

# **Machine Learning Detection of Non-Axisymmetric Fast Flavor Instabilities in Compact Objects**

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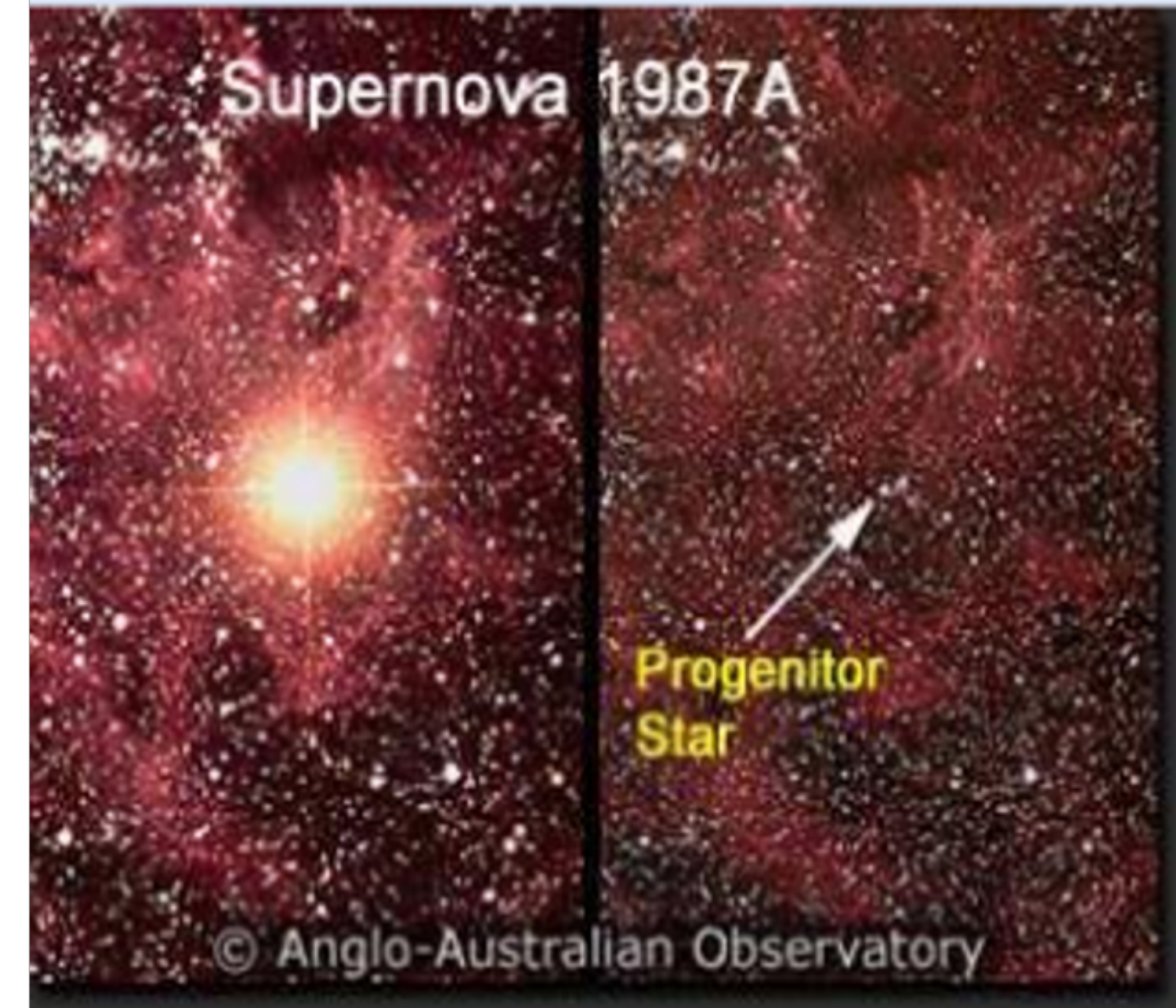
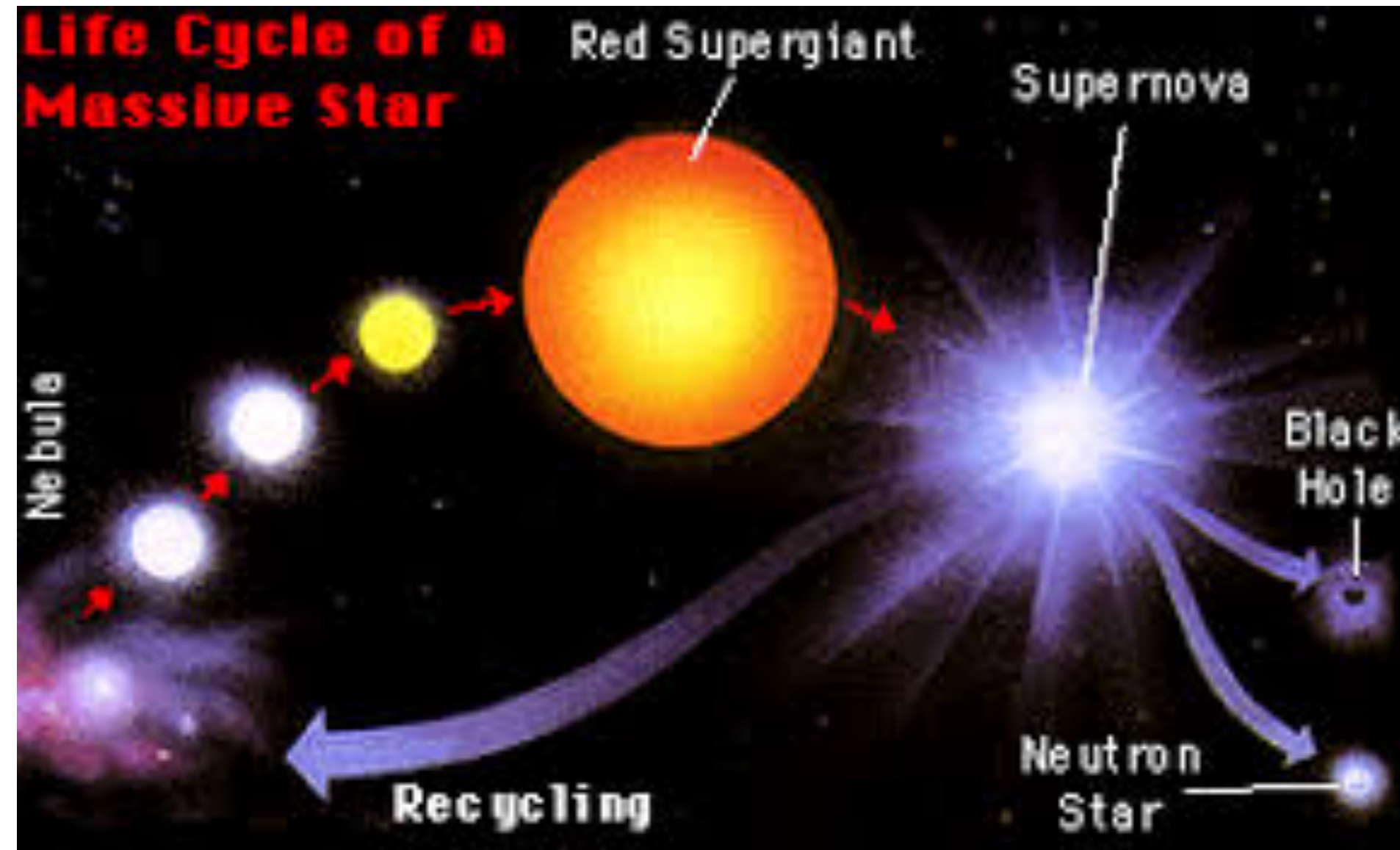
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# OUTLINE OF TALK

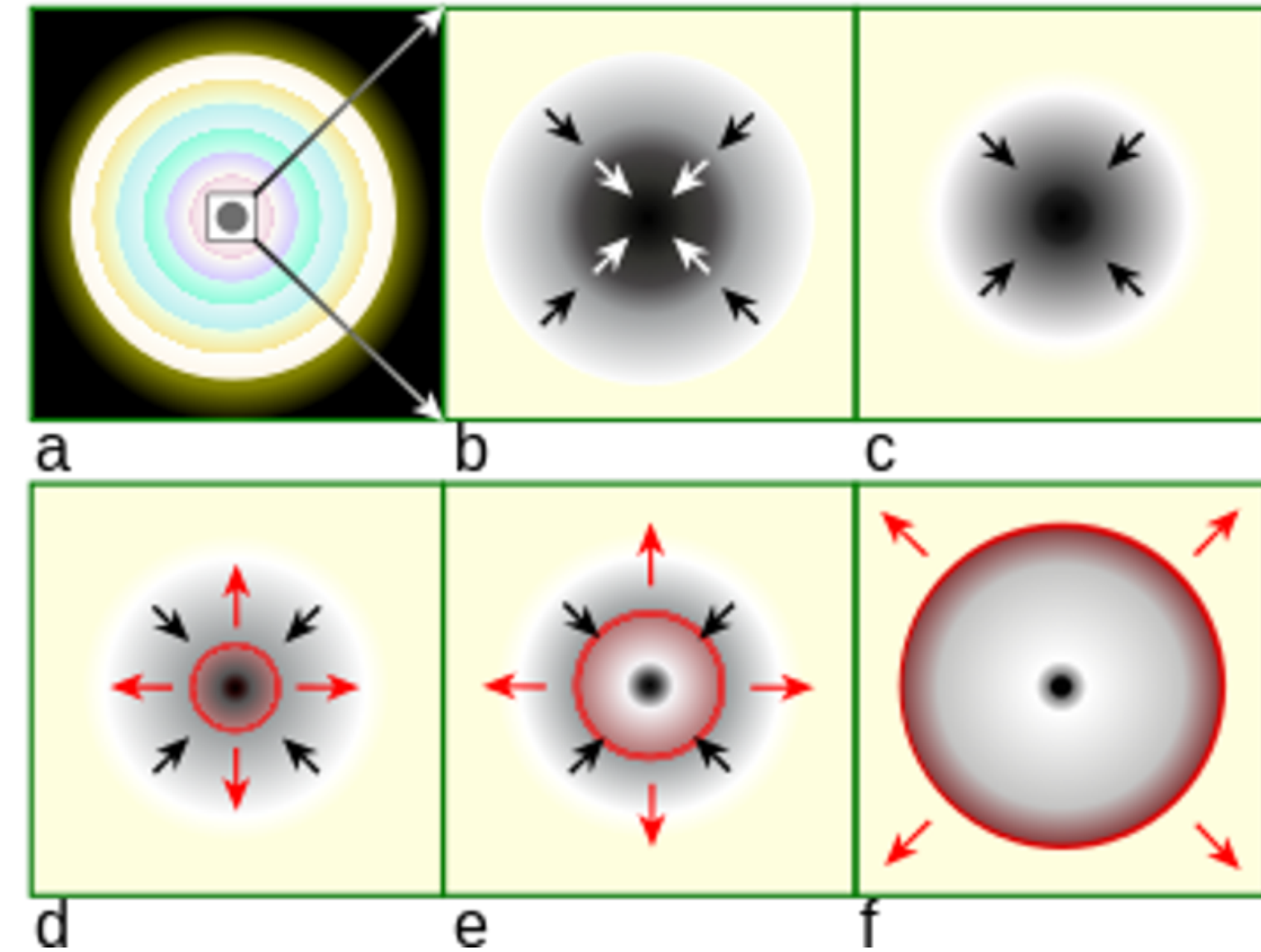
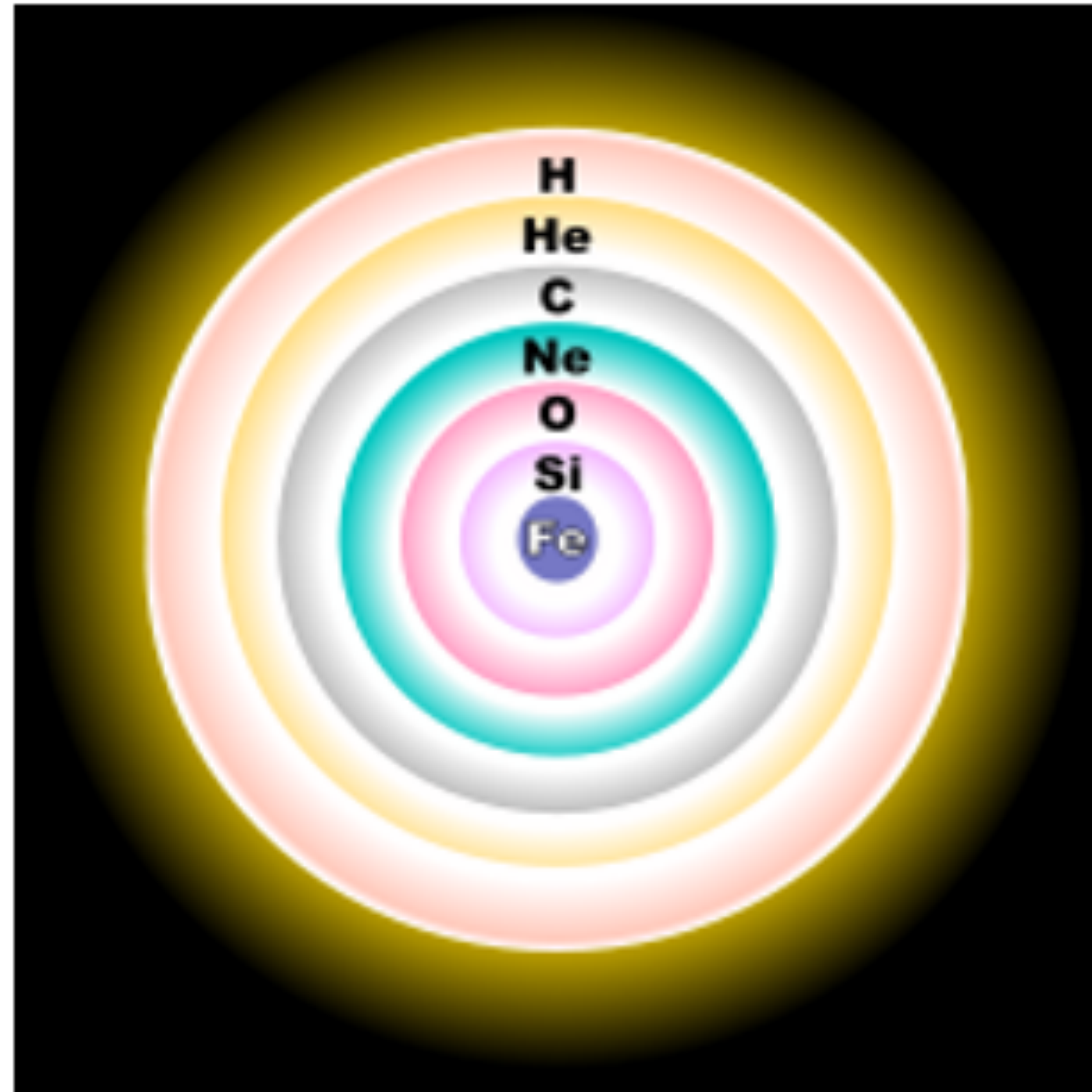
- Core- Collapse Supernova
- Collective Oscillations
- Fast Oscillations
- Machine Learning Detection of Fast Oscillations

# CORE-COLLAPSE SUPERNOVA



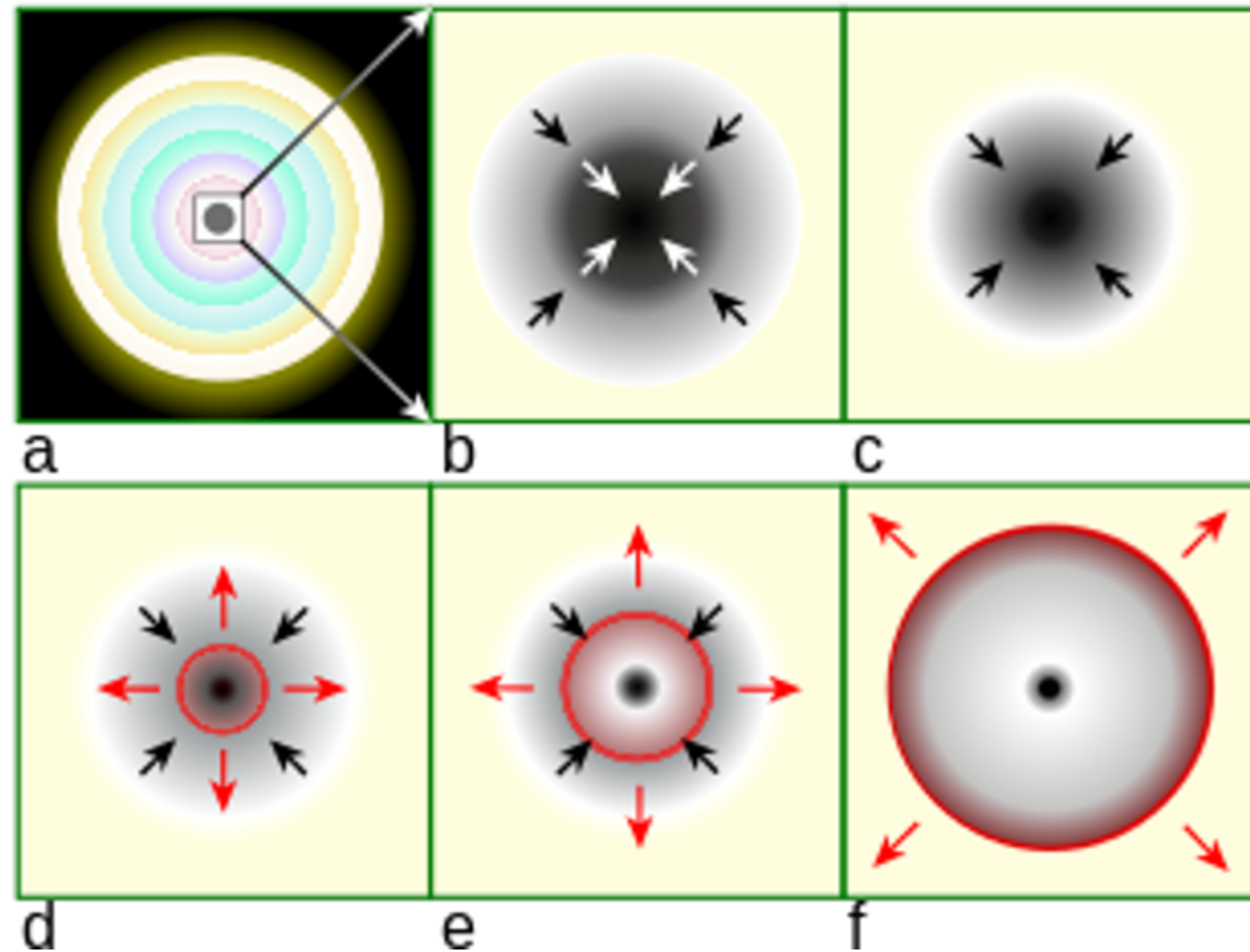
- Occurs from the death of a massive star of mass  $> 8 M_{\text{sun}}$
- Also known as Type II supernova

# EXPLOSION MECHANISM



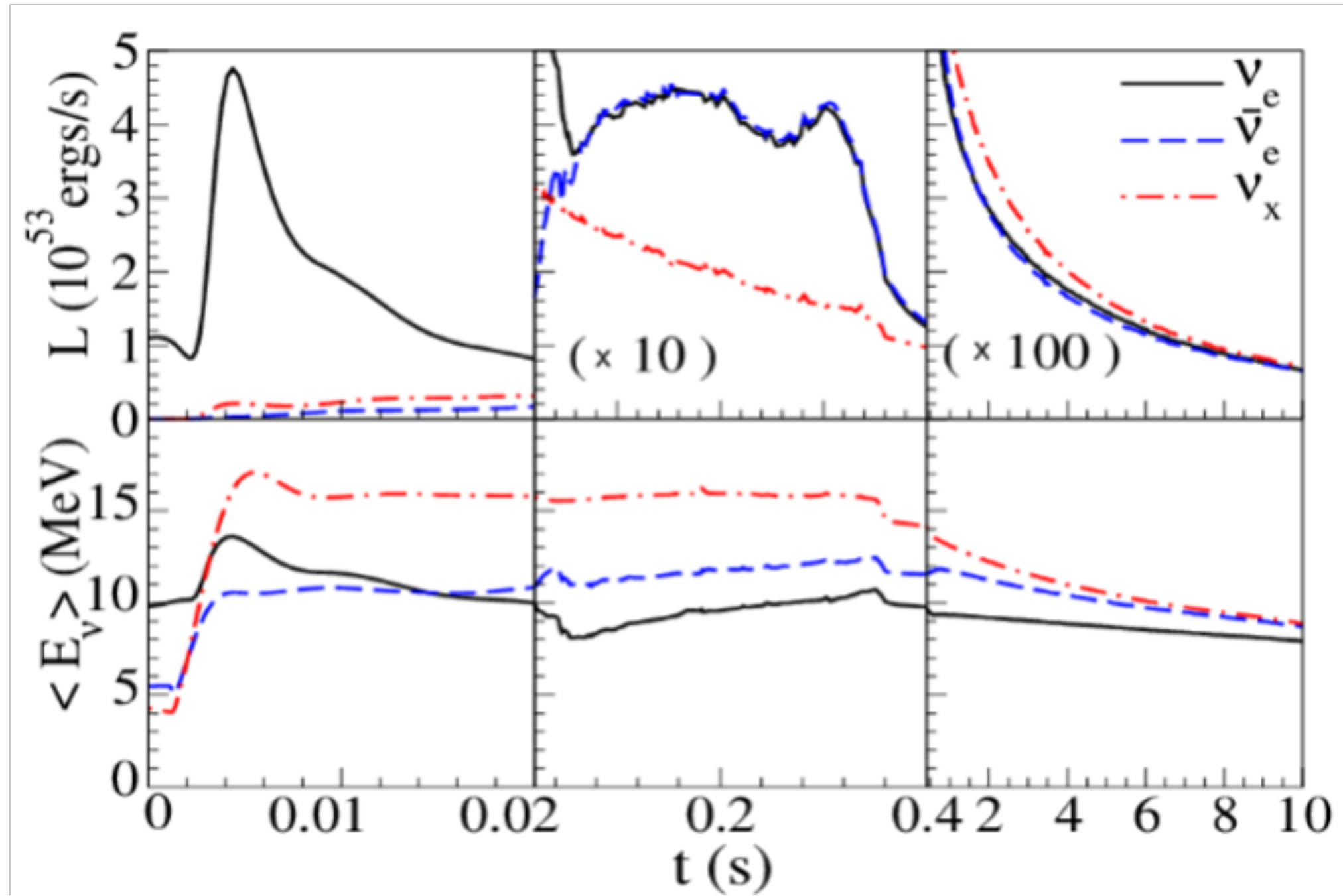
Onion ring like structure formed

# EXPLOSION MECHANISM



- Collapse initiated after star reaches  $M_{\text{chandrashekhar}}$
- Super nuclear density reached
- Infalling matter bounces back
- Outward moving shockwave formed
- Shock starts to stall but regained due to **neutrino interaction??**
- Outer material blasted away and remnant formed

# NEUTRINOS : INFORMATION CARRIERS

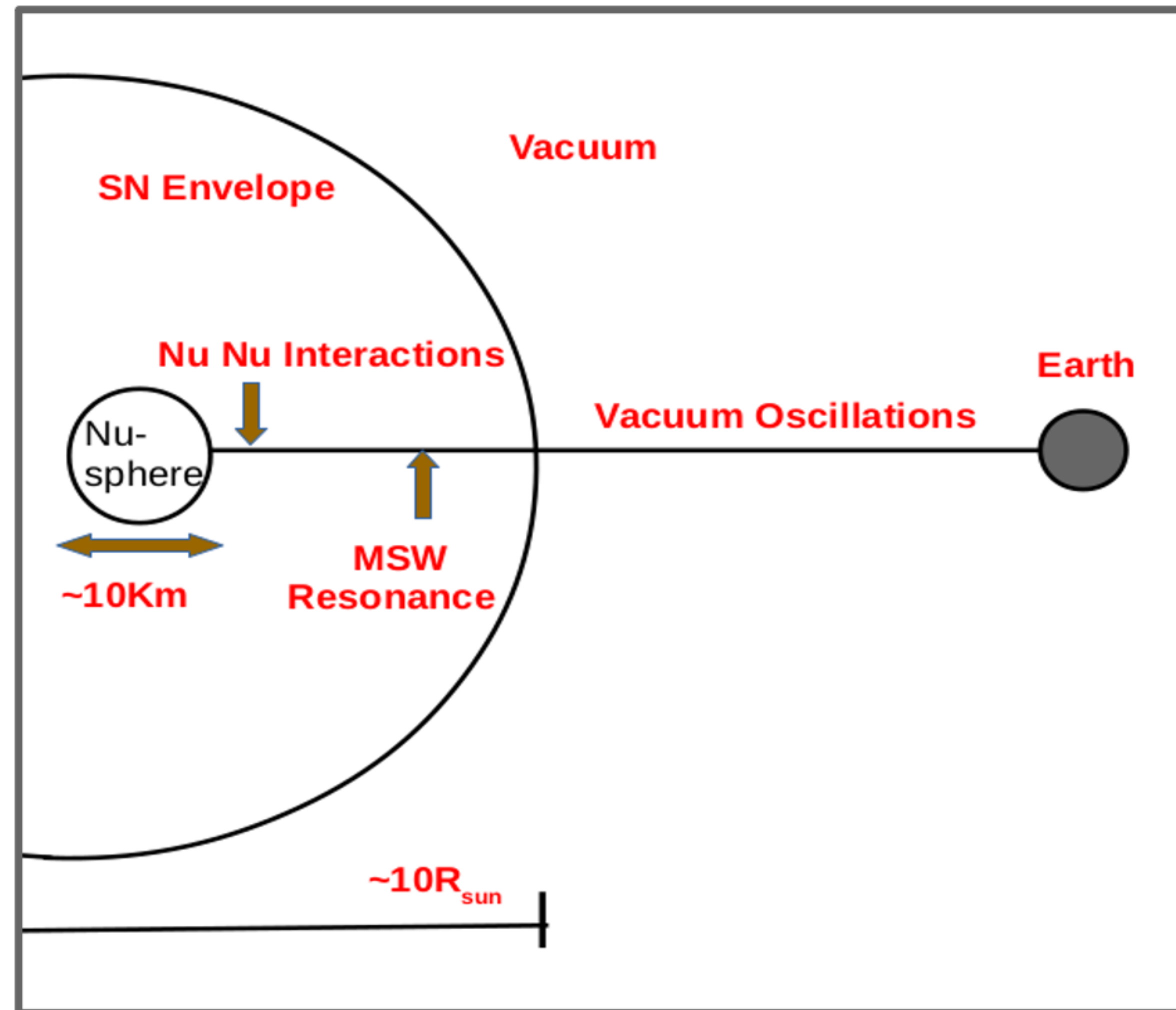


- 99% gravitational energy emitted as neutrinos
- Around  $10^{58}$  neutrinos emitted
- Emission time  $\sim 10$  sec
- Average energy of neutrinos  $\sim 10$  Mev
- Neutrinos emitted in 3 phases :

Neutronization Burst, Accretion, Cooling phases

Obtained from the results of Basel/Darmstadt simulation of  
a  $18 M_{\odot}$  progenitor

# WHAT HAPPENS TO NEUTRINOS AFTER EMISSION ?




# VACUUM OSCILLATIONS

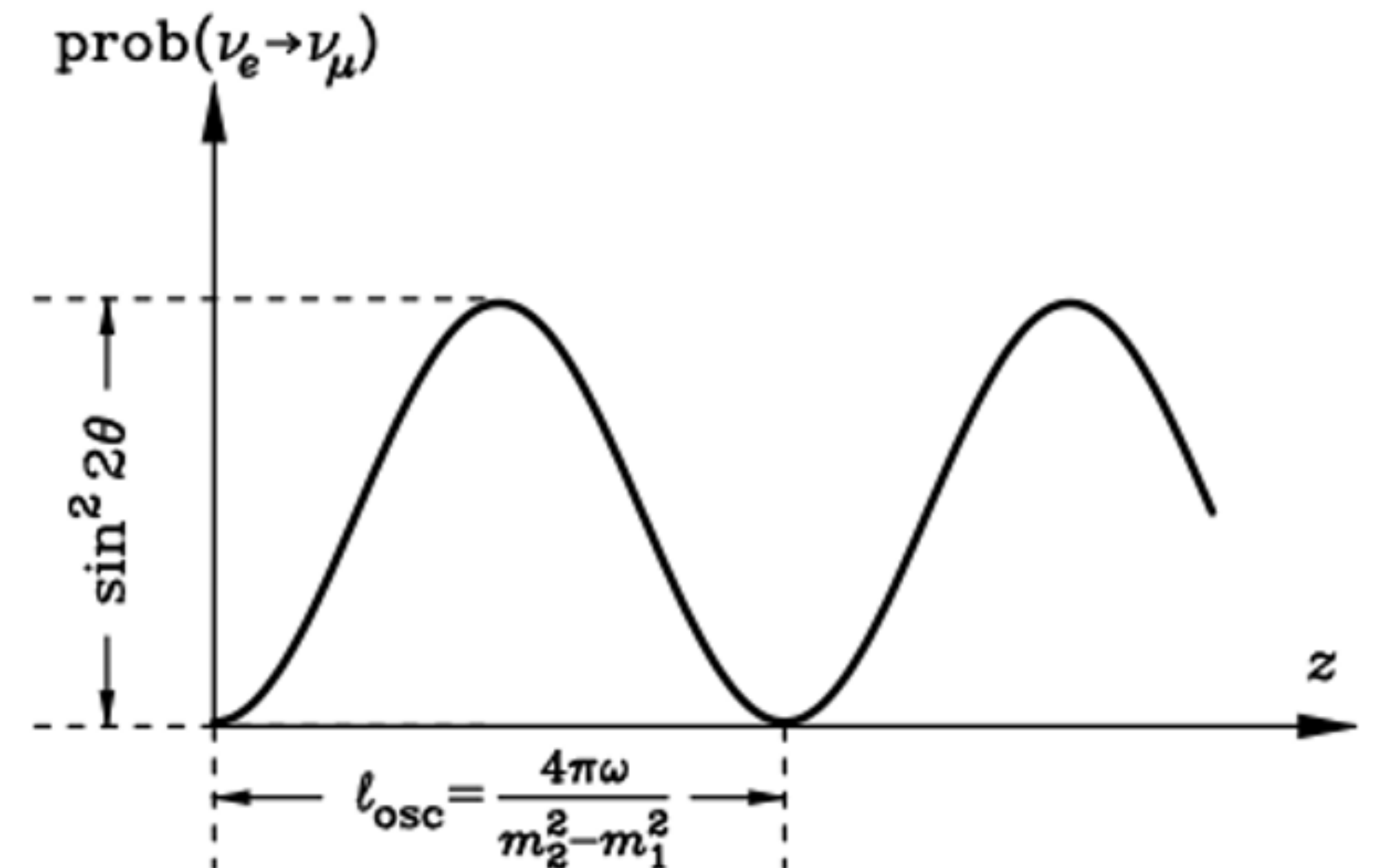
Mass eigenstates -  $\nu_1, \nu_2$

Flavor eigenstates -  $\nu_e, \nu_\mu$

$$\nu_e = \cos \theta_0 \nu_1 + \sin \theta_0 \nu_2$$

$$\nu_\mu = -\sin \theta_0 \nu_1 + \cos \theta_0 \nu_2$$

$\theta_0$   Mixing angle



$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu; t) = P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e; t) = \text{Sin}^2 2\theta_0 \text{Sin}^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 t}{4E}\right)$$

$$\Delta m^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2$$

# MATTER OSCILLATIONS

Propagation in matter  $\neq$  Propagation in vacuum

Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein effect (MSW)

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e$$

$$\sqrt{2} G_F n_e = \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \cos 2\theta_0$$

MSW resonance condition

# COLLECTIVE OSCILLATIONS

- Occurs in dense environment like supernova and neutron star mergers
- Due to extremely high densities of neutrinos and antineutrinos ( $10^{31}/\text{cc}$ )
- Behave differently from the vacuum and MSW oscillations.
- Occurs as a result of neutrino-neutrino forward scattering.

Interested in studying the evolution of neutrinos as they are emitted

**H. Duan et al, *Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci.* 60 (2010) 569–594**

**A. Mirizzi et al, *Riv. Nuovo Cim.* 39 (2016), no. 1-2 1–112**

**S. Chakraborty et al, *Nucl. Phys.* B908 (2016) 366–381**

**Capozzi F, Saviano N. *Universe* 8(2):94 (2022)**

**L. Johns et. al., *Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci.* 75 (2025) 1, 399-423**

# EVOLUTION EQUATION

$$\partial_t \rho_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \rho_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, t} = -i [\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{p}}, \rho_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, t}]$$

$$H = H_{vacuum} + H_{matter} + H_{\nu\nu}$$

$$H_{\nu\nu} = \sqrt{2} G_F \int dp' (1 - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}') (\rho_{\mathbf{p}'} - \overline{\rho_{\mathbf{p}'}})$$

Makes the equation non-linear

$$\rho_p = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_p^{ee} & \rho_p^{e\mu} & \rho_p^{e\tau} \\ \rho_p^{\mu e} & \rho_p^{\mu\mu} & \rho_p^{\mu\tau} \\ \rho_p^{\tau e} & \rho_p^{\tau\mu} & \rho_p^{\tau\tau} \end{pmatrix}$$

Diagonal - overall flavour content

Off-diagonal - flavour coherence

Problem challenging to solve analytically as well as numerically

# NEUTRINO DISTRIBUTION

$$\partial_t \rho_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{p},t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \rho_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{p},t} = -i [\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{p}}, \rho_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{p},t}]$$

- Neutrinos and antineutrinos have some distribution
- Needed to solve the equation
- Energy spectrum - Important for slow oscillations
- Angular spectrum - Important for **fast** oscillations ( $\Theta$  and  $\Phi$ )

Presence of crossing in the spectrum necessary

# FAST OSCILLATIONS

Neutrino lepton number ( $\nu$ LN):

$$G(\mathbf{v}) = \sqrt{2} G_F \int_0^\infty \frac{E_\nu^2 dE_\nu}{(2\pi)^3} [f_{\nu_e}(\mathbf{p}) - f_{\bar{\nu}_e}(\mathbf{p}) - f_{\nu_x}(\mathbf{p}) + f_{\bar{\nu}_x}(\mathbf{p})]$$

**Zero crossing** is a necessary condition for fast flavor oscillations

Similar  $\nu_x$  and  $\bar{\nu}_x$  angular distributions

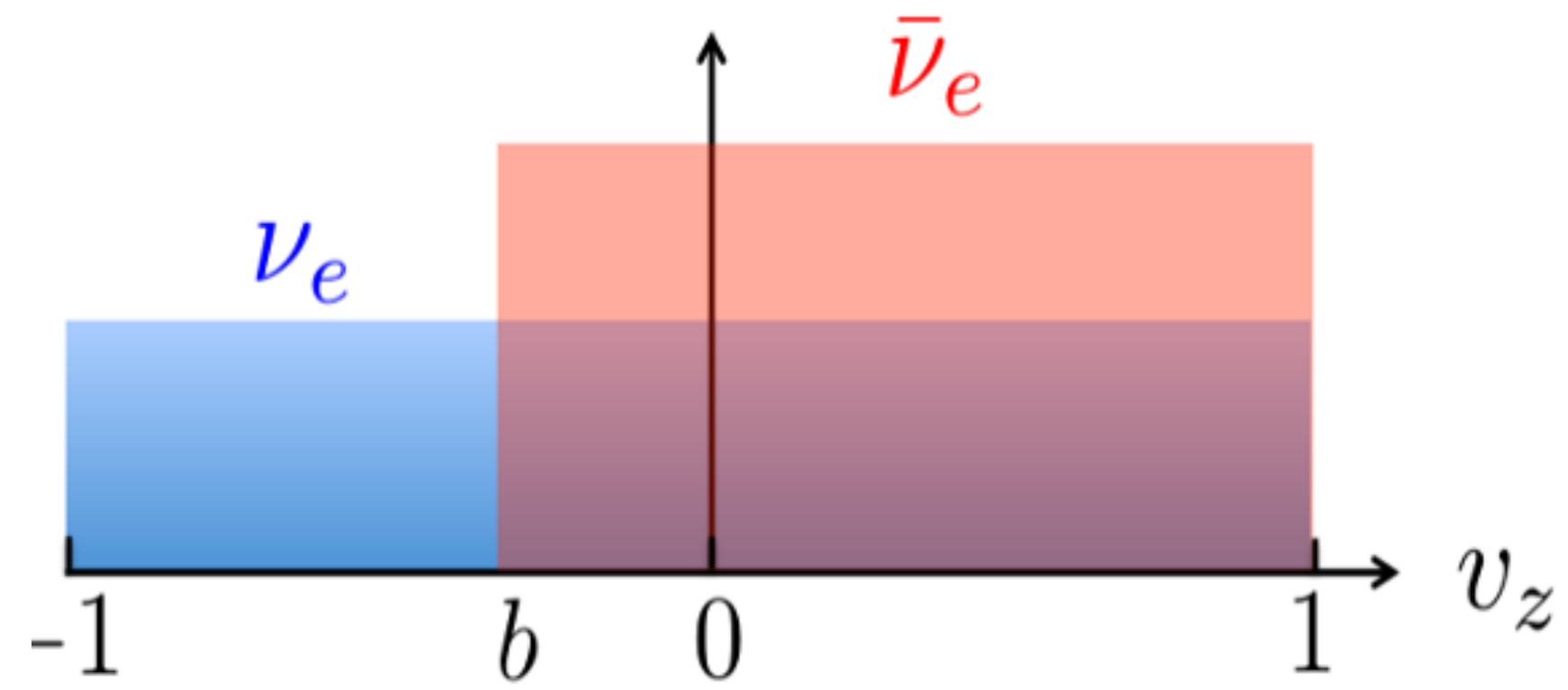
Known as electron lepton number (ELN)

R. F. Sawyer, Phys. Rev. D 72, 045003 (2005)

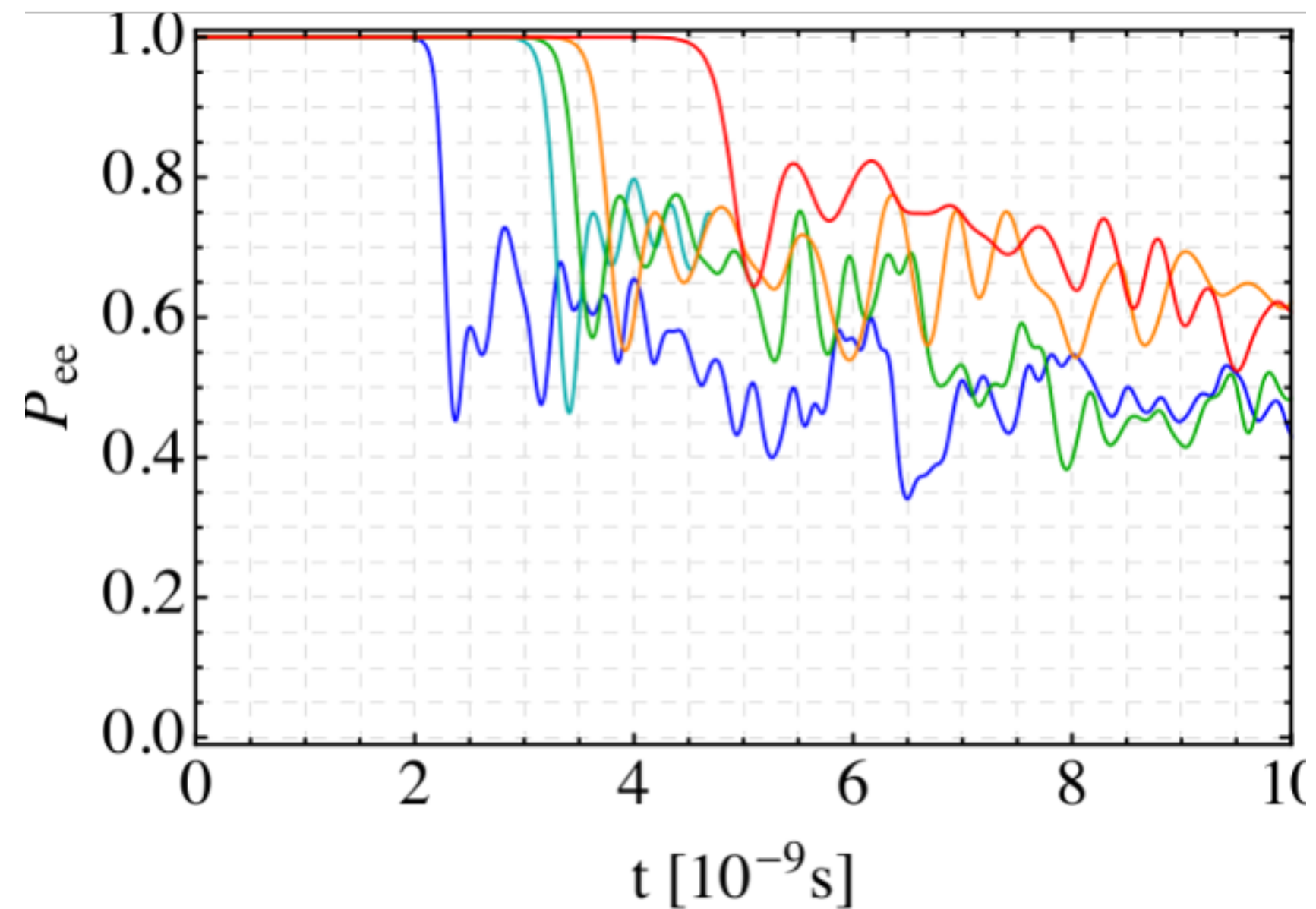
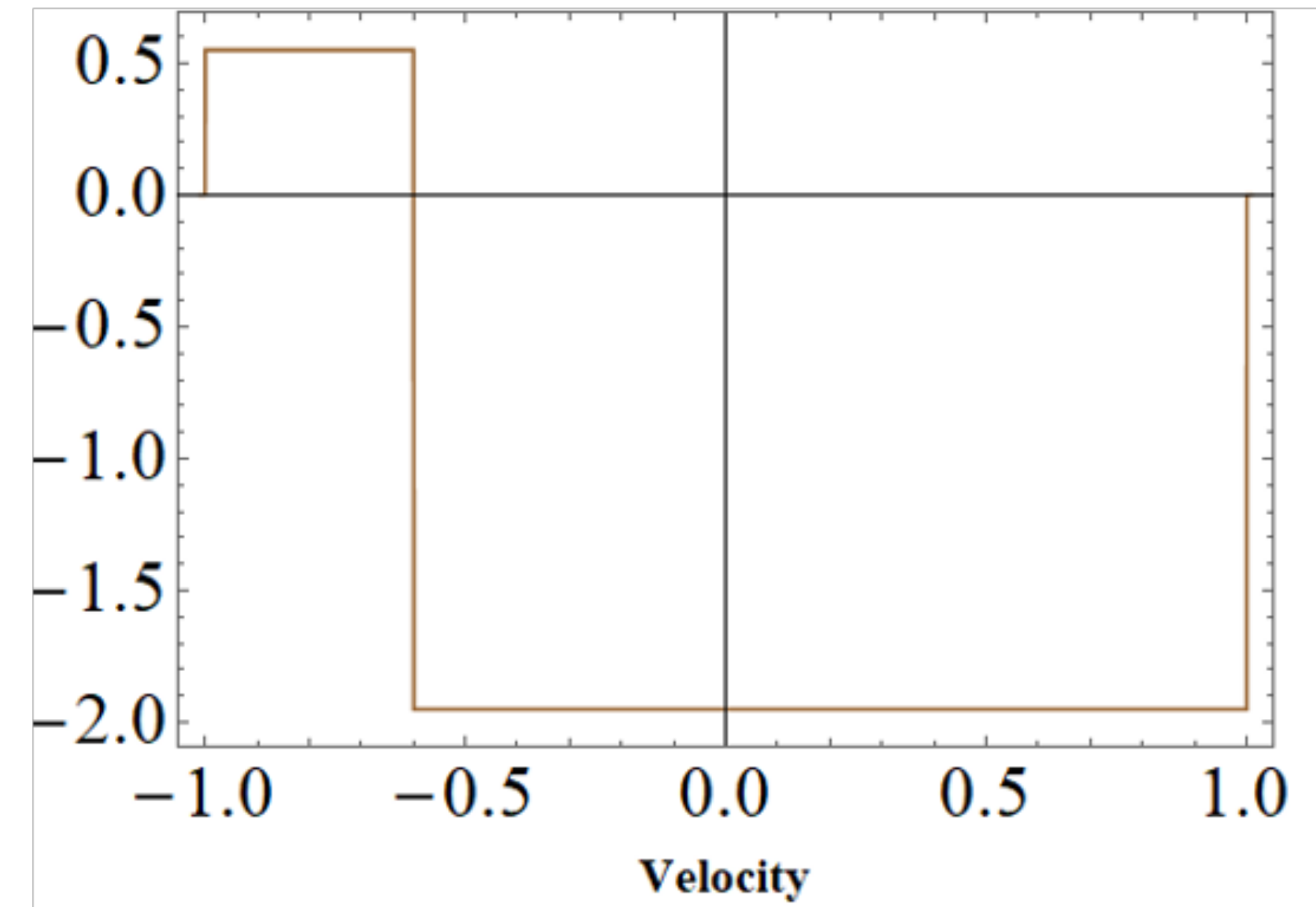
R. F. Sawyer, Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 081101 (2016)

I. Izaguirre, Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 021101 (2017).....

# FAST OSCILLATIONS



$$v_z = \cos \Theta$$



# CROSSINGS

- Most hydrodynamic simulations do not provide full angular distributions
- Computationally expensive
- Provide only zeroth and first angular moments, i.e., number density and number density flux
- Analytical methods have been developed to extract angular information from these moments [L.Johns et. al., Phys. Rev. D 101, 043009 \(2020\).....](#)
- But they have certain limitations like they can only be applied in post processing step

# APPLICATIONS OF MACHINE LEARNING

- ML algorithms are applied to detect the crossings
- Found to be very efficient in detecting the crossings from the moments
- Provide the opportunity to evaluate the occurrence of fast flavor conversions in CCSN and NSM simulations on the fly
- Computationally cheap once the model is trained

# PREVIOUS WORKS

Detecting fast oscillations in CCSN and NSM in axisymmetric setups

S. Abbar, *Phys.Rev.D* 107 (2023) 10, 103006

Logistic regression (93%) accuracy			
	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	$F_1$ -score (%)
No crossing	83	93	88
Crossing	97	93	95

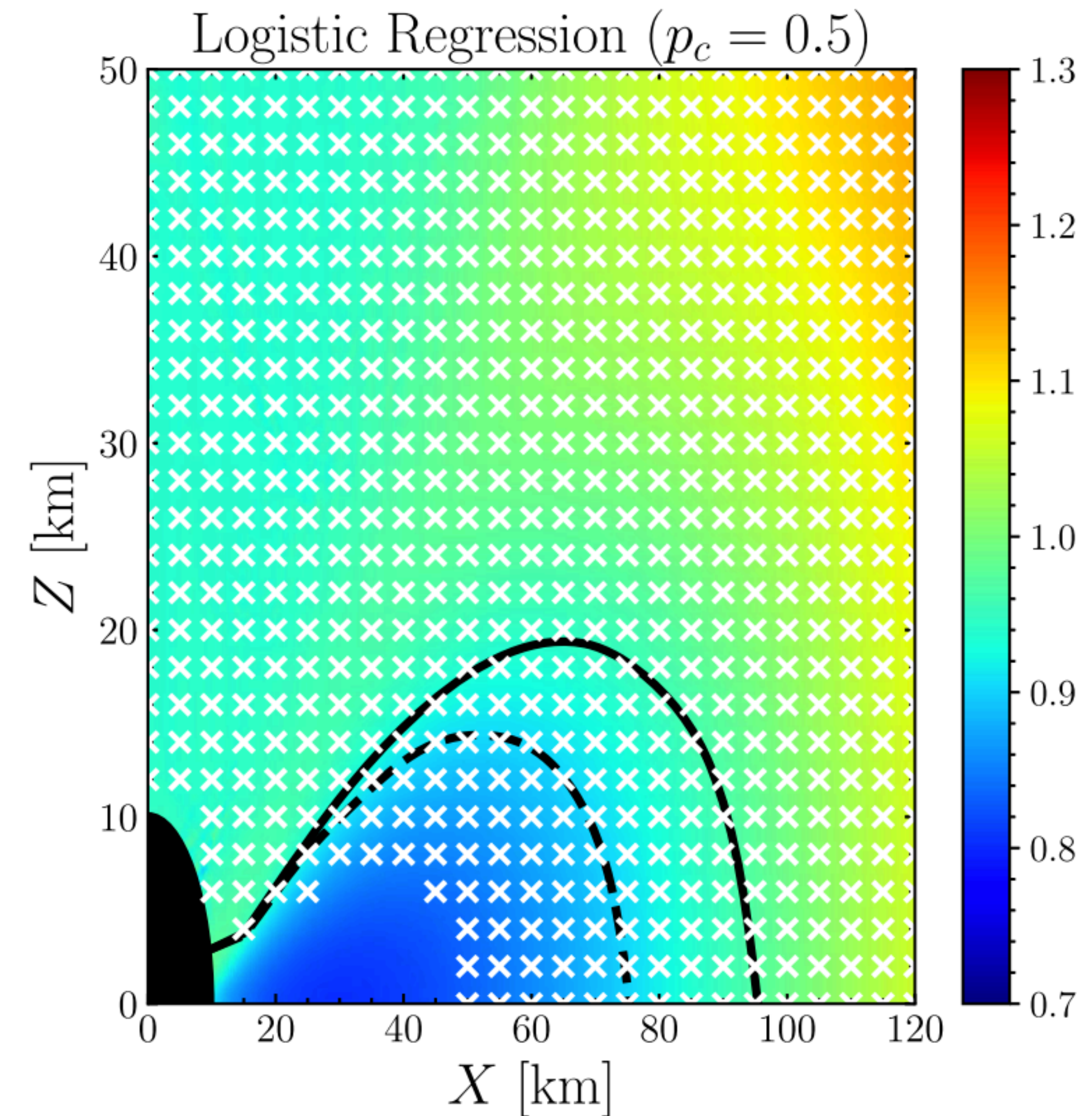
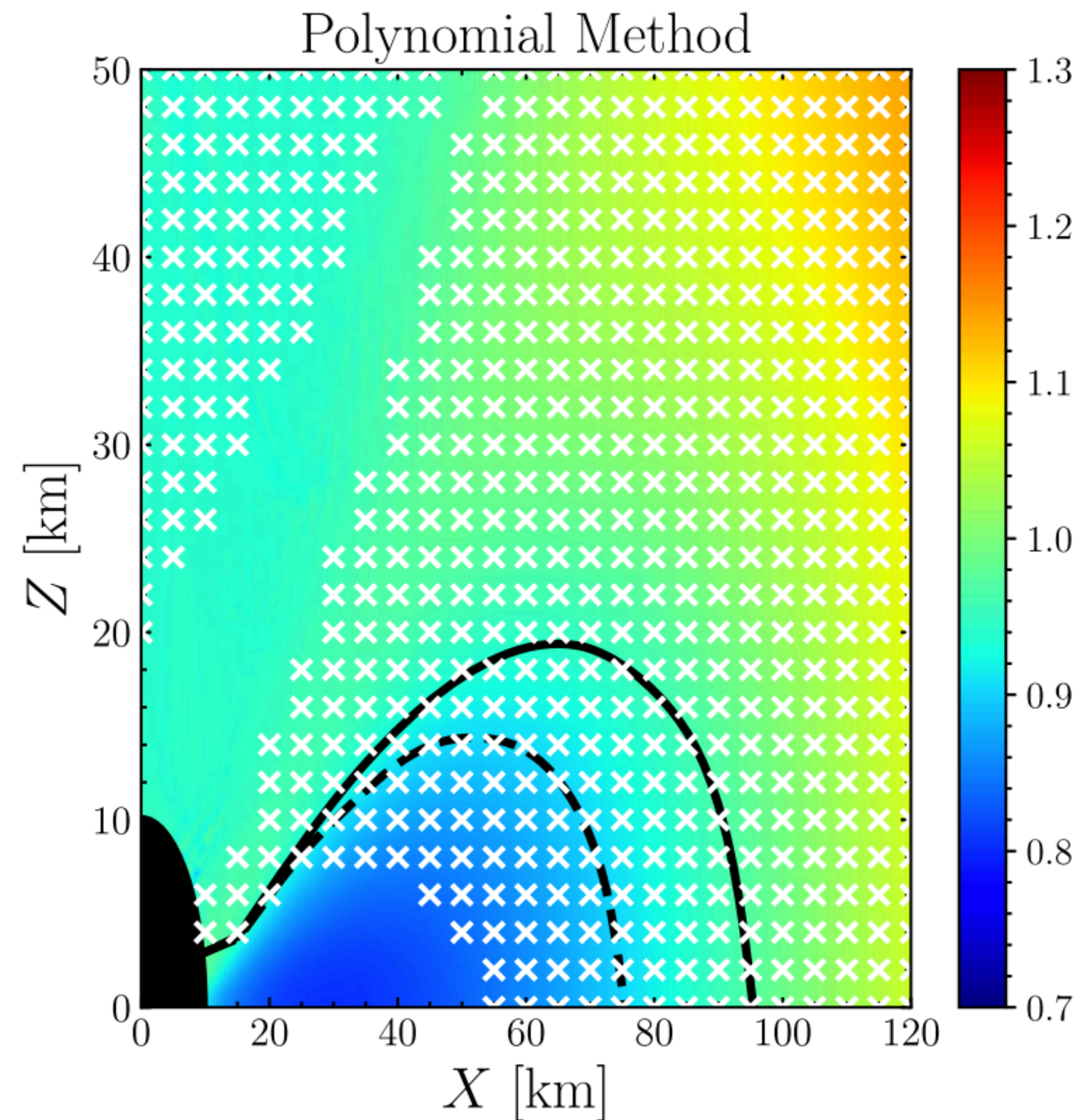
  

KNN ( $n = 3$ ) (95%)			
	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	$F_1$ -score (%)
No crossing	90	90	90
Crossing	96	96	96

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TABLE I. A summary of the metric scores of the previously-trained ML algorithms (using artificial data) tested on the realistic dataset. This is to be compared with Table I. in Ref. [69]. Alongside each algorithm, one can find its corresponding accuracy score.

LR ( $n = 9$ ) (68%) <b>accuracy</b>			
	Precision	Recall	$F_1$ -score
No crossing	72%	82%	77%
Crossing	59%	43%	50%
KNN ( $n = 3$ ) (77%)			
	Precision	Recall	$F_1$ -score
No crossing	77%	89%	83%
Crossing	75%	55%	63%
SVM (87%)			
	Precision	Recall	$F_1$ -score
No crossing	98%	81%	89%
Crossing	75%	98%	85%

TABLE II. A summary of the metric scores of ML algorithms trained on the combination of the realistic and artificial datasets, and then tested with the realistic data. Alongside each algorithm, one can find its corresponding accuracy score.

LR ( $n = 2$ ) (94%) <b>accuracy</b>			
	Precision	Recall	$F_1$ -score
No crossing	96%	95%	95%
Crossing	91%	93%	92%
KNN ( $n = 3$ ) (98%)			
	Precision	Recall	$F_1$ -score
No crossing	98%	99%	99%
Crossing	98%	97%	98%

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Detecting fast oscillations in CCSN in non-axisymmetric setup

S. Abbar, A. Harada, H. Nagakura, *Phys.Rev.D* 111 (2025) 6, 063077

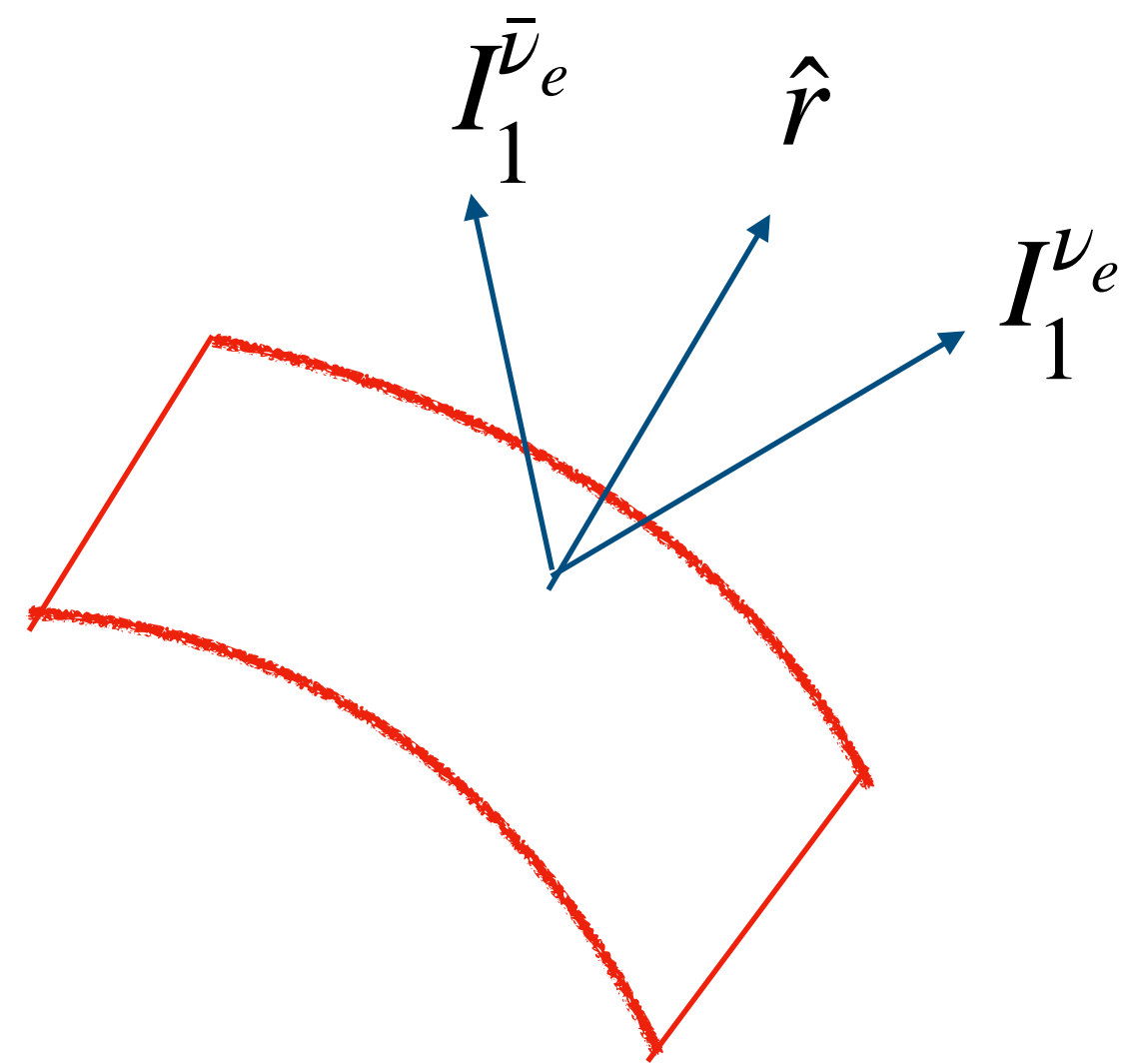
TABLE IV. Summary of the metric scores of the ML algorithms trained on both rotating and nonrotating SN models. Alongside each algorithm, one can find its corresponding accuracy score.

KNN (n = 3) (99%) <b>accuracy</b>			
	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	$F_1$ -score (%)
No crossing	100	100	100
Crossing	100	100	100
Nonaxisymmetric	93	91	92

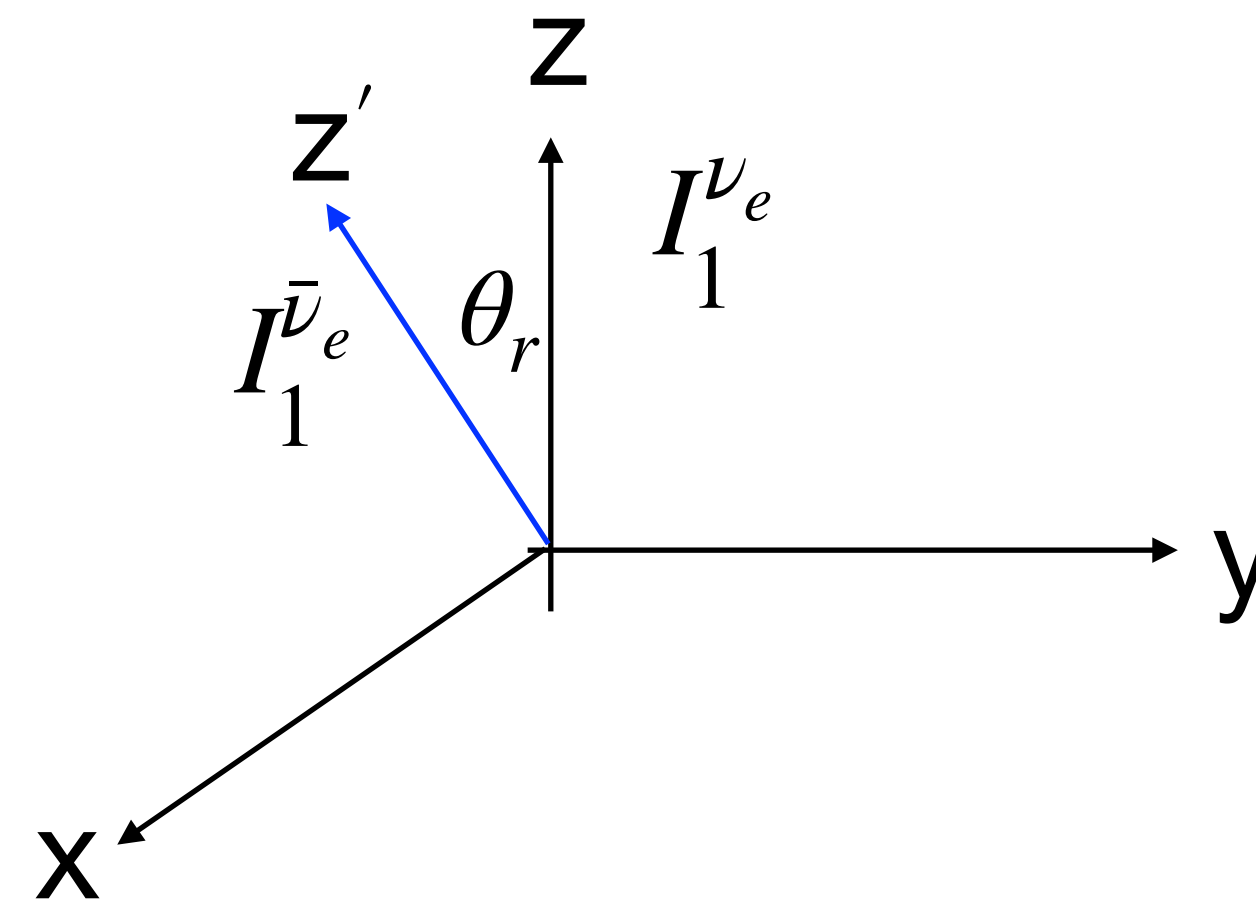
  

DT (100%)			
	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	$F_1$ -score (%)
No crossing	100	100	100
Crossing	100	100	100
Nonaxisymmetric	93	92	92

# OUR MODEL SETUP



Final configuration



Maximum entropy distribution

$$f_{\nu_e} = \exp(-\eta_{\nu_e} + a_{\nu_e} v_z)$$

$$f_{\bar{\nu}_e} = \exp(-\eta_{\bar{\nu}_e} + a_{\bar{\nu}_e} v'_z)$$

$$v'_z = \sin \theta_r v_x + \cos \theta_r v_z$$

$$v_x = \sin \theta_\nu \cos \phi_\nu$$

$$v_z = \cos \theta_\nu$$

# MACHINE LEARNING FRAMEWORK



## Binary Classification Problem

Output - 0/1

Label 0 - No crossing

Label 1 - Crossing

$$I_n = \int d\Omega \int_0^\infty \frac{E_\nu^2 dE_\nu}{(2\pi)^3} \mathbf{v}^n f_\nu(\mathbf{p})$$

## Non-radial fluxes

$$I_0^{\nu_e}, I_0^{\bar{\nu}_e}, I_{1z}^{\nu_e}, I_{1x}^{\bar{\nu}_e}, I_{1z}^{\bar{\nu}_e}$$

Input Features :

$$\alpha = \frac{n_{\bar{\nu}_e}}{n_{\nu_e}}$$

$$F_z^{\nu_e} = \frac{I_1^{\nu_e}}{I_0^{\nu_e}}$$

$$F_x^{\bar{\nu}_e} = \frac{I_{1x}^{\bar{\nu}_e}}{I_0^{\bar{\nu}_e}}$$

$$F_z^{\bar{\nu}_e} = \frac{I_{1z}^{\bar{\nu}_e}}{I_0^{\bar{\nu}_e}}$$

# TRAINING

- Randomly generate the values of  $\alpha$ ,  $F^{\nu_e}$ ,  $F^{\bar{\nu}_e}$  and obtain the parameters of the angular distributions
- Determine the true labels of output (crossing/no crossing) from these angular distributions
- Train the ML model using these input features and the true output

ML algorithms :

- Logistic Regression
- k-Nearest Neighbours
- Support vector Machines
- Decision Tree Classifier

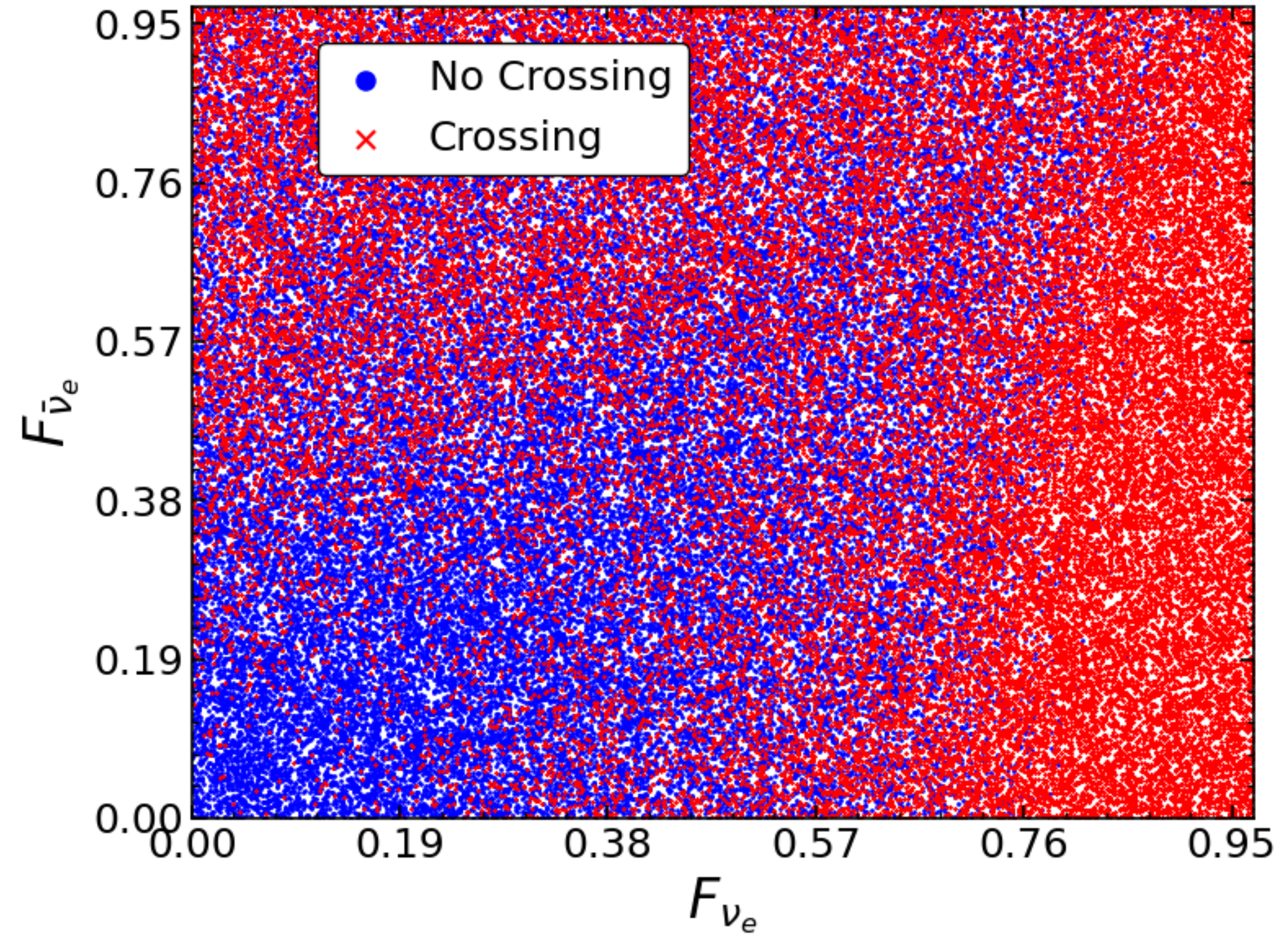
$$f_{\nu} = \exp(-\eta_{\nu} + a_{\nu} \mathbf{v}_z)$$

# TRAINING

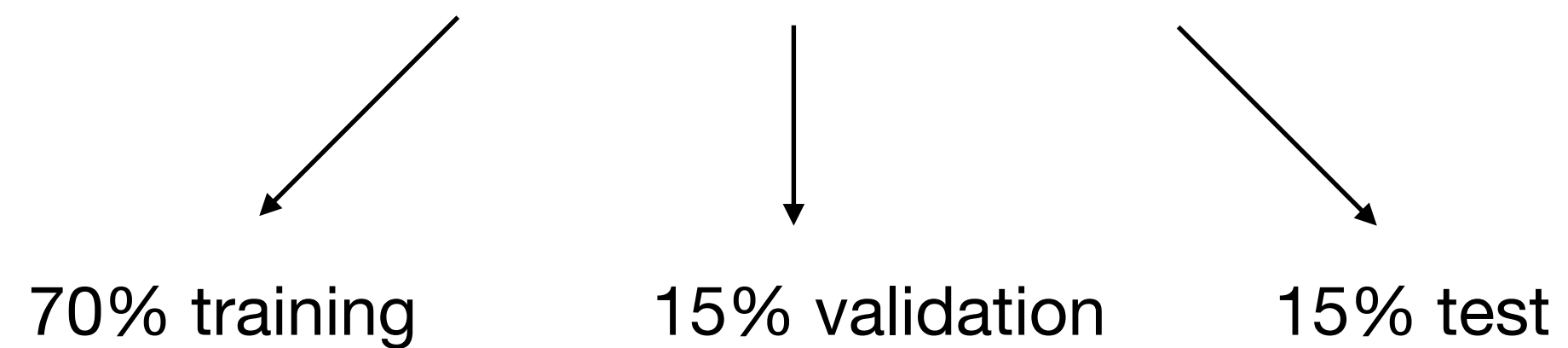
Rotation angle -  $\theta_r = (0, \pi/2)$

For each  $\theta_r$ , 100 values of  $\alpha$  are uniformly sampled in the range  $(0.001, 10)$

For each pair of  $(\theta_r, \alpha)$ , 10 random points are sampled in the  $(F^{\nu_e} - F^{\bar{\nu}_e})$  space



Dataset has  $10^5$  sample points



# PERFORMANCE METRICS

$$\text{accuracy} = \frac{T_p + T_n}{T_p + T_n + F_p + F_n}$$

overall correctness

$$\text{precision} = \frac{T_p}{T_p + F_p}$$

trusting predictions

$$\text{recall} = \frac{T_p}{T_p + F_n}$$

catching all real positives

$T_p$  : True positive

$T_n$  : True negative

$F_p$  : False positive

$F_n$  : False negative

Higher values imply better model

# TEST MODELS

Dataset generated from the same method as the training model

Accuracies :

Logistic Regression : 96%

K-Nearest Neighbours : 97%

Support Vector Machines : 98%

Decision Tree : 97%

# TEST MODELS

Angular distributions computed using the ray-tracing method

M. R. Wu, et. al. , *Phys.Rev.D* 96 (2017) 12, 123015

above the  $\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$  emission surfaces (data from 3D NSM simulations)

R. A-Pulppo, et. al., *Mon. Not. Roy. Astron. Soc.* 485, 4754–4789 (2019)

Accuracies :

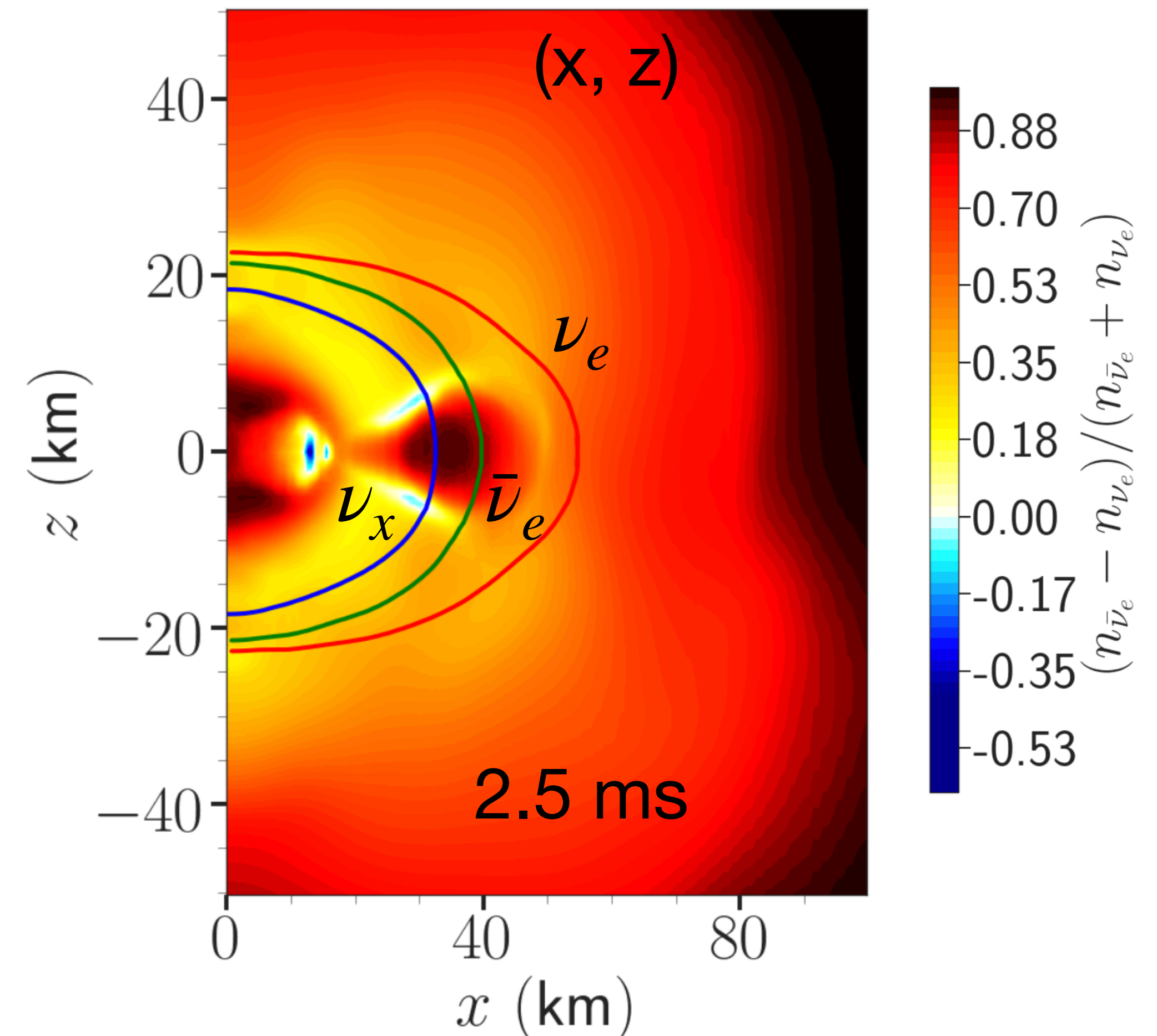
Logistic Regression : 100%

K-Nearest Neighbours : 100%

Support Vector Machines : 100%

Decision Tree : 95%

all samples have crossings



M. George et. al., *Phys.Rev.D* 102 (2020) 10, 103015

# TEST MODELS

Dataset generated from the angular distributions obtained from 1D supernova simulations

Z. Xiong, et. al. , *Phys.Rev.D* 109 (2024) 12, 123008

Axisymmetric

Accuracies :

Logistic Regression : 72%

K-Nearest Neighbours : 78%

Support Vector Machines : 75%

Decision Tree : 61%

Non - axisymmetric ( $\theta_r = \pi/6$ )

Accuracies :

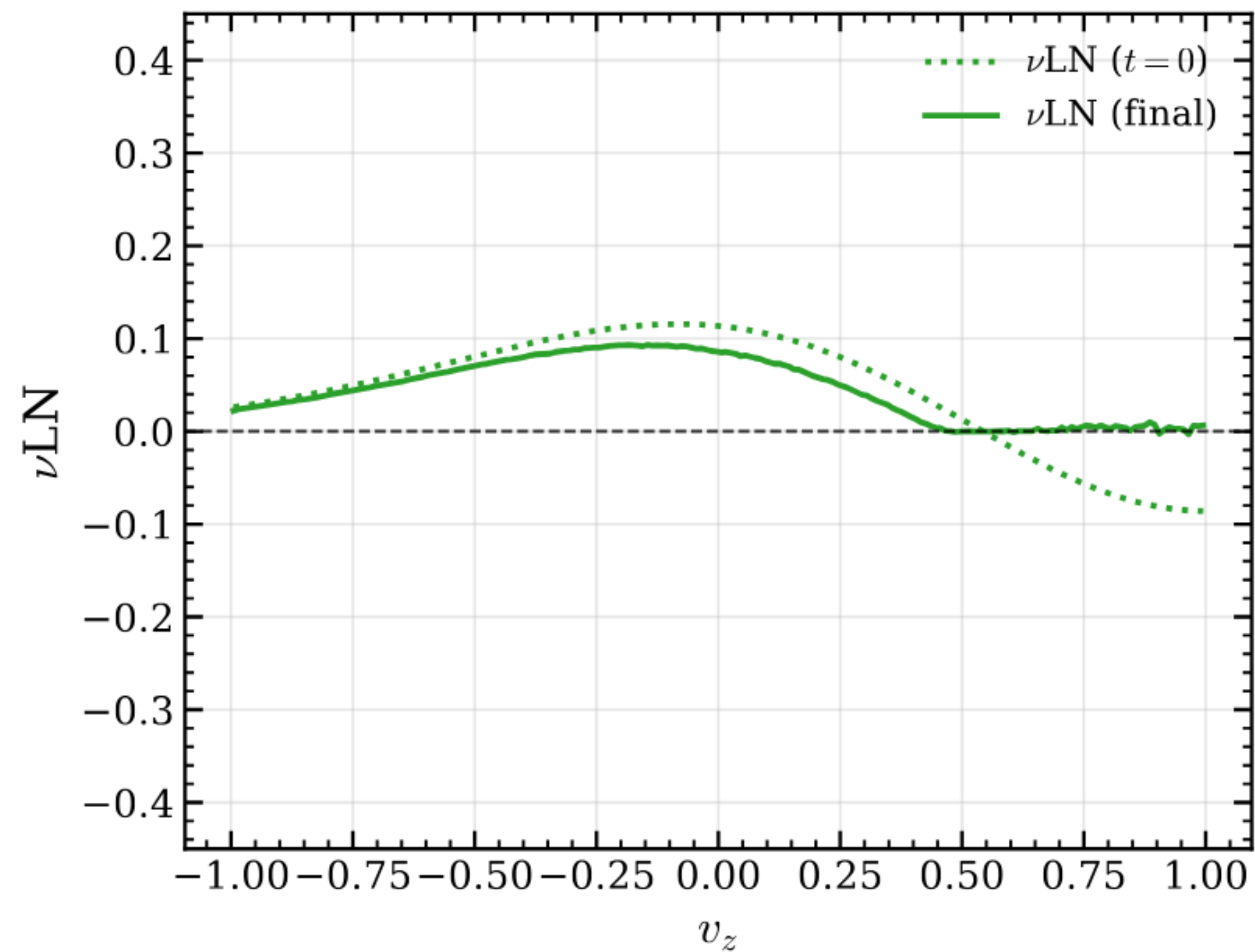
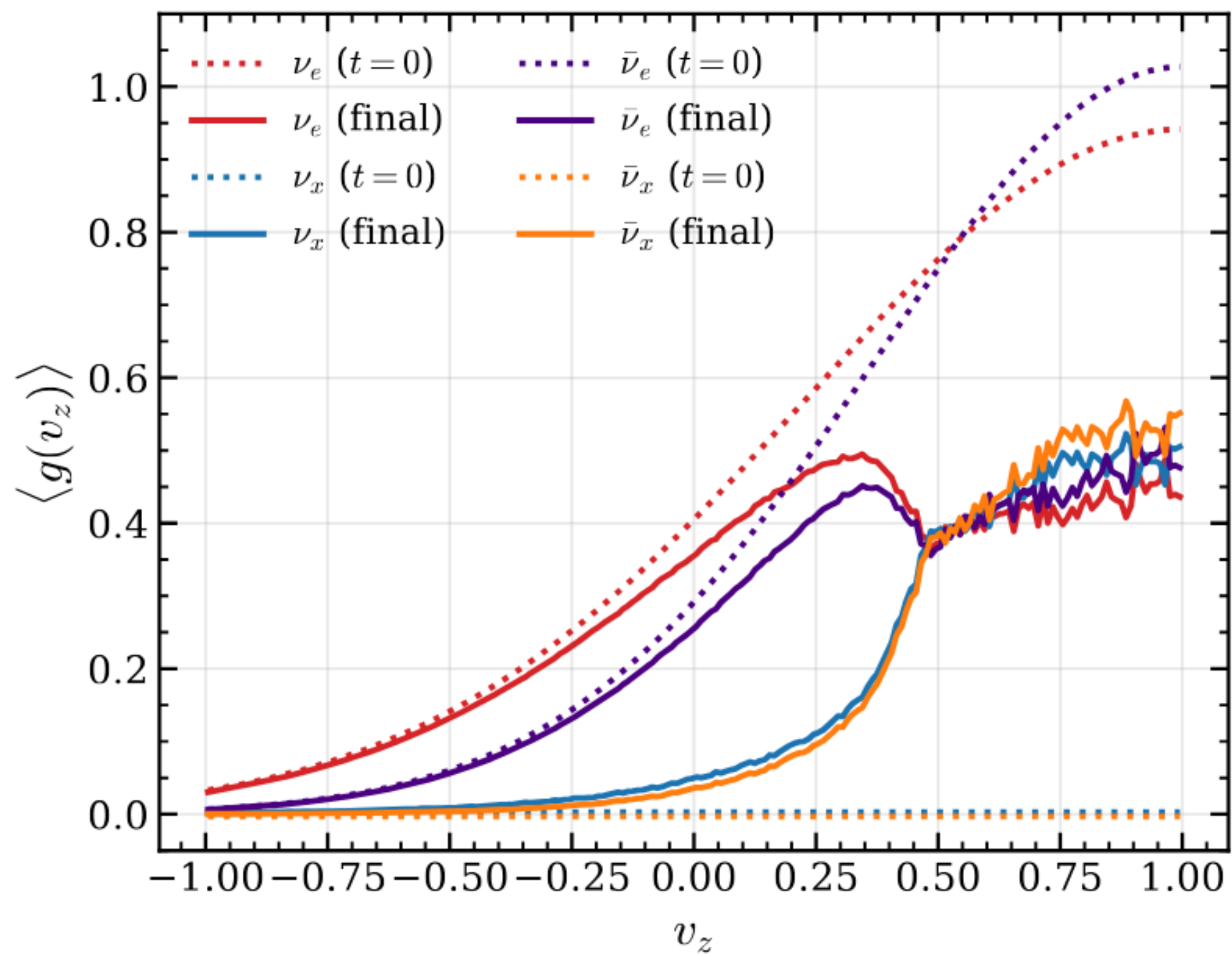
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Decision Tree : 94%

# FLAVOR EQUILIBRATION



# TEST MODELS

Apply “box-like” flavor equilibration scheme to the initial angular distributions

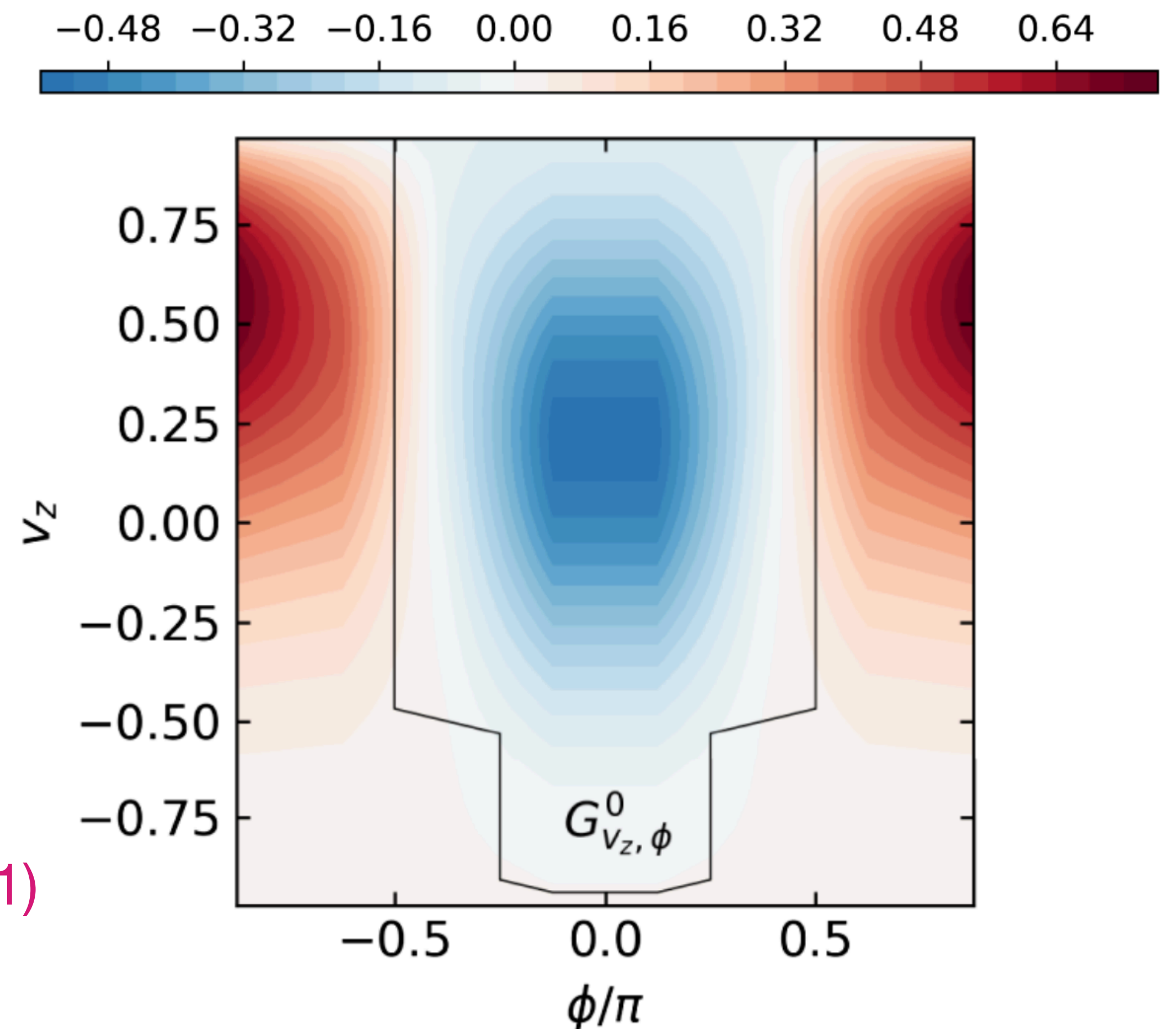
$$I_+ = \left| \int d\Gamma G(v_z, \phi) \Theta[G(v_z, \phi)] \right|,$$

$$I_- = \left| \int d\Gamma G(v_z, \phi) \Theta[-G(v_z, \phi)] \right|.$$

$$P_{ee}(\Gamma) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & \text{for } \Gamma < \\ 1 - \frac{I_{<}}{2I_{>}}, & \text{for } \Gamma > \end{cases}$$

$$I_{<} = \min(I_+, I_-)$$

$$I_{>} = \max(I_+, I_-)$$



S. Bhattacharyya, et. al. , Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 061302 (2021)

M. Zaizen, et. al., , Phys. Rev. D 107, 103022 (2023)

M. George et. al. , *Phys.Rev.D* 110 (2024) 12, 123018

# TEST MODELS

Apply “box-like” flavor equilibration scheme to the initial angular distributions

Accuracies :

Logistic Regression : 55%

$\nu_x$  and  $\bar{\nu}_x$  fluxes are different after FE

K-Nearest Neighbours : 54%

only no crossing samples

Support Vector Machines : 53%

Decision Tree : 54%

Accuracies :

Logistic Regression : 94%

$\nu_x$  and  $\bar{\nu}_x$  fluxes are same after FE

K-Nearest Neighbours : 98%

both crossings and no crossings

Support Vector Machines : 99%

Decision Tree : 98%

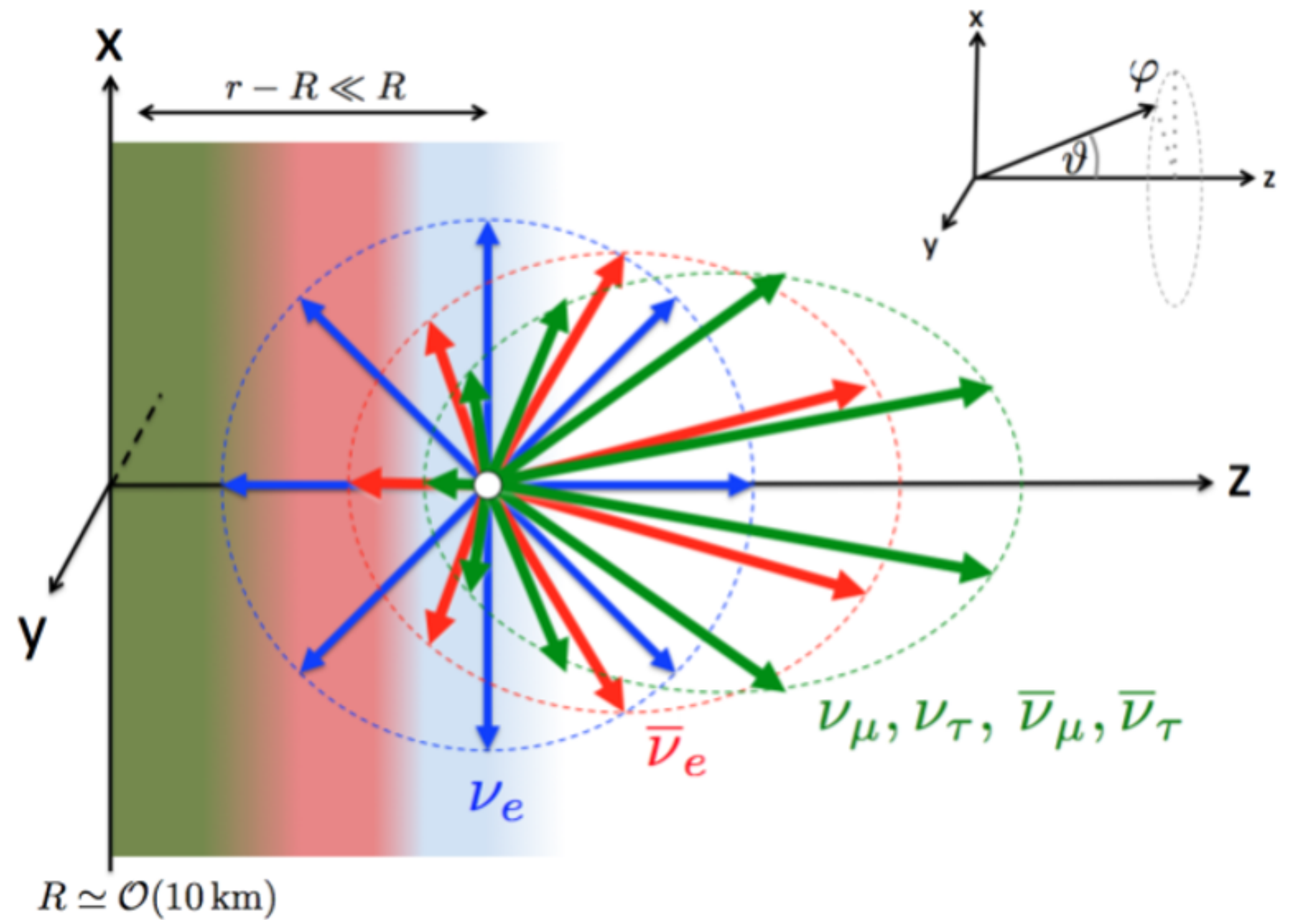
$$G(\mathbf{v}) = \sqrt{2} G_F \int_0^\infty \frac{E_\nu^2 dE_\nu}{(2\pi)^3} [f_{\nu_e}(\mathbf{p}) - f_{\bar{\nu}_e}(\mathbf{p}) - f_{\nu_x}(\mathbf{p}) + f_{\bar{\nu}_x}(\mathbf{p})]$$

# CONCLUSIONS

- Train and test our models on different setups
- Predictions are affected by the dataset-specific features
- Within a given setup, the ML model robustly captures the essential structure of ELN crossings
- Our ML model is able to efficiently detect the crossings/no crossings when the input features in the test set are consistent with that of training set

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

**BACK UP**



Different flavours :

- different interaction rates
- different angular distributions

# ML algorithms

Logistic Regression :

Aim : to know yes/no

Probabilistic interpretation

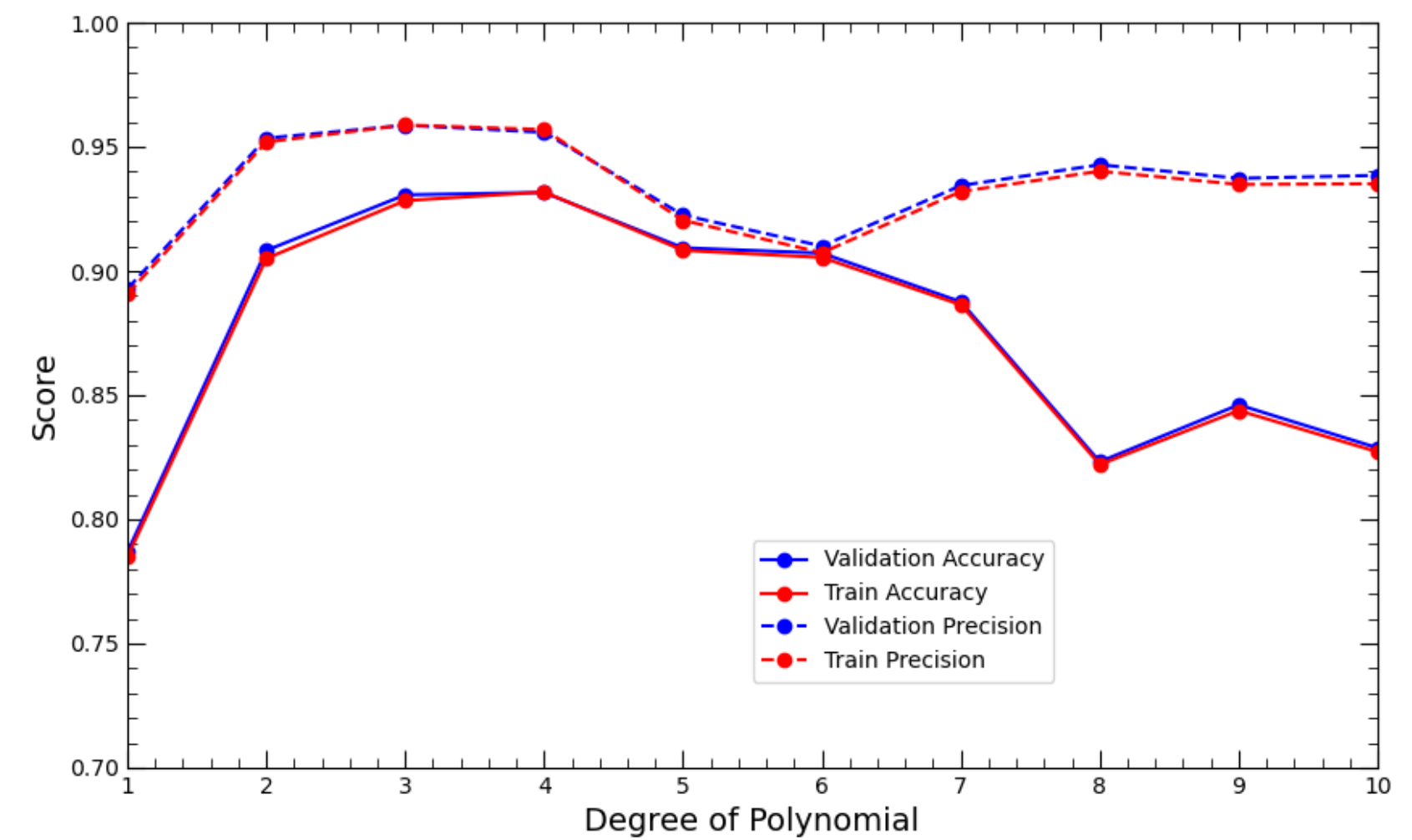
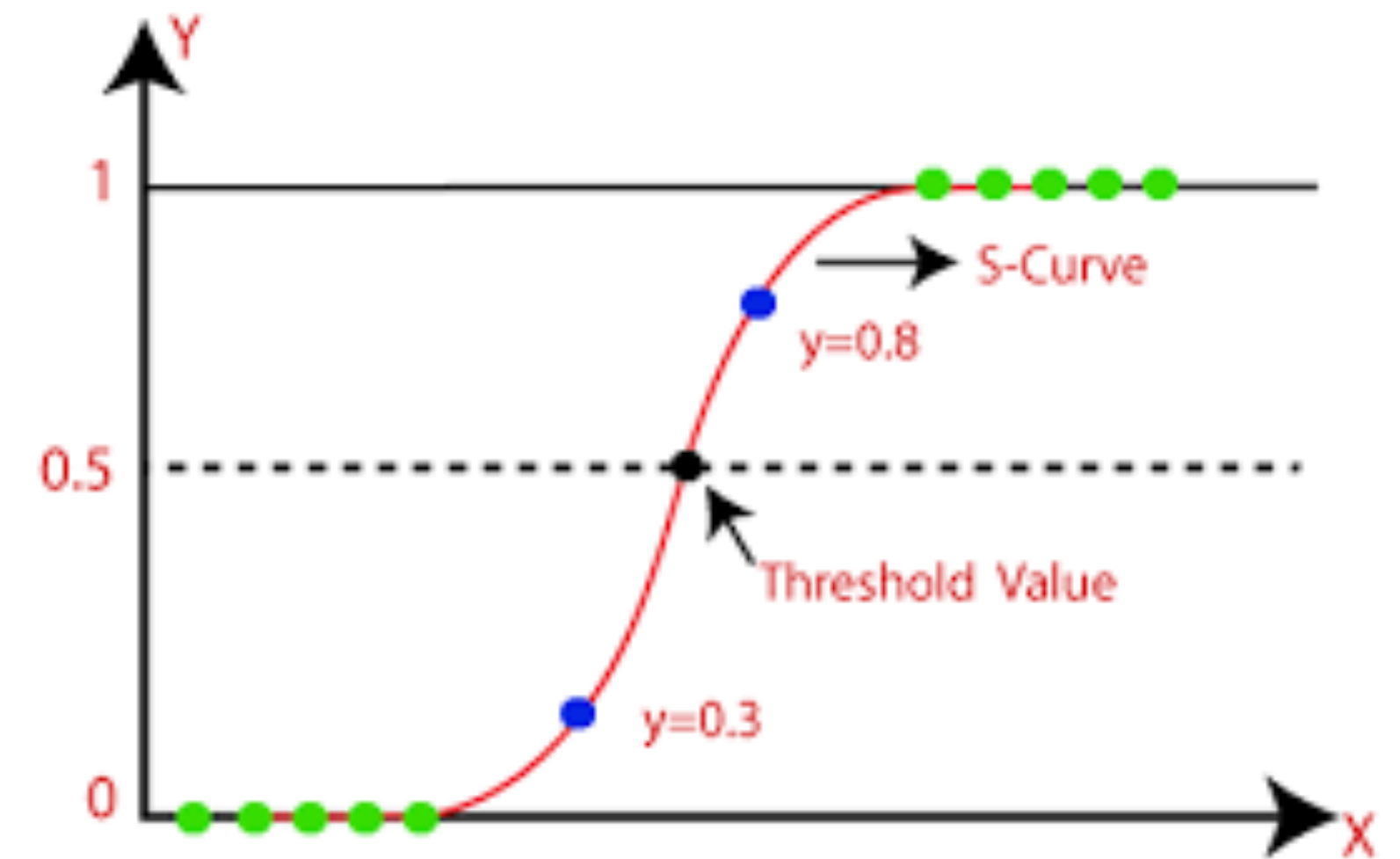
$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)}$$

$$z = \mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{X}$$

Threshold value = 0.5

If  $\sigma(z) > 0.5$ , class 1

If  $\sigma(z) < 0.5$ , class 0

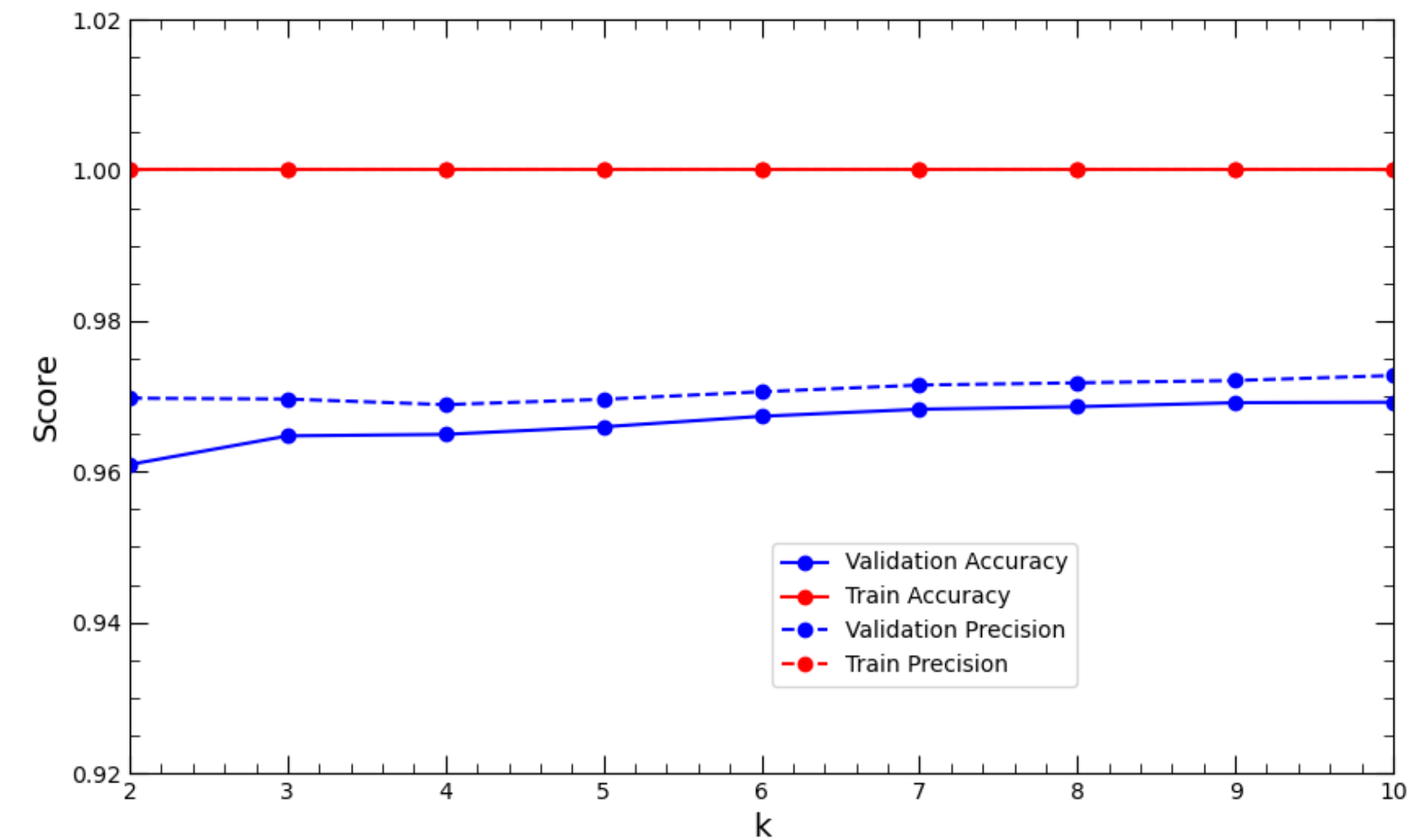
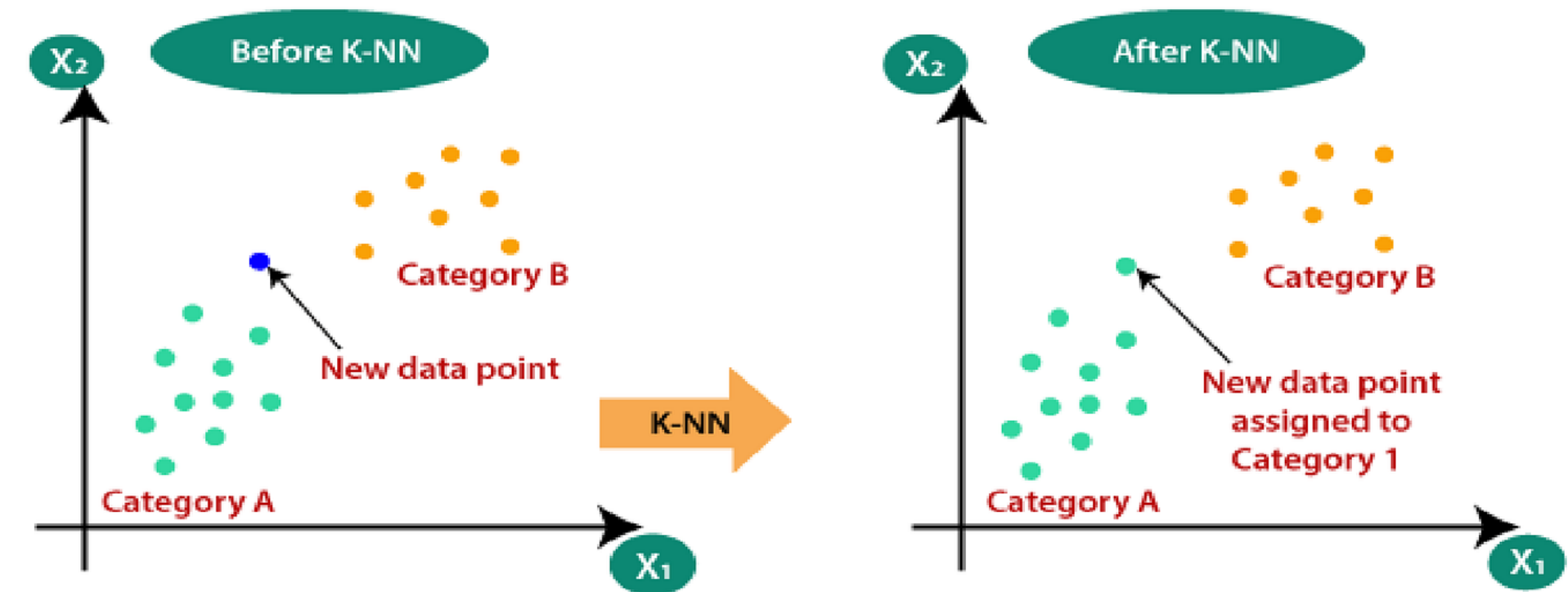


# K- nearest neighbours

Aim : how many neighbours are there of each class

Based on the number of neighbours, the new data point is classified

k - number of nearest neighbours



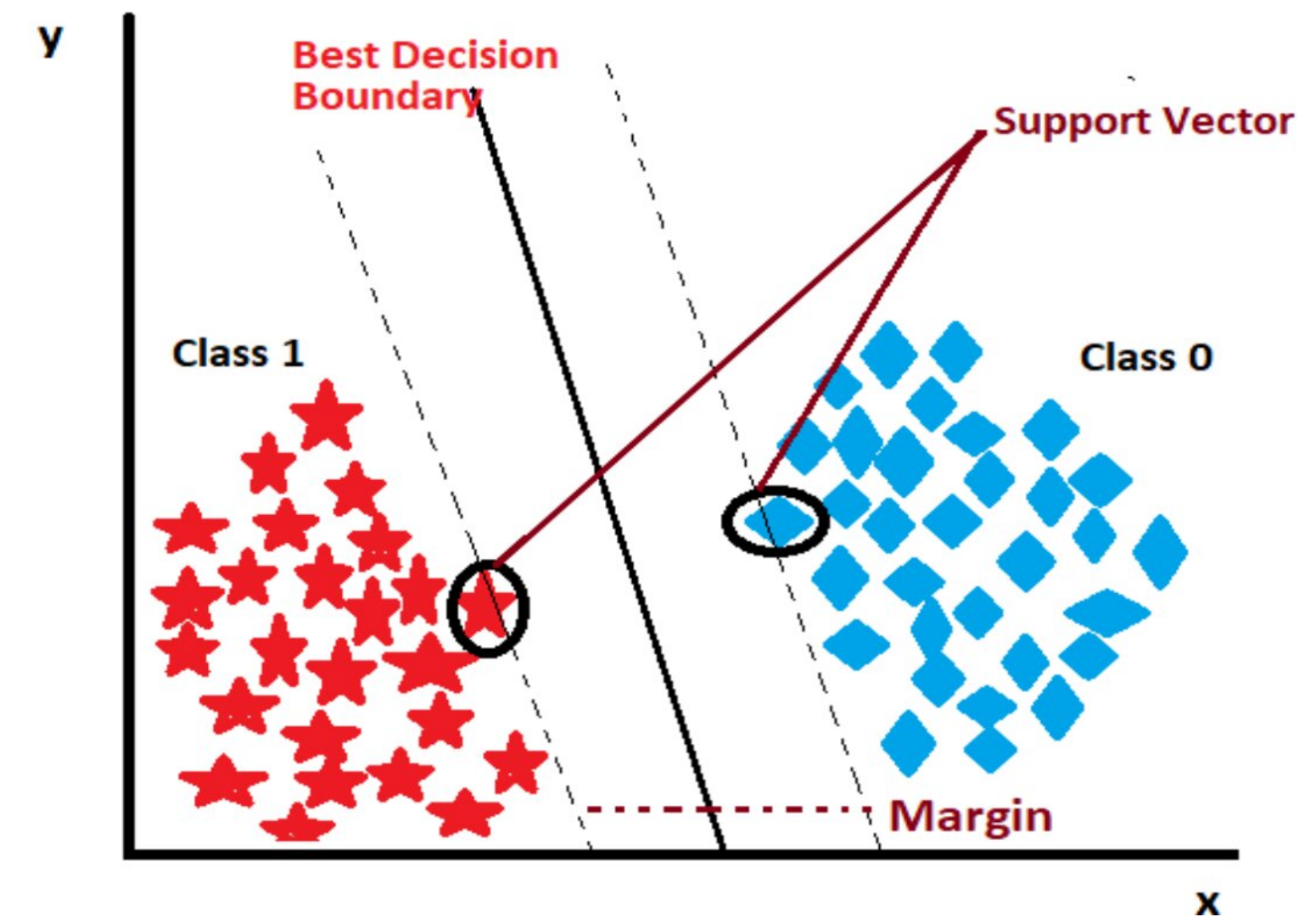
# Support Vector Machine

Aim : To find the best decision boundary

separating the different classes

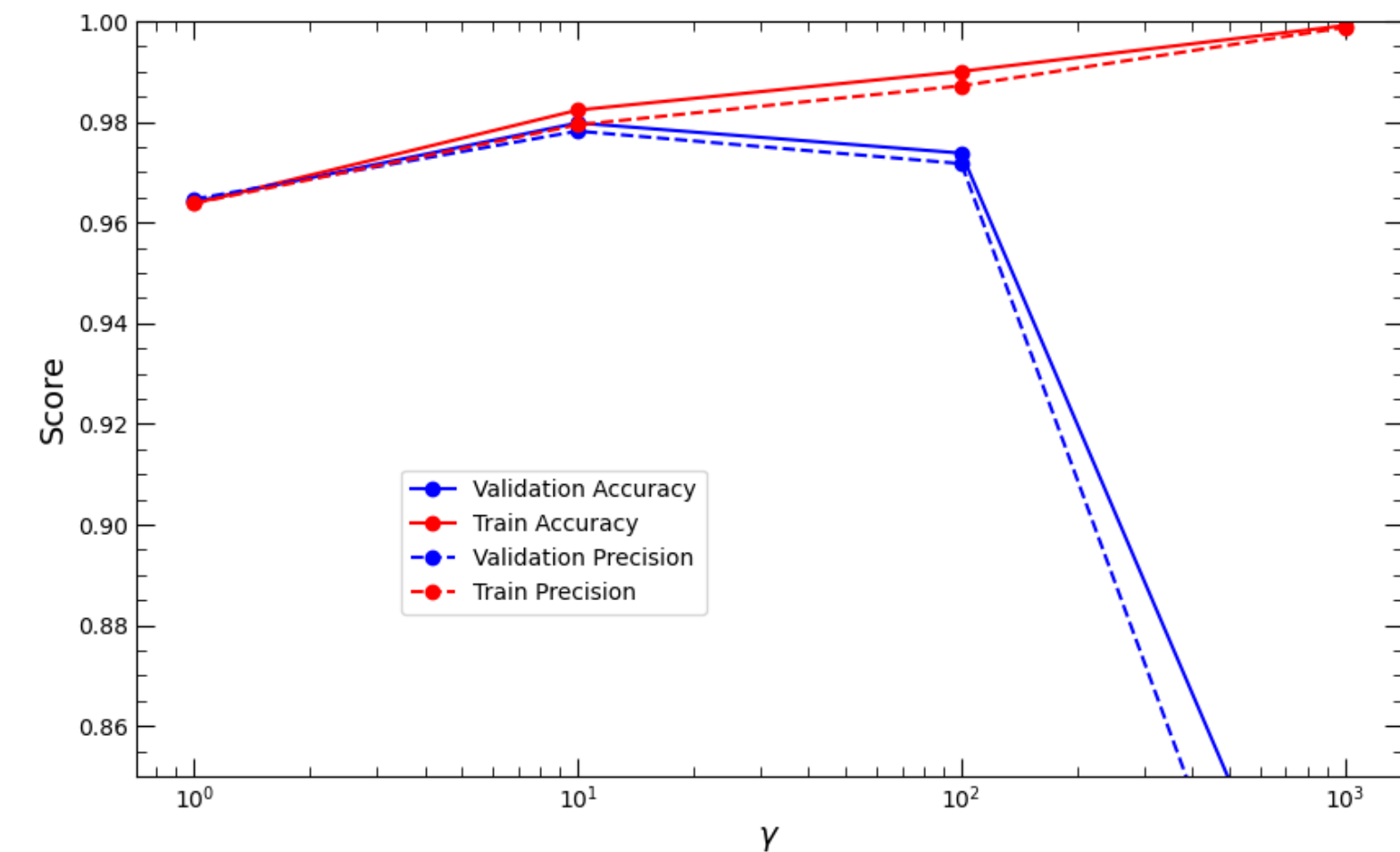
Distance between data point and boundary

is maximised



Radial basis function :

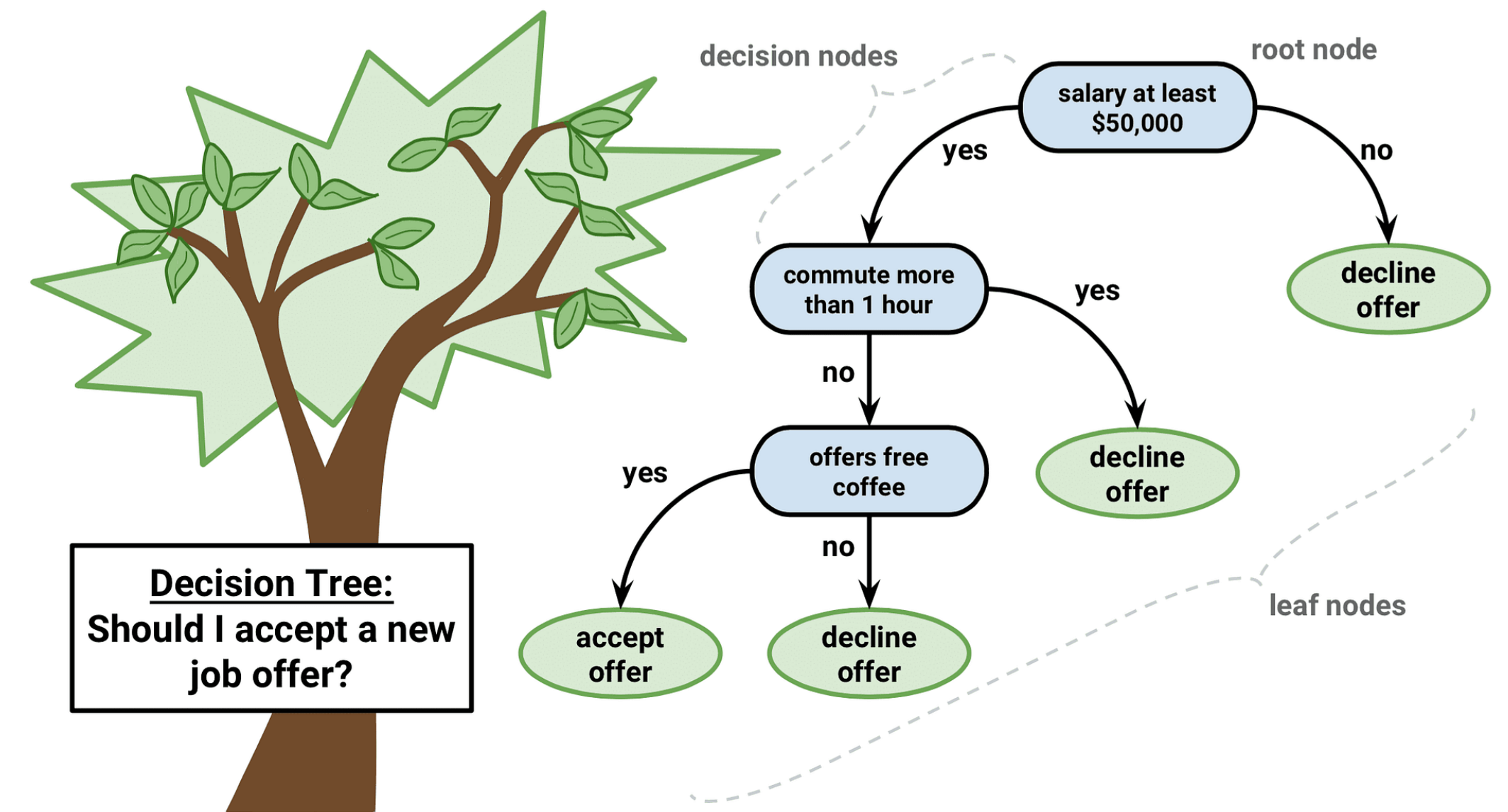
$$\mathcal{K}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \exp(-\gamma ||\vec{x} - \vec{x}'||^2)$$



# Decision Tree Classifier

At each node, feature is selected which best separates the two classes

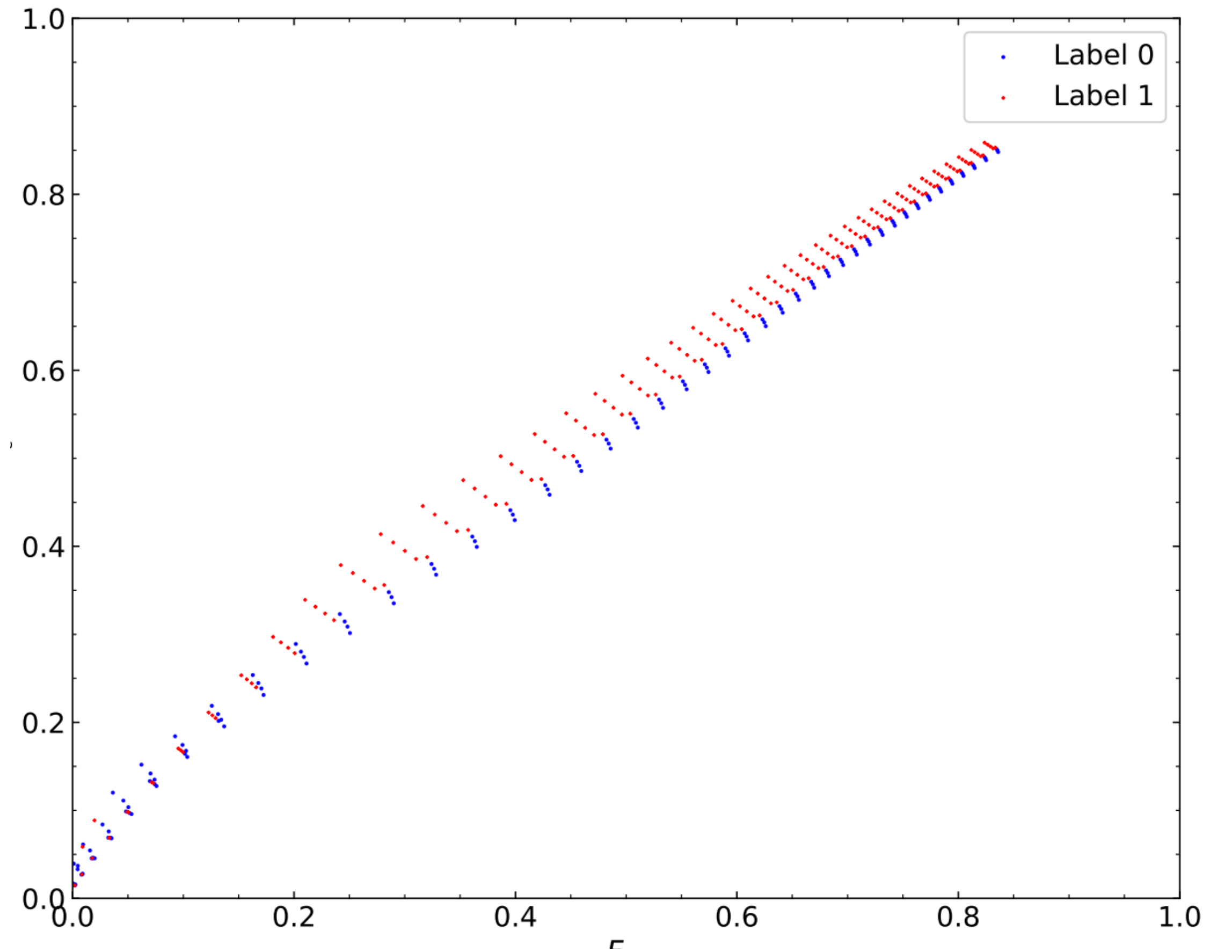
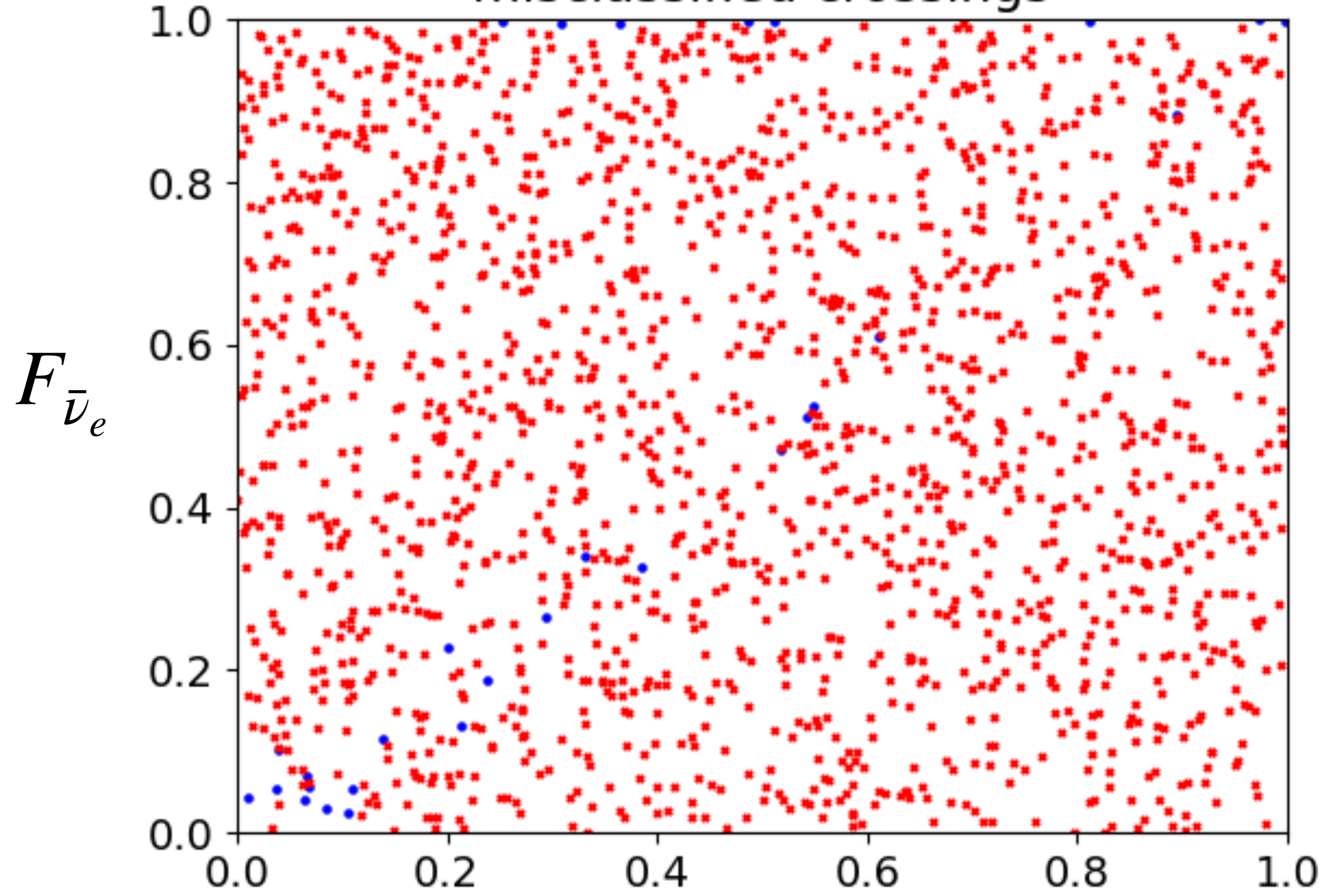
Continues until the data is sufficiently classified



# TEST MODELS

Axisymmetric

misclassified crossings



training space

$F_{\nu_e}$

• Crossing

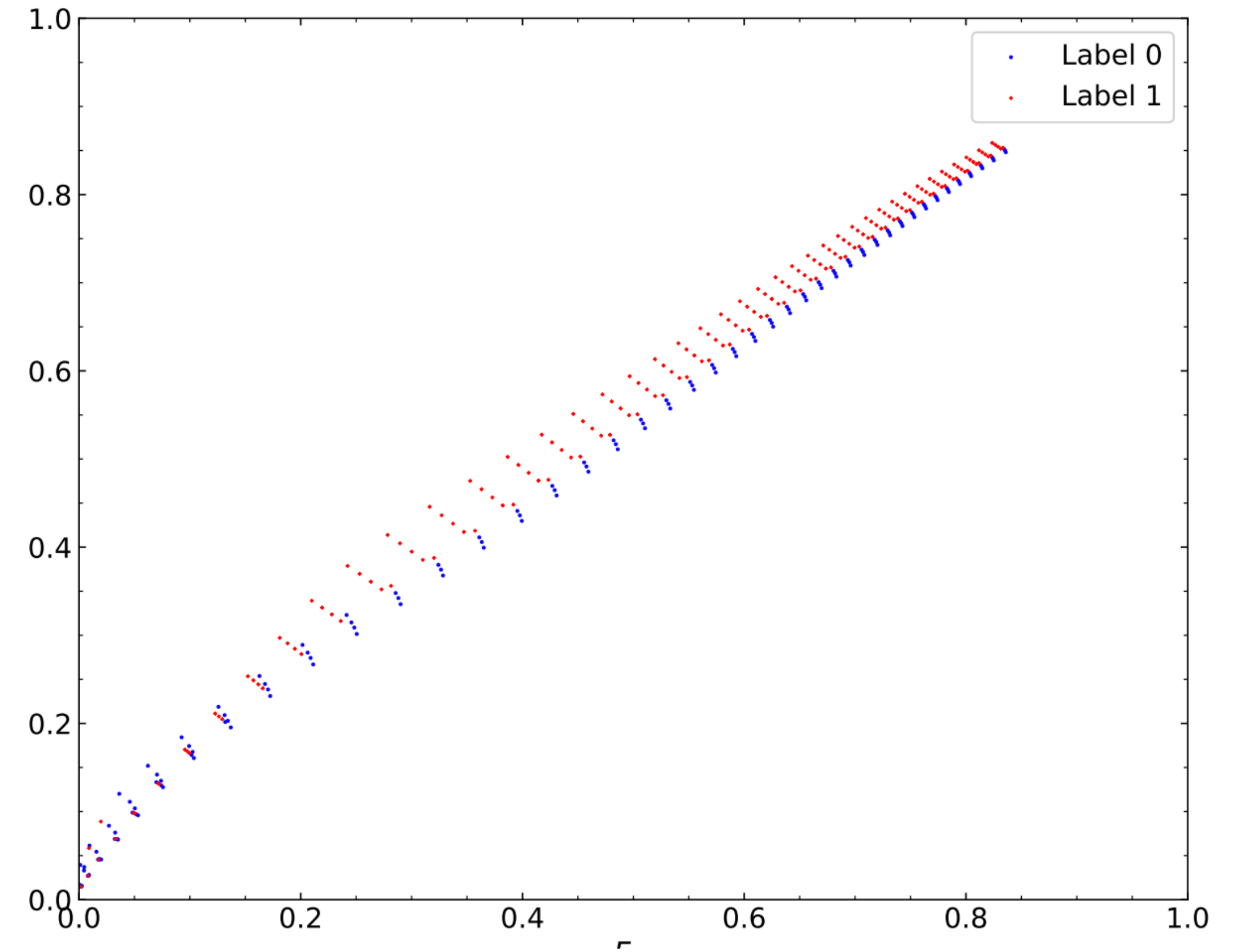
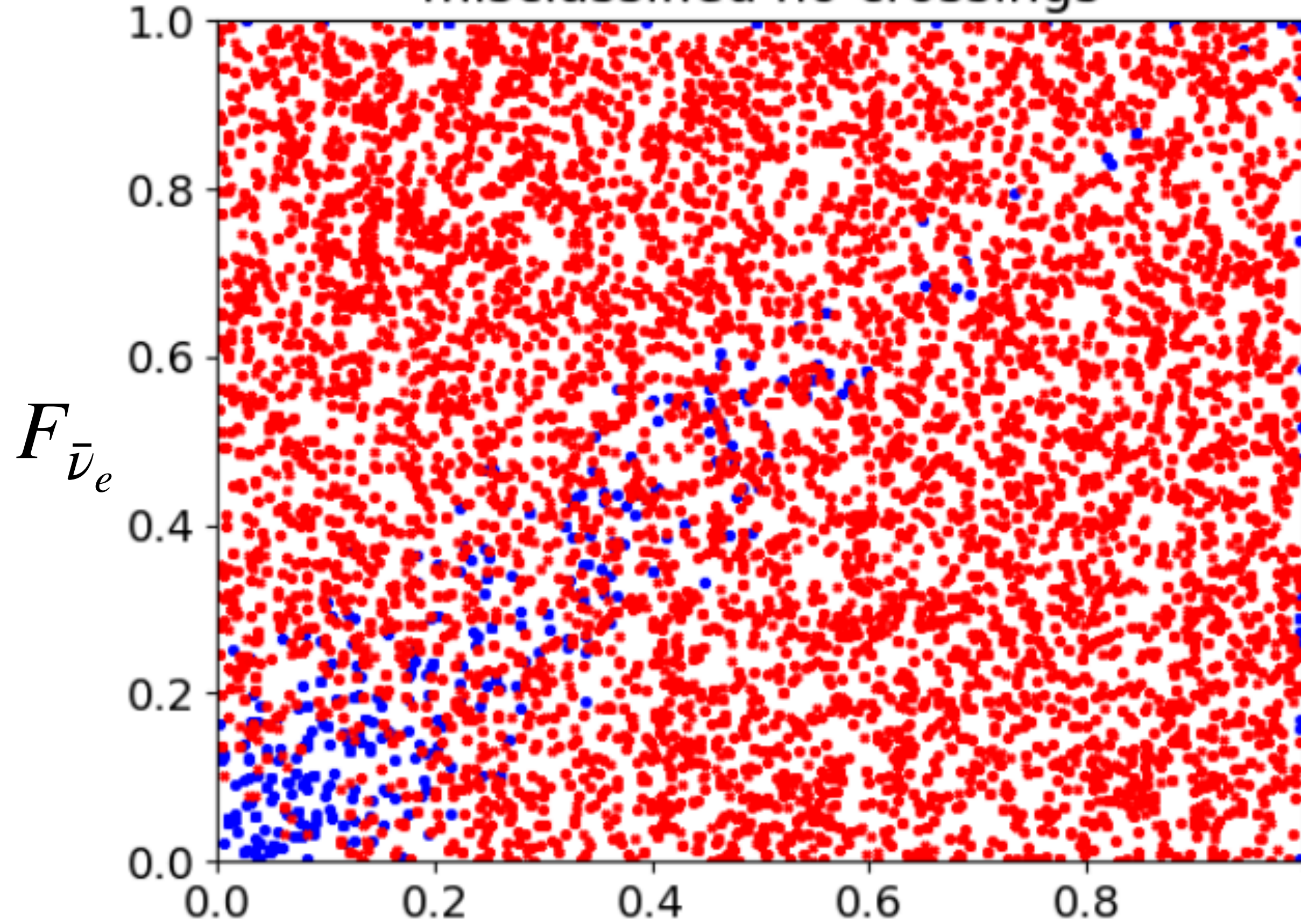
• No crossing

test space

# TEST MODELS

Axisymmetric

misclassified no crossings



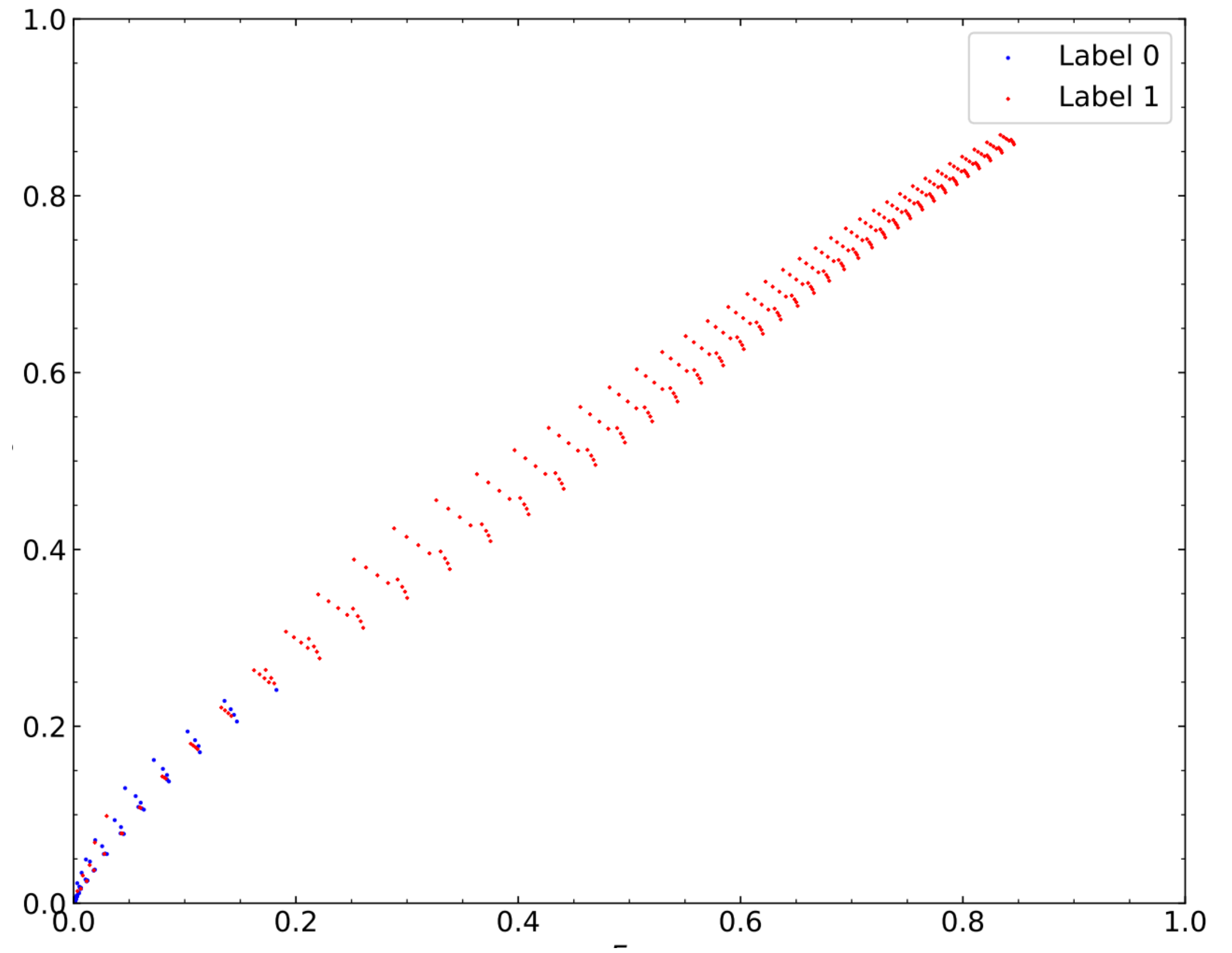
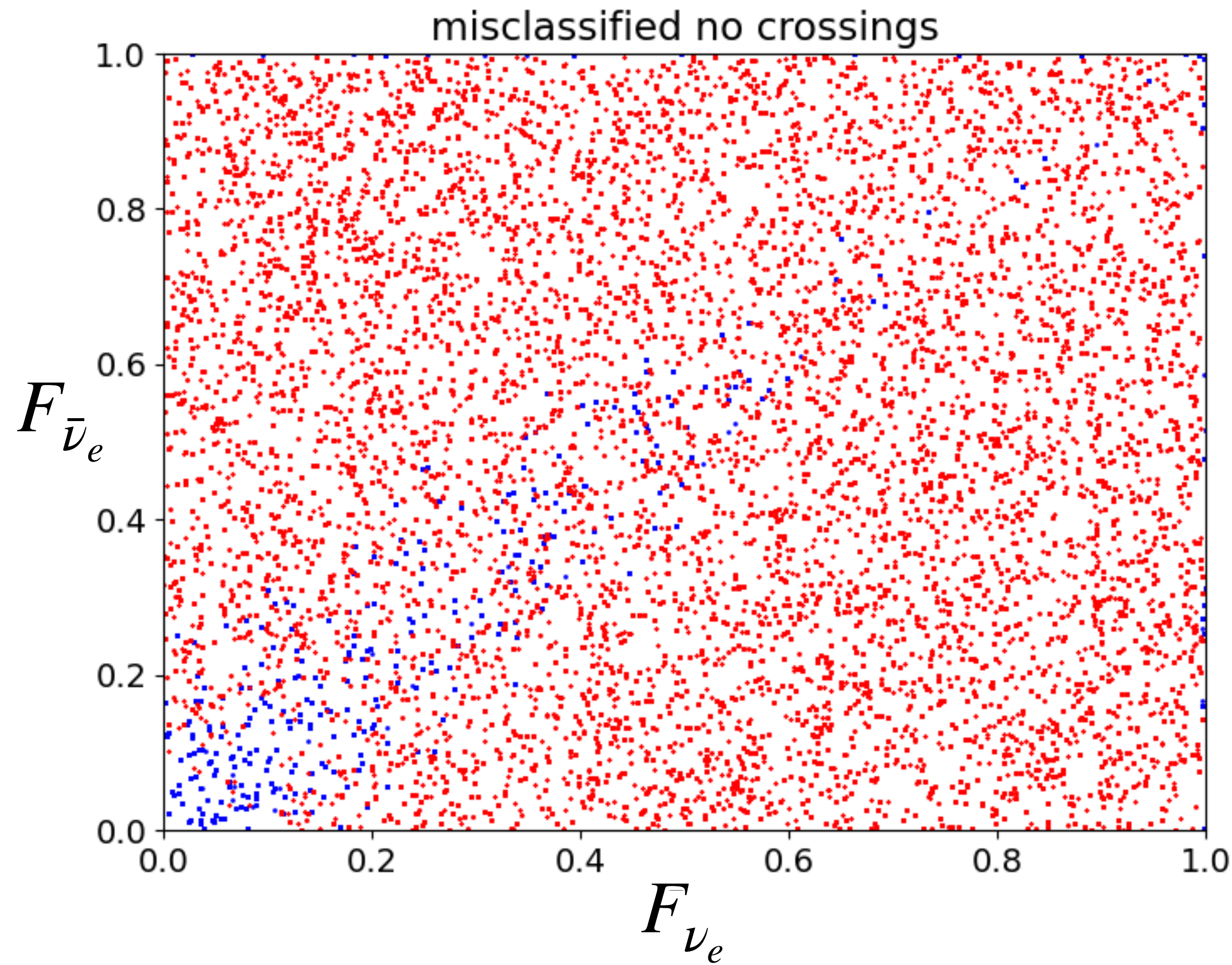
training space  $F_{\nu_e}$

test space

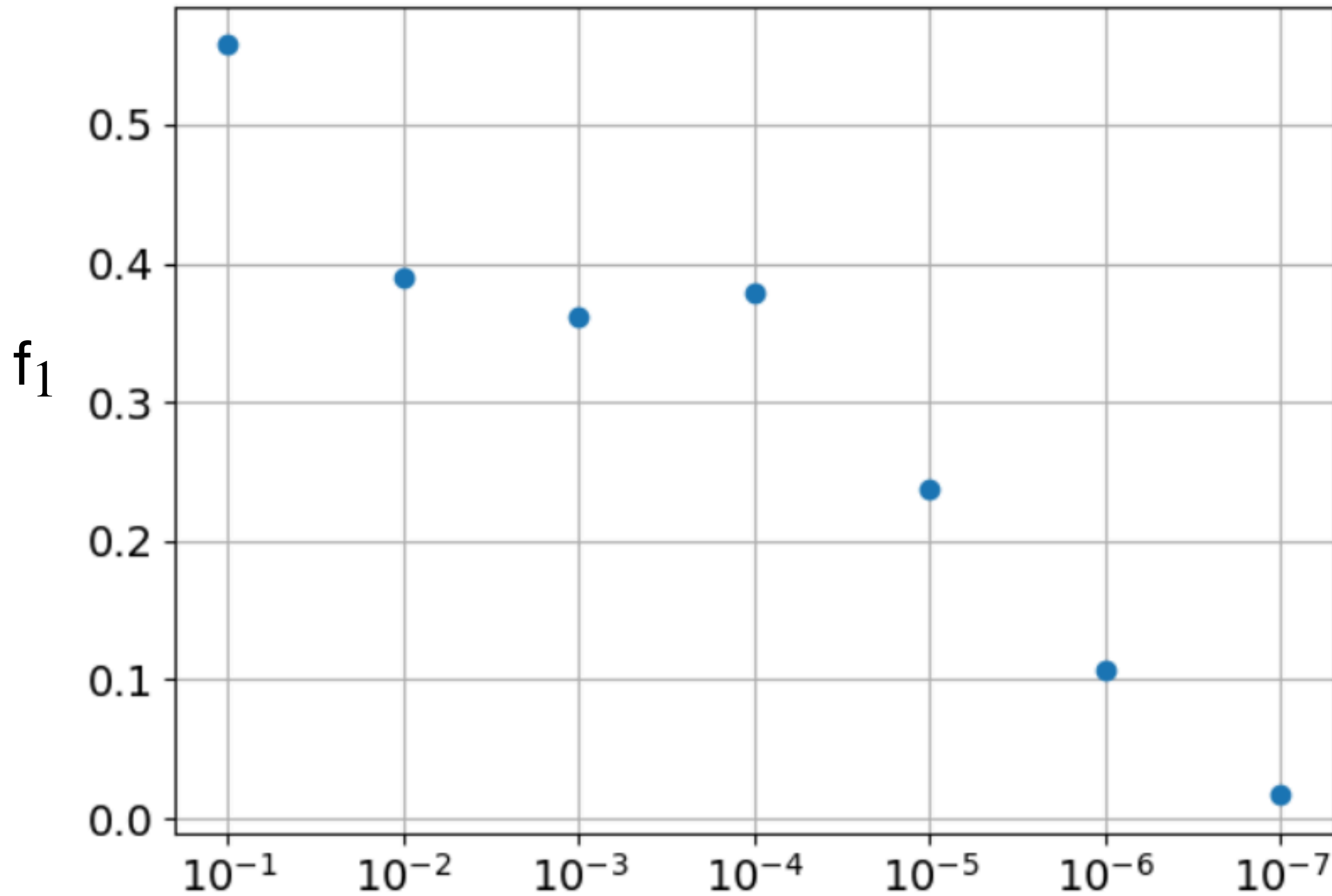
- Crossing
- No crossing

# TEST MODELS

Non - axisymmetric ( $\theta_r = \pi/6$ )



• Crossing      • No crossing



Threshold  $l_{\text{ratio}}$

- Axisymmetric setup
- Apply flavor equilibration
- Remap the flavor equilibrated fluxes to the max. entropy distribution
- Search for ELN crossings

$$l_{\text{ratio}} = \frac{l_{<}}{l_{>}}$$

$$f_1 = \frac{\text{number of crossings after remapping}}{\text{number of original crossings}}$$