

# Reactor Anti-Neutrinos: Anomalies, Interpretations and new Experiment

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## Selected puzzles in particle physics

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# Directions in Neutrino Physics

## 3 massive $\nu$ 's only: determine masses and mixings

- oscillations
- absolute mass  $\leftrightarrow$  how precise should we know?
- Dirac or Majorana

## more than 3 neutrinos

- sterile neutrinos
- L-violation  $\leftrightarrow$  any one of them a major discovery!
- NSIs
- large magnetic moments
- ...

methods: **precision**  $\rightarrow$   $\theta_{ij}$ ,  $m_1$ ,  $\Delta m_{ij}^2$ , over-constraining

**MH, CP**  $\rightarrow$  enough precision to extract it

**other**  $\rightarrow$   $0\nu\beta\beta$ , coherent scattering, ...

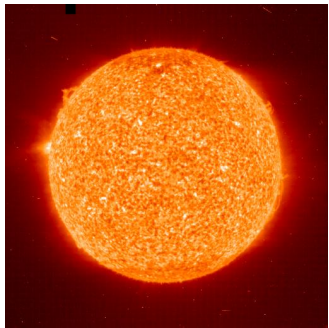
physics goals:

precise flavour information  $\leftrightarrow$  origin of mass/flavour?

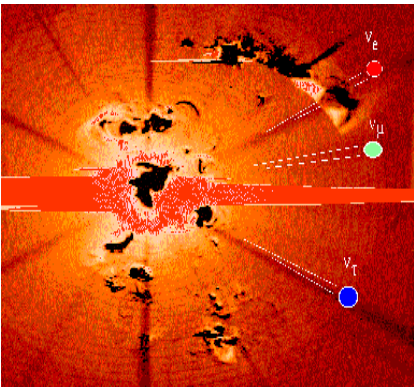
lever arm to other new physics  $\rightarrow$ !

learn about sources  $\rightarrow$

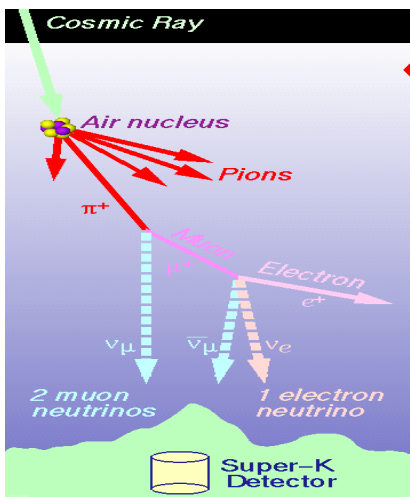
# Learning from Neutrino Sources



← Sun



← Cosmology



← Atmosphere



← Earth

Astronomy: →  
Supernovae  
GRBs  
UHE n's

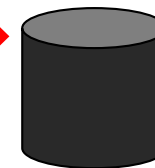


Reactors →



Accelerators →

β-Sources →



# The Status of Neutrino Parameters (3f)

See e.g. Esteban, Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Martinez-Soler, Schwetz

	Normal Ordering (best fit)		Inverted Ordering ( $\Delta\chi^2 = 0.83$ )		Any Ordering
	bf $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range	bf $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range	$3\sigma$ range
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.306^{+0.012}_{-0.012}$	0.271 $\rightarrow$ 0.345	$0.306^{+0.012}_{-0.012}$	0.271 $\rightarrow$ 0.345	0.271 $\rightarrow$ 0.345
$\theta_{12}/^\circ$	$33.56^{+0.77}_{-0.75}$	31.38 $\rightarrow$ 35.99	$33.56^{+0.77}_{-0.75}$	31.38 $\rightarrow$ 35.99	31.38 $\rightarrow$ 35.99
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.441^{+0.027}_{-0.021}$	0.385 $\rightarrow$ 0.635	$0.587^{+0.020}_{-0.024}$	0.393 $\rightarrow$ 0.640	0.385 $\rightarrow$ 0.638
$\theta_{23}/^\circ$	$41.6^{+1.5}_{-1.2}$	38.4 $\rightarrow$ 52.8	$50.0^{+1.1}_{-1.4}$	38.8 $\rightarrow$ 53.1	38.4 $\rightarrow$ 53.0
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.02166^{+0.00075}_{-0.00075}$	0.01934 $\rightarrow$ 0.02392	$0.02179^{+0.00076}_{-0.00076}$	0.01953 $\rightarrow$ 0.02408	0.01934 $\rightarrow$ 0.02397
$\theta_{13}/^\circ$	$8.46^{+0.15}_{-0.15}$	7.99 $\rightarrow$ 8.90	$8.49^{+0.15}_{-0.15}$	8.03 $\rightarrow$ 8.93	7.99 $\rightarrow$ 8.91
$\delta_{CP}/^\circ$	$261^{+51}_{-59}$	0 $\rightarrow$ 360	$277^{+40}_{-46}$	145 $\rightarrow$ 391	0 $\rightarrow$ 360
$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2}$	$7.50^{+0.19}_{-0.17}$	7.03 $\rightarrow$ 8.09	$7.50^{+0.19}_{-0.17}$	7.03 $\rightarrow$ 8.09	7.03 $\rightarrow$ 8.09
$\frac{\Delta m_{3\ell}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$	$+2.524^{+0.039}_{-0.040}$	+2.407 $\rightarrow$ +2.643	$-2.514^{+0.038}_{-0.041}$	-2.635 $\rightarrow$ -2.399	$[+2.407 \rightarrow +2.643]$ $[-2.629 \rightarrow -2.405]$

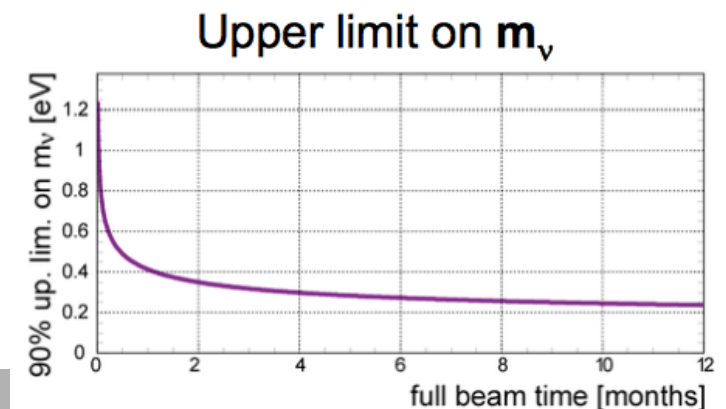
**Absolute mass limits from Mainz and Troitsk:  $m_1 < 2.2 \text{ eV}$**

**Limits from cosmology: 0.17-0.2 eV**

**Future:**

**KATRIN  $\rightarrow$  just started operation  $\rightarrow 0.2\text{eV}$**

**Project8, ...**

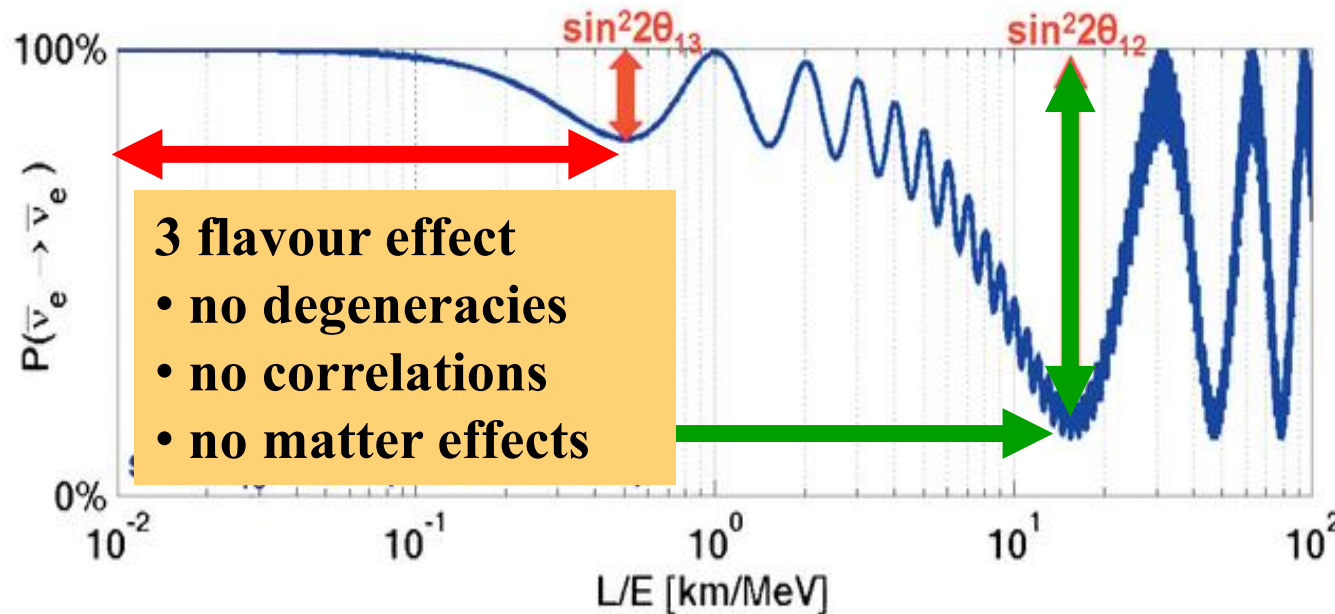


# Precision with Reactor Neutrino Experiments



identical detectors → many errors cancel

$$P_{ee} \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu} - \left( \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)^2 \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12}$$



clean & precise  $\theta_{13}$  measurements  
 ←→ beams

E=4MeV → 1km 180km

- Double Chooz
- Daya Bay
- Reno

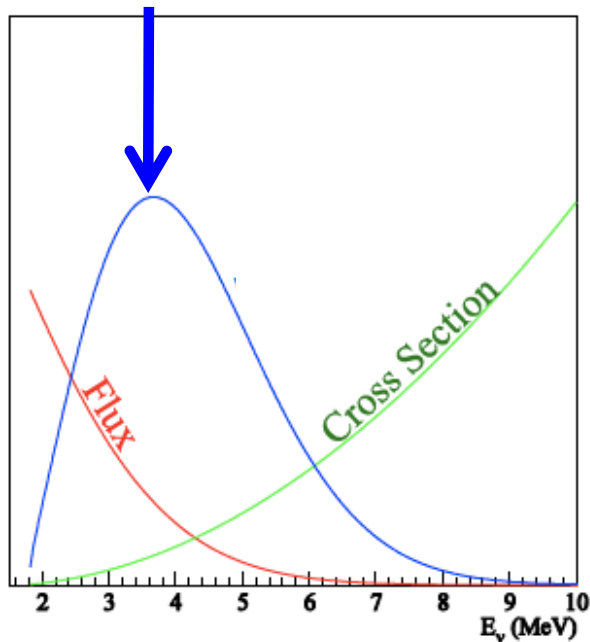
# Anti-Neutrino Detection

## Oscillations:

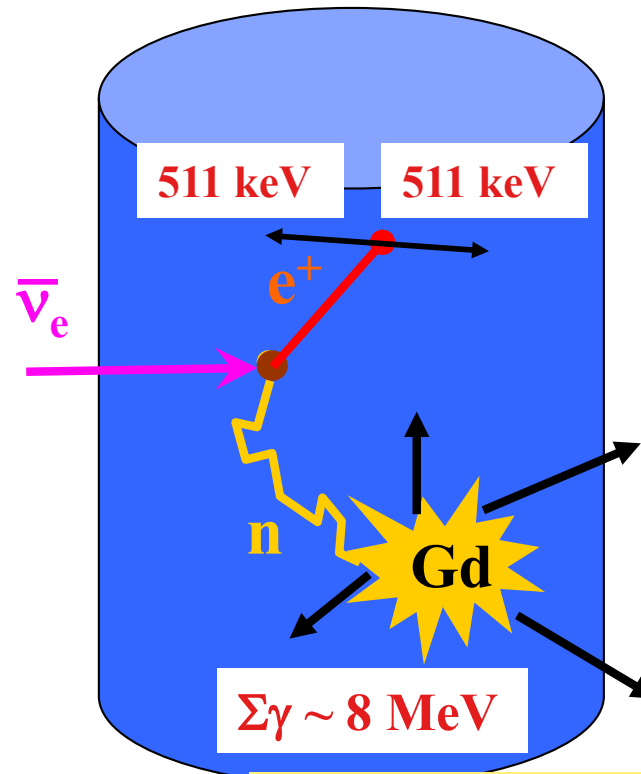
- affect rate & shape

## Earlier reactor experiments:

- calculated spectrum
- rate normalized by  $P_{\text{thermal}}$
- event rate = flux \* x-section



- uncertainties in x-sections?

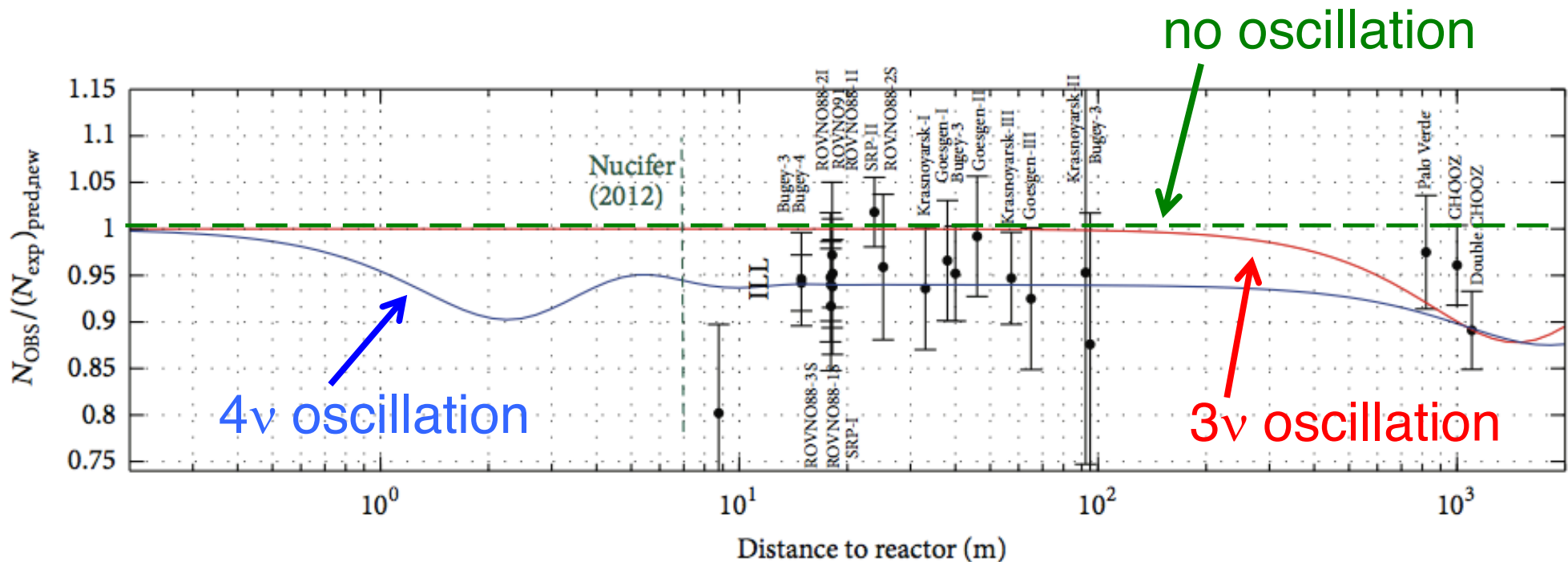


prompt  $e^+$  signal

delayed n capture  
→ Gd doping  
→ delayed  $\gamma$  (30  $\mu\text{s}$ )

- position & time correlation
  - delayed energy information  
→ background reduction!
- Gd loaded liquid scintillator  
→ stability, transparency, WLS, ...  
DC: 2,1,0 reactors on → bg

# Surprise 1: The Reactor Anomaly

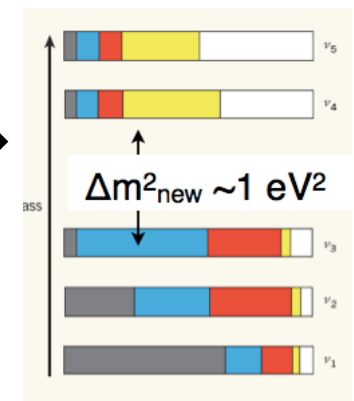


→ an extra (sterile) neutrino with a small mixing angle and a mass  $O(eV)$  or heavier could have oscillated @ 10-100m

averaged out: reduction by  $\frac{1}{2} * \sin^2(\theta_s) \simeq 0.06$

↔ active  $\nu$ -unitarity tested @ few % → consistent →

→ check with a new experiment at shorter baseline



# Surprise 2: A Bump in the Spectrum

Double Chooz, RENO  
and Daya Bay:

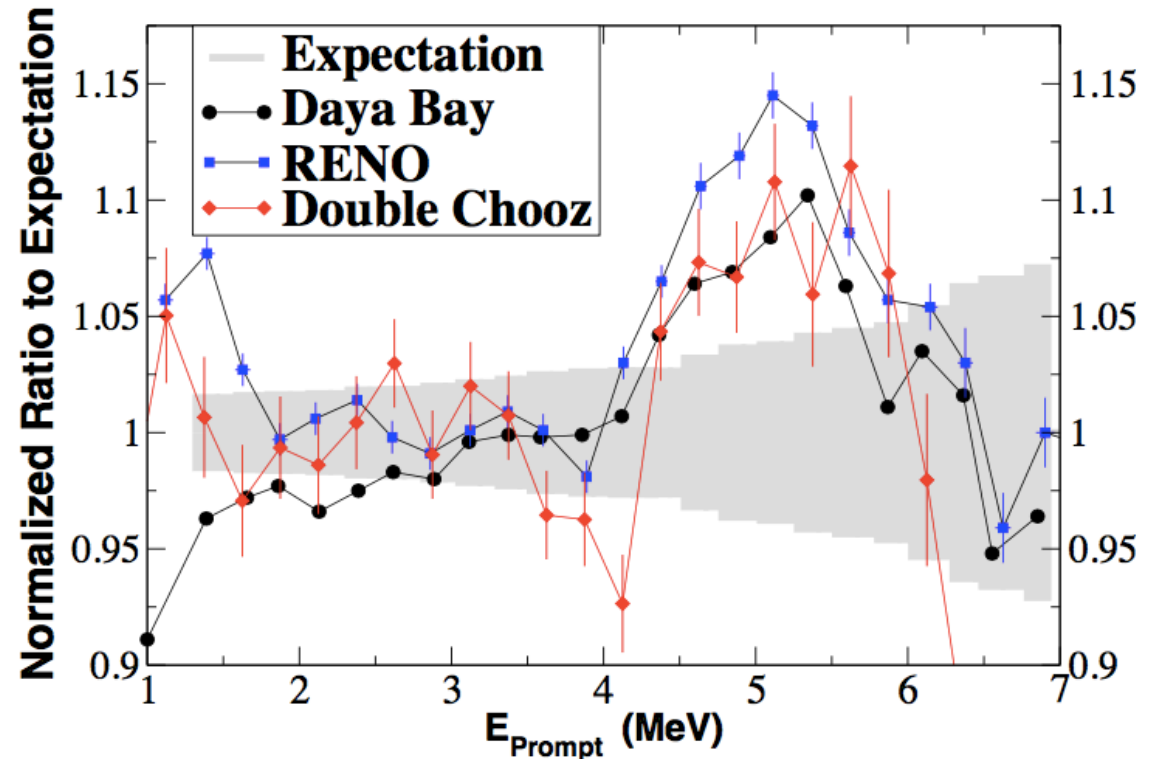
→ all see unexpected bump  
in near and far spectrum

→  $\theta_{13}$  measurement robust

→ expectations are Huber  
( $^{235}\text{U}, ^{239}, ^{241}\text{Pu}$ )  
and Mueller ( $^{238}\text{U}$ )

→ RENO has largest bump

→ Double-Chooz used Huber and Haag ( $^{238}\text{U}$ ) for expected flux



High energy  $\nu$ 's  $\leftrightarrow$  short lived isotopes ...little known

Nuclear theory:

theory errors ...maybe explainable...

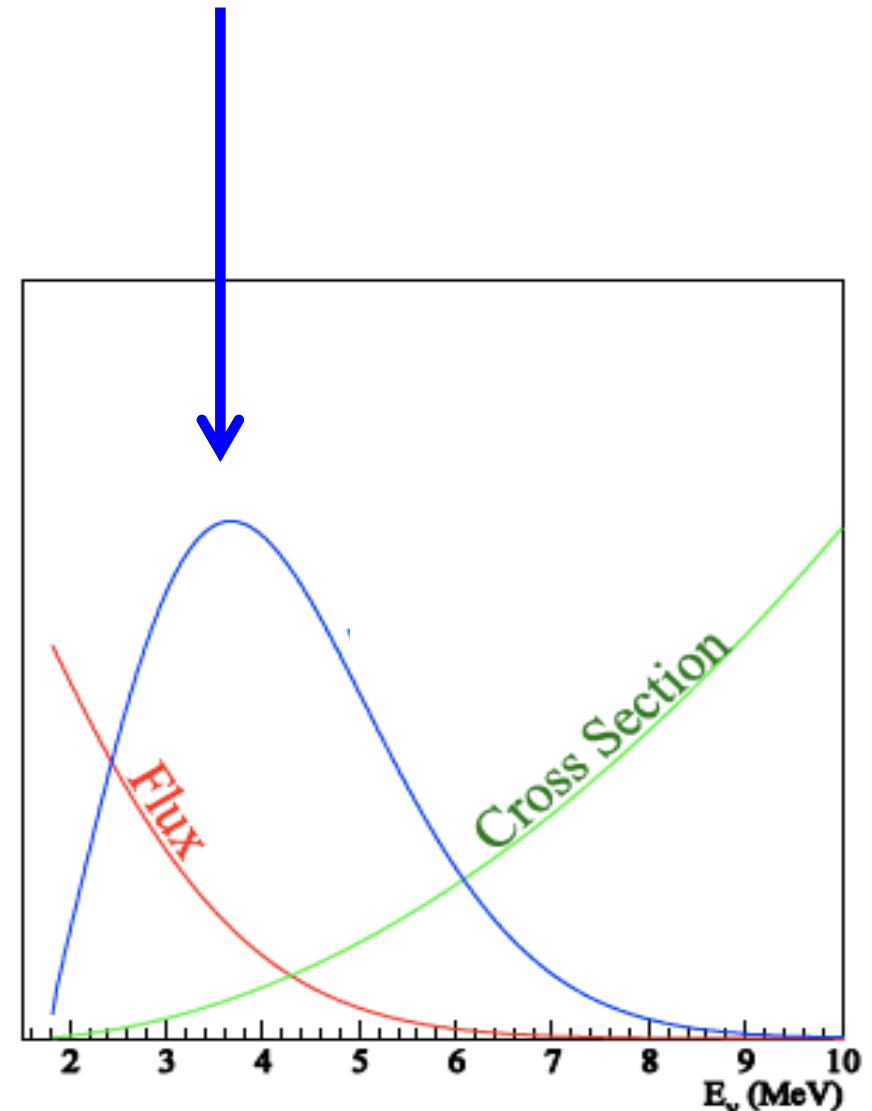
better → experimental test



# Anti-Neutrino Event Rates

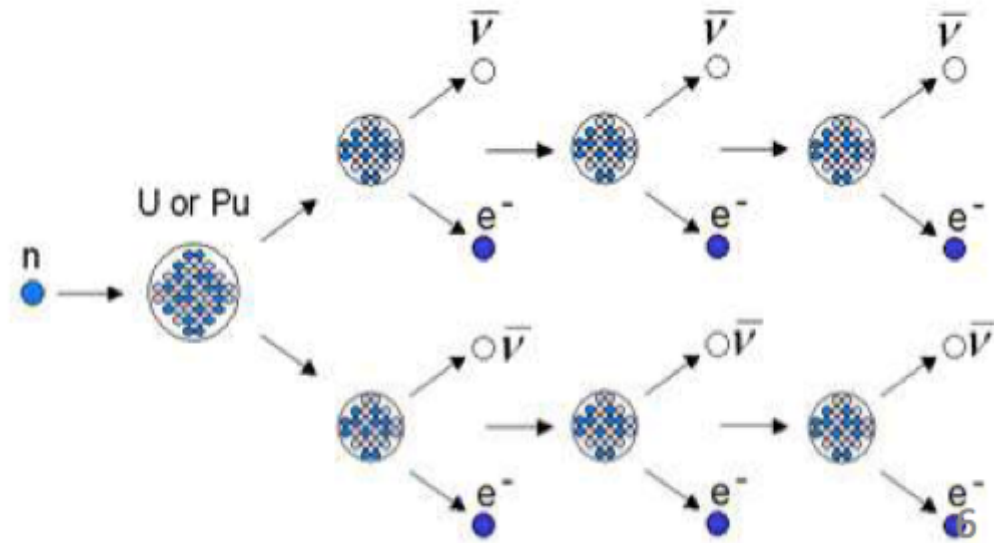
$$\text{event rates} = \text{flux} * \text{x-section}$$

- cross-section is safe  $\sim E^2$
- event rate emphasizes medium energies
- uncertainties in  $\nu$ -flux?  
→ HE tail has reduced weight
- BUT: more than 800 nuclides from the fission of  $^{235}\text{U}$  and others:  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{241}\text{Pu}$ , ...  
→ many instable fission products  
→ reactor is during steady operation in a flow equilibrium

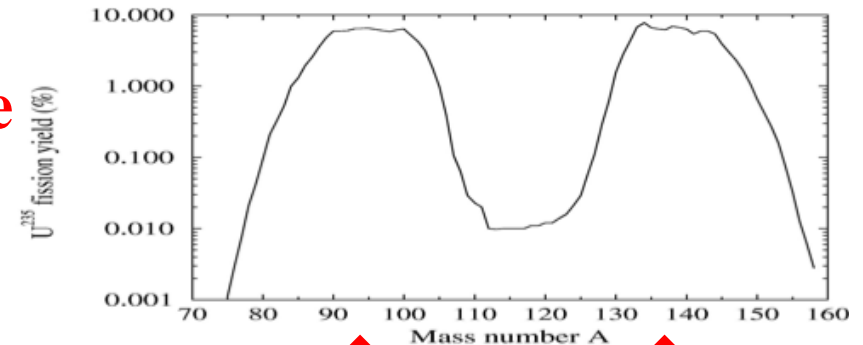
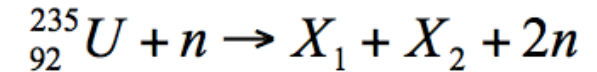


# Nuclear Reactors as Antineutrino Source

- Reactors like Chooz  $A+B \rightarrow 8.5 \text{ GW}_{\text{th}}$
- Few percent of the released energy
  - $\rightarrow$  escapes with anti-neutrinos
  - $\rightarrow 2 \cdot 10^{21} \bar{\nu}/\text{s} \leftrightarrow O(1 \text{ kW}/\text{m}^2) @\text{fence}$



example: fission of  $U^{235}$

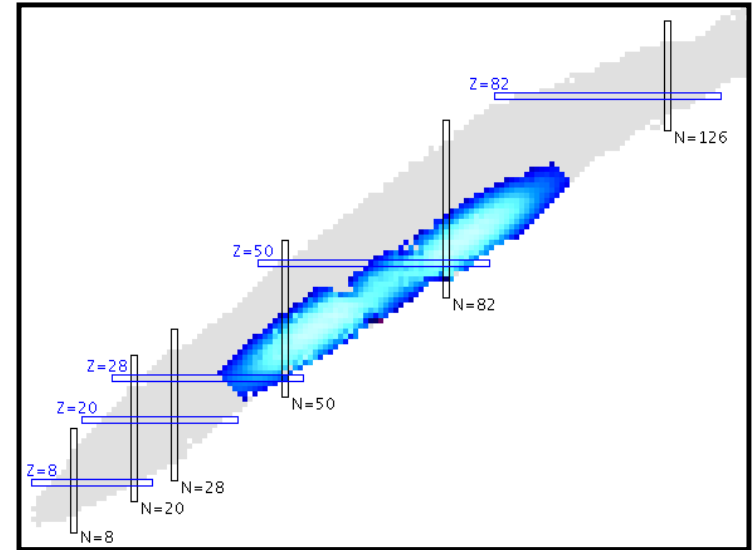
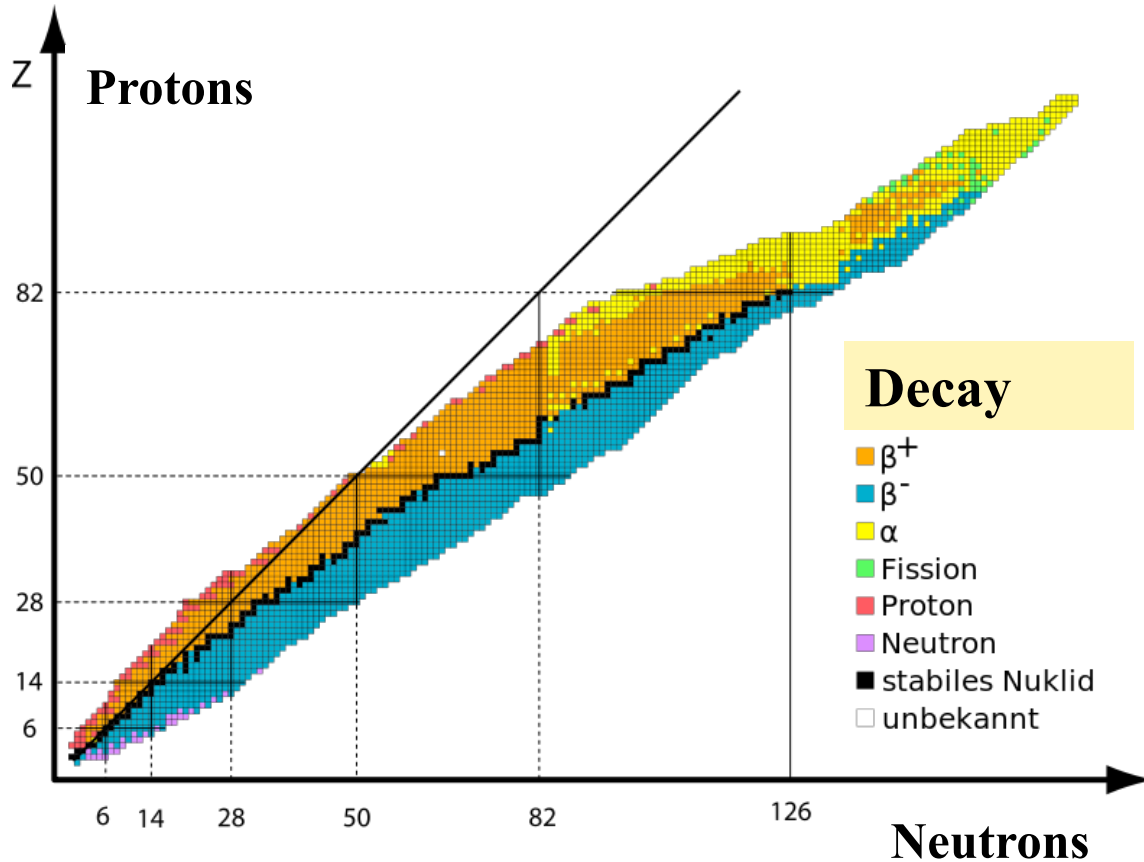
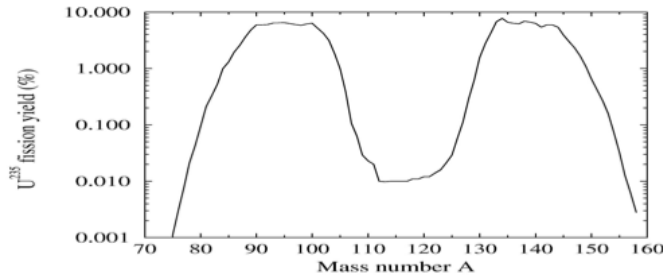
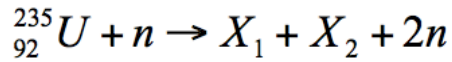


most  $\uparrow$  likely A  $\uparrow$

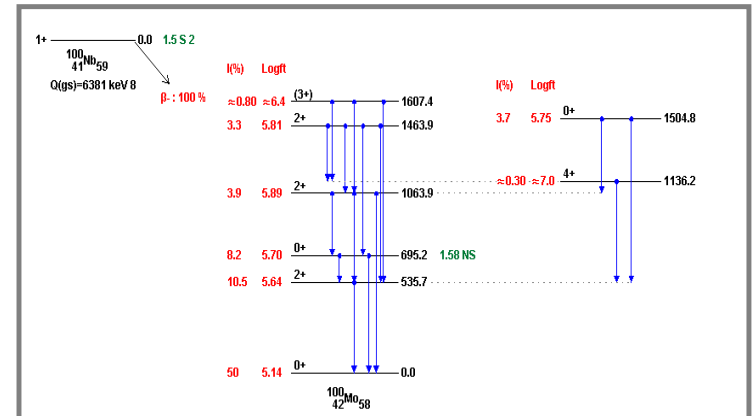
$\rightarrow$  on average:

- measured  $e^-$  spectrum of  $U^{235}$ ,  $Pu^{239}$ ,  $Pu^{241}$ 
  - $\rightarrow$  calculate  $\nu_e^-$  spectrum  $\rightarrow$  certain precision
  - $\rightarrow$  two “identical” detectors...
- 6 neutrons  $\beta$ -decay to 6 protons to reach stable matter
- 1.5  $\nu_e$  emitted with  $E > 1.8 \text{ MeV}$

# Calculating Reactor Neutrino Spectra

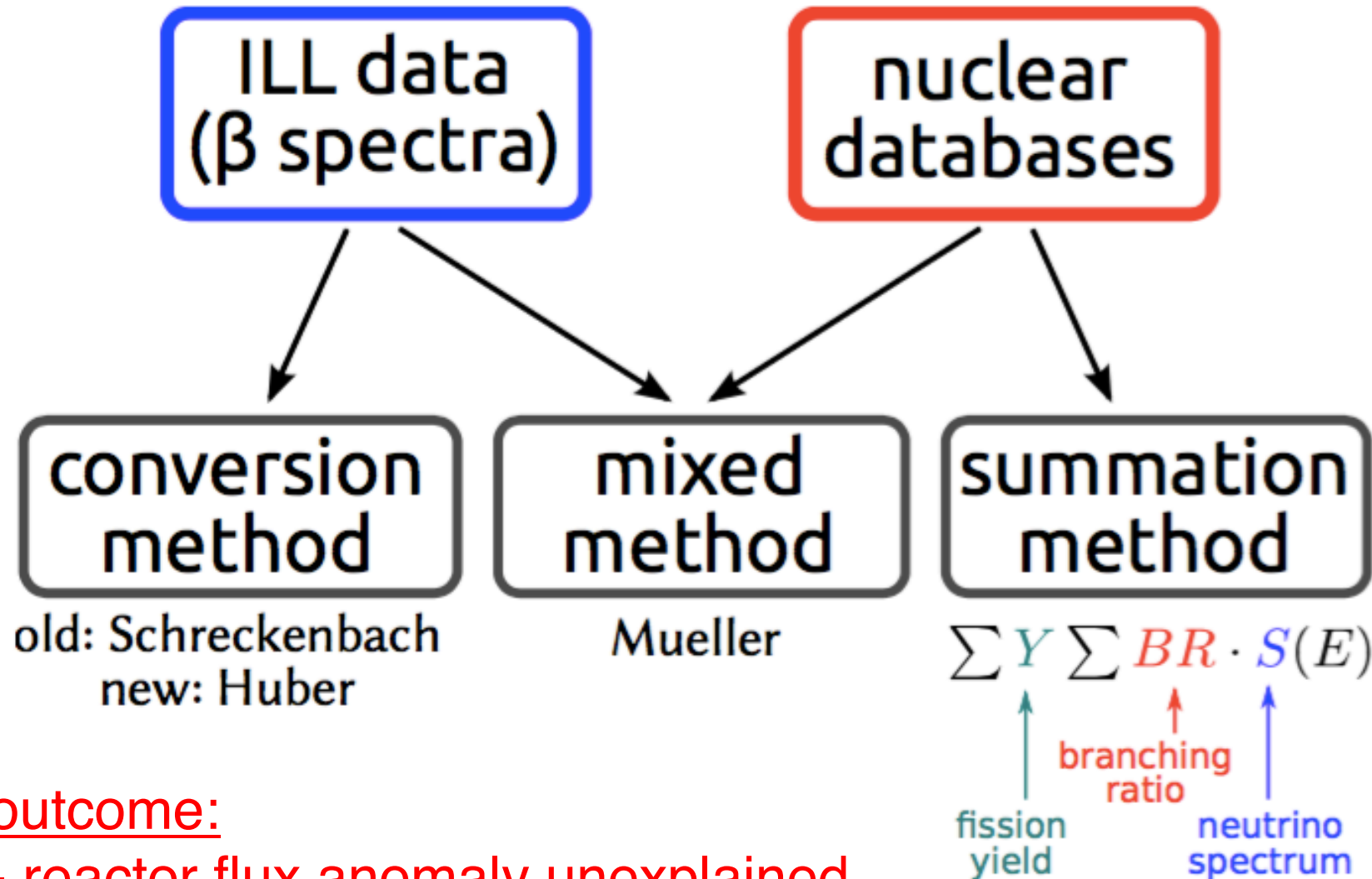


involves poorly known  $\beta$ -emitters



short lived  $\leftrightarrow$  high energy  
 $\rightarrow$  spectral uncertainties?

# Reactor Spectrum Predictions



## outcome:

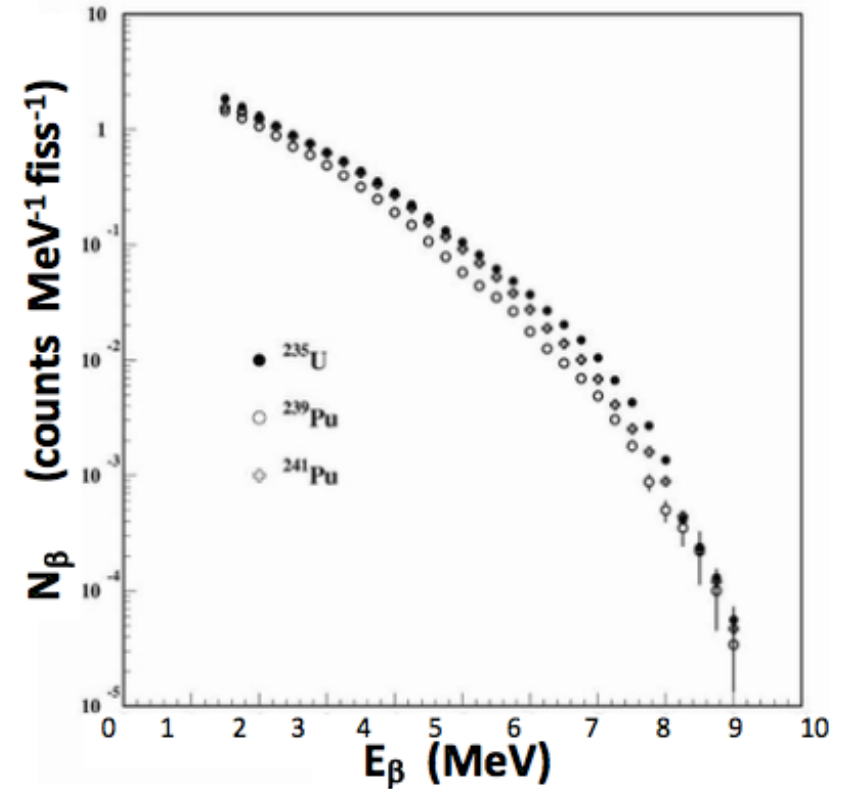
- reactor flux anomaly unexplained
  - most impressive proof of existence of dark sectors
- $P=4\text{GW}_{\text{th}}$  @ 15m from core  $\rightarrow$  150kW/m<sup>2</sup> in anti-neutrinos

# The ILL $\beta$ -Spectra

Expected  $\nu$ -fluxes originally determined from measurements of electrons ( $\beta$ -spectra) at ILL

→ inversion:  $\nu$ -spectra from  $\beta$ -decays

- ILL fission  $\beta$ -spectra for  $^{235}\text{U}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{241}\text{Pu}$
- converted to antineutrino  $\beta$ -spectra by fitting to 30 end-point energies
- originally, used ENDF nuclear database
- ➔ beware of uncertainties...



K. Schreckenbach et al. PLB118, 162 (1985)

$$S_{\beta}(E) = \sum_{i=1,30} (a_i) S^i(E, E_0^i)$$

FIT

$$S^i(E, E_0^i) = E_{\beta} p_{\beta} (E_0^i - E_{\beta})^2 F(E, Z) (1 + \delta_{\text{corrections}})$$

$Z \rightarrow Z_{\text{eff}}$  and  $\delta$  are parametrizations!

# Conversion of ILL $\beta$ -Spectra requires Input

$$S^i(E, E_0^i) = E_\beta p_\beta (E_0^i - E_\beta)^2 F(E, Z) (1 + \delta_{\text{corrections}})$$

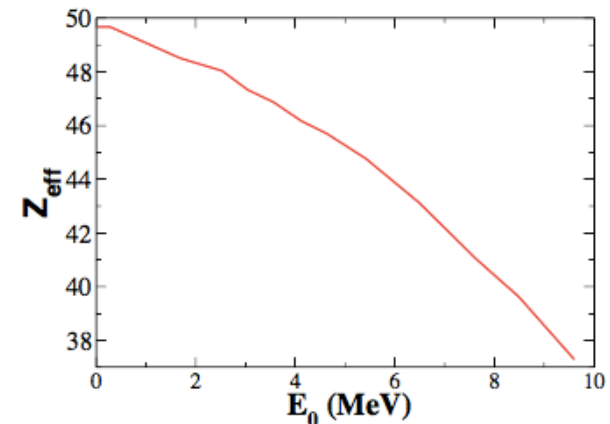
## 1) $Z$ of the fission fragments

→  $Z_{\text{eff}}$  which determines the Fermi function →

$$Z_{\text{eff}} \sim a + b E_0 + c E_0^2$$

On average, higher end-point energy correlates with lower  $Z$

↔ different nuclear binding energies



## 2) sub-dominant corrections $\delta_{\text{corrections}}$

$$\delta_{\text{correction}}(E_e, Z, A) = \delta_{FS} + \delta_{WM} + \delta_R + \delta_{\text{rad}}$$

$\delta_{FS}$  = Finite size correction to Fermi function

$\delta_{WM}$  = Weak magnetism

$\delta_R$  = Recoil correction

$\delta_{\text{rad}}$  = Radiative correction

## 3) Contributing $\beta$ -branches: 30 → ?

# Finite Size and Weak Magnetism Corrections

$$S(E_e, Z, A) = \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi^3} p_e E_e (E_0 - E_e)^2 F(E_e, Z, A) (1 + \delta_{corr}(E_e, Z, A))$$

$\delta_{FS}$  = Finite size correction to Fermi function

$\delta_{WM}$  = Weak magnetism

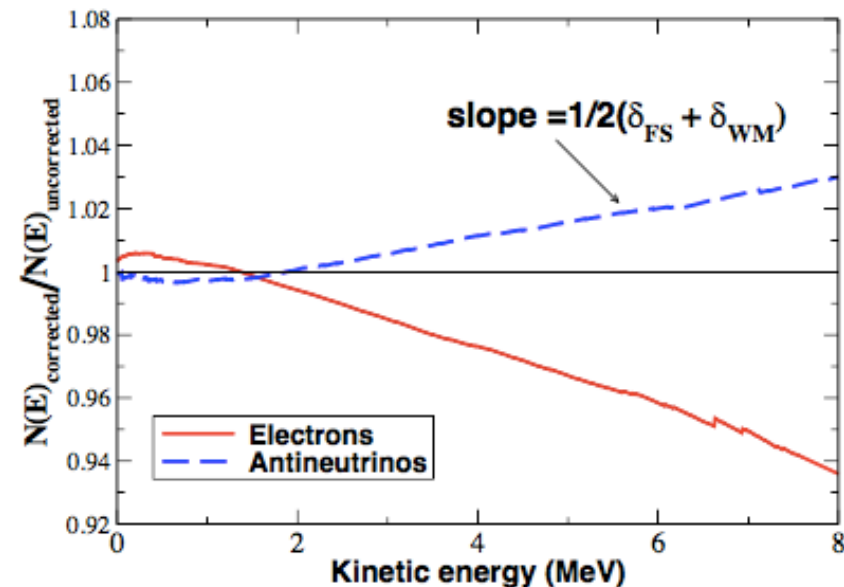
**Original approximation by parametrization:**  $\delta_{FS} + \delta_{WM} = 0.0065(E_\nu - 4\text{MeV})$

In the updated spectra, both corrections were applied on a state-by-state basis

An approximation was used for each:

$$\delta_{FS} = -\frac{10Z\alpha R}{9\hbar c} E_\beta; \quad R = 1.2A^{1/3}$$

$$\delta_{WM} = +\frac{4(\mu_\nu - 1/2)}{3M_n} 2E_\beta$$



- leads to a systematic increase of in the antineutrino flux above 2 MeV
- might account for half of the anomaly...

# Forbidden Transitions

**Forbidden transitions introduce a shape factor  $C(E)$ :**

$$S(E_e, Z, A) = \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi^3} p_e E_e (E_0 - E_e)^2 \underline{C(E)} F(E_e, Z, A) (1 + \delta_{corr}(E_e, Z, A))$$

Corrections for forbidden transitions: uncertainties or unknown

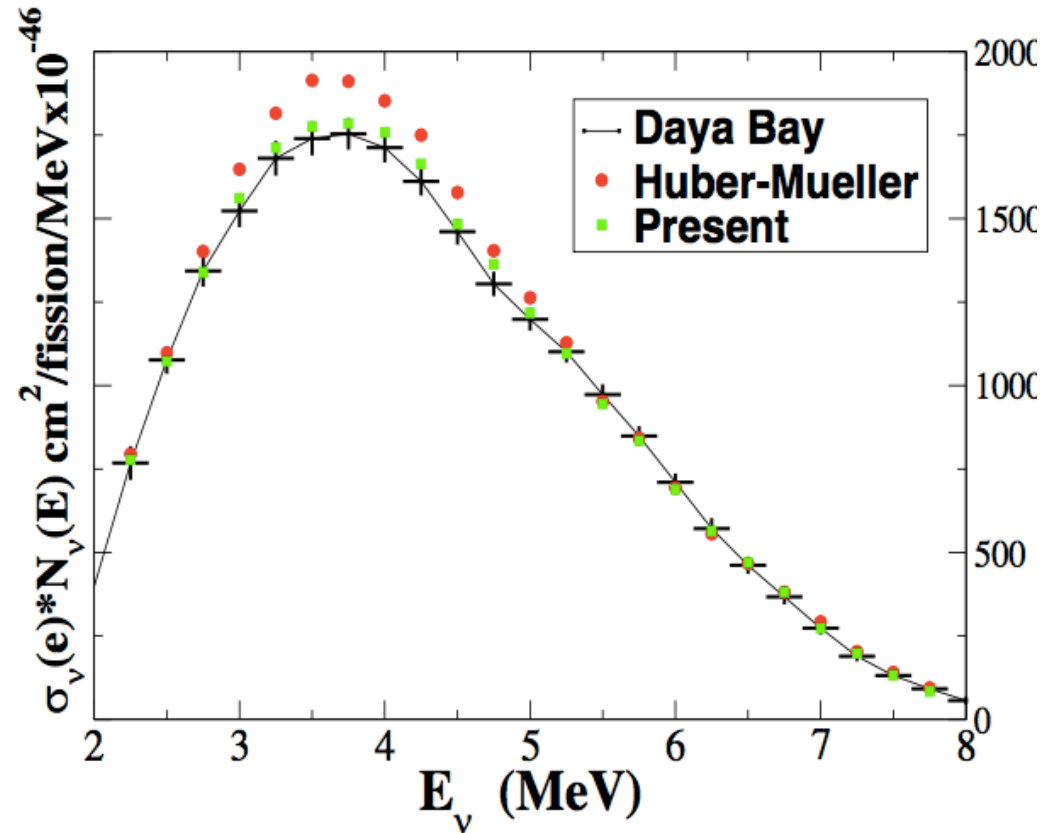
Classification	$\Delta J^\pi$	Oper.	Shape Factor $C(E_e)$	Fractional Weak Magnetism Correction $\delta_{WM}(E_e)$
Gamow-Teller:				
Allowed	$1^+$	$\Sigma \equiv \sigma\tau$	1	$\frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{\mu_\nu - 1/2}{M_{N g A}} \right] (E_e \beta^2 - E_\nu)$
1 <sup>st</sup> F.	$0^-$	$[\Sigma, r]^{0-}$	$p_e^2 + E_\nu^2 + 2\beta^2 E_\nu E_e$	0
1 <sup>st</sup> F. $\rho_A$	$0^-$	$[\Sigma, r]^{0-}$	$\lambda E_0^2$	0
1 <sup>st</sup> F.	$1^-$	$[\Sigma, r]^{1-}$	$p_e^2 + E_\nu^2 - \frac{4}{3}\beta^2 E_\nu E_e$	$\left[ \frac{\mu_\nu - 1/2}{M_{N g A}} \right] \left[ \frac{(p_e^2 + E_\nu^2)(\beta^2 E_e - E_\nu) + 2\beta^2 E_e E_\nu (E_\nu - E_e)/3}{(p_e^2 + E_\nu^2 - 4\beta^2 E_\nu E_e/3)} \right]$
Uniq. 1 <sup>st</sup> F.	$2^-$	$[\Sigma, r]^{2-}$	$p_e^2 + E_\nu^2$	$\frac{3}{5} \left[ \frac{\mu_\nu - 1/2}{M_{N g A}} \right] \left[ \frac{(p_e^2 + E_\nu^2)(\beta^2 E_e - E_\nu) + 2\beta^2 E_e E_\nu (E_\nu - E_e)/3}{(p_e^2 + E_\nu^2)} \right]$
Fermi:				
Allowed	$0^+$	$\tau$	1	0
1 <sup>st</sup> F.	$1^-$	$r\tau$	$p_e^2 + E_\nu^2 + \frac{2}{3}\beta^2 E_\nu E_e$	0
1 <sup>st</sup> F. $\vec{J}_V$	$1^-$	$r\tau$	$E_0^2$	-

**Forbidden transitions are part of the uncertainty in the calculated expected spectrum  
 → Might account for up to 30% increase (while being consistent with ILL  $\beta$ -spectra)**



# Improvement with optimized $Z_{\text{eff}}$

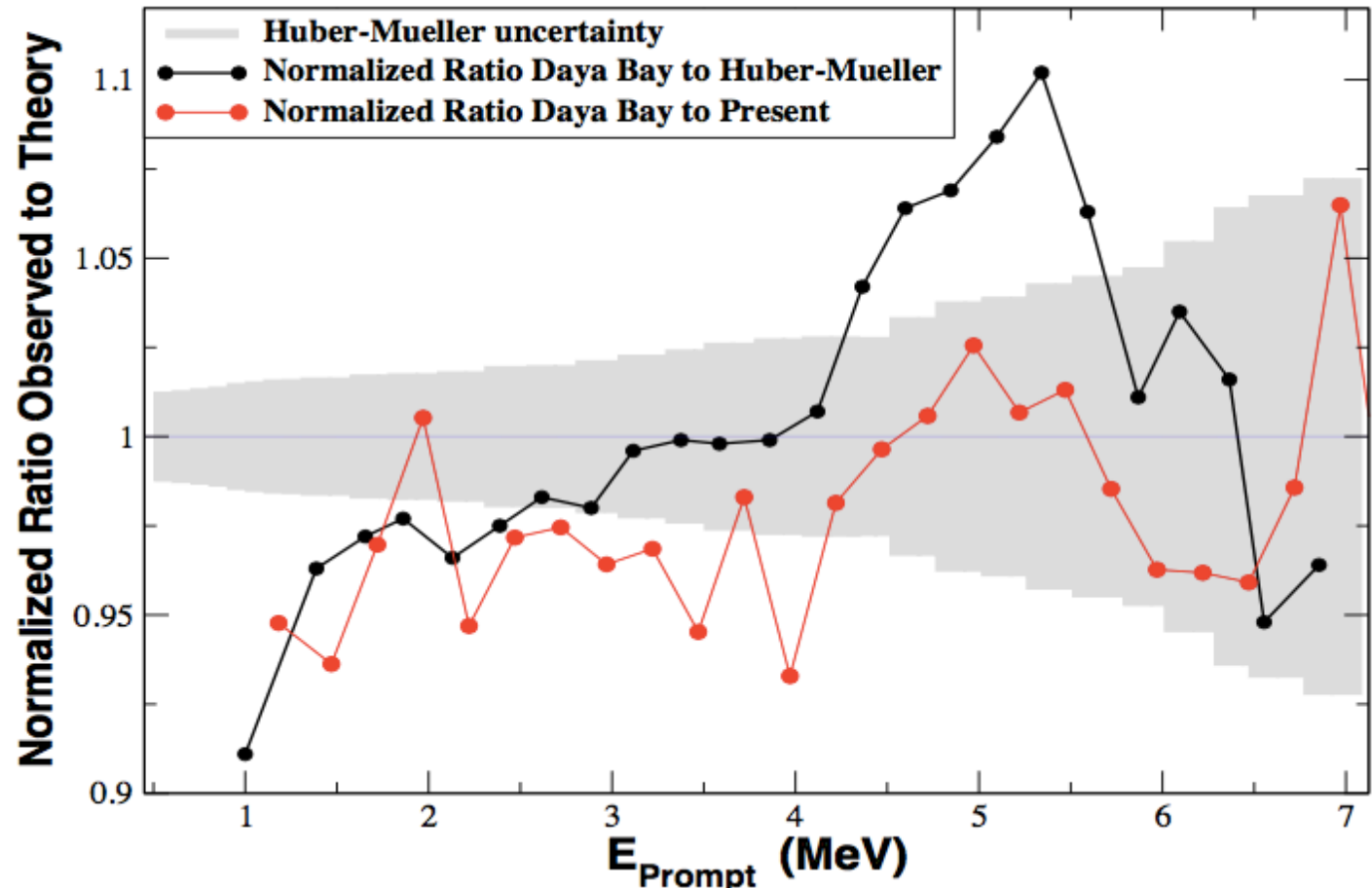
- Simultaneous fit to Daya Bay and  $\beta$ -spectra, with improved description of  $Z_{\text{eff}}$   $\rightarrow$  significantly reduced anomaly  
*Hayes, et al.*
- New fit is within the Daya Bay  $1\sigma$  error bars
- DC+RENO+DB combined?



# The Bump and improved $Z_{\text{eff}}$

what happens to the bump with the optimized  $Z_{\text{eff}}$  ?

→ better!

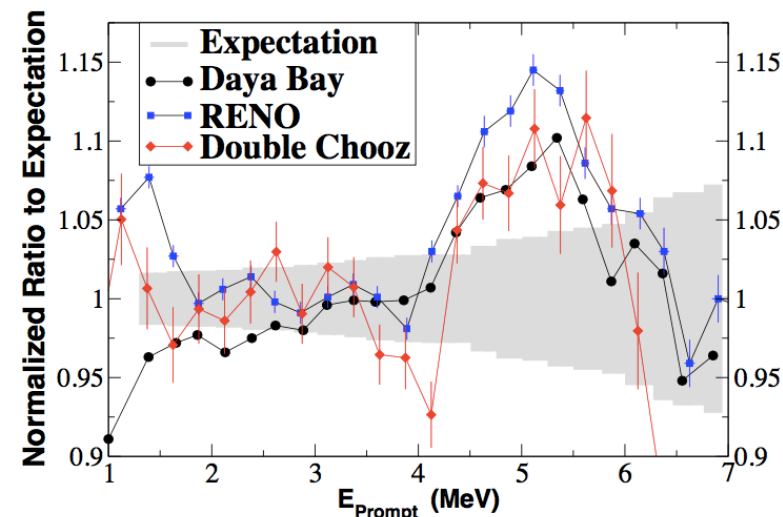


- The bump depends on how the ‘expected’ spectrum was derived
- Shape differences partly reflect assumption in the conversion of  $\beta$ -spectra
- But: Beware of collecting effects that go in the right direction...

# Other Directions to explain th the Bump

- **Forbidden transitions** – unlikely; effect  $\sim < 1\%$
- **Harder neutron spectrum**  
conceivable, but so far no indication from theory and any data

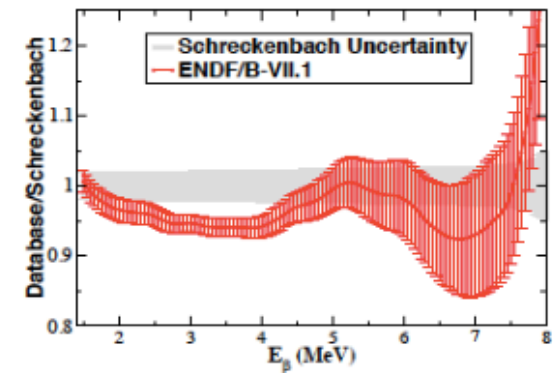
- **Dominant from  $^{238}\text{U}$**   
conceivable; would fit to the fact that RENO has biggest effect.  
→ clarification required



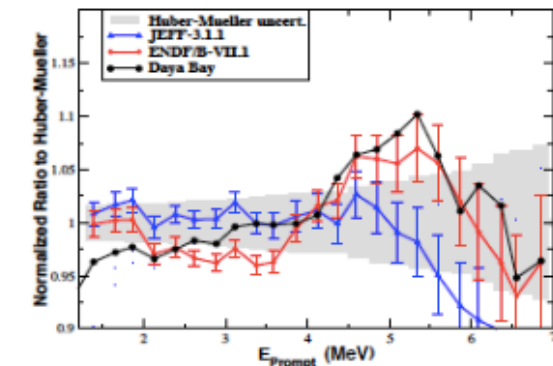
- **Errors in the ILL  $\beta$ -spectrum measurements**  
possible, initially considered likely, now unlikely
- ...?

# Why not the ILL Spectra?

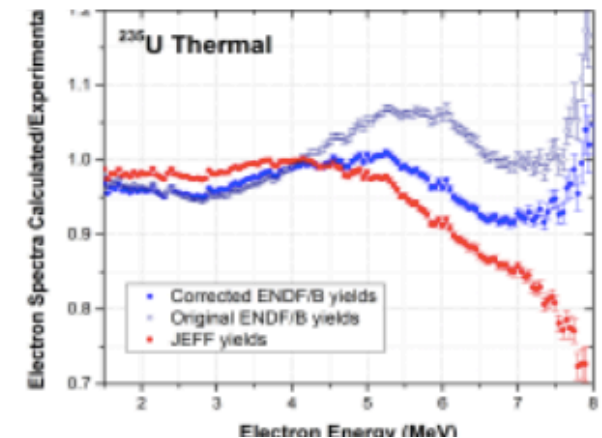
- ENDF database predicts an analogous bump in the beta-spectrum relative to Schreckenbach  
Dwyer, Langford, PRL 114, 012502 (2014)



- The European database JEFF does not predict the bump  
Hayes, et al. PRD, 92, 033015 (2015)



- The bump in ENDF is largeley a mistake in the database for fission yields at mass A=86. Plus other shortcomings of ENDF  
Corrected: ENDF no longer predicts a bump  
Sonzogni, et al. PRL, March 2016



## **→ More experimental Tests needed**

**Do sterile neutrinos exist?**

**Understand / explain reactor anomaly**

**Understand / explain the bump**

**→ use well understood reactor spectra**

**- improved analysis of experiments**

**- new experiments...**

# Sterile Hints & Plans for Tests

Project	neutrino	source	$E$ (MeV)	$L$ (m)	status
SAGE [166]	$\nu_e$	$^{51}\text{Cr}$	0.75	$\lesssim 1$	in preparation
CeSOX [167, 168]	$\bar{\nu}_e$	$^{144}\text{Ce}$	1.8 – 3	5 – 12	in preparation
CrSOX [167]	$\nu_e$	$^{51}\text{Cr}$	0.75	5 – 12	proposal
Daya Bay [169, 170]	$\bar{\nu}_e$	$^{144}\text{Ce}$	1.8 – 3	1.5 – 8	proposal
JUNO [171]	$\bar{\nu}_e$	$^{144}\text{Ce}$	1.8 – 3	$\gtrsim 32$	proposal
LENS [172]	$\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$	$^{51}\text{Cr}, ^6\text{He}$	0.75, $\lesssim 3.5$	$\gtrsim 3$	abandoned
CeLAND [173]	$\bar{\nu}_e$	$^{144}\text{Ce}$	1.8 – 3	$\gtrsim 6$	abandoned
LENA [174]	$\nu_e$	$^{51}\text{Cr}, ^{37}\text{Ar}$	0.75, 0.81	$\gtrsim 90$	abandoned

## Source experiments

Project	$P_{th}$ (MW)	$M_{target}$ (tons)	$L$ (m)	Depth (m.w.e.)	status
Nucifer (FRA) [175]	70	0.8	7	13	operating
Stereo (FRA) [176]	57	1.75	9 – 12	18	<del>in preparation</del> → running
DANSS (RUS) [177]	3000	0.9	10 – 12	50	<del>in preparation</del> → running
SoLid (BEL) [178]	45 – 80	3	6 – 8	10	in preparation
PROSPECT (USA) [179]	85	3, 10	7 – 12, 15 – 19	few	in preparation
NEOS (KOR) [180]	16400	1	25	10 – 23	<del>in preparation</del> → result, withdrawn
Neutrino-4 (RUS) [181]	100	1.5	6 – 11	10	proposal
Poseidon (RUS) [182]	100	3	5 – 8	15	proposal
Hanaro (KOR) [183]	30	0.5	6	few	proposal
CARR (CHN) [184]	60	~ 1	7, 11	few	proposal

## Reactor experiments

tensions with cosmology...

→  $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.x < \sim 4$

BBN...

Nevertheless:

→ lab tests important

Also important:

→ keV sterile  $\nu = \text{WDM}..$

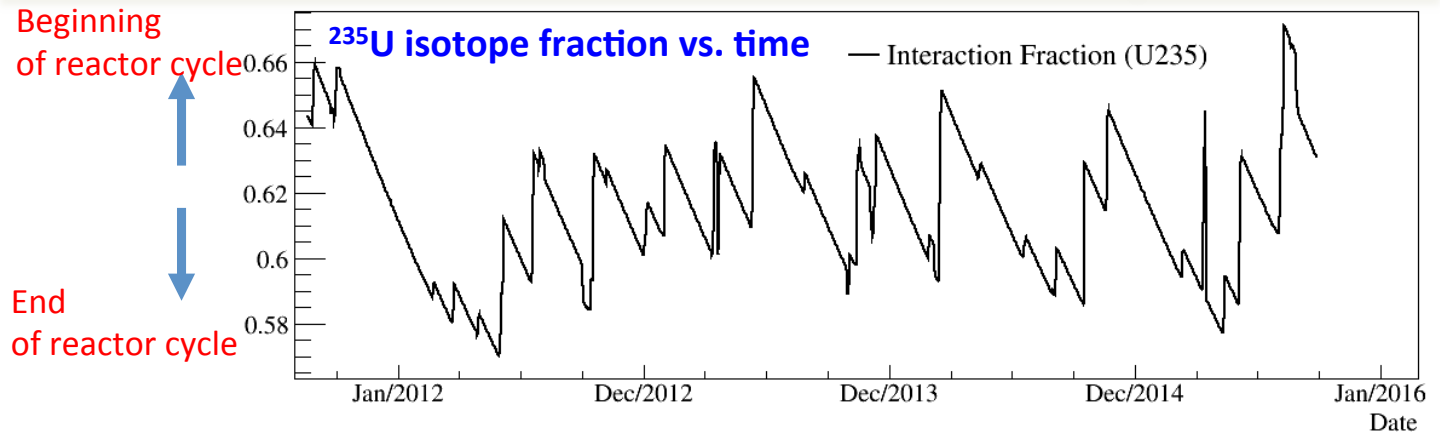
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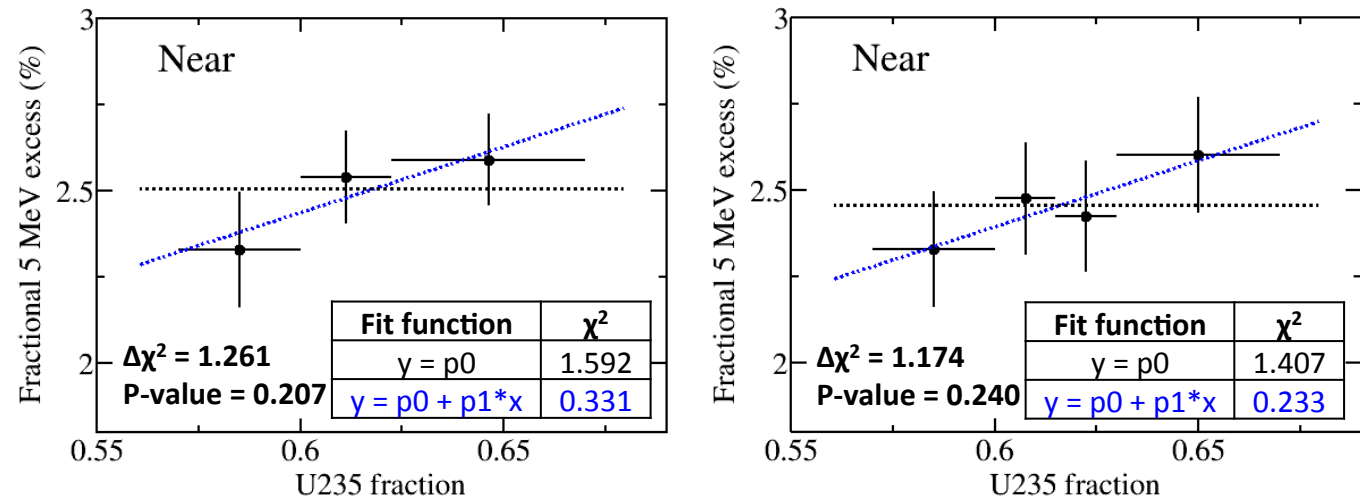
burnup in LEU reactors changes isotope fraction

- effect on spectrum?
- not yet significant
- use HEU+LEU

## Correlation of 5 MeV excess with $^{235}\text{U}$ isotope fraction

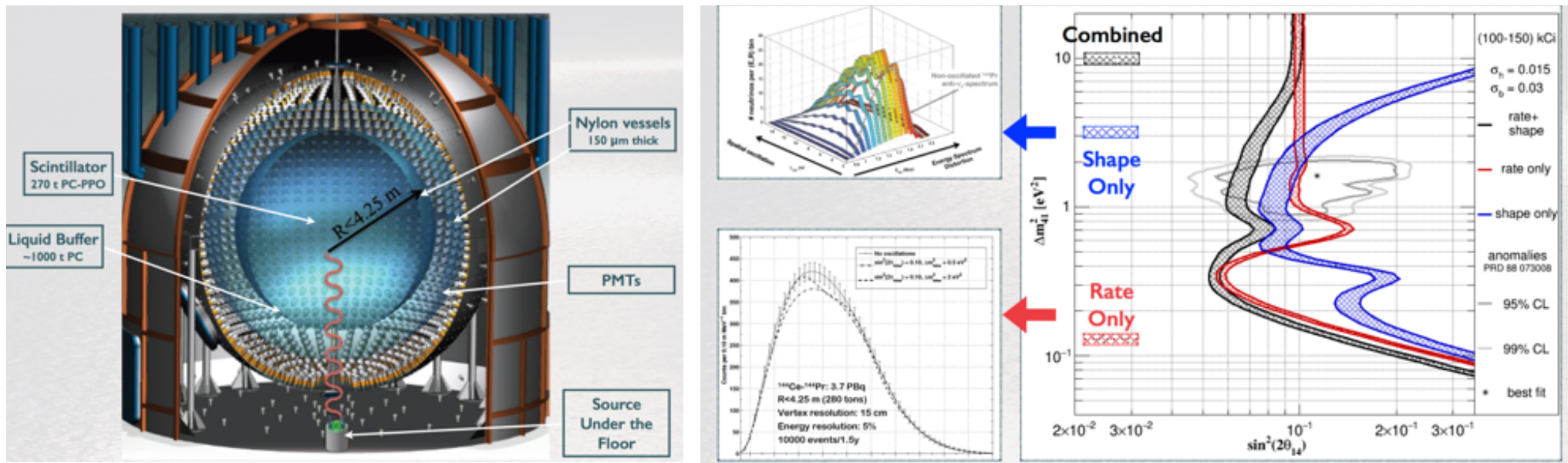


### Correlation of 5 MeV excess with $^{235}\text{U}$ fraction



- what if cosmology ( $N_{\text{eff}}$ ) conflicts with sterile  $\nu$ 's?
  - check assumptions/errors on both sides
  - or new/extra physics on one side

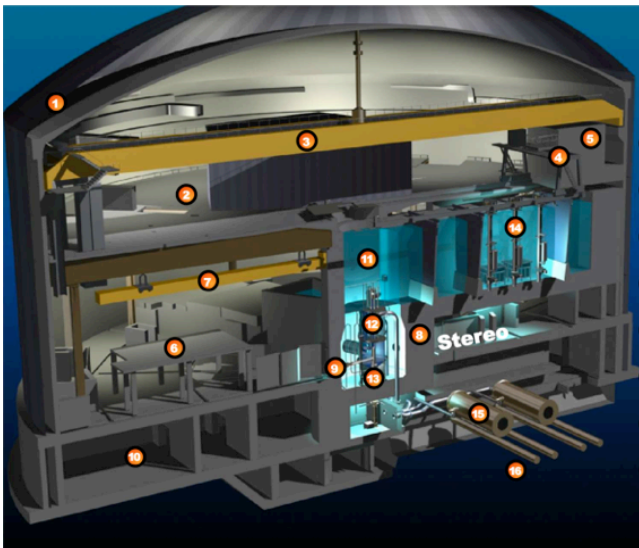
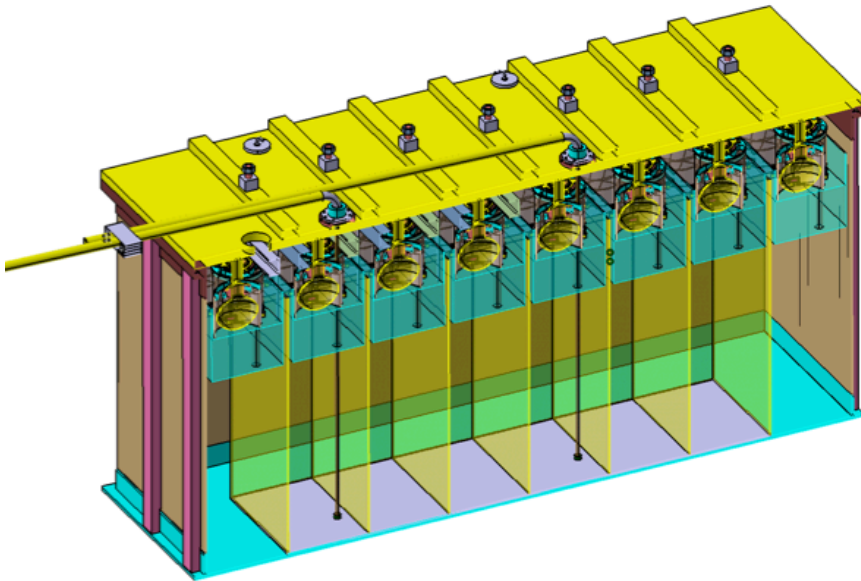
# SOX: Radioactive Source @ BOREXINO



**large detector combined with 100-150 kCi Ce-144 source**  
goal 1% normalization uncertainty  $\rightarrow$  met & ready (TUM)  
precise shape & rate measurement  
authorizations in Italy OK  
contract between CEA and Mayak settled  
 $\rightarrow$  delivery scheduled for fall/end of next year  $\rightarrow$  data taking



# STEREO @ ILL Reactor (HEU)



57 MW, compact core < 1m

~8–11 m from core

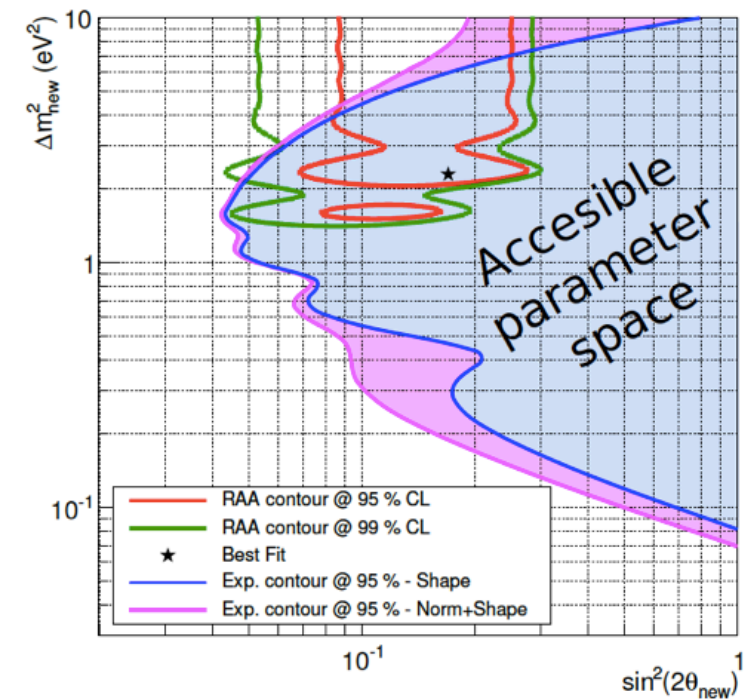
15 mwe overburden

Segmented detector with Gd loaded LS

→ 400  $\nu$  per day

→ Spectral distortions in identical cells

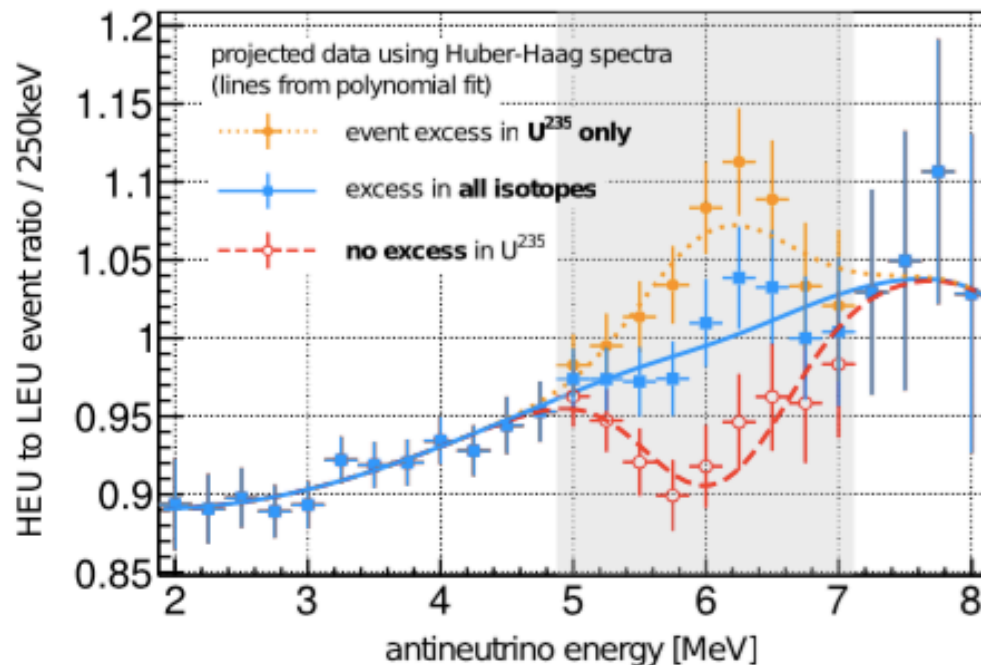
HEU: burn only  $^{235}\text{U}$  → compare pwr stations



# Comparing different Reactor Fuels

⇒ ratio of HEU to LEU spectrum for different hypotheses

**Combine STEREO (HEU)  
and Double Chooz ND (LEU)**

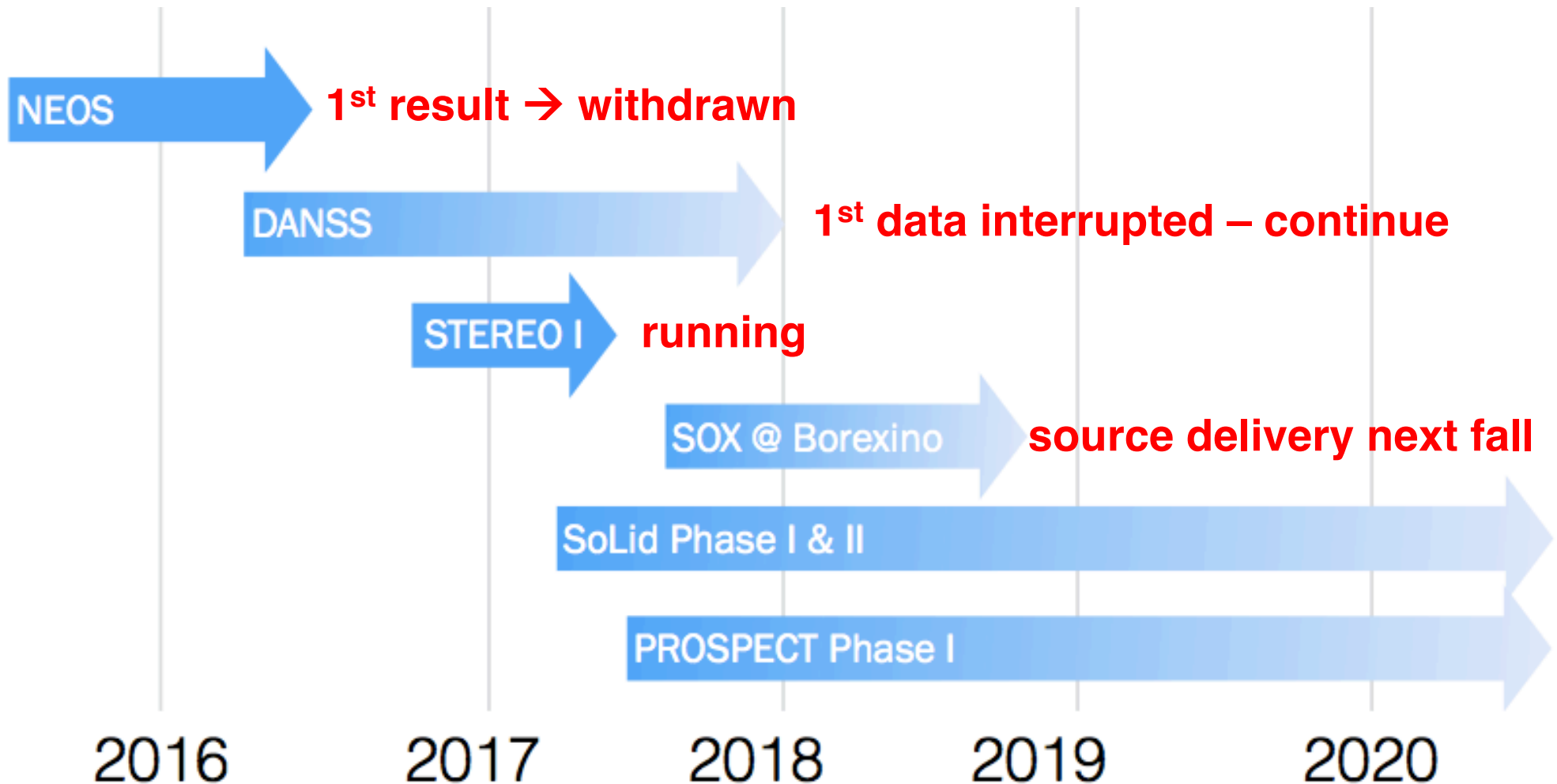


**Buck, Collin, Haser, ML**

→ can realistically be done (also with other results)

- 2 y runtime
- uncertainties: statistical + reference spectra
- significance of discrepancy [5, 7] MeV:
  - ▶ only  $^{235}\text{U}$ :  $4.2\sigma$
  - ▶ no excess in HEU:  $5.5\sigma$
- significance including energy resolution:
  - ▶ only  $^{235}\text{U}$ :  $3.7\sigma$
  - ▶ no excess in HEU:  $4.7\sigma$

# Timeline for Source and Reactor Experiments

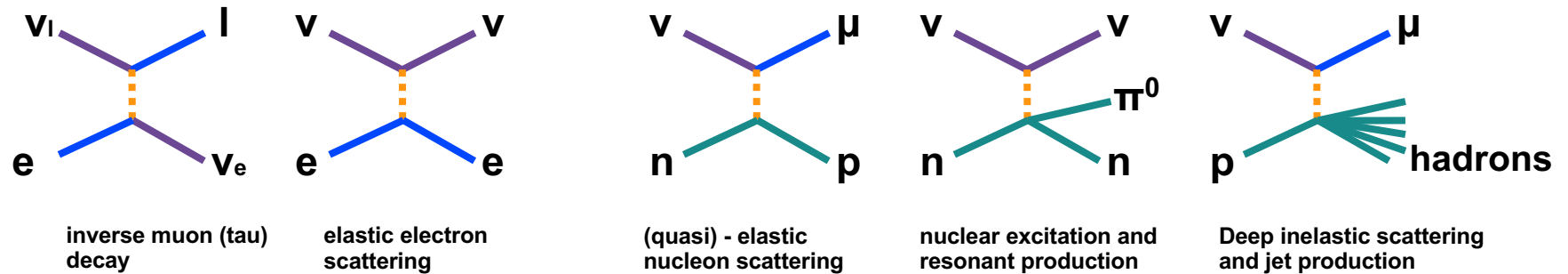


→ Very interesting results as of next year

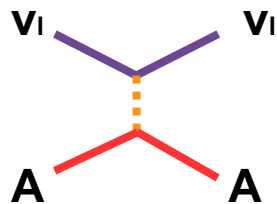
# Coherent Neutrino Scattering

The Standard Model has six different interactions of neutrinos with matter:

- 5 have already been detected



- 1 has so far not been detected:



**Coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering: CvS**

→ conceptually important

→ useful method to test new physics

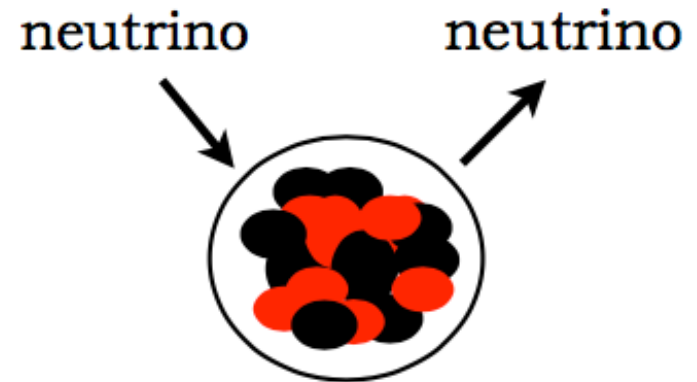
A. Drukier, Leo Stodolsky, Phys.Rev. D30 (1984) 2295 (1984), DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevD.30.2295

# Coherent Neutrino Scattering

Z-exchange of a neutrino with nucleus

→ nucleus recoils as a whole

→ coherent up to  $E_\nu \sim 50$  MeV



$$Q_w = N - (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_w)Z$$

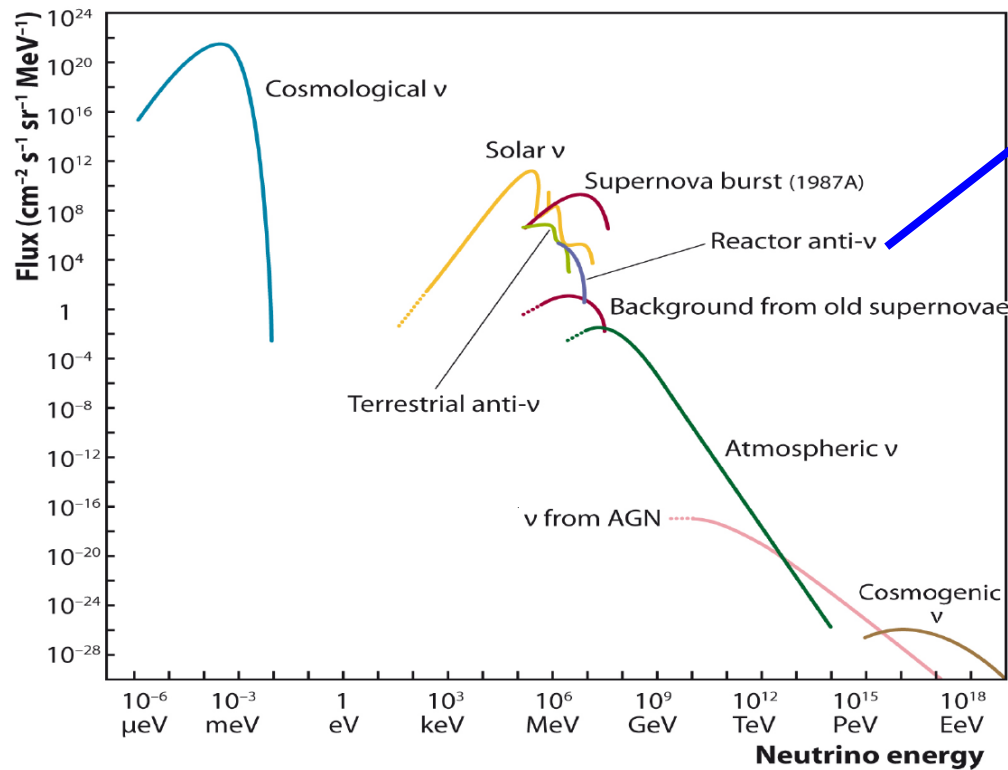
$$\frac{d\sigma(E_\nu, T)}{dT} = \frac{G_f^2}{4\pi} Q_w^2 M \left(1 - \frac{MT}{2E_\nu^2}\right) F(Q^2)^2 \sim N^2$$

Important: **Coherence length**  $\sim 1/E$

→ need neutrinos below  $O(50)$  MeV for typical nuclei

→ low energy  $E_\nu \leftrightarrow$  lower cross sections  $\leftrightarrow$  flux!

# The Neutrino Spectrum



**10 GW at a distance of 150 km**

**reactor neutrinos:**

**ca. 4% of the thermal power P**

**3.9 GW → ca. 150 MW in ν's**

**dilution by distance R**

**flux  $\Phi \sim P/R^2$**

**ca. 7kW/m<sup>2</sup> at 15m distance**

**But: Interaction is**

**- extremely weak**

**- grows with neutrino energy**

source	flux	
reactor neutrinos (3 GW, at 10m distance)	$5 \times 10^{13}$	/cm <sup>2</sup> /s
solar neutrinos (on Earth)	$6 \times 10^{10}$	/cm <sup>2</sup> /s
supernova (50 kpc Abstand, for O(10) seconds)	$\sim 10^9$	/cm <sup>2</sup> /s
geo-neutrinos (on the Earth's continental surface)	$6 \times 10^6$	/cm <sup>2</sup> /s

# Two main Paths

## Accelerators:

$\pi$ -decay-at-rest (DAR)  $\nu$  source

Different flavors produced  
relatively high recoil energies

→ close to de-coherence

→ **COHERENT project**

## Reactors:

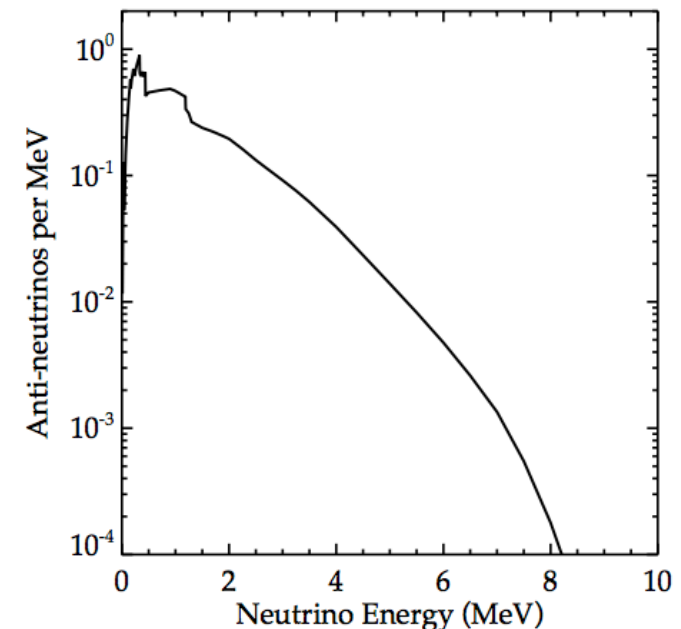
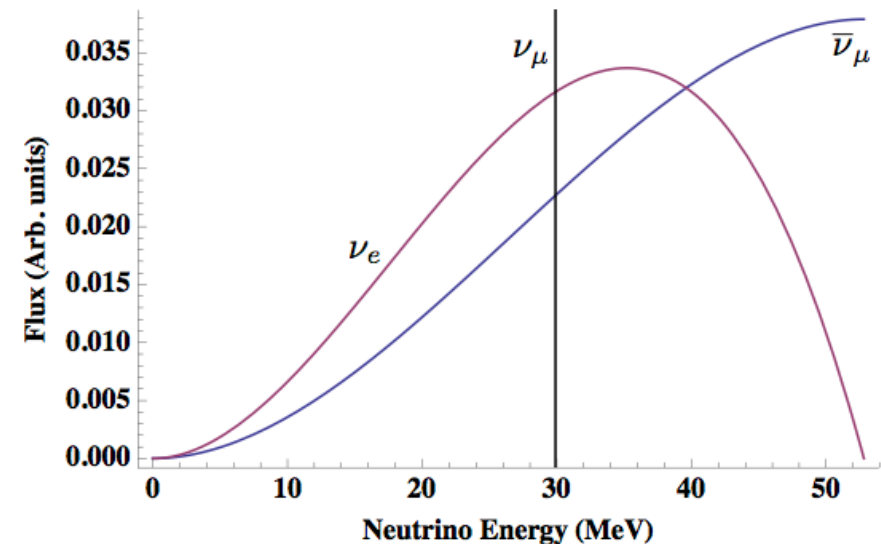
Lower  $\nu$  energies than accelerators

Lower cross section

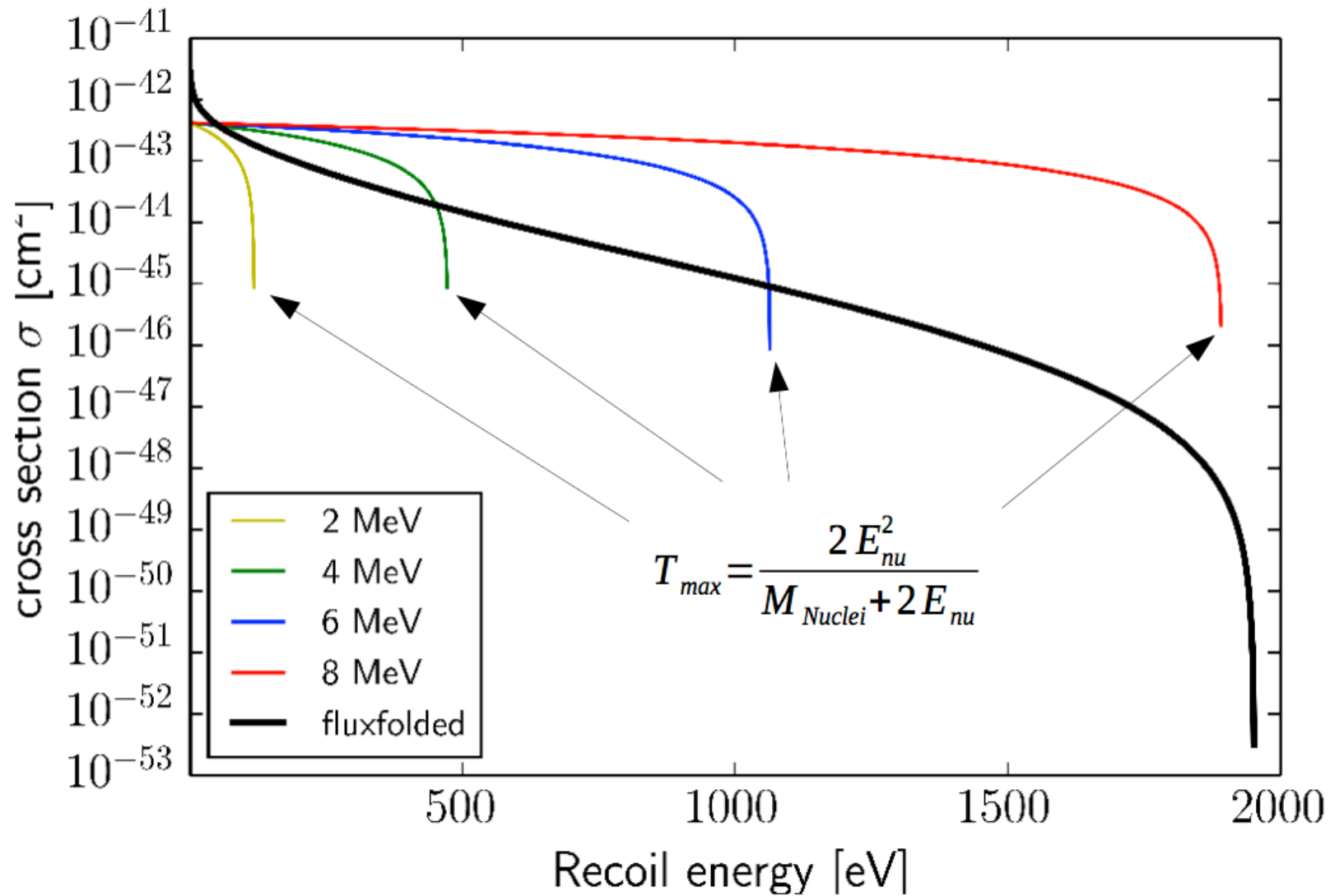
Different flavor content

implications for probes of new physics

→ **Will follow this route**



# CvS Cross Section at different (reactor) $E_\nu$



→ this shows the importance of low thresholds



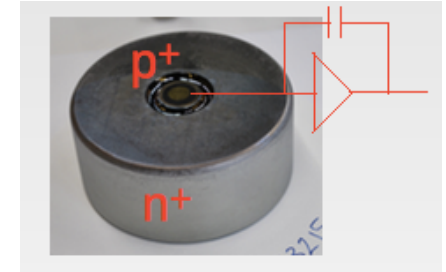
# Event Rates for a conceivable Experiment

Detector: BEGE or SAGE type germanium diode O(1kg)

Distance  $D=15\text{m}$ ;  $3.9\text{GW} \leftrightarrow \text{flux} = 3.12 \cdot 10^{13}/\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$

For a 1kg detector: Background  $\sim 1/\text{kg}/\text{keV}/\text{day}$

Suitable shielding (not trivial!) a la GIOVE



Pulser/Threshold [eV]	QF = 0.15	QF = best fit	QF = 0.25
60 / 180	971 / 61 / 15.8	2 173 / 85 / 25.6	9 194 / 127 / 72.3
65 / 195	588 / 58 / 10.1	1 488 / 81 / 18.4	6 962 / 123 / 56.4
70 / 210	352 / 55 / 6.4	1 014 / 78 / 13.0	5 272 / 120 / 44/0
75 / 225	207 / 52 / 4.0	686 / 75 / 9.2	3 989 / 117 / 34.2
80 / 240	120 / 49 / 2.5	460 / 71 / 6.5	3 012 / 113 / 26.7
85 / 255	69 / 46 / 1.5	306 / 68 / 4.5	2 269/110/20.7

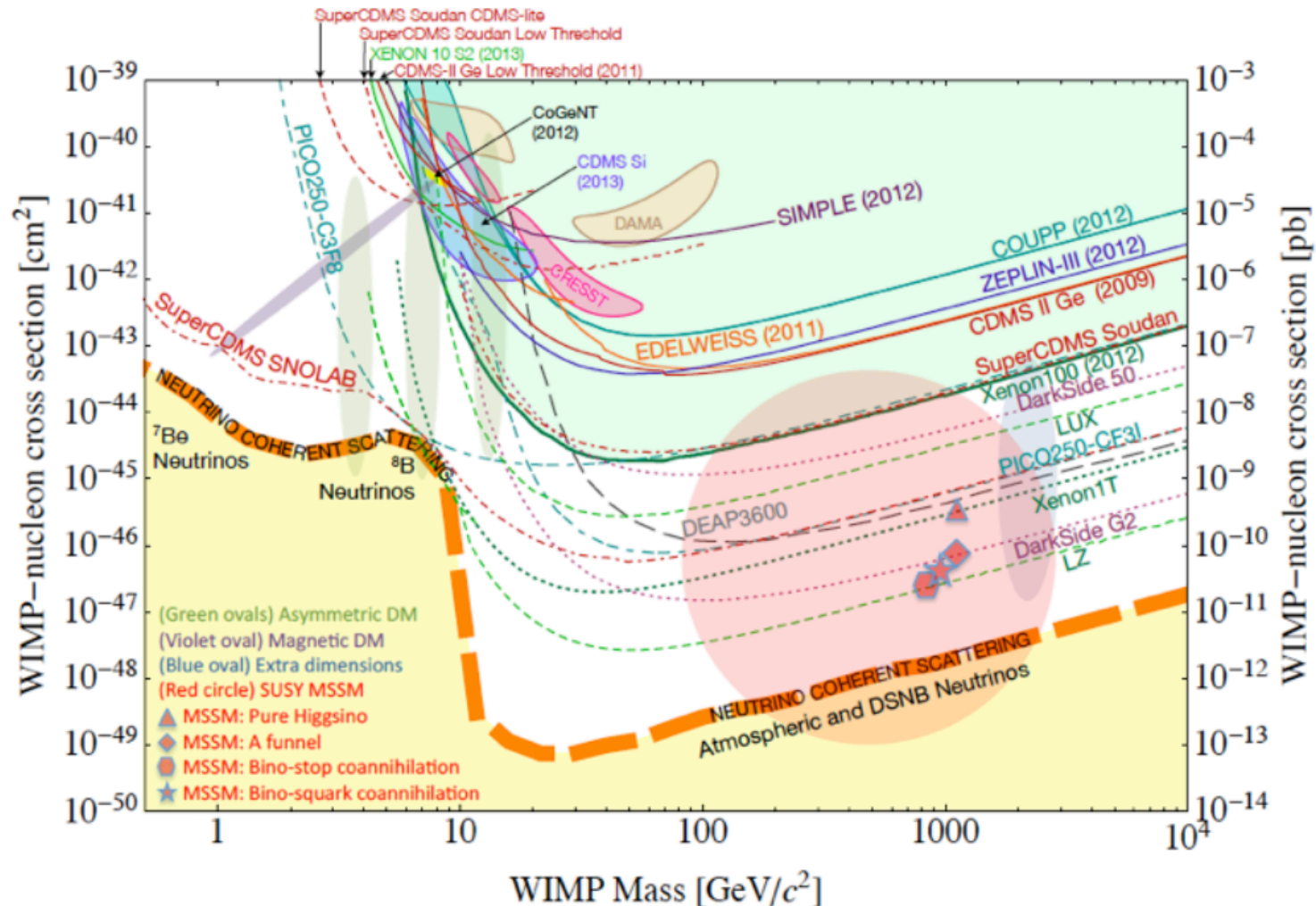
S[1/yr] / B[1/yr] / R=S/B

Maneschg, Rink, Salathe, ML

- ➔ Not trivial (reactor flux, detector threshold, background reduction) but doable on a short time scale!
- ➔ Even a 1kg detector would see CvS very soon
- ➔ what then?

# Why is CvS interesting: DM connections

- 1) DM experiments assume coherent DM scattering  $\rightarrow$  test of CvS
- 2) Neutrino floor of direct DM experiments *\*IS\** due to CvS



# Upscaling to 100kg → Interesting Potential

high statistics → precision → various interesting topics...

Maneschg, Rink, Salathe, ML

100kg detector  
4GW @ 15m  
flux  $\sim 3 \cdot 10^{13}/\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$   
background 1/kg/day

**BSMsens**= $\Delta S/S$

Puler/Thresh [eV]	QF=0.15	BSMsens	QF=BF	BSMsens	QF=0.25	BSMsens
40 / 120	647 474/ 8291 / 78.1	$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	965 999/ 10 775/89.7	$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.9 \cdot 10^6$ / 15 158 / 189	$6 \cdot 10^{-4}$
45 / 135	407 092/ 8 036 / 50.7	$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	664 316/ 10 519/63.2	$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.1 \cdot 10^6$ / 14 866 / 144	$7 \cdot 10^{-4}$
50 / 150	254 745/ 7780 / 32.7	$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	458 072/ 1 0264/44.6	$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^6$ / 14 574 / 84.9	$8 \cdot 10^{-4}$
55 / 165	158 109/ 7 524 / 21.0	$3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	315 843/ 9 971/31.7	$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^6$ / 14 318 / 84.9	$9 \cdot 10^{-4}$
60 / 180	97 066/ 7 305 / 13.3	$3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	217 277/ 9 716/22.4	$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	919 435/ 13 026 / 65.6	$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$
65 / 195	58 827/ 7 049 / 8.3	$4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	148 848/ 9 460/15.7	$3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	696 196/ 13 770 / 50.6	$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$
70 / 210	35 154/ 6 830 / 5.1	$5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	101 386/ 9 204/11.0	$3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	527 204/ 13 514 / 39.0	$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$
75 / 225	20 711/ 6 575 / 3.2	$7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	68 573/ 8 949/7.7	$4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	398 867/ 13 222 / 30.2	$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
80 / 240	12 042/ 6 355 / 1.9	$9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	46 008/ 8 730/5.27	$5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	301 231/ 12 966 / 23.2	$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
85 / 255	6 924/ 6 136 / 1.1	$1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	30 598/ 8 474/3.6	$6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	226 910/ 12 711 / 17.9	$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$

BSMsens= $\Delta S/S$

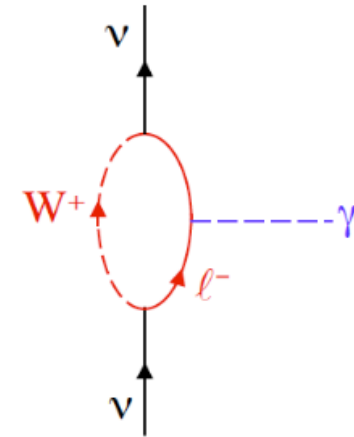
S[1/yr] / B[1/yr] / R=S/B

# Searches for new Physics: Magnetic Moments

Magnetic moment for minimal  $\nu$  masses are very tiny:

Dirac:  $\mu_{kk}^D \simeq 3.2 * 10^{-19} \left( \frac{m_k}{\text{eV}} \right) \mu_B$

Majorana:  $\mu_{ll'}^M \lesssim 4 * 10^{-9} \mu_B \left( \frac{M_{ll'}^M}{\text{eV}} \right) \left( \frac{\text{TeV}}{\Lambda} \right)^2 \left| \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_l^2 - m_{l'}^2} \right|$



New physics  $\rightarrow$  detectable enhancements due to new physics:

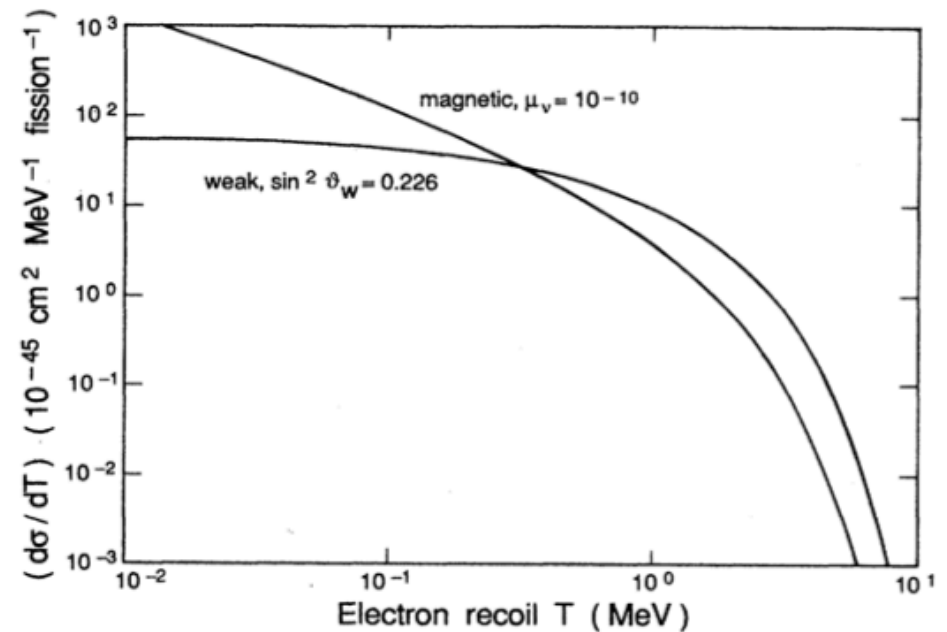
SUSY, extra dimensions, ...

At least new best limits:

e-scattering (GEMMA) and astrophysics:

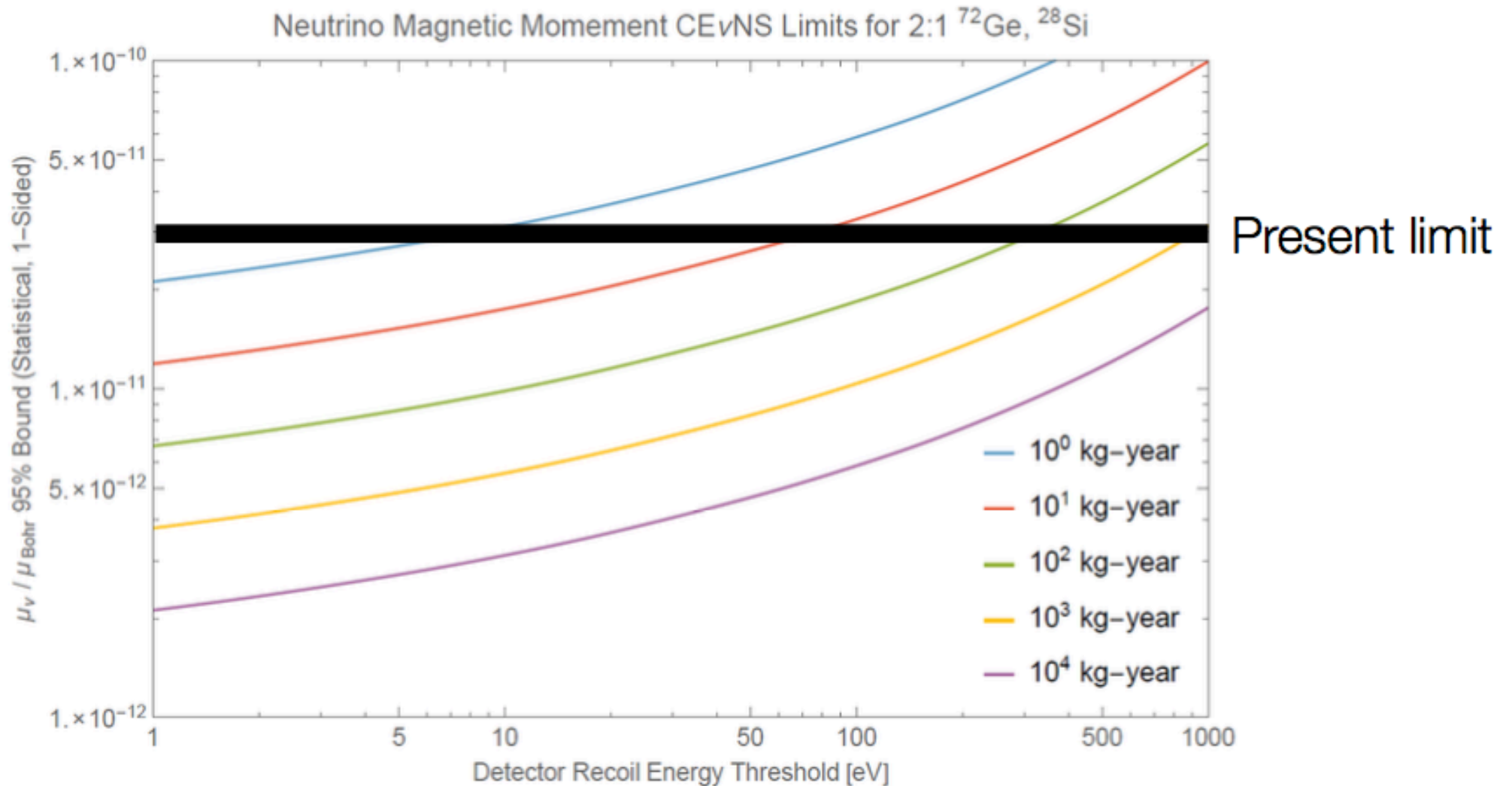
$$\mu_\nu < 3 \times 10^{-11} \mu_b$$

Scattering on protons coherently enhanced:  $\rightarrow$  detectable at low energy (Vogel & Engel 1989)



$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dT_R} \right|_{\mu_\nu} = \frac{\pi \alpha^2 \mu_\nu^2}{m_e^2} \left[ \frac{1 - T_R/E_\nu}{T_R} + \frac{T_R}{4E_\nu^2} \right]$$

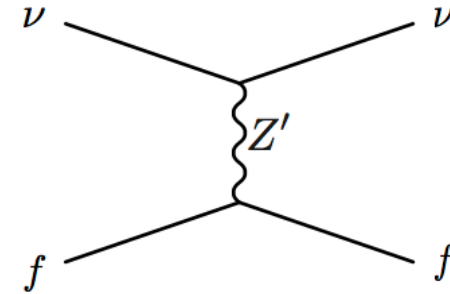
# Potential for Magnetic Moments



**100kg \* 5y = 500 kg-year ; low threshold → one order of magnitude better**

# Searches for new Physics: NSI's

NSI's  $\leftrightarrow$  new physics at high scales  
 Which are integrated out  
 $Z'$ , new scalars, ...  $\rightarrow \epsilon_{ij}$



$$\mathcal{L}_{NSI} \simeq \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} 2\sqrt{2}G_F (\bar{\nu}_{L\beta} \gamma^\rho \nu_{L\alpha}) (\bar{f}_L \gamma_\rho f_L)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT}(E_\nu, T) = \frac{G_F^2 M}{\pi} \left(1 - \frac{MT}{2E_\nu^2}\right) \times \left\{ \left[ Z(g_V^p + 2\epsilon_{ee}^{uV} + \epsilon_{ee}^{dV}) + N(g_V^n + \epsilon_{ee}^{uV} + 2\epsilon_{ee}^{dV}) \right]^2 + \sum_{\alpha=\mu,\tau} \left[ Z(2\epsilon_{\alpha e}^{uV} + \epsilon_{\alpha e}^{dV}) + N(\epsilon_{\alpha e}^{uV} + 2\epsilon_{\alpha e}^{dV}) \right]^2 \right\}$$

Barranco et al. 2005

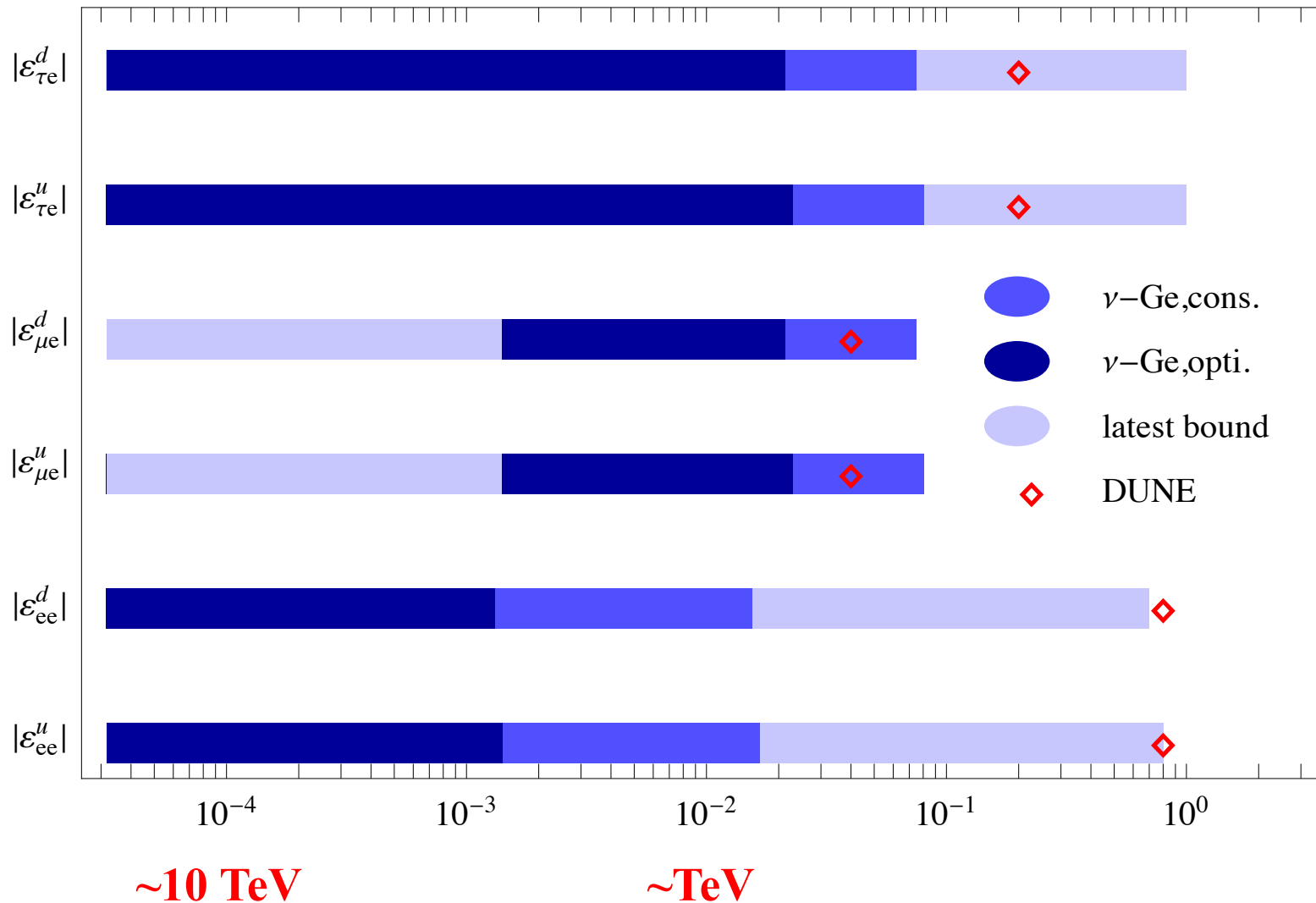
$$|\epsilon| \simeq \frac{M_W^2}{M_{NSI}^2}$$

$\rightarrow$  Competitive method to test TeV scales  
 $\epsilon = 0.01 \leftrightarrow$  TeV scales

# NSI-Potential of O(100kg) Detector

100kg detector, 5 years operation @ 4GW

ML, W. Rodejohann, X.Xu



# Searches for new Physics: Sterile $\nu$ 's

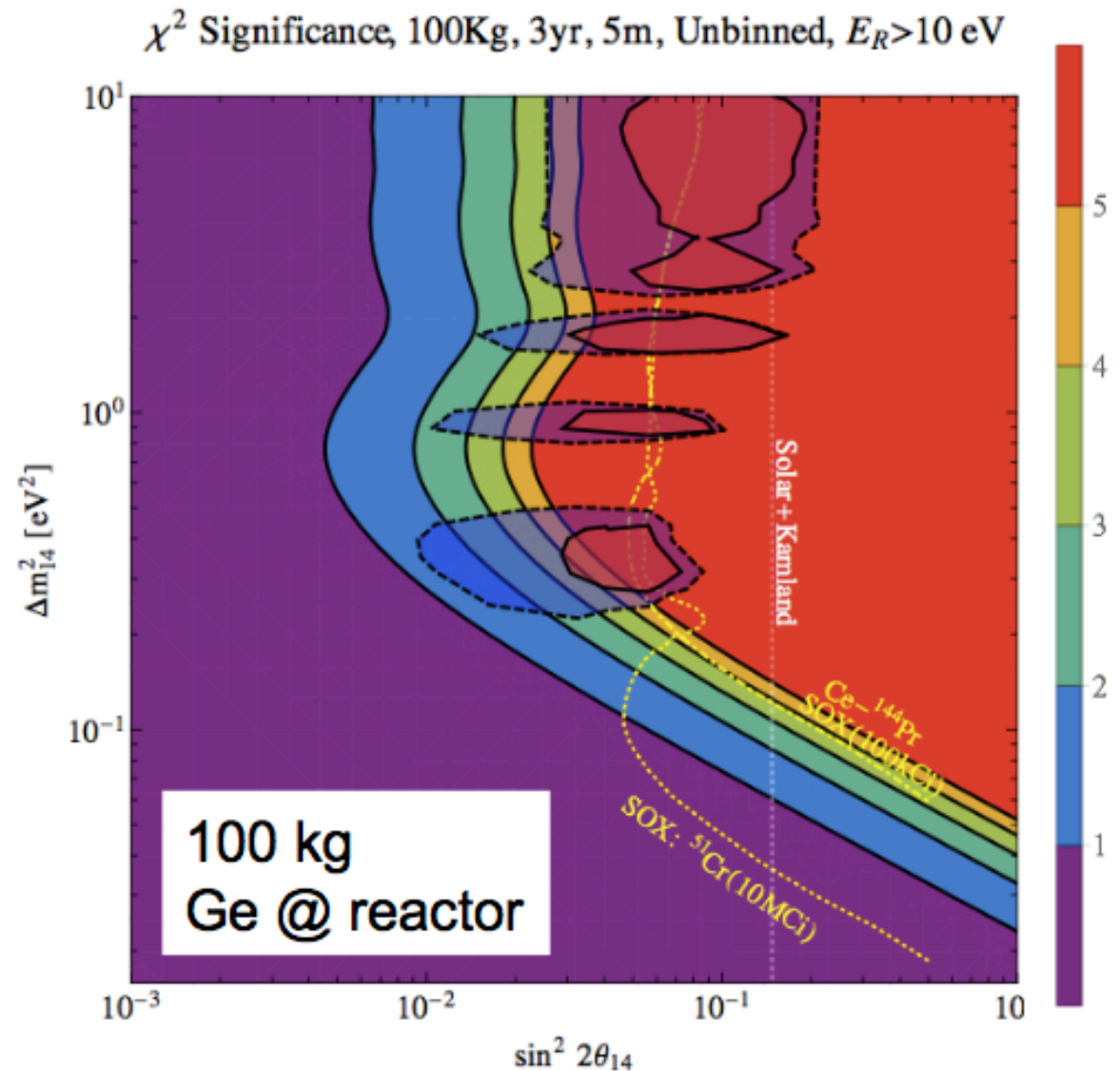
Various indications / hints for sterile neutrinos with cosmology?

- eV hints with small mixing
- keV warm dark matter with tiny mixing  $\leq 10^{-8}$

→ Different mass ranges, but any sterile state would motivate others

→ test if flux deviates from  $1/R^2$

→ time scales compared to other projects



B. Dutta et al, arXiv:1511.02834



# Nuclear Physics with coherent Scattering

Remember: DAR sources close to decoherence  $\leftrightarrow$  combine with reactor measurements

we can start to explore nuclear form factors

P. S. Amanik and G. C. McLaughlin, J. Phys. G 36:015105

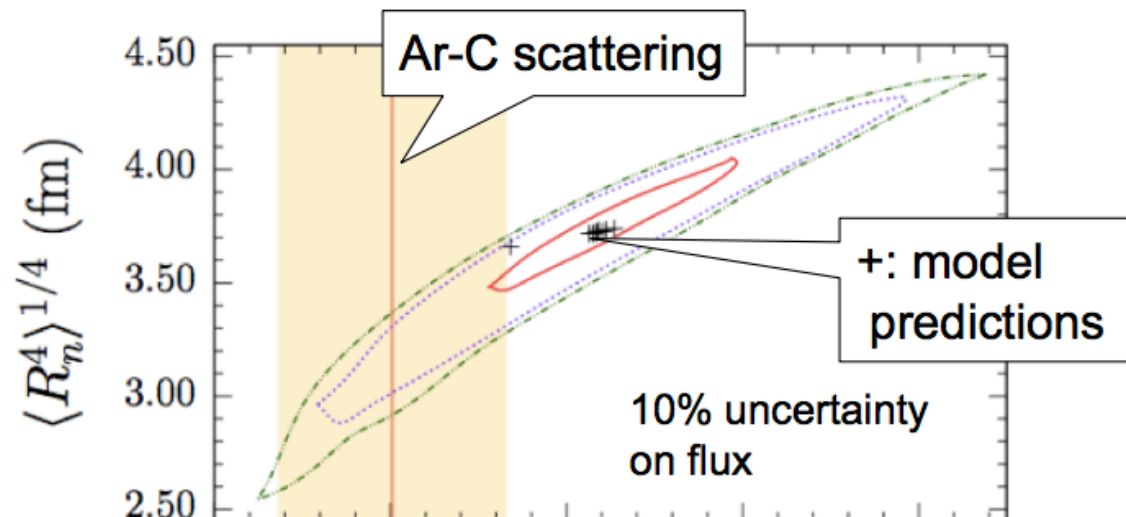
K. Patton et al., PRC86 (2012) 024612

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT}(E, T) = \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi} M \left[ 2 - \frac{2T}{E} + \left( \frac{T}{E} \right)^2 - \frac{MT}{E^2} \right] \frac{Q_W^2}{4} F^2(Q^2)$$

Form factor: encodes information about nuclear (primarily neutron) distributions

Fit recoil **spectral shape** to determine the  $F(Q^2)$  moments  
(requires very good energy resolution, good systematics control)

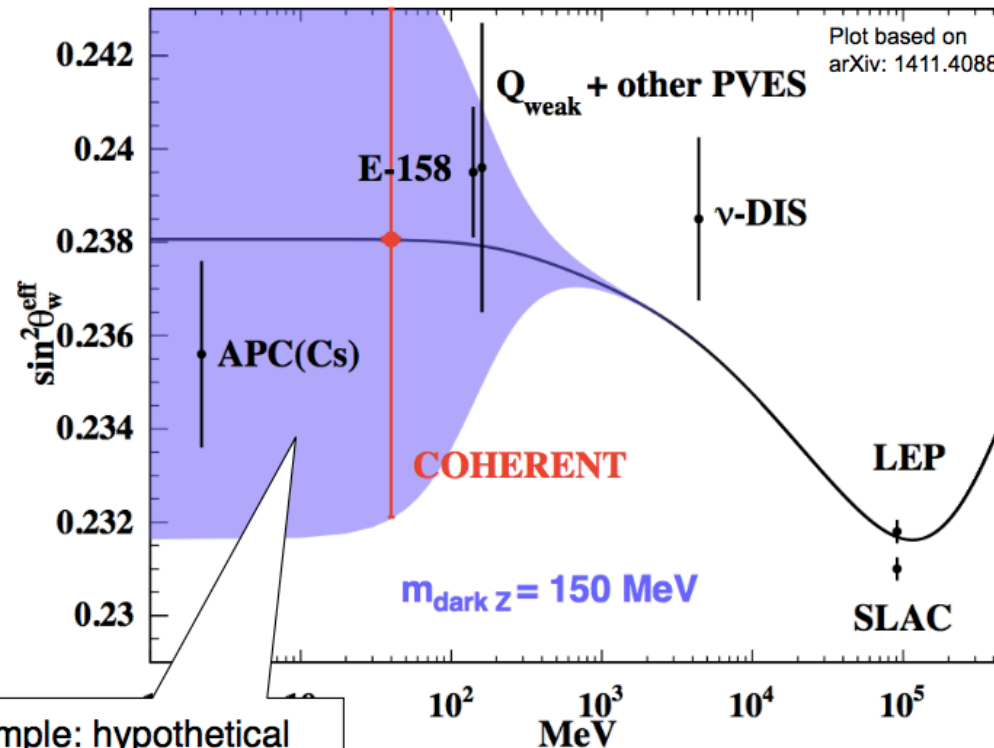
Example:  
tonne-scale  
experiment  
at  $\pi$ DAR source



# Precise Measurement of $\sin^2\theta_W$ at low E

Clean SM prediction for the rate  $\rightarrow$  measure  $\sin^2\theta_{W\text{eff}}$  ;  
**deviation probes**  
**new physics**

$$\sigma \sim \frac{G_f^2 E^2}{4\pi} (N - (1 - 4 \sin^2\theta_W) Z)^2$$



Example: hypothetical dark Z mediator (explanation for g-2 anomaly)

**BSMsens =**  
 $10^{-3} \rightarrow \Delta\sin^2\theta_W = 0.006$   
 $10^{-4} \rightarrow \Delta\sin^2\theta_W = 0.0006$

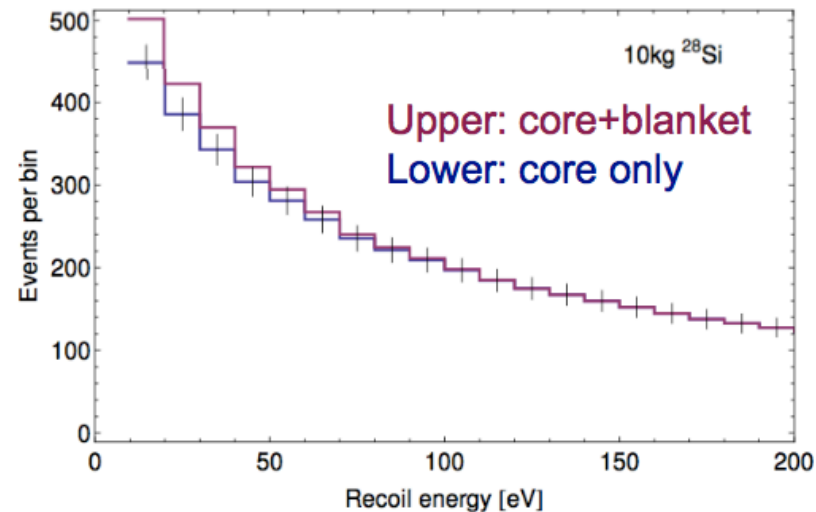
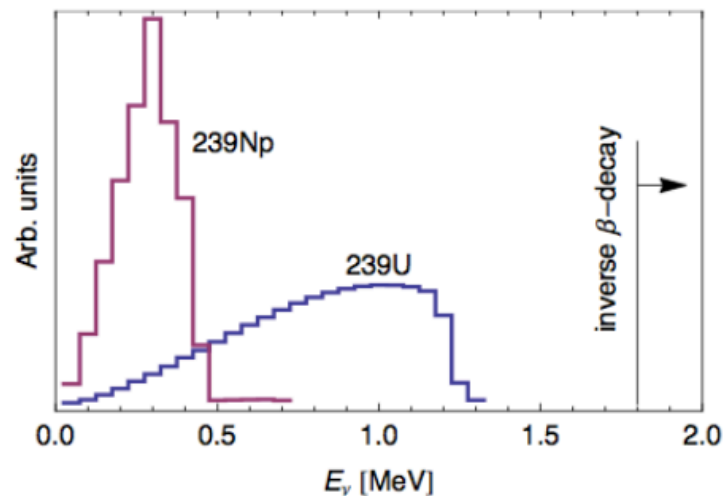
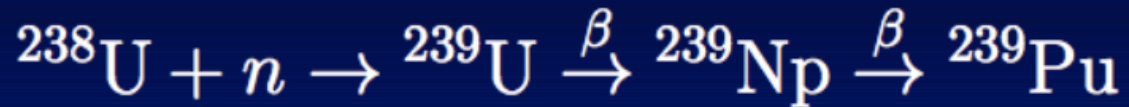
CEvNS sensitivity is @ low Q;  
need sub-percent precision to compete w/  
electron scattering & APV, but new channel

slide adopted from K. Scholberg

# Nuclear Safeguarding

P. Huber, talk at NA/NT workshop, Manchester, May 2015

Presence of **plutonium breeder blanket**  
in a reactor has  $\nu$  spectral signature



$\nu$  spectrum is below IBD threshold

→ accessible with CEvNS, but require low recoil energy threshold

a) This is of interest to IAEA

b) Could be used as an extra “sensor” in reactors (close to core  $\leftrightarrow 1/R^2$ ) → safety, optimal burn-up

# Conclusions

- **Neutrino physics was, is and will remain a hot field**
- **Important and unique insights into**
  - fundamental interactions, important consequences: BAU...
- **3 neutrino flavours → precision area**
  - reactor neutrinos + neutrino beams → origin of fermion masses?
- **More than 3 neutrinos**
  - Majorana masses, L-violation, sterile  $\nu$ 's, NSIs, large magnetic moments, ...  
→ any one of them would be a major discovery
- **Coherent neutrino scattering will be a new tool**
  - will contribute / make use of better  $\beta$ -spectra
  - will allow new experiments to test
  - coherent  $\nu$  scattering  $\leftrightarrow$  DM & WIMP scattering
  - mag. Moments, NSIs, steriles,  $\sin^2\theta_w$ ,  $F(q^2)$ , safeguarding, ...