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Covered (partially) topics:

Neutrino masses

Neutrino mixing (3 ν)

Sterile neutrino

Neutrino Cross-sections

Astrophysical neutrinos

Not covered topics:

Cosmology

Dark matter

Interesting talks about theory (neutrinos from SuperNovae, unitarity of mixing Matrix ?, etc.)

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Neutrino masses

Neutrino Masses

- β decay: $m_j \neq 0$ affect β -spectrum endpoint. Sensitive to the "effective electron neutrino mass":

$$\mathbf{m}_\beta = \left\{ \sum_j m_j^2 |U_{ej}|^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

Flavor-Mass Mixing Parameter

- $0\nu 2\beta$ decay: can occur if $m_j \neq 0$. Sensitive to the "effective Majorana mass":

$$\mathbf{m}_{\beta\beta} = \left\{ \sum_j m_j |U_{ej}|^2 e^{i\varphi_j} \right\}$$

Flavor-Mass Mixing parameter
+ imaginary phase

- Cosmology: $m_j \neq 0$ can affect large scale structures in (standard) cosmology constrained by CMB and not CMB (LSS, Ly α) data. Sensitive to:

$$\mathbf{m} = \sum_j m_j$$

Flavor-Mass Mixing independent

Planck Constraints on Neutrinos

see also Licie Verde's talk

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.72 \text{ eV} \quad \textit{Planck TT+lowP};$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.21 \text{ eV} \quad \textit{Planck TT+lowP+BAO}; \quad 95\% \text{ CL}$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.49 \text{ eV} \quad \textit{Planck TT, TE, EE+lowP};$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.17 \text{ eV} \quad \textit{Planck TT, TE, EE+lowP+BAO}.$$

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.13 \pm 0.32 \quad \textit{Planck TT+lowP};$$

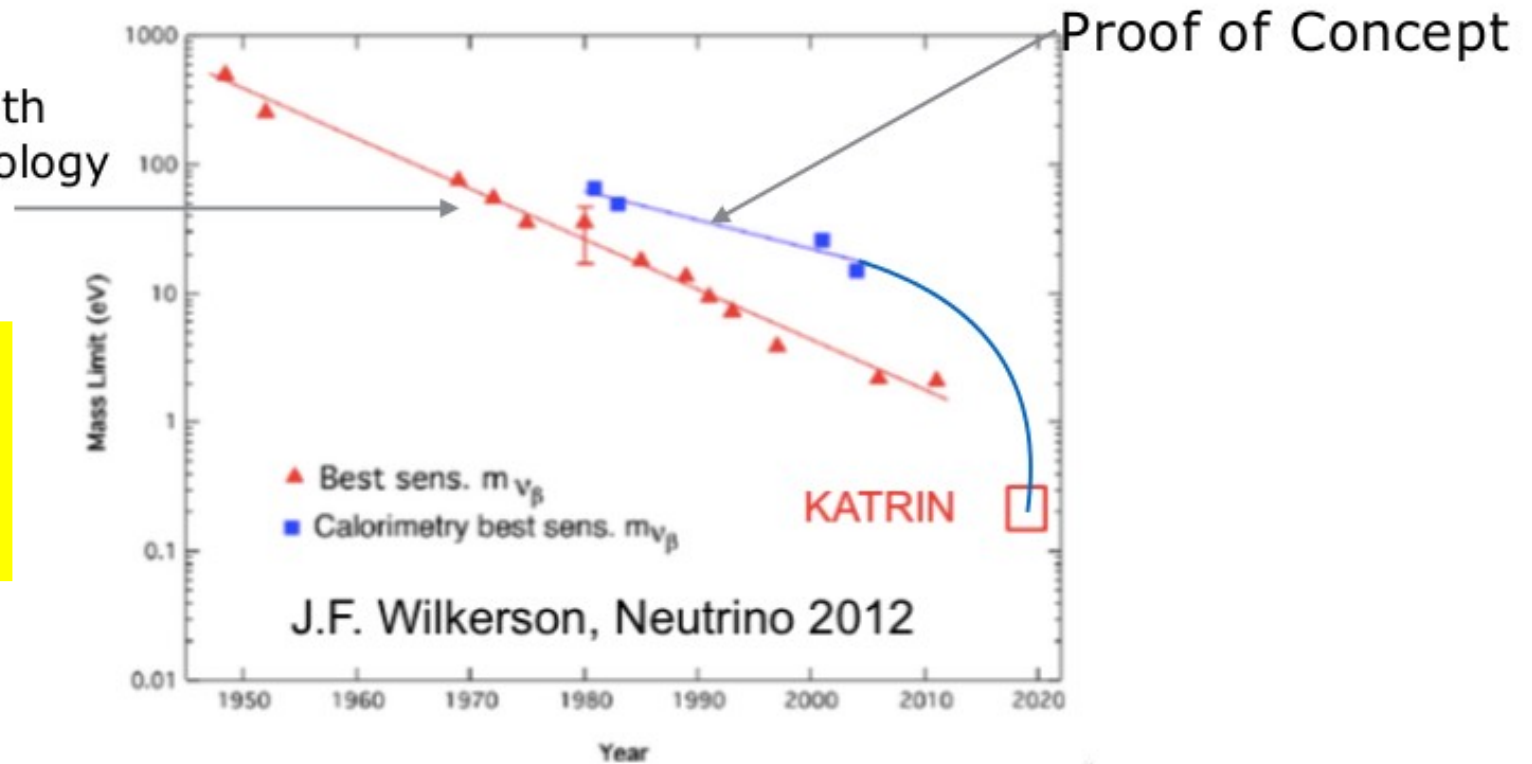
$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.15 \pm 0.23 \quad \textit{Planck TT+lowP+BAO}; \quad 68\% \text{ CL}$$

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 2.99 \pm 0.20 \quad \textit{Planck TT, TE, EE+lowP};$$

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.04 \pm 0.18 \quad \textit{Planck TT, TE, EE+lowP+BAO}.$$

Direct Measurement

Experiment with established technology

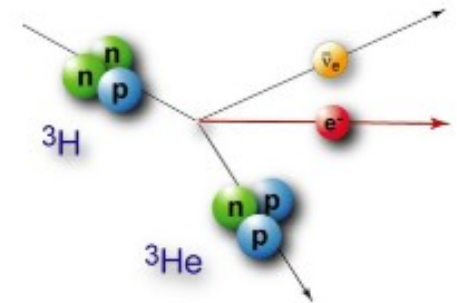
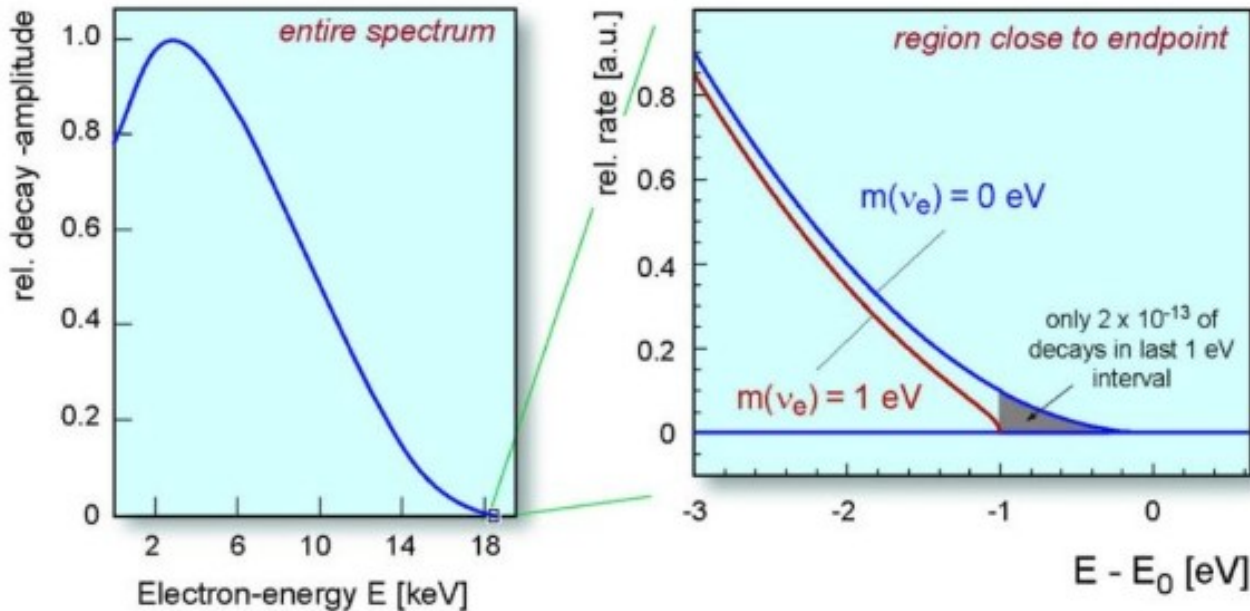
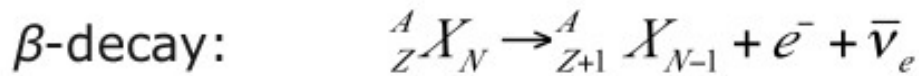


Talk by:
Flavio Gatti
Noah Oblath
Philipp Ranitzsch

- KATRIN was the only proposal based on proved technology
- MARE was proposed as very ambitious project later after the R&D of MANU and MIBeta projects
- Now HOLMES, ECHo, US-Ho (LANL) point to a realistic goal in the sub eV range
- Project8 is a very promising technique beyond KATRIN

← CRES=Cyclotron Radiation Emission Spectroscopy

(Tritium) β -decay and neutrino mass



Tritium ${}^3\text{H}$:

$$E_0 = 18.6 \text{ keV}$$

$$T_{1/2} = 12.3 \text{ y}$$

Rhenium ${}^{187}\text{Re}$:

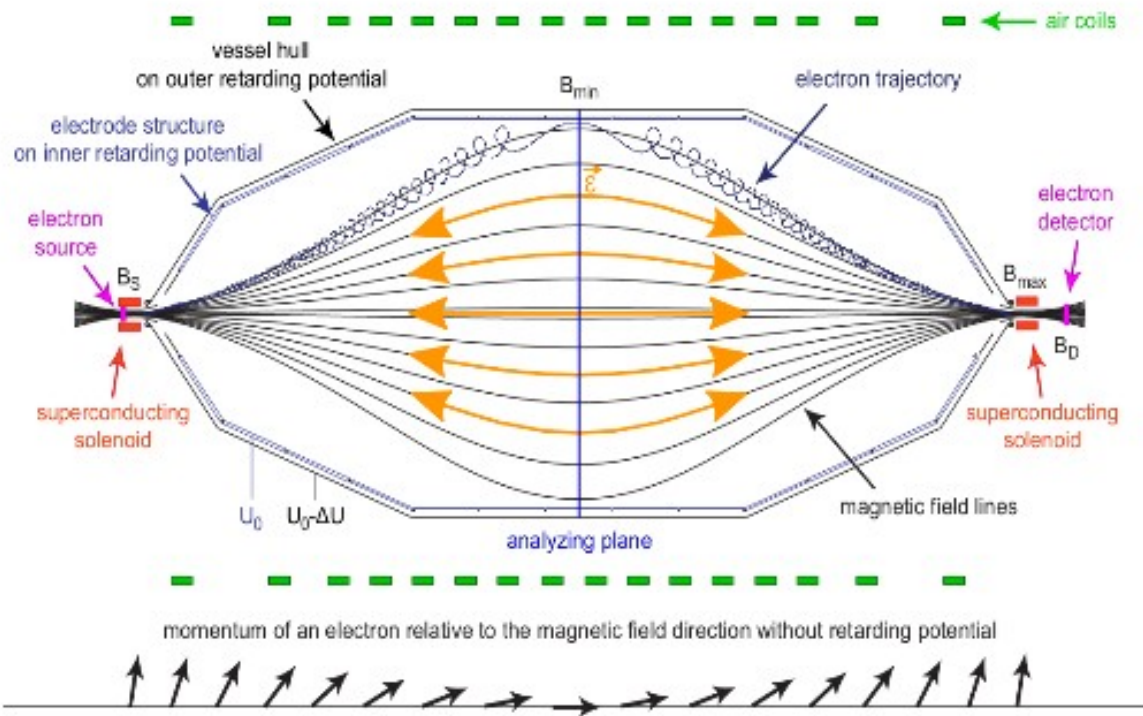
$$E_0 = 2.47 \text{ keV}$$

$$T_{1/2} = 4.3 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ y}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dE} = K F(E, Z) p (E_e + m_e)(E_0 - E_e) \sqrt{(E_0 - E_e)^2 - m(\bar{\nu}_e)^2}$$

MAC-E Filter

Magnetic Adiabatic Collimation and Electrostatic Filter:



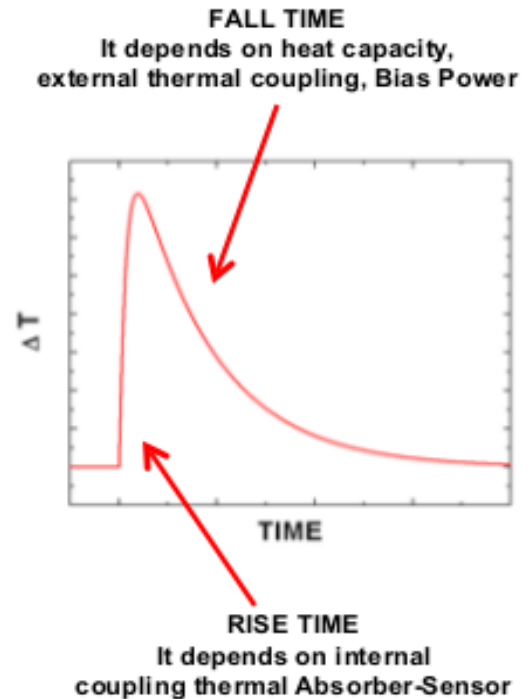
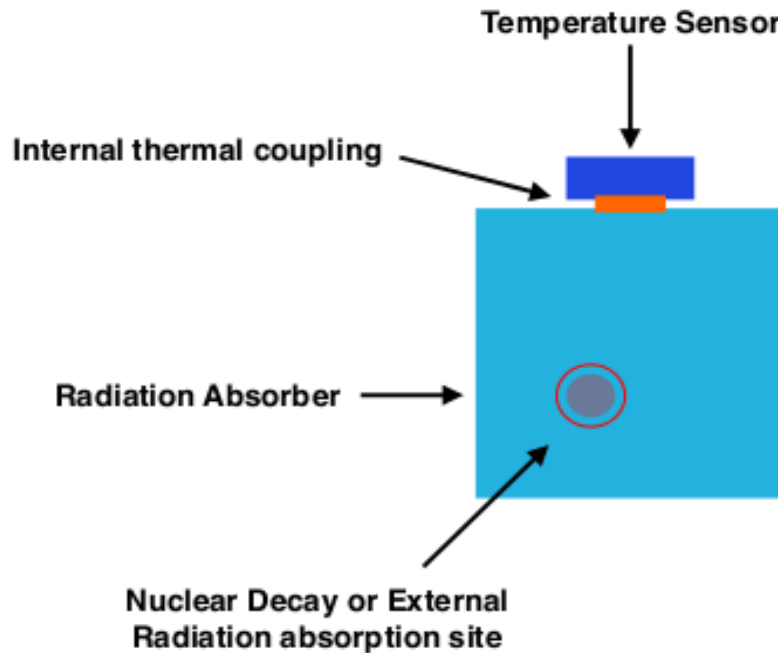
Magnetic guiding and collimation of e^-
 ➤ Transform E_{\perp} to E_{\parallel}

Electrostatic field for energy analysis
 ➤ Sharp transmission depending on:
 ➤ Emission angle
 ➤ Radius in at B_{\min}

Integrated energy resolution:

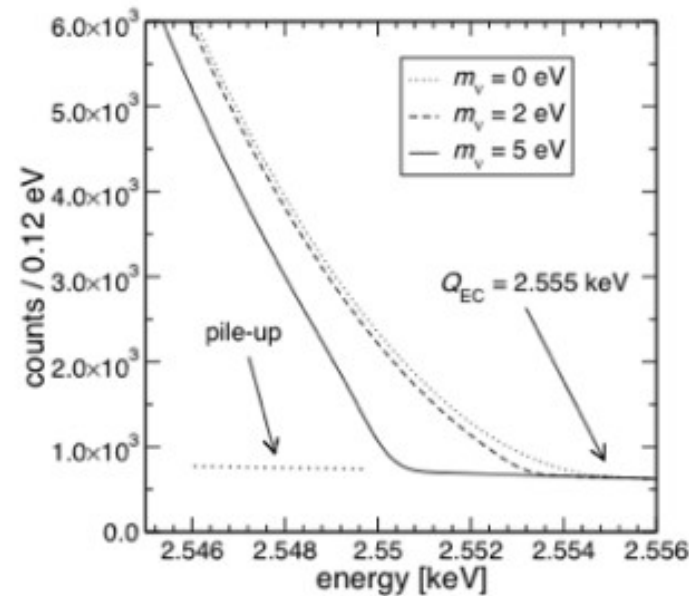
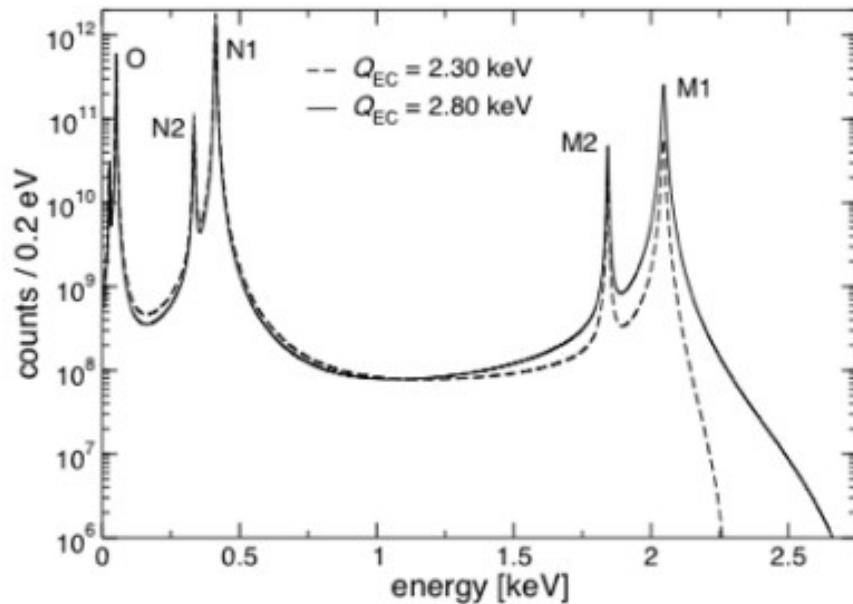
$$\Delta E = E \frac{B_{\min}}{B_{\max}}$$

Mass measurement with cryogenic μ -calorimeter



- It's ideally an Energy Dispersive Spectroscopical Detector
- It's a fast (0.1-1 μ s) true thermal calorimeter
- Energy Sensitivity at the eV scale needs very low heat capacity at the scale less than pJ/K
- The Energy Resolution Intrinsic is ultimately limited by the thermal fluctuation noise:
- Sub-K operating temperatures are needed (0.01-0.1 K) to reach eV resolutions
- IN PRINCIPLE THEY ARE A TOOL FOR VERY DEEP SEARCHES IN SUB-eV range

The project



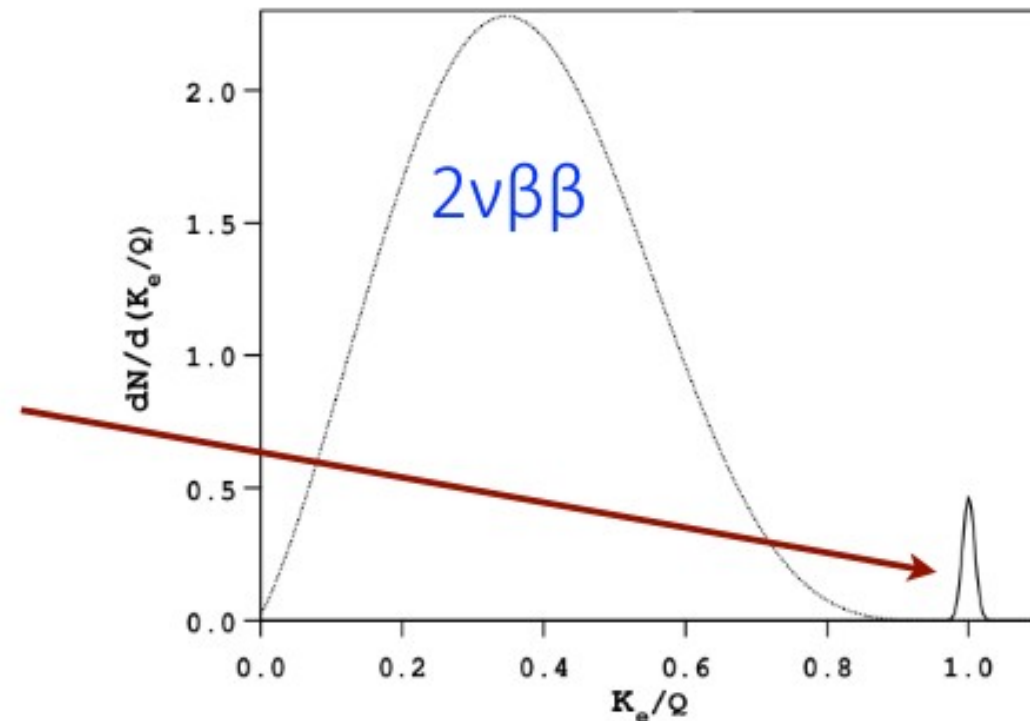
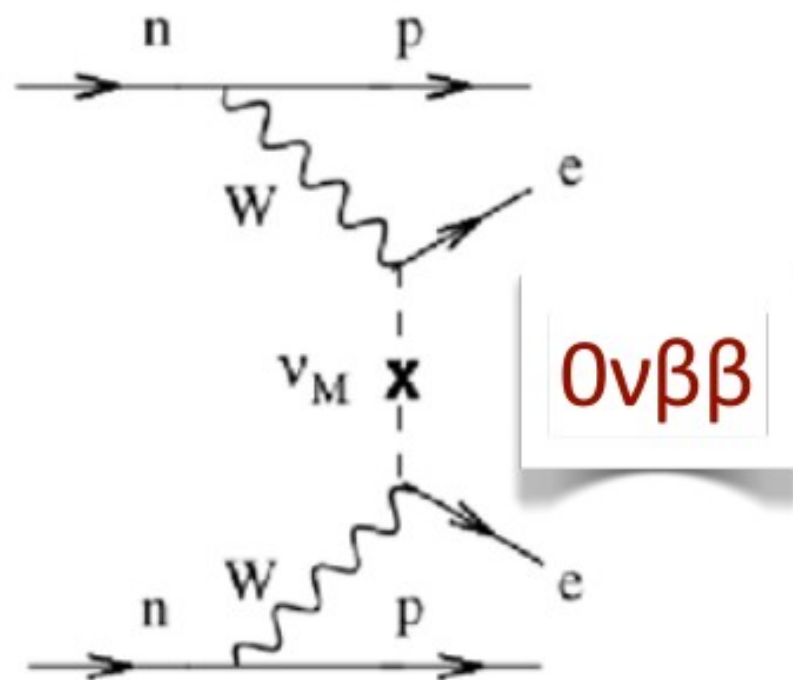
- First calorimetric measurement of ^{163}Ho endpoint energy: $Q = 2.80 \pm 0.05$ keV (with Ho-oxide embedded in Sn absorber (F. Gatti, et al, Physics Letters B, 1997))

observation of $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay:

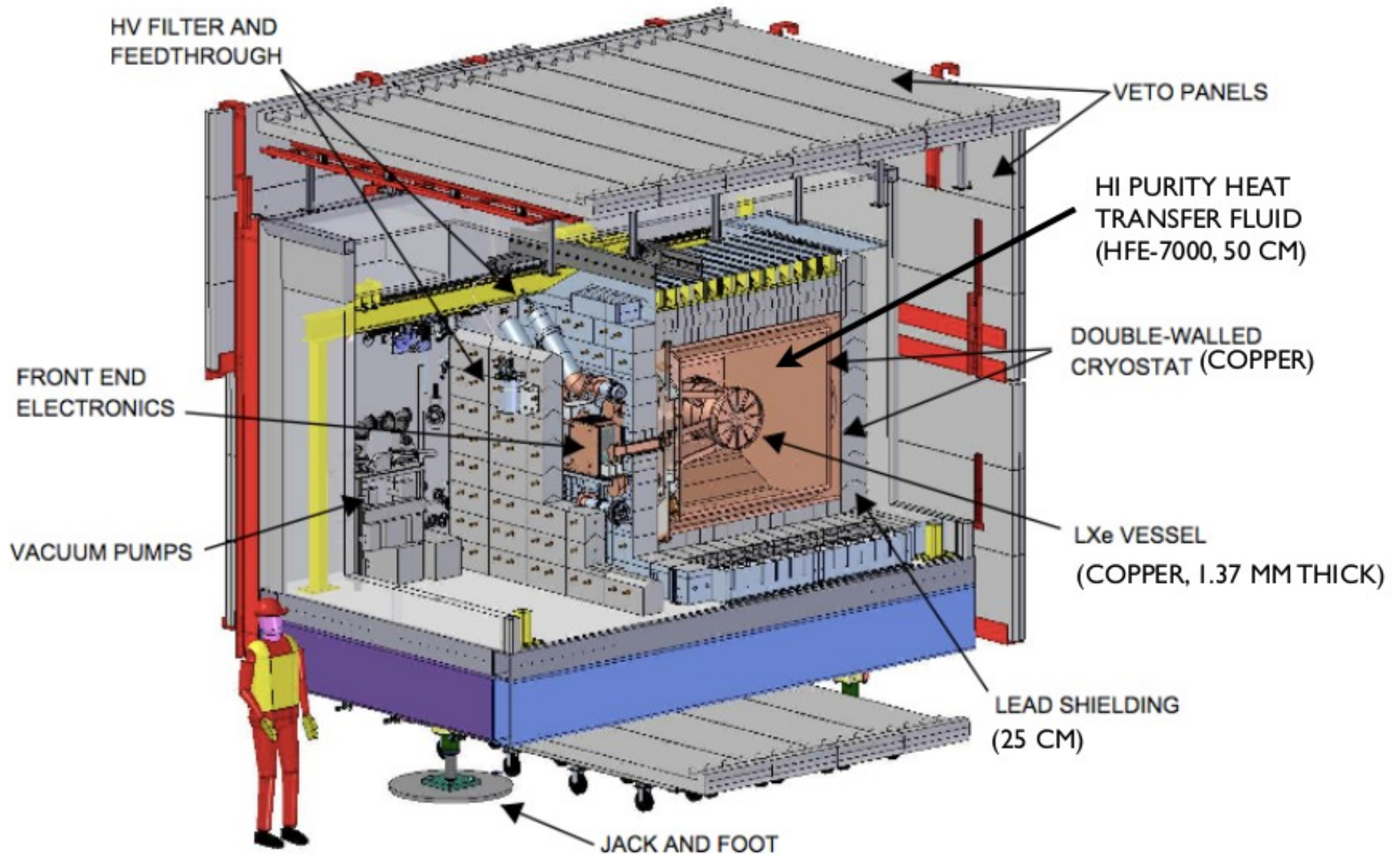
- massive, Majorana neutrinos
- lepton number violation

$0\nu\beta\beta$ rate

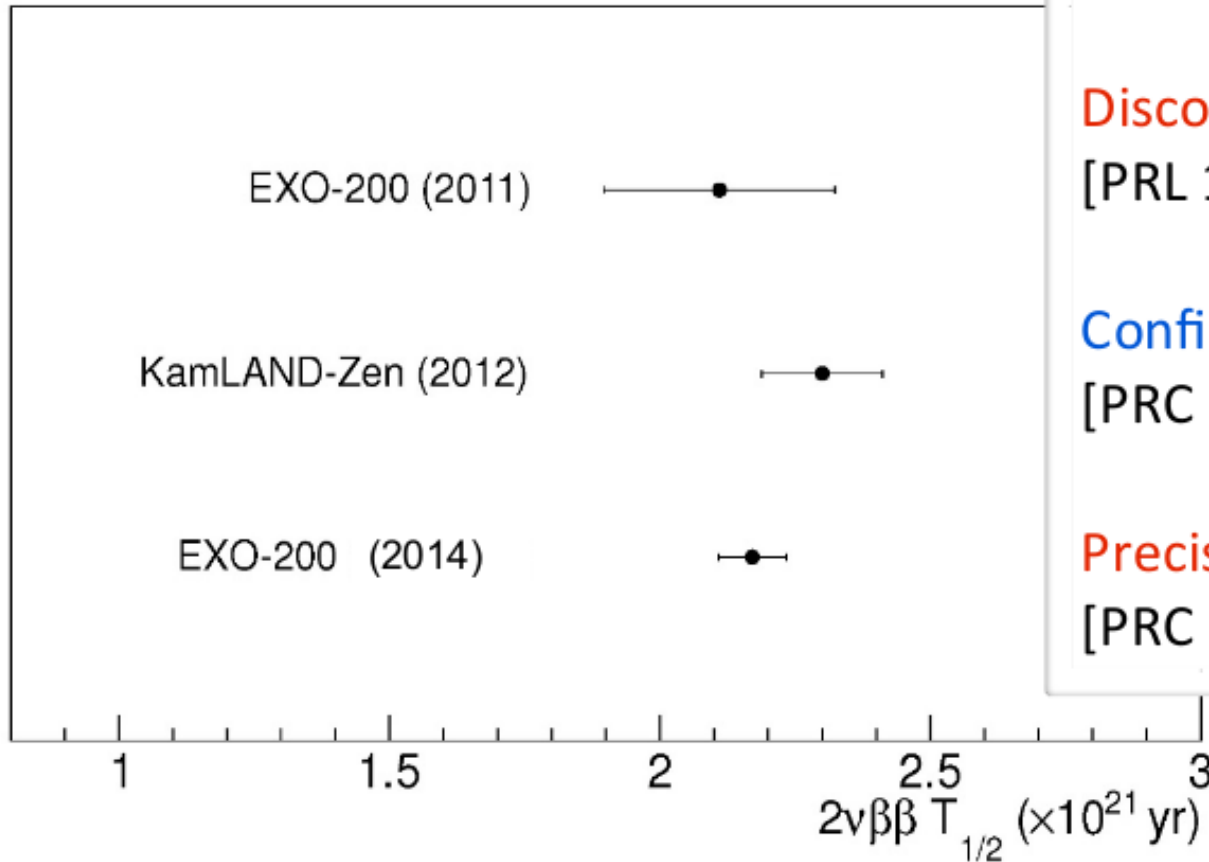
- absolute neutrino mass (model dependent)



The EXO-200 detector at WIPP (~1,500 m.w.e.)



EXO-200: precision measurement of $2\nu\beta\beta$ decay of ^{136}Xe



Start data taking in June 2011

Discovery of $2\nu\beta\beta$ decay of ^{136}Xe
[PRL 107, 212501 (2011)]

Confirmation by KamLAND-Zen
[PRC 85, 045504 (2012)]

Precision measurement ($\sim 3\%$)
[PRC 89, 015502 (2014)]

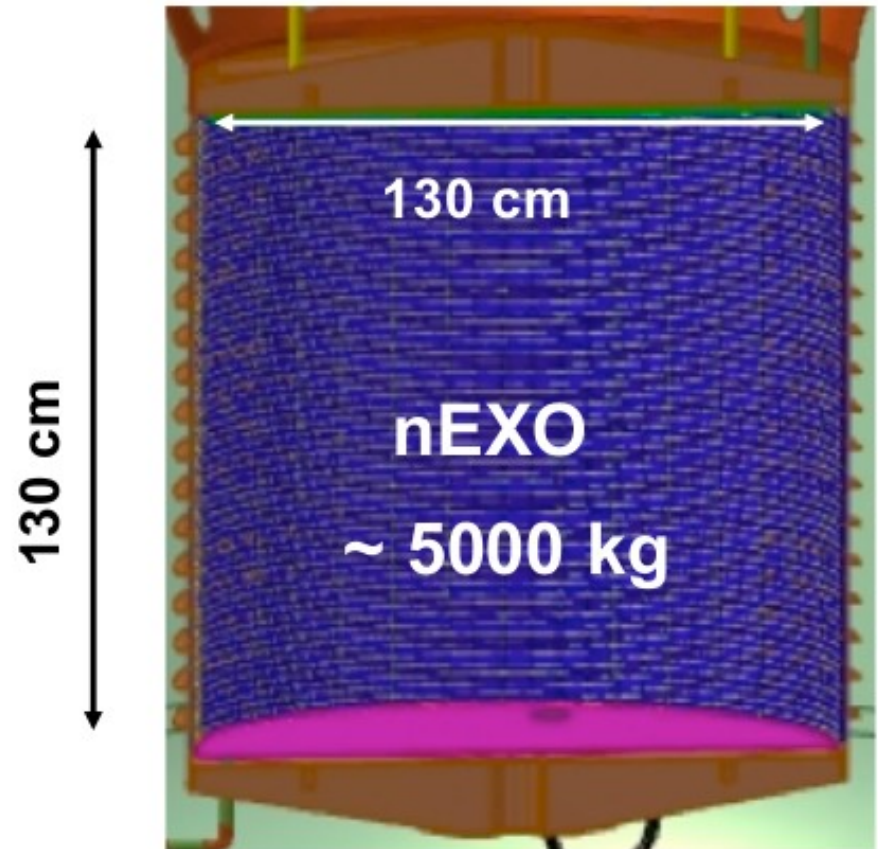
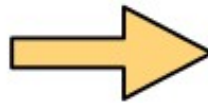
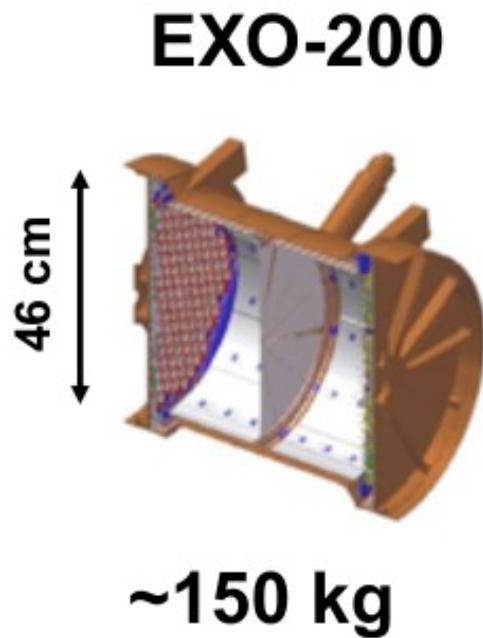
$$T_{1/2}^{2\nu\beta\beta} = (2.165 \pm 0.016(\text{stat}) \pm 0.059(\text{syst})) \times 10^{21} \text{ yr}$$

(longest, yet most precisely measured $2\nu\beta\beta$ decay of all 'practical' isotopes)

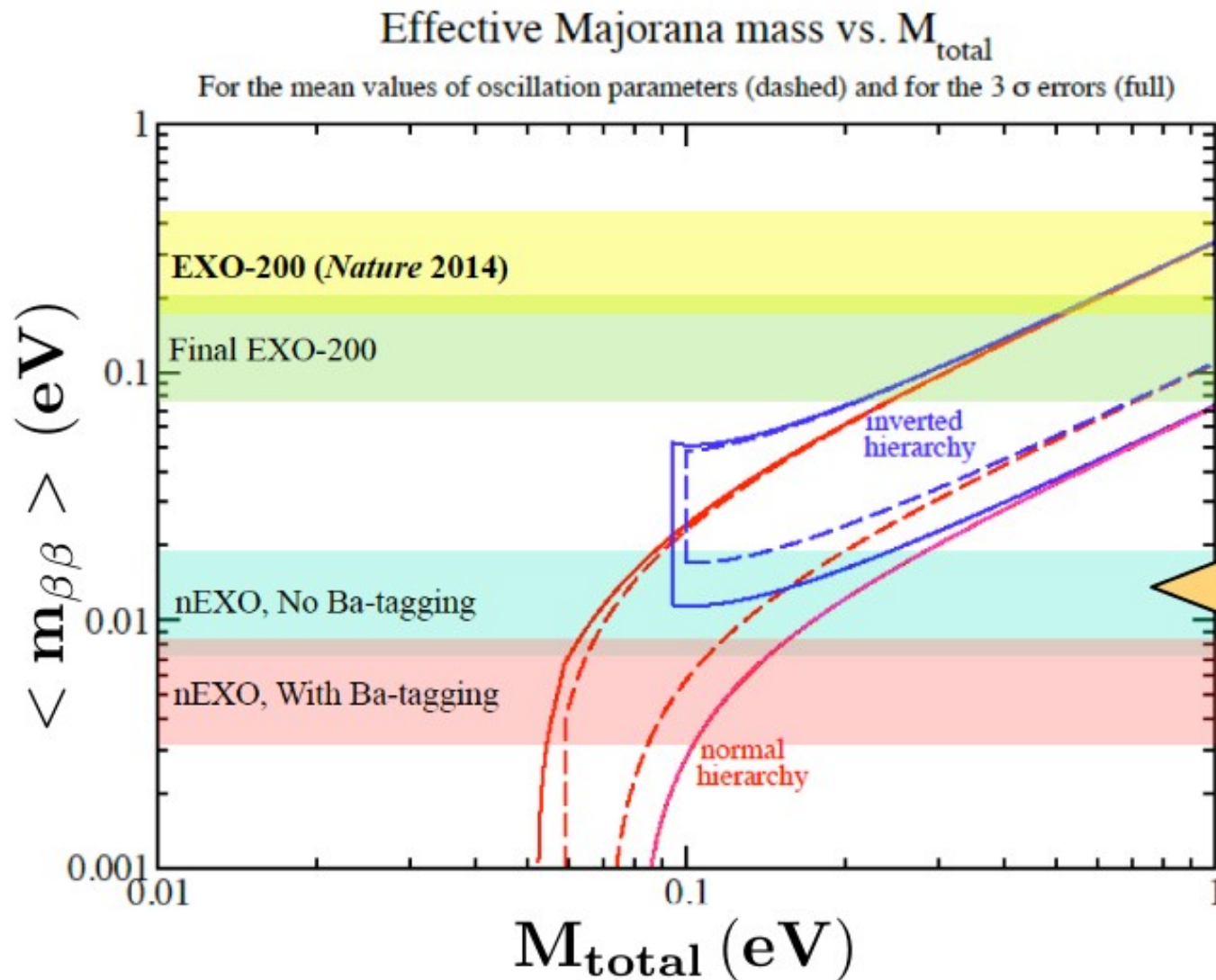
From EXO-200 to nEXO

- 5 tonnes of enriched LXe
- enhanced self-shielding
- x100 better $T_{1/2}$ sensitivity

- < 1% energy resolution
- no central cathode
- *no* Ba tagging (initially)



nEXO Physics Sensitivity



$T_{1/2} = 6 \times 10^{27}$ yr
in 5 years of
counting

Majorana
neutrino mass
 $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle$ sensitivity
of 7-18 meV

NEMO-3

$\beta\beta$ decay experiment combining tracker and calorimetric measurement

Located at the Modane underground laboratory (~4800 m.w.e.)

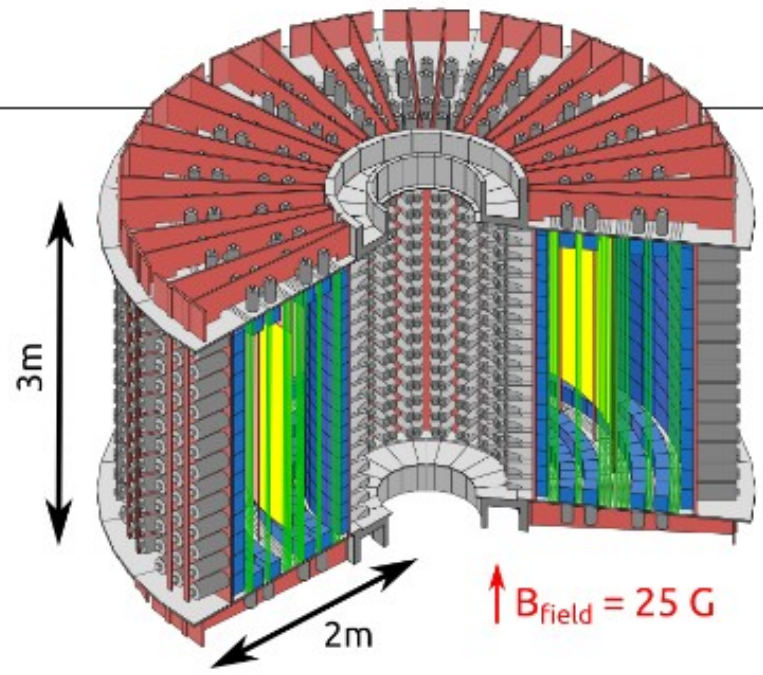
10 kg of different $\beta\beta$ isotopes

Taking data from February 2003 to January 2011

Full reconstruction of $2e^-$ kinematics: **unique!**

Excellent background rejection

Equivalent to best calorimetric experiment

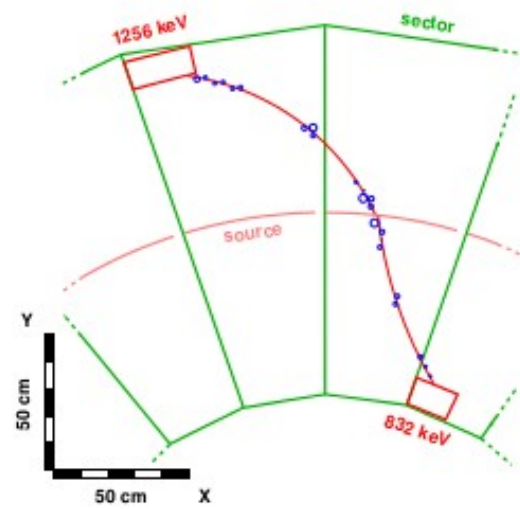


sources
60 mg/cm² foils
10 kg of $\beta\beta$ isotopes

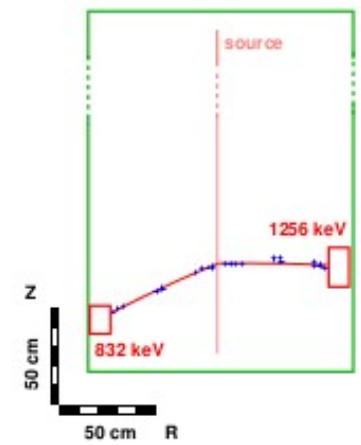
tracker
6180 Geiger cells
vertex resolution :
 $\sigma_{xy} \sim 3 \text{ mm}$ $\sigma_z \sim 10 \text{ mm}$

calorimeter
1940 optical modules :
polystyren scintillators
+ 3" and 5" PMTs
 $\text{FWHM}_E \sim 15\% / \sqrt{E_{\text{MeV}}}$
 $\sigma_t \sim 250 \text{ ps}$

Top view



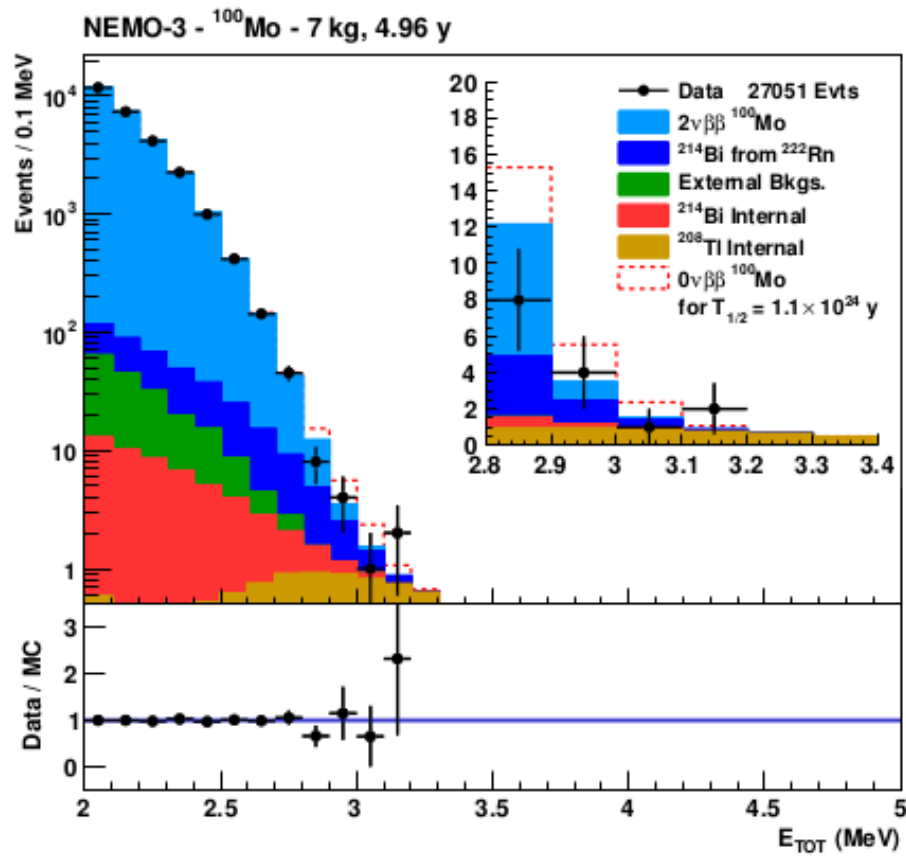
Longitudinal view



NEMO-3: ^{100}Mo $0\nu\beta\beta$ result

Detailed paper to be published in the following weeks

- No event excess after 34.3 kg×y exposure
- $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.1 \times 10^{24}$ y (90 % C.L.) $\rightarrow \langle m_\nu \rangle < 0.3 - 0.9$ eV



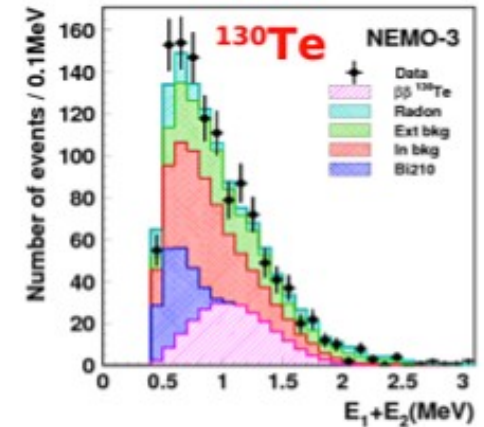
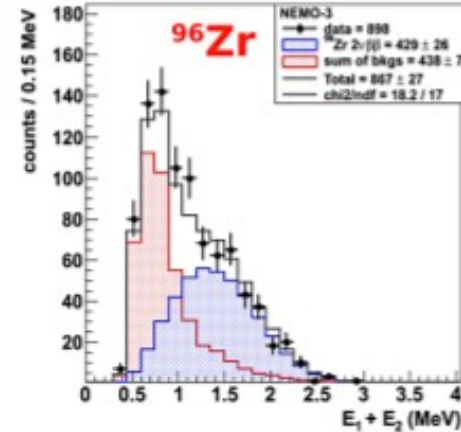
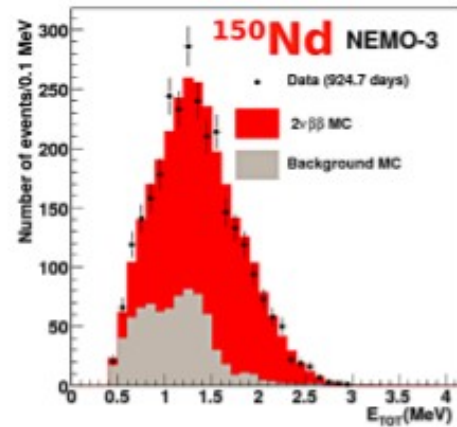
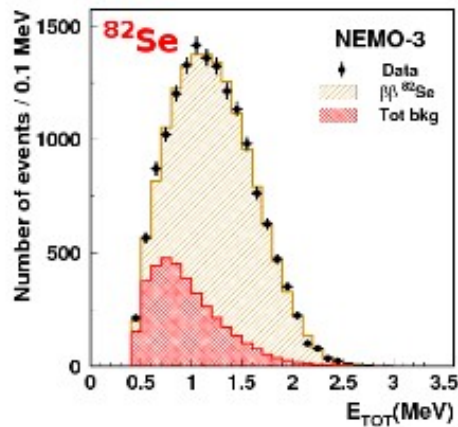
Expected background in [2.8 - 3.2] MeV

$2\nu\beta\beta$	8.45 ± 0.05
^{214}Bi from radon	5.2 ± 0.5
External	< 0.2
^{214}Bi internal	1.0 ± 0.1
^{208}Tl internal	3.3 ± 0.3
Total	18.0 ± 0.3
Data	15

Total background: 1.3×10^{-3} cts / (keV×kg×y)

NEMO-3: other results

Other isotopes: only partial exposure has been published

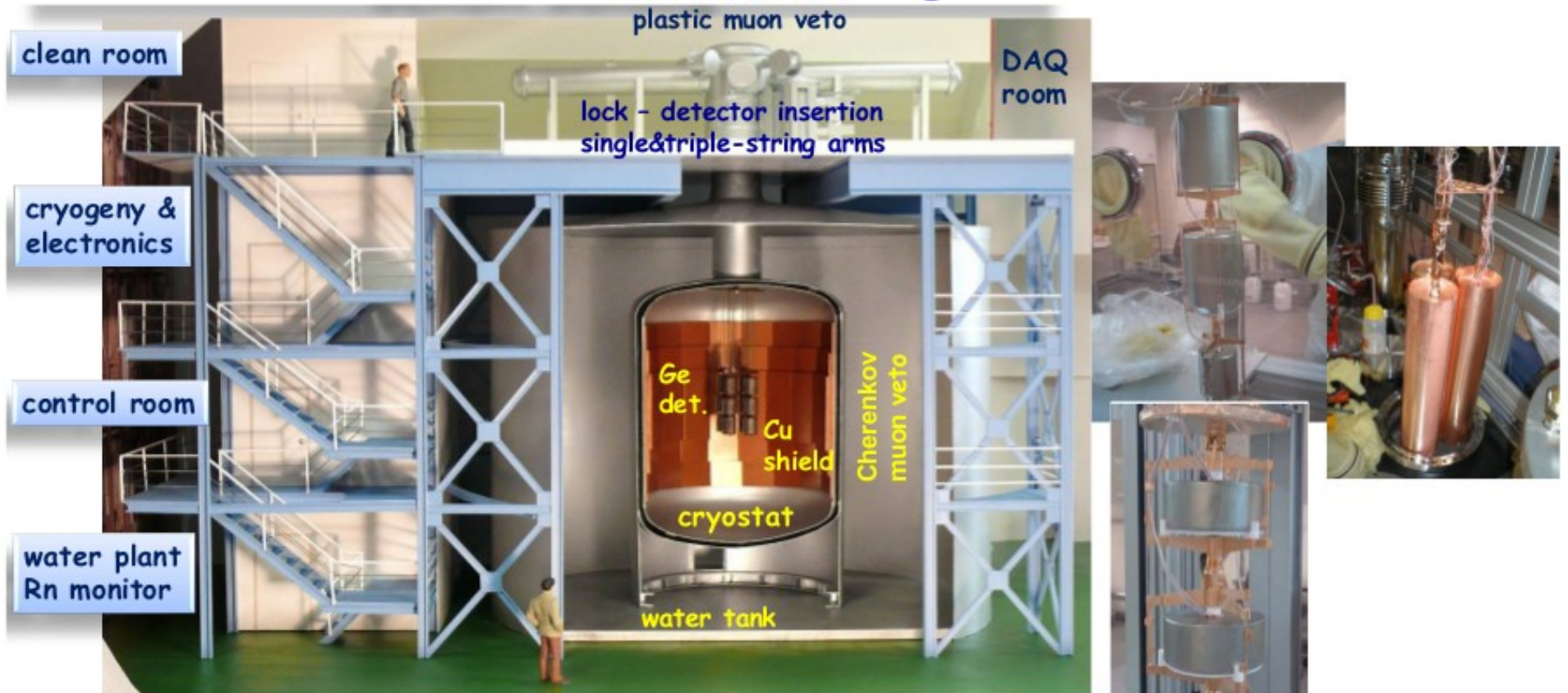


Isotope	Mass [g]	Exposure [days]	$T_{1/2} (2\nu)$ [$\times 10^{19}$ y]	$T_{1/2} (0\nu)$ [y] @ 90% C.L.	$\langle m_\nu \rangle$ [eV] @ 90% C.L.	Reference
^{82}Se	932	389	9.6 ± 1.0	$> 1.0 \times 10^{23}$	$< 1.7 - 4.9$	Phys.Rev.Lett. 95 (2005) 182302
^{150}Nd	37	925	0.90 ± 0.07	$> 1.8 \times 10^{22}$	$< 4.0 - 6.3$	Phys. Rev. C 80, 032501 (2009)
^{96}Zr	9.4	1221	2.35 ± 0.21			Nucl.Phys.A 847(2010) 168
^{130}Te	454	1275	70 ± 14			Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 062504 (2011)

Analysis of whole statistics ongoing (^{82}Se , ^{48}Ca , ^{96}Zr , ^{116}Cd , ^{150}Nd)...stay tuned!

^{100}Mo $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay to the ^{100}Ru excited states [Nuclear Physics A781 (2007) 209-226]

GERDA Building



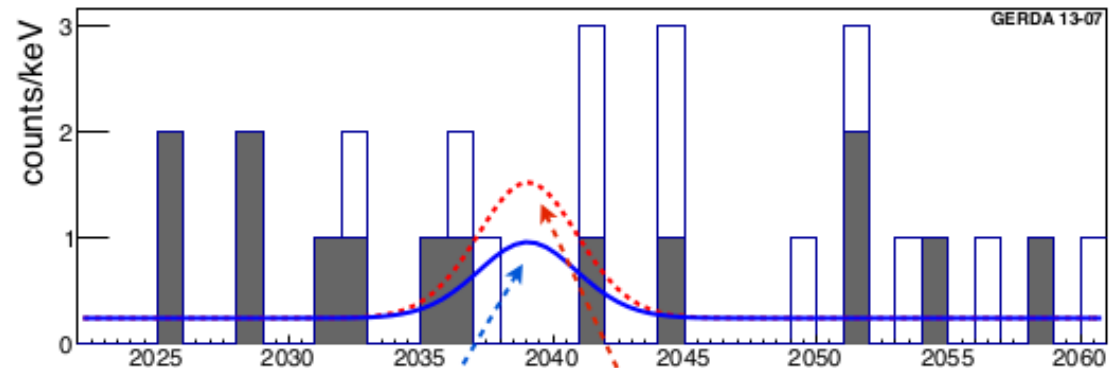
The GERDA collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C 73 (2013)

- 8 enriched Coaxial detectors: working mass 14.6 kg - avg energy resolution 4.8 keV (2 of them are not working due to high leakage current)
- GTF112 natural Ge: 3.0 kg
- 5 enriched BEGe: working mass 3.0 kg - avg energy resolution 3.2 keV (testing Phase II concept)

The GERDA collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111 (2013) 122503
Comparison with claim from Phys. Lett. B 586 (2004) 198

Compare two hypotheses:

- H_1 : $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = 1.19_{-0.23}^{+0.37} \cdot 10^{25}$ yr
- H_0 : background only



GERDA only:

- Profile likelihood
 $P(N^{0\nu}=0|H_1) = 0.01$
- Bayes factor
 $P(H_1)/P(H_0) = 0.024$

Compatible with no signal events
 $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.1 \cdot 10^{25}$ yr

“Claim”, PLB586 (2004)

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = 1.19 \times 10^{25} \text{ yr}$$

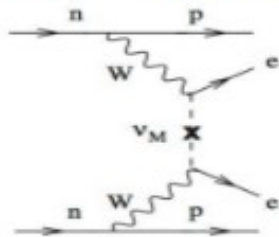
Claim strongly disfavoured!

N.B.: $T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ from Mod. Phys. Lett. A 21 (2006) 157 not considered because of inconsistencies (missing efficiency factors) pointed out in Ann. Phys. 525 (2013) 259 by B. Schwingenheuer.

$0\nu\beta\beta - {}^{130}\text{Te}$



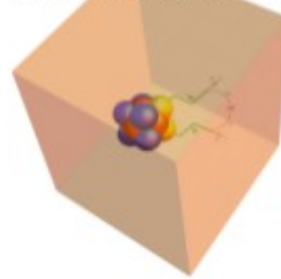
$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + 2 e^-$$



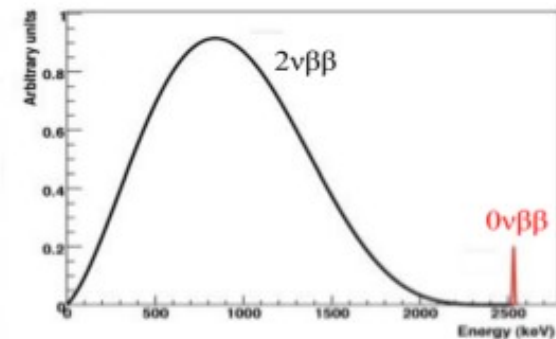
lepton violation
if observed ν is Majorana

Source = Detector

the detector is a crystal with the DBD candidate in its molecule



SIGNATURE

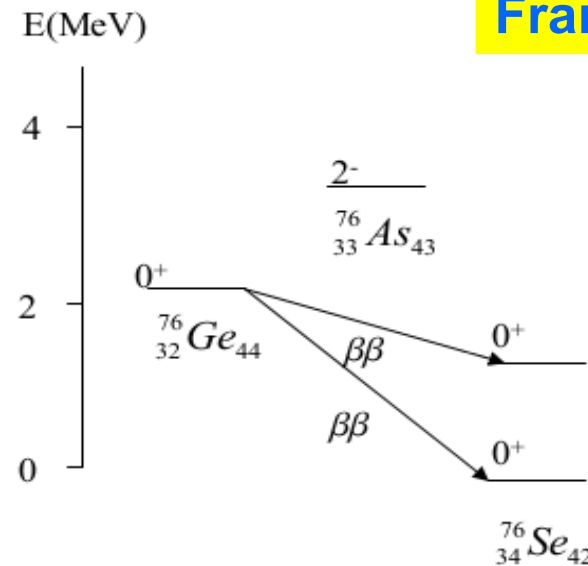
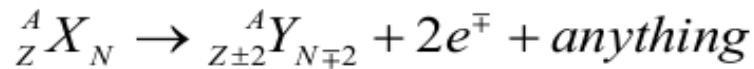


ISOTOPE CHOICE

${}^{130}\text{Te}$

- High nat. isotopic abundance $\sim 34.2\%$ NEED NO ENRICHMENT
- High Q-value = 2527.518 ± 0.013 keV LOW BACKGROUND
- Good Nuclear Factor of Merit

DOUBLE BETA DECAY



Half-life for processes not allowed by the standard model:

$$\left[\tau_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta}(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+) \right]^{-1} = G_{0\nu} |M_{0\nu}|^2 |f(m_i, U_{ei})|^2$$

Phase-space factor
(Atomic physics)
PSF

Matrix elements
(Nuclear physics)
NME

Beyond the standard model
(Particle physics)

$$f = \frac{\langle m_\nu \rangle}{m_e}$$

$$M_{0\nu} = g_A^2 M^{(0\nu)}$$

$$M^{(0\nu)} \equiv M_{GT}^{(0\nu)} - \left(\frac{g_V}{g_A} \right)^2 M_F^{(0\nu)} + M_T^{(0\nu)}$$

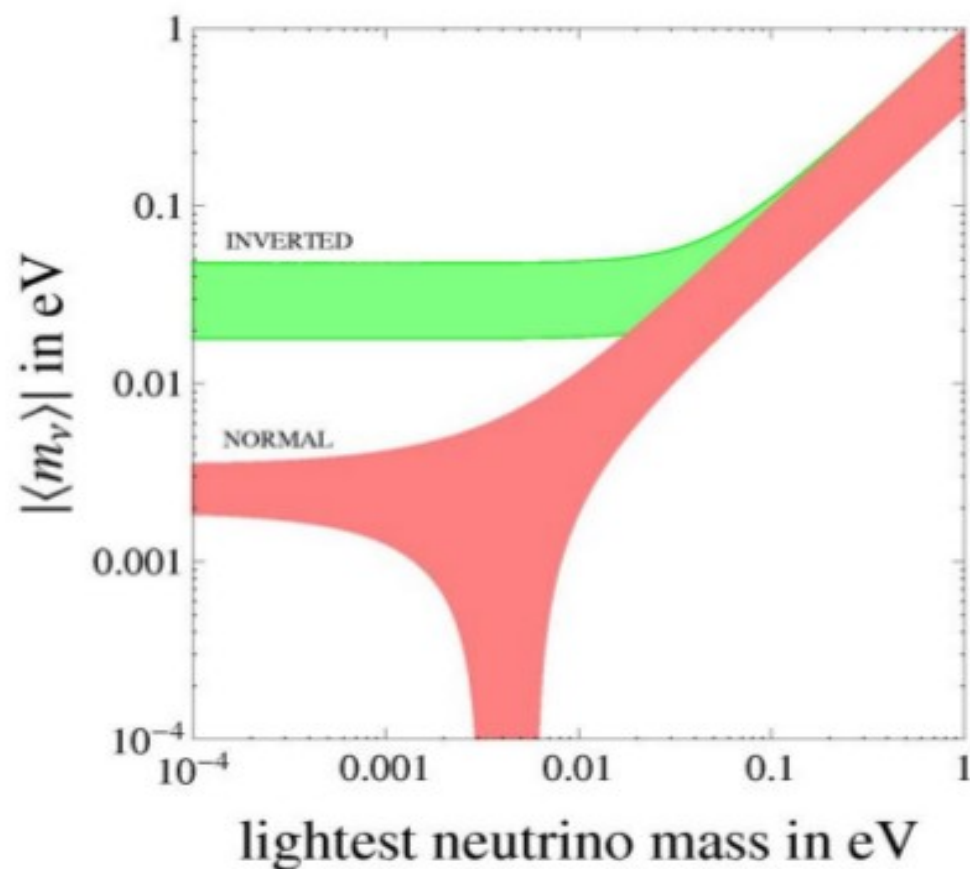
$$\langle m_\nu \rangle = \sum_{k=\text{light}} (U_{ek})^2 m_k$$

The average light neutrino mass can be written as

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle = \left| c_{13}^2 c_{12}^2 m_1 + c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 m_2 e^{i\varphi_2} + s_{13}^2 m_3 e^{i\varphi_3} \right|$$

$$c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}, s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}, \varphi_{2,3} = [0, 2\pi]$$

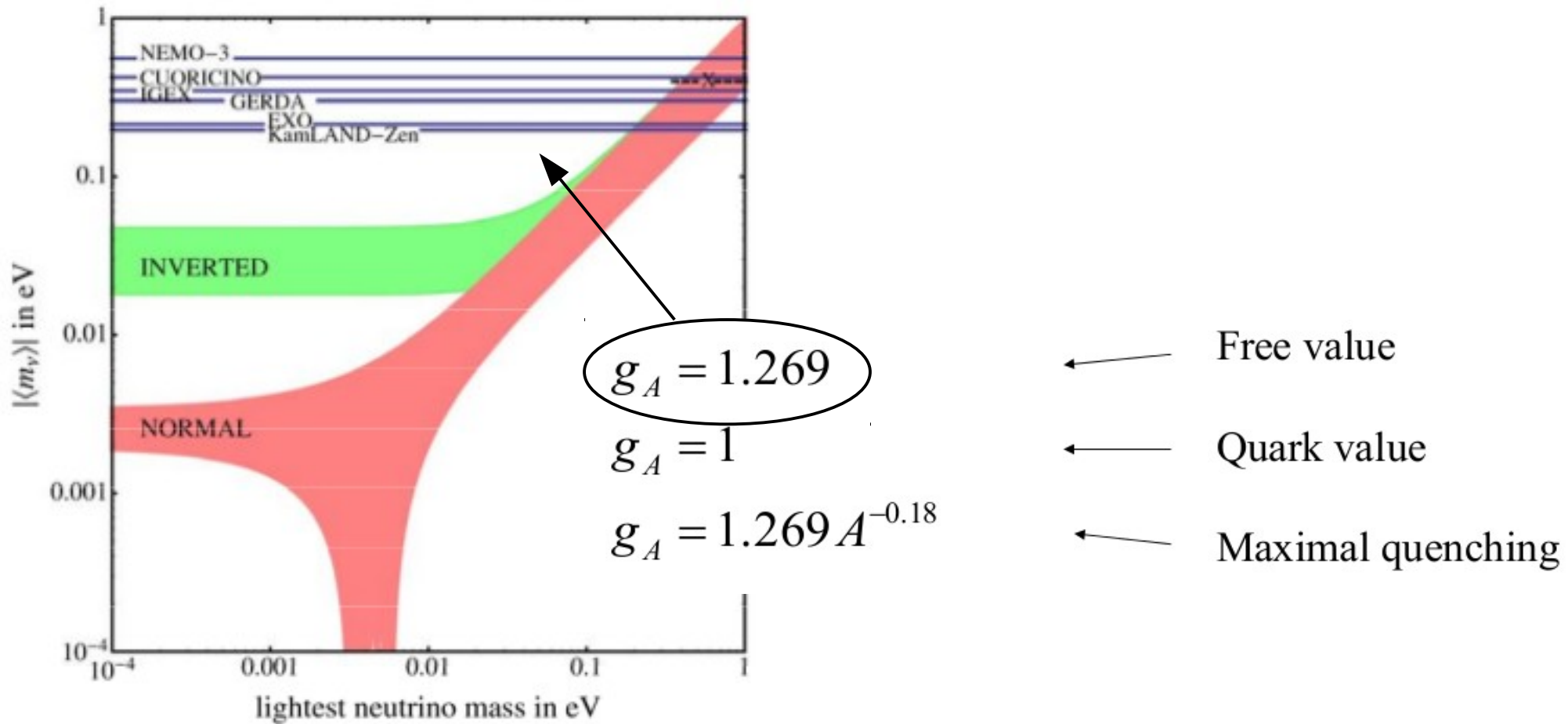
$$(m_1^2, m_2^2, m_3^2) = \frac{m_1^2 + m_2^2}{2} + \left(-\frac{\delta m^2}{2}, +\frac{\delta m^2}{2}, \pm \Delta m^2 \right)$$



Vissani-Strumia
plot ¶

¶ F. Vissani,
J. High Energy
Phys. 06, 022
(1999)

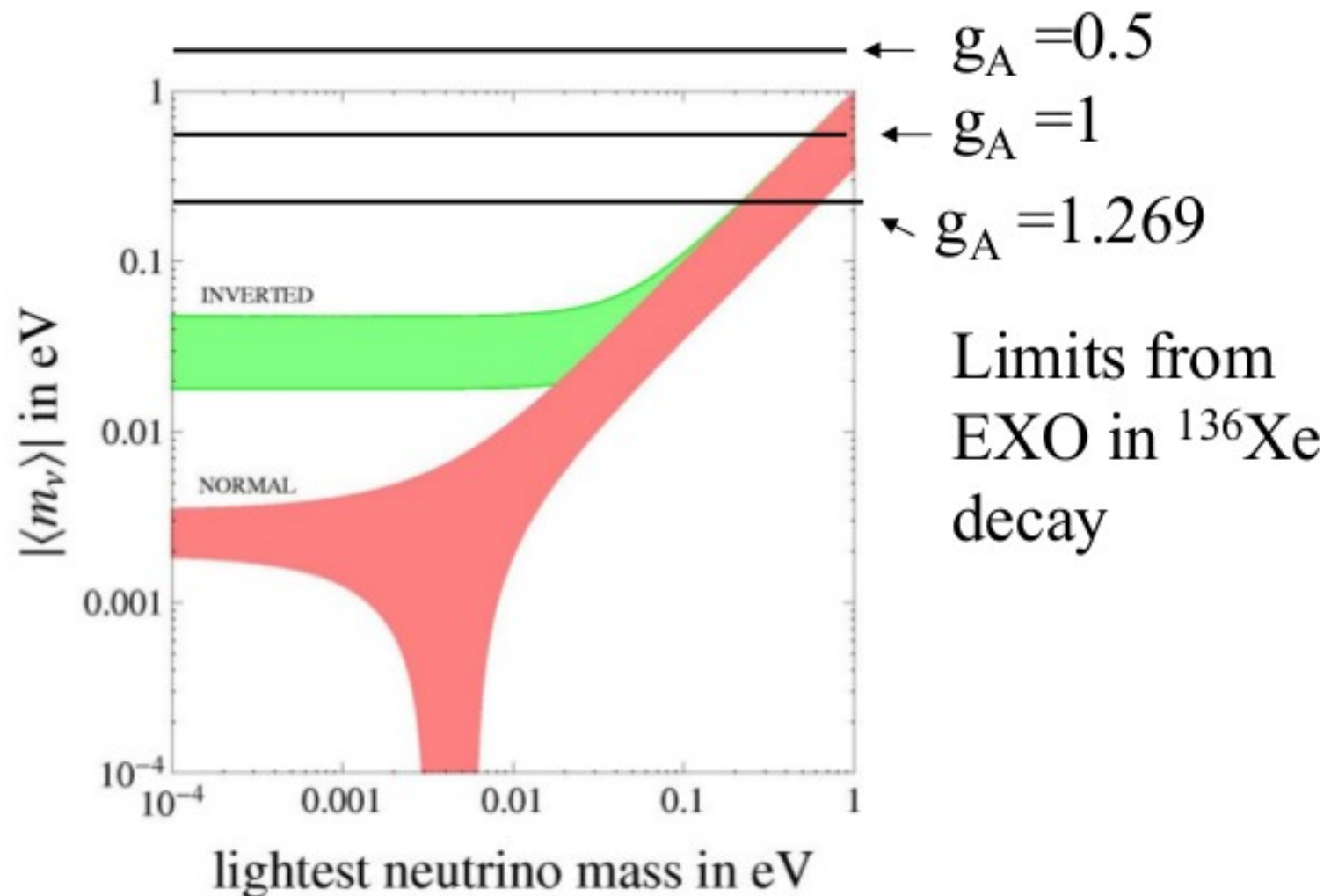
Present results



g_A renormalization in nuclei: well known from β and $\beta\beta$ decays.

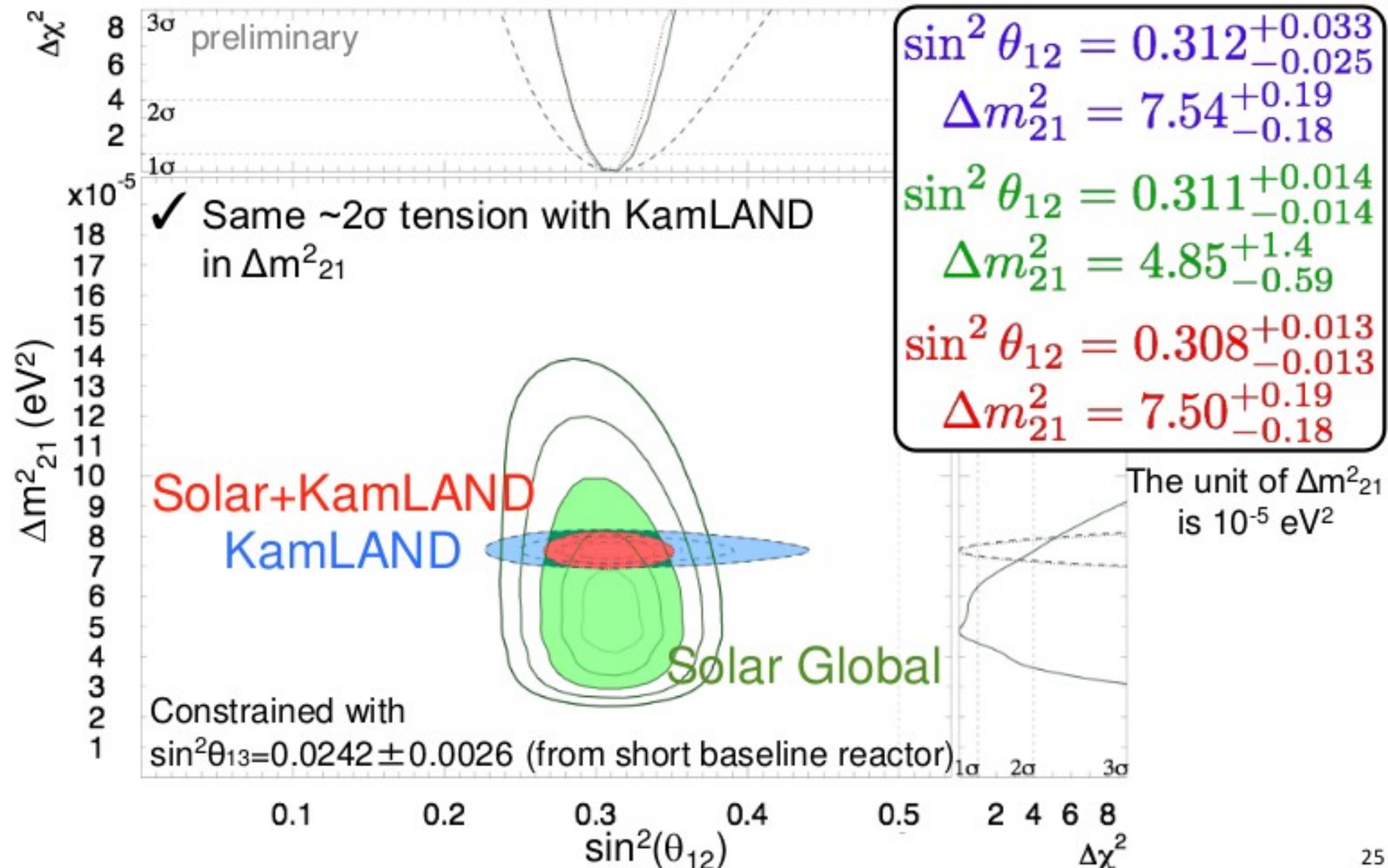
g_A in $\beta\beta$ without 2ν is expected to be similar to $\beta\beta$ with 2ν .

If g_A is renormalized to $\sim 0.8-0.5$, all estimates for half-lives should be increased by a factor of $\sim 6-34$ and limits on the average neutrino mass should be increased by a factor $\sim 2.5-6$, making it impossible to reach in the foreseeable future even the inverted region.

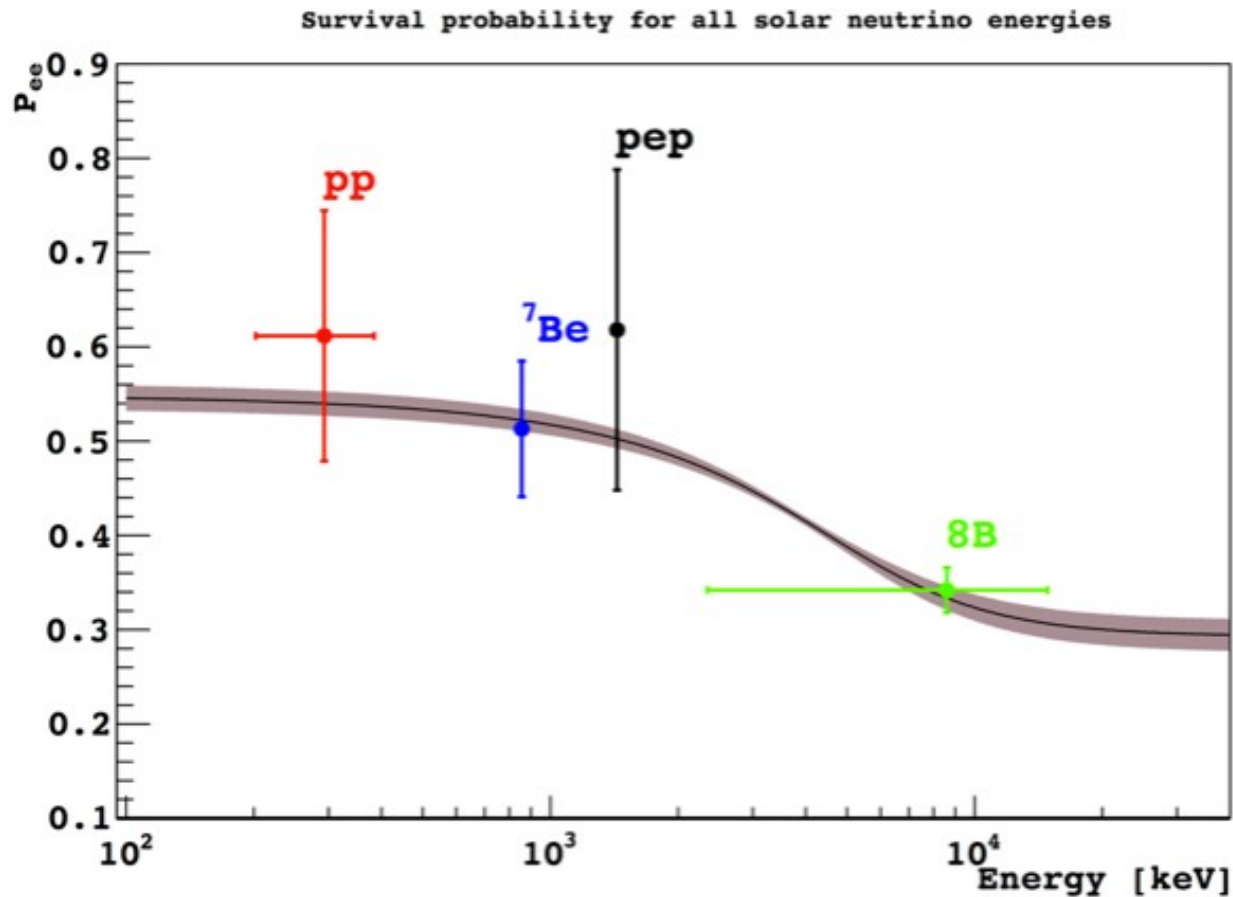


Neutrino mixing

θ_{12} and Δm^2_{21} from Solar Global vs. KamLAND



Interpretation: Survival probability measurement



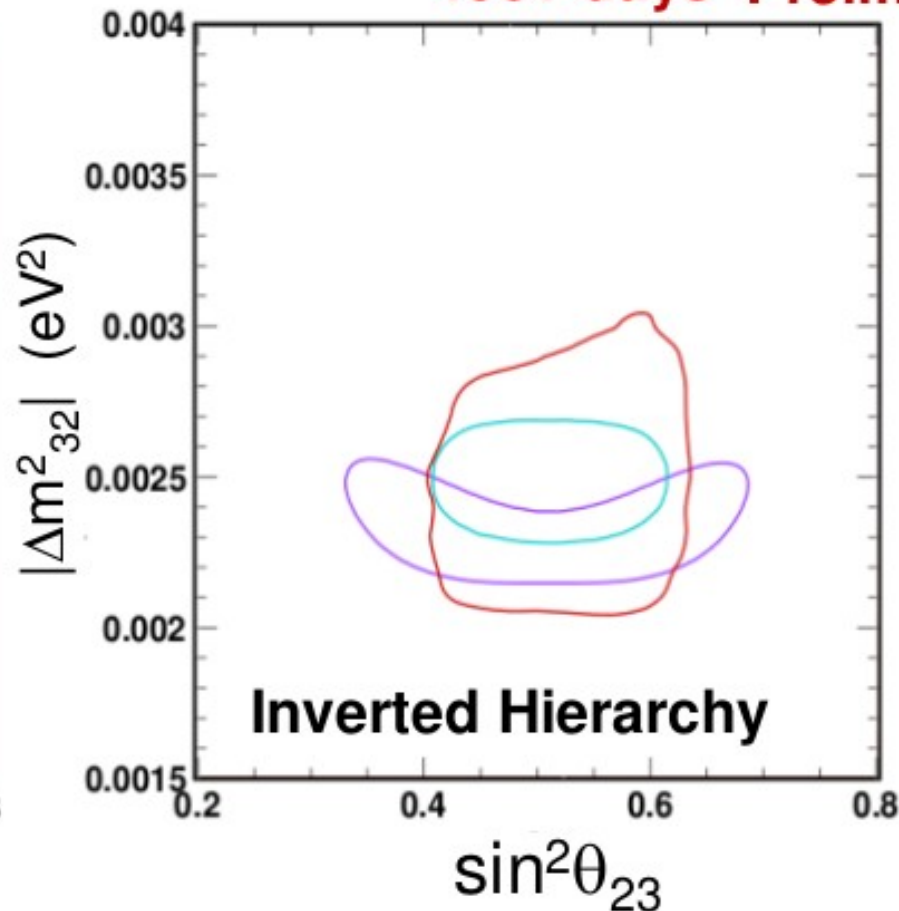
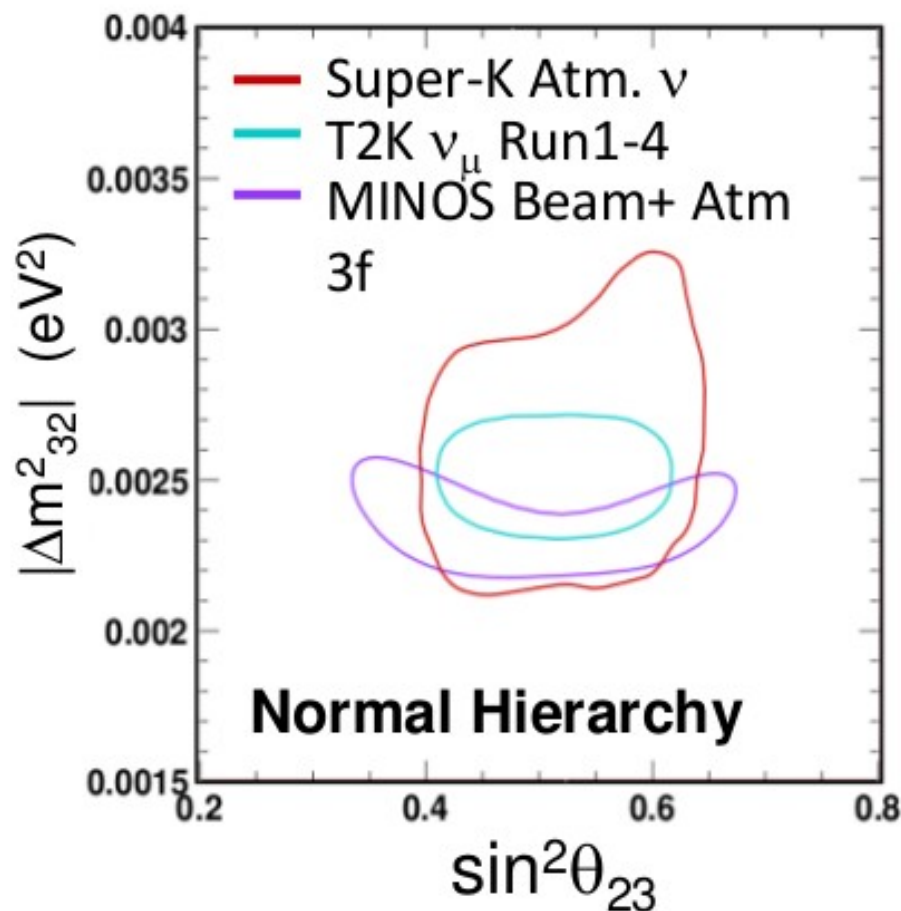
Borexino

$$P_{ee} = \begin{cases} 0.612 \pm 0.133 & \text{measured} \\ 0.543 \pm 0.013 & \text{expected} \end{cases}$$

Comparison with T2K and MINOS



4581 days Preliminary



- They are consistent to each other.
- SK's sensitivity in Mass Hierarchy and δ CP can be improved by incorporating constraints from these measurements.

ν_τ analysis results

Status of the analysis:

The presented results correspond

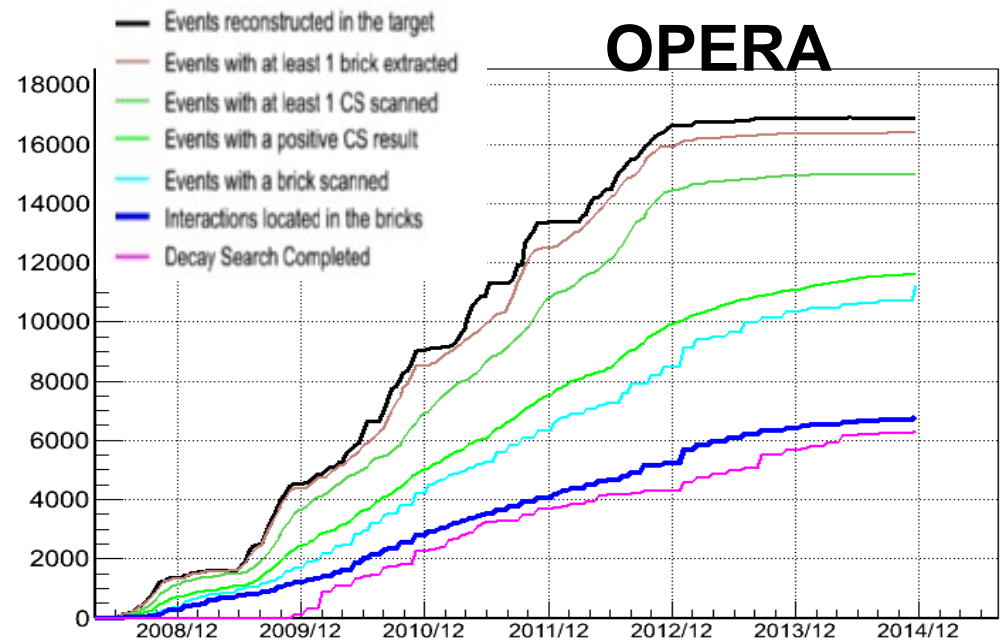
to about 70% of the total sample

2008-2009: 1st and 2nd brick completed

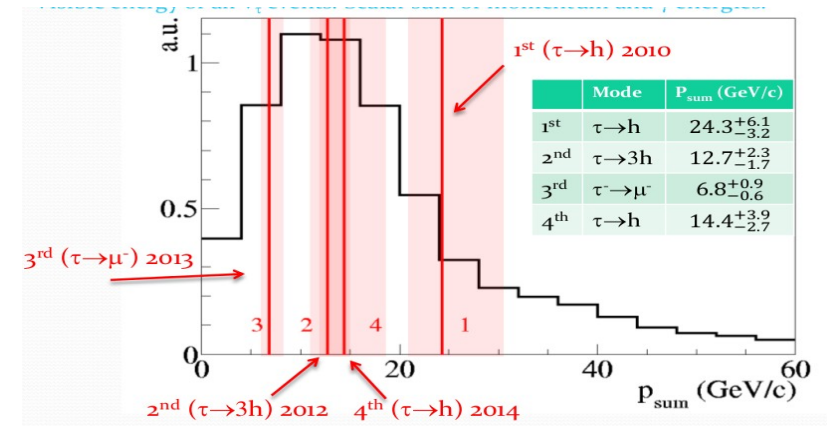
2010-2012: 1st brick completed

Analysis in progress.

Updates in summer conferences.



Decay channel	Expected signal $\Delta m_{23}^2 = 2.32 \text{ meV}^2$	Total background	Observed
$\tau \rightarrow h$	0.41 ± 0.08	0.033 ± 0.006	2
$\tau \rightarrow 3h$	0.57 ± 0.11	0.155 ± 0.030	1
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$	0.52 ± 0.10	0.018 ± 0.007	1
$\tau \rightarrow e$	0.62 ± 0.12	0.027 ± 0.005	0
Total	2.11 ± 0.42	0.233 ± 0.041	4

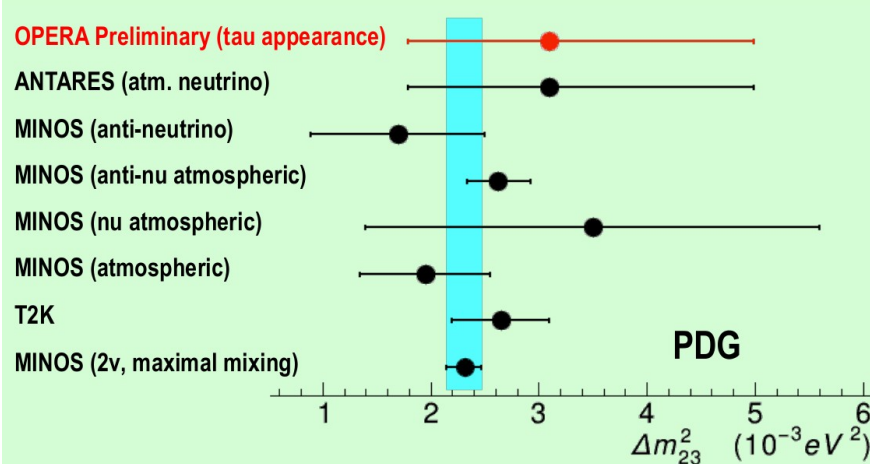


3 hadronic + 1 muonic candidates observed

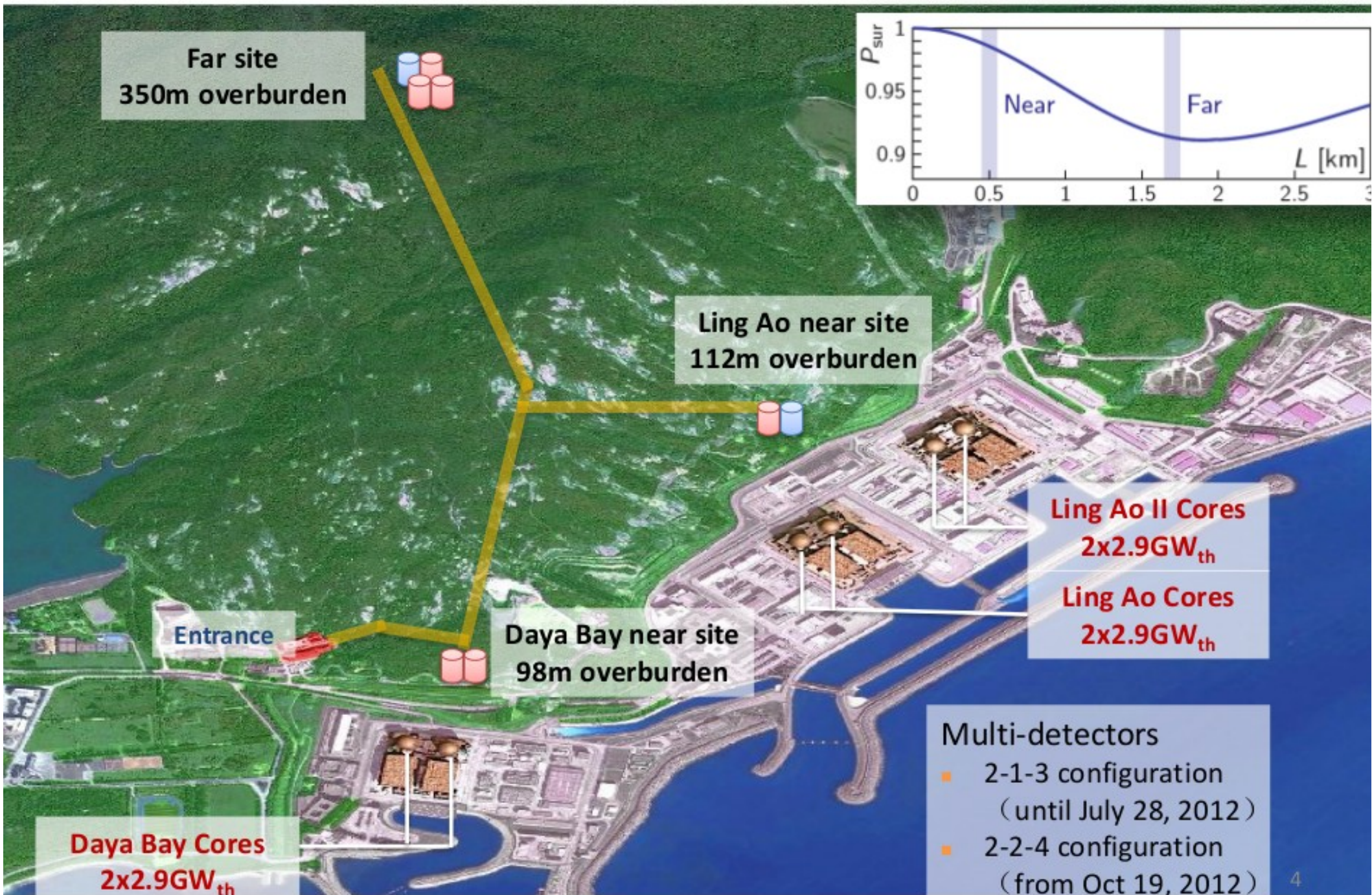
Exclusion of null hypothesis: 4.2σ

$$p\text{-value} = 1.03 \times 10^{-5}$$

- Fisher combination of single channel p-value
- Likelihood ratio

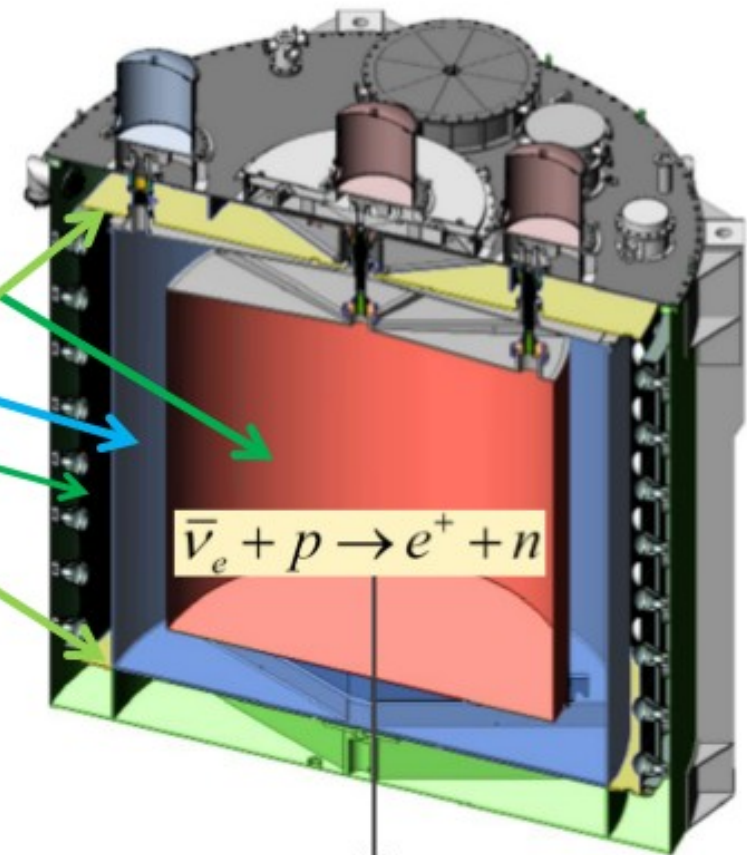


The Daya Bay experiment



Antineutrino detector

- Three zones structure:
 - Target: 20 t 0.1% Gd-loaded scintillator
 - γ -catcher: 20 t scintillator
 - Buffer shielding: mineral oil
- Top and bottom optical reflectors double the photon coverage.
- 192 8'' PMTs collect ~ 160 p.e./MeV



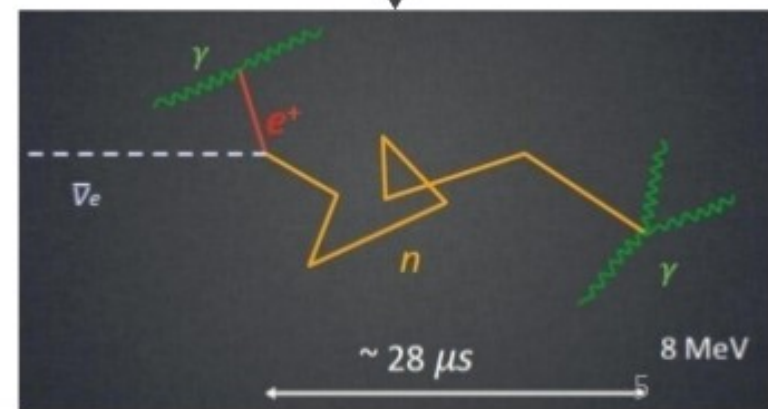
8 identically designed detectors to reduce systematic uncertainties

$$\frac{N_f}{N_n} = \left(\frac{N_{p,f}}{N_{p,n}} \right) \left(\frac{L_n}{L_f} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\epsilon_f}{\epsilon_n} \right) \left[\frac{P_{\text{sur}}(E, L_f)}{P_{\text{sur}}(E, L_n)} \right]$$

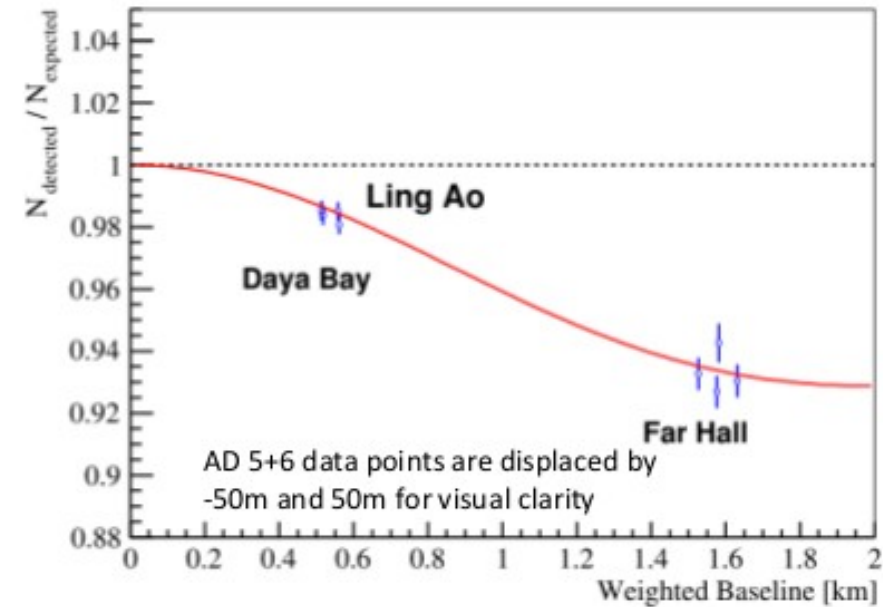
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Target mass

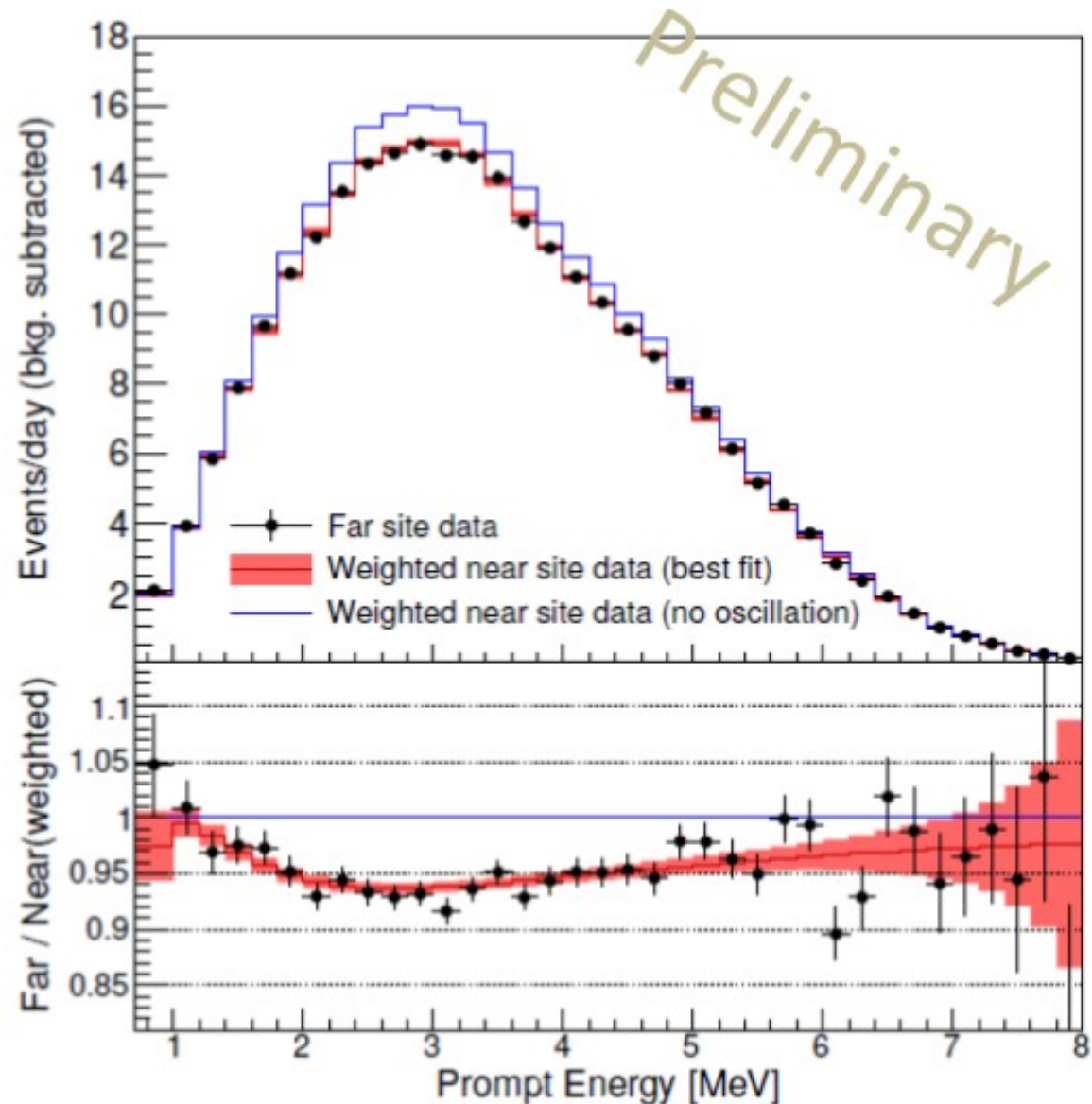
efficiency



Rate deficit and spectrum distortion



- Near/Far relative measurement
- Observed data highly consistent with oscillation interpretation



Oscillation results

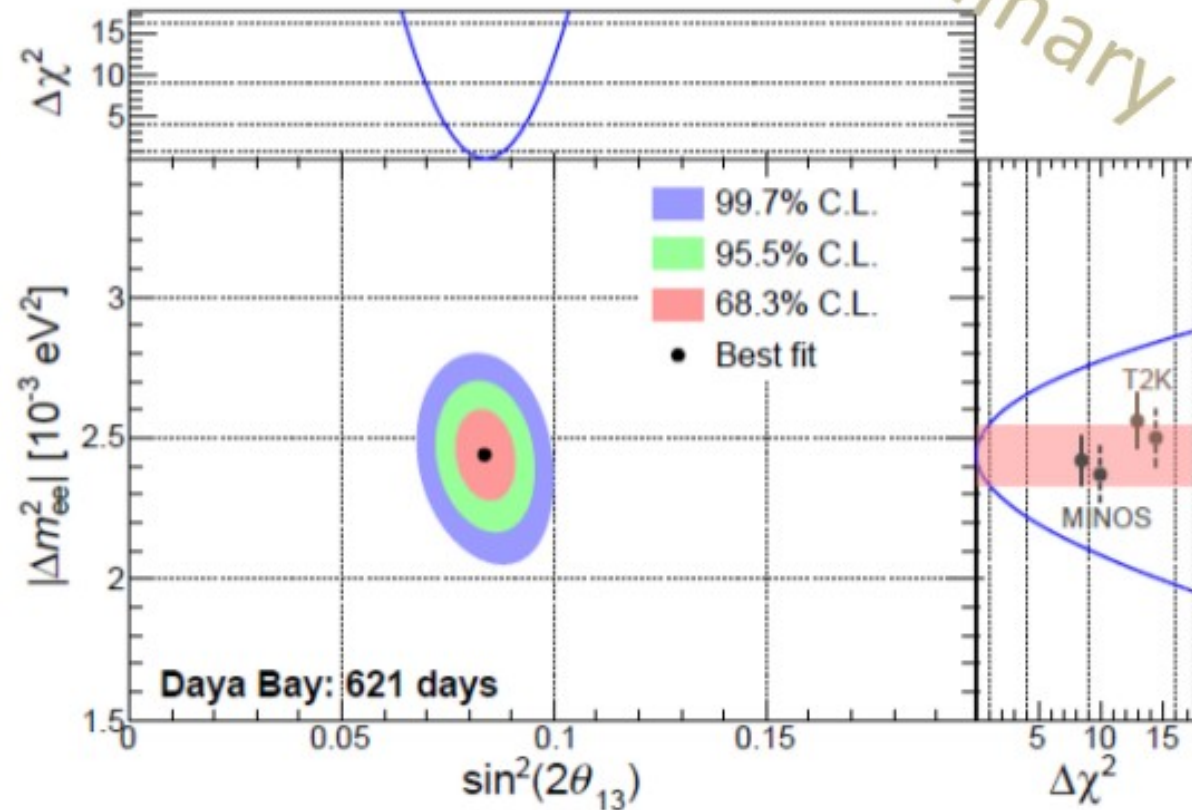
Preliminary

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.084^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$$

$$|\Delta m_{ee}^2| = 2.44^{+0.10}_{-0.11} \times 10^{-3} (eV^2)$$

$$\chi^2 / NDF = 134.7 / 146$$

- Most precise measurement of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ (6%)
- Most precise measurement of Δm_{ee}^2 in the electron neutrino disappearance channel (4%)
 - Consistent with the muon neutrino disappearance experiments
 - Comparable precision

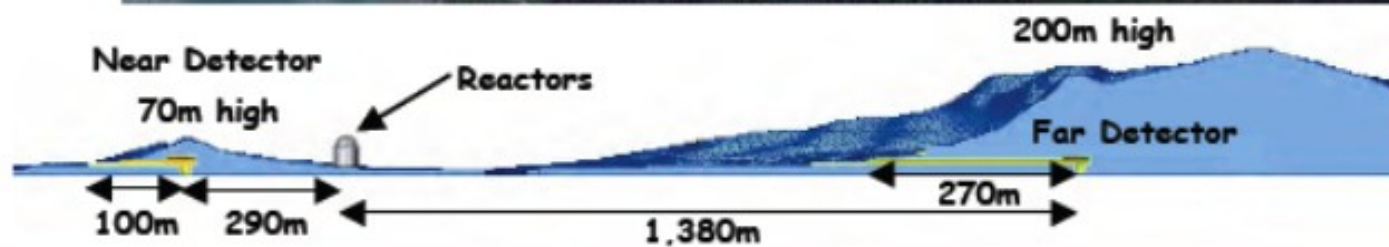
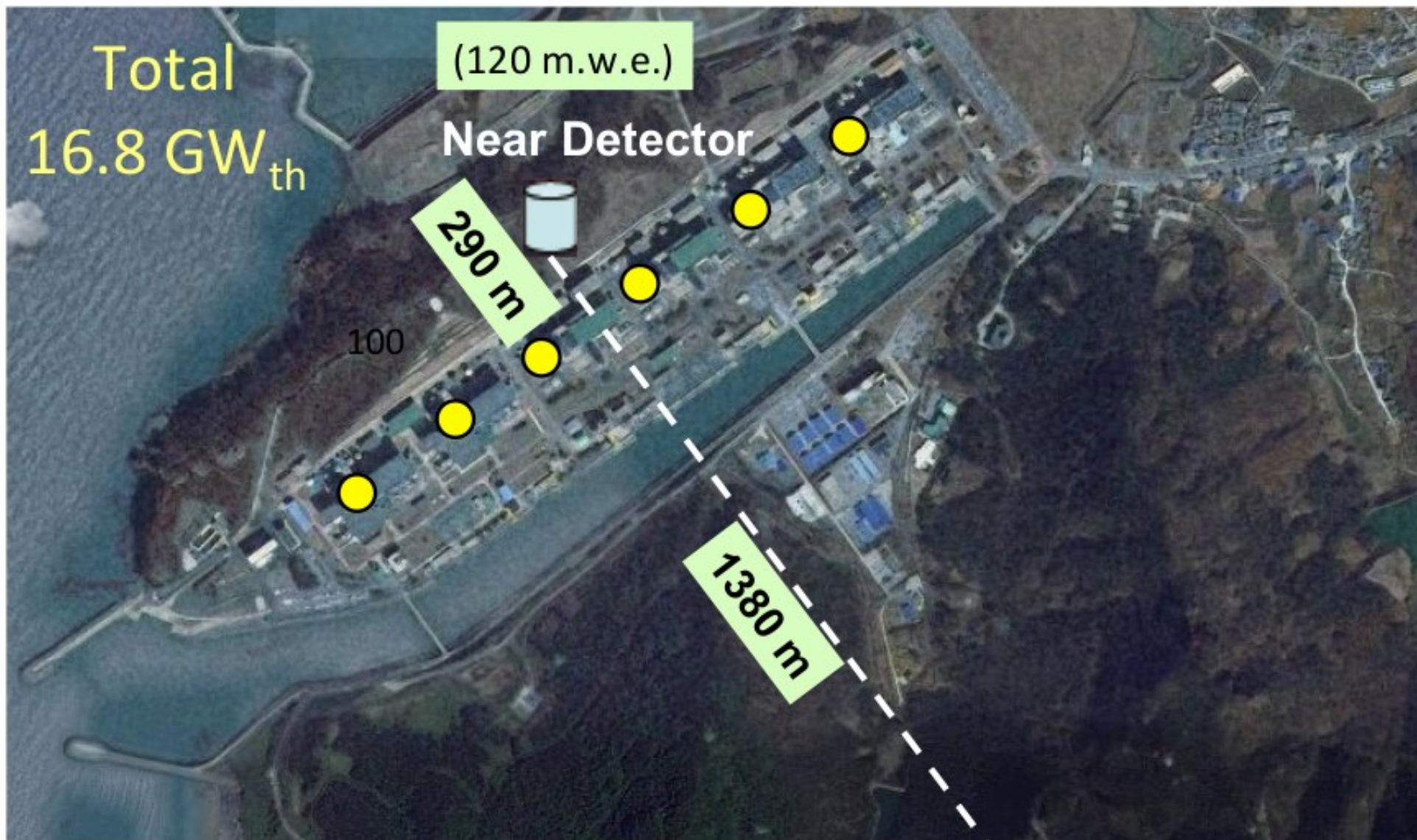


MINOS: PRL, **112**, 191801 (2014)

T2K: PRL, **112**, 181801 (2014)

Publication in preparation

RENO Experimental Setup

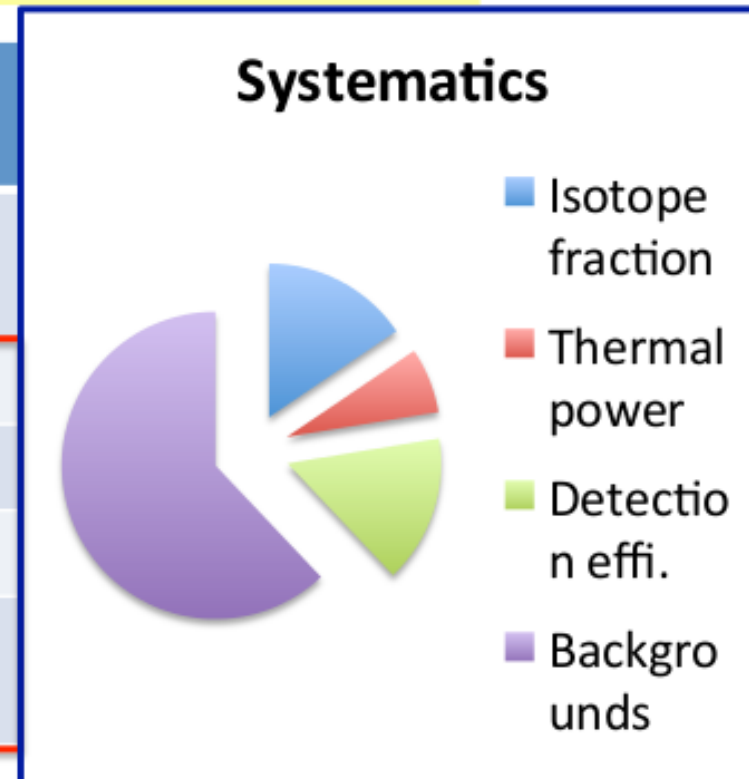


New θ_{13} Measurement by Rate-only Analysis

(Preliminary)

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.090 \pm 0.008(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.008(\text{syst.})$$

Uncertainties sources	Uncertainties (%)	Errors of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ Error (fraction)
Statistics (near) (far)	0.21 % 0.54 %	0.008
Isotope fraction	0.7 %	0.003 \rightarrow 15.6 %
Thermal power	0.5 %	0.002 \rightarrow 6.9 %
Detection efficiency	0.2 %	0.003 \rightarrow 15.6 %
Backgrounds (near) (far)	0.14 % 0.51 %	0.006 \rightarrow 62.3 %



$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} &= 0.113 \pm 0.023 \\ &\rightarrow 0.100 \pm 0.016 \\ &\rightarrow 0.101 \pm 0.013 \\ &\rightarrow 0.090 \pm 0.011 \end{aligned}$$

4.9 σ (Neutrino 2012)
 6.3 σ (TAUP/WIN 2013)
 7.8 σ (Neutrino 2014)
8.2 σ (Singapore 2015)

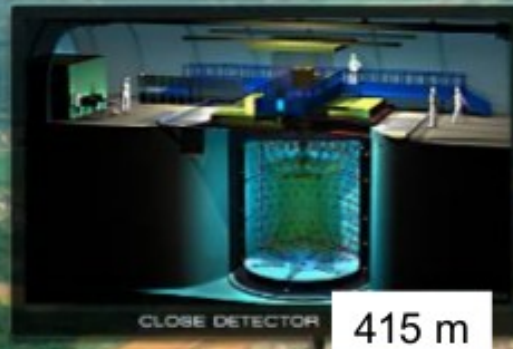


Double Chooz site

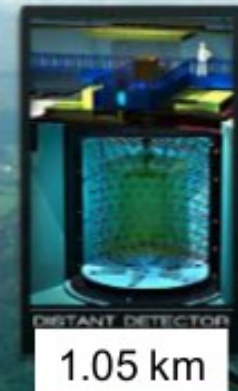
Running since 04/2011



Data taking 12/2014

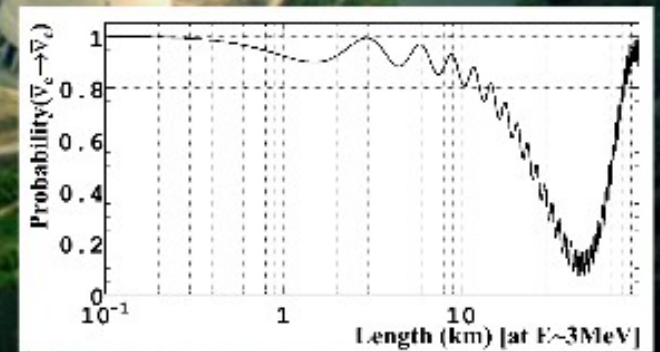


415 m



1.05 km

2 x 4.25 GW_{th}
≈ 10²¹ neutrinos/s





RRM results

	Free BG	off-off	BG constr.
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$	0.089 ± 0.052	0.060 ± 0.039	$0.090^{+0.034}_{-0.035}$
BG rate (ev/day)	1.56 ± 0.86	$0.093^{+0.43}_{-0.36}$	$1.56^{+0.18}_{-0.16}$

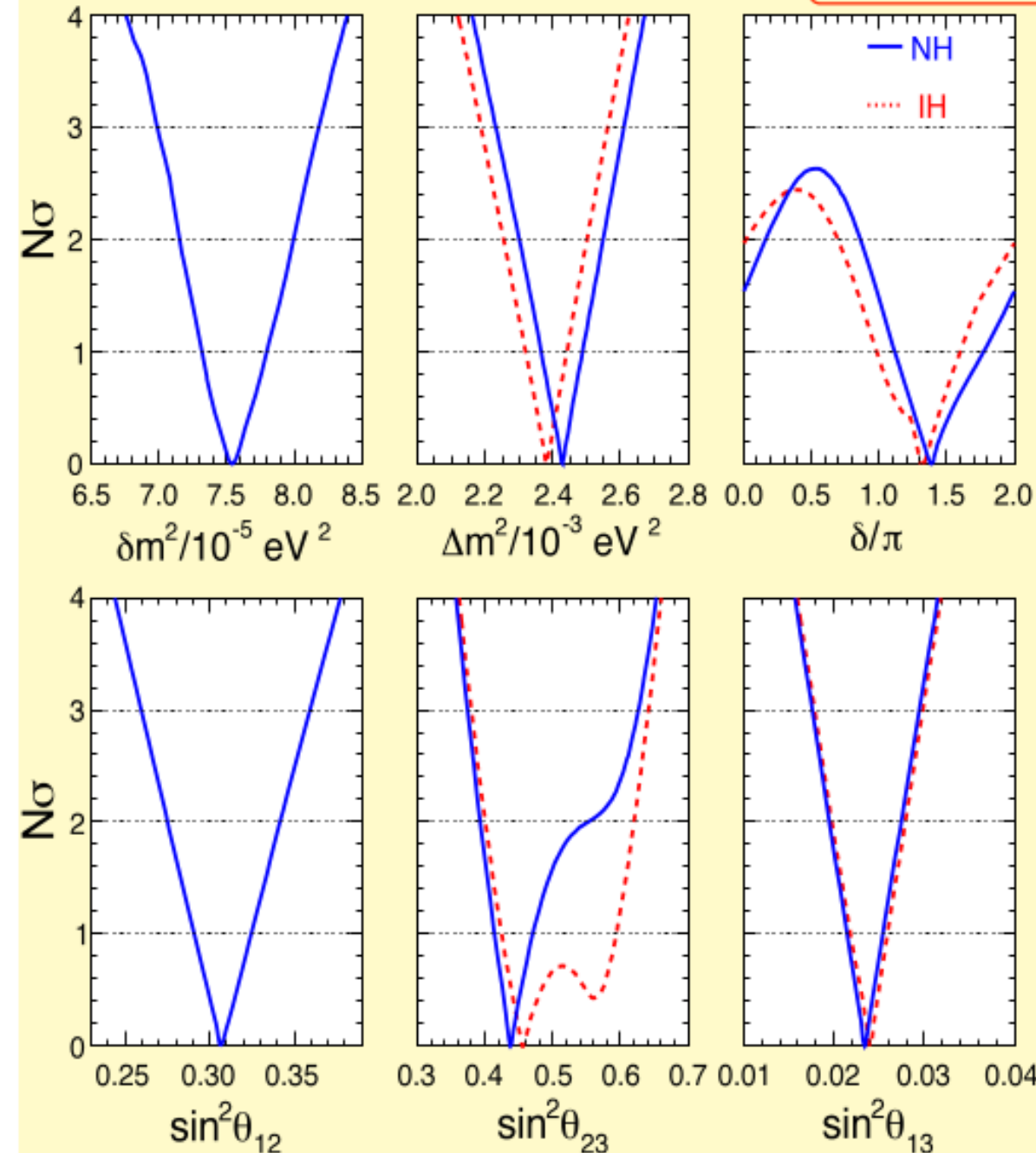
Comparison with rate + shape analysis:

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.090^{+0.032}_{-0.029}$$

$$BG(\text{ev / day}) = 1.64^{+0.41}_{-0.17}$$

- Oscillation parameters are extracted with their correlations from solar, atmospheric, accelerator and reactor neutrino data.
- Data set:
 - LBL Accelerators → K2K + T2K + MINOS
 - Solar → Homestake, Gallex/GNO, SAGE, SK, SNO, Borexino
 - KamLAND → KamLAND reactor data
 - SBL Reactors → Double Chooz + RENO + Daya Bay
 - SK Atm → Super-Kamiokande Atmospheric data
- In particular they include neutrino appearance and disappearance data published in 2013 and at the beginning of 2014 from **T2K** and **MINOS**, together with the data of **SBL reactors** presented at Neutrino '14 in Boston.
- Full 3ν probabilities included, no approximation.

LBL Acc + Solar + KL + SBL Reactors + SK Atm



- Some effects on the $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ dominant parameters ($\Delta m^2, \theta_{23}$)

- Preference for $\delta \sim 1.4 \pi$

- Preference for non-maximal θ_{23} and 1st octant in NH, much weaker in IH:
somewhat fragile

Parameter	$\delta m^2/10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$\Delta m^2/10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$
Best fit	7.54	0.307	0.014	0.42	2.36
1σ range	7.32 – 7.79	0.291 – 0.325	0.006 – 0.023	0.38 – 0.51	2.26 – 2.48
2σ range	7.14 – 7.99	0.275 – 0.342	< 0.033	0.36 – 0.59	2.17 – 2.57
3σ range	6.98 – 8.17	0.259 – 0.360	< 0.042	0.33 – 0.64	2.07 – 2.67

Fractional 1σ accuracy [defined as 1/6 of $\pm 3\sigma$ range]

δm^2	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	Δm^2
2.6%	5.4%	~ 0.008	$\sim 12\%$	4.2%

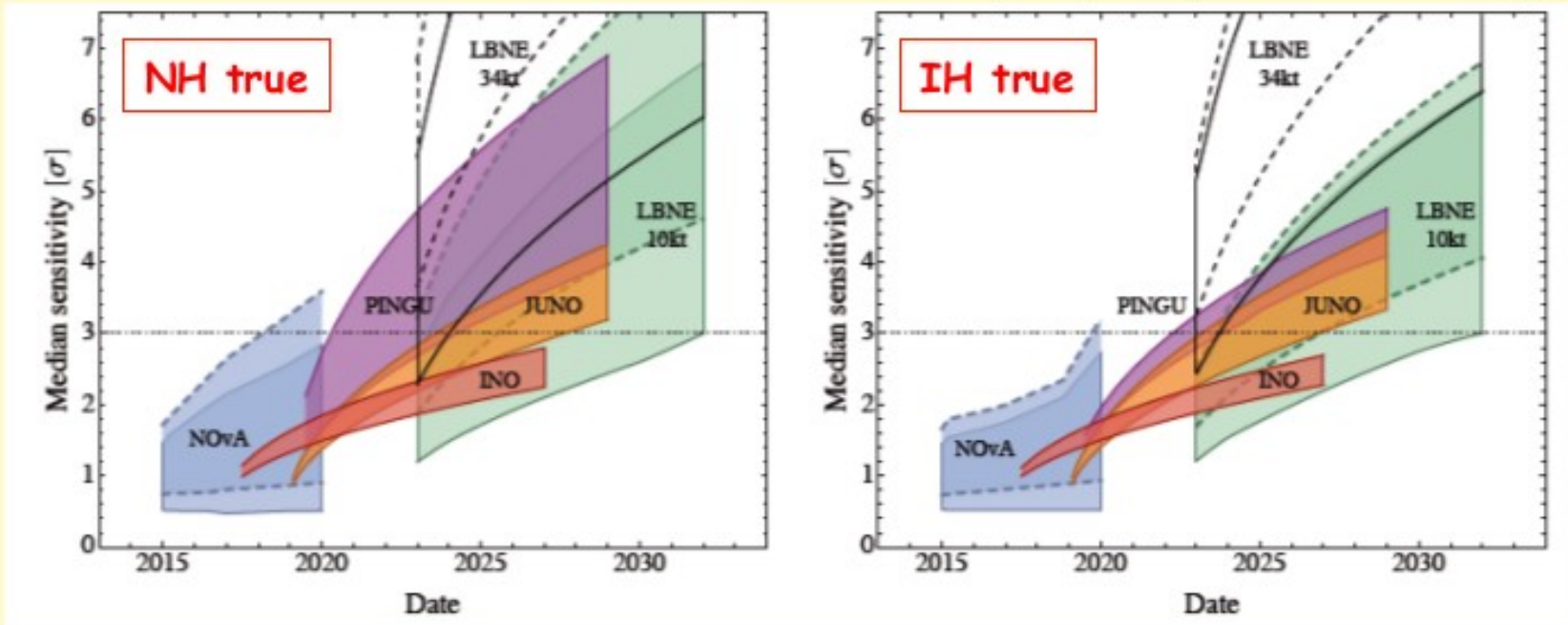
Moreover ...

- No significant **hierarchy** preference from the global fit [$\Delta\chi^2(\text{I-N}) = -0.3$]
- Weak preference for the **1st octant** (more fragile after T2K 2014 data).
- Intriguing hint of nonzero **CP violation**, with **$\sin\delta < 0$** ...

[Similar CP hint: Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Schwetz, Salvado 2013/14; SK, T2K official data analyses 2013/14]

We close with a recent detailed comparison of the **sensitivity** of each of the cited experiments, in terms of number of σ 's, plotted in terms of the time-scale.

M. Blennow, P. Coloma, P. Huber and T. Schwetz, JHEP 02 (2014) 028 [arXiv:1311.1822v2[hep-ph]]



Due to the dichotomous character of the neutrino mass ordering, the **sensitivity** is plotted on the left for **rejecting IH** if **NH** is true, and viceversa on the right.

The width of each band depends on the range of values of the parameters relevant in the estimates, in particular:

- δ_{CP} and the true θ_{23} for LBL accelerator experiments, NOvA and LBNE
- θ_{23} for atmospheric experiments, INO and PINGU
- **energy resolution** for MBL reactor experiment, specifically JUNO

ELBNF and LBNF

ELBNF: An Experimental Program in Neutrino Physics, Nucleon Decay, and Astroparticle Physics at the Fermilab Long Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF)

A merger of previous efforts and any other interested parties to build, operate, exploit

- a (staged) 40 kt LAr detector, at the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF), 1300 km from Fermilab
- a high granularity/high precision near detector
- exposed to a 1.2 MW, tunable, wide-band ν beam produced by the PIP-II upgrade at FNAL by 2024, evolving to a power of 2.4 MW by \sim 2030

Neutrino Spectra and Oscillation Probabilities

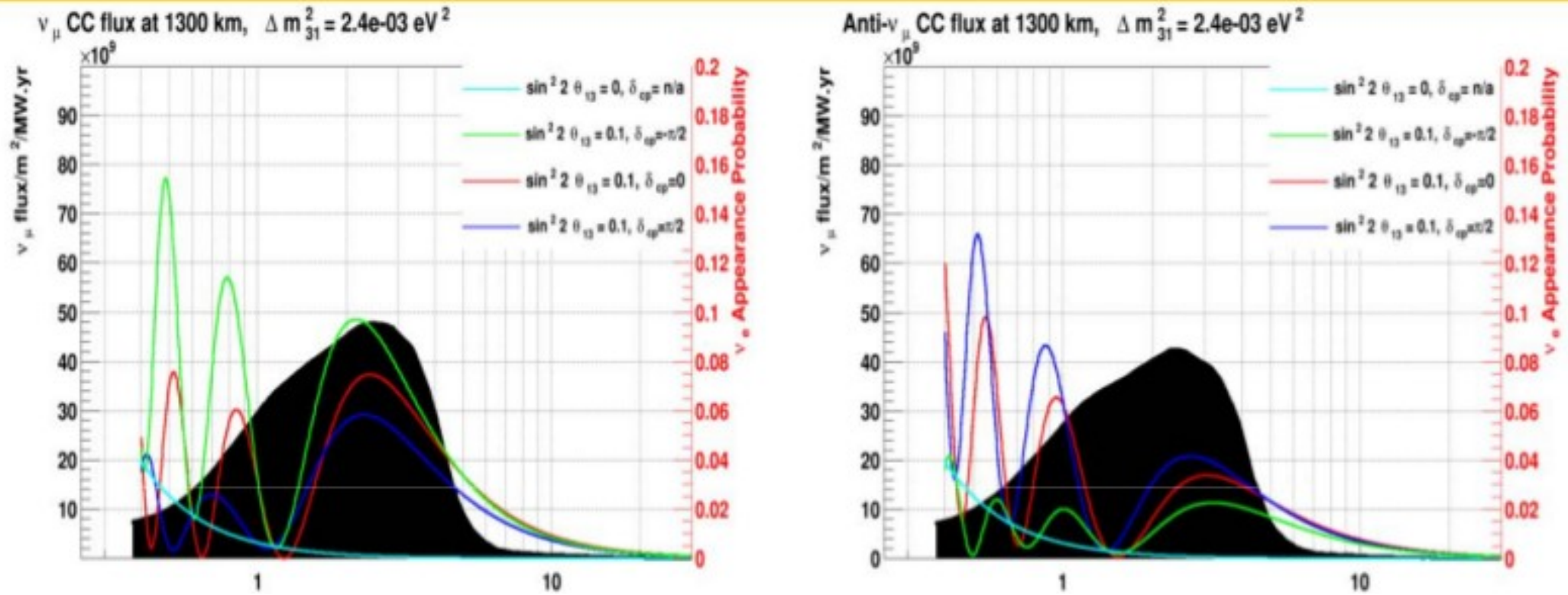


FIGURE 1: The colored curves represent $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$ at a baseline of 1300 km, as a function of neutrino energy, for $\delta_{CP} = \pi/2$ (blue), 0 (red), and $-\pi/2$ (green), for neutrinos (left) and antineutrinos (right), for normal hierarchy. The cyan curve indicates the oscillation probability if θ_{13} were equal to zero. The black solid histogram is the unoscillated ν_μ (left) and $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ (right) flux at 1300 km from an 80GeV MI beam using NuMI horns for focusing.

Expected Sensitivities to MH and CPV

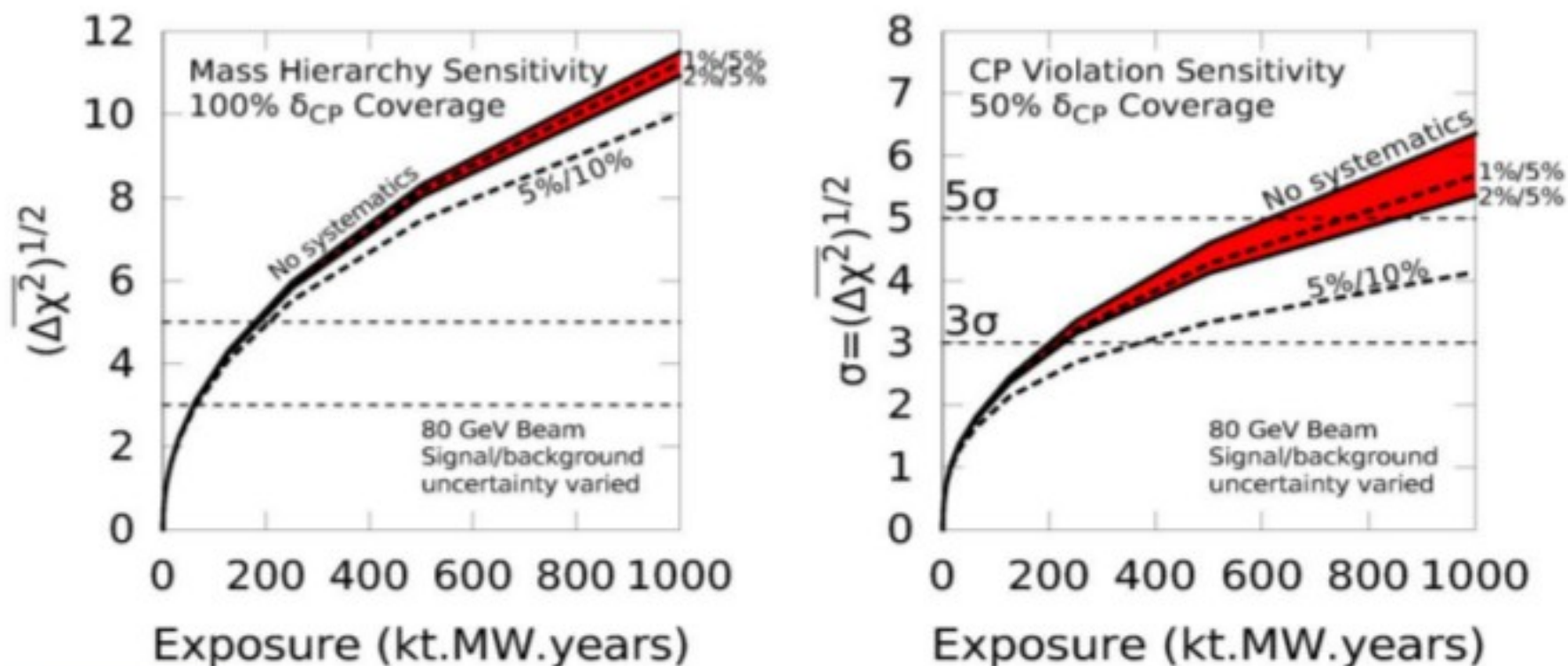


FIGURE 8: Expected sensitivity of ELBNF to determination of the neutrino mass hierarchy (left) and discovery of CP violation, i.e. $\delta_{CP} \neq 0$ or π , (right) as a function of exposure in kt-MW-years, assuming equal running in neutrino and antineutrino mode, for a range of values for the residual ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ signal and background normalization uncertainties. The sensitivities quoted are the minimum sensitivity for 100% of δ_{CP} values in the case of mass hierarchy and 50% of δ_{CP} values in the case of CP violation. Sensitivities are for true normal hierarchy; neutrino mass hierarchy is assumed to be unknown in the CPV fits.

Far Detector: Single- or Dual-Phase LAr TPC

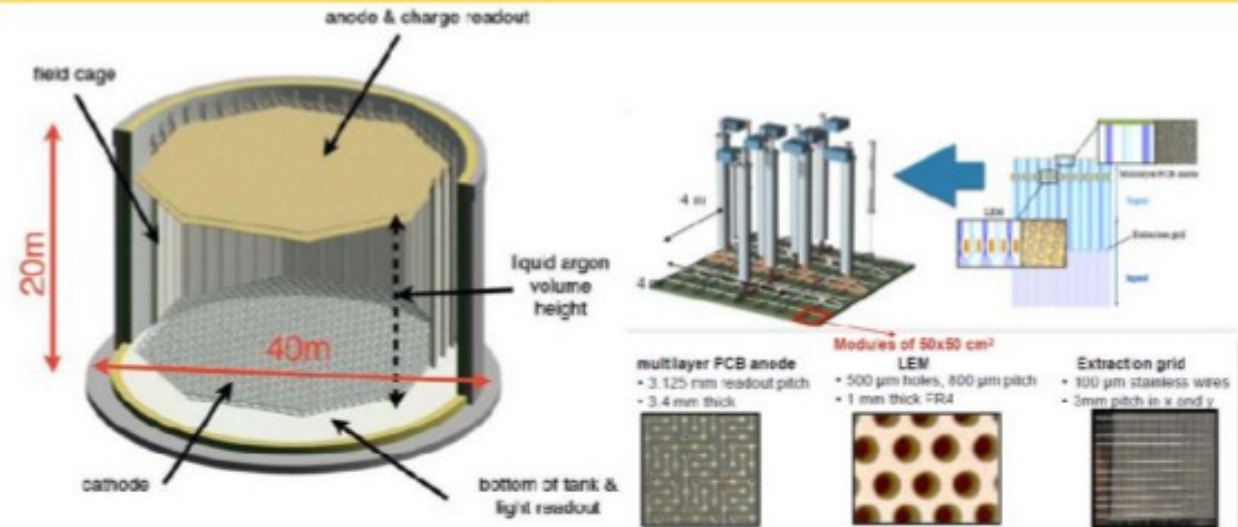


FIGURE 15. Schematic view (left) of the 20-kt double-phase LAr detector optimized for the Pyhäsalmi mine location. Engineering work is presently being performed to optimize the geometry to a SURF location (right) the basic 4x4 m² double-phase readout unit with their extraction, LEM amplifying stage, and anode layer. In total 65 such units of 4x4 m² will be needed for the 23.3-kt detector.

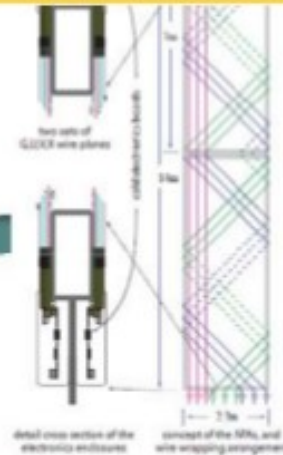
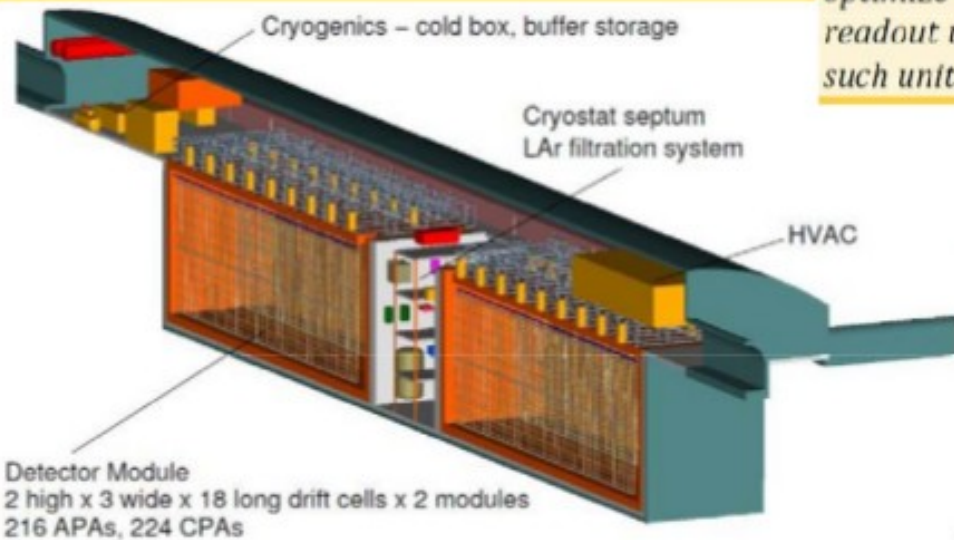


FIGURE 16. Schematic of a 34-kt fiducial mass LArTPC design (left). The detector comprises two 17-kt fiducial mass LArTPC detectors. The design of a pair of Anode Plane Assemblies is shown at right.

ELBNF LOI Signatures*

from 142 Institutions

UFABC	CTU	Liege	Punjab
Alabama	Dakota State	Liverpool	Rochester
Alfenas	Delhi	London UCL	Saclay
Aligarh Muslim	DESY	Los Alamos National Laboratory	SLAC
APC - Paris	Drexel	Louisiana State	STFC Rutherford Appleton
Argonne	Duke	Lucknow	Sheffield
ASCR	ETHZ	Manchester	Sofia
Atlantico	Feira de Santana	Maryland	South Carolina
Banaras	Fermilab	Max Planck MPP	South Dakota
Bartoszek Engineering	Goias	MIT	SD School of Mines & Technology
Bern	Gran Sasso	Michigan State	SURF
Bhabha	Guwahati	Milano	South Dakota State
Boston	Hamburg	Milano & INFN Bicocca	Southern Methodist
Brookhaven	Harish-Chandra	Minnesota	Stanford
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Caltech	IFC	Northern Illinois	Tubitak
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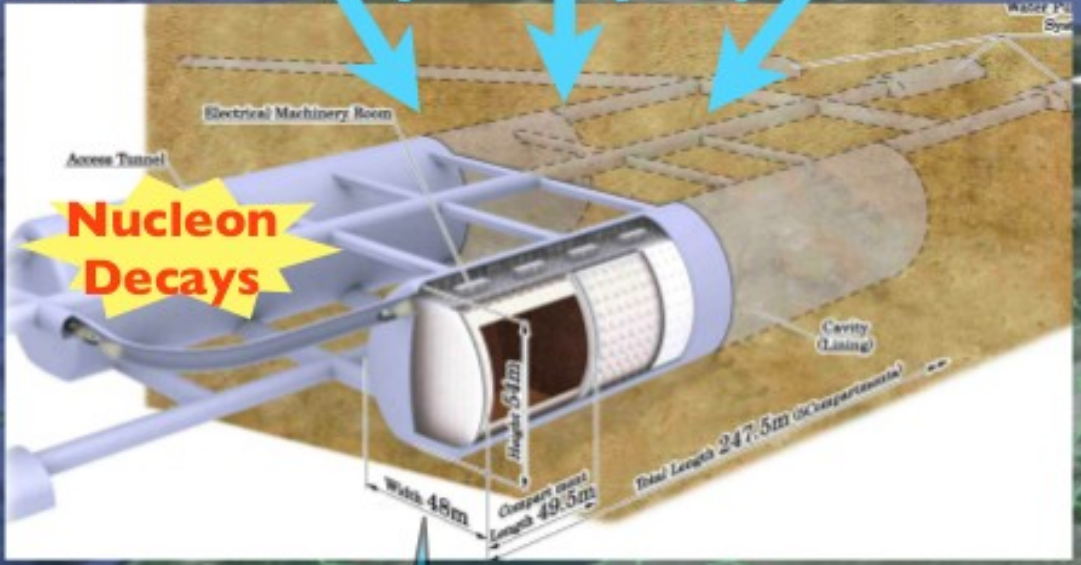
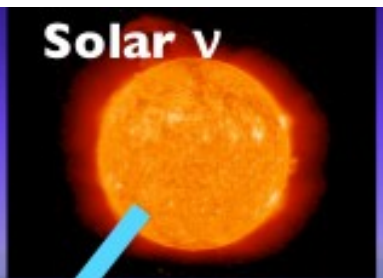
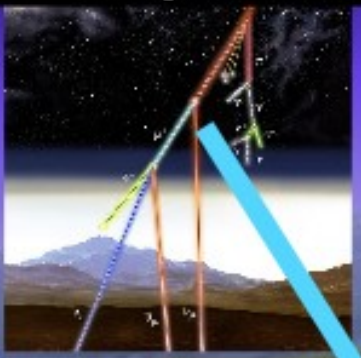
CERN ν Platform Initial Mandate

- Assist the various groups in their R&D phase (detectors and components) in the short and medium term and give coherence to a fragmented European Neutrino Community
- Provide to the ν community a test beam infrastructure (charged particles)
- Bring R&D at the level of technology demonstrators in view of major technical decisions
- Continue R&D on ν beam, as a possible base for further collaborations
- Support the short baseline activities (infrastructure & detectors)
- Support the long baseline activities (infrastructure & detectors)

Atmospheric ν

Supernova ν

Solar ν



Super-Kamiokande



Hyper-Kamiokande
25 x Super-K fiducial mass as neutrino target and proton decay source

J-PARC
High intensity neutrino and anti-neutrino beam



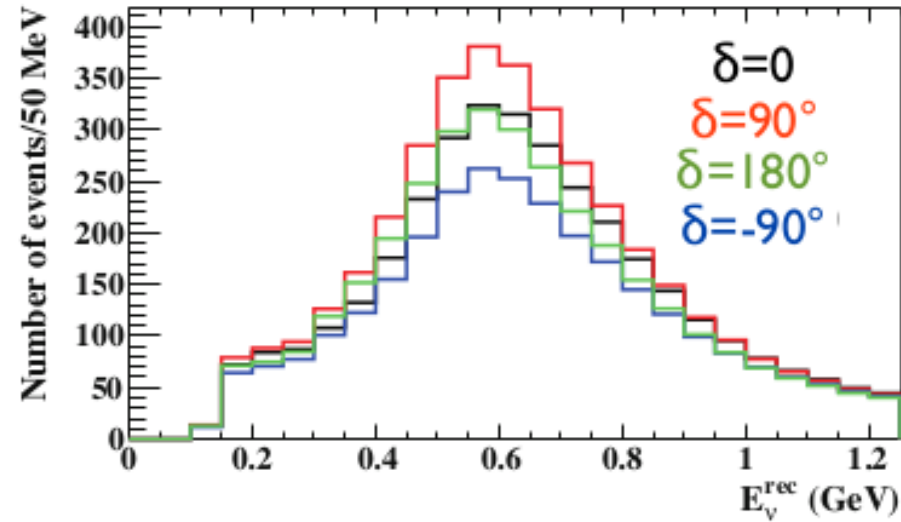
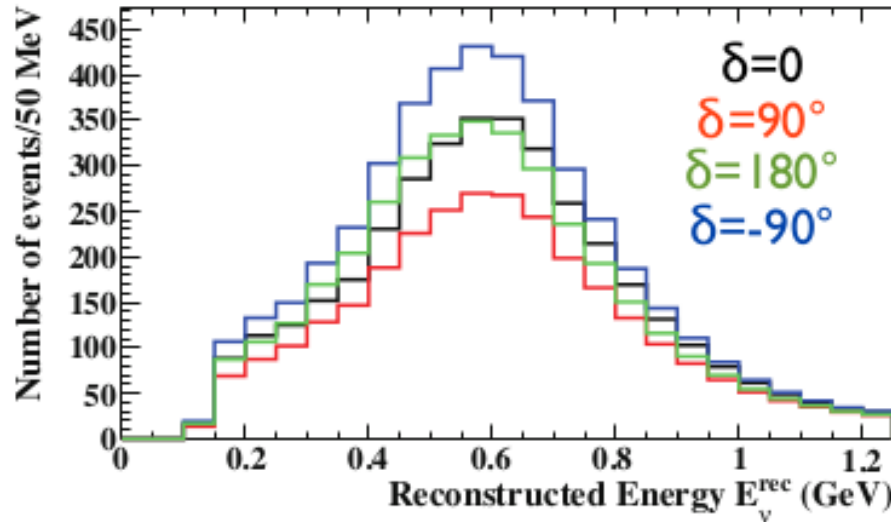
δ_{CP} dependence of observables

7.5MW $\times 10^7$ s (1.56×10^{22} POT)

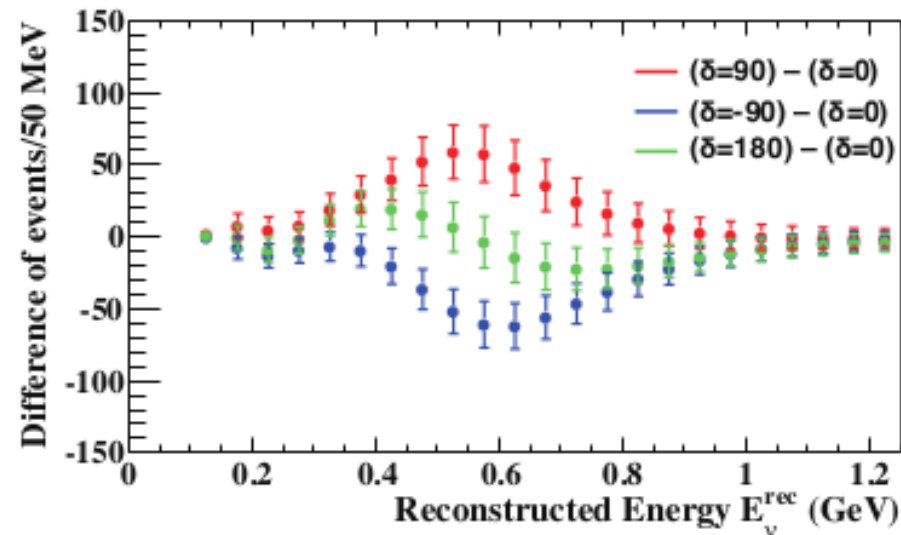
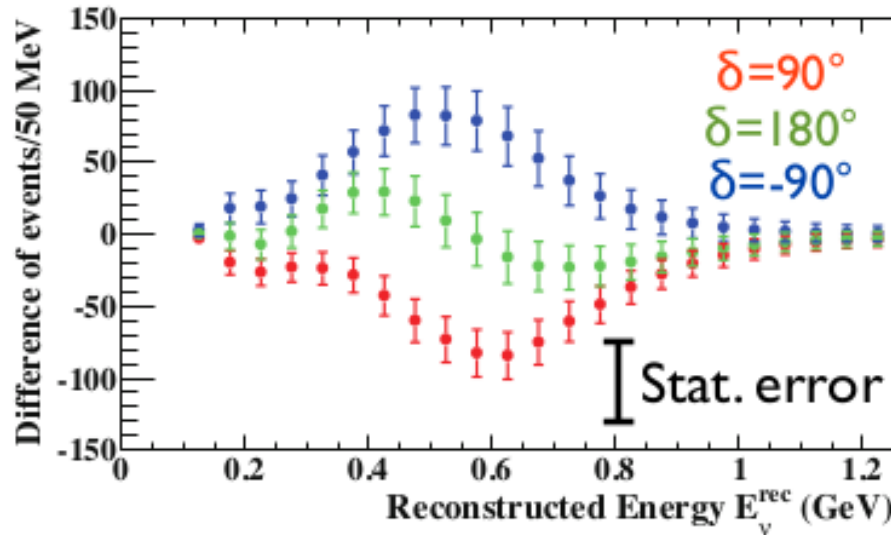
Neutrino mode: Appearance

Antineutrino mode: Appearance

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Difference from $\delta=0$



Sensitive to all values of δ with numbers + shape

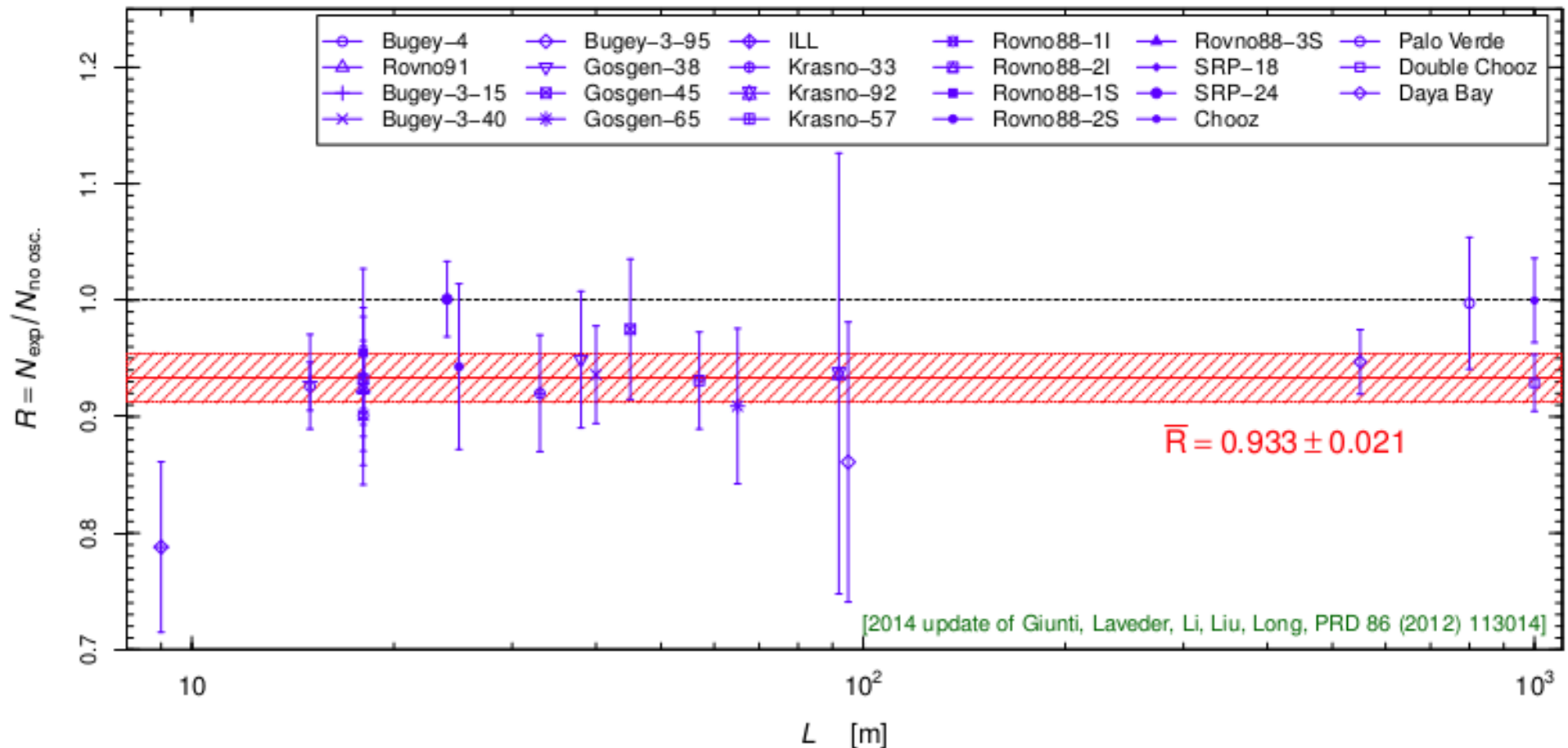
Sterile neutrinos

Reactor Electron Antineutrino Anomaly

[Mention et al, PRD 83 (2011) 073006; update in White Paper, arXiv:1204.5379]

New reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ fluxes

[Mueller et al, PRC 83 (2011) 054615; Huber, PRC 84 (2011) 024617]



$$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$$

$$L \sim 10 - 100 \text{ m}$$

$$E \sim 4 \text{ MeV}$$

Nominal $\approx 3.1\sigma$ deficit

$$\Delta m^2 \gtrsim 0.5 \text{ eV}^2$$

$$(\gg \Delta m_A^2 \gg \Delta m_S^2)$$

[see also: Sinev, arXiv:1103.2452; Ciuffoli, Evslin, Li, JHEP 12 (2012) 110; Zhang, Qian, Vogel, PRD 87 (2013) 073018; Kopp, Machado, Maltoni, Schwetz, JHEP 1305 (2013) 050; Ivanov et al, PRC 88 (2013) 055501]

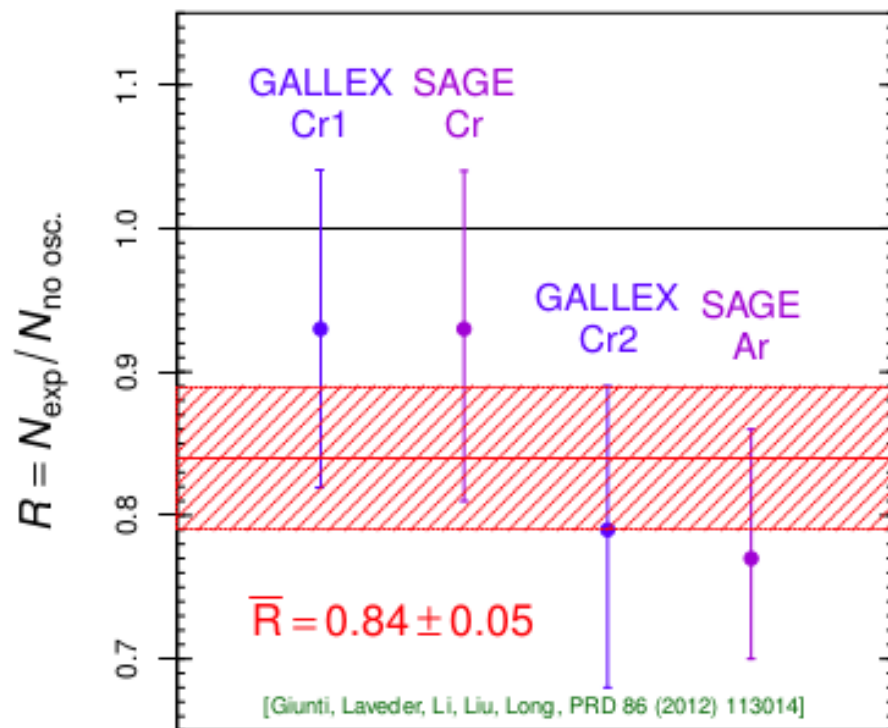
unknown $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux uncertainties: Daniel Dwyer talk

Gallium Anomaly

Gallium Radioactive Source Experiments: GALLEX and SAGE

Detection Process: $\nu_e + {}^{71}\text{Ga} \rightarrow {}^{71}\text{Ge} + e^-$

ν_e Sources: $e^- + {}^{51}\text{Cr} \rightarrow {}^{51}\text{V} + \nu_e$ $e^- + {}^{37}\text{Ar} \rightarrow {}^{37}\text{Cl} + \nu_e$



$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ $E \sim 0.7 \text{ MeV}$

$\langle L \rangle_{\text{GALLEX}} = 1.9 \text{ m}$

$\langle L \rangle_{\text{SAGE}} = 0.6 \text{ m}$

Nominal $\approx 2.9\sigma$ anomaly

$\Delta m^2 \gtrsim 1 \text{ eV}^2$ ($\gg \Delta m_A^2 \gg \Delta m_S^2$)

[SAGE, PRC 73 (2006) 045805; PRC 80 (2009) 015807]

[Laveder et al, Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl. 168 (2007) 344;
MPLA 22 (2007) 2499; PRD 78 (2008) 073009;
PRC 83 (2011) 065504]

[Mention et al, PRD 83 (2011) 073006]

▶ ${}^3\text{He} + {}^{71}\text{Ga} \rightarrow {}^{71}\text{Ge} + {}^3\text{H}$ cross section measurement [Frekers et al., PLB 706 (2011) 134]

▶ $E_{\text{th}}(\nu_e + {}^{71}\text{Ga} \rightarrow {}^{71}\text{Ge} + e^-) = 233.5 \pm 1.2 \text{ keV}$ [Frekers et al., PLB 722 (2013) 233]

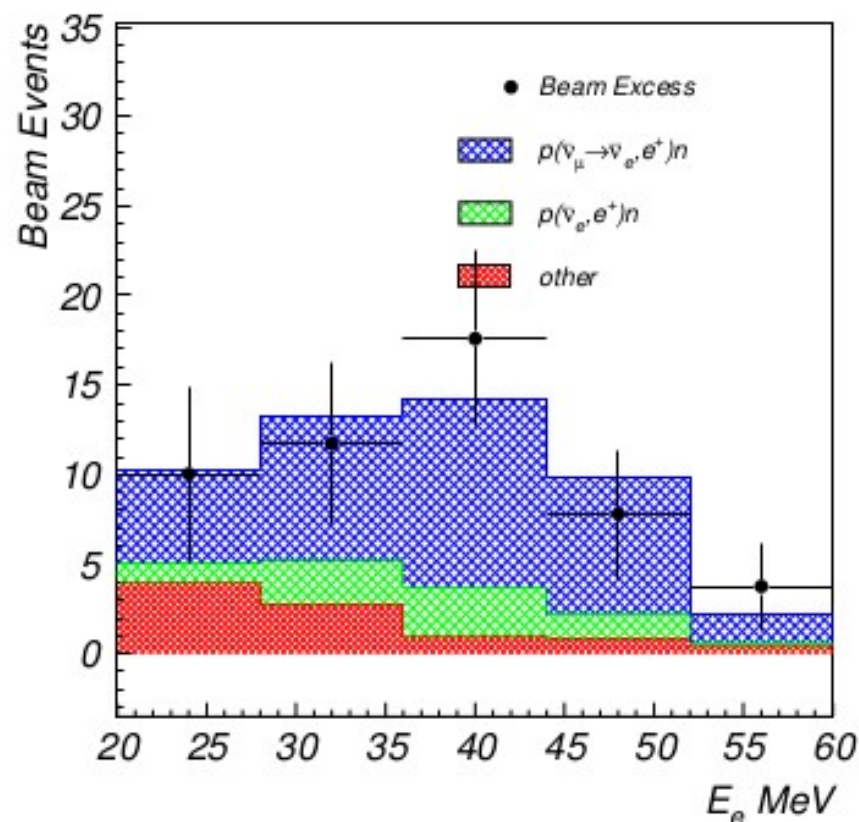
LSND

[PRL 75 (1995) 2650; PRC 54 (1996) 2685; PRL 77 (1996) 3082; PRD 64 (2001) 112007]

$$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$$

$$L \simeq 30 \text{ m}$$

$$20 \text{ MeV} \leq E \leq 60 \text{ MeV}$$



- ▶ Well known source of $\bar{\nu}_\mu$:

$$\mu^+ \text{ at rest} \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

- ▶ $\bar{\nu}_\mu \xrightarrow{L \simeq 30 \text{ m}} \bar{\nu}_e$

- ▶ Well known detection process of $\bar{\nu}_e$:

$$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$$

- ▶ But signal not seen by **KARMEN** with same method at $L \simeq 18 \text{ m}$

[PRD 65 (2002) 112001]

Nominal $\approx 3.8\sigma$ excess

$$\Delta m^2 \gtrsim 0.2 \text{ eV}^2 \quad (\gg \Delta m_A^2 \gg \Delta m_S^2)$$

MiniBooNE

$L \simeq 541 \text{ m}$

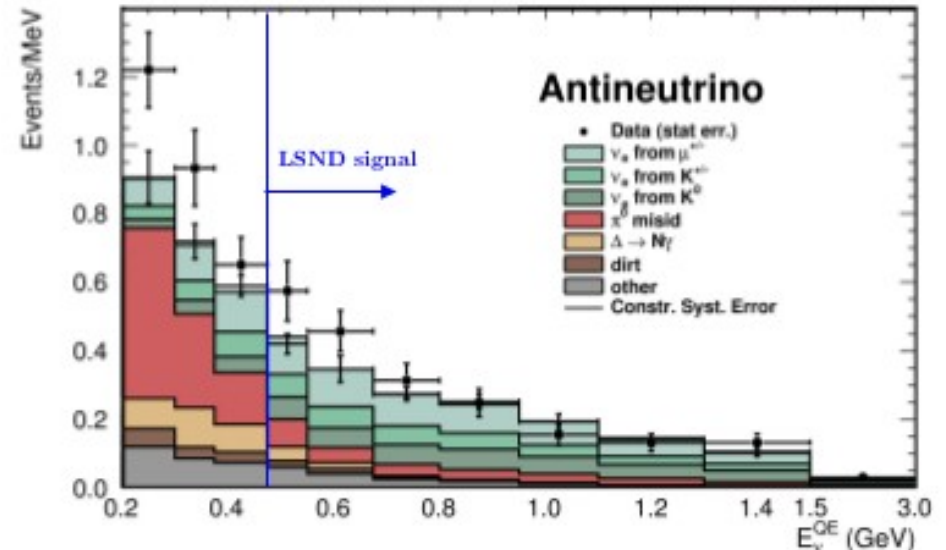
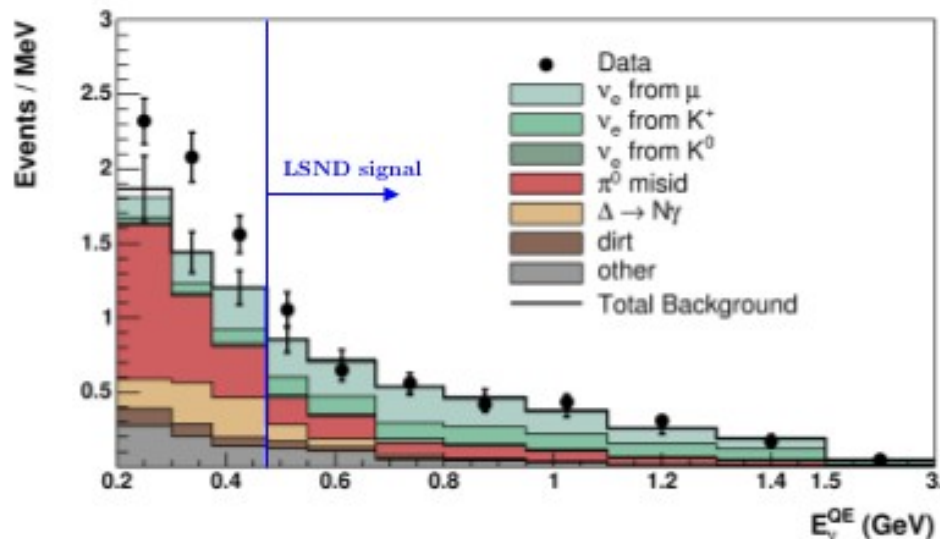
$200 \text{ MeV} \leq E \lesssim 3 \text{ GeV}$

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$

[PRL 102 (2009) 101802]

$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$

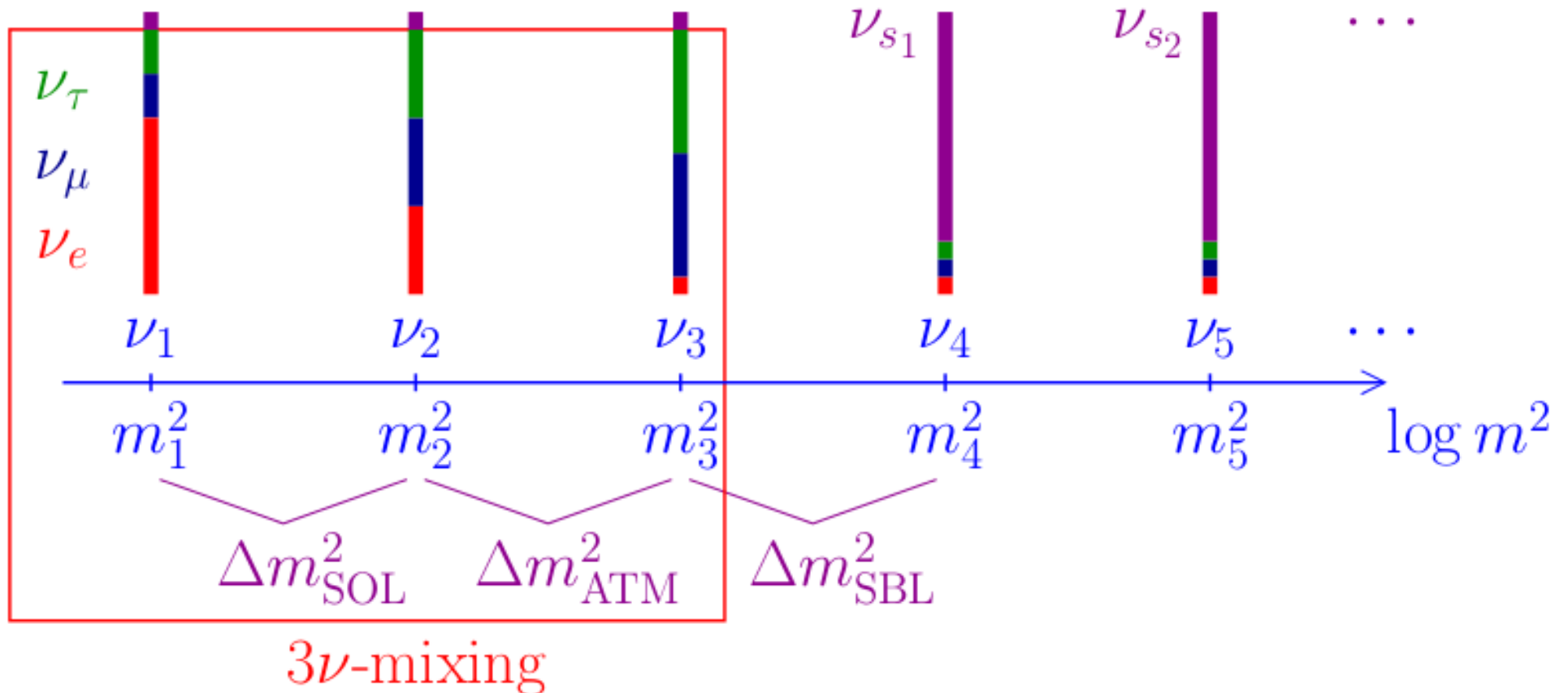
[PRL 110 (2013) 161801]



- ▶ Purpose: check LSND signal.
- ▶ Different L and E .
- ▶ Similar L/E (oscillations).
- ▶ No money, no Near Detector.

- ▶ LSND signal: $E > 475 \text{ MeV}$.
- ▶ Agreement with LSND signal?
- ▶ CP violation?
- ▶ Low-energy anomaly!

Beyond Three-Neutrino Mixing: Sterile Neutrinos



Terminology: a eV-scale sterile neutrino
means: a eV-scale massive neutrino which is mainly sterile


Effective SBL Oscillation Probabilities in 3+1 Schemes

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}^{\text{SBL}(-)} \simeq \sin^2 2\vartheta_{\alpha\beta} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E} \right) \quad \sin^2 2\vartheta_{\alpha\beta} = 4|U_{\alpha 4}|^2 |U_{\beta 4}|^2$$

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\alpha}^{\text{SBL}(-)} \simeq 1 - \sin^2 2\vartheta_{\alpha\alpha} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E} \right) \quad \sin^2 2\vartheta_{\alpha\alpha} = 4|U_{\alpha 4}|^2 (1 - |U_{\alpha 4}|^2)$$

Perturbation of 3 ν Mixing: $|U_{e4}|^2 \ll 1$, $|U_{\mu 4}|^2 \ll 1$, $|U_{\tau 4}|^2 \ll 1$, $|U_{s4}|^2 \simeq 1$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} & U_{e4} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} & U_{\mu 4} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} & U_{\tau 4} \\ U_{s1} & U_{s2} & U_{s3} & U_{s4} \end{pmatrix}$$



 SBL

- ▶ 6 mixing angles
- ▶ 3 Dirac CP phases
- ▶ 3 Majorana CP phases
- ▶ But CP violation is not observable in current SBL experiments!
- ▶ May be observable in future high-precision solar exp. sensitive to Δm_{21}^2 [Long, Li, Giunti, PRD 87, 113004 (2013) 113004] and accelerator exp. sensitive to Δm_{31}^2 [de Gouvea, Kelly, Kobach, arXiv:1412.1479]

3+1: Appearance vs Disappearance

- ▶ Amplitude of ν_e disappearance:

$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{ee} = 4|U_{e4}|^2 (1 - |U_{e4}|^2) \simeq 4|U_{e4}|^2$$

- ▶ Amplitude of ν_μ disappearance:

$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{\mu\mu} = 4|U_{\mu4}|^2 (1 - |U_{\mu4}|^2) \simeq 4|U_{\mu4}|^2$$

- ▶ Amplitude of $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ transitions:

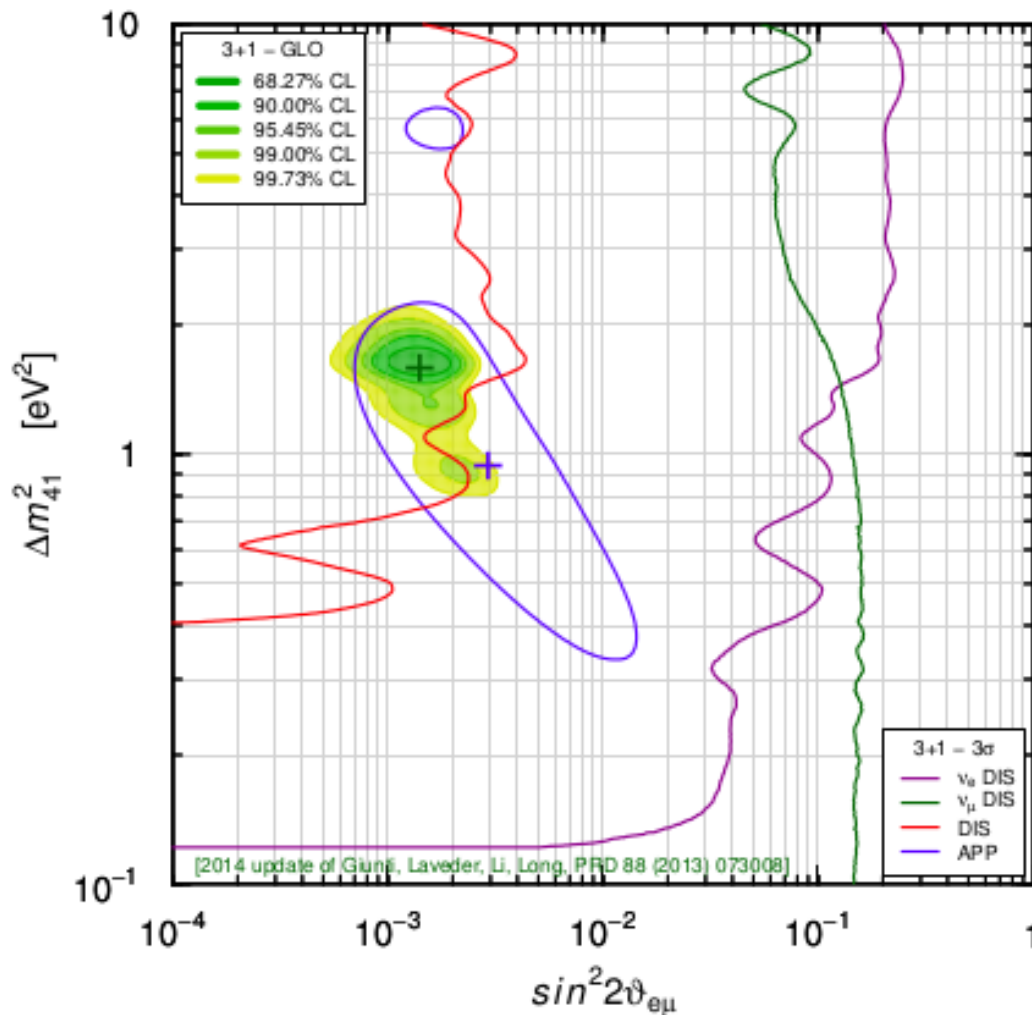
$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{e\mu} = 4|U_{e4}|^2 |U_{\mu4}|^2 \simeq \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\vartheta_{ee} \sin^2 2\vartheta_{\mu\mu}$$

- ▶ Upper bounds on ν_e and ν_μ disappearance \Rightarrow strong limit on $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$

[Okada, Yasuda, IJMPA 12 (1997) 3669; Bilenky, Giunti, Grimus, EPJC 1 (1998) 247]

- ▶ Similar constraint in 3+2, 3+3, ..., 3+ N_s !

Pragmatic 3+1 Fit

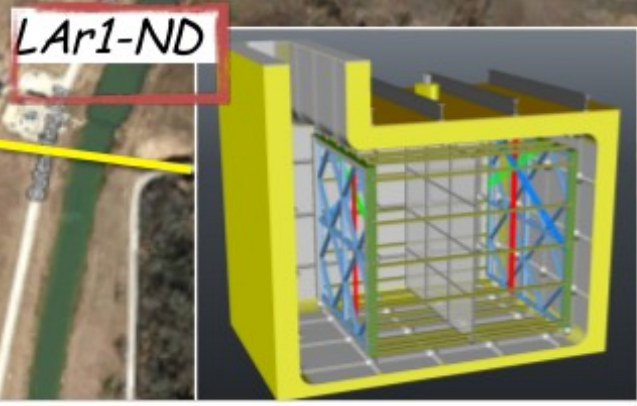
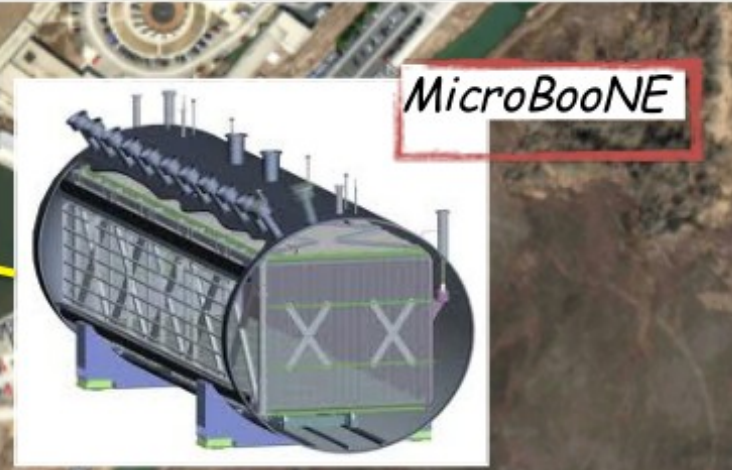


MiniBooNE $E > 475$ MeV
 GoF = 26% PGoF = 7%

- ▶ APP $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ & $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$:
 LSND (ν_s), MiniBooNE (?),
 OPERA (~~ν_s~~), ICARUS (~~ν_s~~),
 KARMEN (~~ν_s~~),
 NOMAD (~~ν_s~~), BNL-E776 (~~ν_s~~)
- ▶ DIS ν_e & $\bar{\nu}_e$: Reactors (ν_s),
 Gallium (ν_s), $\nu_e C$ (~~ν_s~~),
 Solar (~~ν_s~~)
- ▶ DIS ν_μ & $\bar{\nu}_\mu$: CDHSW (~~ν_s~~),
 MINOS (~~ν_s~~),
 Atmospheric (~~ν_s~~),
 MiniBooNE/SciBooNE (~~ν_s~~)

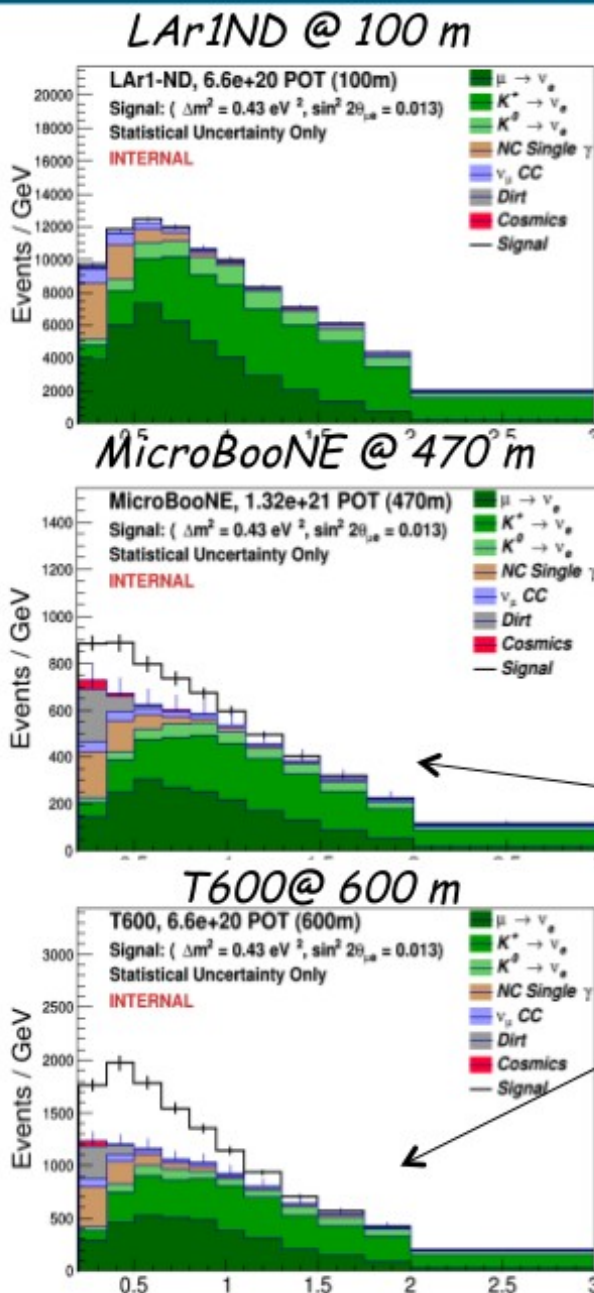
No Osc. nominally disfavored
 at $\approx 6.3\sigma$
 $\Delta\chi^2/\text{NDF} = 47.7/3$

SBN@BNB

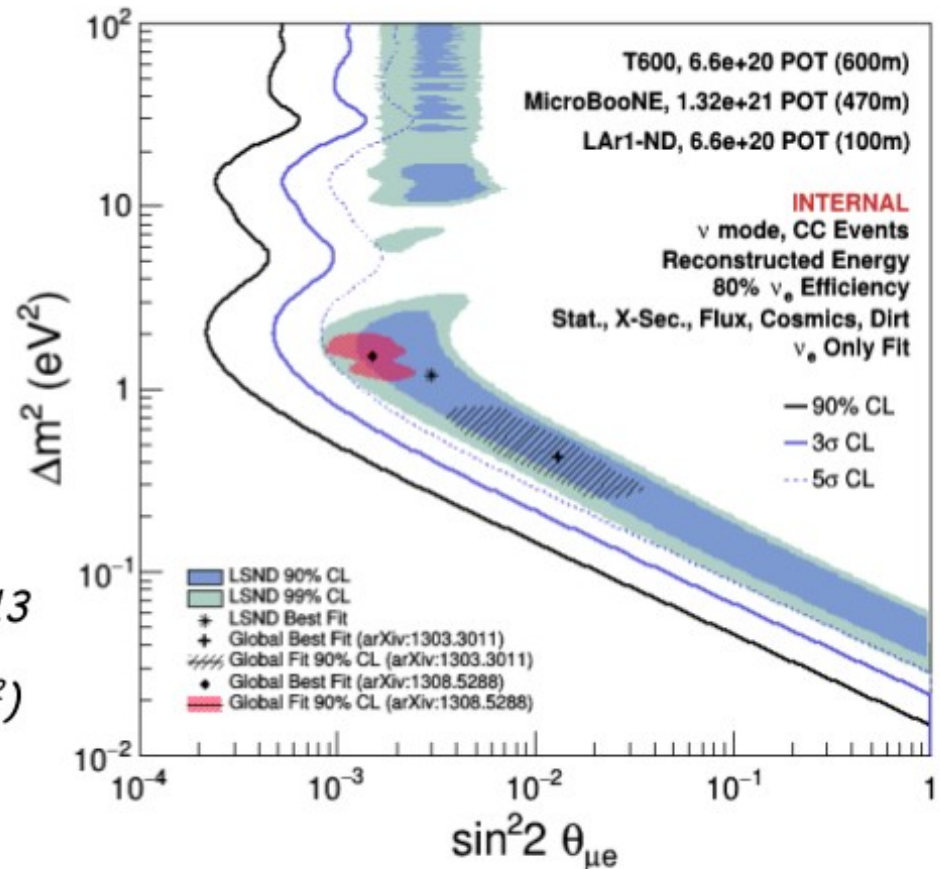


$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance sensitivity

- Expected exposure sensitivity of $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ oscillations for 3 years - $6.6 \cdot 10^{20}$ pot BNB positive focusing (6 years for MicroBooNE).



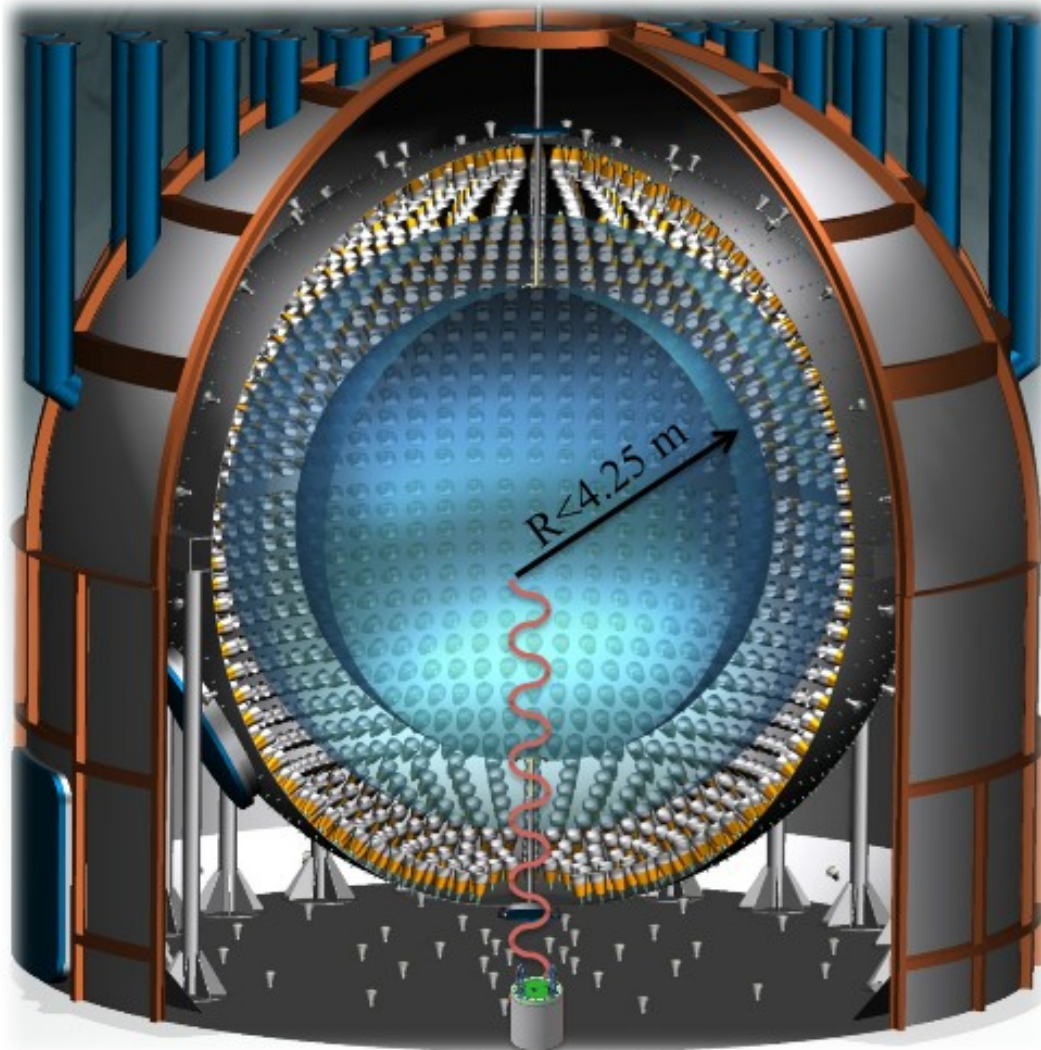
Example for
 $(\sin^2(2\theta) = 0.013$
 $\Delta m^2 = 0.43 \text{ eV}^2)$



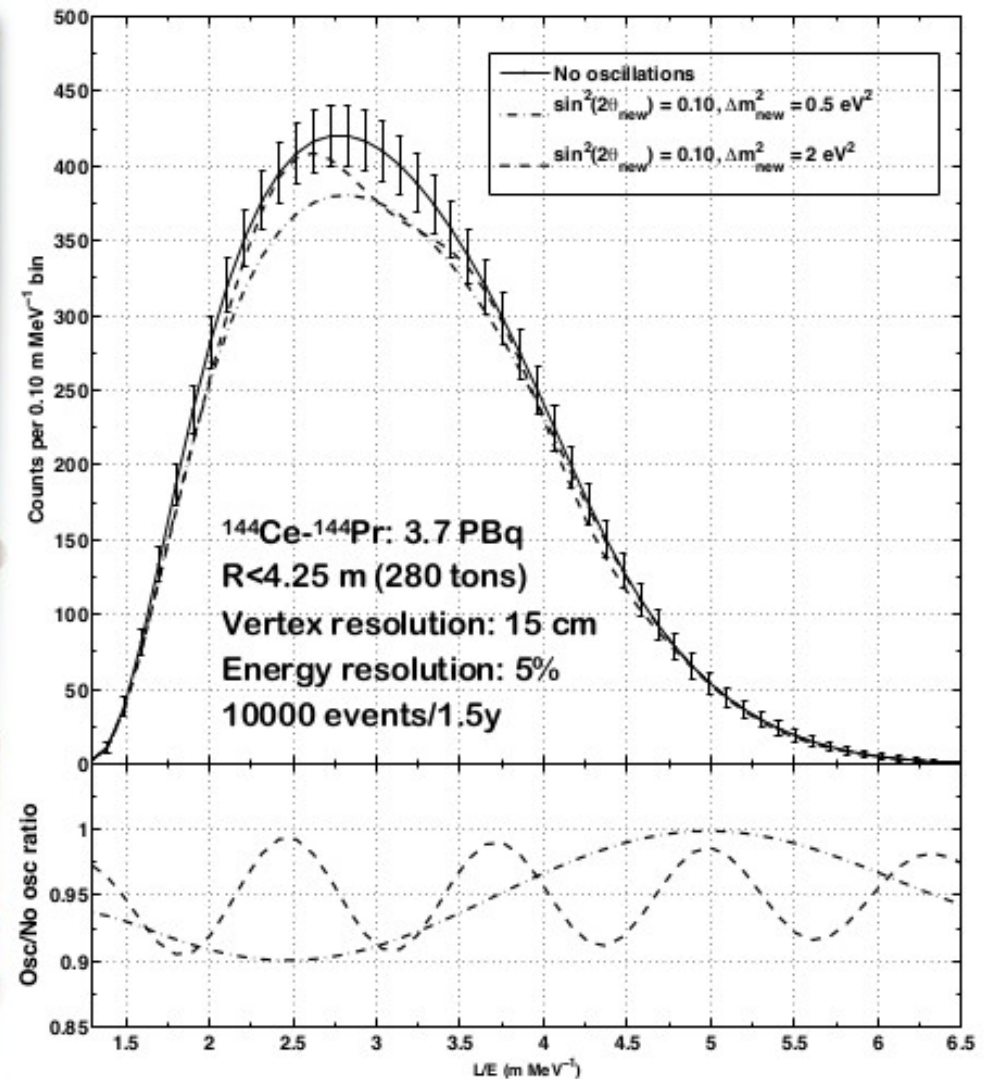
The LSND 99%CL region
 is covered at the $\sim 5\sigma$ level

Oscillometry in BOREXINO


Search for an L/E oscillation pattern inside LS target
Compare observed to expected ν rate (no oscillation)



8.3 m from Bx Center



CeANG: Specifications

- β activity (in ^{144}Ce)
 - **3.7 PBq**
- Extracted from fresh spent nuclear fuel (<2 years cooling)
- Chemical form : CeO_2
- Density : between 4 and 6 g/cm³ 
d=4,16 (Saclay)
- Fitting inside a D:H=15:15 cm double capsule of Special Form of Radioactive Material (ISO 9978 - IAEA regulation)
- Purity requirements
 - Content of any others REE (γ -emitters) $\leq 10^{-3}$ Bq / Bq of ^{144}Ce
 - Content of Pu and TPE (*actinides*) $\leq 10^{-5}$ Bq / Bq of ^{144}Ce

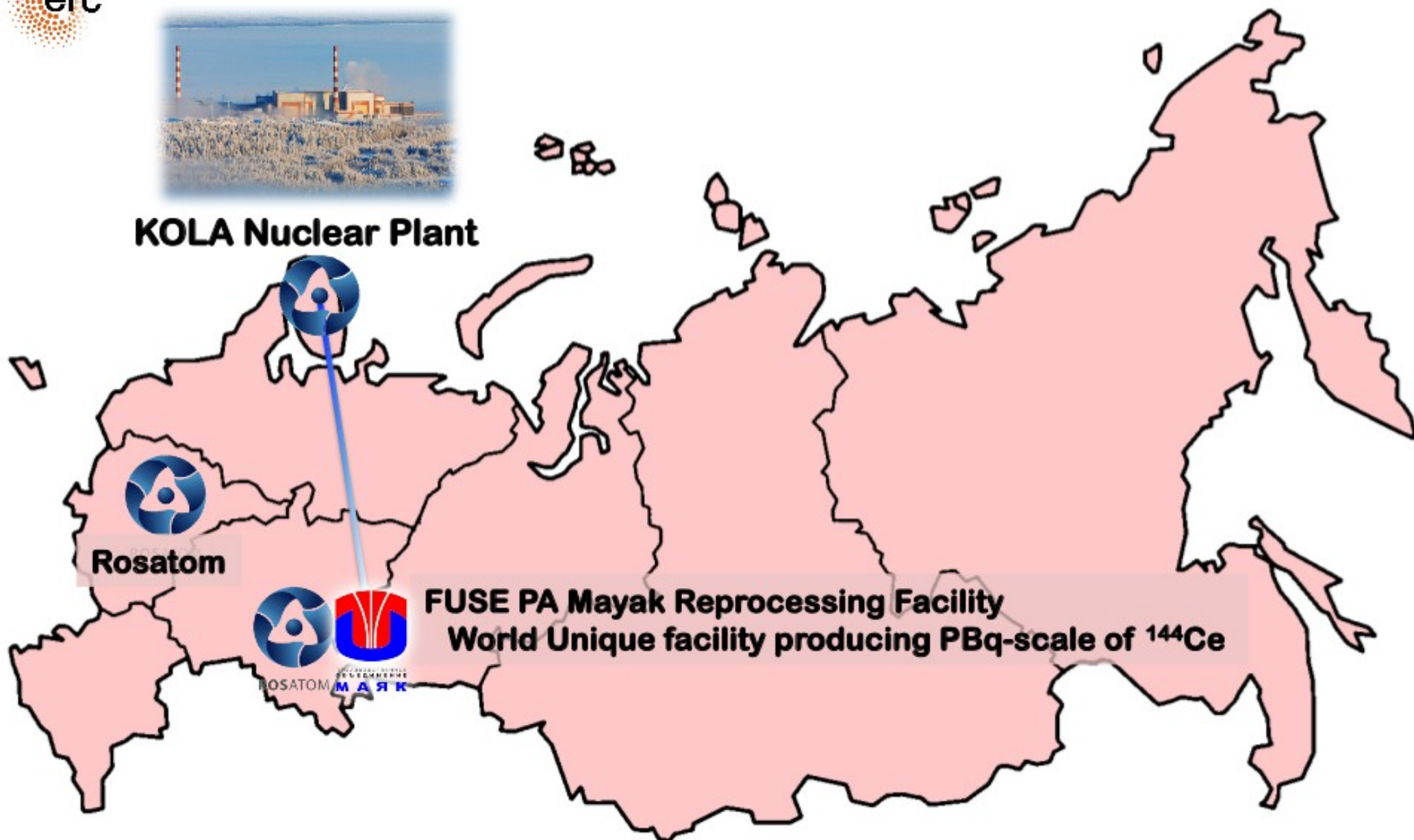
CeANG production in Russia

cea

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KOLA Nuclear Plant

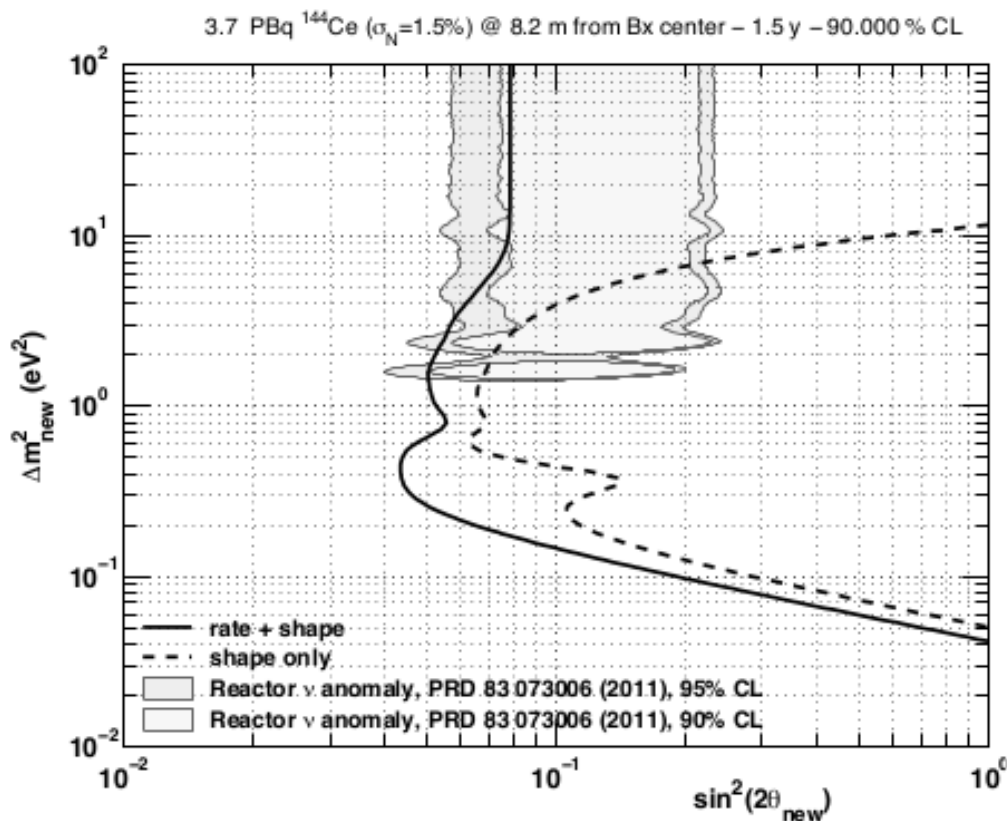


Rosatom

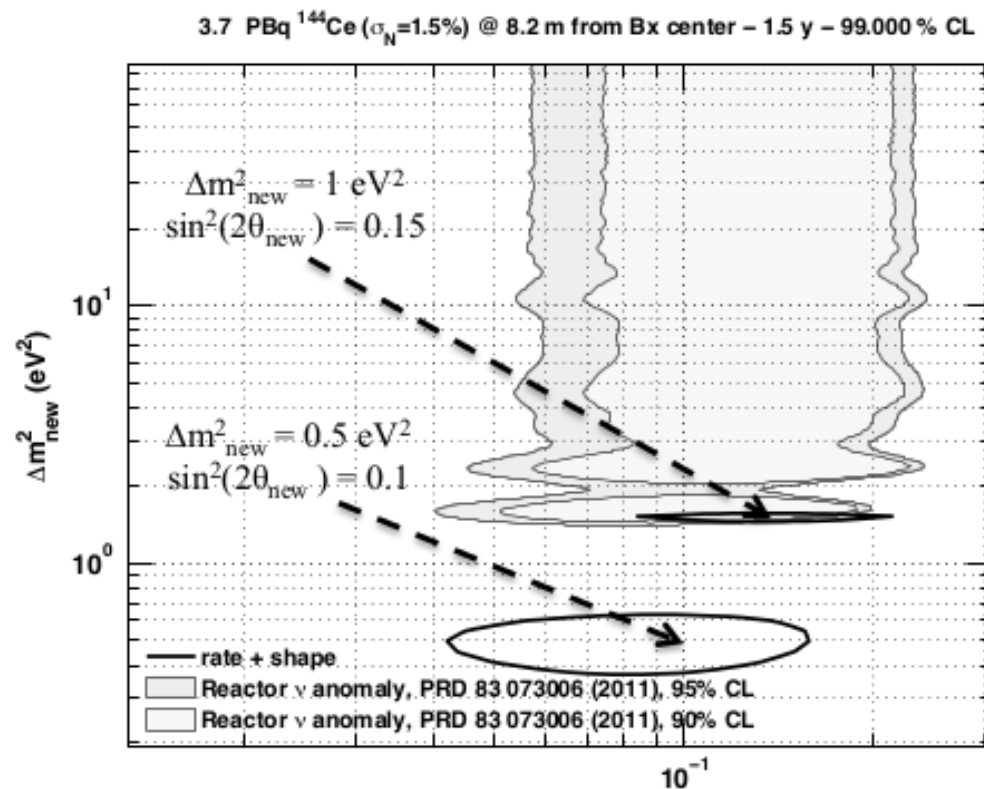
FUSE PA Mayak Reprocessing Facility
World Unique facility producing PBq-scale of ¹⁴⁴Ce

Sensitivity Studies

3.7 PBq (100 kCi) - 1.5 year of data taking
Activity measurement uncertainty: 1.5%
Shape only analysis (---) & Rate + Shape analysis (—)



Exclusion contour (90% CL)



Discovery potential (99% CL)



Here Be Dragons...

$\bar{\nu}_e$ fluxes from reactors

Dan Dwyer talk

Significant uncertainty when directly calculating energy spectrum.

Missing Details:

Are tabulated fission and decay data comprehensive?

- Fission: What about possible very short-lived unstable daughters?
- Decay: 6% of yield has no corresponding ENDF decay information

eg. Phys. Rev. C24, 1543 (1981)

Biased Data:

Are there systematic biases in the yield or beta decay data?

- Uncertainty from assumption of reactor equilibrium, parent fission rates.
- Pandemonium Effect: Tabulated branches biased toward high-endpoints.

eg. Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 202504 (2012)

Beta Decay Shape Corrections:

How do forbidden decay corrections impact spectrum?

- Mismatch of decay initial-final spin and parity can distort spectrum

eg. Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 202501 (2014)

Approach: Choose simplest assumption at each step (all allowed shapes, etc.)

β^- Conversion

Alternative: Use cumulative β^- spectrum to predict $\bar{\nu}_e$ spectrum

Method:

- Expose fission parents to thermal neutrons
- Measure total outgoing β^- energy spectra
- Predict corresponding $\bar{\nu}_e$ spectra

Phys. Lett. B160, 325 (1985), Phys. Lett. B118, 162 (1982)

Phys. Lett. B218, 365 (1989), Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 122501 (2014)

Phys. Rev. C83, 054615 (2011)

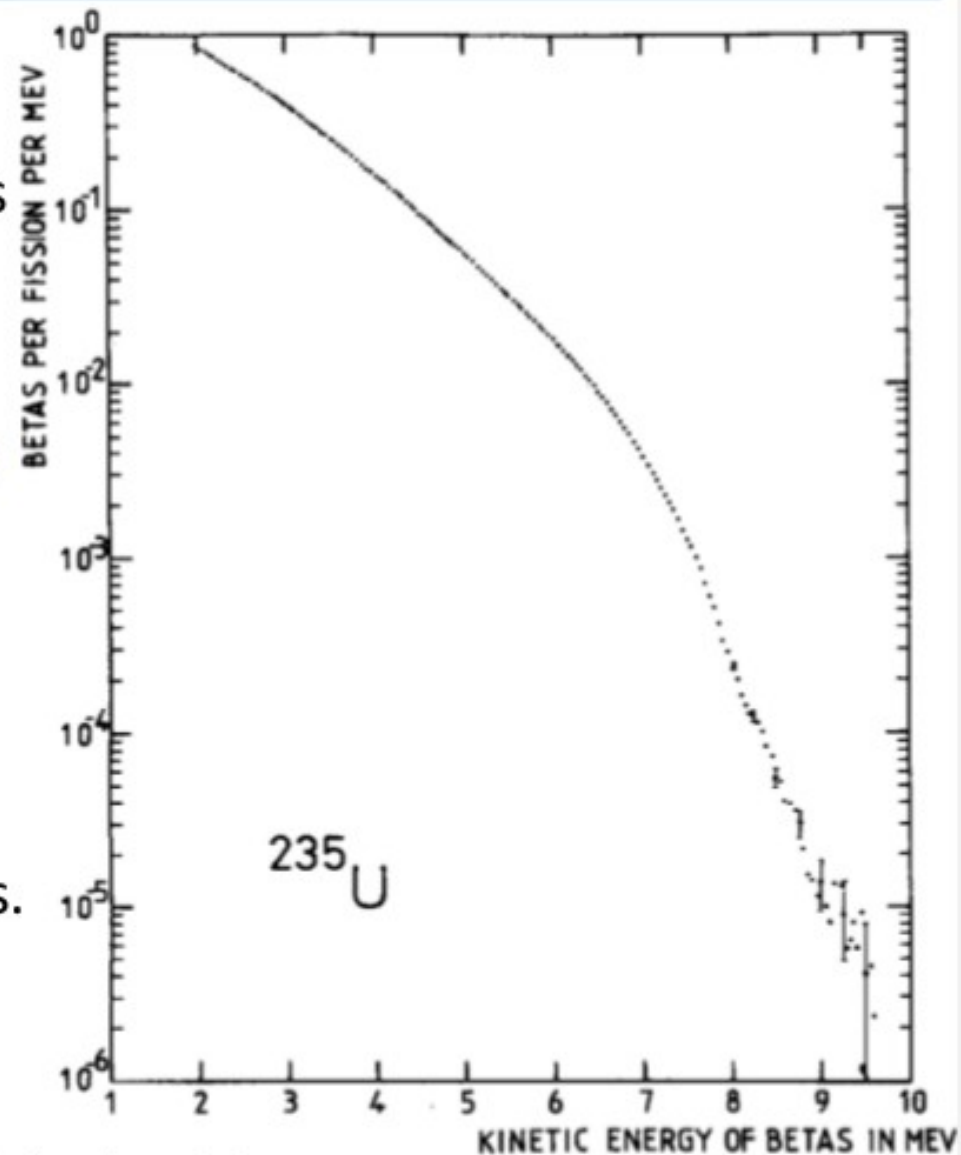
Phys. Rev. C84, 024617 (2011)

Results:

- More precise than *ab initio* predictions
- Standard approach for ~ 30 years
- Predicts 6% higher flux than reactor msmts.

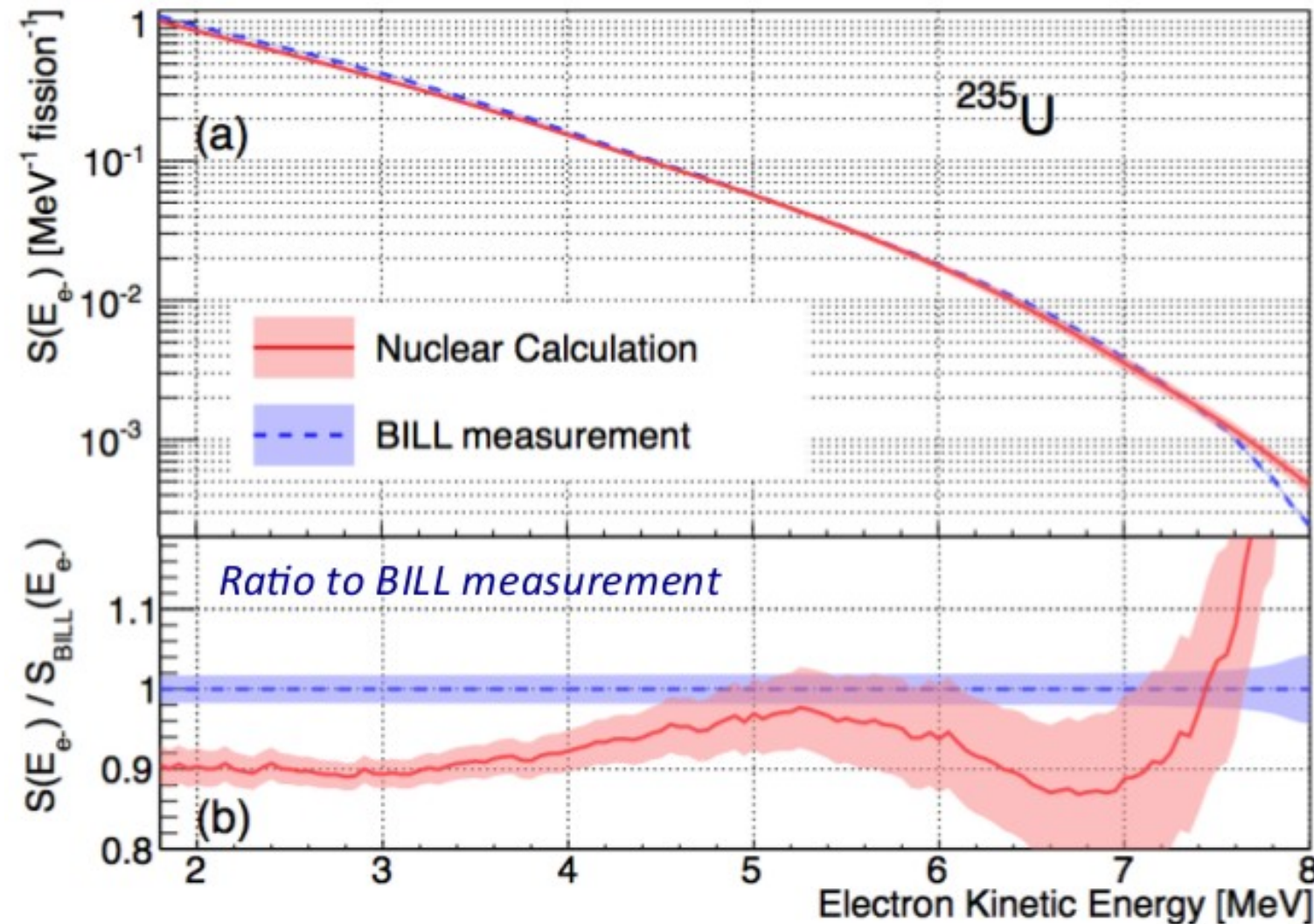
Reactor Anomaly, Sterile Neutrinos?

Phys. Rev. D83, 073006 (2011)



β^- Spectrum Disagreement

Direct calculation of ^{235}U β^- spectrum disagrees with BILL msmt.

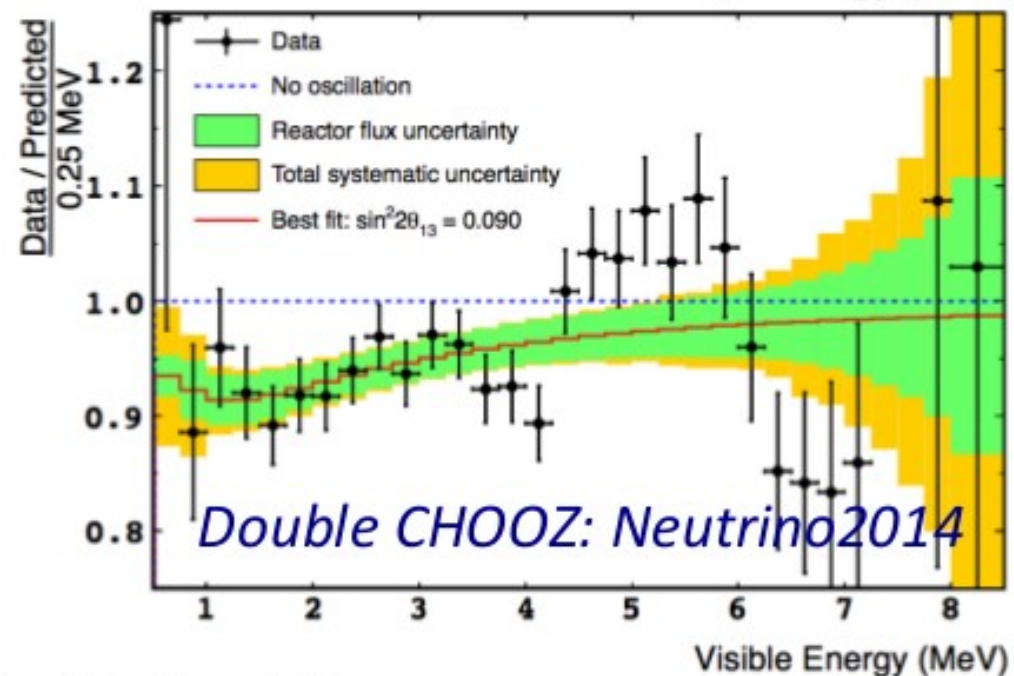
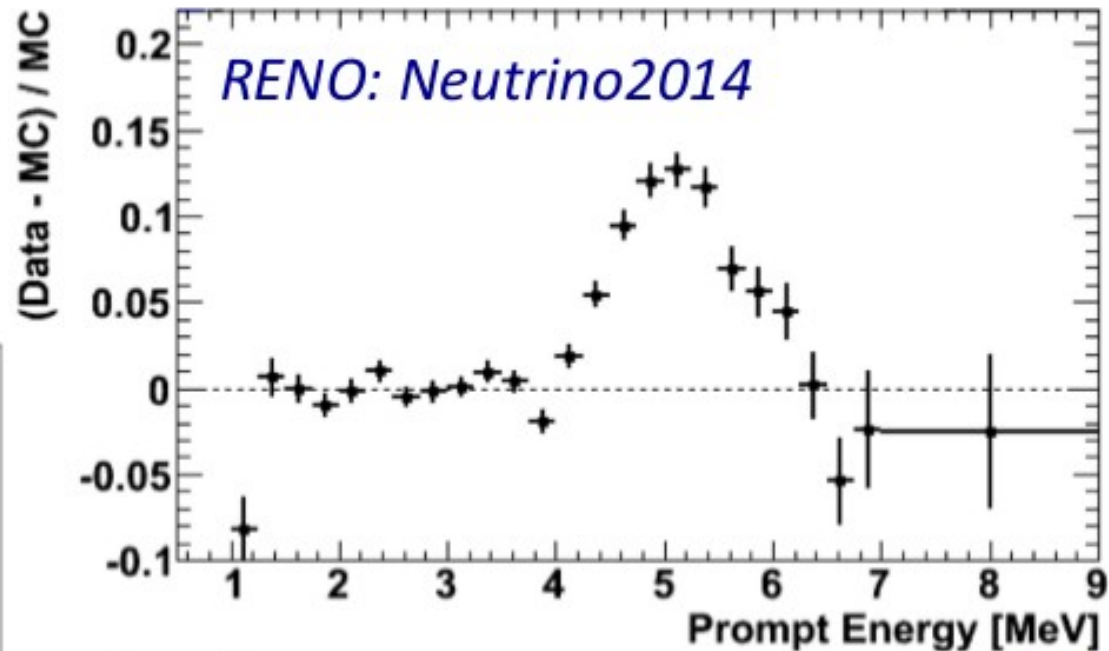
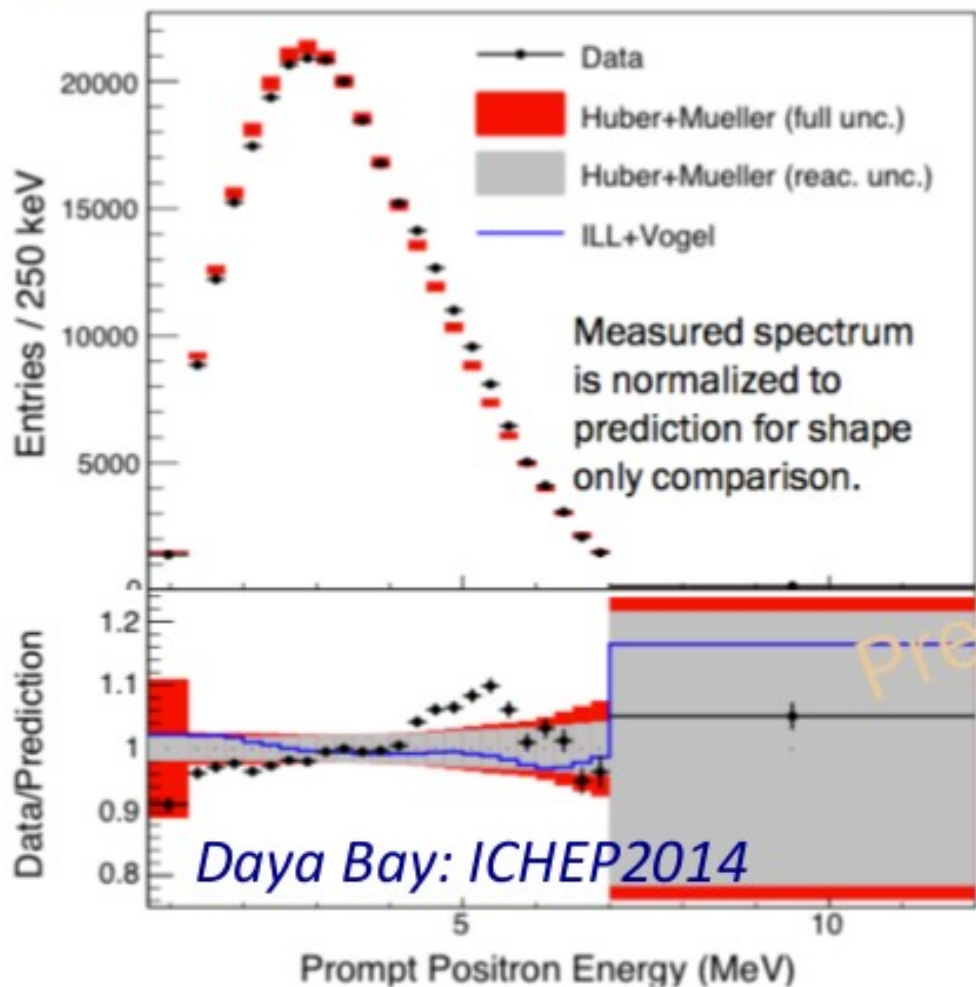


Note:
 Uncertainty band for calc. is a lower bound.
 Only includes tabulated yield+branch uncertainties.

Occam's razor:
 Something wrong with calculation?

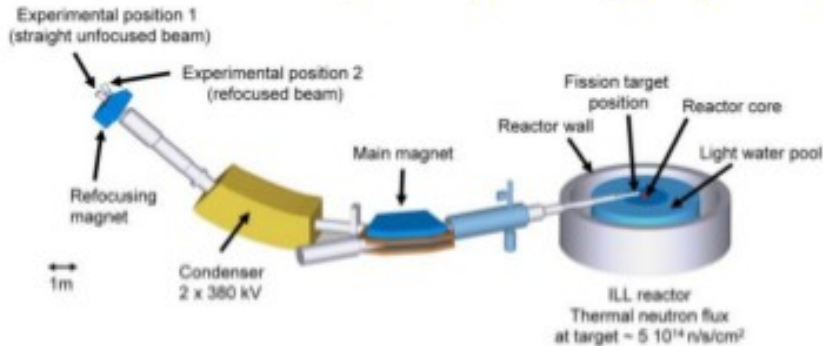
$\bar{\nu}_e$ Spectrum Disagreement

Recent $\bar{\nu}_e$ measurements also disagree with BILL-derived spectra.

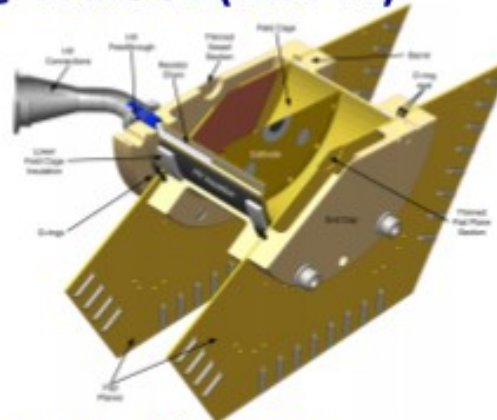


Upcoming Measurements

Fission Yields @ ILL (Lohengrin)



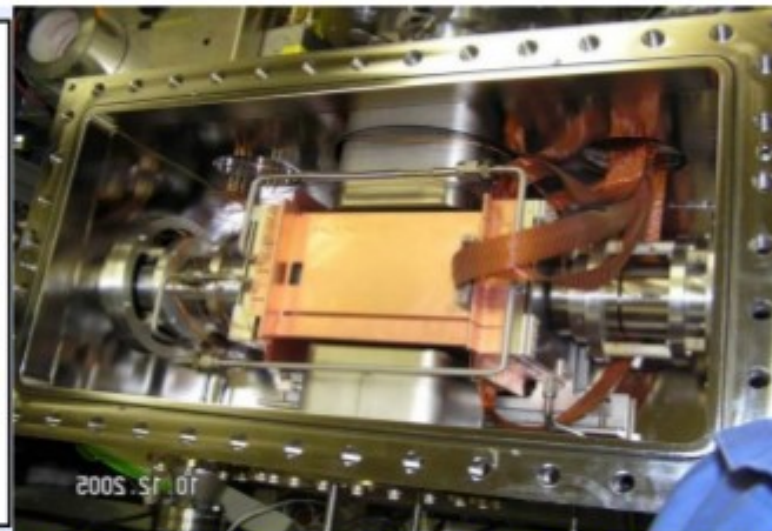
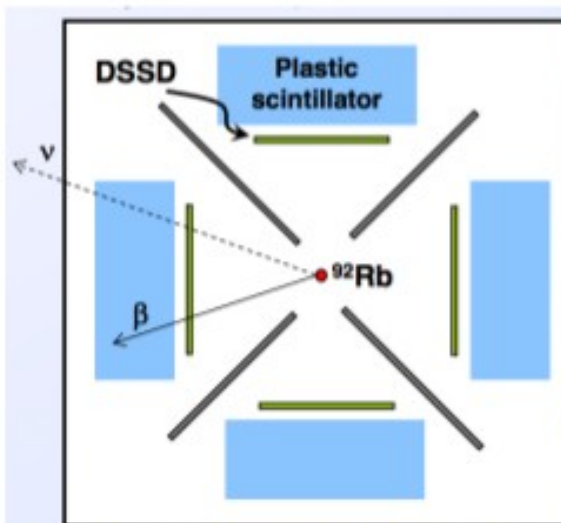
Fission Yields @ LANSCE (NIFFTE)



Total Absorp. Spec. @ IGISOL (DTAS)



Precision β^- Spec. with Trapped Ions @ ANL/CARIBU



Total Absorp. Spec. @ ORNL (MTAS)



Some examples of planned measurements of these decays:

N.D. Scielzo, private comm. [G.Li et al., PRL 110, 092502 (2013)]

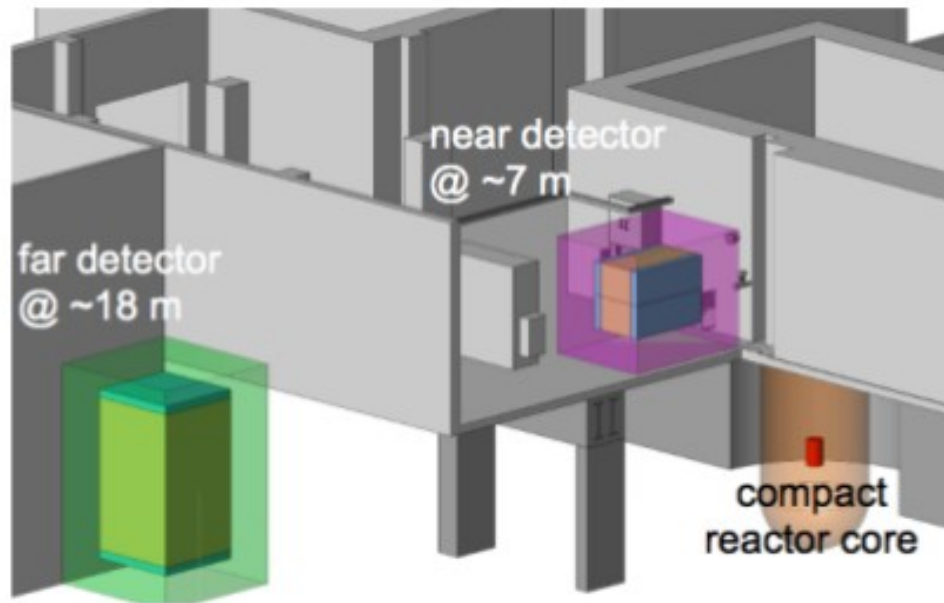
A.-A. Zakari-Issoufou et al., EPJ Web of Conferences 66, 10019 (2014)

M. Heffner et al. (NIFFTE Collaboration), arXiv:1403.6771

Precision $\bar{\nu}_e$ Spectra?

Precision reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ measurements as accurate benchmarks

Short-baseline reactor experiments



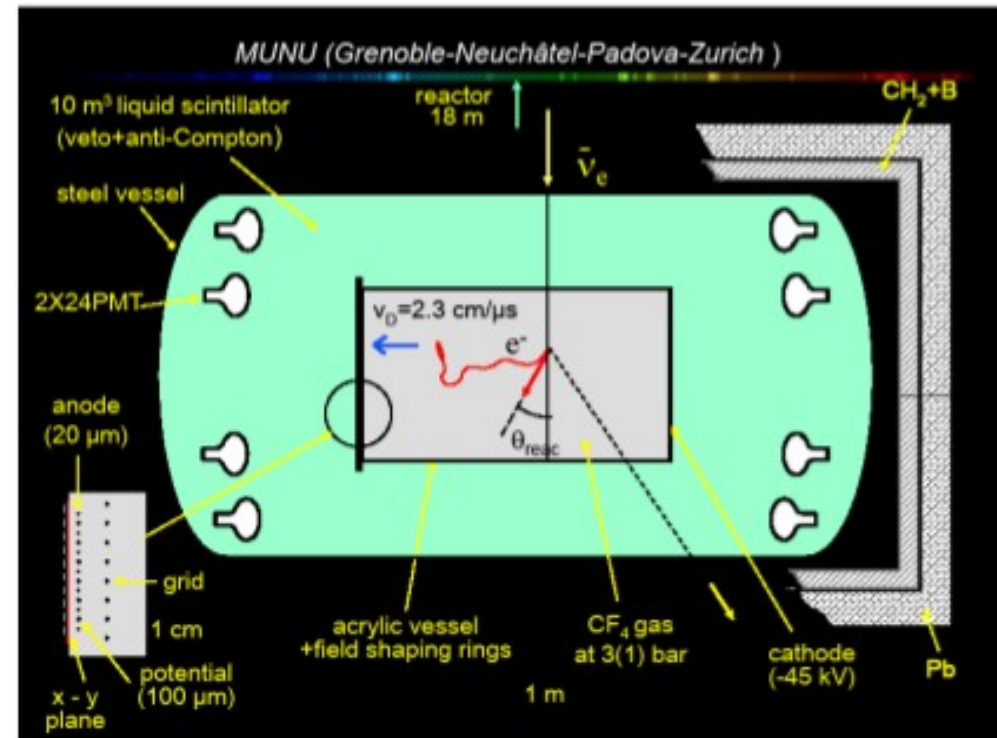
Example: PROSPECT @ ORNL, $\sigma_E \approx 4.5\%$

Precision measurement of $^{235}\text{U} \bar{\nu}_e$

- Strong constraint of models

Challenges: controlling backgrounds.

High-pressure gas TPC (IHEP-Beijing)



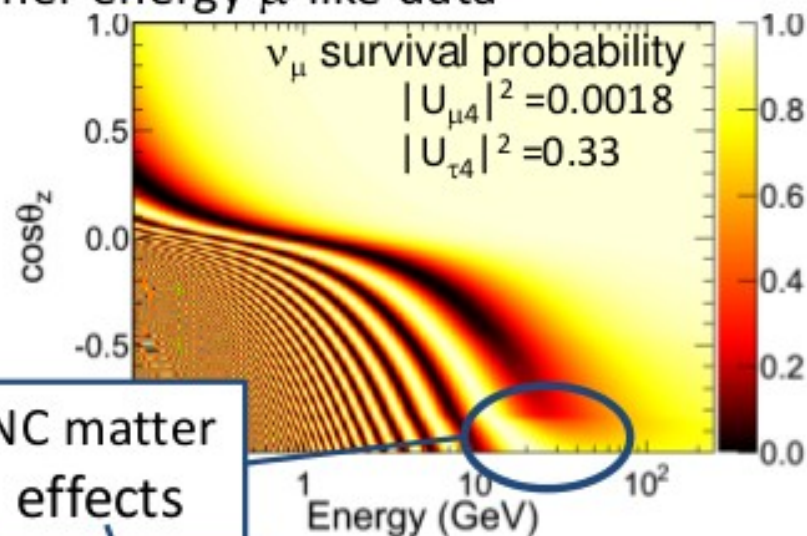
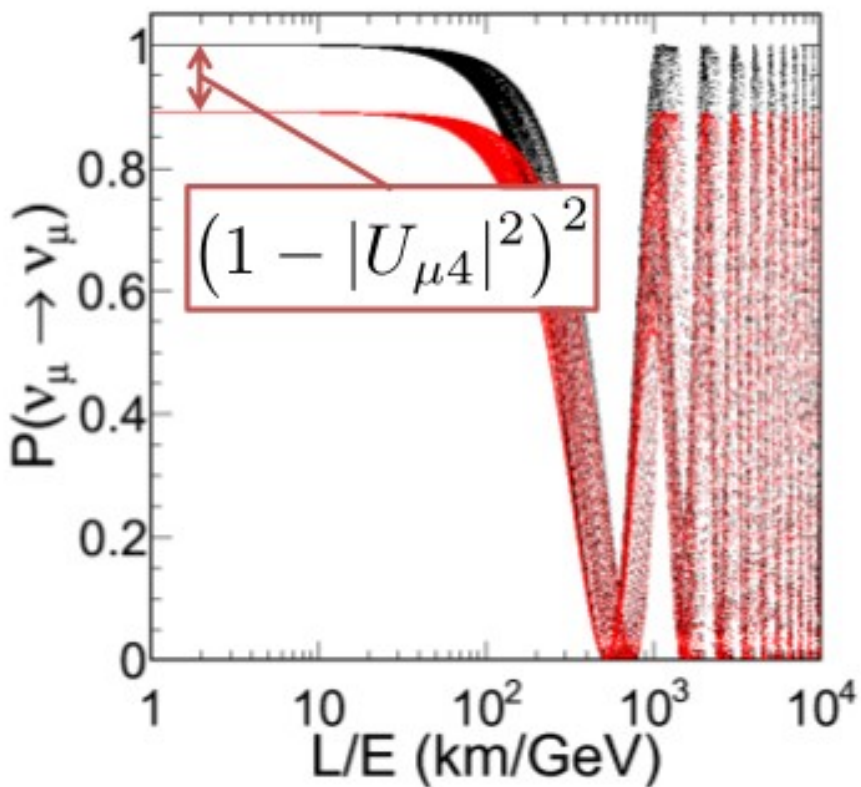
Similar to MUNU Gas TPC design

Potent for higher energy resolution

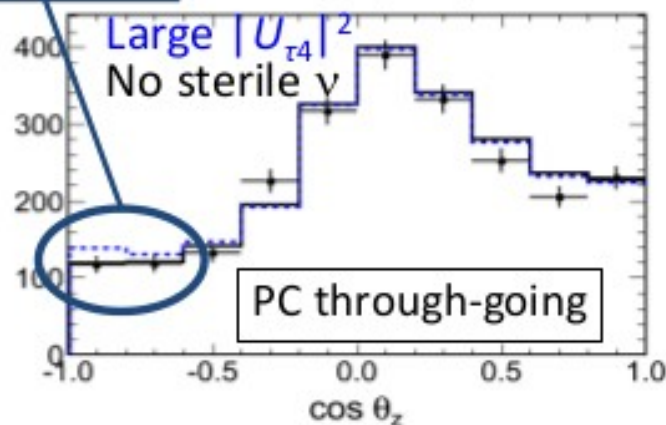
Sterile Neutrino Oscillations in Atmospheric Neutrinos

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \text{PMNS} & \text{Sterile} \\ U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} & U_{e4} & \dots \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} & U_{\mu4} & \dots \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} & U_{\tau4} & \dots \\ U_{s1} & U_{s2} & U_{s3} & U_{s4} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

- $|U_{\mu4}|^2$
Induces a decrease in event rate of μ -like data of all energies and zenith angles
- $|U_{\tau4}|^2$
Shape distortion of angular distribution of higher energy μ -like data

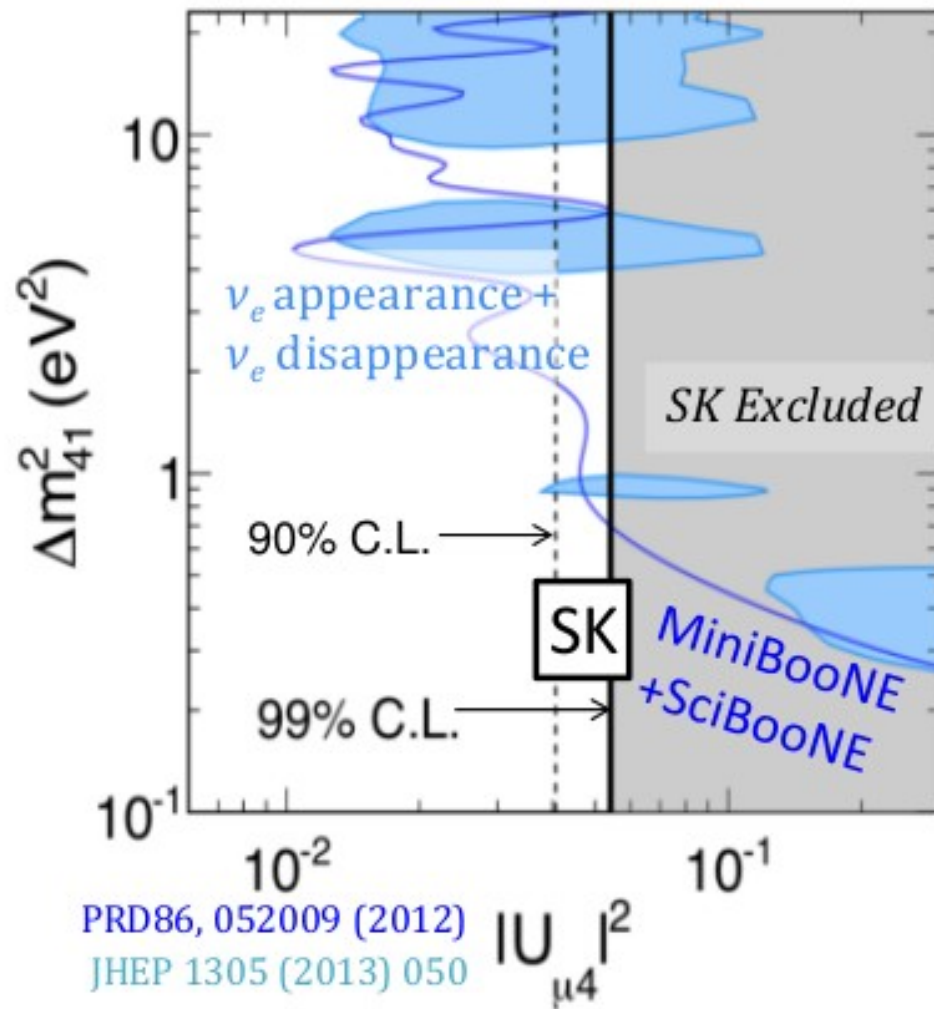


NC matter effects



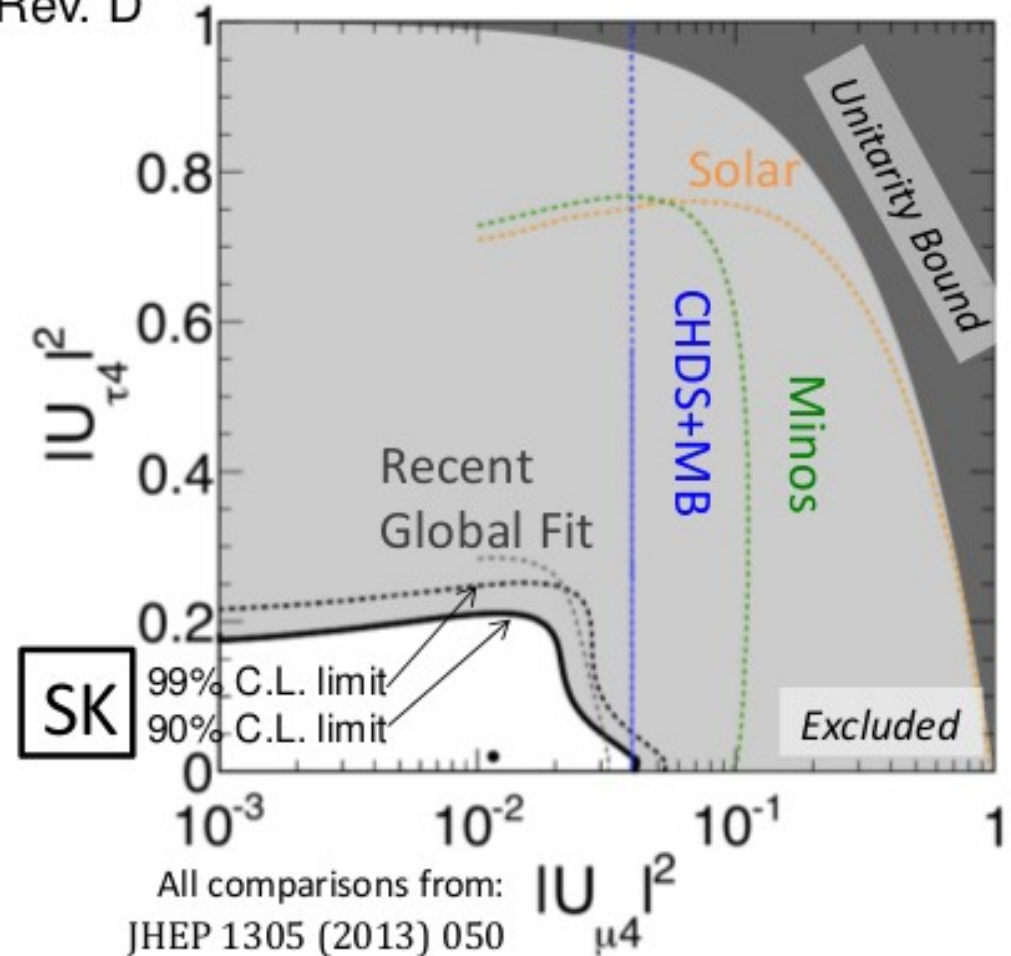
Limits on Sterile Neutrino Oscillations

arXiv:1410.2008, accepted by Phys. Rev. D



$$|U_{\mu 4}|^2 < 0.041 \text{ at 90\% C.L.}$$

$$|U_{\mu 4}|^2 < 0.054 \text{ at 99\% C.L.}$$



$$|U_{\tau 4}|^2 < 0.23 \text{ at 99\% C.L.}$$

Lack of sterile matter effects places a strong constraint.

$(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}) + (\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_s)$ oscillation is not favored.

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$: Preliminary

results on sterile ν

standard

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau) = 4 |U_{\mu 3}|^2 |U_{\tau 3}|^2 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta_{31}}{2}$$

(normal hierarchy)

exotic

$$+ 4 |U_{\mu 4}|^2 |U_{\tau 4}|^2 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta_{41}}{2}$$

$$+ 2 \Re [U_{\mu 4}^* U_{\tau 4} U_{\mu 3} U_{\tau 3}^*] \sin \Delta_{31} \sin \Delta_{41}$$

$$- 4 \Im [U_{\mu 4}^* U_{\tau 4} U_{\mu 3} U_{\tau 3}^*] \sin^2 \frac{\Delta_{31}}{2} \sin \Delta_{41}$$

$$+ 8 \Re [U_{\mu 4}^* U_{\tau 4} U_{\mu 3} U_{\tau 3}^*] \sin^2 \frac{\Delta_{31}}{2} \sin \frac{\Delta_{41}}{2}$$

$$+ 4 \Im [U_{\mu 4}^* U_{\tau 4} U_{\mu 3} U_{\tau 3}^*] \sin \Delta_{31} \sin \frac{\Delta_{41}}{2}$$

$$\Delta_{ij} = \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{2E}$$

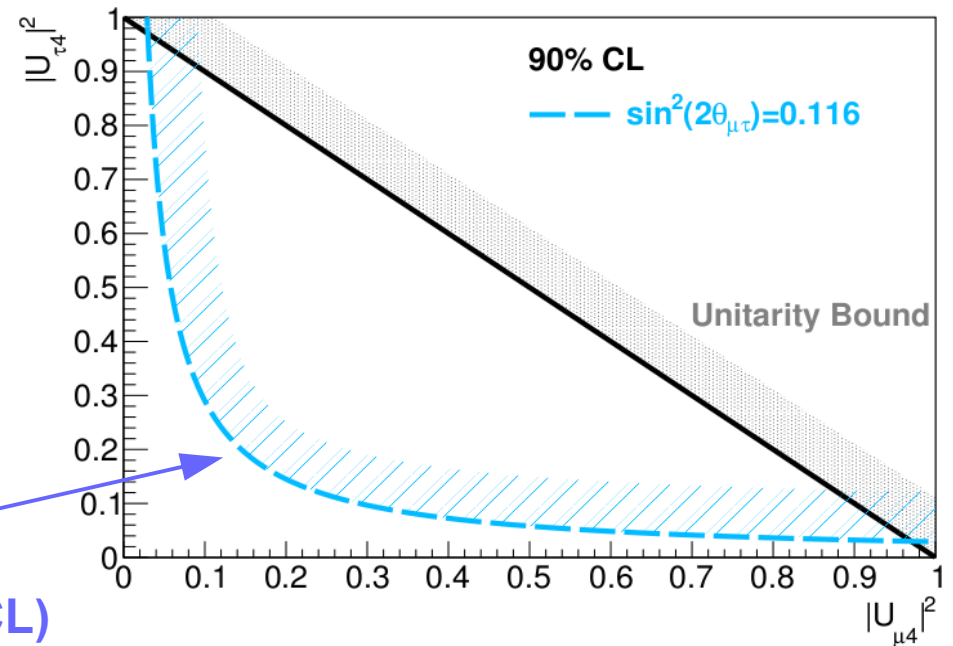
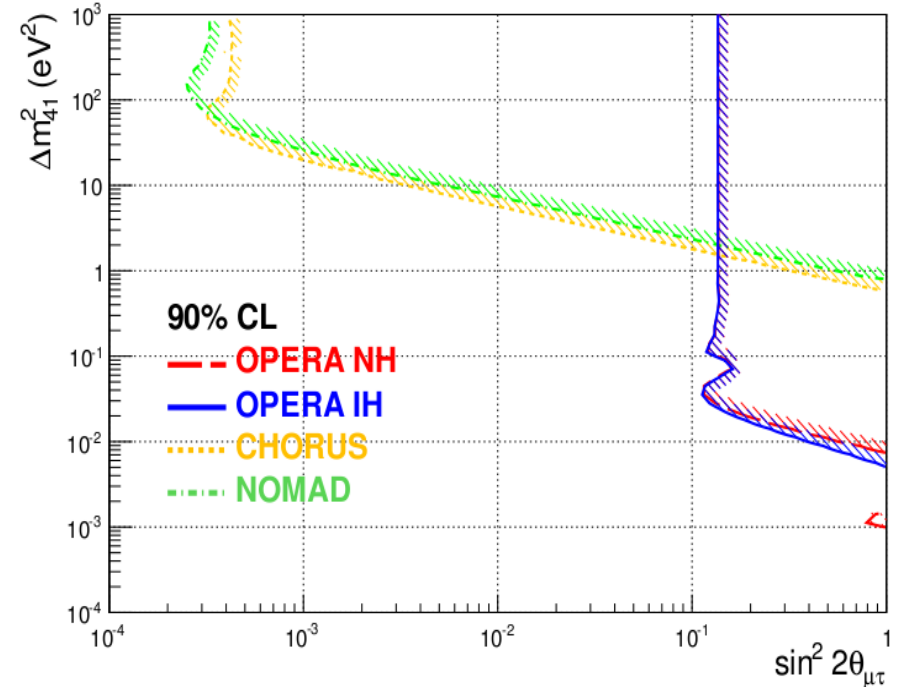
Interference term

@ $\Delta m_{41}^2 > 1 \text{ eV}^2$ (3+1 model)

$$4 |U_{\mu 4}|^2 |U_{\tau 4}|^2 = \sin^2 (2\theta_{\mu\tau}) < 0.116 \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

OPERA

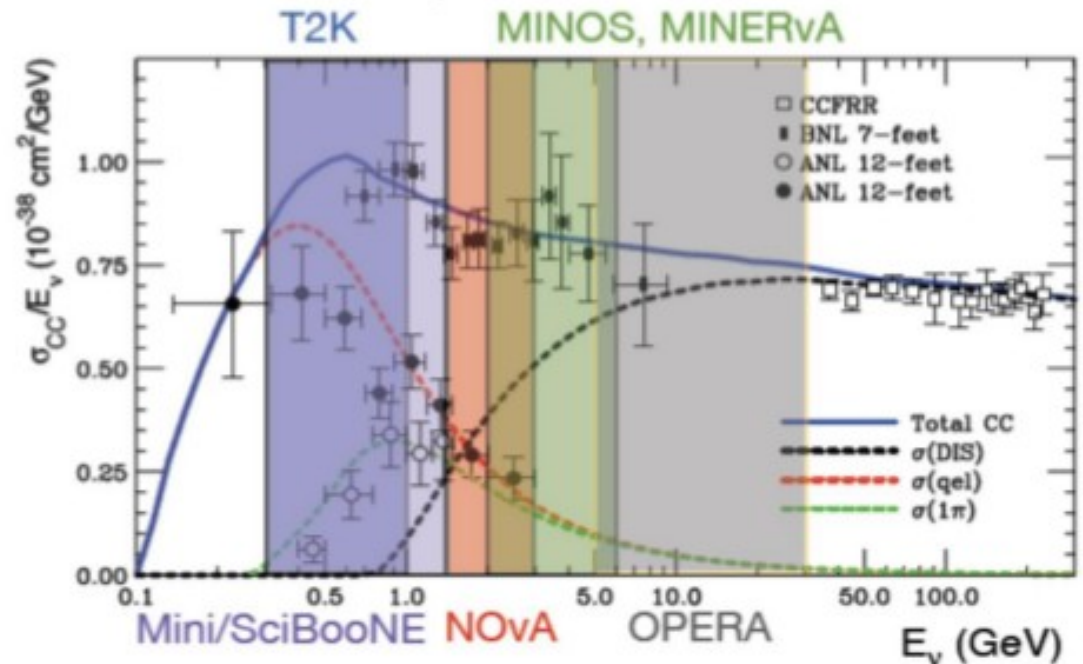
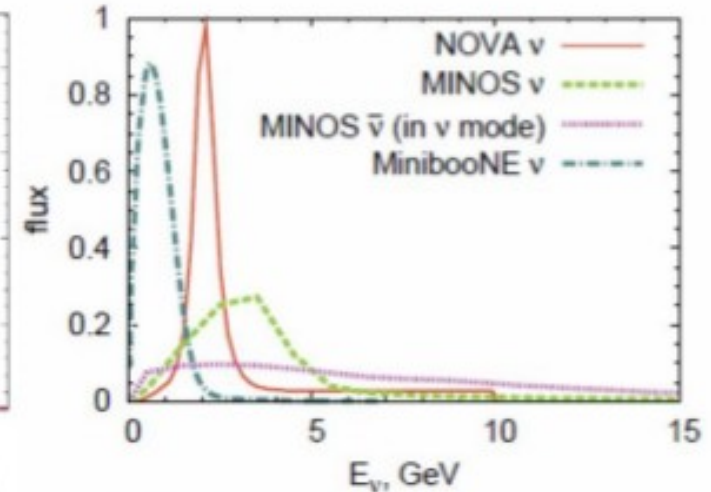
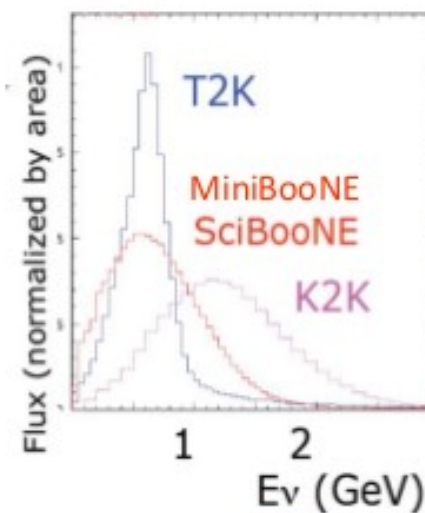
Profile likelihood on τ number



Neutrino Cross Sections

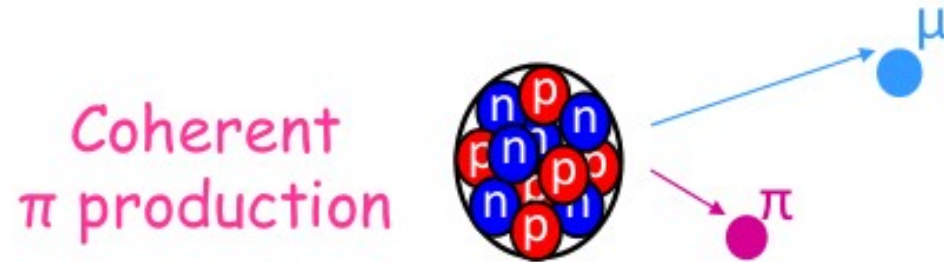
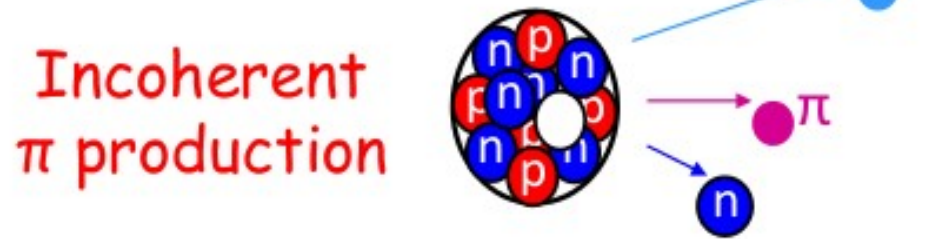
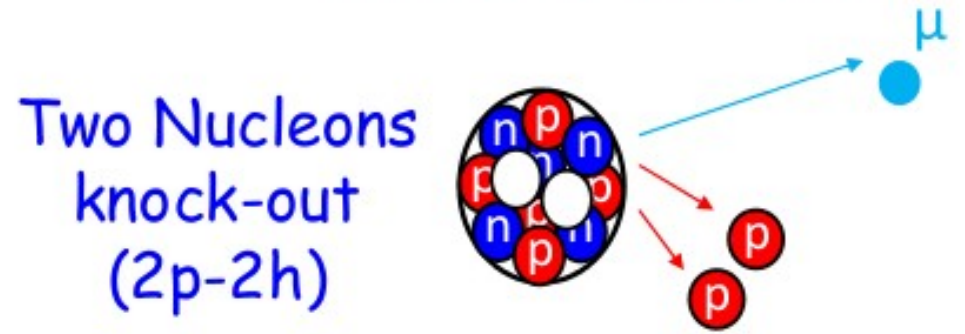
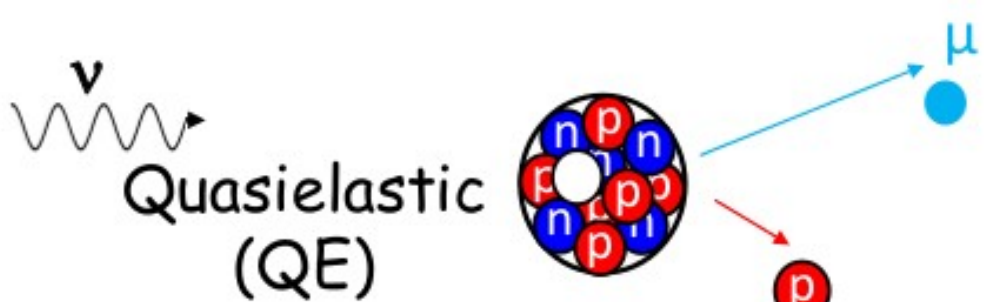
Some crucial points

- Neutrino beams are not monochromatic (at difference with respect to electron beams). They span a wide range of energies
- The neutrino energy is reconstructed from the final states of the reaction (typically from CC Quasielastic events)
- Different reaction mechanisms contribute to the cross section in the modern experiments

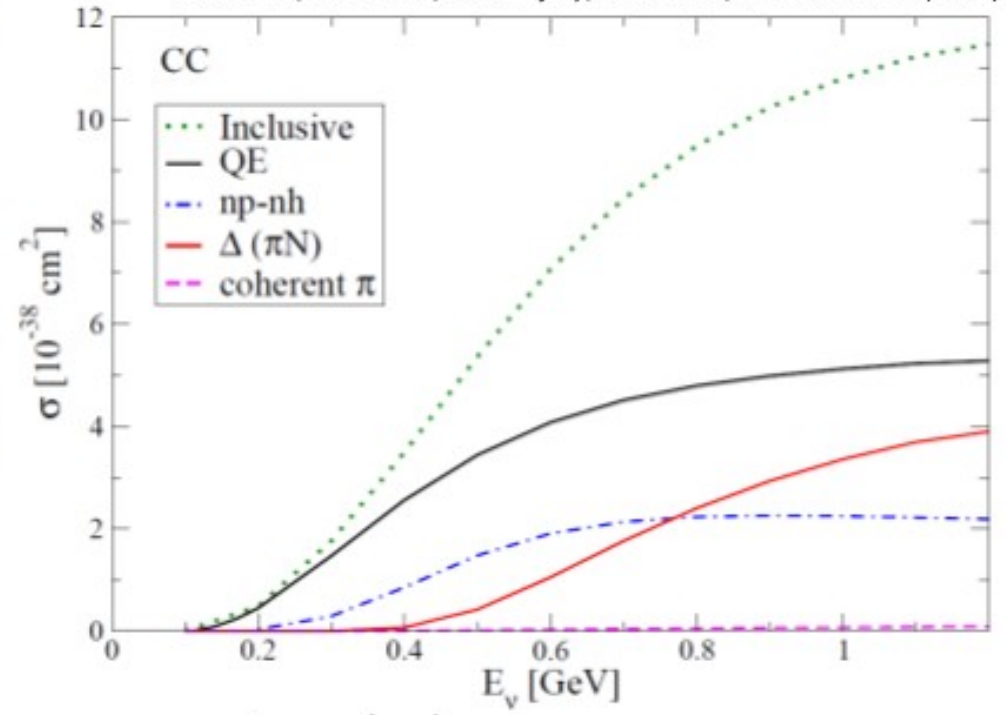


Neutrino - nucleus interaction @ $E_\nu \sim 0$ (1 GeV)

[MiniBooNE, T2K energies]



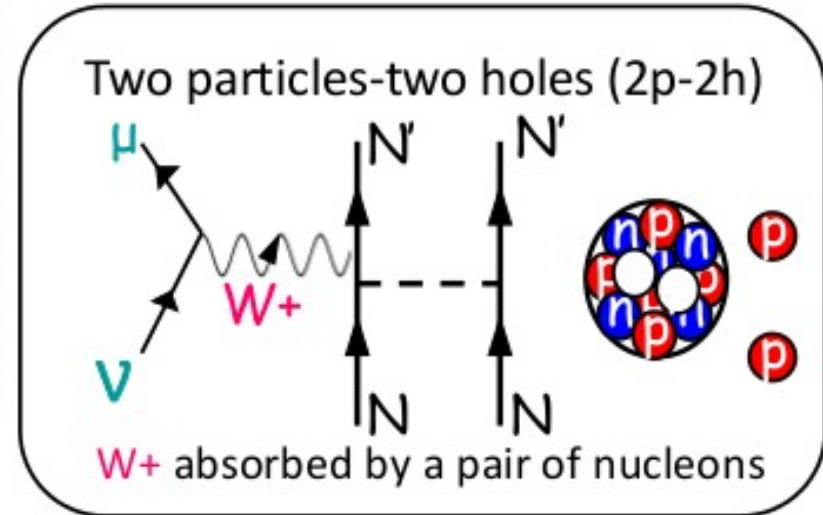
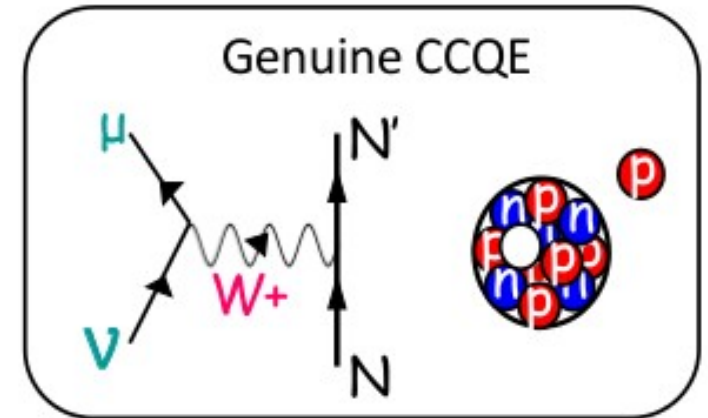
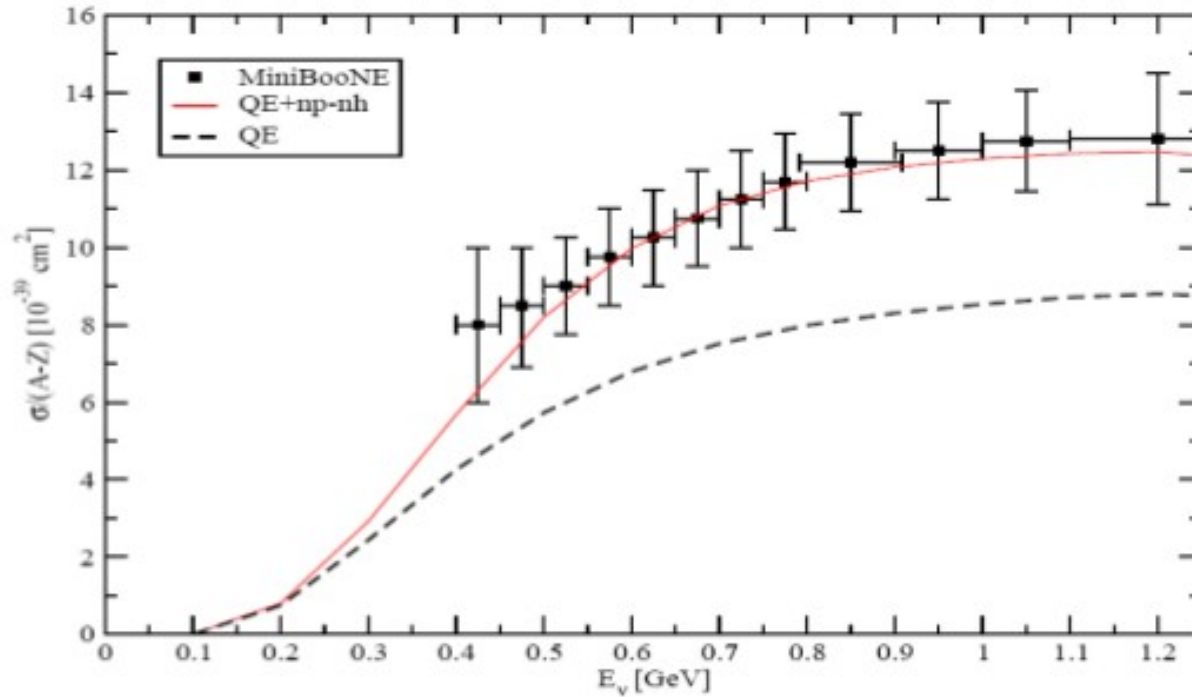
M. Martini, M. Ericson, G. Chanfray, J. Marteau, PRC 80 065501 (2009)



Different processes are entangled

An explanation of this puzzle

Inclusion of the multinucleon emission channel (np-nh)



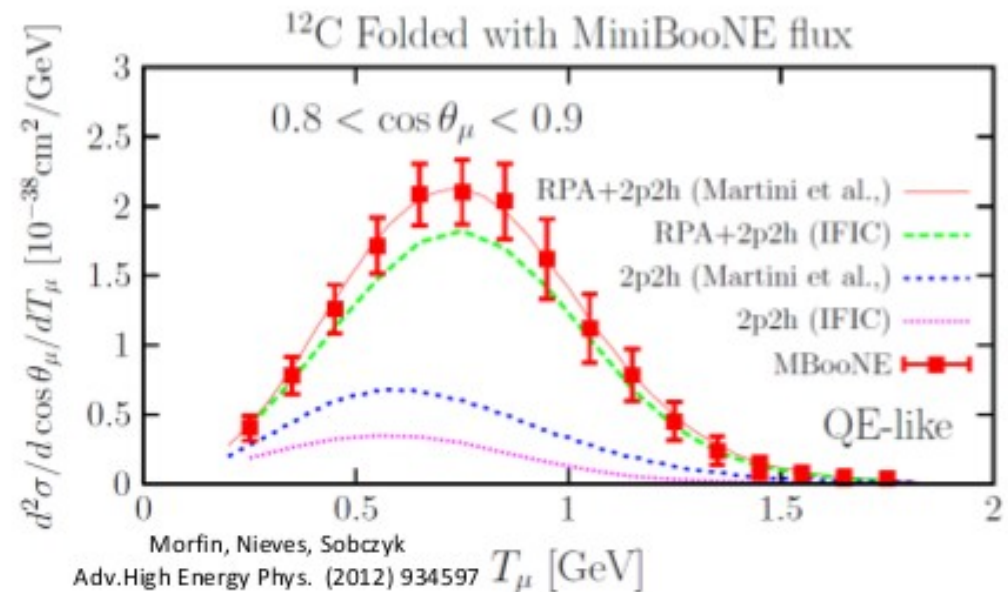
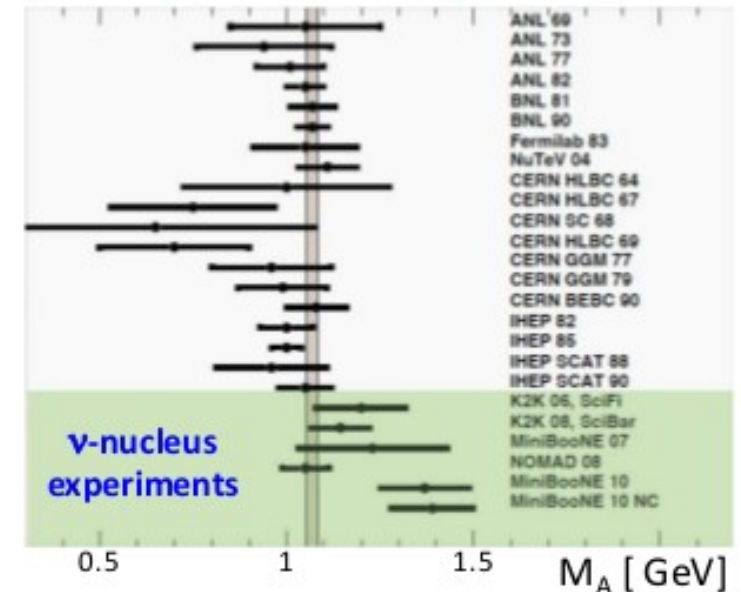
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Agreement with MiniBooNE without increasing M_A

The multinucleon emission channel (or np-nh, or 2p-2h)

- A lot of interest in these last years
- Explanation of the axial mass puzzle
- It was not included in the generators used for the analyses of ν cross sections and oscillations experiments
- Today there is an effort to include this np-nh channel in several Monte Carlo
- Several theoretical calculations agree on its crucial role to explain data but there are some differences on the results obtained for this channel

[In the following I will focus essentially on this channel]

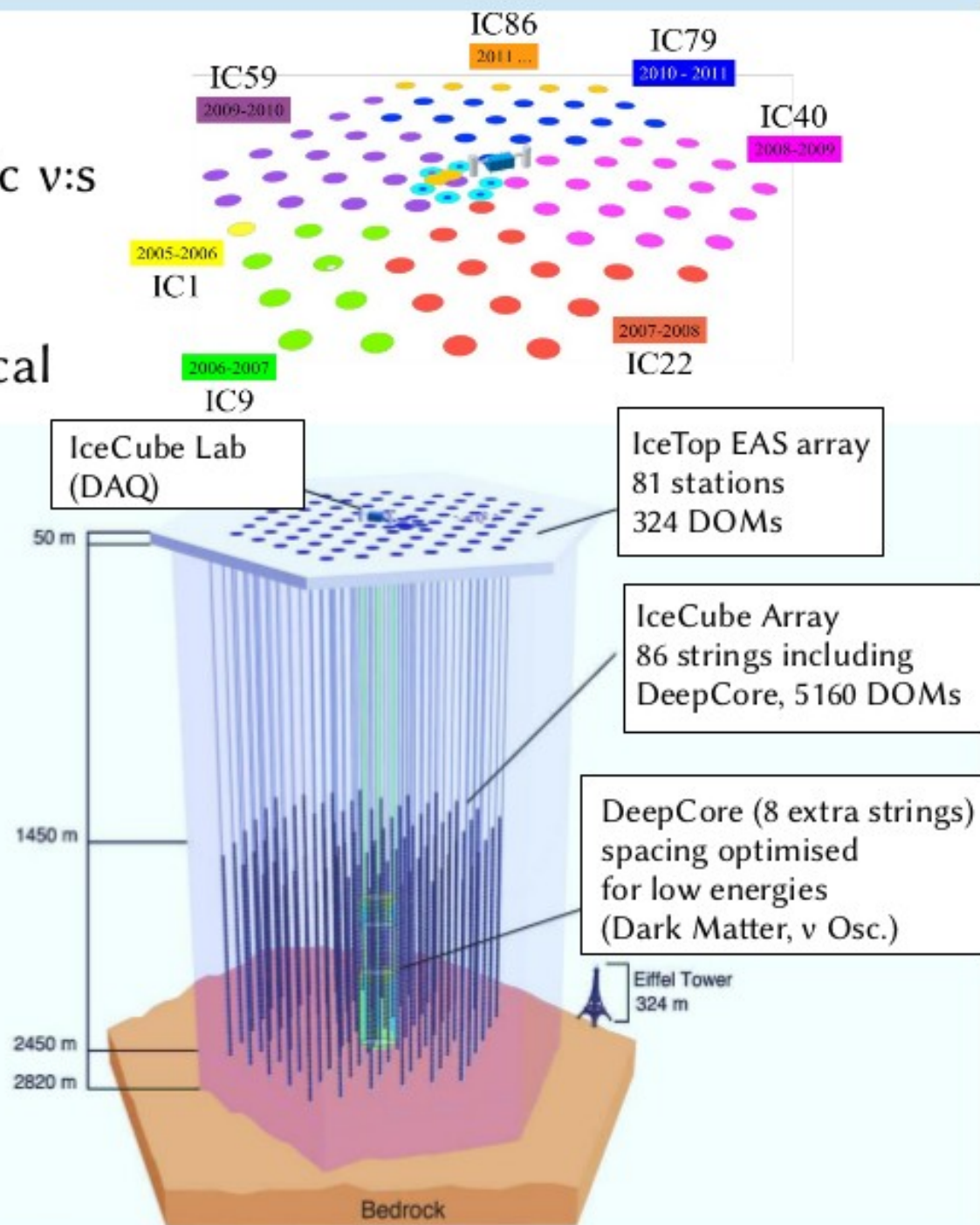


Astrophysical neutrinos

IceCube - Timeline

- 1993 : First AMANDA string
- 2000 : AMANDA completed;
detection of atmospheric ν s
- 2005 : IC1 deployed
- 2010 : IceCube completed
- 2013 : Detection of astrophysical ν flux
- 2015 : NOW
- ~2025: IceCube Gen2

Digital Optical Module (DOM)
17m spacing
125m between strings



Track & Cascade events

Events

Cosmic Rays

Starting Events

Flavours

Origins

What Next?

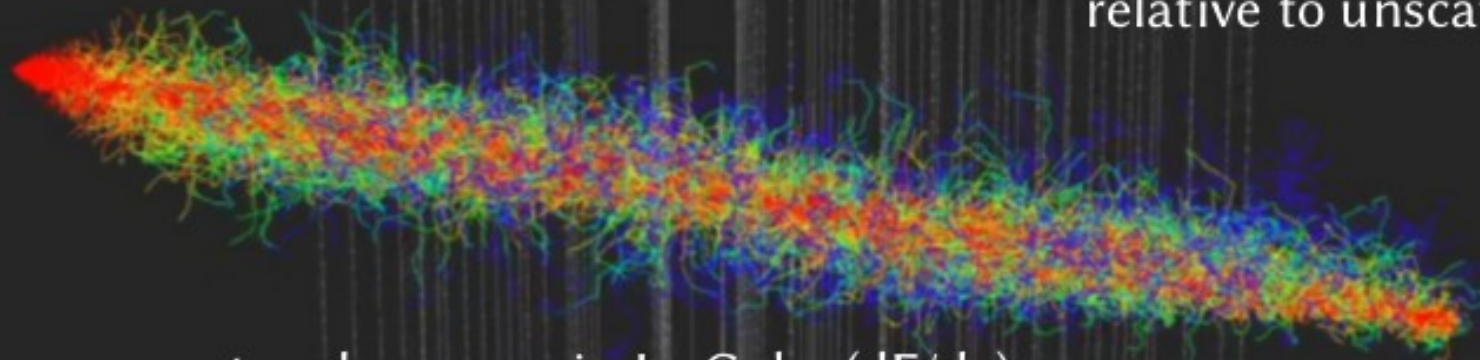
MC photon tracking

On time

Delayed



relative to unscattered photons



Tracks:

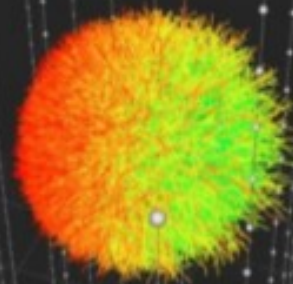
No E_ν measurement, only energy in IceCube (dE/dx)

Good pointing ($0.2^\circ - 1^\circ$)

Cascades:

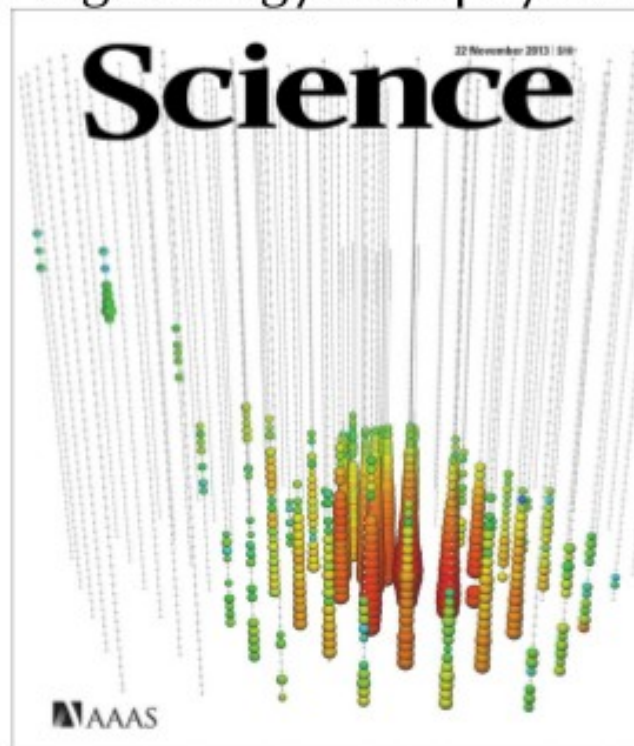
Energy resolution $\sim 15\%$

Pointing $\gtrsim 10^\circ$

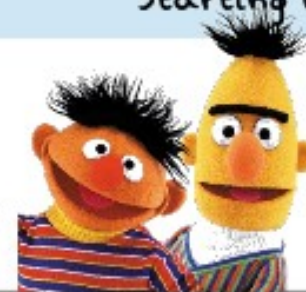


The Muppet Show

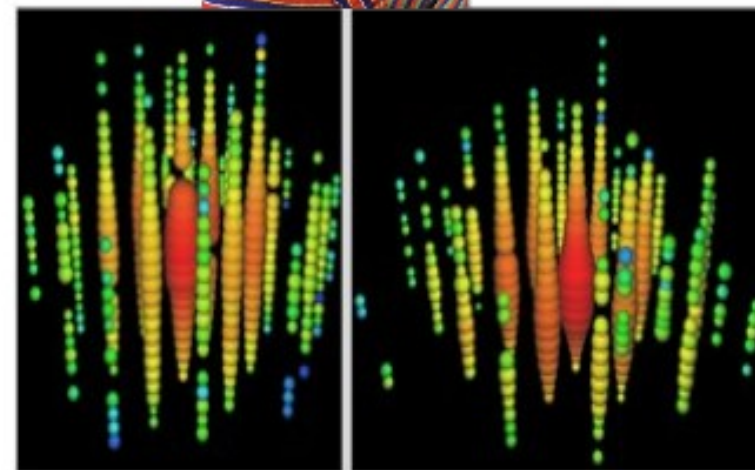
or the discovery of the high energy astrophysical neutrino flux:



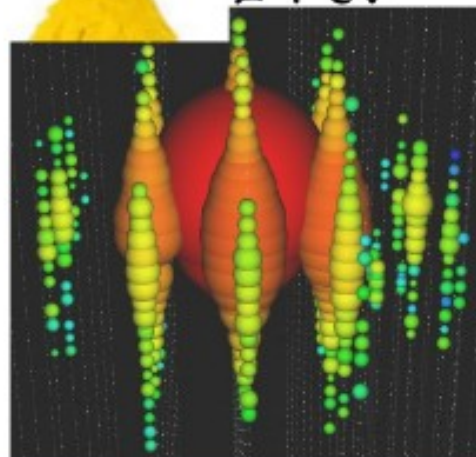
Bert
1.04 PeV



Ernie
1.14 PeV



Big Bird
2 PeV



Bert&Ernie found in 2 year EeV ν search (IC79+86)
[PRL 111\(2013\)021103](#)

Follow-up for events with less light detected
found another 26 events at lower energy

[Science 342 \(2013\) 1242856](#)

Third year included Big Bird

[PRL 113 \(2014\) 101101](#)

Four-year analysis almost completed

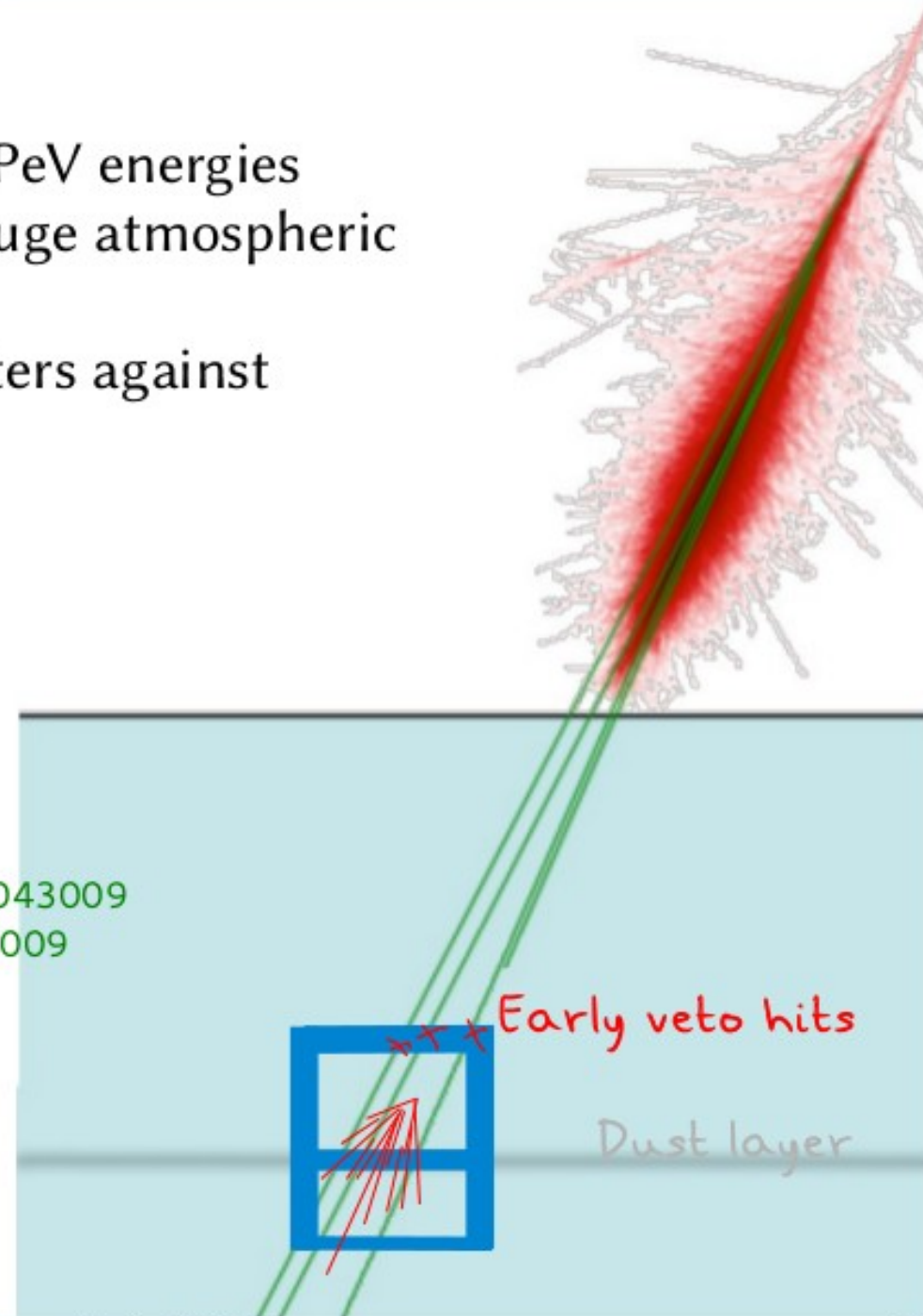
High Energy Starting Events (HESE)

- Follow-up to Bert & Ernie
- Earth is not transparent any more at \sim PeV energies
- Need to look for downgoing events - huge atmospheric muon background!
- Use outer detector layers as veto counters against entering muons

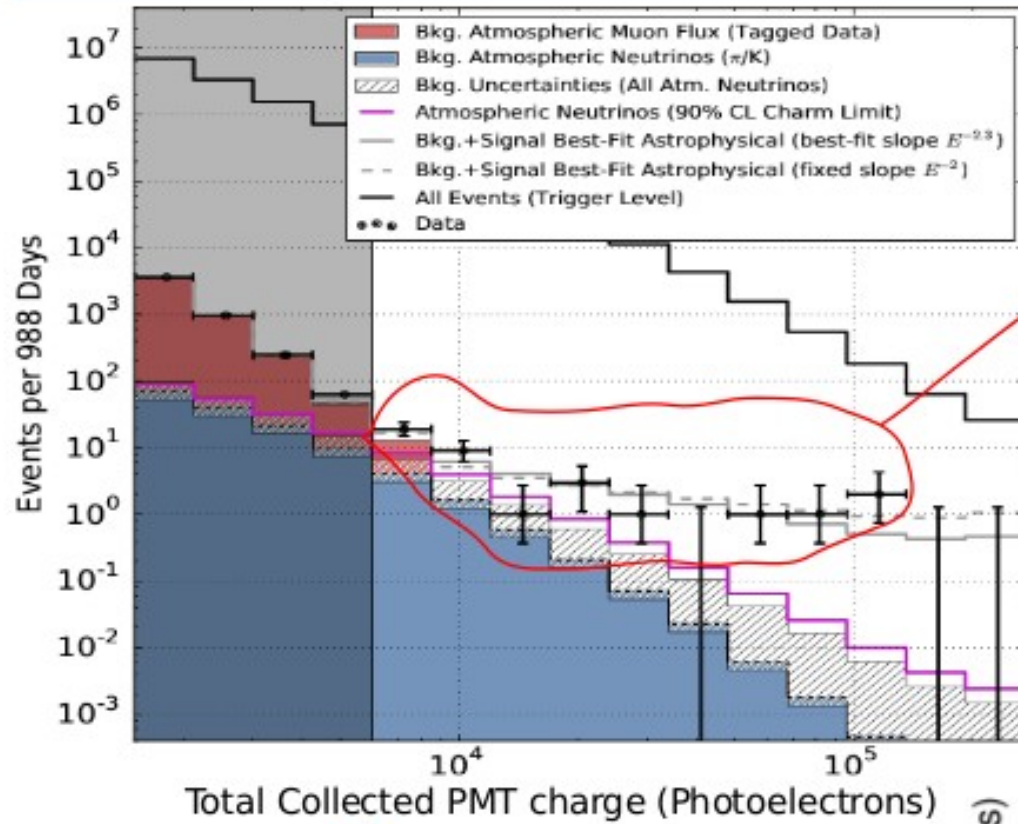
→ Smaller effective detection volume

BUT: Veto works also against downgoing neutrinos from CR showers!

Schönert, Gaisser, Resconi, Schultz, Phys Rev D79 (2009) 043009
Gaisser, Jero, Karle, van Santen, Phys Rev D90 (2014) 023009

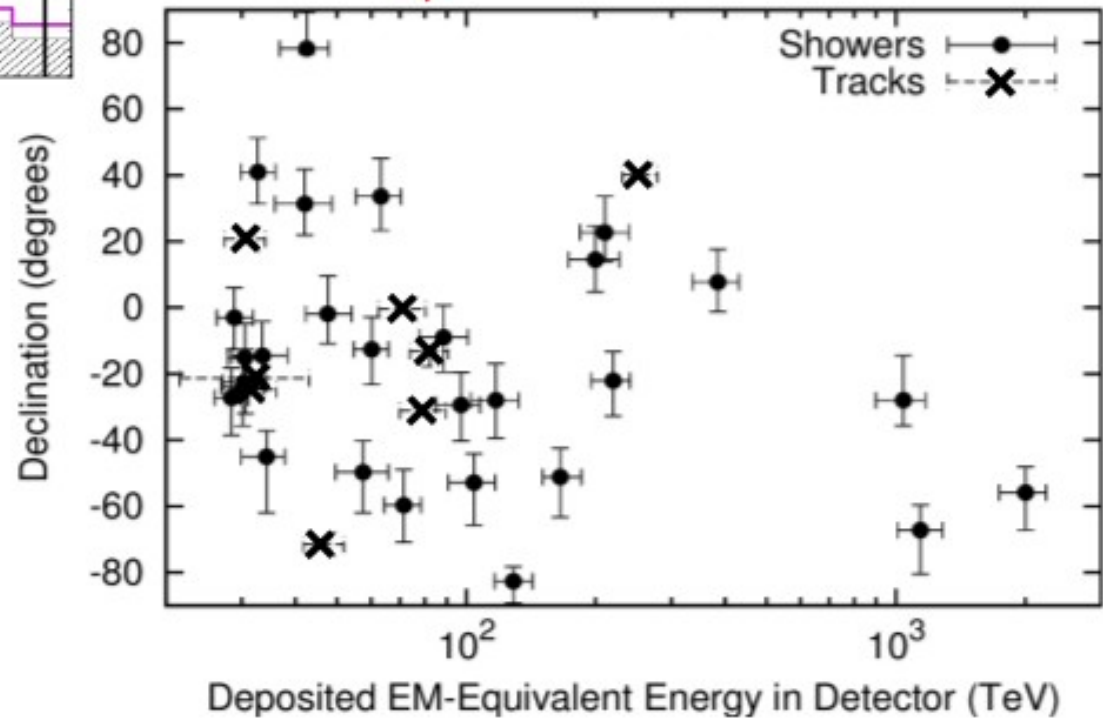


HESE 3 year results

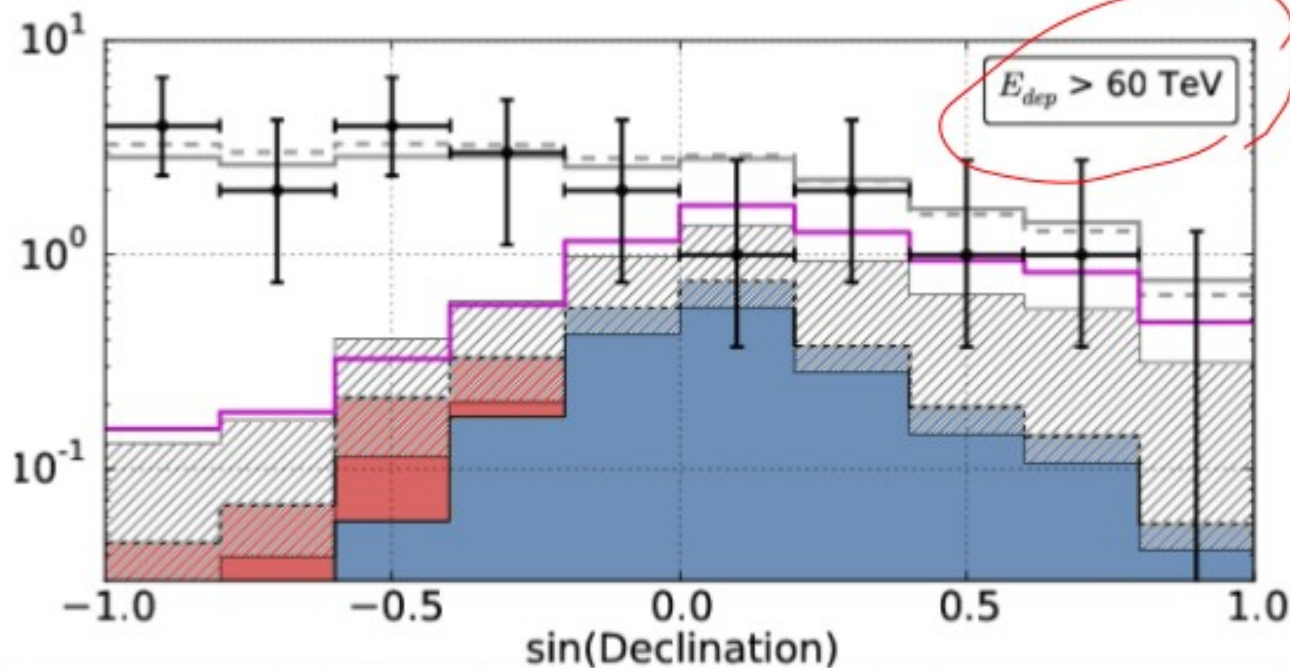
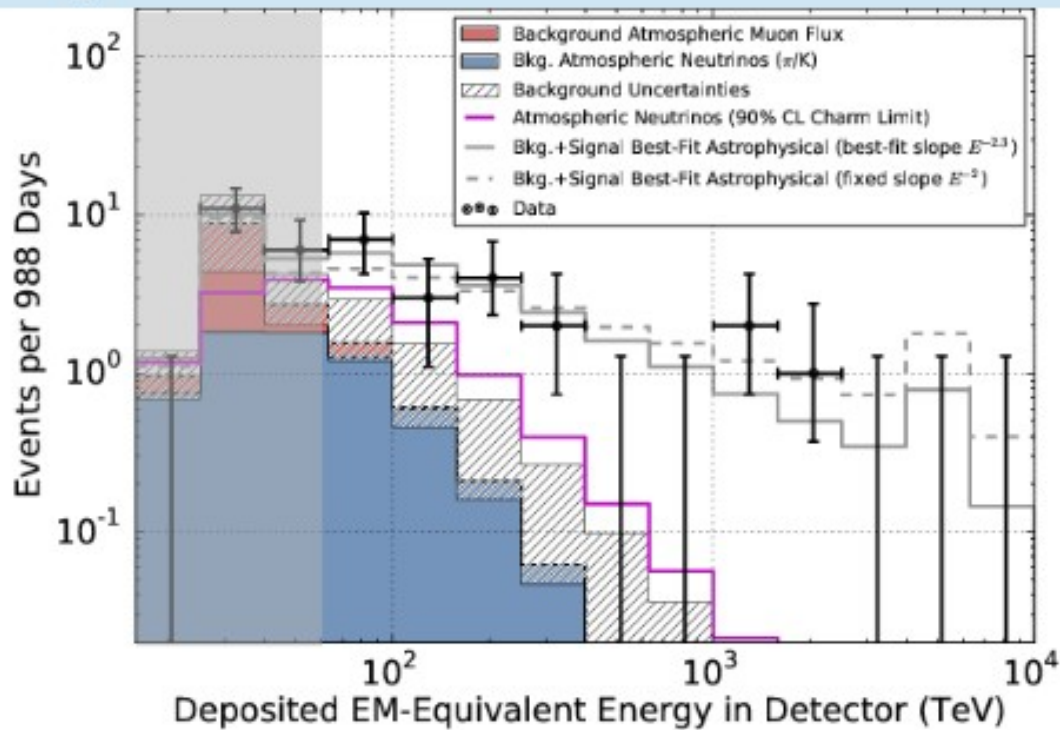


Cut at 6000 PE

36 events selected



HESE 3 year self-veto turn-on



Used for fit

Best fit unbroken E^{-2} spectrum to data above 60 TeV is

$$E^2\Phi = (0.95 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$$

Favoured at 5.7σ compared to purely atmospheric flux

Best fit power law is $E^{-2.3}$ (prompt flux fits to zero):

$$E^2\Phi = 1.5 \times 10^{-8} (E/100 \text{ TeV})^{-0.3} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$$

$$(\text{or } \Phi = 1.5 \times 10^{-18} (E/100 \text{ TeV})^{-2.3} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1})$$

Consistent with isotropic flux with $\nu_e:\nu_\mu:\nu_\tau=1:1:1$