

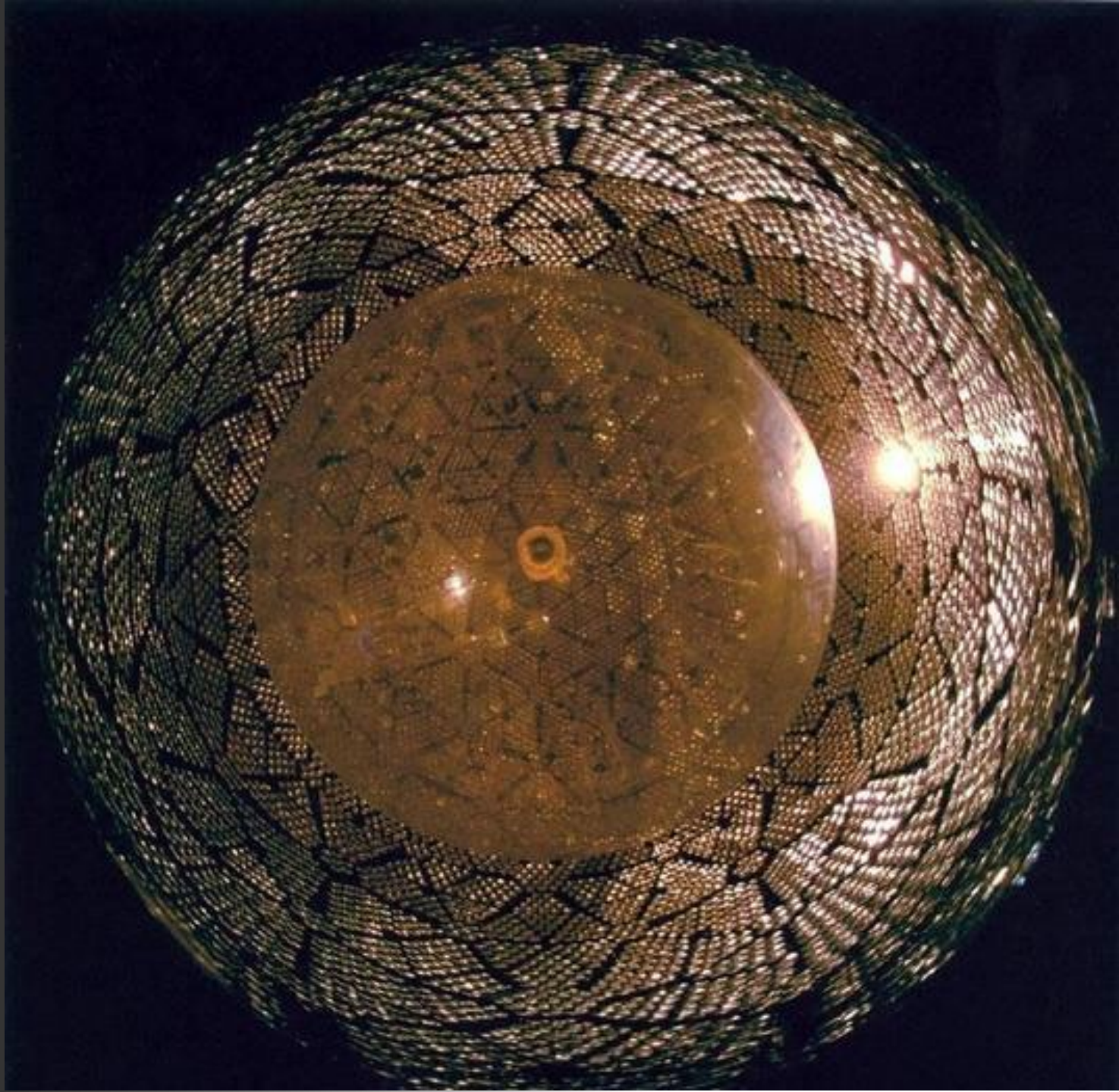
Solar Neutrinos

A Path to Discovery

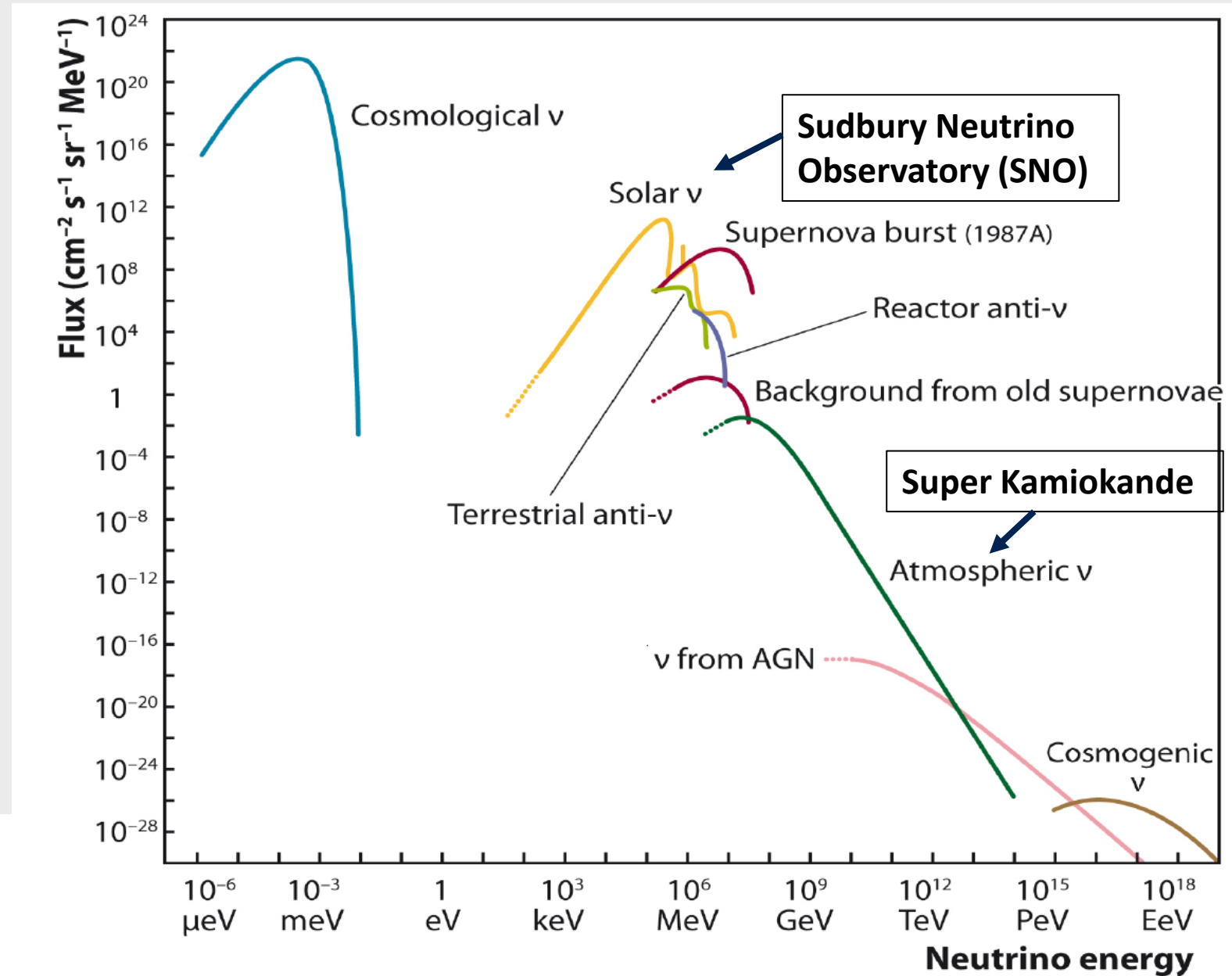
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Neutrinos reaching the Earth



Many Connections Between Bruno Pontecorvo and Solar Neutrinos

- **Science:**

- He proposed chlorine as a detection medium for reactor and solar neutrinos: 1946
- Developed proportional counters – used by Davis and SNO ^3He detectors: 1949
- Proposed neutrino oscillations: 1957
- Proposed oscillations as the explanation for the solar neutrino problem: 1968

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DIVISION OF ATOMIC ENERGY

INVERSE β PROCESS

by

B. Pontecorvo

Chalk River, Ontario

20 November, 1946

RD-205



Бруно Понтекорво

1968: Gribov and Pontecorvo suggest flavor change (oscillation) of electron neutrinos to muon neutrinos as a possible outcome of measurements of solar neutrinos.

Homestake Gold Mine



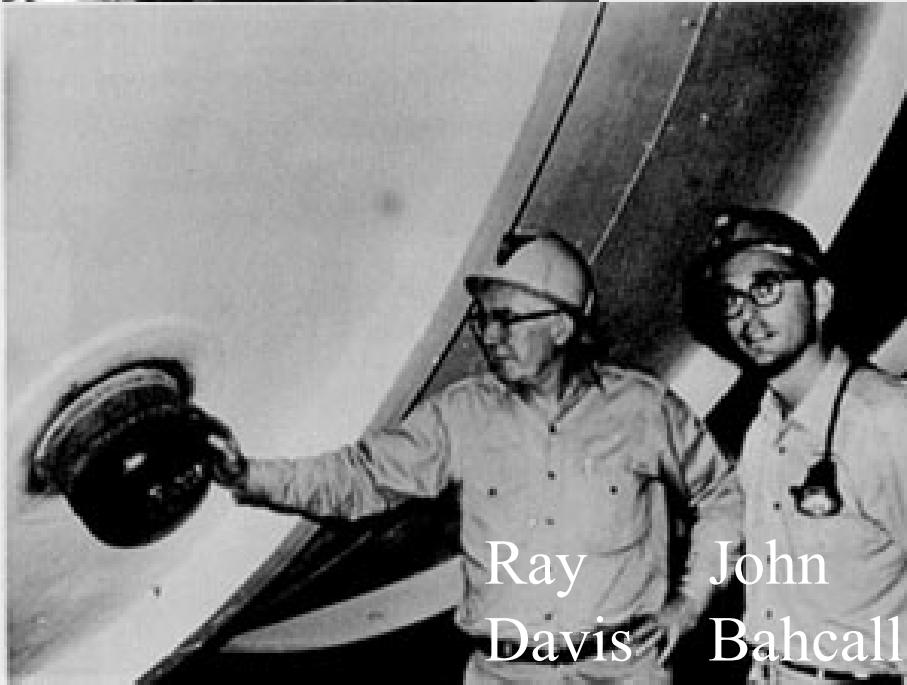
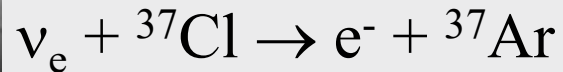
100,000 gallons of cleaning fluid C_2Cl_4

Expected 1.5 interactions per day

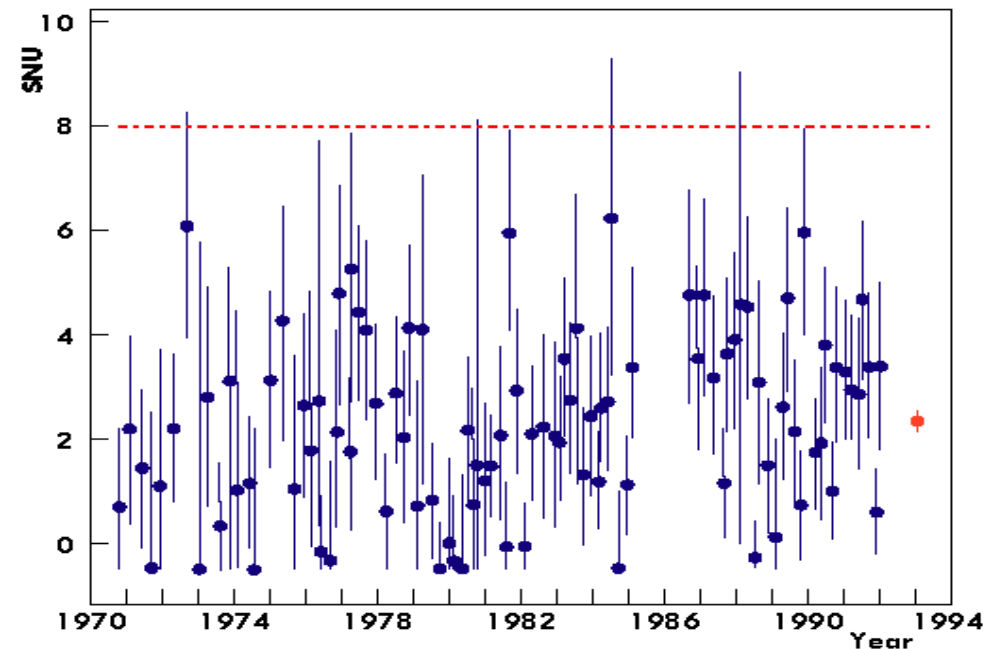
Measured 0.5 interactions per day

Sensitive to 8B solar neutrinos only

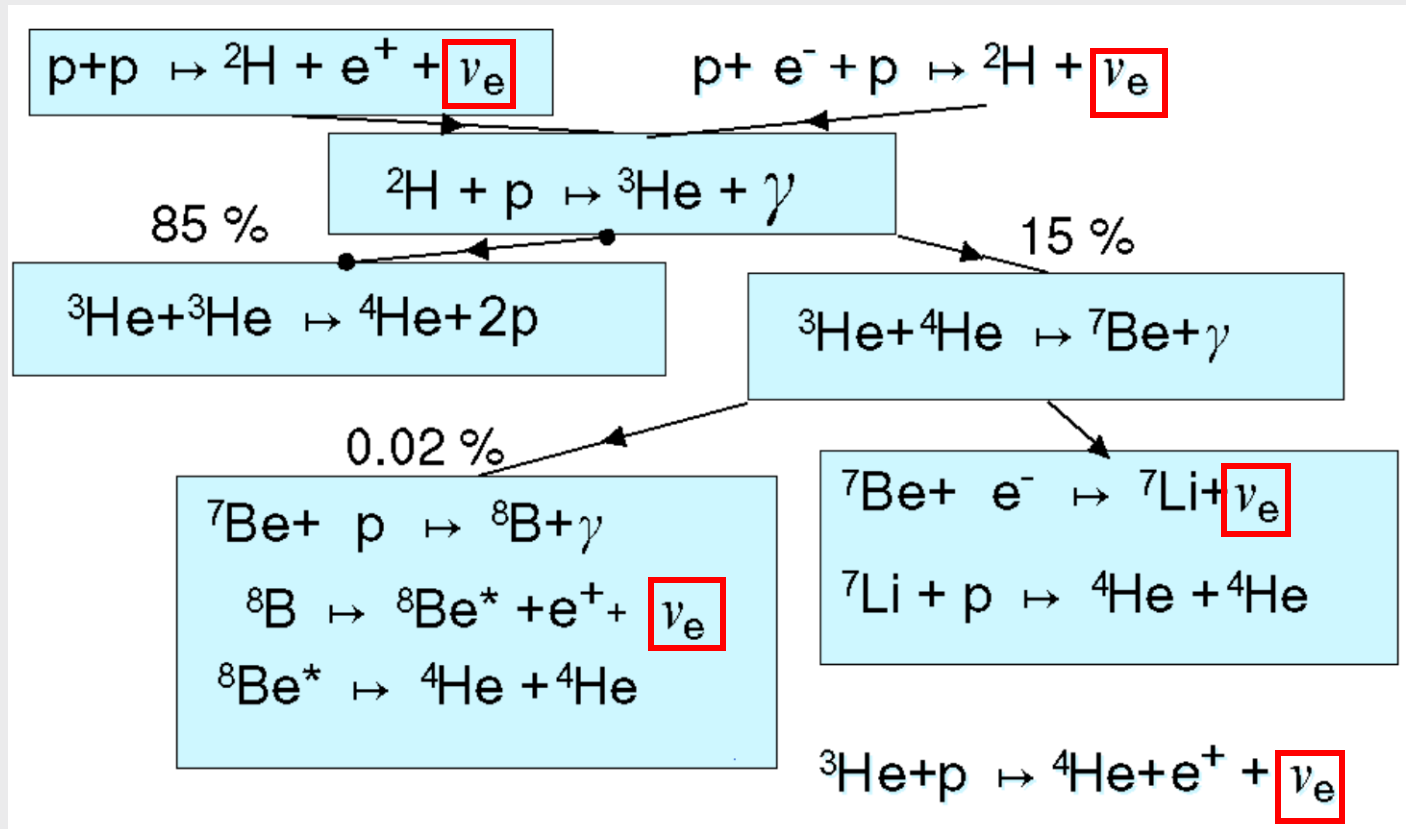
1968!



Ray Davis John Bahcall

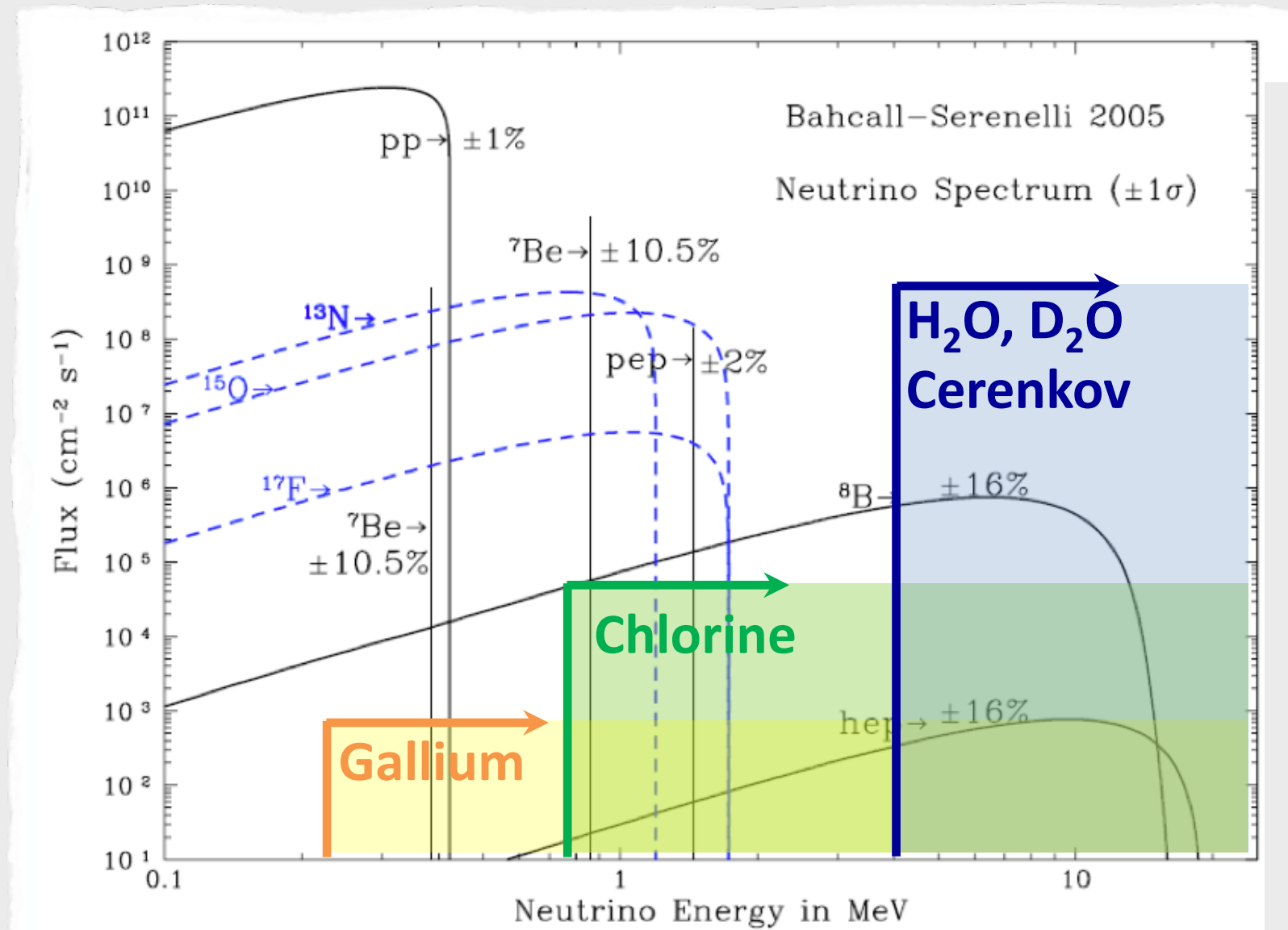


SOLAR FUSION CHAIN

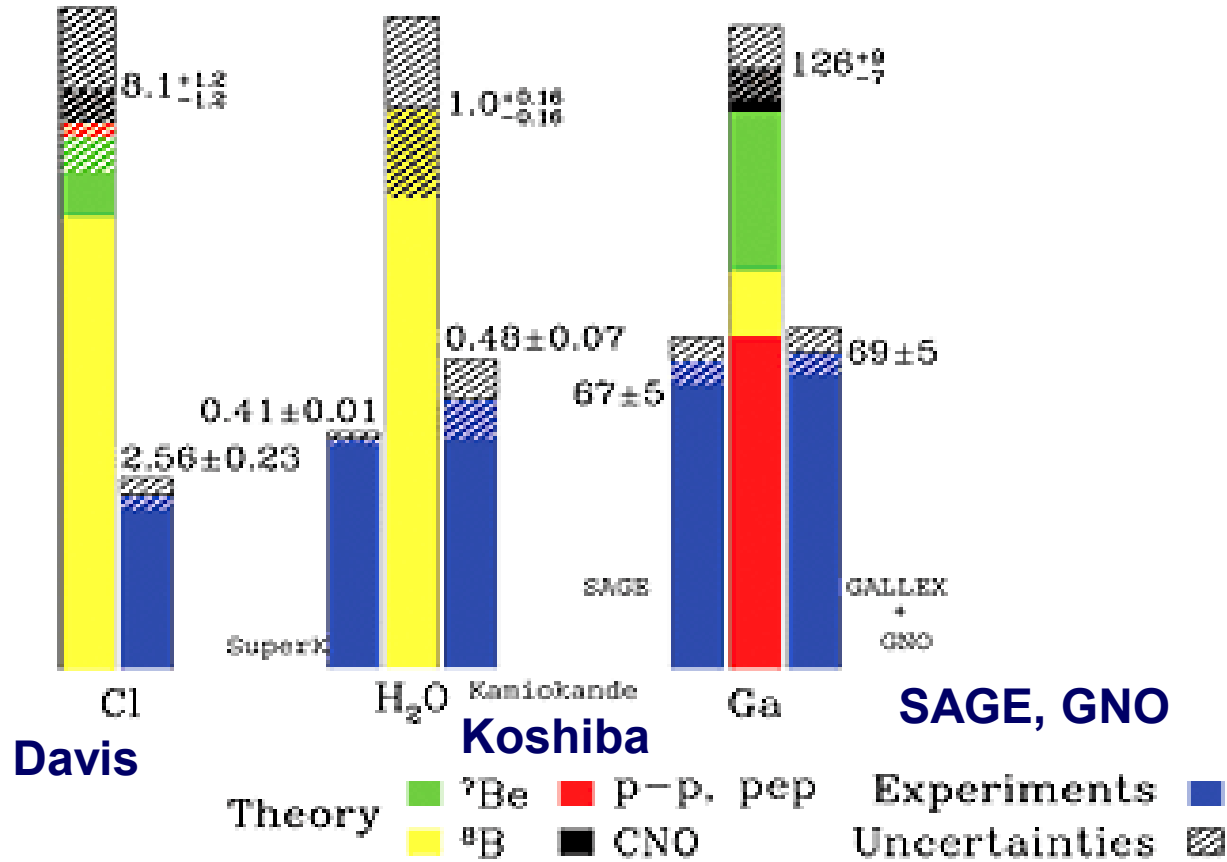


The detection of neutrinos from the Sun is a very direct way to verify models of the Sun and the energy generation reactions.

Solar ν Energy Spectra



Experiments sensitive primarily or exclusively to Electron Neutrinos saw too few neutrinos compared to Solar Models. Was this solar physics or neutrino physics?



Total Rates: Standard Model vs. Experiment
 Bahcall-Serenelli 2005 [BS05(OP)]

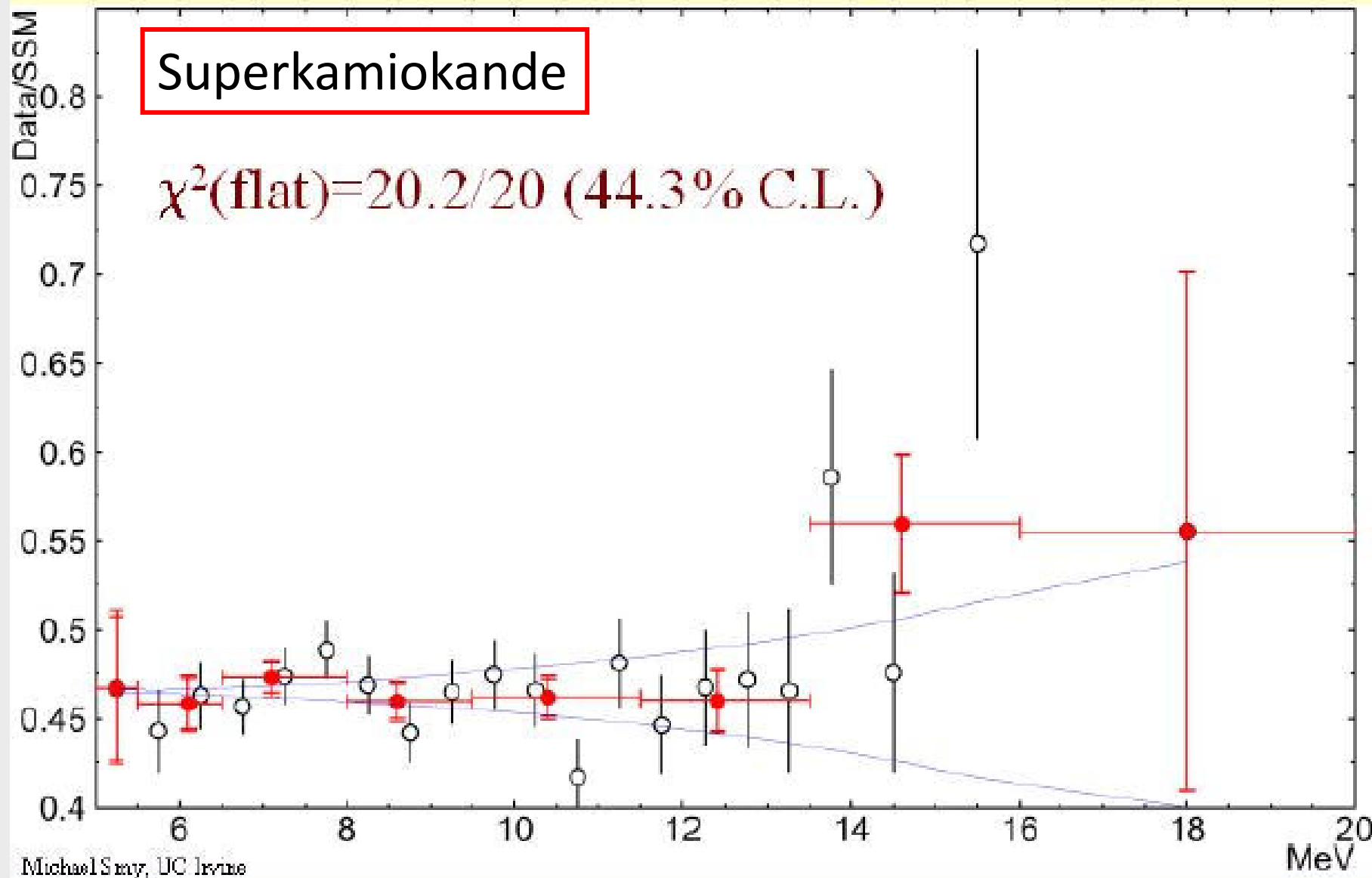
**“Solar
 Neutrino
 Puzzle”**

1967 - 2001

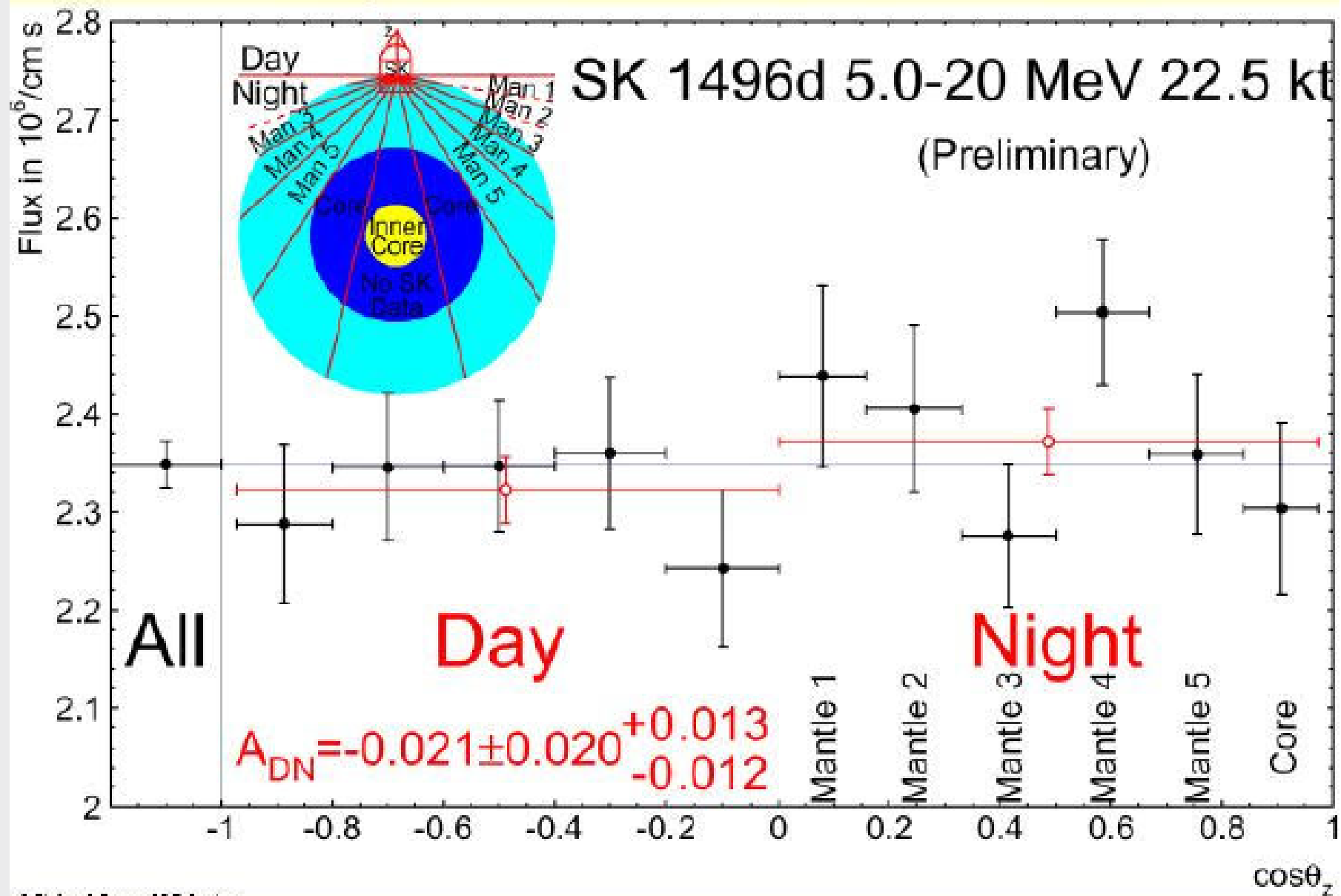
Solar Model Independent Measurements: SuperKamiokande, (Using elastic scattering from electrons in ^8B Solar Neutrinos)

- **MSW Effects**
 - Distortion of the spectrum
 - Regeneration in the Earth (Day/Night Effects)
- **Other Time Dependent Effects**
 - Seasonal effects (Earth-Sun Distance, Neutrino Magnetic Moments ..)
 - Long Term: Solar cycle ... (Neutrino Magnetic Moments ...)

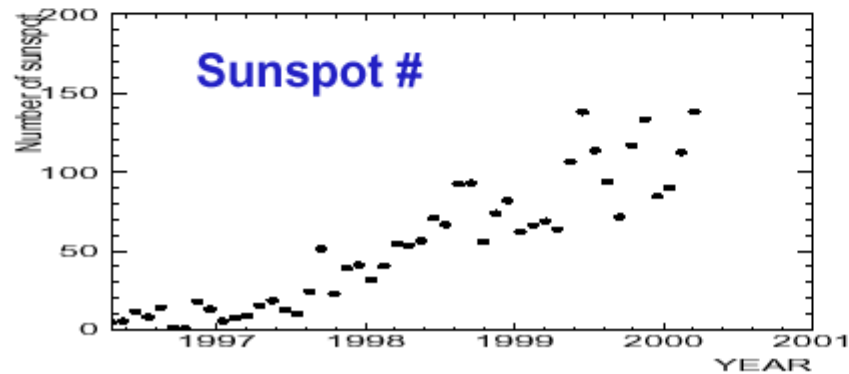
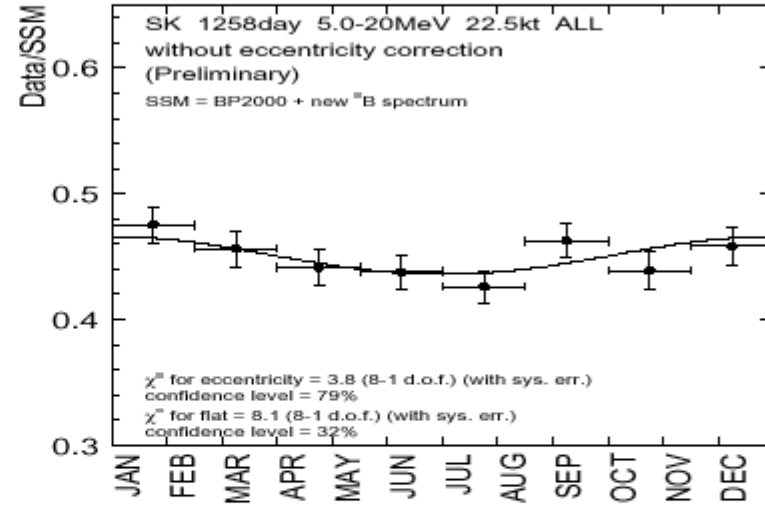
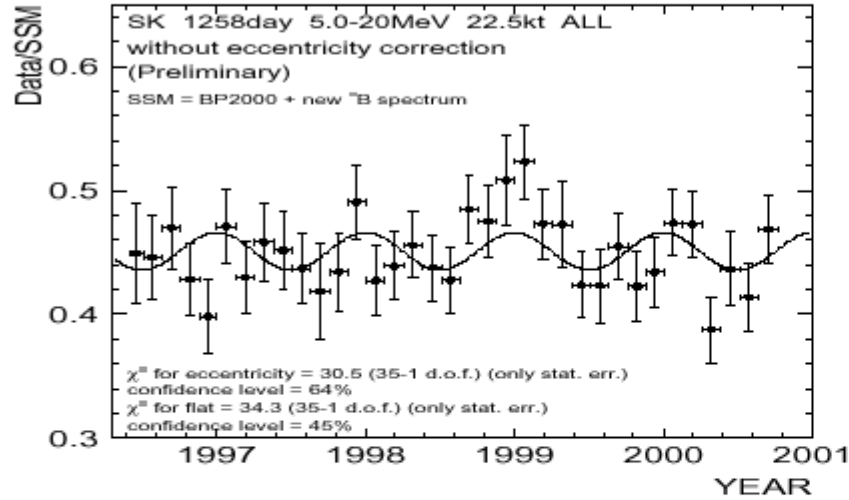
Recoil Electron Spectrum



Daily Variation of SK Rate



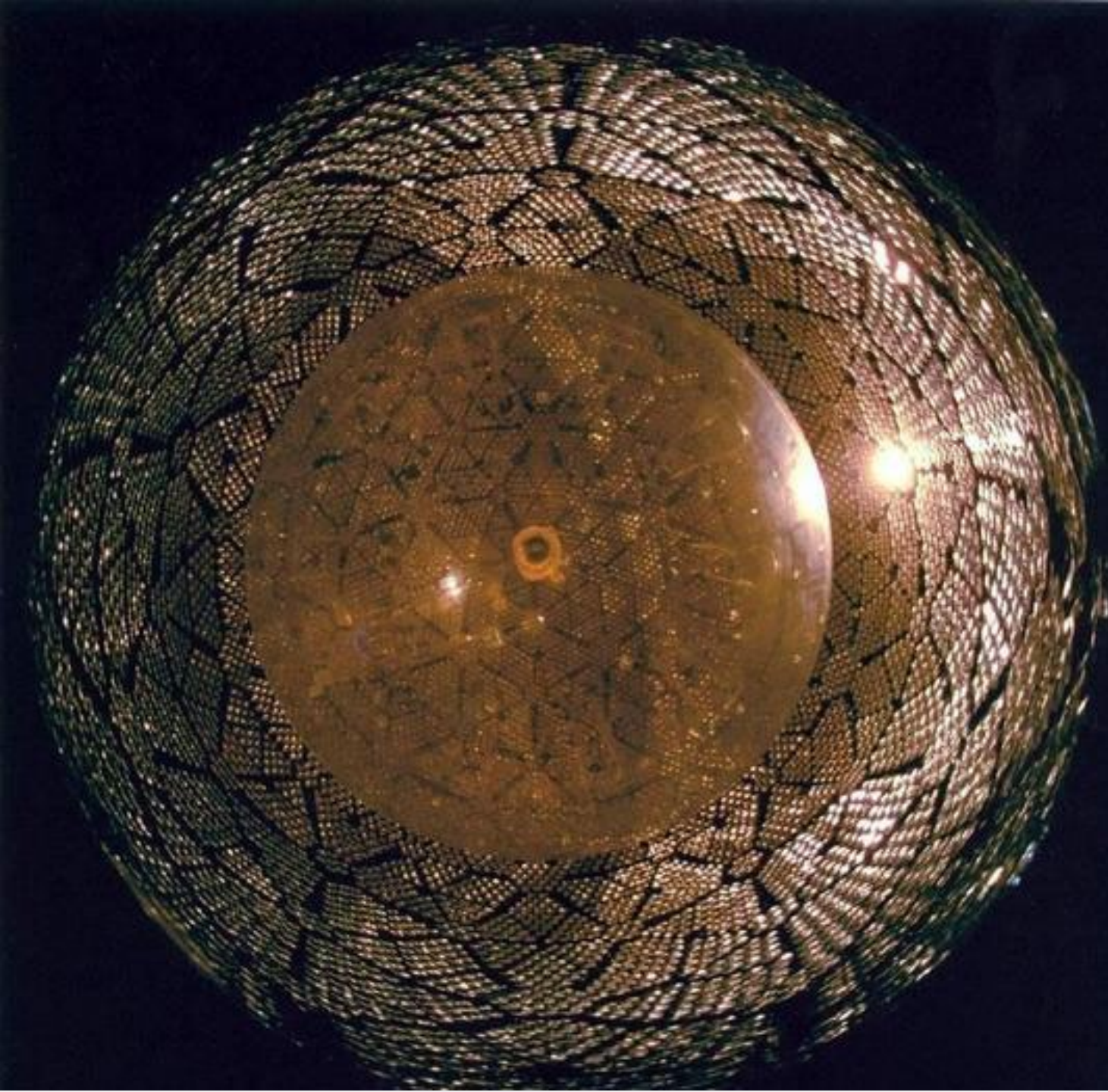
Time variation of the flux, seasonal Superkamiokande



χ^2 for eccentricity:
3.9 / 7 d.o.f. (79% C.L.)

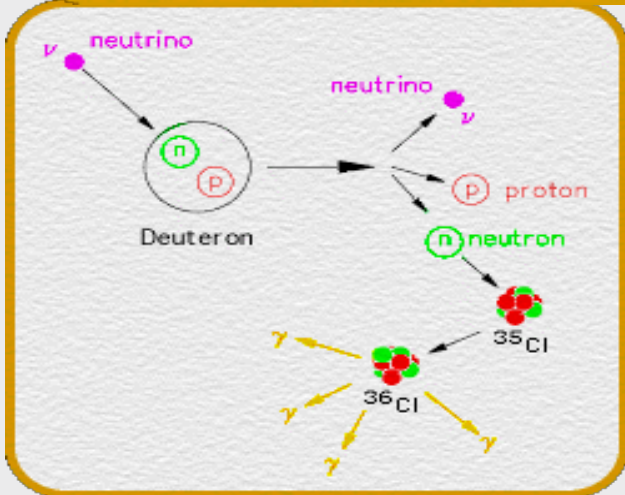
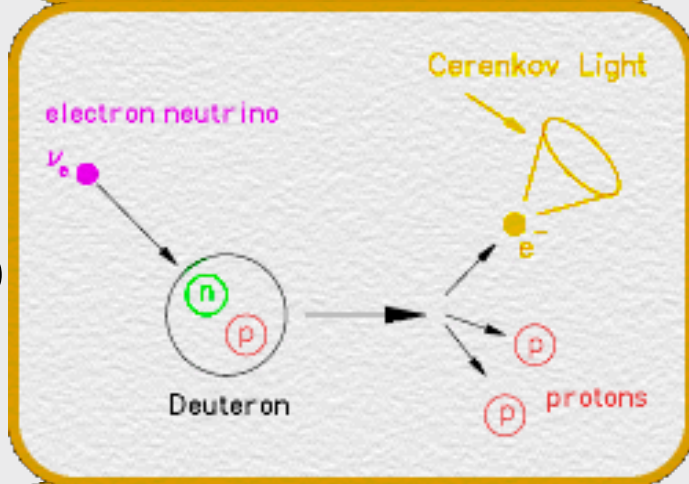
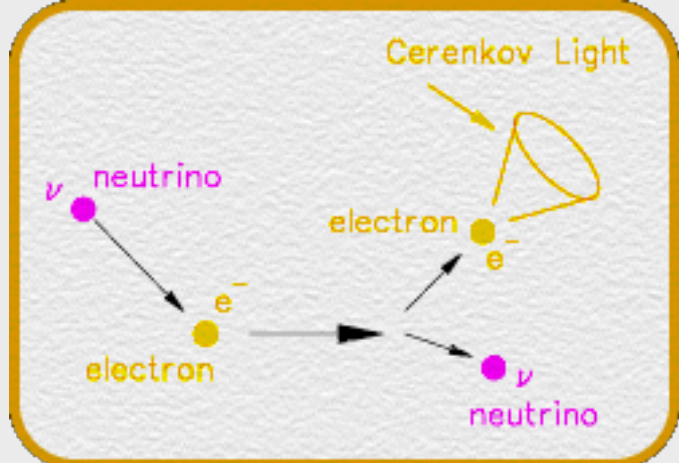
(χ^2 for flat: 8.1 / 7 d.o.f.
(32% C.L.))

Also: Limit on Anti-electron neutrinos: few % of Standard Solar Model



The Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO)

D₂O



1) Neutrino Electron Elastic Scattering

86 % ν_e and 14% ν_μ, ν_τ

As observed by SuperKamiokande

First: SNO-SK comparison with lower sensitivity to ν_μ, ν_τ

First result: flavor change: 3.3 σ (2001)

2) Charged Current Interaction on Deuterium

100 % ν_e

Second: SNO-only comparison with high sensitivity to ν_μ, ν_τ

Second result: flavor change: 5.3 σ (2002)

3) Neutral Current Interaction on Deuterium

Equal sensitivity for ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ

Neutrons are detected by capture in 1) Deuterium, 2) Chlorine in dissolved salt and 3) ^3He in a detector array during the three phases of the experiment.

Gamma radioactivity must be very low to avoid neutron background from photodisintegration

The Sudbury Neutrino Observatory: SNO



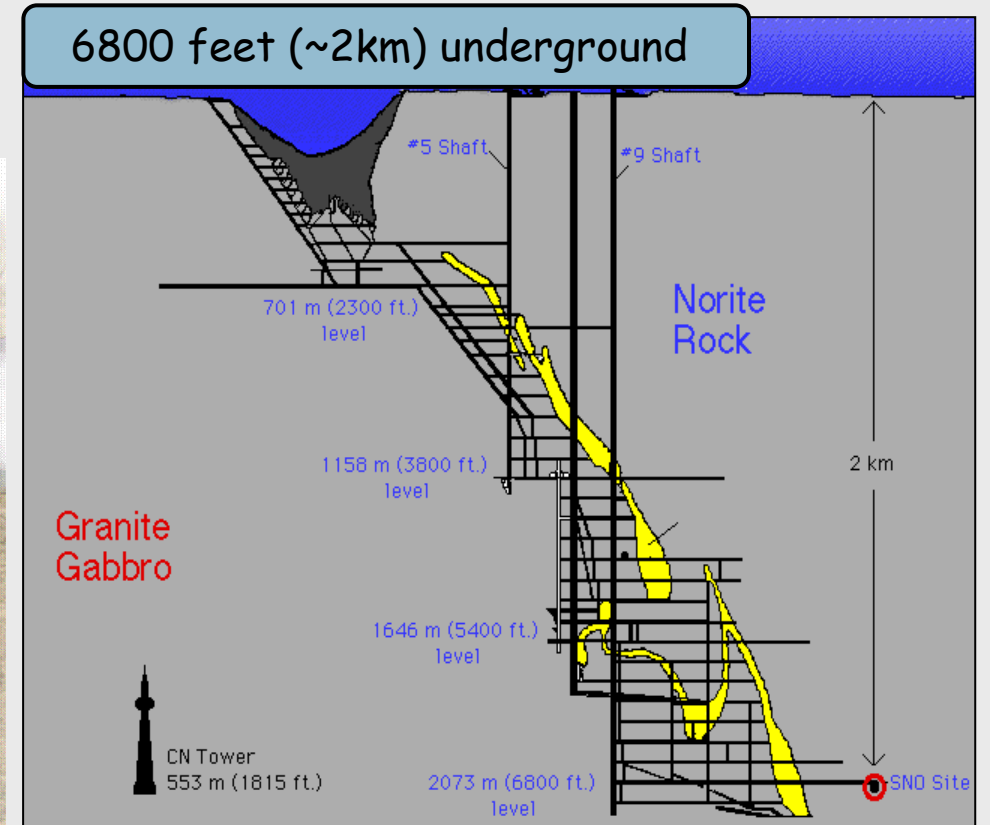
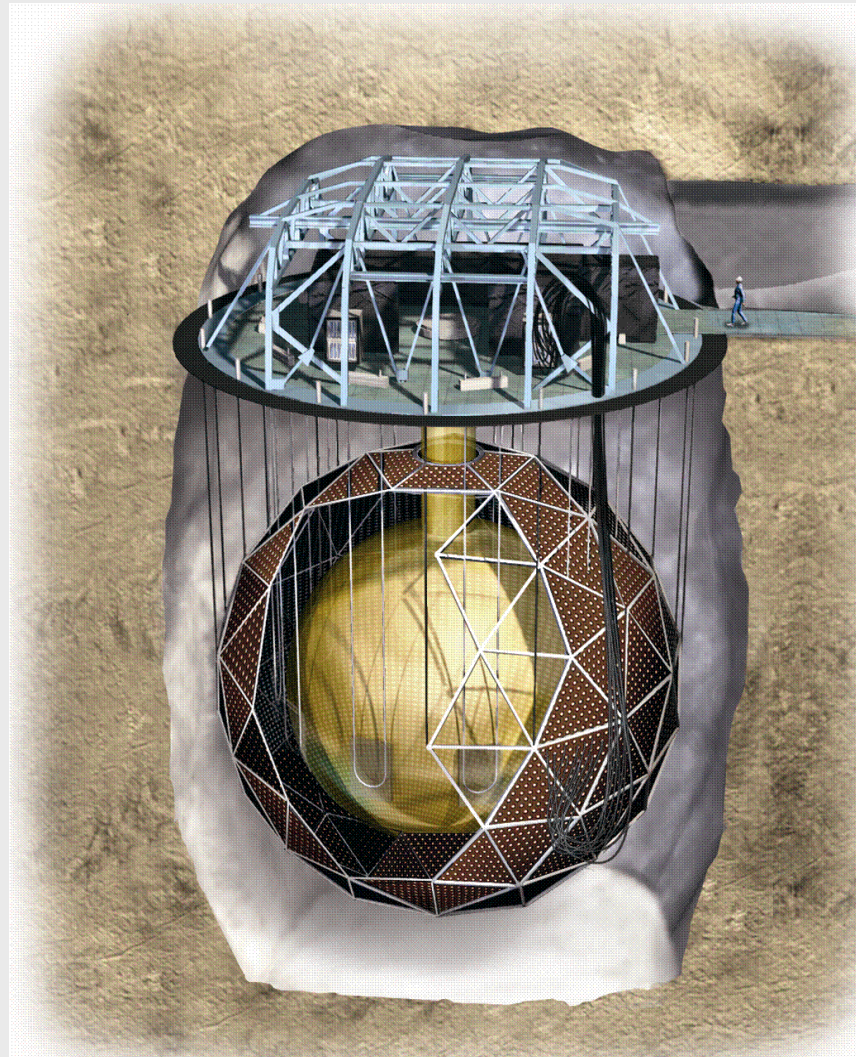
Acrylic vessel (AV)
12 m diameter

1000 tonnes D_2O
(\$300 million)

1700 tonnes H_2O
inner shielding

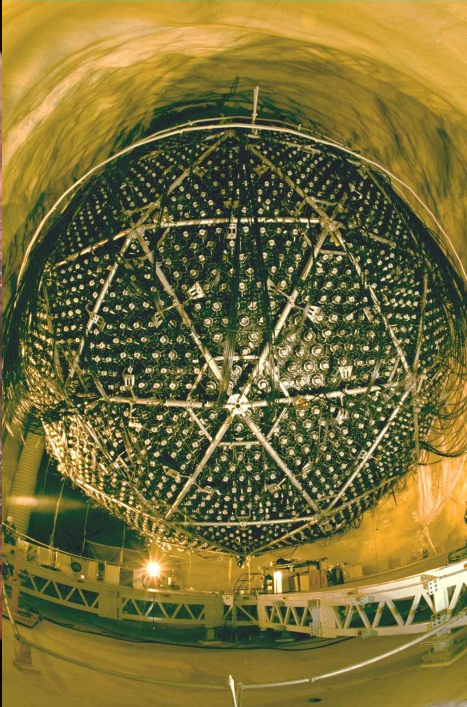
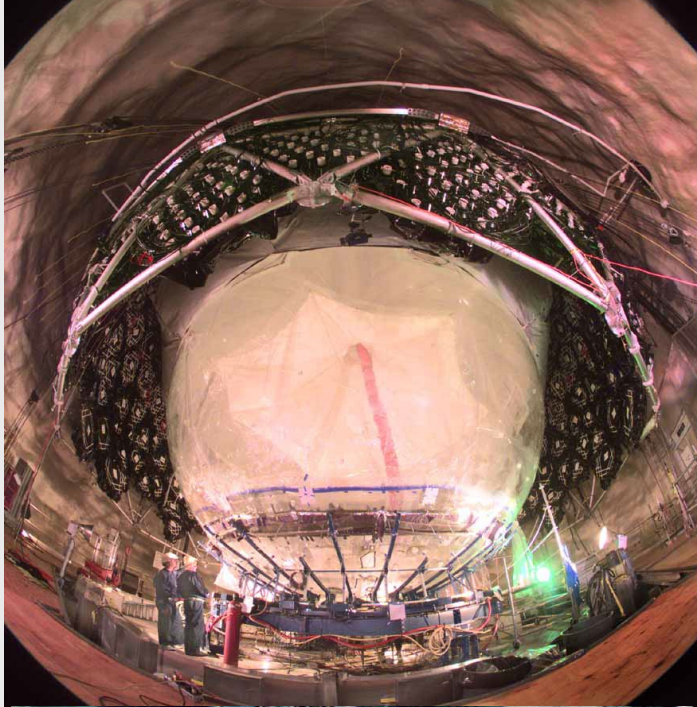
5300 tonnes H_2O
outer shielding

~9500 PMT's



Creighton mine
Sudbury, CA

- Entire detector
Built as a Class 2000
Clean room
- Low Radioactivity
Detector materials



**One million pieces
transported down in the
10 foot square mine
cage and re-assembled under
ultra-clean conditions.**

More than 70,000 showers.

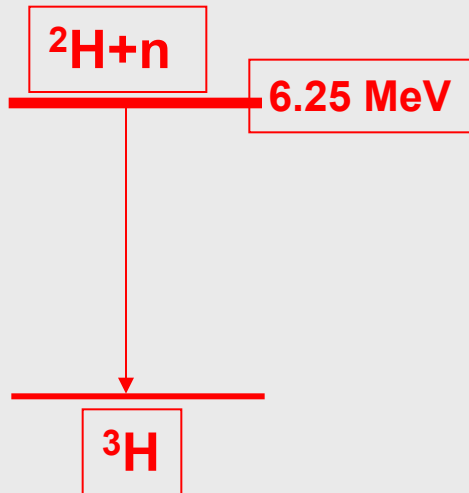
Ultra-pure water systems.



SNO: 3 neutron detection methods for ν_{all} reaction.

Phase I (D_2O)
Nov. 99 - May 01

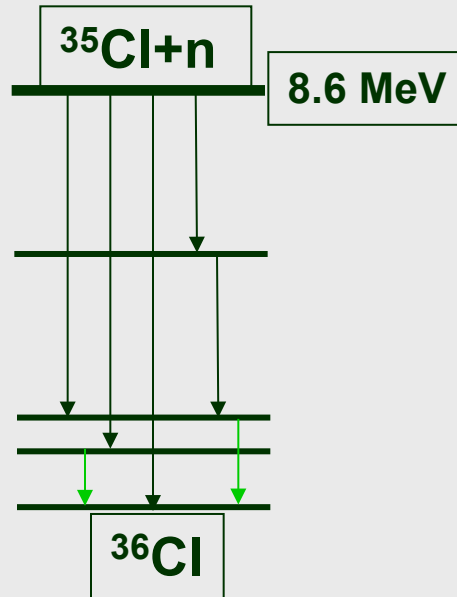
n captures on deuterium
Efficiency $\sim 14.4\%$
 ν_{all} and ν_e
Separation difficult



Demonstrate Neutrino Flavor Change clearly

Phase II (salt)
July 01 - Sep. 03

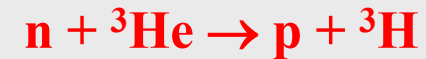
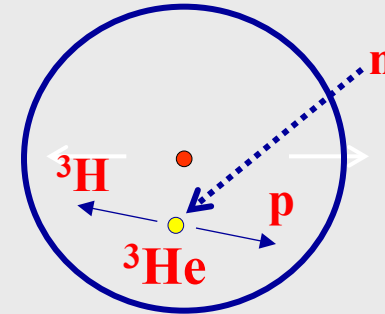
Add 2 tons NaCl
n captures on chlorine
Effic. $\sim 40\%$
 ν_{all} and ν_e separation
by event isotropy



Measure Total Flux of all Neutrino types (ν_{all}), Compare with solar models.

Phase III (${}^3\text{He}$)
Nov. 04-Dec. 06

Remove salt, add 400 m of proportional counters 5 cm diameter.
Neutron Effic. $\sim 30\%$



Measure ν_{all} rate with Independent system. Paper in June 2008.

Final ν_e / ν_{all} ratio Measured to $< 7\%$

Measuring U/Th Content

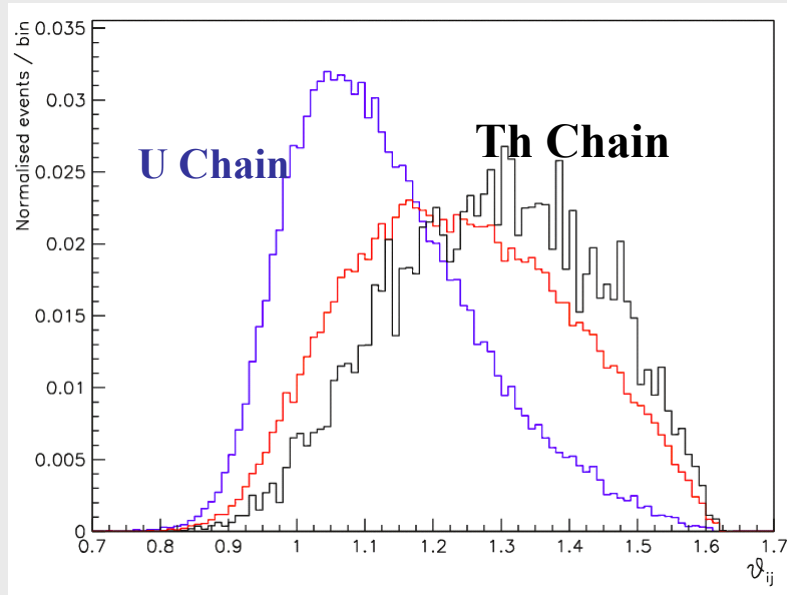
Ex-situ

- Ion exchange (^{224}Ra , ^{226}Ra)
- Membrane Degassing (^{222}Rn)
- count daughter product decays

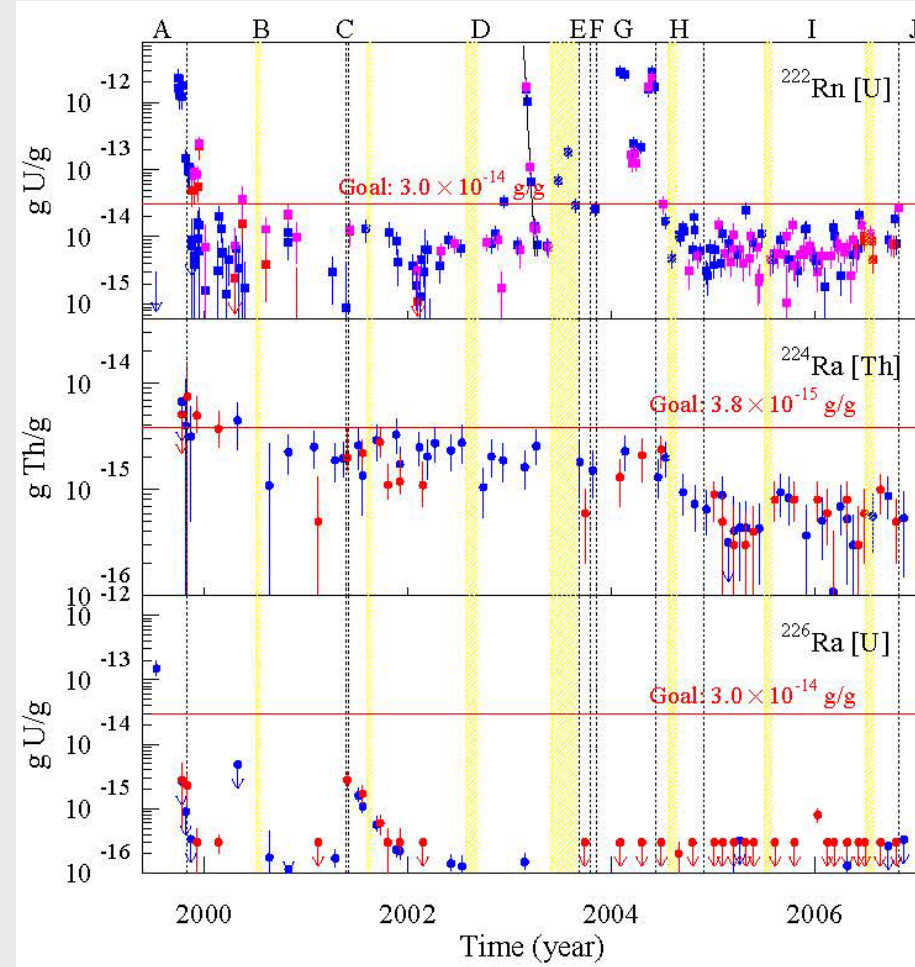
In-situ

- Low energy data analysis
- Separate U and Th Chains

Using Event isotropy



Isotropy

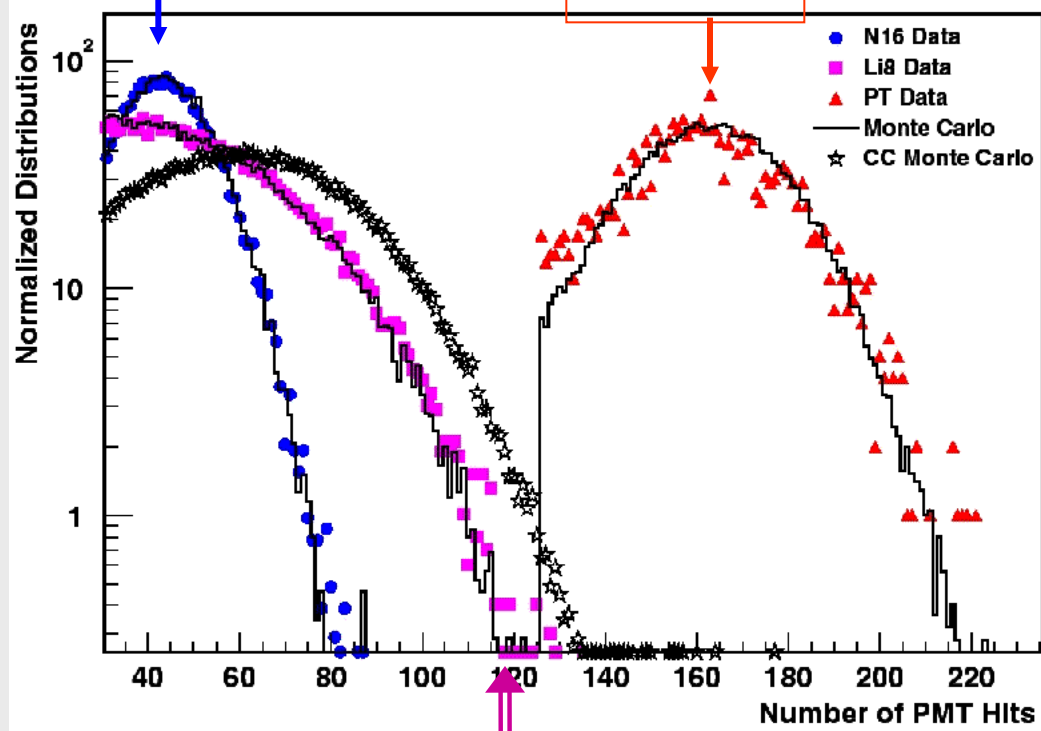


Objective met and measured: Less than one radioactive decay per day per tonne of heavy water

SNO Energy Calibrations

6.13 MeV

19.8 MeV

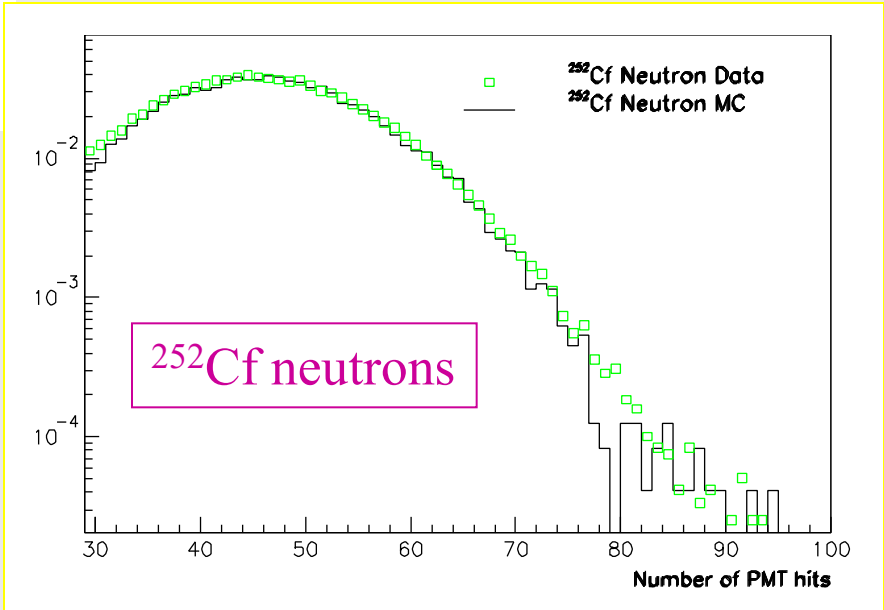


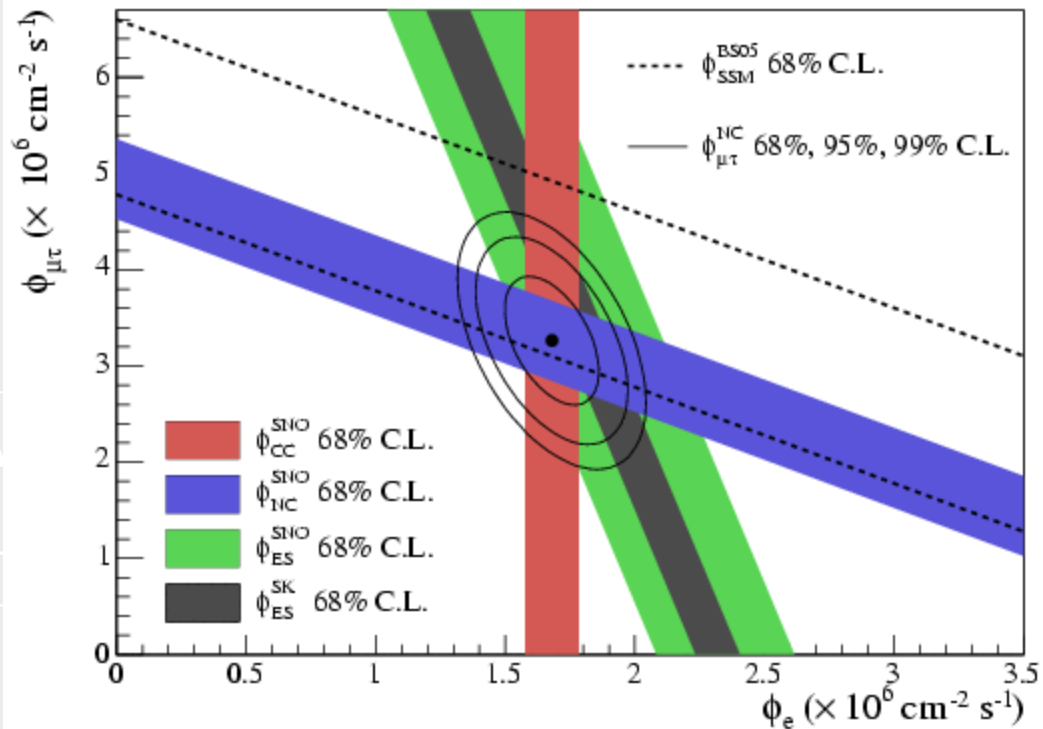
Detailed
Detector
Mapping
with
LaserBall,
 ^{16}N , ^{252}Cf ,
 ^{238}U , ^{232}Th



β 's from ^8Li
 γ 's from ^{16}N and $t(p,\gamma)^4\text{He}$

Radioactivity: Rn and
encapsulated U and Th





SNO Salt Phase

**CC, NC FLUXES
MEASURED
INDEPENDENTLY**

**The Total Flux of Active
Neutrinos is measured
independently (NC) and agrees
well with solar model**

Calculations:

**5.82 +/- 1.3 (Bahcall et al),
5.31 +/- 0.6 (Turck-Chieze et al)**

Fluxes

$$\phi_{CC} = 1.68^{+0.06}_{-0.06}(\text{stat.})^{+0.08}_{-0.09}(\text{syst.})$$

$$\phi_{NC} = 4.94^{+0.21}_{-0.21}(\text{stat.})^{+0.38}_{-0.34}(\text{syst.})$$

$$\phi_{ES} = 2.35^{+0.22}_{-0.22}(\text{stat.})^{+0.15}_{-0.15}(\text{syst.})$$

(In units of $10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)

$$\frac{\phi_{CC}}{\phi_{NC}} = 0.34 \pm 0.023(\text{stat.})^{+0.029}_{-0.031} \approx \sin^2 \theta_{12}$$

Improved accuracy for θ_{12} .

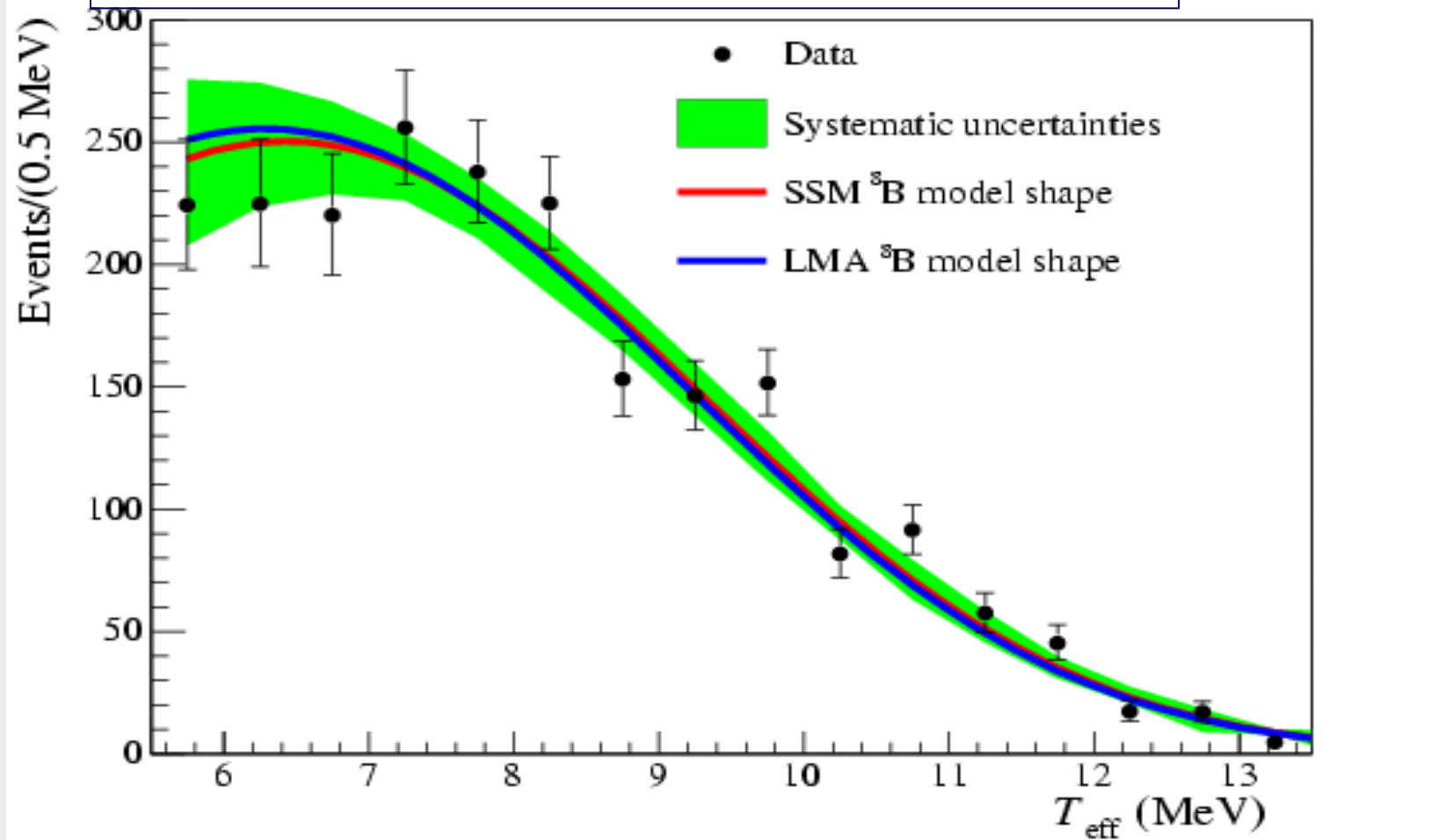
**Flavor change
is determined with $> 7 \sigma$**

Data from Experiments in Operation

The latest SNO data: 391 live days with salt

hep-ex/0502021 March 2005

New Information: Charged Current Energy Spectrum



Day-Night Asymmetry assuming $A_{\text{NC}}=0$

$A_{\text{salt} + \text{D}_2\text{O}} = 0.037 \pm 0.040$

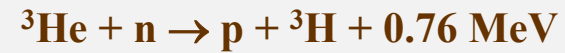
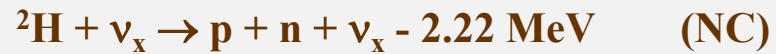
SNO Phase III (NCD Phase)

➤ ^3He Proportional Counters (“NC Detectors”)

40 Strings on 1-m grid

440 m total active length

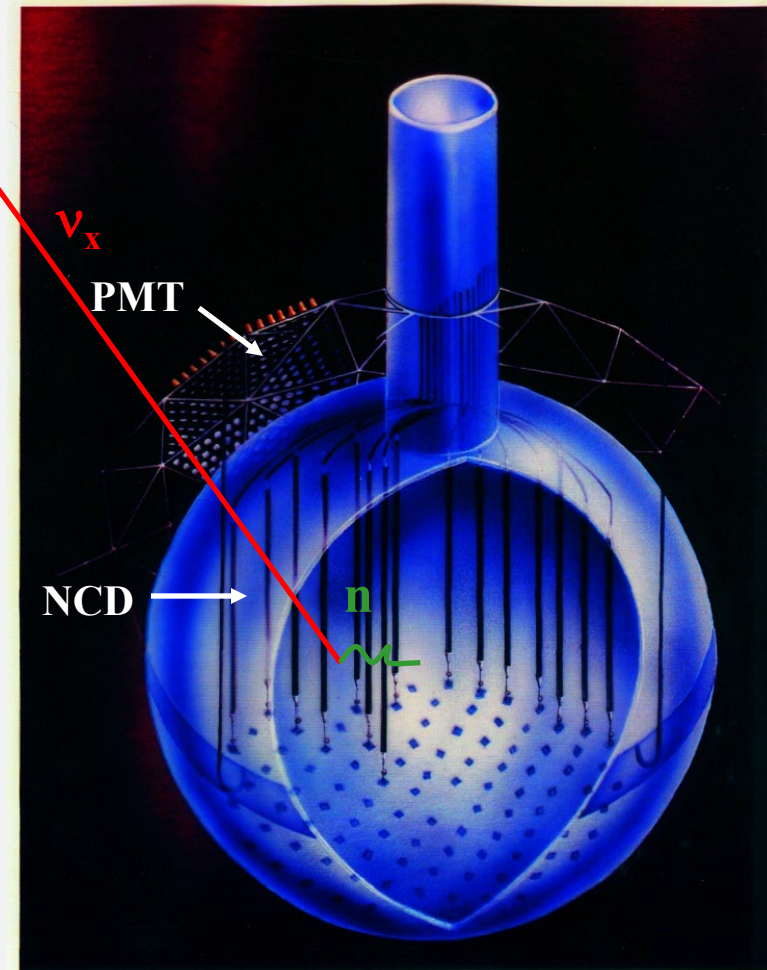
Detection Principle



Physics Motivation

Event-by-event separation. Measure NC and CC in separate data streams.

Different systematic uncertainties than neutron capture on NaCl.

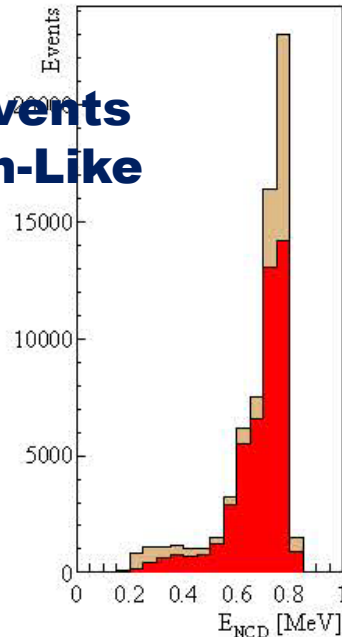


Final Complete Analysis of SNO solar data

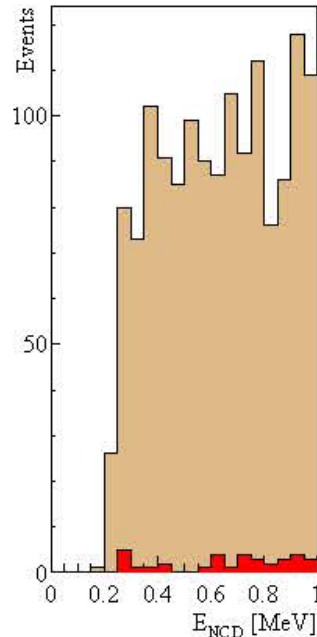
Presented at TAUP2011 in Munich Sept. 5, 2011: arXiv:1109.0763v1

NCD pulse shape analysis to identify **neutron events**

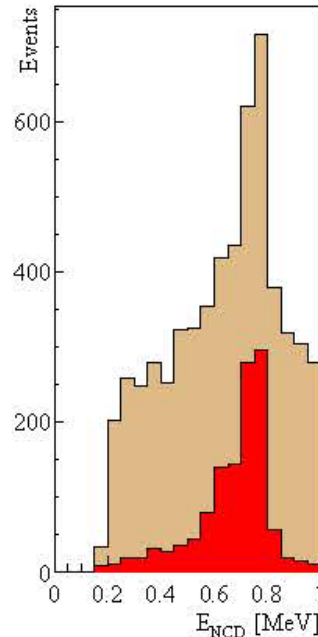
Brown: All events
Red: Neutron-Like



**³He detectors:
neutron source**



**⁴He detectors:
alpha backgnd**



**³He detectors:
neutrino data**

$CC / NC = 0.317 \pm 0.016 (stat) \pm 0.009 (syst)$
implies flavor change at far more than 7σ

Full joint analysis of solar data from all three phases provides best sensitivity with all correlations, backgrounds, systematic uncertainties included.

S. Habib thesis (Alberta)

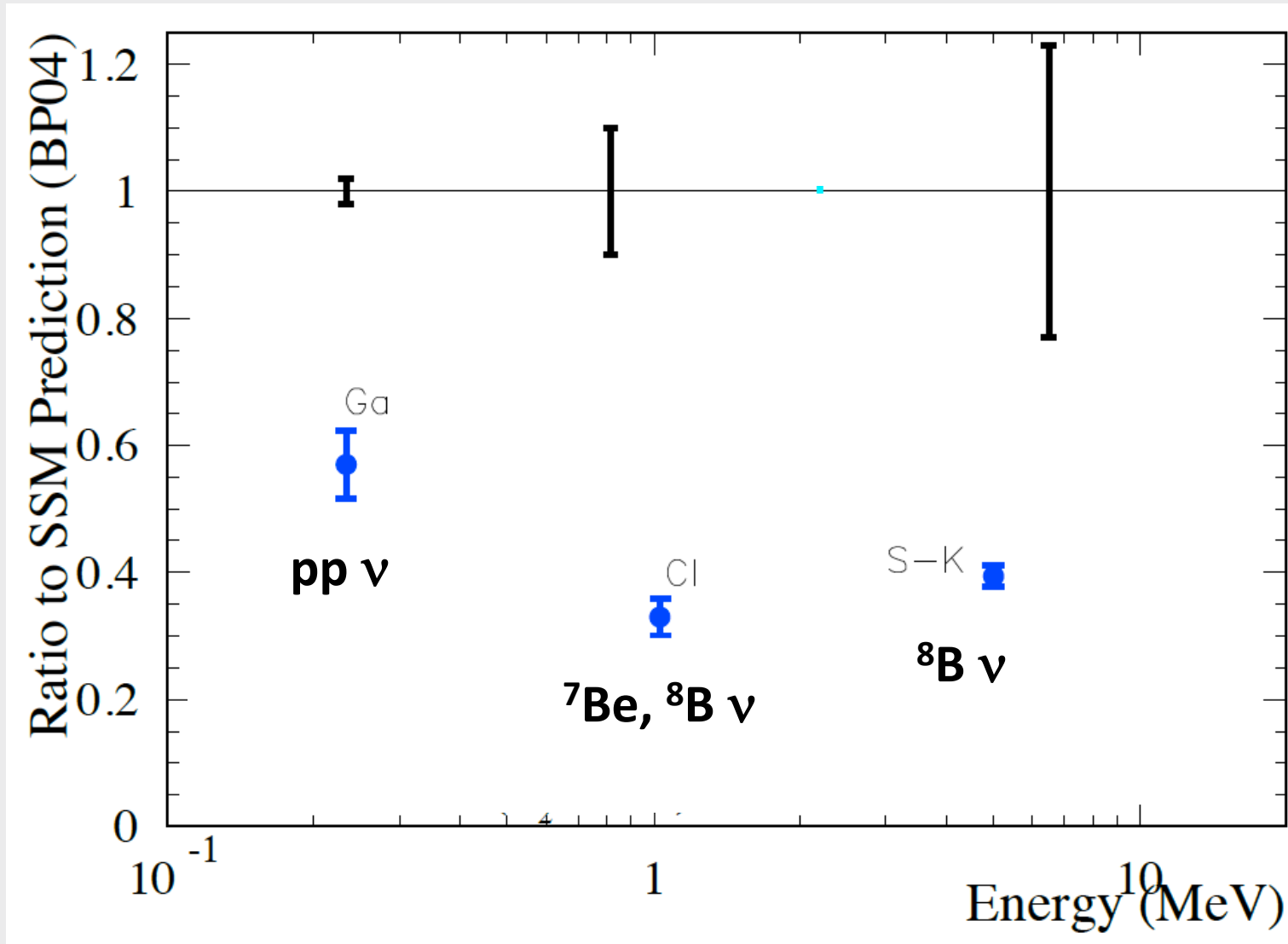
Individual results from all three phases are very consistent within uncertainties

$$\Phi_{8B} = 5.25 \pm 0.16^{+0.11}_{-0.13}$$

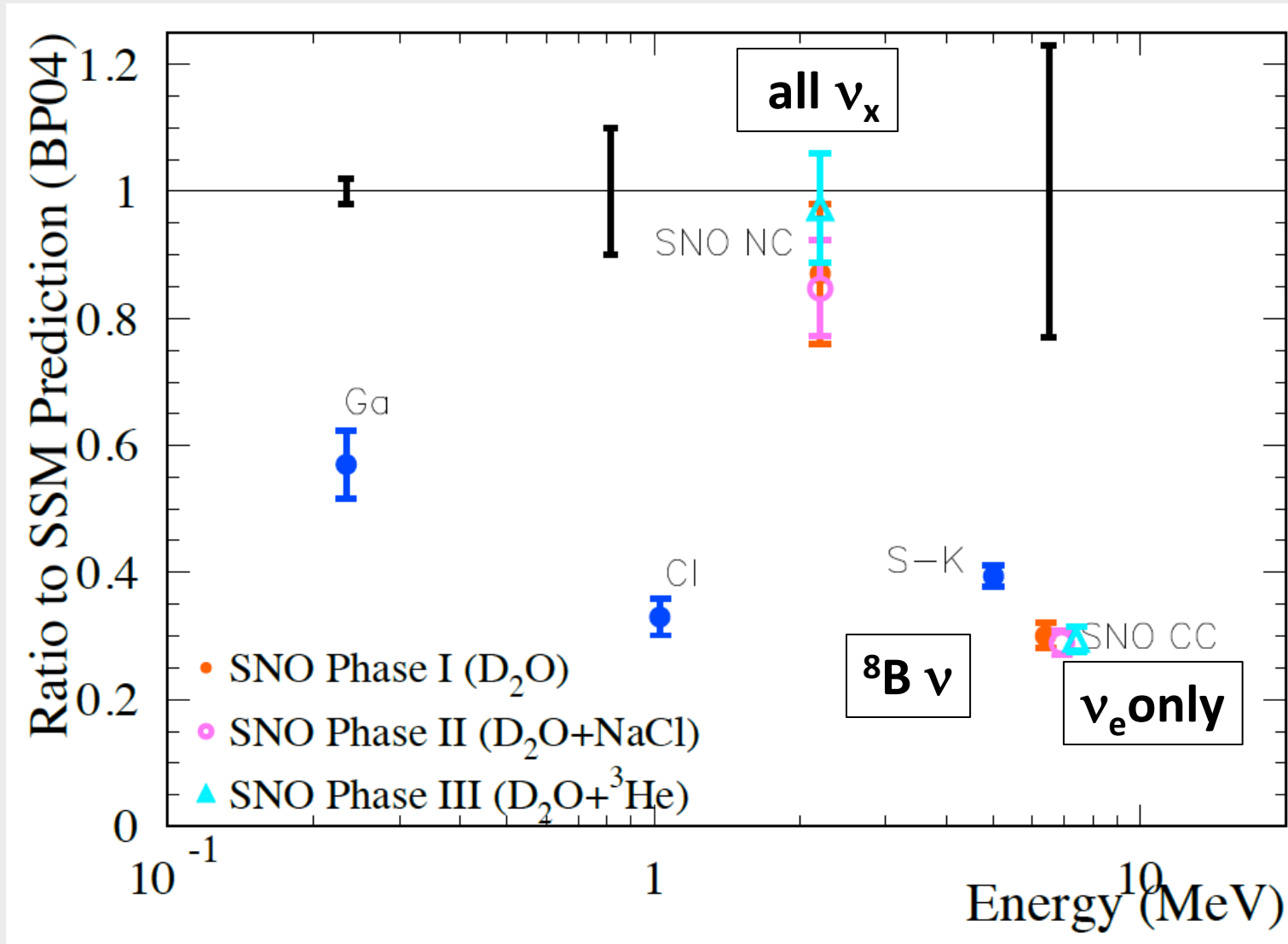
More accurate than current solar models and lying between the fluxes predicted for two values of metallicity in the sun

Solar Neutrino Problem

Pre 2001



Solar Neutrino Problem Resolved



Neutrino Properties to Date

Using the oscillation framework:

If neutrinos have mass: $|\nu_l\rangle = \sum U_{li} |\nu_i\rangle$

For three neutrinos:

$$U_{li} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata-Pontecorvo (MNSP) matrix

(Double β decay only)

$$= \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & ? & e^{-i\delta} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\alpha_2/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & ? e^{-i\alpha_3/2+i\delta} \end{pmatrix}$$

Solar, Reactor

Atmospheric

CP Violating Phase

Reactor, LBL

Majorana Phases

where $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$, and $s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$

Range defined for Δm_{12} , Δm_{23}

For **two neutrino** oscillation in a vacuum: (valid approximation in many cases)

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(1.27 \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{E} \right)$$

Matter Effects - the MSW effect

(Mikheyev, Smirnov, Wolfenstein)

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_x \end{bmatrix} = H \begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_x \end{bmatrix}$$
$$H = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \cos 2\theta + \sqrt{2} G_F N_e & \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \sin 2\theta \\ \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \sin 2\theta & \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \cos 2\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

The extra term arises because solar ν_e have an extra interaction via W exchange with electrons in the Sun or Earth.

In the oscillation formula:

$$\sin^2 2\theta_m = \frac{\sin^2 2\theta}{(\omega - \cos 2\theta)^2 + \sin^2 2\theta}$$
$$\omega = -\sqrt{2} G_F N_e E / \Delta m^2$$

Fits to solar neutrino data indicate that electron neutrinos interact with electrons in the sun via MSW and emerge as a mass 2 state with nearly equal parts electron, mu, tau neutrinos. **These matter interactions define the mass hierarchy ($m_2 > m_1$).** The MSW effect produces an energy spectrum distortion and flavor regeneration in Earth giving a Day-night effect of about 3% as measured by SuperK.

SUMMARY OF OSCILLATION RESULTS FOR THREE ACTIVE ν TYPES

Particle Data Group

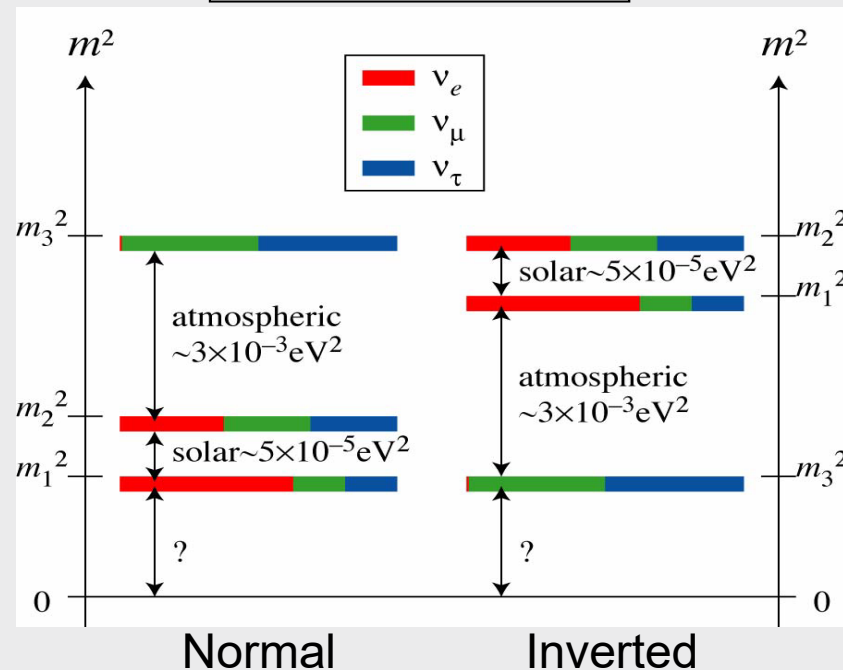
$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2(\theta_{12}) &= 0.307 \pm 0.013 \\ \Delta m_{21}^2 &= (7.53 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \\ \sin^2(\theta_{23}) &= 0.539 \pm 0.022 \quad (S = 1.1) \quad (\text{Inverted order}) \\ \sin^2(\theta_{23}) &= 0.546 \pm 0.021 \quad (\text{Normal order}) \\ \Delta m_{32}^2 &= (-2.536 \pm 0.034) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \quad (\text{Inverted order}) \\ \Delta m_{32}^2 &= (2.453 \pm 0.033) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \quad (\text{Normal order}) \\ \sin^2(\theta_{13}) &= (2.20 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

Solar, Reactor

Atmospheric, Accelerator

Reactor, Accelerator

Mass Hierarchies



Future objectives:

- δ_{CP}
- θ_{23} max?
- Hierarchy?
- Majorana ν ?
- Absolute mass
- Sterile ν ?

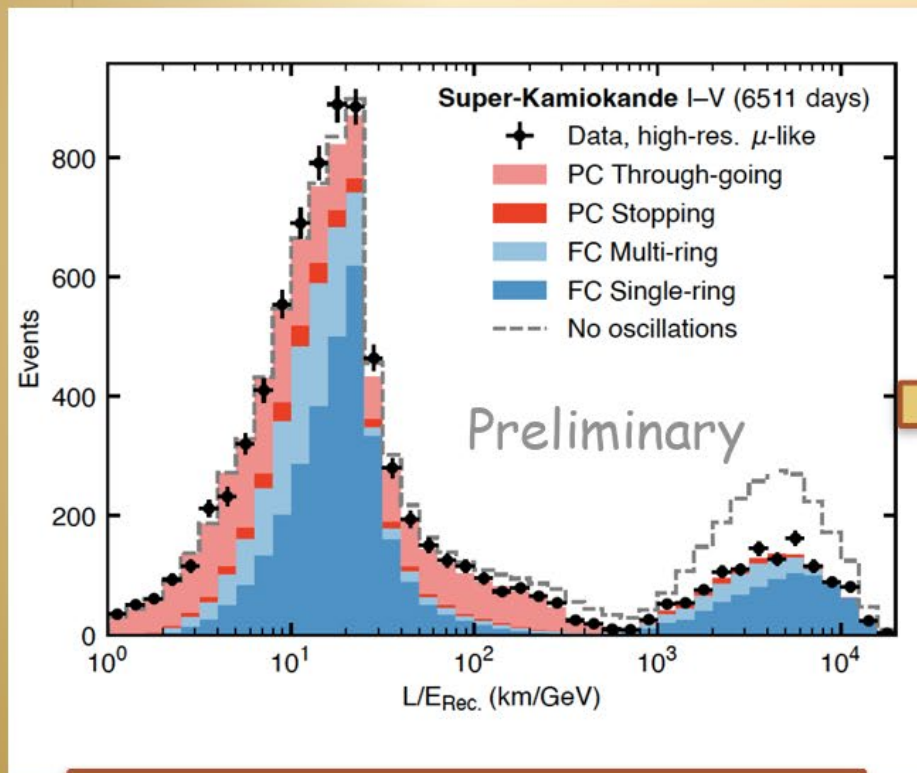
The Super-Kamiokande experiment

- Super-Kamiokande has been taking data since 1996 and has come through seven run periods
- Densely packed PMTs (40% / 20% for SK-II) and good water quality provide excellent sensitivity for various physics targets.
- In 2020 we have added Gd sulfate to the water in order to increase the sensitivity for neutron capture.

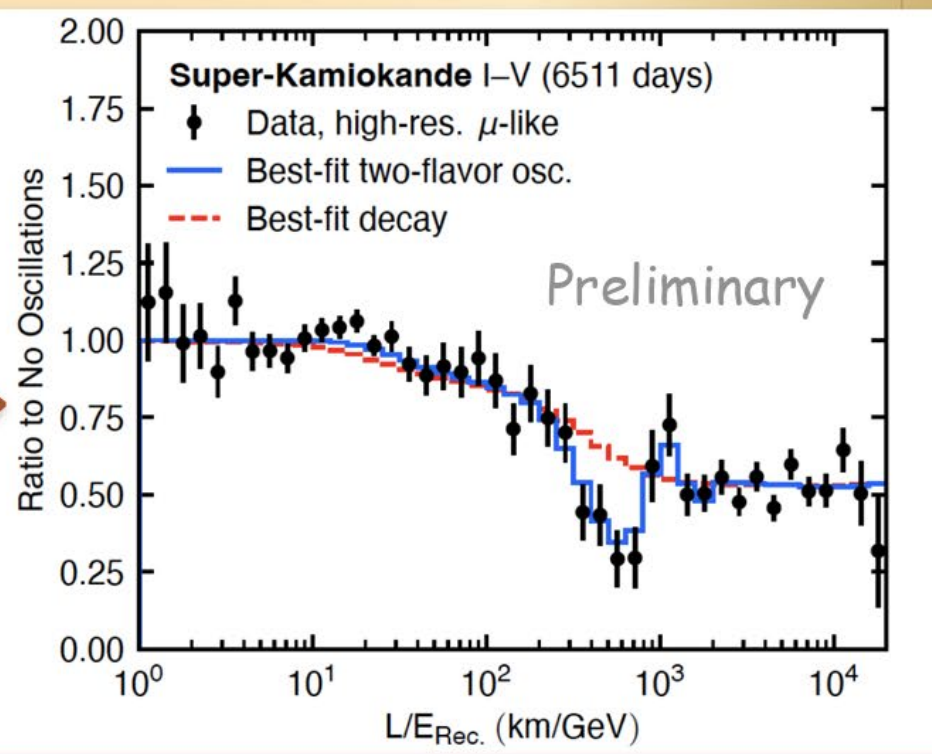


L/E analysis @ Super - Kamiokande

- Atmospheric neutrinos at SK span ~ 4 orders of magnitude in L/E, possible to see a complete oscillation of ν_μ survival probability
- Updates since the last published results in 2004 Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 101801, SK1:
 - Full SK pure water phases (SK-I \sim V data - 6511 days- $\sqrt{(\Delta\chi^2(\text{decay}, 2 \text{ fl. osc.}))} = 6.0\sigma$)
 - New L/E estimator, high- and low-resolution samples

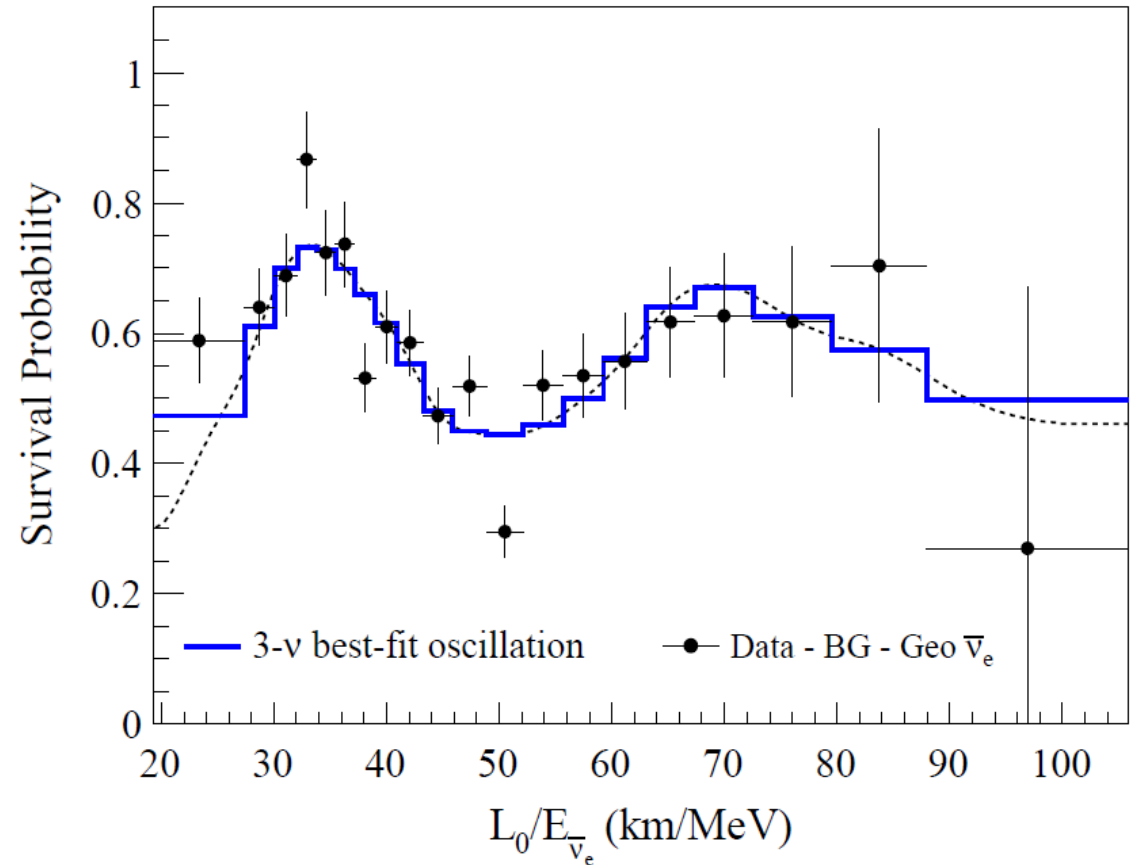
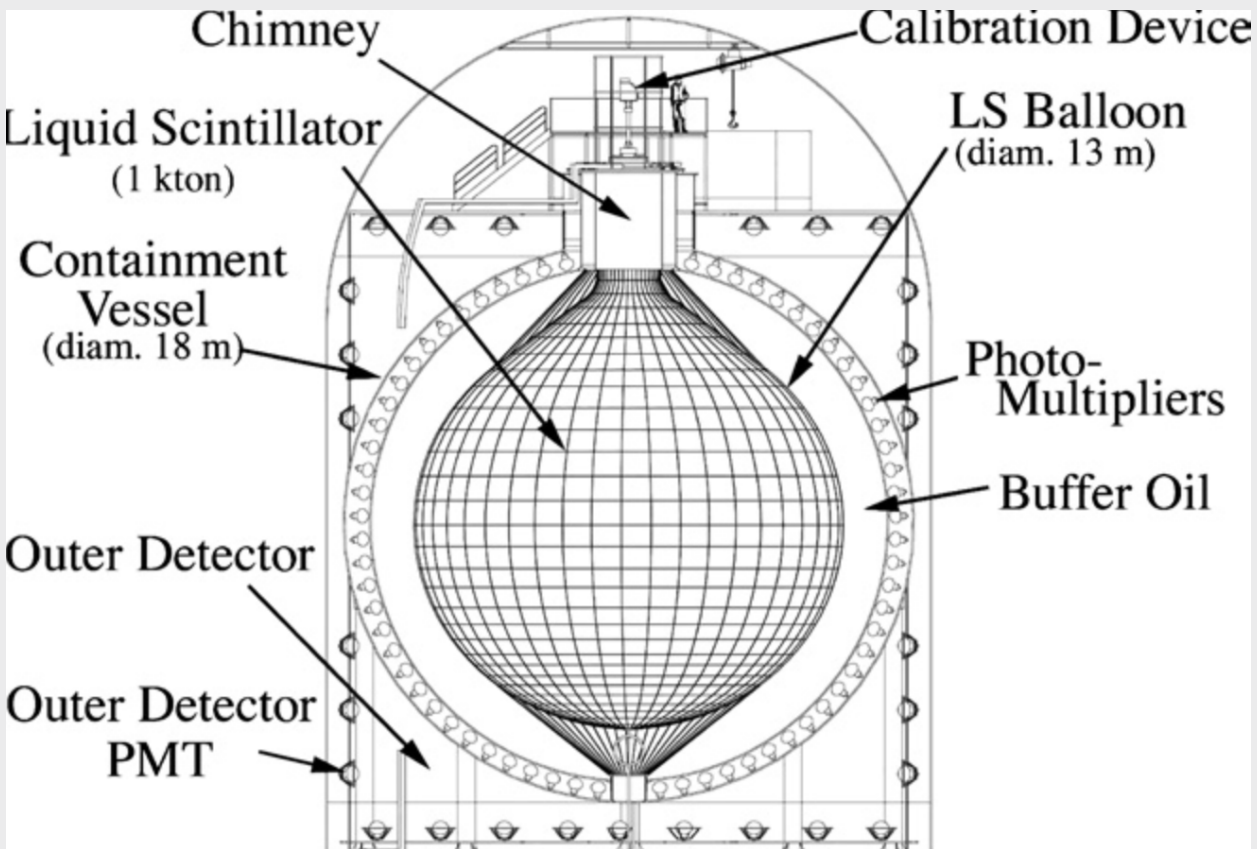


High - resolution data/MC sample



High resolution data: best fit for two flavour oscillations vs. neutrino decay

Kamland

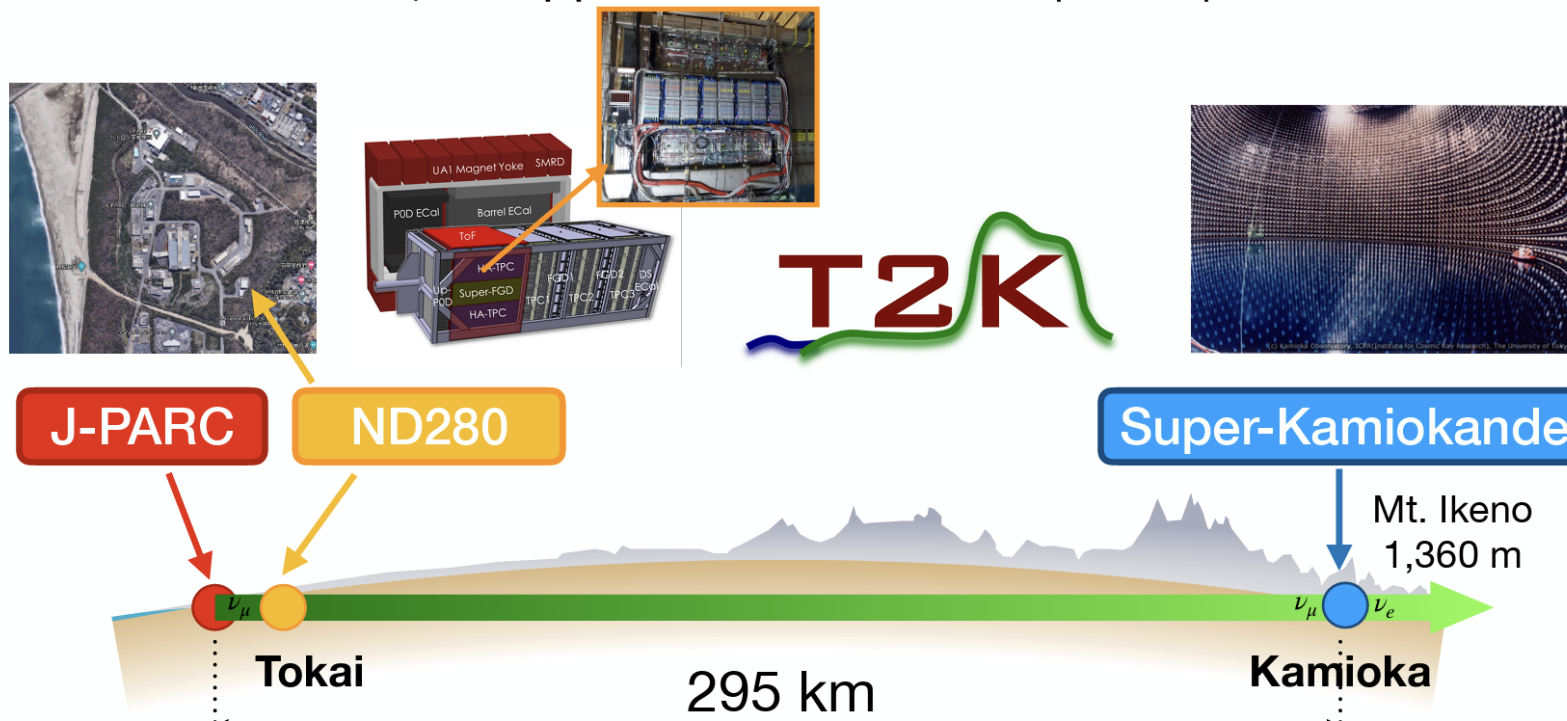


- Conversion of Kamioka to liquid scintillator. First results in 2002.
- Oscillation of electron anti-neutrinos from Japanese reactors at an average distance of 180 km.
- Oscillation parameters very similar to those observed for solar neutrinos (θ_{12} and Δm^2)

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.59 \pm 0.21 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2, \quad \tan^2 \theta_{12} = 0.47_{-0.05}^{+0.06}$$

T2K experiment

- High intensity ~ 600 MeV ν_μ or $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ beam produced at J-PARC (Tokai)
- Neutrinos detected at the **Near Detector (ND280)** and at the **Far Detector (Super-Kamiokande)**
 - ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance \rightarrow determine θ_{13} and δ_{CP}
 - Precise measurement of ν_μ disappearance $\rightarrow \theta_{23}$ and $|\Delta m^2_{32}|$



2012: $\theta_{13} \neq 0$! It's relatively large!

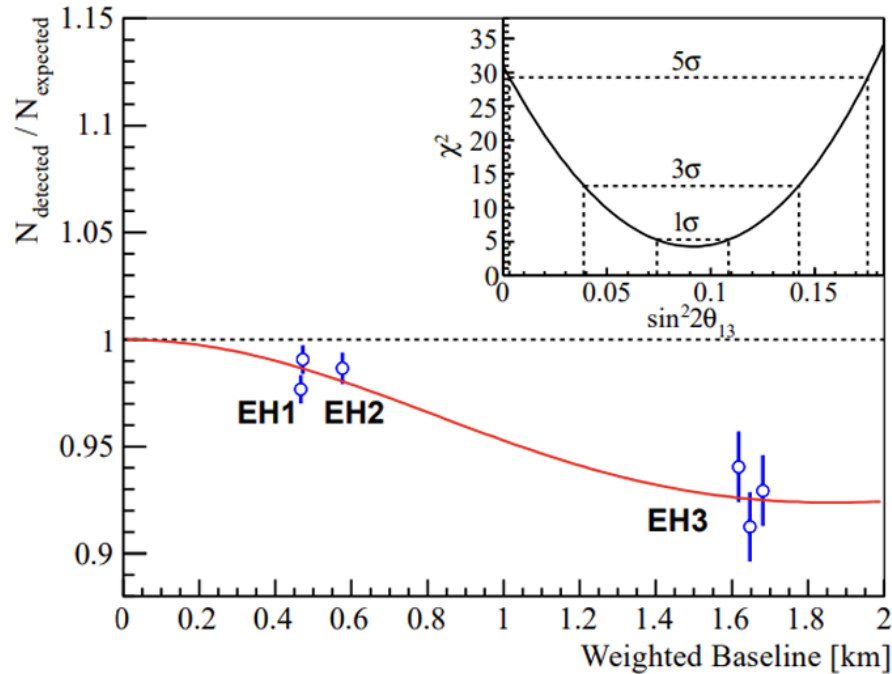


Nature is kind to us!

Reactor electron anti-neutrino Experiments Medium Baseline

We will be able to know the neutrino mass ordering and δ_{CP} in 2030s

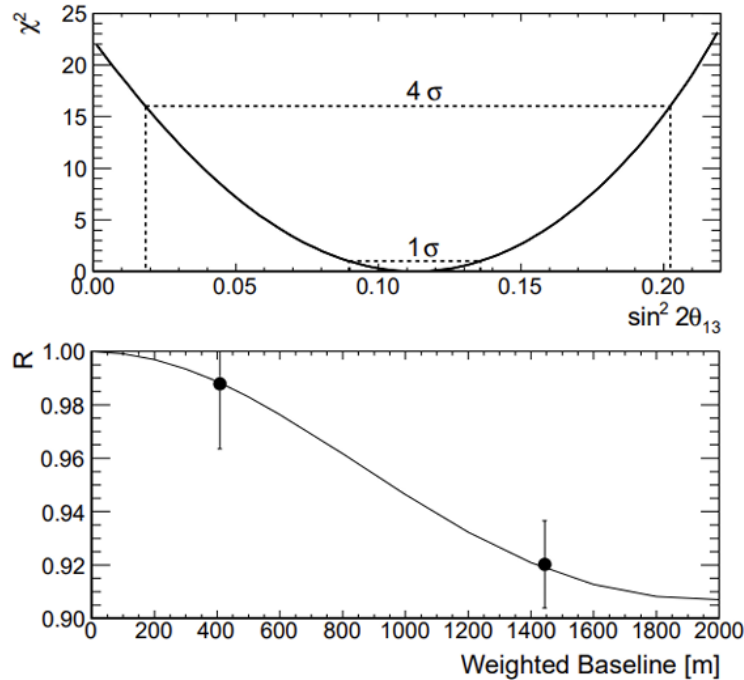
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.092 \pm 0.016(\text{stat}) \pm 0.005(\text{syst})$
 March 2012, 5.2σ for non-zero $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$



Daya Bay

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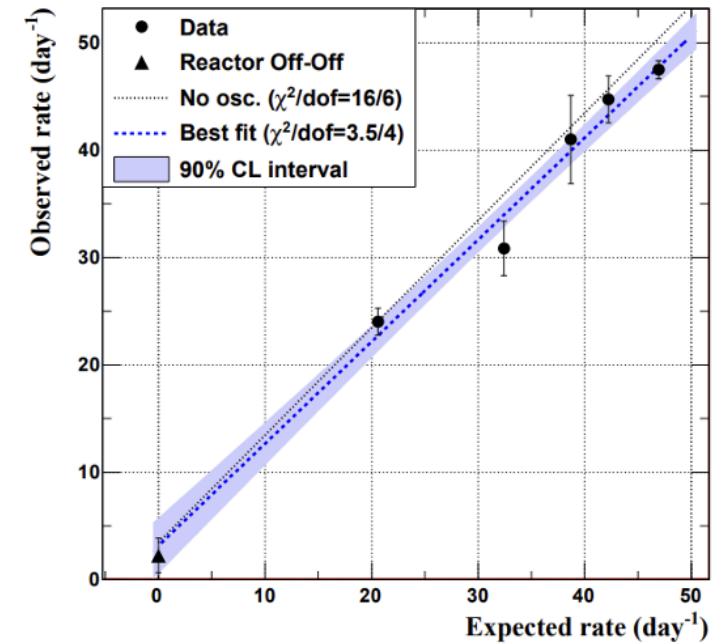
$0.113 \pm 0.013(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.019(\text{syst.})$
 April 2012, 4.9σ



RENO

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$0.086 \pm 0.041(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.030(\text{syst.})$
 Nov. 2011, 94.6% C.L.



Double Chooz far detector

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SUMMARY OF OSCILLATION RESULTS FOR THREE ACTIVE ν TYPES

Particle Data Group

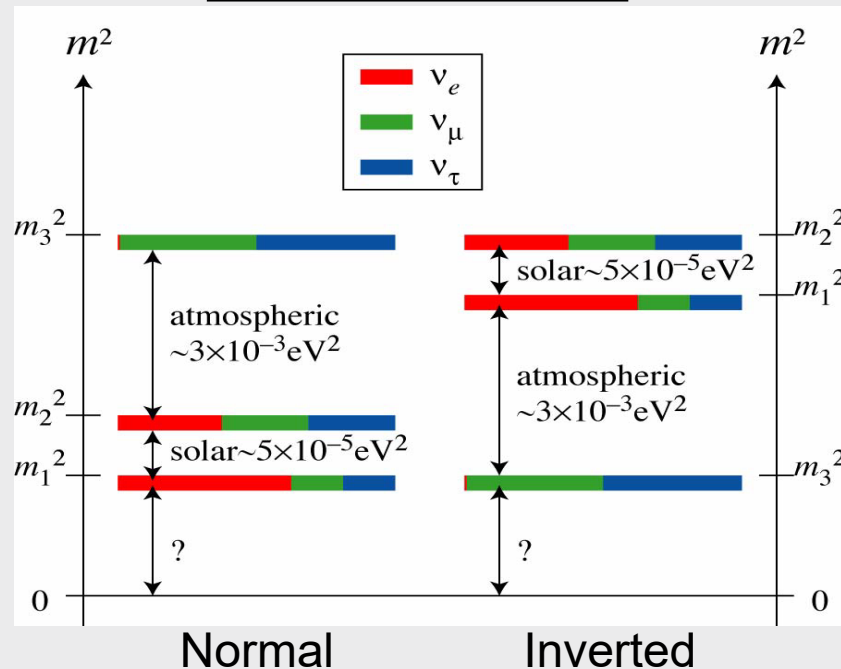
$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2(\theta_{12}) &= 0.307 \pm 0.013 \\ \Delta m_{21}^2 &= (7.53 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \\ \sin^2(\theta_{23}) &= 0.539 \pm 0.022 \quad (S = 1.1) \quad (\text{Inverted order}) \\ \sin^2(\theta_{23}) &= 0.546 \pm 0.021 \quad (\text{Normal order}) \\ \Delta m_{32}^2 &= (-2.536 \pm 0.034) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \quad (\text{Inverted order}) \\ \Delta m_{32}^2 &= (2.453 \pm 0.033) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \quad (\text{Normal order}) \\ \sin^2(\theta_{13}) &= (2.20 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

Solar, Reactor

Atmospheric, Accelerator

Reactor, Accelerator

Mass Hierarchies



Future objectives:

- δ_{CP}
- θ_{23} max?
- Hierarchy?
- Majorana ν ?
- Absolute mass
- Sterile ν ?

Accelerator, Reactor,
Atmospheric

$0\nu\beta\beta$, Cosmology,
Electron spectrometers,

Accelerator, Reactor,
Atmospheric

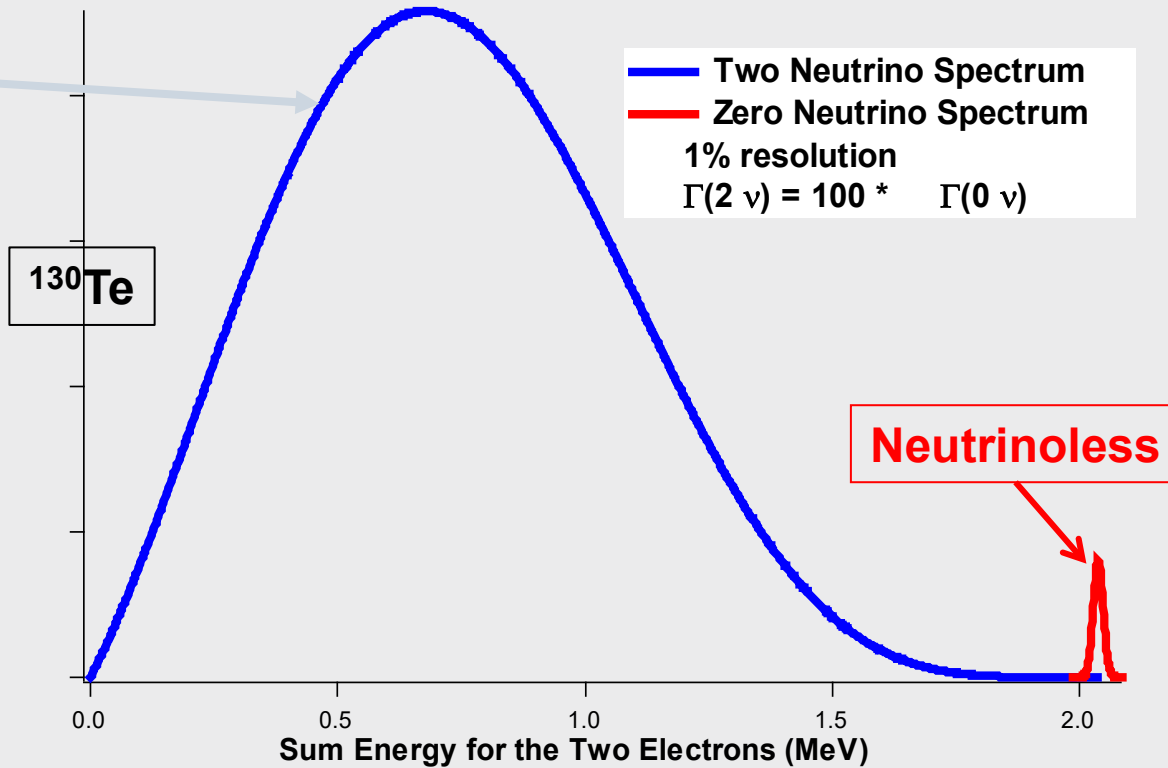
ν -less Double Beta Decay: Measuring Effective ν Mass

$$(T_{1/2})^{-1} = F(Q_{\beta\beta}, Z) |M^{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_{\nu\beta\beta} \rangle^2$$

Additional phases

$$m_{\nu\beta\beta} = |m_1 \cos^2\theta_{13} \cos^2\theta_{12} + m_2 e^{2i\alpha} \cos^2\theta_{13} \sin^2\theta_{12} + m_3 e^{2i\beta} \sin^2\theta_{13}|$$

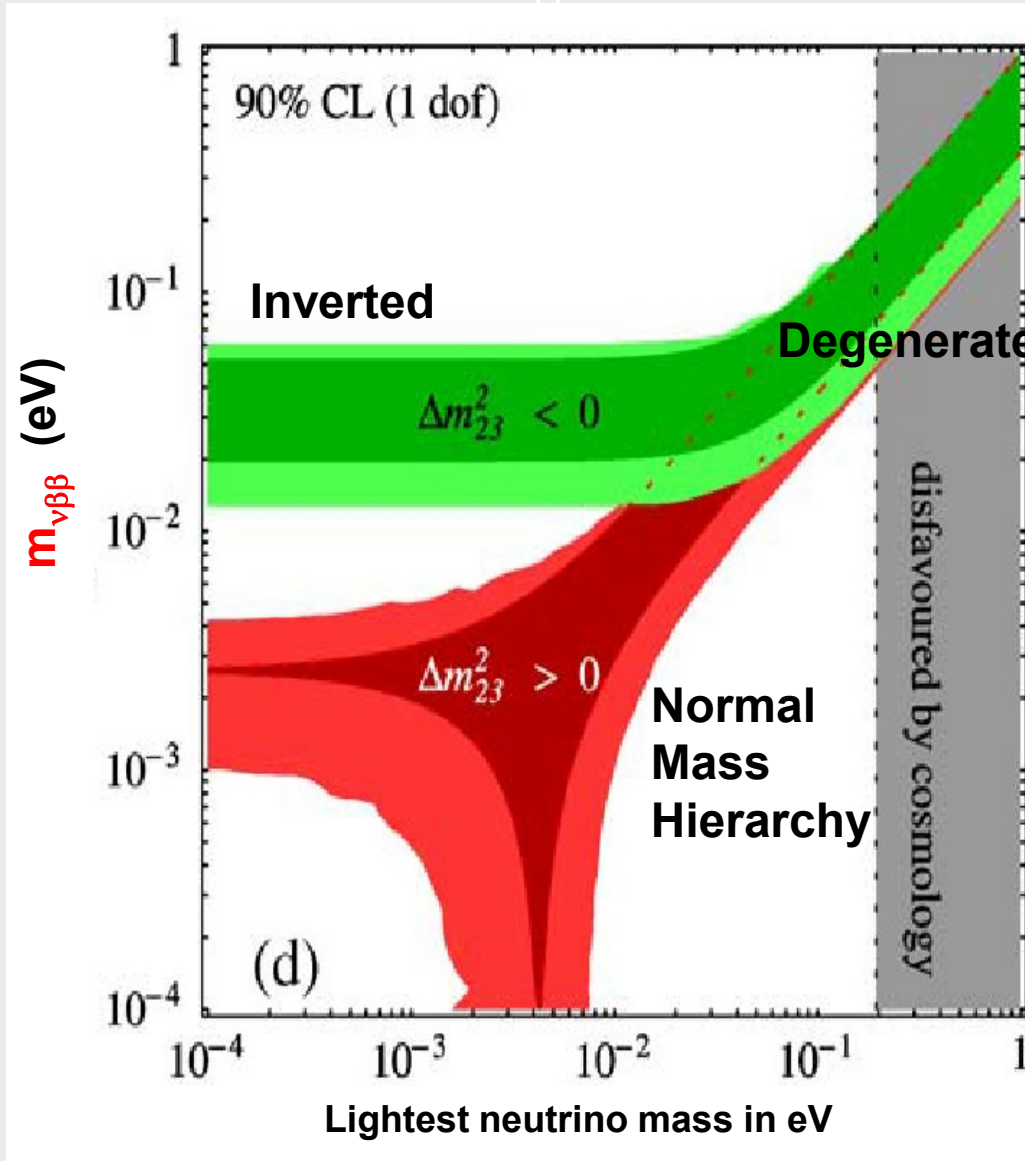
2 ν
Emission



Requires: Neutrinos to be their own antiparticle (Majorana particles)

• Finite ν mass: Lifetimes $> \sim 10^{26}$ years imply ν mass < 0.1 eV

Variation of $m_{\beta\beta}$ vs Lightest ν mass



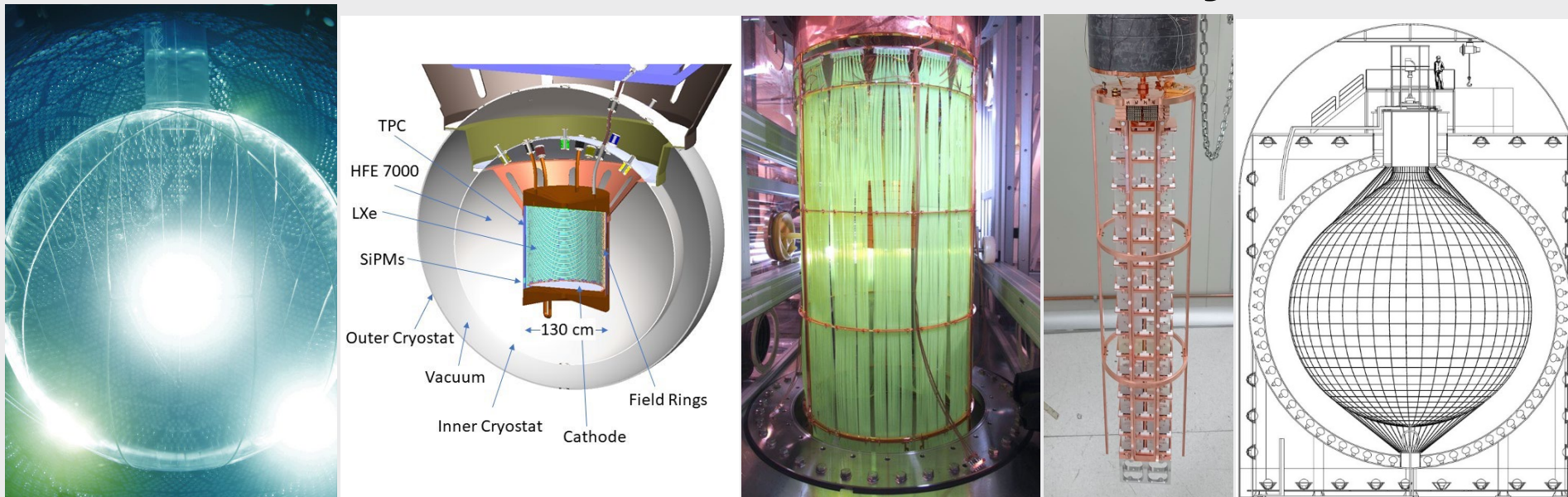
Present Limit

Objective for nearer term experiments

Objective for longer term experiments

Very long term objective.

Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay



SNO+ (Te)

nEXO (Xe)

LEGEND (Ge)

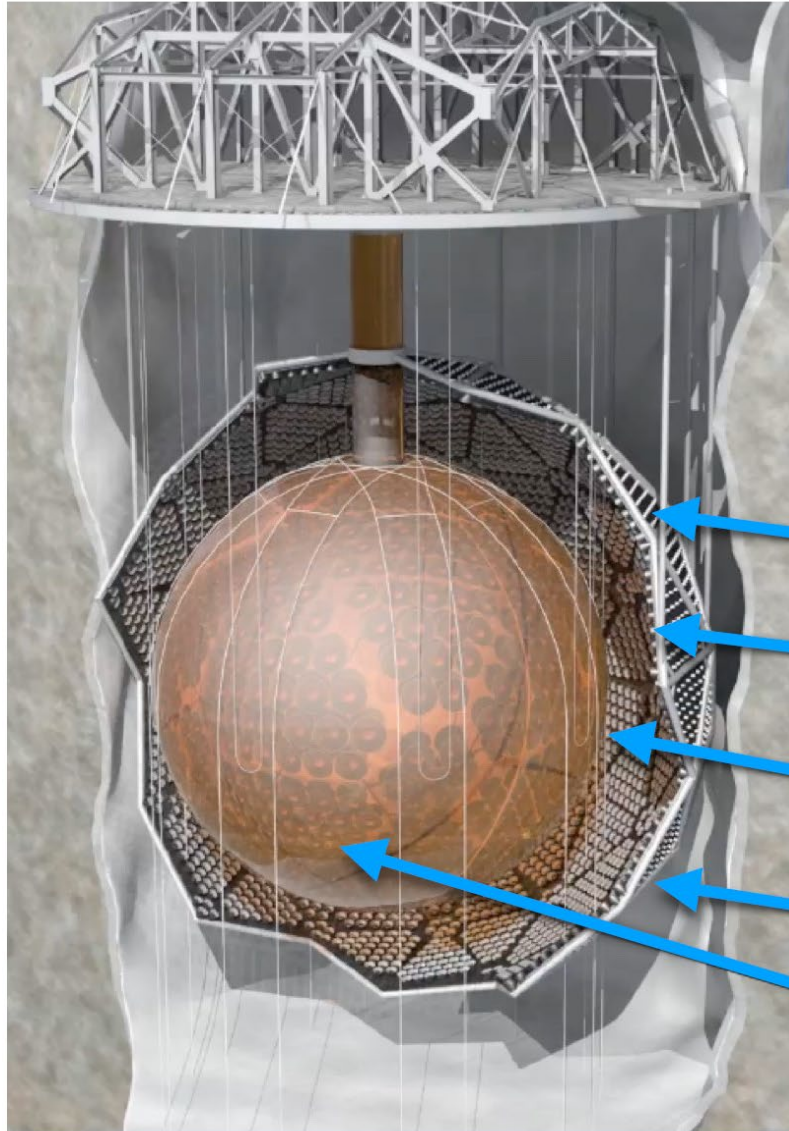
CUPID (Mo)

KAM-ZEN (Xe)

- There are a number of experiments in operation and others in development with several different isotopes. This will be an advantage in the advent of a discovery

- Detailed nuclear theory calculations are needed to interpret these measurements and are an important part of the field.
- There is a question of quenching of g_A that could reduce the sensitivity of these experiments to effective neutrino mass by a factor of 2 to 4.

SNO+ The SNO+ Experiment



- **2km** underground in **SNOLAB**, Canada
- Infrastructure repurposed from **SNO**:
 - New calibration systems
 - Upgraded DAQ and electronics
 - New hold-down ropes
 - Scintillator Plant + Tellurium synthesis and purification

~9300 PMTs

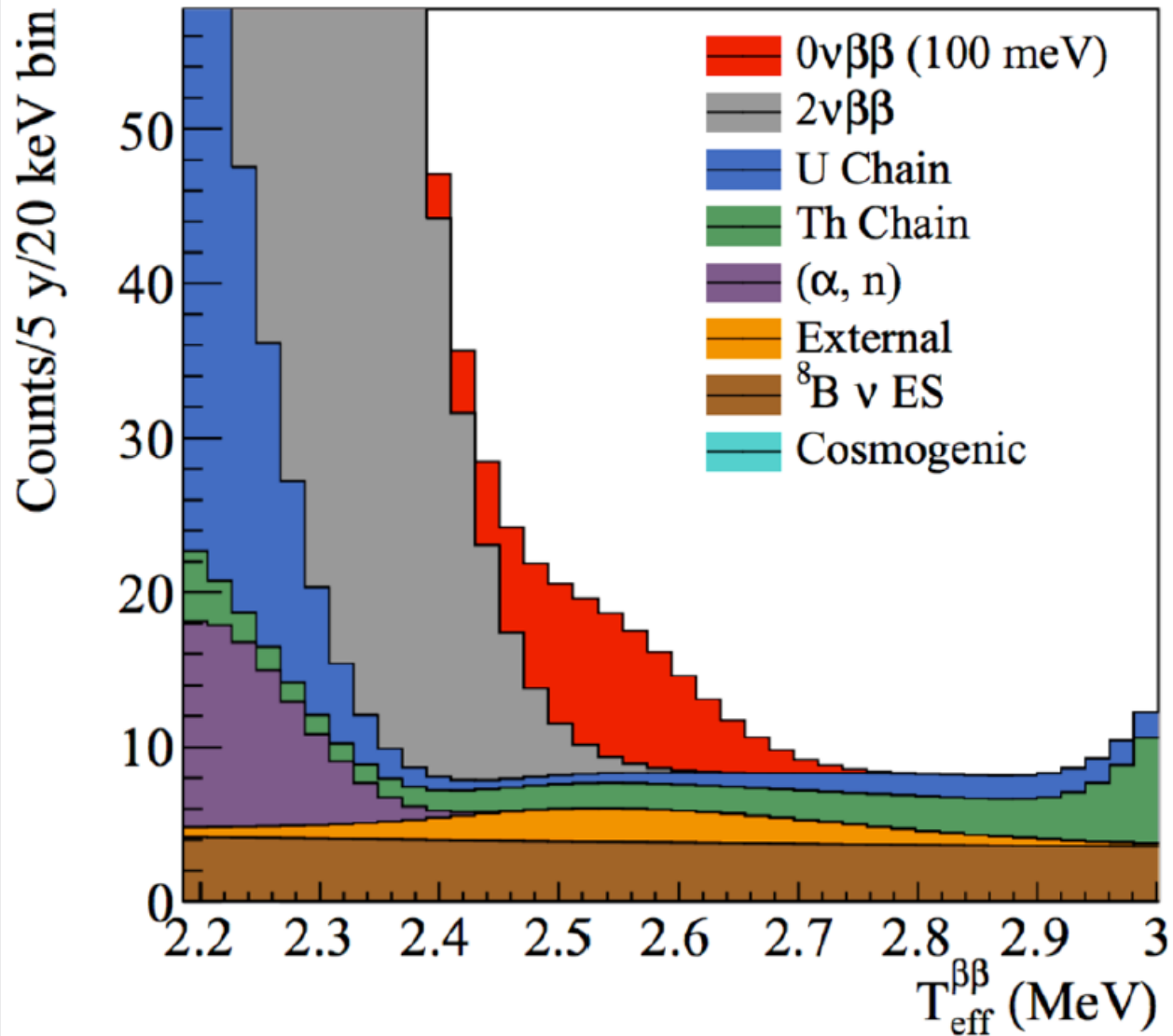
18m diameter PMT Support Structure

12m diameter Acrylic Vessel

7kt ultra pure water shielding

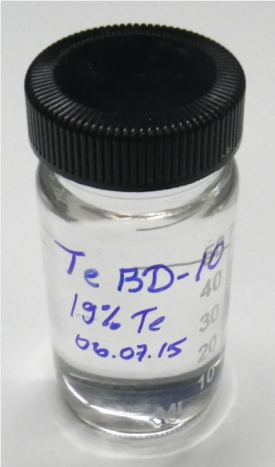
780t Liquid Scintillator to be loaded with 0.5% Te in 2026

Increase to 1.5% planned for future



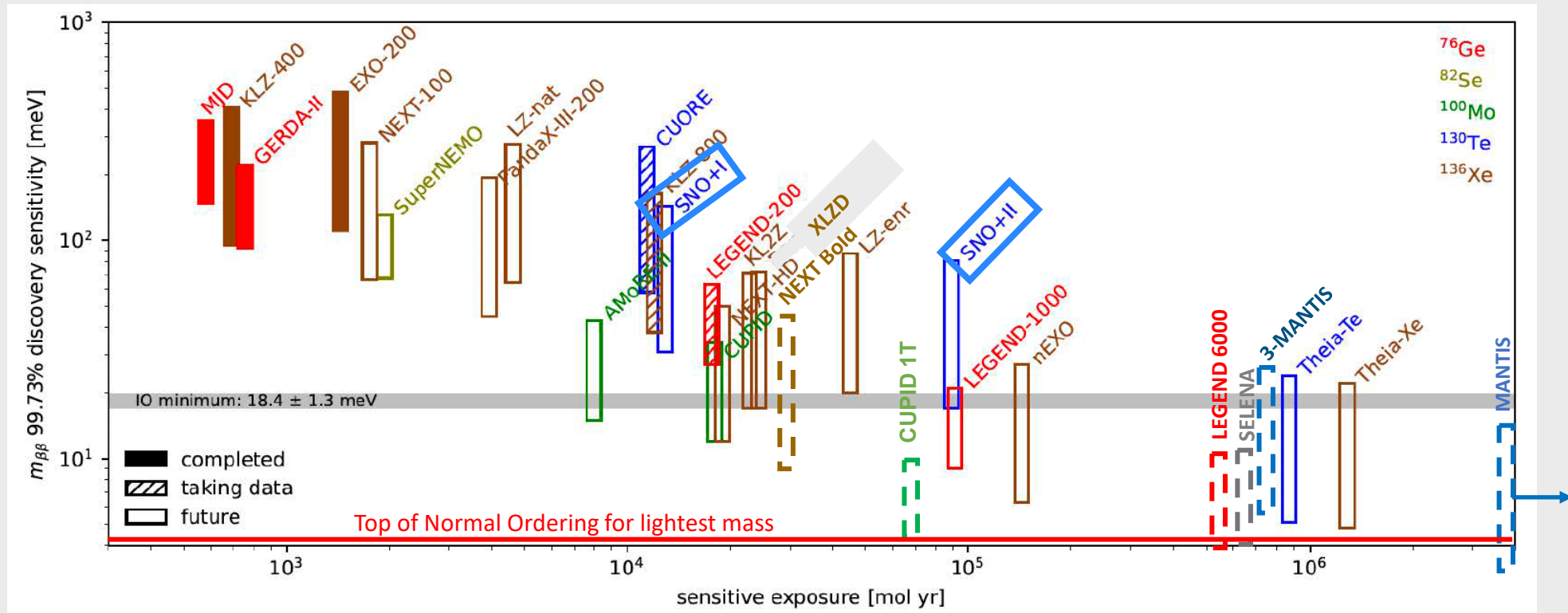
SNO+
5 years at 0.5%
Te Loading:
1300 kg ^{130}Te
 $m_{\beta\beta} < 30\text{-}130$ meV
(99.7% CL)

Phase II
1.5 % ^{130}Te
 $m_{\beta\beta} < 17\text{-}80$ meV



Presently running with liquid scintillator for other physics and evaluating backgrounds. Te projected for 2026

Summary plot from NSAC LRP White Paper (Augmented) (Values provided by experiments)



From: Fundamental Symmetries, Neutrons, and Neutrinos (FSNN):
 Whitepaper for the 2023 Nuclear Science Advisory Committee Long Range
 Plan: arXiv:2304.03451iv:2304.03451

Neutrino oscillations



$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & \sin \theta_{13} e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

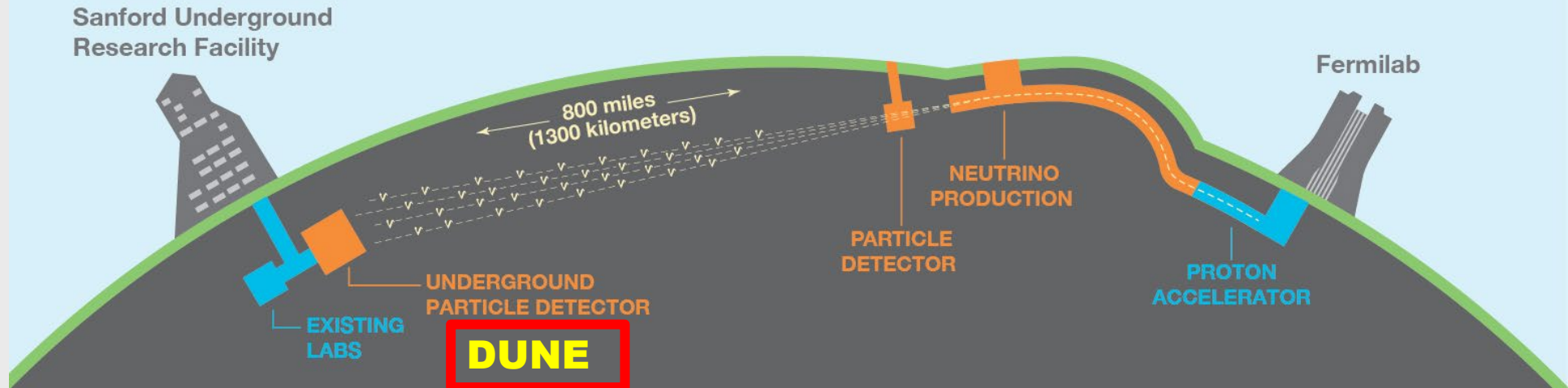
Atmospherics and
LBL
 $\theta_{23} \sim 45^\circ$
 $|\Delta m^2_{32}| \sim 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

Reactors
 $\theta_{13} \sim 10^\circ$
LBL
 θ_{13} and δ_{CP}

Solar and reactors
 $\theta_{12} \sim 35^\circ$
 $\Delta m^2_{21} \sim 7.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$

- Long baseline (LBL) experiments sensitive to 5 of the PMNS parameters
 - θ_{23} , $|\Delta m^2_{32}| \rightarrow$ LBL provides the most precise measurements of these parameters
 - $\theta_{13} \rightarrow$ dominated by reactor experiments
 - δ_{CP} and sign of Δm^2_{32} (normal or inverted ordering) \rightarrow still unknown and accessible to LBL

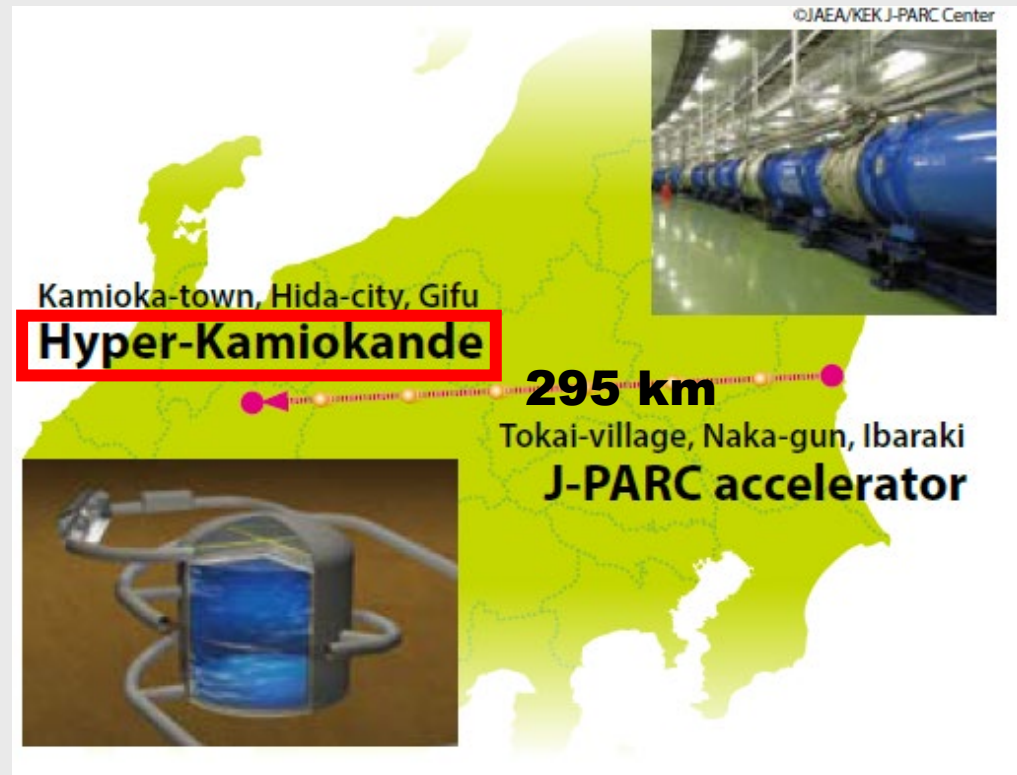
In progress: Next-Gen Long-Baseline experiments: Different neutrino interactions in the earth. Combined analysis will be valuable.



- **DUNE in the US and Hyper-Kamiokande in Japan**

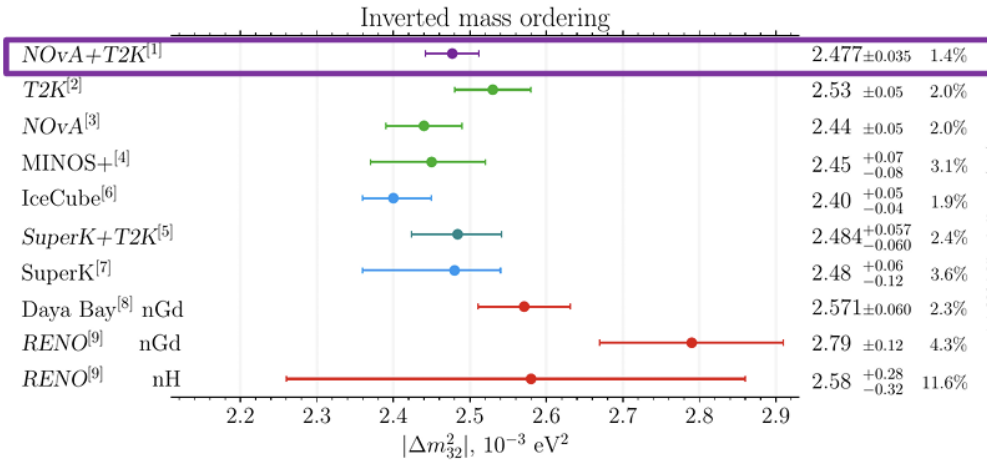
Compare neutrino oscillations initiated by muon neutrinos and their anti-particles.

δ_{CP} , θ_{23} max?, Hierarchy?



NOvA-T2K joint fit: takeaways

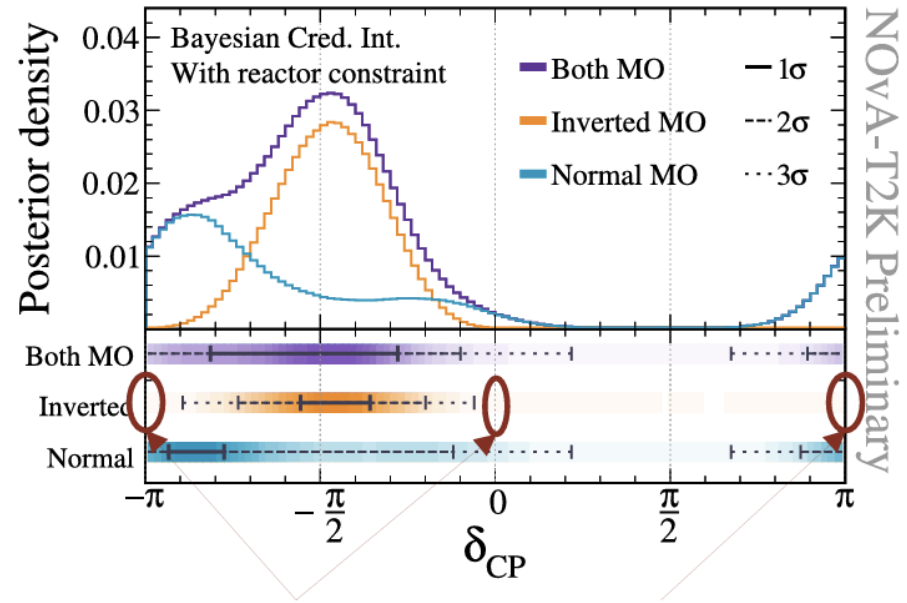
Advancing the precision frontier on $|\Delta m_{32}^2|$
 $< 2\%$ measurement!



v1.1 2024.05: git:jjmrmv/mv/osc

Mild preference for Inverted Ordering
 but influenced by θ_{13} constraint

NOvA+T2K only	NOvA+T2K + 1D θ_{13}	NOvA+T2K + 2D ($\theta_{13}, \Delta m_{32}^2$)
IO (71%)	IO (57%)	NO (59%)



NOvA-T2K Preliminary

CP-conserving points are *outside*
 3σ intervals in IO
 Expect CPV *if* ordering is inverted

[1] KEK IPNS seminar, FNAL JETP seminar
 [2] Eur. Phys. J. C83, 782 (2023)
 [3] Phys. Rev. D106, 032004 (2022)
 [4] Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 131802 (2020)

[5] arXiv:2405.12488
 [6] arXiv:2405.02163
 [7] Phys. Rev. D109, 072014 (2024)
 [8] Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 161802 (2023)

[9] RENO @ Neutrino 2020 [10.5281/zenodo.3959697]

- **Short Baseline**

- LSND and MiniBooNE anomalies are disfavored by MicroBooNE
- ν_s explanation of LEE is still possible but contradicts disapp. experiments
- **MicroBooNE(NuMI), SBNP and JSNS² will soon clarify the situation**

- **Gallium**

- **GA is in serious tension with many experiments but agrees with Neutrino-4**
- **Many ideas of possible conventional or BSM explanation but not convincing**
- ν_s explanation of GA is still marginally possible
- **BEST with ⁶⁵Zn source - smoking gun test for many explanations**

- **Reactor Neutrinos**

- **RAA is probably explained by smaller ²³⁵U contribution preferred by new experiments (with exception of DANSS) and new Reactor flux models**
- **Spectral analysis still indicates ν_s with a small $\sin^2 2\theta_{ee}$ at $\sim 3\sigma$**
- **Neutrino-4 claim of ν_s observation is in tension with many results but not excluded**
- **Upgraded VSBL reactor experiments will clarify the situation**
Upgraded Neutrino-4+ is already taking data, Neutrino-4M will start in 2024

Cosmological constraints were not discussed but models exist which remove them

See e.g. Davoudiasl, Denton arXiv:2301.09651

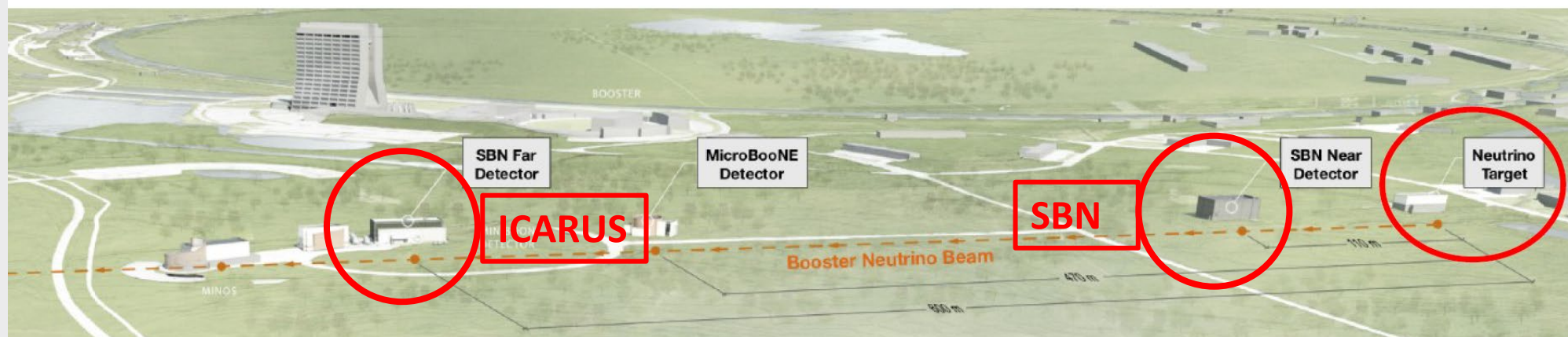
Explains Ga, LSND, MiniBooNE, DM

Experimental evidence for ν_s is fading away but not excluded

**Sterile
Neutrino
Summary
by
Danilov at
Moriond
2024**

FERMILAB

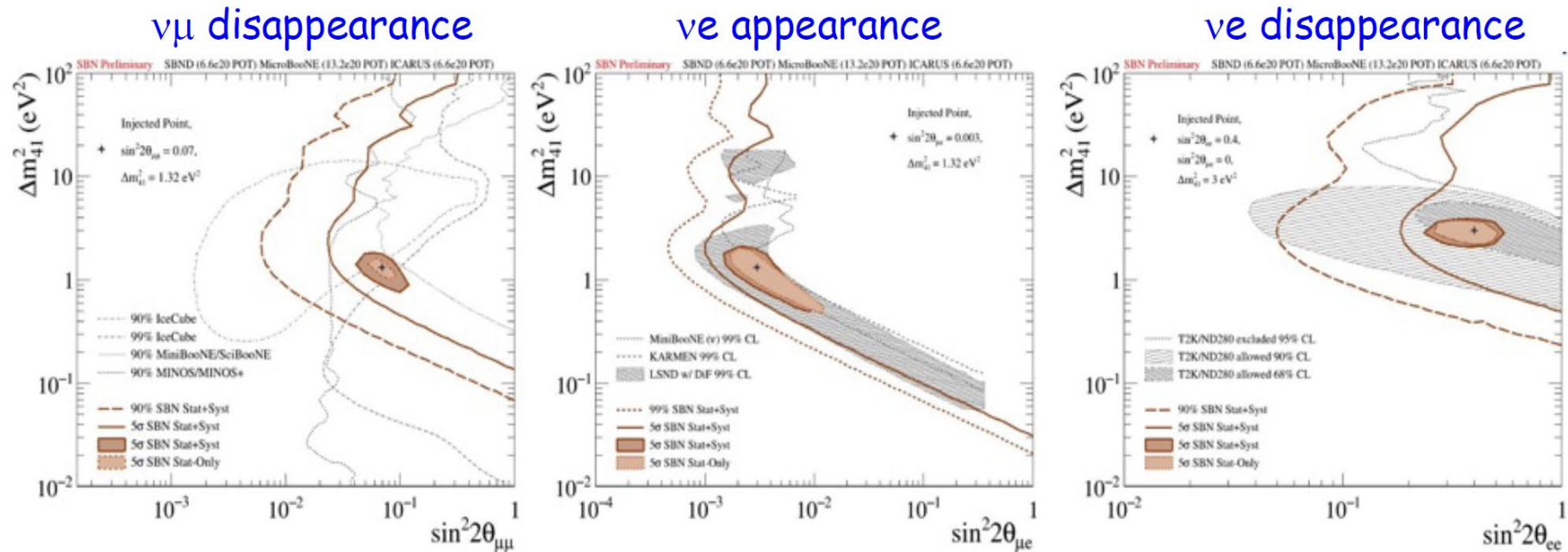
The SBN program: Booster beam



- Two similar Liquid Argon Detectors
- Search for neutrino oscillations at $O(\Delta m^2) \sim 0.1-10 \text{ eV}^2$
- Measure ν -Ar interactions
- Search for physics beyond the Standard Model

SBN Program: sterile neutrino sensitivity, 3 years (6.6×10^{20} PoT)

- Combined analysis of events collected far by ICARUS at far site and by SBND at near using the same LAr-TPC event imaging technology greatly reduces the expected systematics:
 - High ν_e identification capability of LAr-TPCs rejecting NC event background;
 - “Initial” BNB beam composition and spectrum provided by SBND detector.

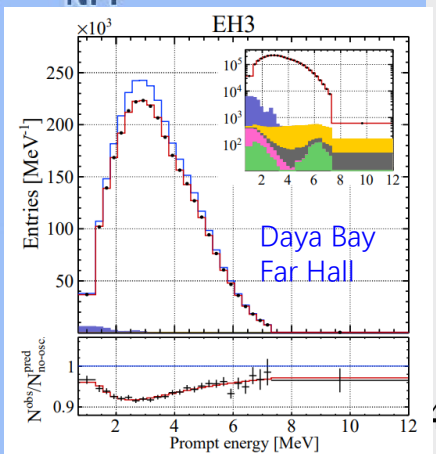
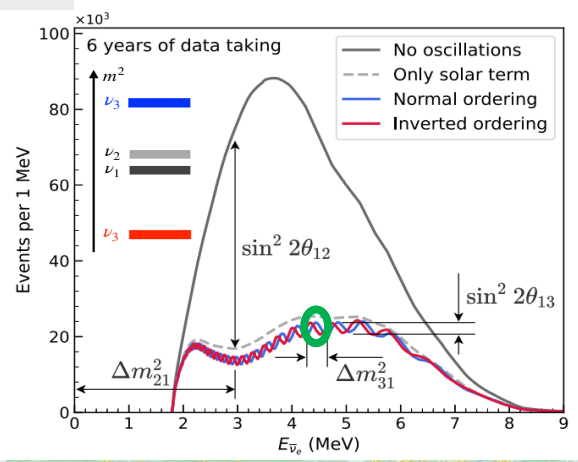


5 σ coverage of the parameter area relevant to LSND anomaly

Probing the parameter area relevant to reactor and gallium anomalies.

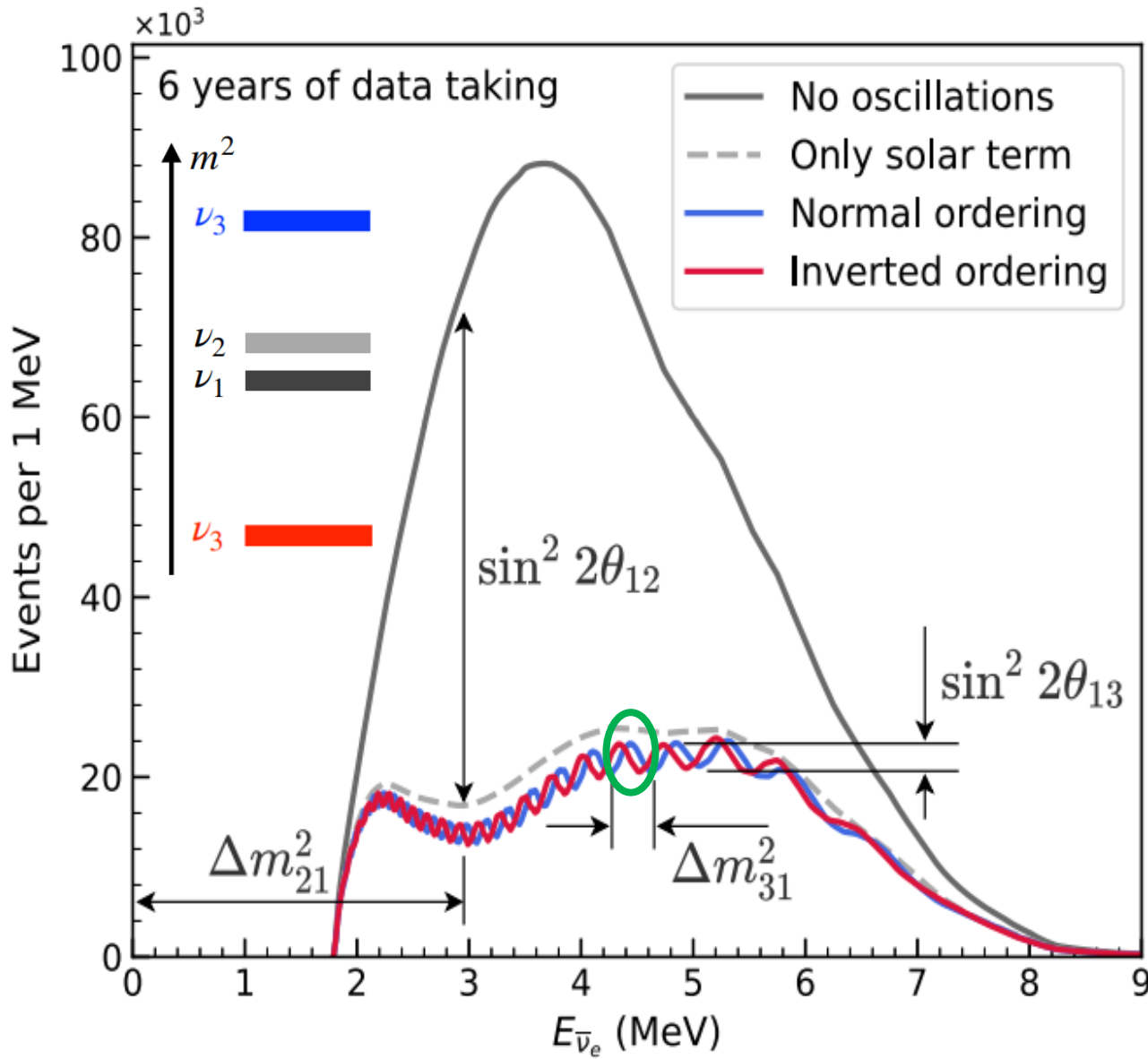
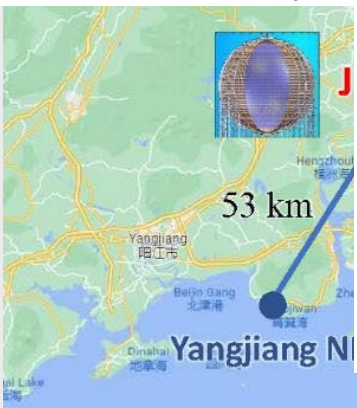
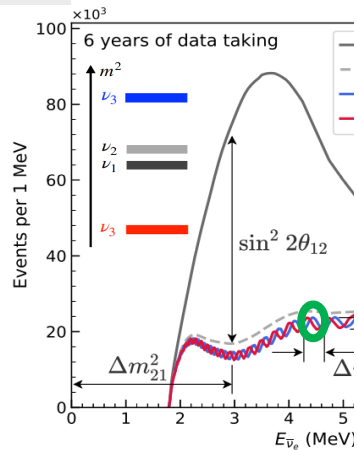
Unique capability to study neutrino appearance and disappearance simultaneously

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = & 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \quad \leftarrow \text{Leading term at JUNO} \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \left[\sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} + \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \right] \quad \leftarrow \text{Leading term at Daya Bay} \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \sin \frac{(\Delta m_{31}^2 + \Delta m_{32}^2) L}{4E} \quad \leftarrow \text{Sensitive to mass ordering}
 \end{aligned}$$



- Key for NMO:**
- 1、 20 kton liquid scintillator detector
 - 2、 3% energy resolution at 1 MeV energy deposit
 - 3、 low background

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) =$$



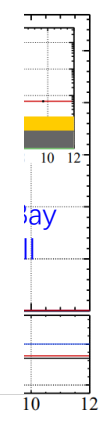
at Daya Bay

relative to mass ordering



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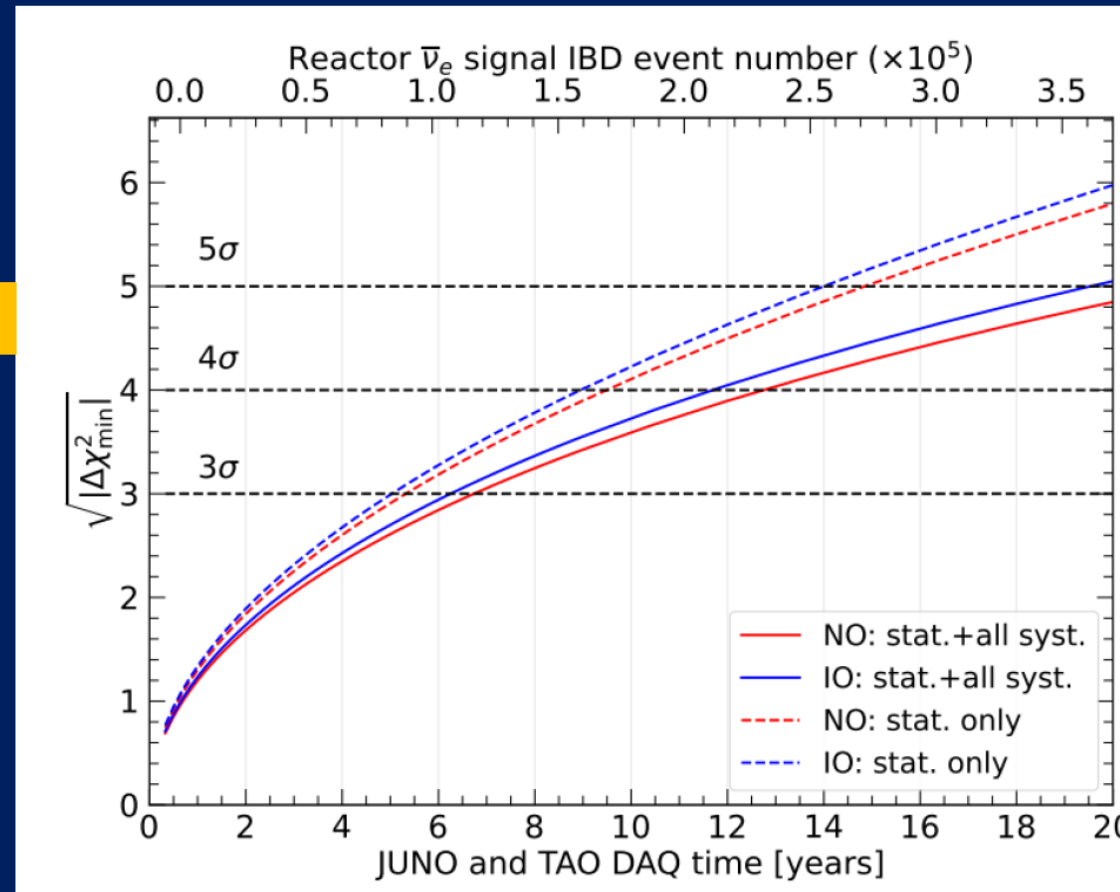




Neutrino Mass Ordering



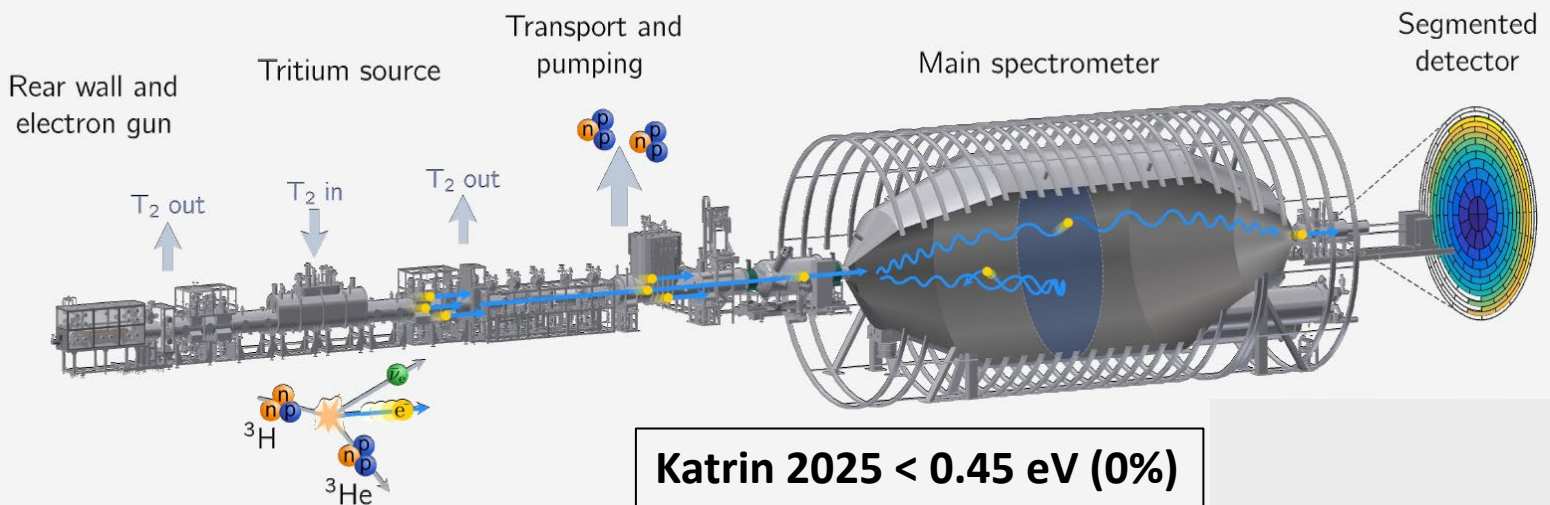
Preliminary



JUNO NMO median sensitivity: **3 σ (reactors only) @ ~6 yrs * 26.6 GW_{th} exposure**

Combined reactor+atmospheric neutrino analysis in progress: further improve the Neutrino Mass Ordering sensitivity

Neutrino Mass from Tritium Beta decay



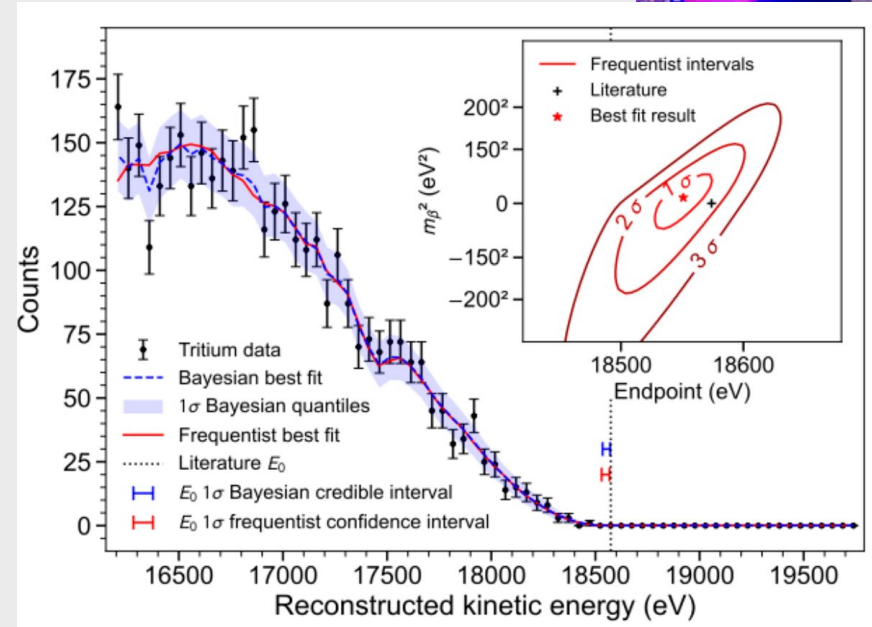
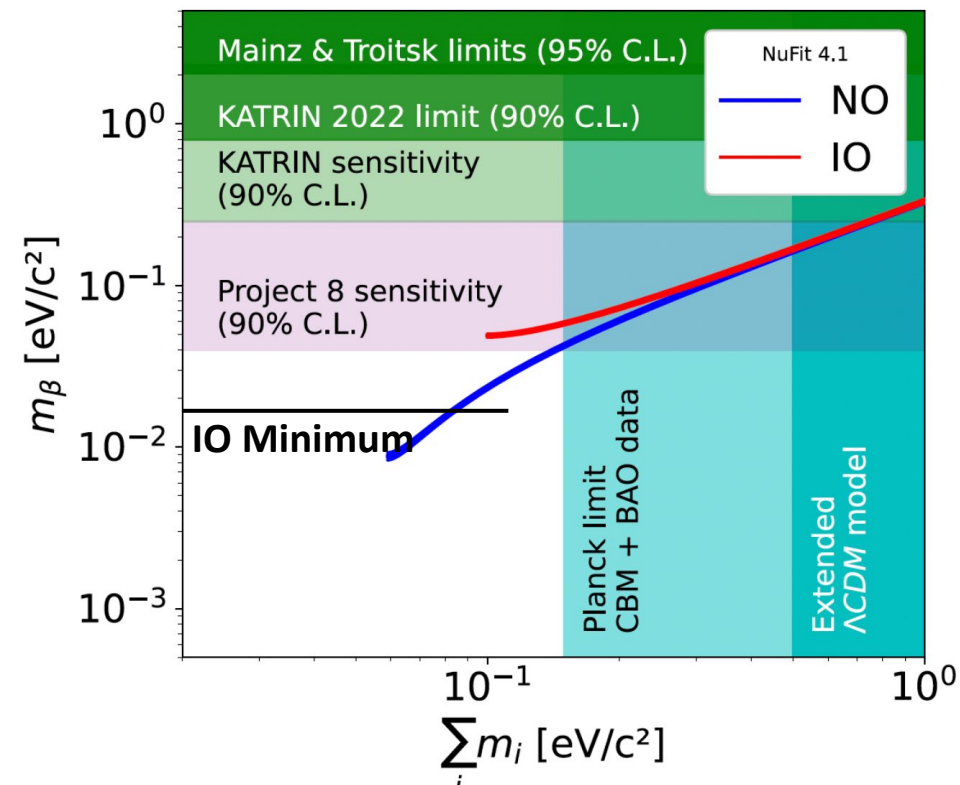
Katrin 2025 < 0.45 eV (0%)



Both Projects will also search for kinks in the spectra at lower energy to look for sterile neutrinos: KATRIN Next Phase



Project 8
Cyclotron Radiation Emission Spectrometry (CRES)
Published result:
Neutrino Mass < 150 eV/c²
Future: Atomic Tritium,
greater statistics:
Projected reach: ~ 0.040 eV/c²



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Prospects for the measurement of the absolute neutrino mass in cosmology

Yvonne Y. Y. Wong

UNSW Sydney

International Symposium on Neutrino Physics and Beyond, HKUST,

February 19 – 21, 2024

Studies of the Large-scale Matter Power Spectrum are sensitive to the sum of ν masses

- Λ CDM+neutrino mass 7-parameter fit; 95% C.L. on $\sum m_\nu$ in [eV].

Planck 2018 TT+TE+EE+lowE+lensing+BAO

Official Planck benchmark:
 $\sum m_\nu < 0.12$ eV

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.121 \text{ eV}$$

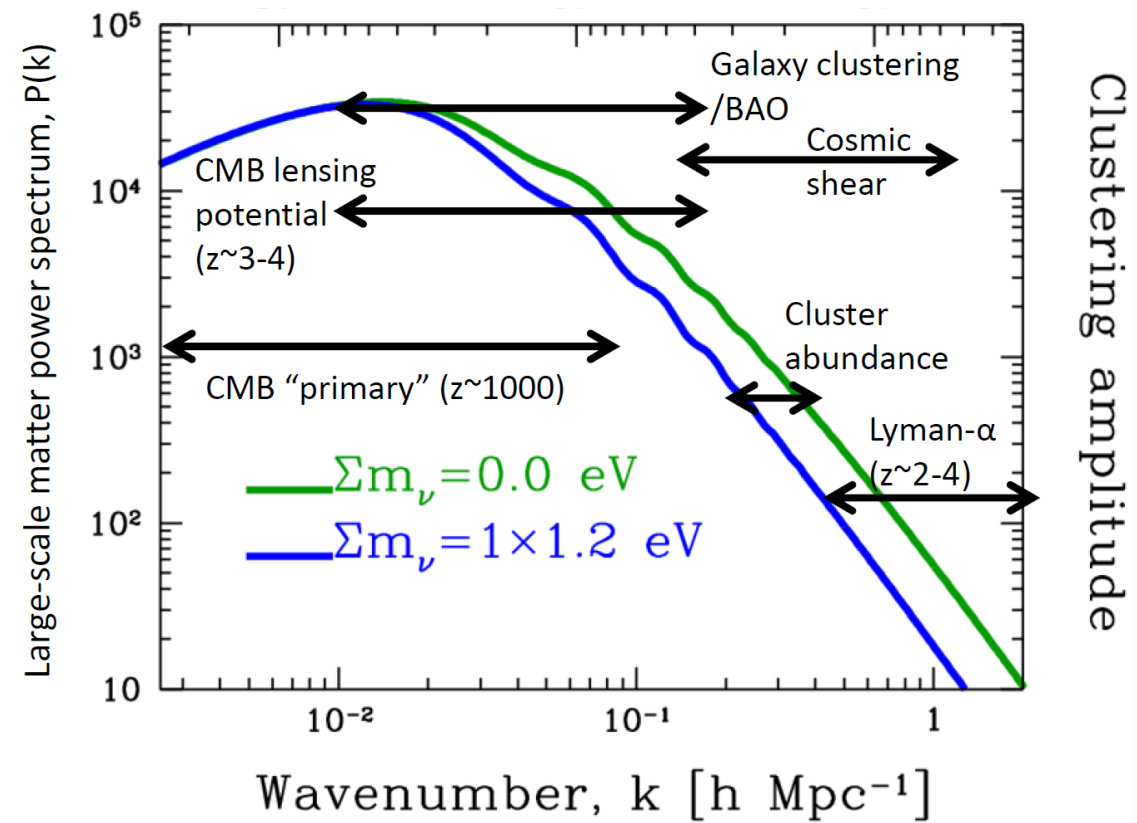
Degenerate

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.146 \text{ eV}$$

Normal hierarchy

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.172 \text{ eV}$$

Inverted hierarchy



Future Measurements will improve this sensitivity

What to expect in the future?

Galaxies,
cosmic shear,
clusters, etc.



ESA Euclid

Launched
2023

1σ sensitivity to $\sum m_\nu$

0.011 – 0.02 eV

1σ sensitivity to N_{eff}

0.05



LSST

202X

0.015 eV

0.05

These numbers mean, if the true neutrino mass sum is $\sum m_\nu = 0.06$ eV, then it is **possible to measure it with $(3 - 5)\sigma$ significance.**

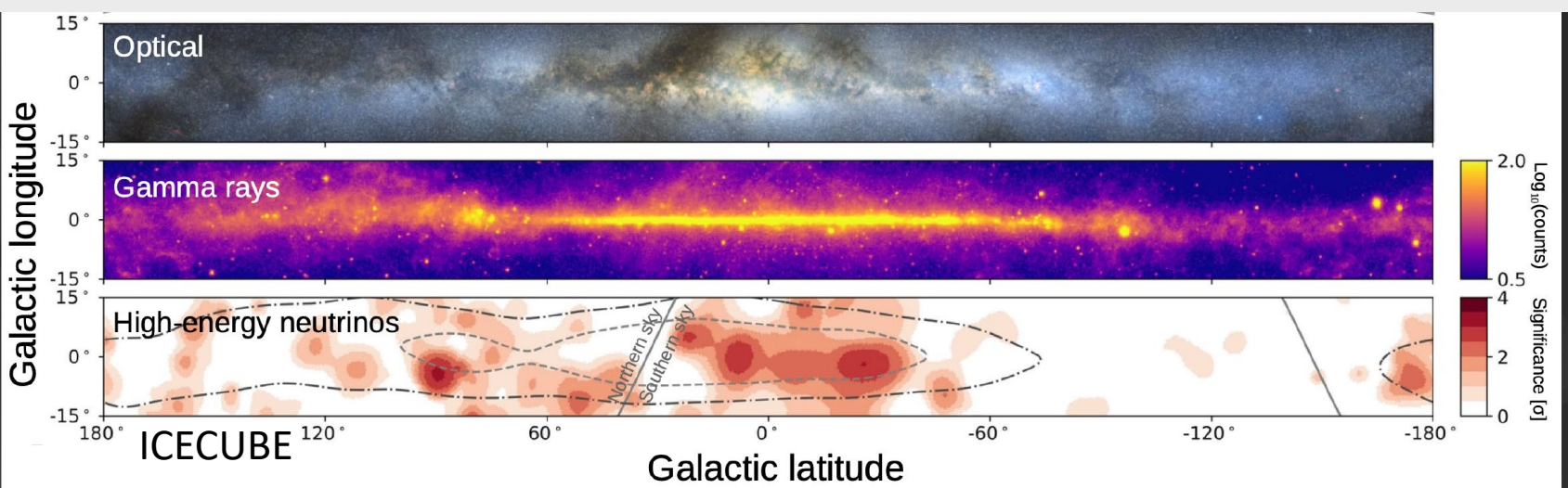
Summary...

Yvonne Y. Y. Wong
UNSW Sydney

There is no doubt that neutrino masses induce some non-trivial effects on cosmological observables.

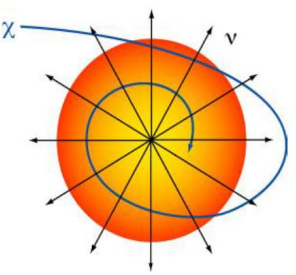
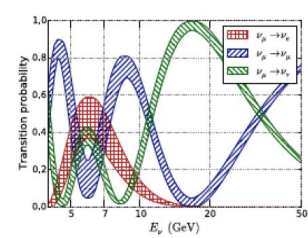
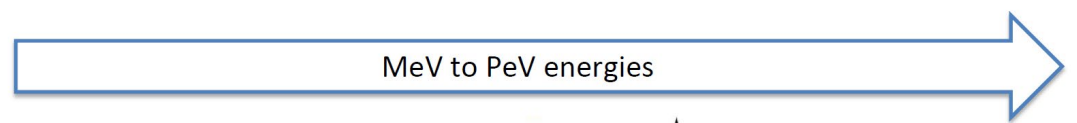
- You can even turn this around and use cosmological observables to “measure” the neutrino mass.
- But please please please don’t over-interpret bounds or forecasted sensitivities. **They are best treated as ballpark figures.**
- Until **multiple observations** have measured the same neutrino mass sum value, **take all “measurements” *cum grano salis*.**

Also summarised in Antel et al., *Feebly Interacting Particles: FIPs 2022 workshop report*, *Eur.Phys.J.C* 83 (2023) 1122 [arXiv:2305.01715 [hep-ph]].



Galactic Plane
← ICECUBE

Neutrino telescopes: science



Supernova
Solar flares

Atmos neutrinos
 ν oscillations
 ν mass ordering
Sterile, NSI, ...

Dark matter
Monopoles,
Nuclearites,...

Cosmic neutrinos
Cosmic rays
Origin and production
mechanism of HE CR

[Coyle for KM3NET at NPB 2024]



+ oceanography, biology, bioacoustics, seismology,...

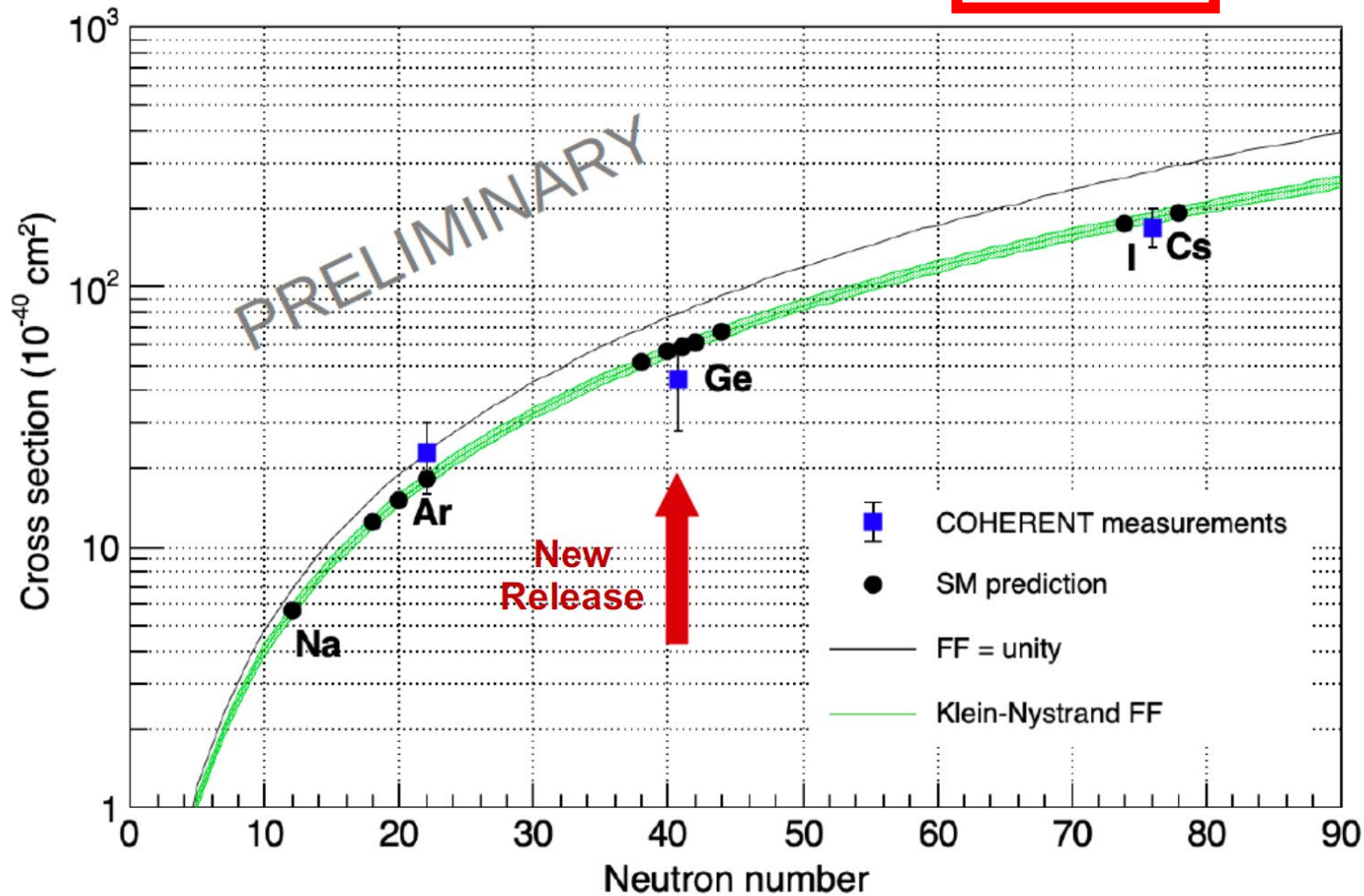
High-Energy Neutrinos and Multi-messenger Astronomy

ICECUBE: Potential correlation between active galaxy NGC 1068 and neutrino hot spot (with 79 +22 -21 events). Significance 4.2 sigma. [Halzen at NPB 2024 Hong Kong]

KM3NET: Remarkable 120 PeV event!!

Future P-ONE? In Ocean off Vancouver Island

Collaboration Published Detection of **CEvNS** on Three Targets



COHERENT
Collaboration

All three
individual
results agree
with the
Standard Model
within one sigma

However,
accuracy is
limited so far

Dominant source of uncertainty is the knowledge of Neutrino Flux at the SNS
Which we believe is known within 10% accuracy. *Phys. Rev. D*, 106(3):032003, 2022, 2109.11049.

Efremenko at
NPB 2024

Borexino Experiment

Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso

278 tons of liquid scintillator PC+PPO

IV-125 μm thick ultrapure nylon

OV 2nd nylon Vessel- barrier against emission PMT and SSS

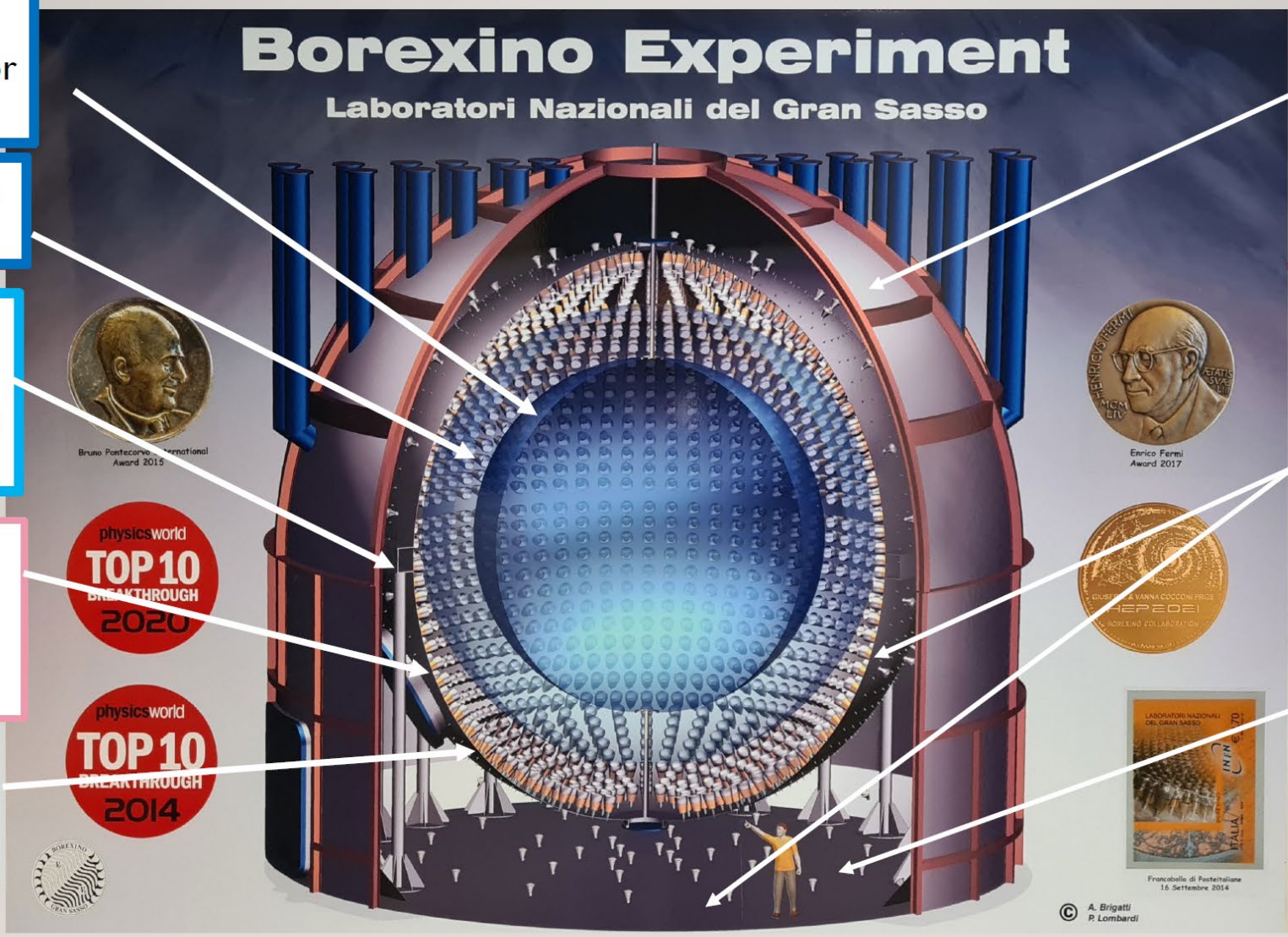
SSS (6.85 m radius), supports 2212 8" PMTs

Buffer liquid 600 t PC+ DMP (3.5 g/l)

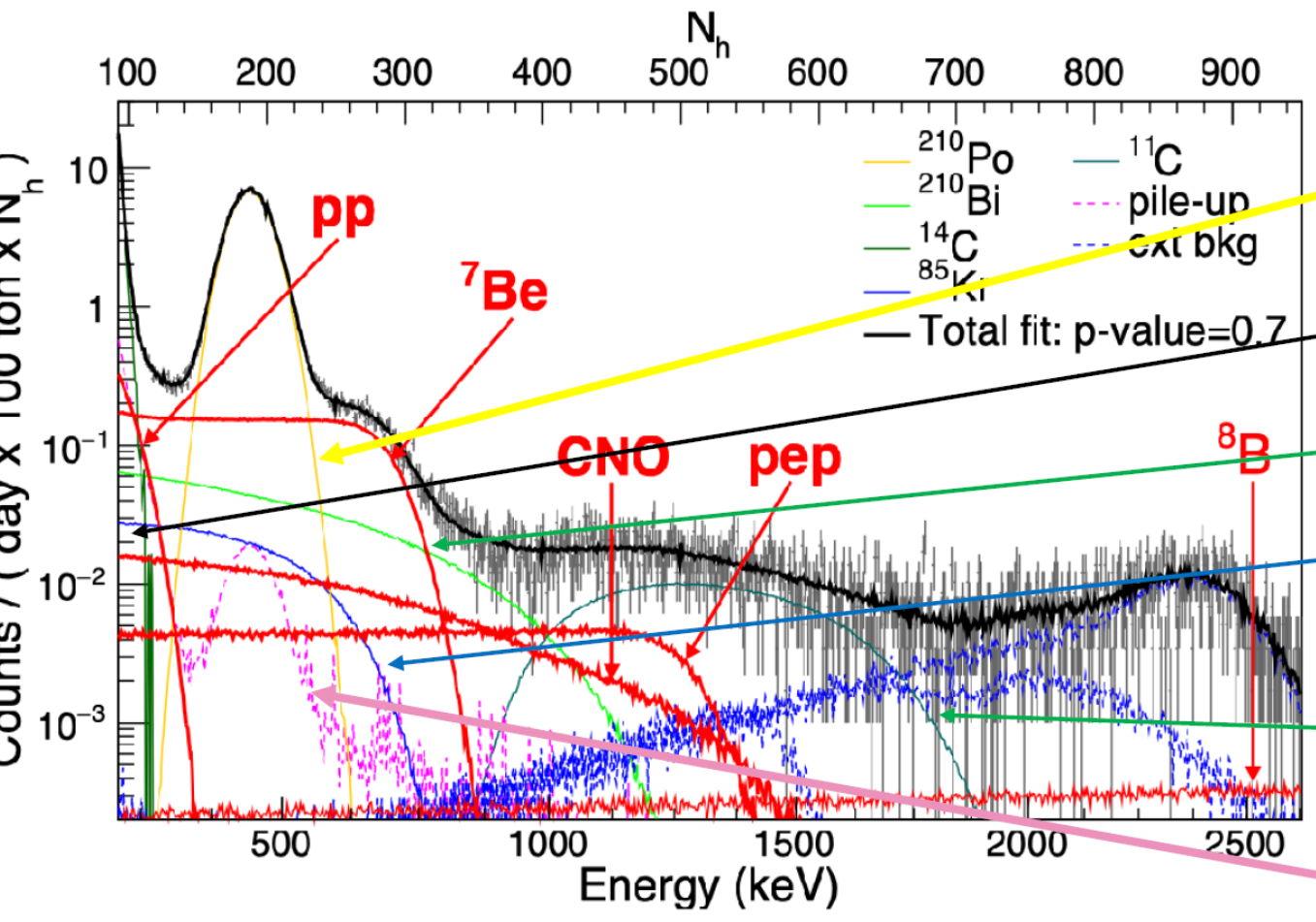
WT, 16.9 m high and 9.0 m of radius; 2400 t ultrapure water.

TYVEK to enhance light collection on the SSS outer wall and the WT inner walls

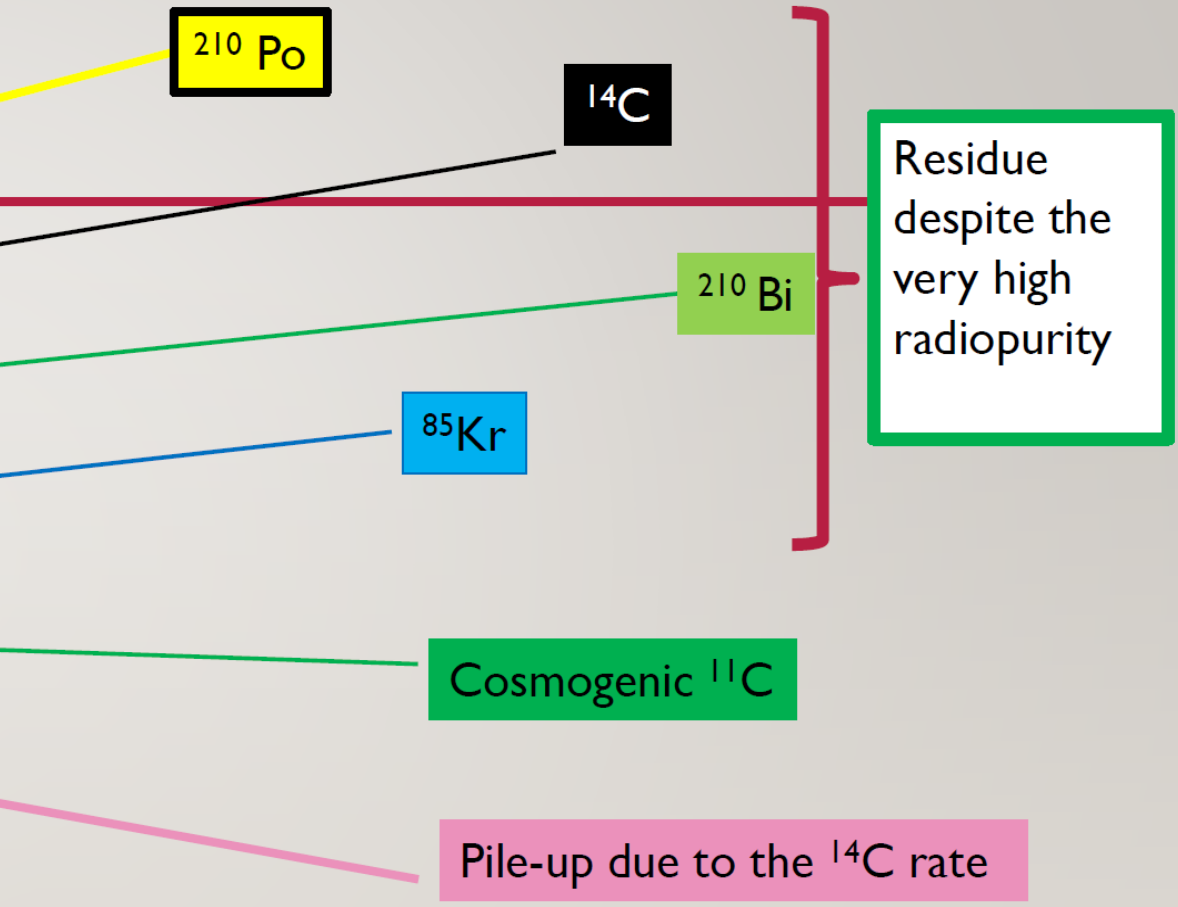
200 PMTs- muon veto



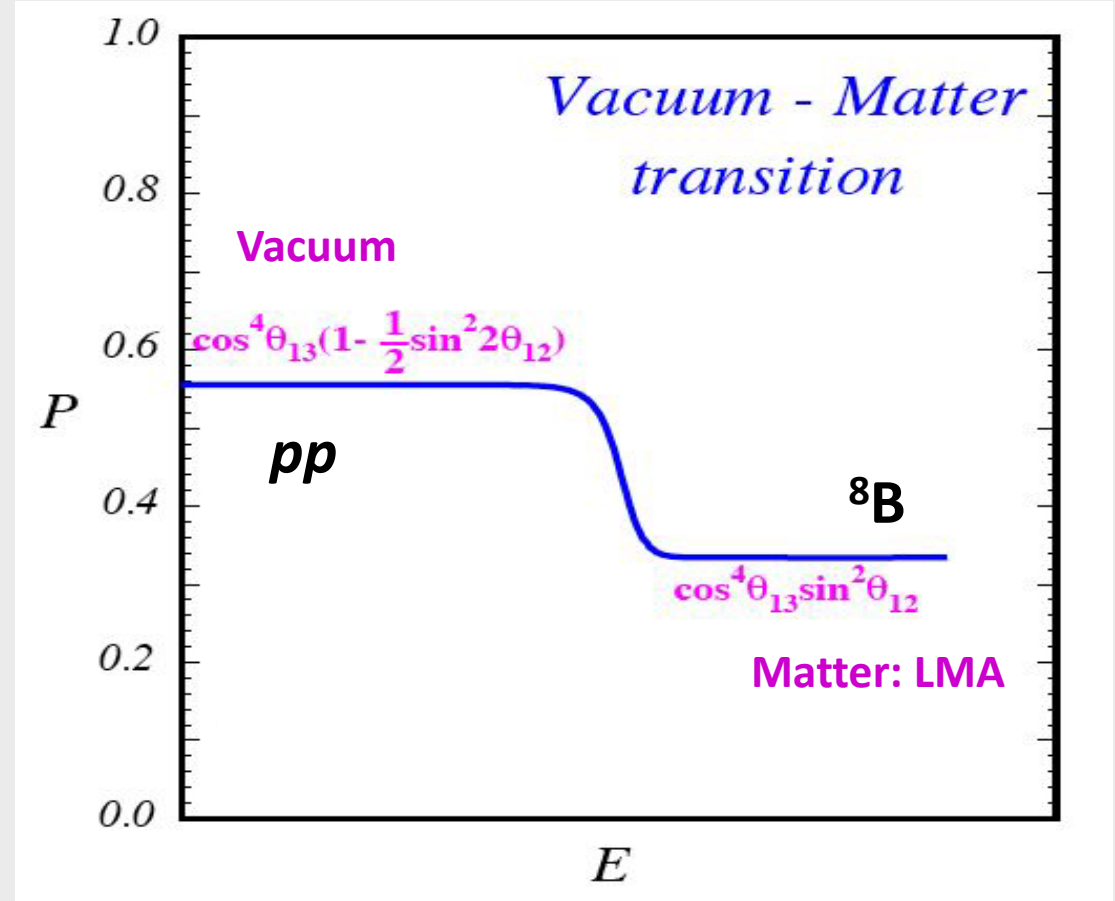
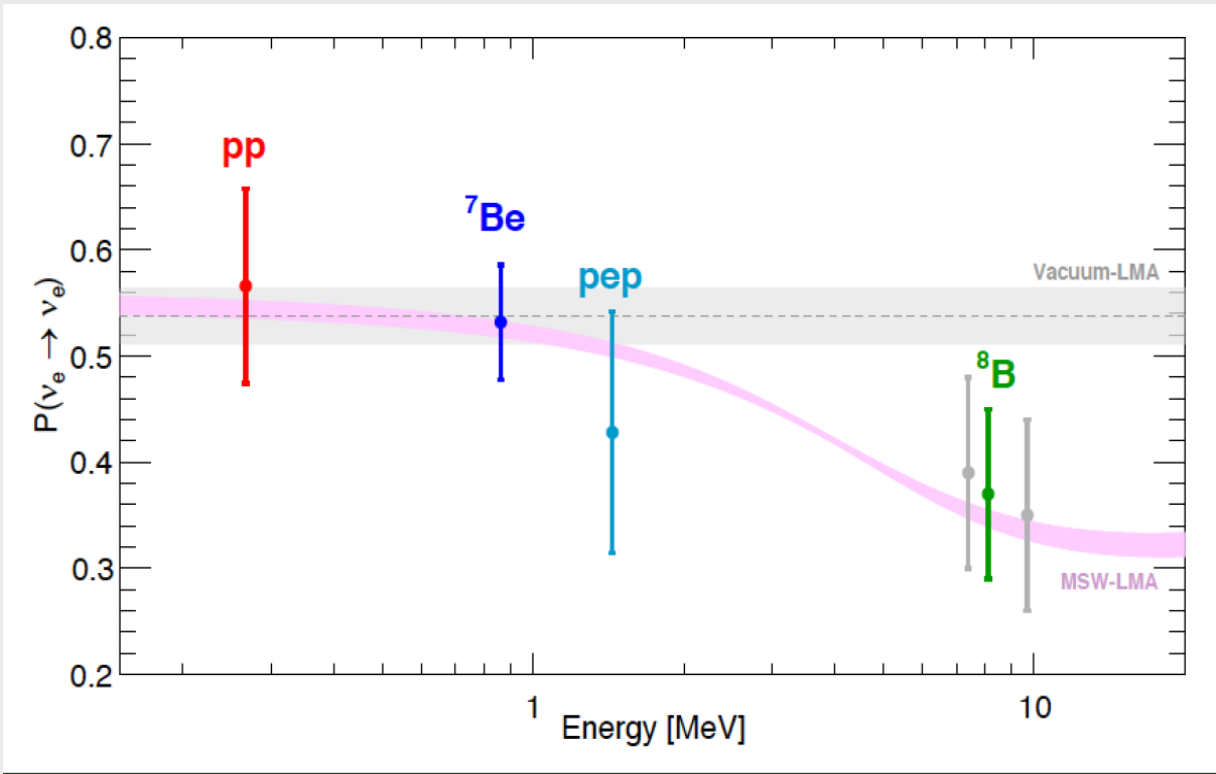
A remarkable set of measurements to understand solar neutrino reactions in the pp and CNO cycles
Bellini, Calaprice and the Borexino collaboration



First spectroscopy of pp, ⁷Be and pep



BOREXINO RESULTS



Bahcall & Pena-Garay
 hep-ph/0305159

^{210}Po rate from the Low Polonium Field : $R_{\min} = 11.5 \pm 1.3 \frac{\text{cpd}}{100\text{t}}$

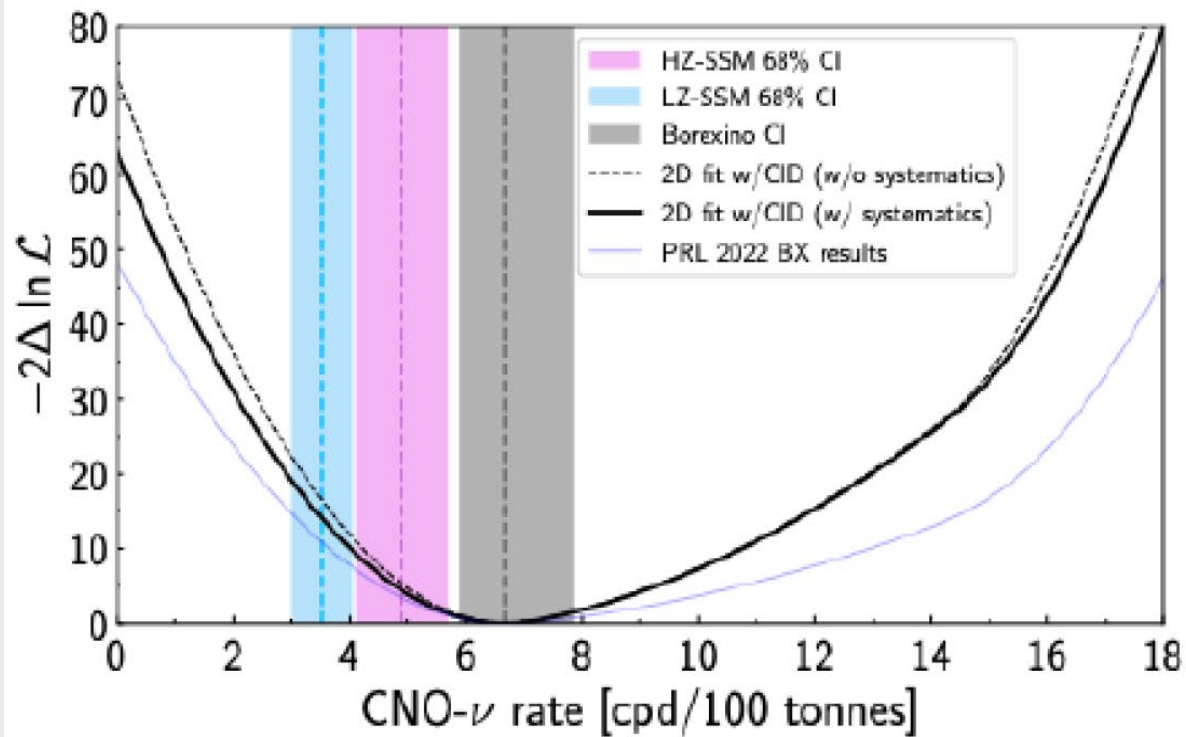
$R(^{210}\text{Bi}) \leq 11.5 \pm 1.3 \text{ cpd}/100\text{t}$

we cannot exclude in principle that residual ^{210}Po from the vessel surface would be present

Fit with pep and ^{210}Bi constrained

CNO rate: $6.7_{-0.8}^{+2.0} \text{ cpd}/100\text{t}$ (stat+sys),

Flux: $6.7_{-0.9}^{+2.0} \times 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
No CNO-excluded at 7σ C.L.



Thank You