

# BSM Targets at a Target-less DUNE

### Chicago Workshop on Dark Matter and Neutrino Physics

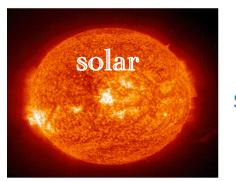
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### Status of Neutrino Physics in 2022

Super-Kamiokande, Borexino, SNO



atmospheric

accelerator

MBL: Daya Bay, RENO, Double Chooz LBL: KamLAND

IceCube, Super-Kamiokande

T2K, MII

3/10/2023

#### T2K, MINOS, NOvA

 $\begin{array}{c} {}_{\rm mixing \, angles:}\\ sin^2\theta_{12} @ 4\%\\ sin^2\theta_{13} @ 3\%\\ sin^2\theta_{23} @ 3\% \end{array}$ 

mass squared differences:  $\Delta m^2_{21} @ 3\%$  $|\Delta m^2_{31}| @ 1\%$ 

Future: DUNE, T2HK , JUNO

- -
- Increase the precision
- CP-phase?
- Mass hierarchy?

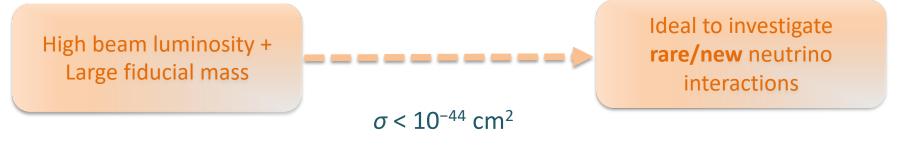
Also:

Mass scale? Dirac or Majorana? Sterile?

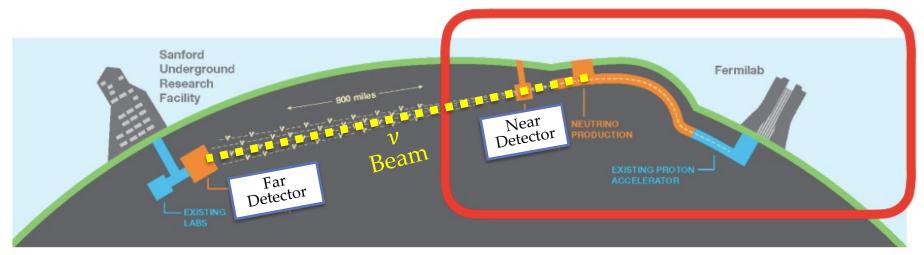
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## Physics goals of near detectors:

Primary role: Understanding Systematic Uncertainties



- Test SM predictions
- Search for BSM physics

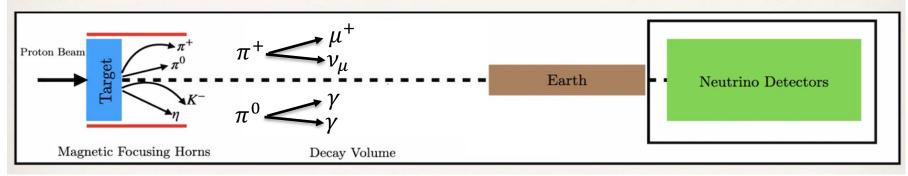


## **Question:**

• How can we fully leverage DUNE to search for New Physics?

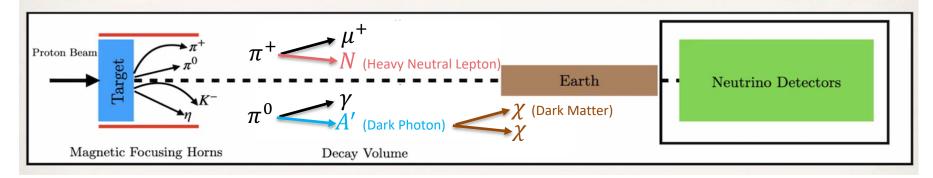
• Can DUNE probe compelling new physics beyond the reach of high energy colliders?

## Neutrino Experiments as Dark Sector factories!



Credit: Kevin Kelly

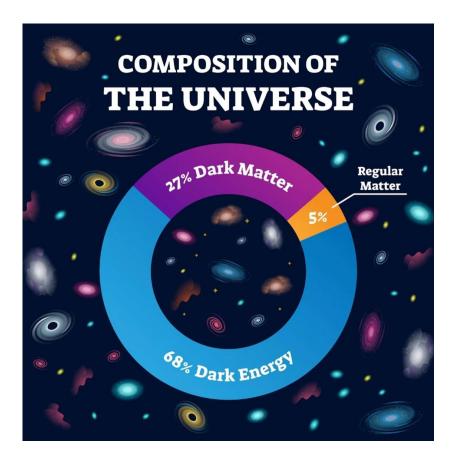
#### The huge fluxes of neutrinos and photos can be used for BSM searches



#### Heavy Neutral Leptons, Dark Photon, light DM, etc

Berryman et al, PRD (2018) Breitbach et al, JHEP (2022) De Romeri et al, PRD (2019) Magill et al, PRL (2019)

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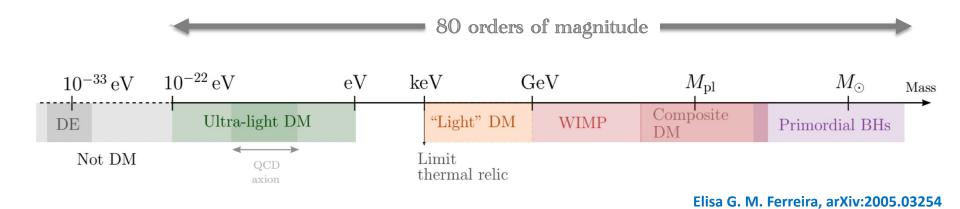
### We don't know!

There could be several kinds, making up a whole "dark sector"

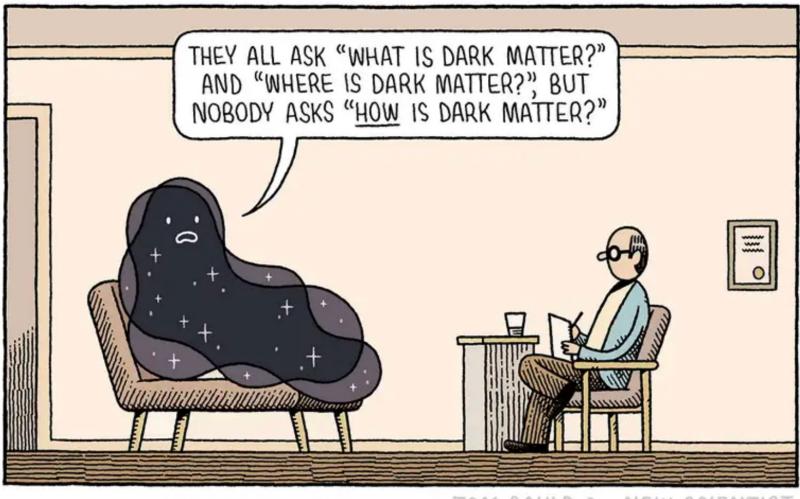


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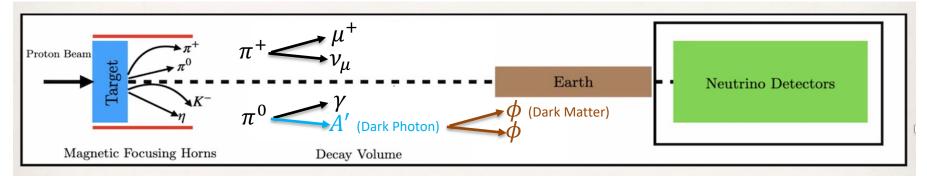
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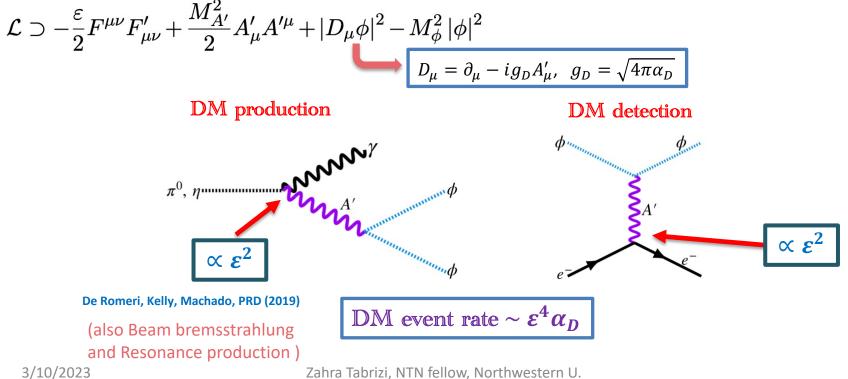
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TOM GAULD for NEW SCIENTIST

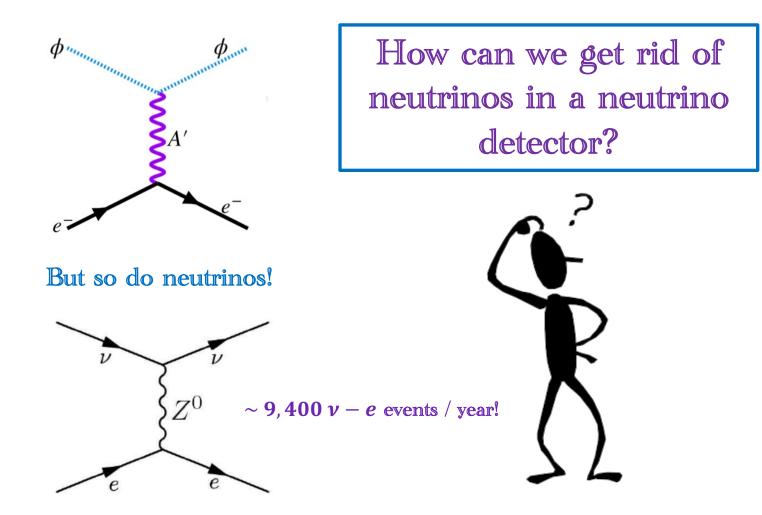


#### Photons at the target kinetically produce Dark Photons, which decay into dark matter:

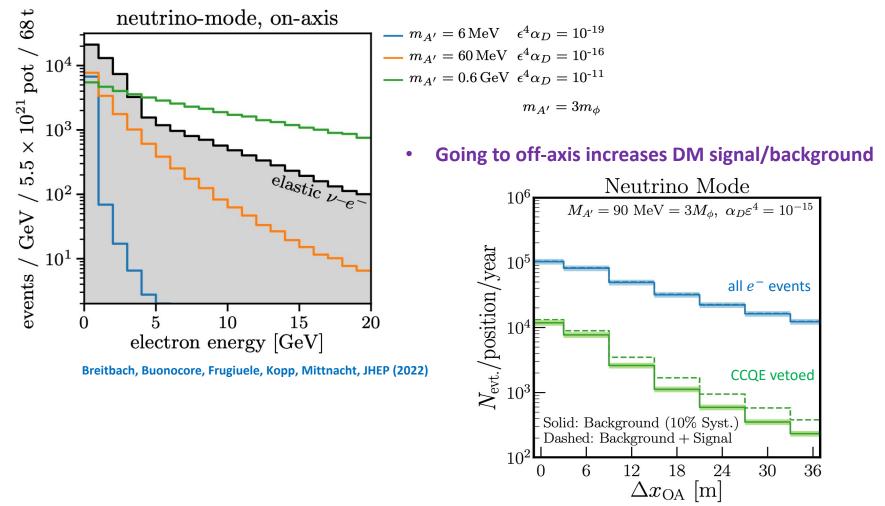


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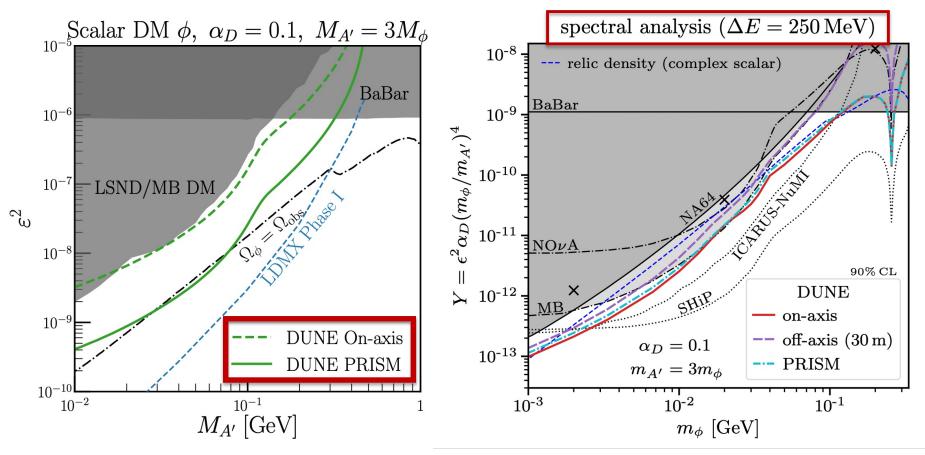
DM signal: elastic scattering on electrons



• Challenge: elastic neutrino-electron scattering is a huge background!



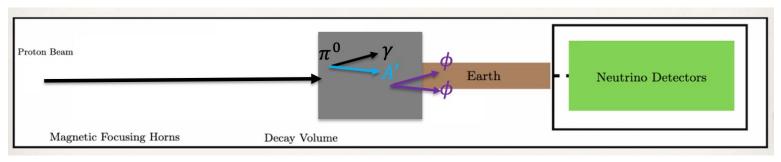
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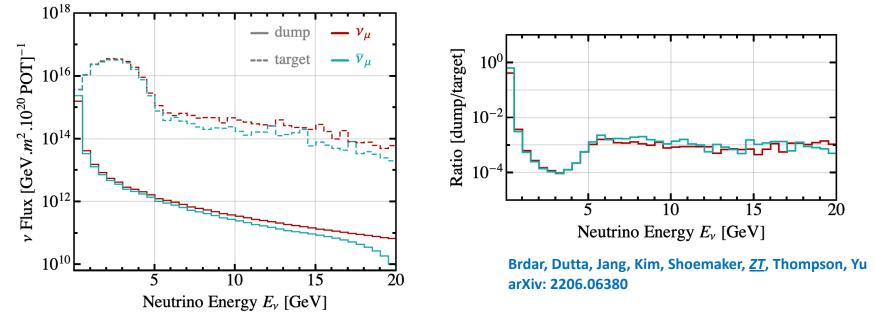
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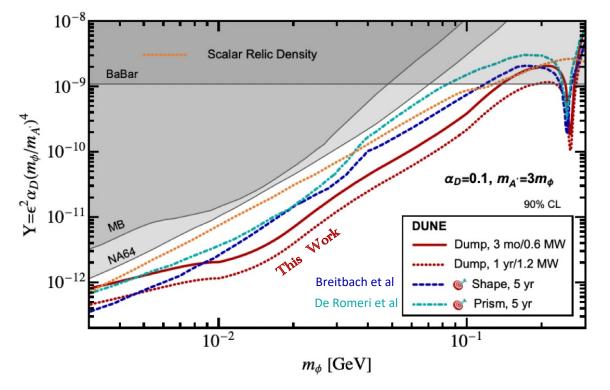
### LDM at a Target-less DUNE



- Impinging protons directly to the dump area;
- Shorter distance between the source point and the detector  $\rightarrow$  more DM signal;
- Charged mesons absorbed in the Al beam dump before decay;
- The  $\nu$  flux decreases by 3 orders of magnitude  $\rightarrow$  Only 0.5  $\nu$ -e background in 3 mo-0.6 MW!



### LDM at a Target-less DUNE



Brdar, Dutta, Jang, Kim, Shoemaker, <u>ZT</u>, Thompson, Yu arXiv: 2206.06380

Target-less DUNE can probe the parameter space for thermal relic DM in only 3 months!

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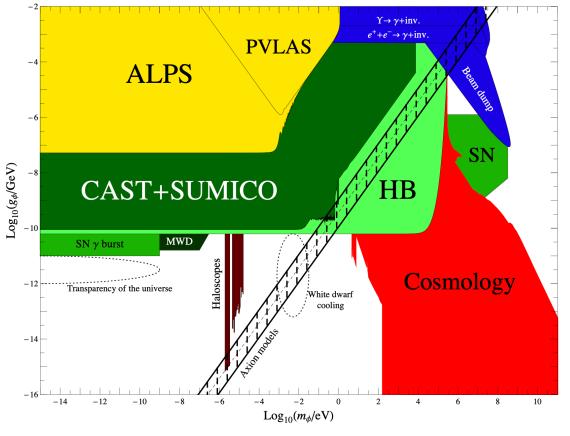
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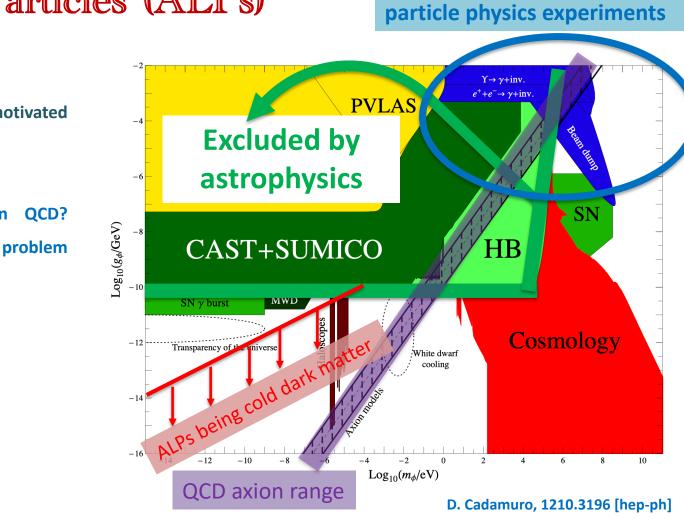


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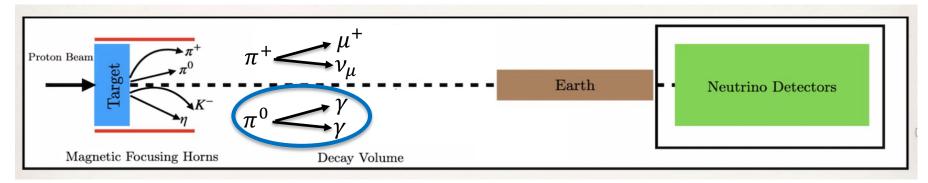
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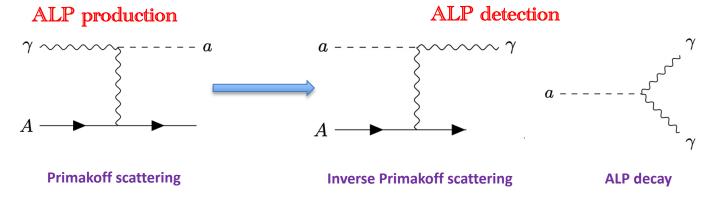
### ALPs at Neutrino Experiments



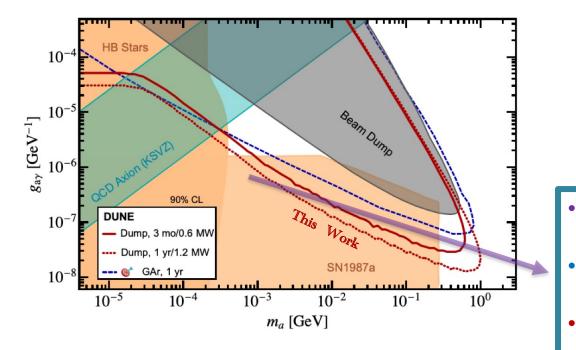
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#### Using photons to produce ALPs:

$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} \supset -rac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma\gamma} a F_{\mu
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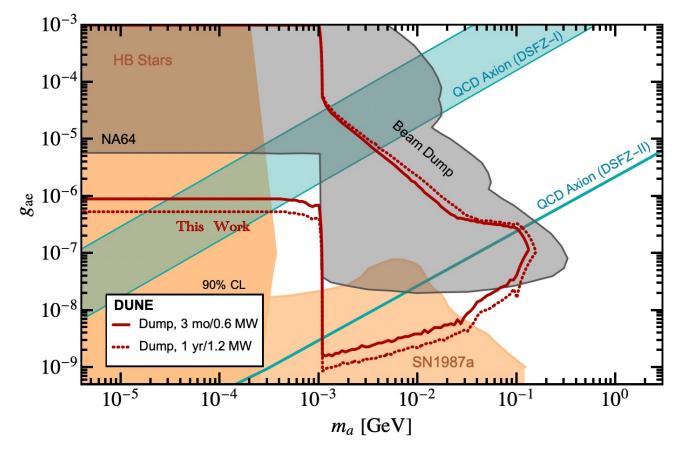


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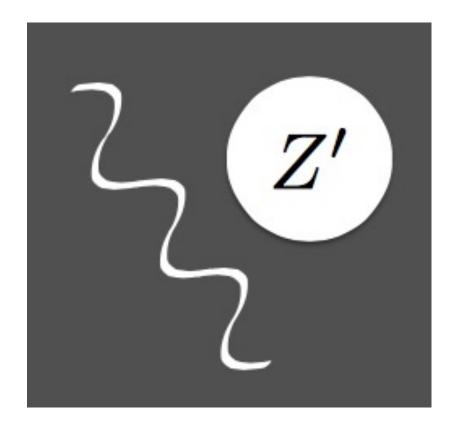
- The only lab-based constraints!
- Can probe QCD-axion
- 3 months target-less DUNE can do better than 1 yr GAr

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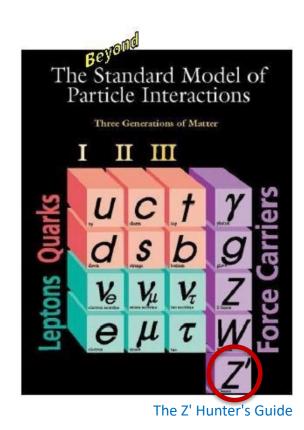




Hypothetical gauge boson that appear in many extensions of the standard model



LIGHT HEAVY



- What is its mass?
- Which particles does it talk to?



#### • Low Energy Experiments

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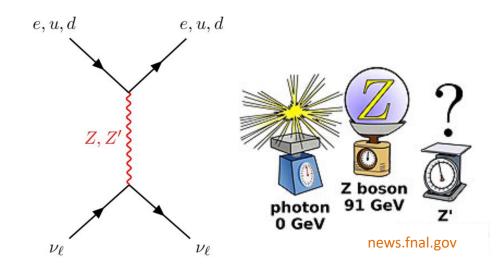
BaBar Collaboration, PRL (2014) BaBar Collaboration, PRL (2017)

#### Cosmology

Escudero et al, JHEP (2019)

What can we learn from neutrino experiments?

$$\mathcal{L}_{Z'}^{\text{matter}} = -g' \big( a_u \, \bar{u} \gamma^\alpha u + a_d \, \bar{d} \gamma^\alpha d + a_e \, \bar{e} \gamma^\alpha e \\ + b_e \, \bar{\nu}_e \gamma^\alpha P_L \nu_e + b_\mu \, \bar{\nu}_\mu \gamma^\alpha P_L \nu_\mu + b_\tau \, \bar{\nu}_\tau \gamma^\alpha P_L \nu_\tau \big) Z'_\alpha$$



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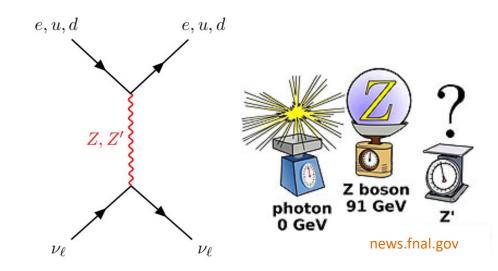
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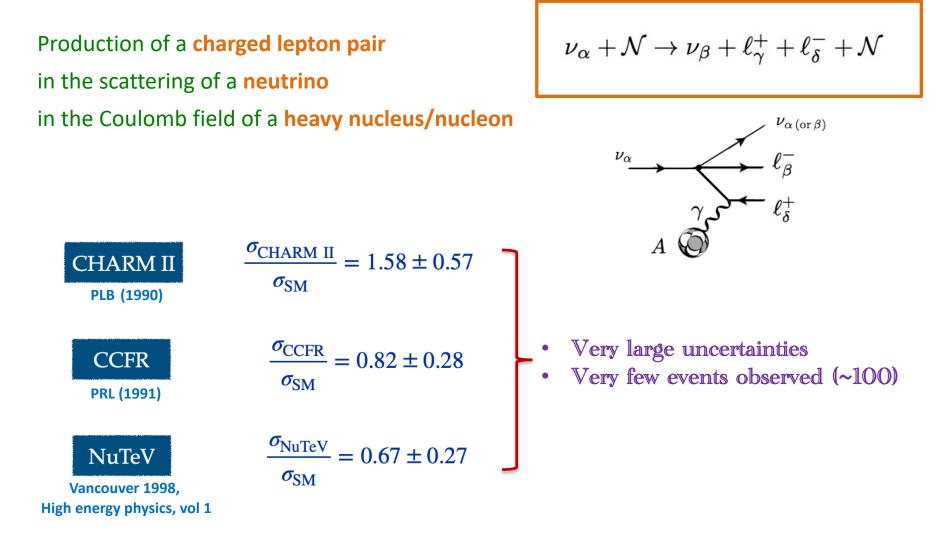
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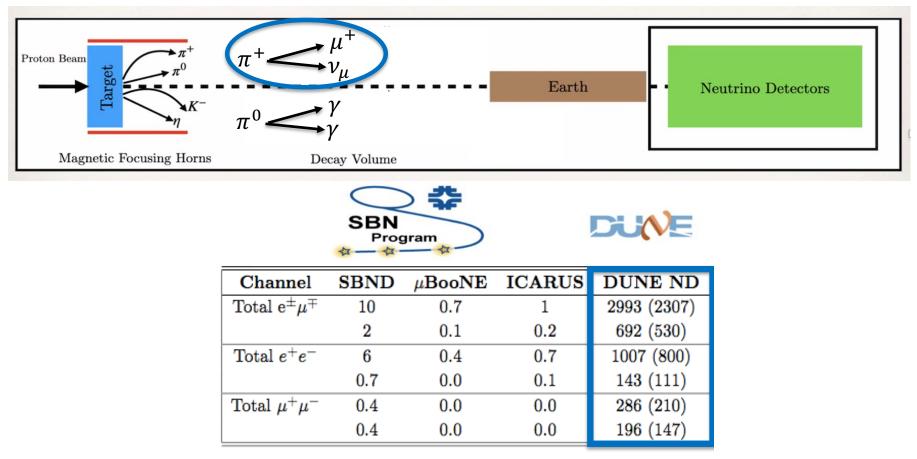


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### Neutrino Trident Scattering



### Trident rates at LAr Detectors



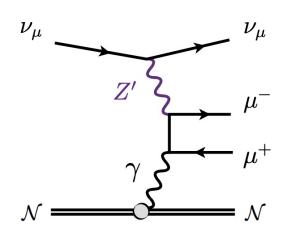
Coherent (upper) and diffractive (lower) trident events for (anti)neutrino mode

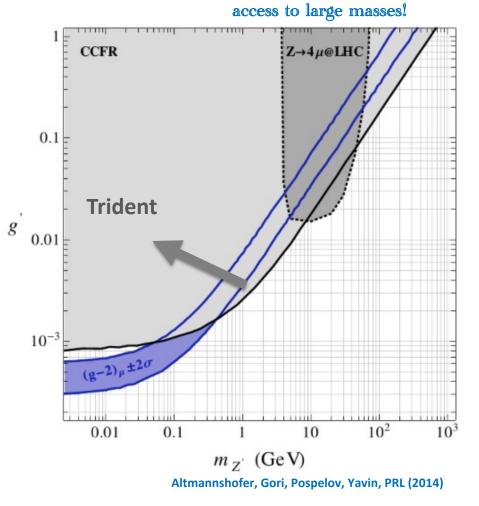
More than 9,000 trident events at DUNE!

Ballett, Hostert, Pascoli, Perez-Gonzalez, ZT and Funchal, PRD (2019)

# Light Z': $L_{\mu}$ - $L_{\tau}$ Model

- Z' only couples to muon and tau, but not to electrons;
- It can explain the muon (g-2) anomaly;
- Can be best probed using tridents;





HE colliders only have

Light Z':  $L_{\mu}$ - $L_{\tau}$  Model

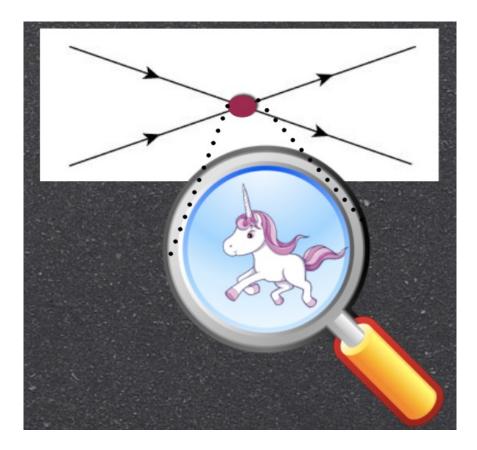
DUNE

#### $\varepsilon = \frac{eg'}{12\pi^2} \ln \frac{m_{\mu}^2}{m_{\pi}^2}$ ATLAS $10^{-2}$ -e@DUNE Borexino CMS 9 **BaBar** $4\mu$ Tridents@DUNE CCFR $10^{-3}$ · DUNE 90% C.L. $\mu^+\mu^-$ trident $(g-2)_{\mu} \pm 2\sigma$ $\nu - e$ scattering $\Delta N_{\rm eff} > 0.5$ $10^{-4}$ $10^{-2}$ $10^{-1}$ $10^{0}$ $10^{1}$ $M_{Z'}$ (GeV)

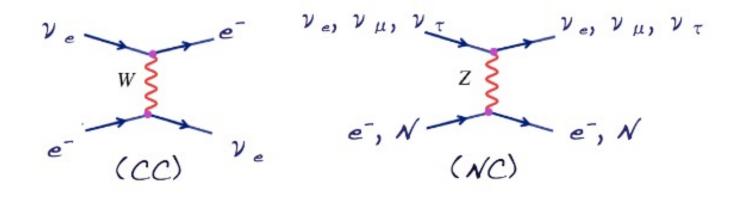
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### The whole g-2 region can be probed by DUNE data!

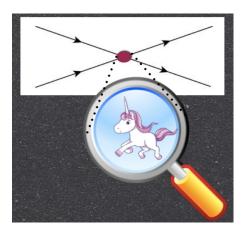
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• Coherent CC and NC forward scattering of neutrinos



• New 4-fermion interactions



- Observable effects at neutrino production/propagation/detection?
- Using "EFT" formalism to "systematically" explore NP beyond the neutrino masses and mixing

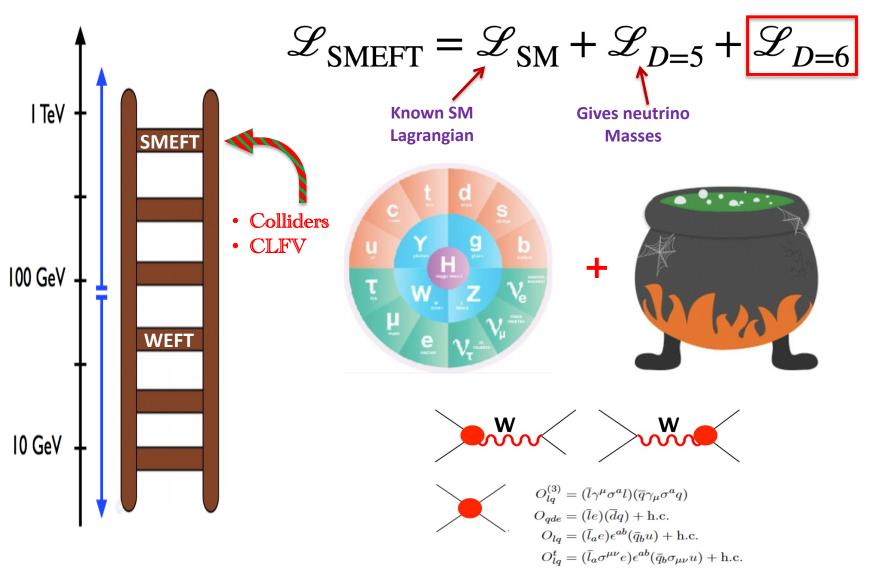
# Why EFT?

- One consistent framework to probe different aspects of particle interactions;
- Constraints from different low/high experiments can be meaningfully compared;
- Results can be translated into specific new physics models;
- We can probe very heavy particles, often beyond the reach of present colliders, by precisely measuring low-energy observables;

## What's the place of neutrino experiments in this program?

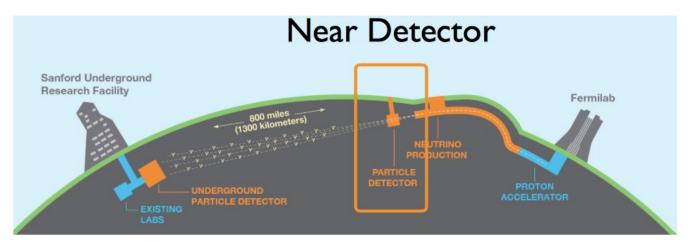
### EFT ladder

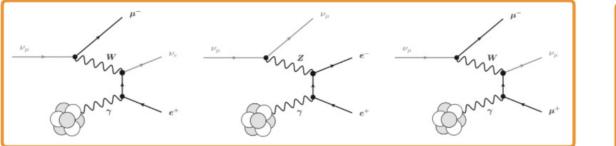
SMEFT: minimal EFT above the weak scale

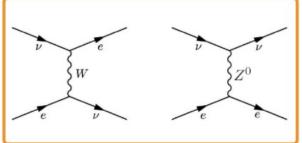


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## SMEFT at DUNE







- neutrino-electron scattering
- neutrino trident production
- neutrino-nuclei scattering

$$\mathcal{L}_{ ext{wEFT}} \supset -rac{2}{v^2} (\overline{
u}_a \overline{\sigma}_\mu 
u_b) \left[ g^{abcd}_{LL} (\overline{e}_c \overline{\sigma}_\mu e_d) + g^{abcd}_{LR} (e^c_c \sigma_\mu \overline{e}^c_d) 
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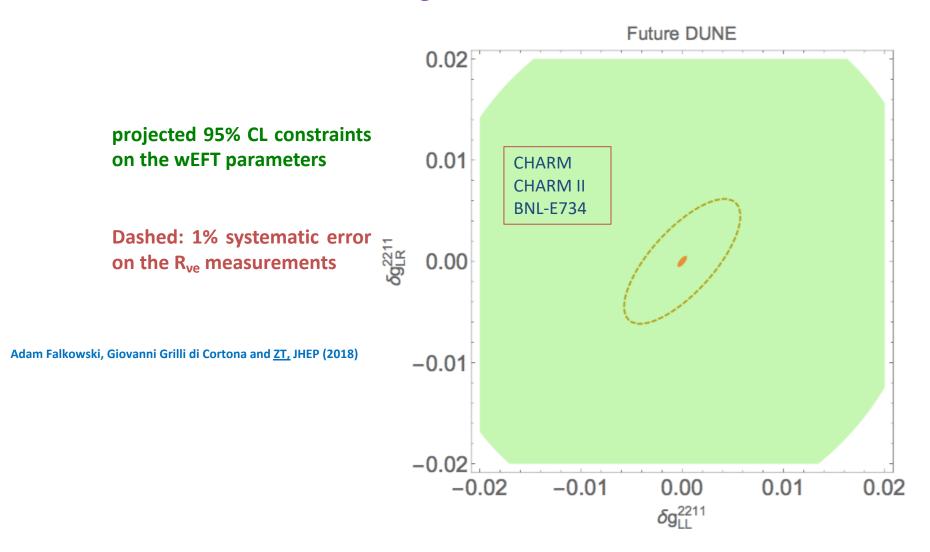
<u>g=g<sub>SM</sub>+δg</u>

### Neutrino-electron scattering in EFT:

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{\nu_{\mu}e} &= \frac{s}{2\pi v^4} \left[ (g_{LL}^{2211})^2 + \frac{1}{3} (g_{LR}^{2211})^2 \right] \approx \frac{m_e E_{\nu}}{\pi v^4} \left[ (g_{LL}^{2211})^2 + \frac{1}{3} (g_{LR}^{2211})^2 \right] \\ \sigma_{\overline{\nu}_{\mu}e} &= \frac{s}{2\pi v^4} \left[ (g_{LR}^{2211})^2 + \frac{1}{3} (g_{LL}^{2211})^2 \right] \approx \frac{m_e E_{\nu}}{\pi v^4} \left[ (g_{LR}^{2211})^2 + \frac{1}{3} (g_{LL}^{2211})^2 \right] \end{split}$$

• We define the following ratios and its deviation from 1:

• Neutrino-electron scattering in EFT:



# Neutrino scattering off nuclei in EFT:

• We define the following ratios and its deviation:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\nu_a N} &\equiv \frac{x \sigma_{\nu_a N \to \nu_a N} + \overline{x} \sigma_{\overline{\nu}_a N \to \overline{\nu}_a N}}{\overline{x} \sigma_{\nu_a N \to e_a^- N} + x \sigma_{\overline{\nu}_a N \to e_a^+ N}} \\ \delta R^i_{\nu_\mu N} &\simeq 2 \frac{g_{L, \text{SM}}^{\nu} \delta g_L^{\nu_\mu} + r_i^{-1} g_{R, \text{SM}}^{\nu} \delta g_R^{\nu_\mu}}{(g_{L, \text{SM}}^{\nu})^2 + r_i^{-1} (g_{R, \text{SM}}^{\nu})^2} \end{aligned}$$

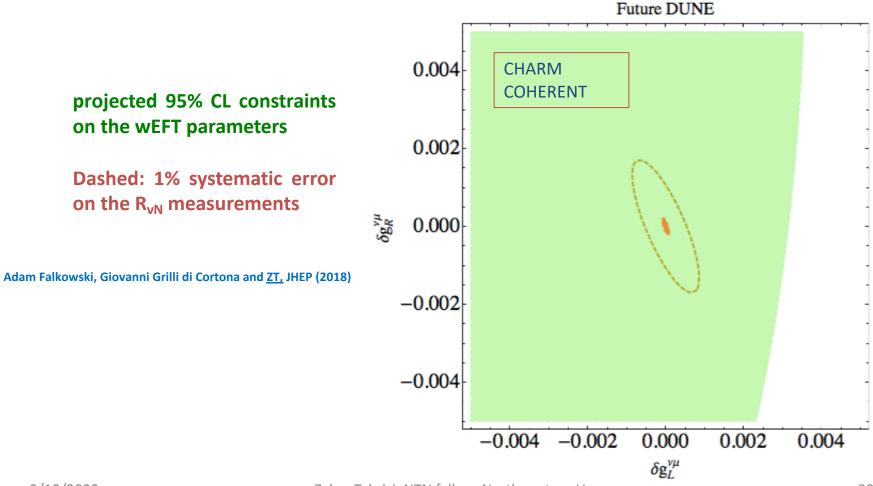
• At DUNE

$$-9.5 \times 10^{-5} < \delta R^{\nu}_{\nu_{\mu}N} < 9.5 \times 10^{-5}, \qquad -1.4 \times 10^{-4} < \delta R^{\overline{\nu}}_{\nu_{\mu}N} < 1.4 \times 10^{-4}$$

Adam Falkowski, Giovanni Grilli di Cortona and ZT, JHEP (2018)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{wEFT}} \supset -\frac{2\dot{V}_{ud}}{v^2} (1 + \bar{\epsilon}_L^{de_a}) (\bar{e}_a \overline{\sigma}_\mu \nu_a) (\overline{u} \, \overline{\sigma}^\mu d) - \frac{2}{v^2} (\overline{\nu}_a \overline{\sigma}_\mu \nu_a) \sum_{q=u,d} \left[ g_{LL}^{\nu_a q} \, \overline{q} \, \overline{\sigma}^\mu q + g_{LR}^{\nu_a q} (q^c \sigma^\mu \overline{q}^c) \right]$$

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Trident production in EFT:

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$$\frac{\sigma(\nu_b\gamma^* \to \nu_a\ell_c^-\ell_d^+)}{\sigma_{\rm SM}(\nu_b\gamma^* \to \nu_a\ell_c^-\ell_d^+)} = \frac{\sigma(\overline{\nu}_a\gamma^* \to \nu_b\ell_c^-\ell_d^+)}{\sigma_{\rm SM}(\overline{\nu}_a\gamma^* \to \nu_b\ell_c^-\ell_d^+)} \approx 1 + 2\frac{g_{LL,\rm SM}^{abcd}\delta g_{LL}^{abcd} + g_{LR,\rm SM}^{abcd}\delta g_{LR}^{abcd}}{(g_{LL,\rm SM}^{abcd})^2 + (g_{LR,\rm SM}^{abcd})^2}$$

• We define the following ratios:

$$\begin{split} R_e &\equiv \frac{\sigma(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} e^- e^+) + \sigma(\overline{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_{\mu} e^- e^+)}{\sigma(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} e^- e^+)_{\rm SM} + \sigma(\overline{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_{\mu} e^- e^+)_{\rm SM}}, \\ R_{\mu} &\equiv \frac{\sigma(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} \mu^- \mu^+) + \sigma(\overline{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_{\mu} \mu^- \mu^+)}{\sigma(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} \mu^- \mu^+)_{\rm SM} + \sigma(\overline{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_{\mu} \mu^- \mu^+)_{\rm SM}}. \end{split}$$

• Using DUNE we get:

$$\begin{split} R_e &= 1 \pm 0.024, \qquad R_\mu = 1 \pm 0.039 \\ &-0.024 < 2 \frac{g_{LL,\text{SM}}^{2211} \delta g_{LL}^{2211} + g_{LR,\text{SM}}^{2211} \delta g_{LR}^{2211}}{(g_{LL,\text{SM}}^{2211})^2 + (g_{LR,\text{SM}}^{2211})^2} < 0.024 \\ &-0.039 < 2 \frac{g_{LL,\text{SM}}^{2222} \delta g_{LL}^{2222} + g_{LR,\text{SM}}^{2222}}{(g_{LL,\text{SM}}^{2222})^2 + (g_{LR,\text{SM}}^{2222})^2} < 0.039. \end{split}$$

### Other relevant experiments:

• Parity-violating Møller scattering probes the electron's axial self-coupling

$$\frac{1}{2v^2}g^{ee}_{AV}\left[-(\overline{e\sigma}_{\mu}e)(\overline{e\sigma}_{\mu}e) + (e^c\sigma_{\mu}\overline{e}^c)(e^c\sigma_{\mu}\overline{e}^c)\right]$$

• The MOLLER collaboration in JLAB will significantly reduce the error by a factor of 5

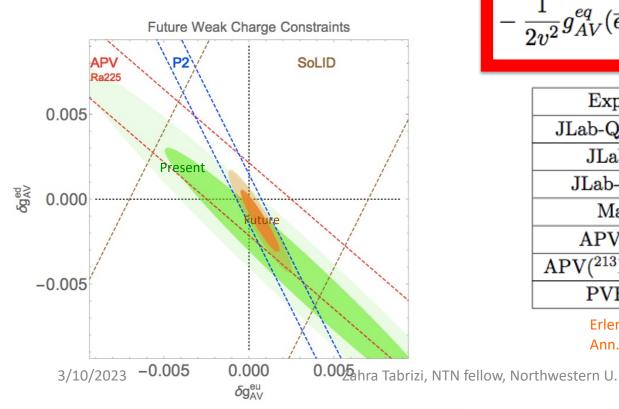
$$g_{AV}^{ee} = 0.0225 \pm 0.0006$$

#### Moller collaboration, 1411.4088

# Atomic Parity violation (APV):

• The effective couplings of electrons to quarks can be accessed by atomic parity violation (APV)

 $Q_W(Z,N) = -2[(2Z+N)g_{AV}^{eu} + (Z+2N)g_{AV}^{ed}] = Z(1-4s_W^2) - N_{AV}$ 

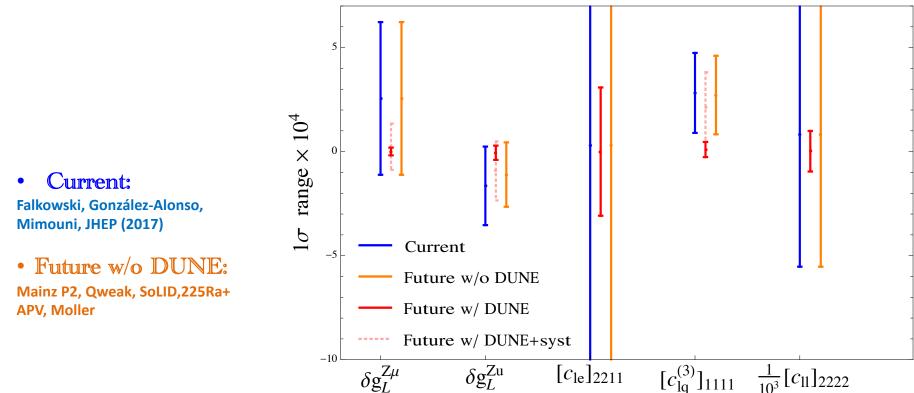


$$- rac{1}{2v^2} g^{eq}_{AV} (\overline{e}\,\overline{\sigma}_
ho e - e^c \sigma_
ho \overline{e}^c) (\overline{q}\,\overline{\sigma}^
ho q + q^c \sigma^
ho \overline{q}^c)$$

Experiment	Year	$\Delta \sin^2( heta_W)$
JLab-Qweak (final)		0.0008
JLab-SoLID	2022	0.00057
JLab-MOLLER	2020	0.00026
Mainz-P2	2018	0.0003
$APV(^{225}Ra^+)$		0.0018
$APV(^{213}Ra^+/^{225}Ra^+)$		0.0037
PVES $(^{12}C)$		0.0007

Erler, Horowitz, Mantry, Souder, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 64 (2014) 269–298

## Future Now



Adam Falkowski, Giovanni Grilli di Cortona and ZT, JHEP (2018)

DUNE will potentially have a dramatic impact on constraining the SMEFT parameter space.

## Future Now

Wilson coefficient	$\Delta( ext{current})$	$\Delta$ (future)	$\Delta$ (future+syst.)	$\Delta$ (future w/o DUNE)
$\delta g_L^{We}$	3.5	0.37	2.5	3.5
$\delta g_L^{Z\mu} \ \delta g_L^{Zu} \ \delta g_R^{Zu} \ \delta g_R^{Zu} \ \delta g_R^{Zd} \ \delta g_R^{Zd} \ \delta g_R^{Zd} \ \delta g_R^{Wq_1} \ \delta g_R^{Wq_1}$	3.7	0.18	1.1	3.7
$\delta g_L^{Zu}$	1.9	0.34	1.4	1.5
$\delta g^{Zu}_R$	9.5	0.58	2.3	2.6
$\delta g_L^{Zd}$	1.9	0.28	1.5	1.7
$\delta g_R^{Zd}$	9.7	1.1	3.9	4.2
$\delta g_R^{Wq_1}$	2.0	0.36	1.7	2.0
$[c_{\ell\ell}]_{1122}$	28	2.6	2.6	28
$[c_{\ell e}]_{2211}$	45	3.1	3.1	45
$[c_{\ell\ell}]_{2222}$	2100	310	310	2100
$[c_{\ell e}]_{2222}$	6300	970	970	6300
$[c_{\ell q}^{(3)}]_{1111} \ [c_{\ell q}^{(3)}]_{2211}$	1.9	0.36	1.7	1.9
$[c_{\ell q}^{(3)}]_{2211}$	12	1.8	10	12
$[c_{\ell q}]_{2211}$	210	3.0	30	210
$[c_{\ell u}]_{2211}$	190	1.2	9.5	190
$[c_{\ell d}]_{2211}$	370	2.4	19	370

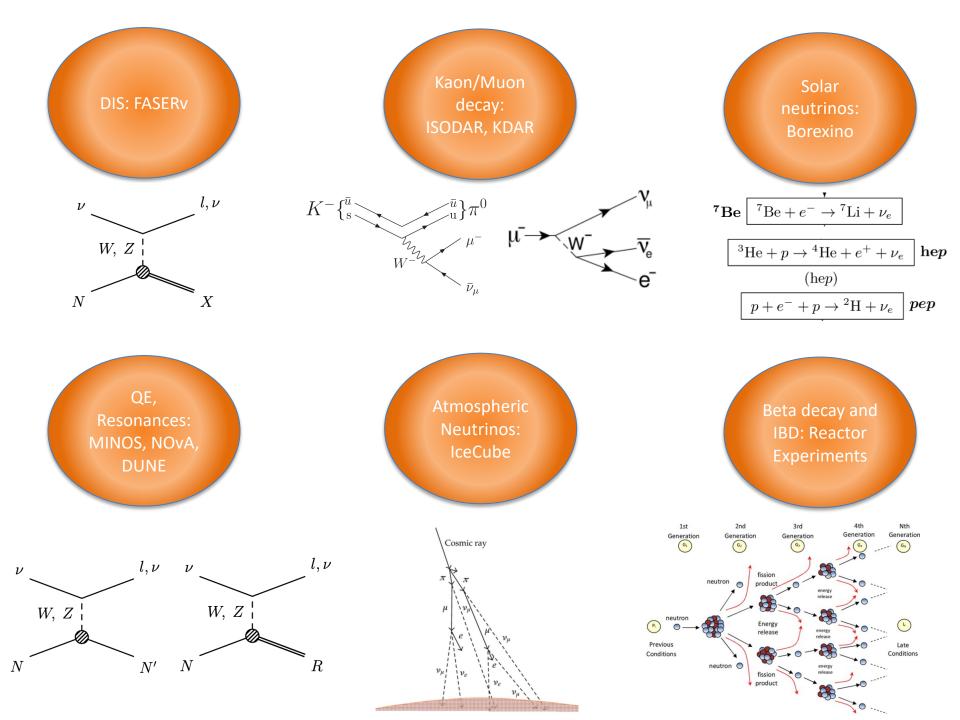
1 $\sigma$  uncertainty  $\Delta$  in units of 10<sup>-4</sup> on selected SMEFT Wilson coefficient from current and future low-energy precision measurements, assuming only one Wilson coefficient at a time.

### • Current:

Falkowski, González-Alonso, Mimouni, JHEP (2017)

• Future w/o DUNE:

Mainz P2, Qweak, SoLID,225Ra+ APV, Moller

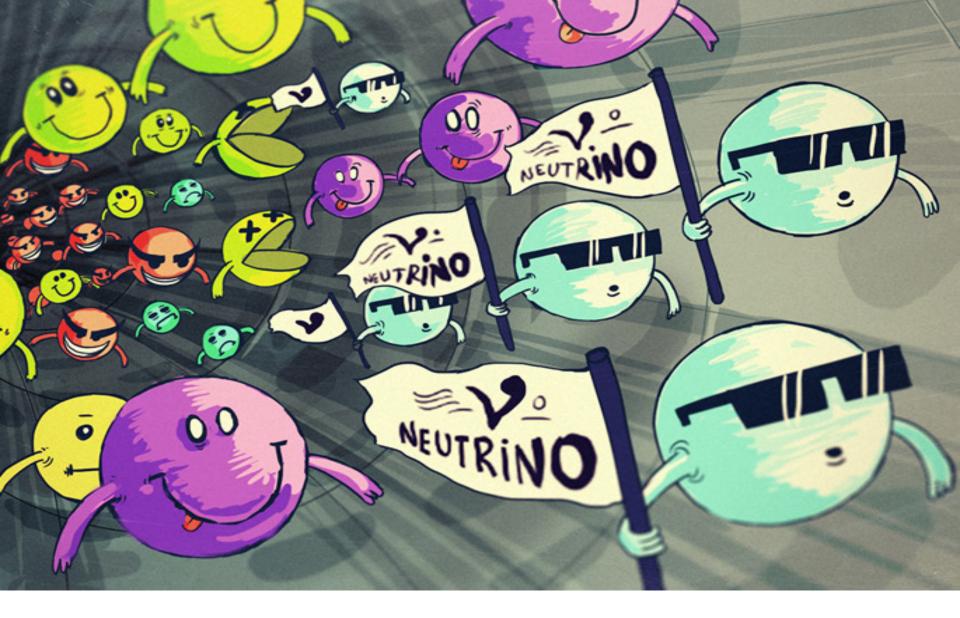




# Conclusion:

- New generation of neutrino experiments are being built to answer many unknowns in the neutrino sectors;
- We can use the near detectors to directly search for dark sector (e.g.: ALPs, light DM, etc.);
- For several BSM models, near detectors give the best constraints;
- We can remove most of the neutrino background by using the target-less configuration;
- Target-less DUNE can probe the parameter space for thermal relic DM in only 3 months!
- It can also probe the region for QCD axion, and give best lab-based constraint on the parameter space of ALPs;
- We can probe very heavy particles, often beyond the reach of present colliders, by precisely measuring low-energy observables using the EFT formalism.

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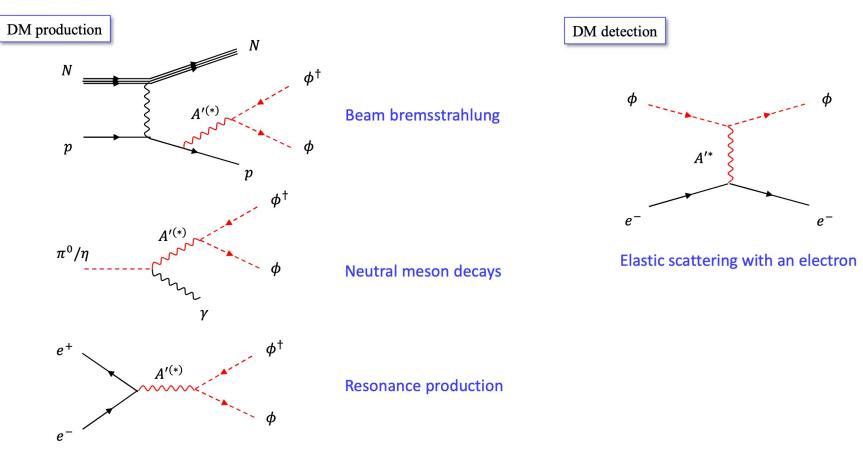


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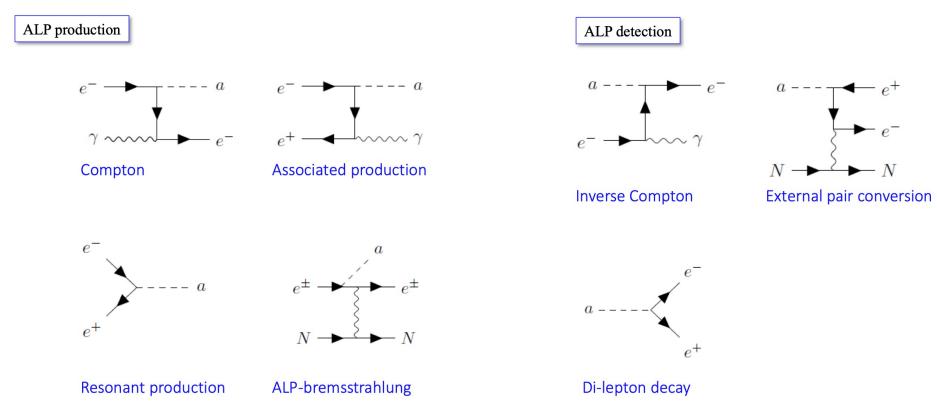
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# **Back up Slides**

# **Production and Detection of Dark Matter**

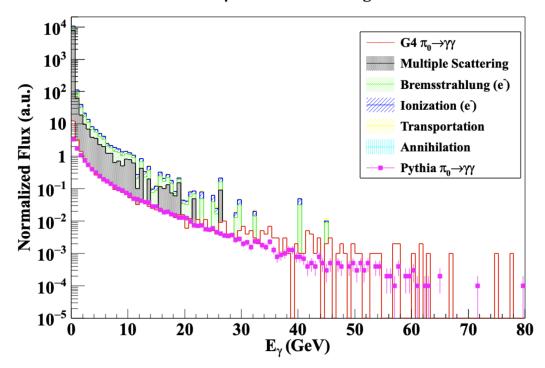


# **Production and Detection of ALPs**



# Axion Like Particles (ALPs) at DUNE:

# Photon Flux from GEANT4 Simulation



G4 y flux stacked histogram

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# Axion Like Particles (ALPs) at DUNE:

• Coherent  $\pi^0$  production  $\nu + A \rightarrow \nu + A + \pi^0$ 

### In GAr:

- We expect ~ 10<sup>6</sup> NC events;
- Vetoing events with hadronic activity remove ~ 80%;
- A cut on the opening angle removes the rest;

