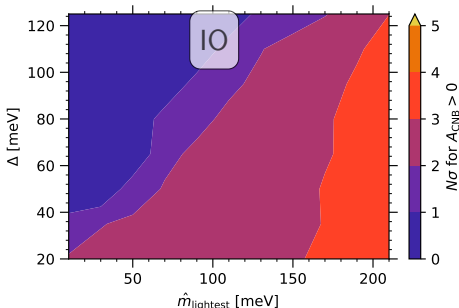
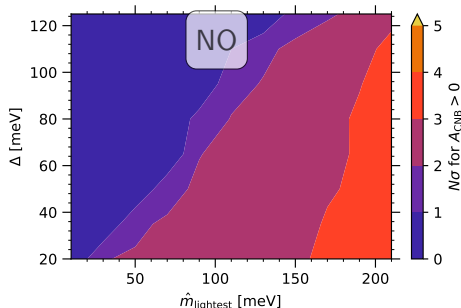
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$$N_{\text{th}}^i(\theta) = A_{\beta} N_{\beta}^i(\hat{E}_{\text{end}} + \Delta E_{\text{end}}, m_i, U) + \mathbf{A}_{\text{CNB}} N_{\text{CNB}}^i(\hat{E}_{\text{end}} + \Delta E_{\text{end}}, m_i, U) + N_b$$

if  $\mathbf{A}_{\text{CNB}} > 0$  at  $N\sigma$ , direct detection of CNB accomplished at  $N\sigma$

statistical only!

significance on  $A_{\text{CNB}} > 0$   
as a function of  $\hat{m}_{\text{lightest}}, \Delta$

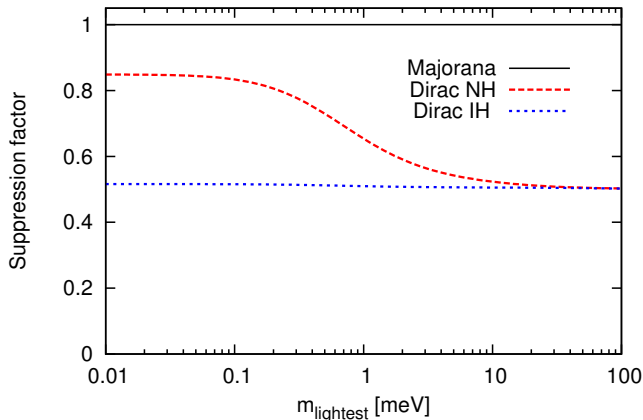


direct detection through  $\nu_e + {}^3\text{H} \rightarrow e^- + {}^3\text{He}$

only neutrinos with correct chirality can be detected!

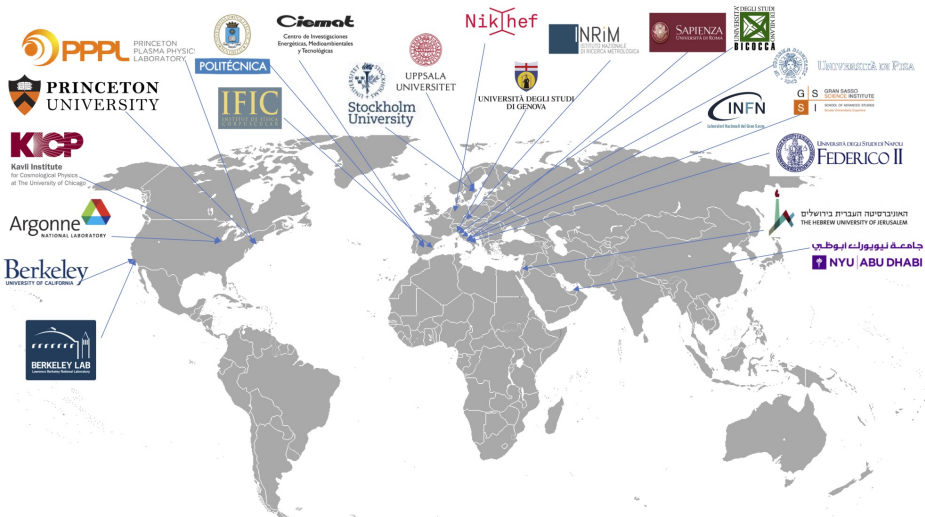
non-relativistic **Majorana** case:  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  cannot be distinguished!

expect **more events** for the **Majorana** than for **Dirac** case



Dirac **normal**  
or **inverted**  
ordering differ  
because lighter  
 $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  in **NH**  
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↓  
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