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Neutrino physics

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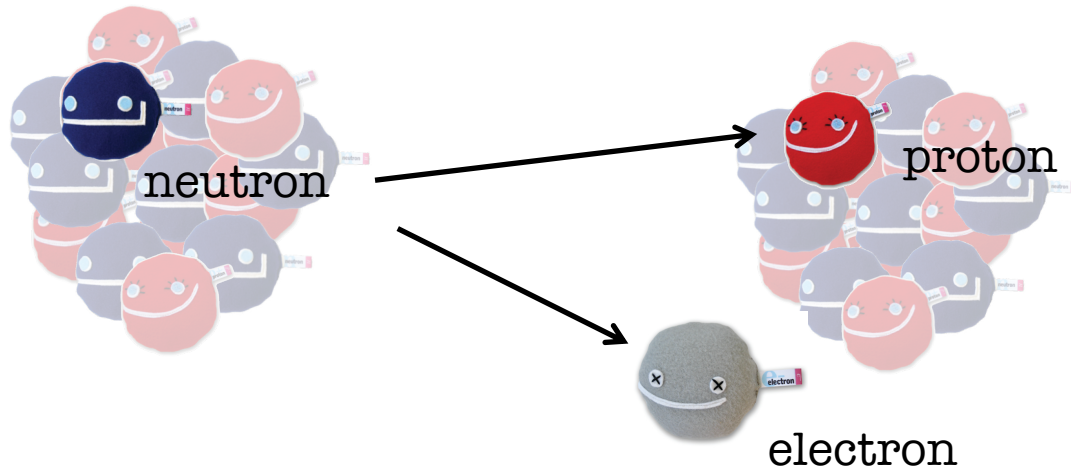
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Why are we still trying to measure the basic neutrino properties more than 50 years after its discovery?

Why are so many experiments trying to measure neutrino oscillation parameters?

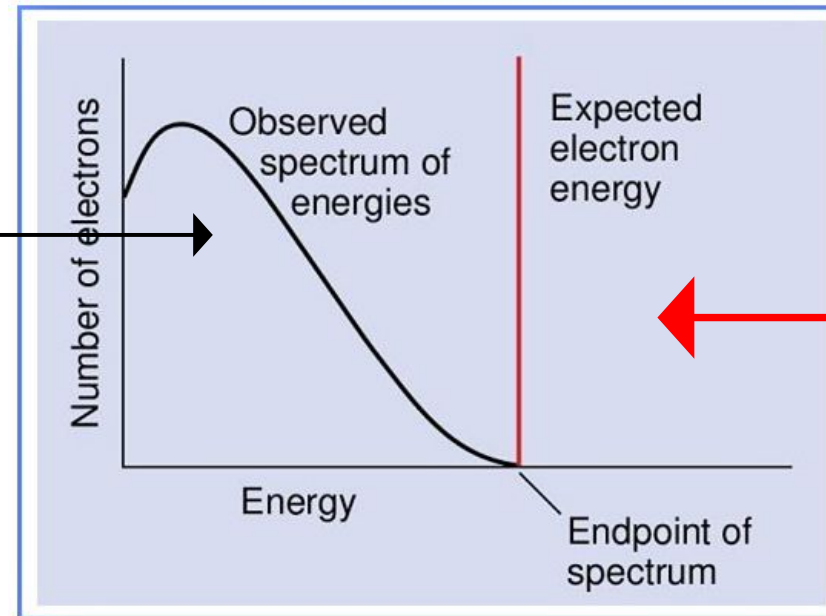


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β -decay before 1930

In this case, all electrons would have the same momentum, which would be the difference of the initial and final nuclear state

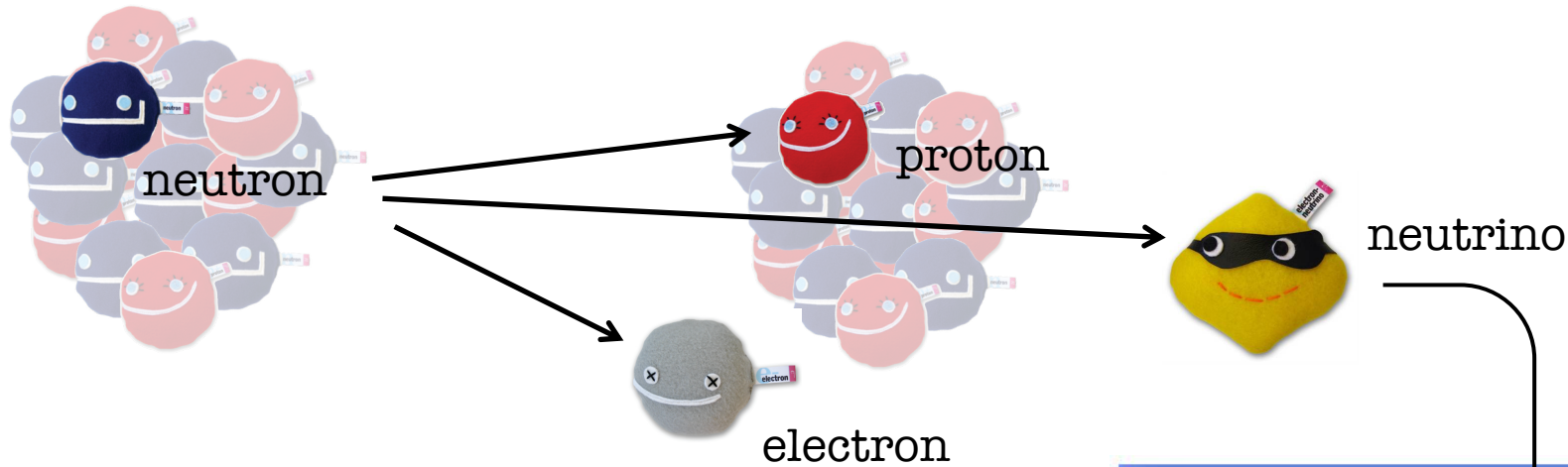


But:
Chadwick et al. observed a continuous electron momentum spectrum

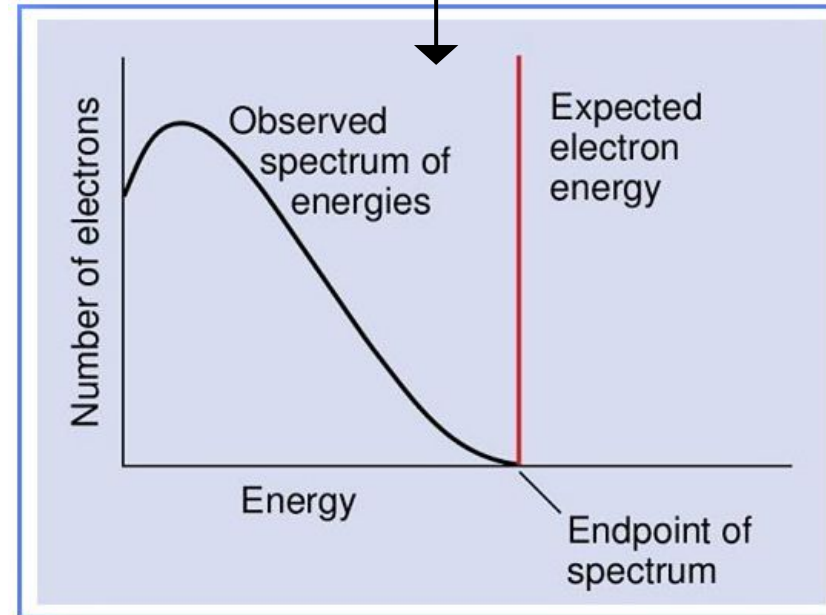
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Explains the continuous decay spectrum



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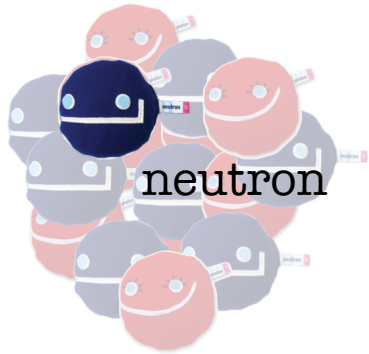
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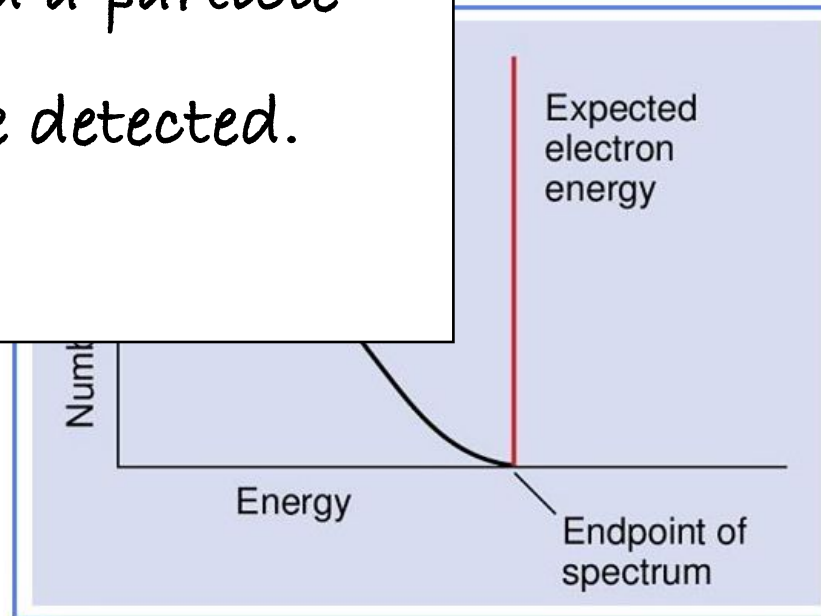


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I have done a terrible thing,
I have postulated a particle
that can not be detected.

Explains the continuous decay spectrum



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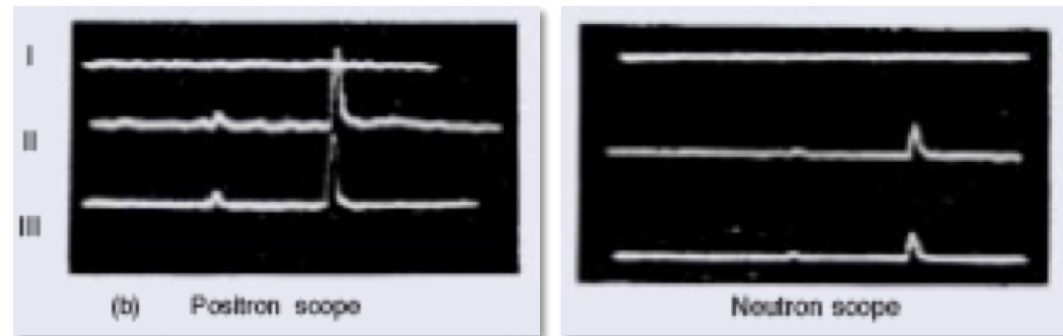
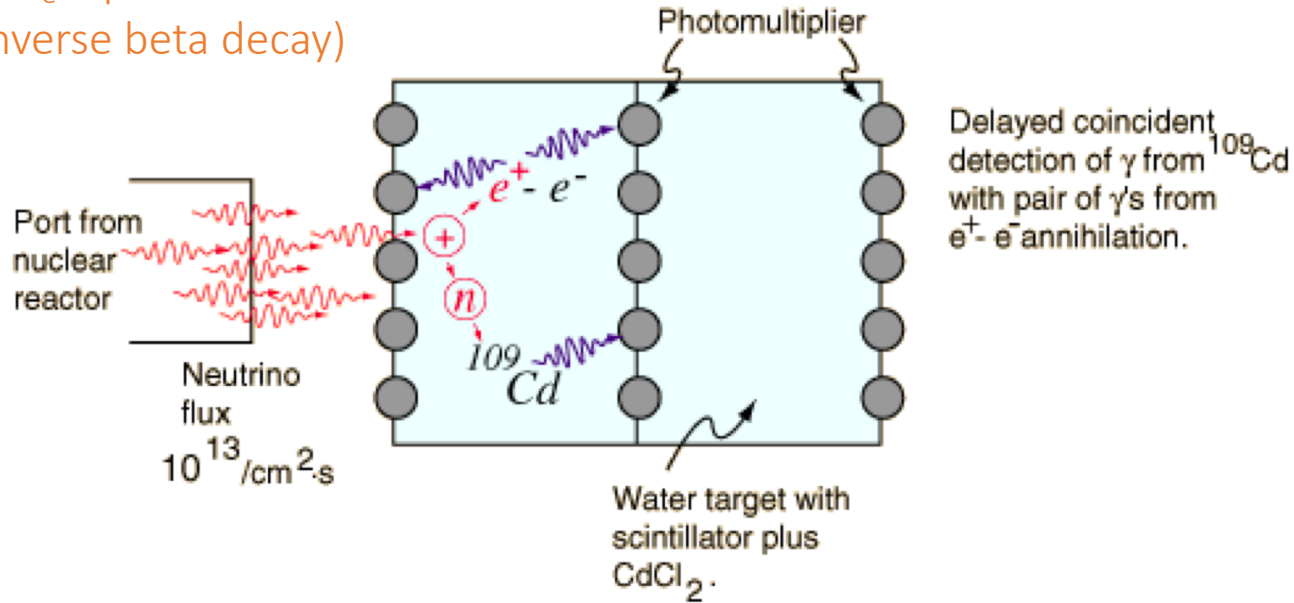
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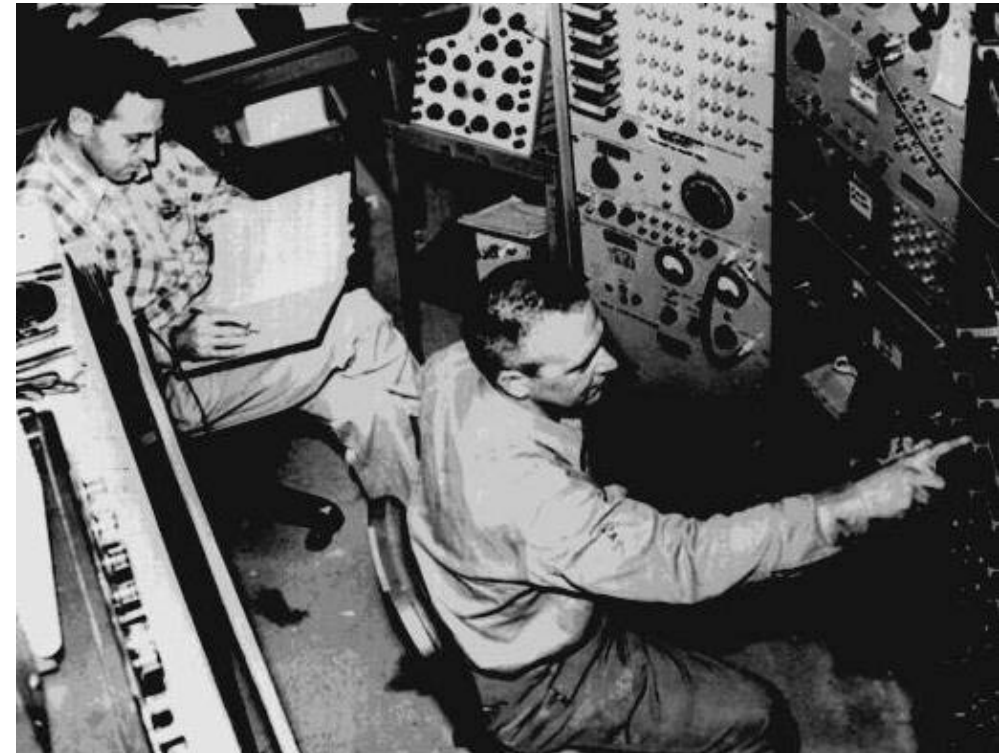
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Cowan & Reines & the antineutrino discovery

$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$
(inverse beta decay)



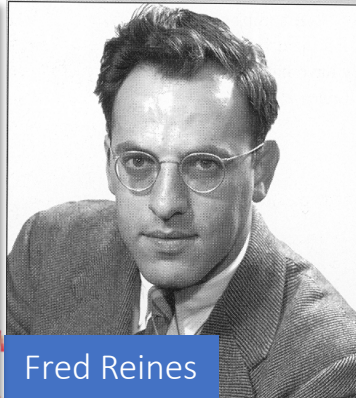
Cowan and Reines built a liquid scintillator detector and discovered the antineutrino in 1956



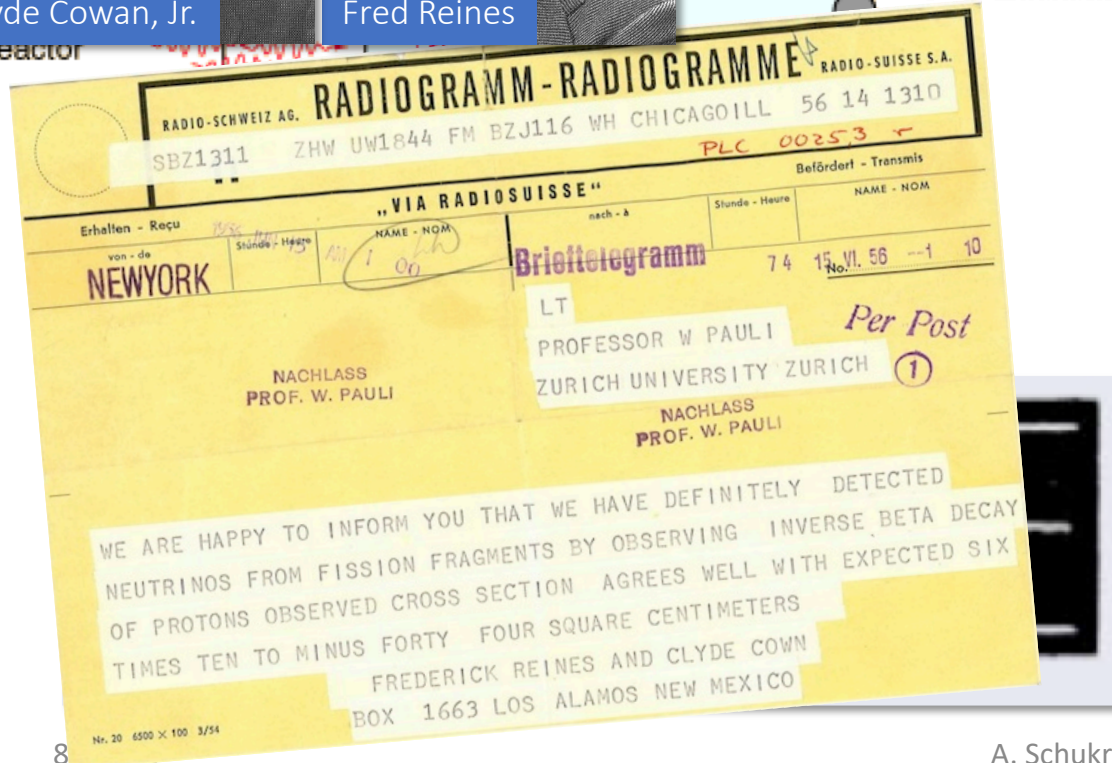
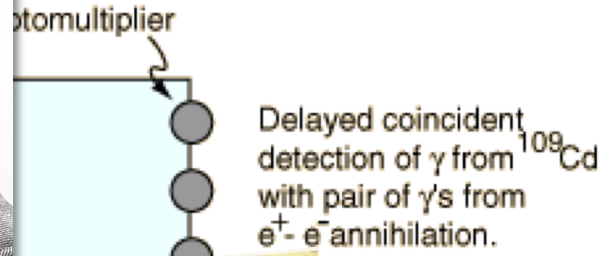
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Clyde Cowan, Jr.



Fred Reines



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Cowan & Reines
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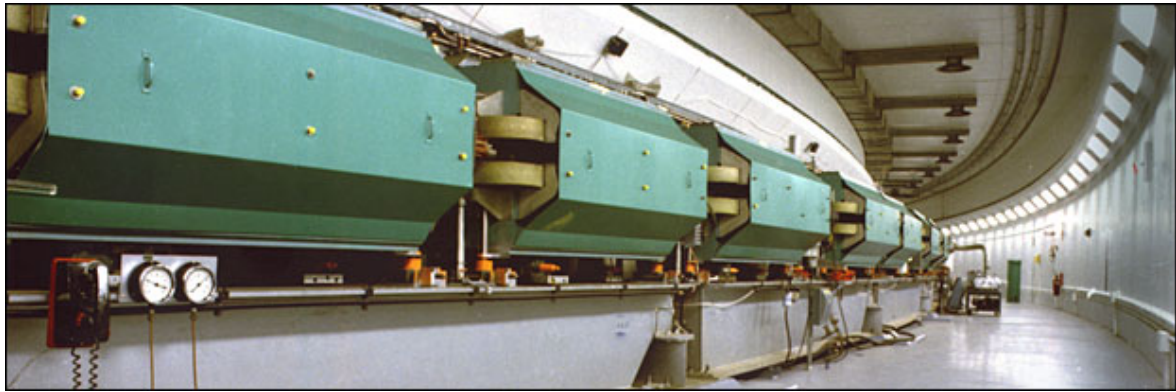


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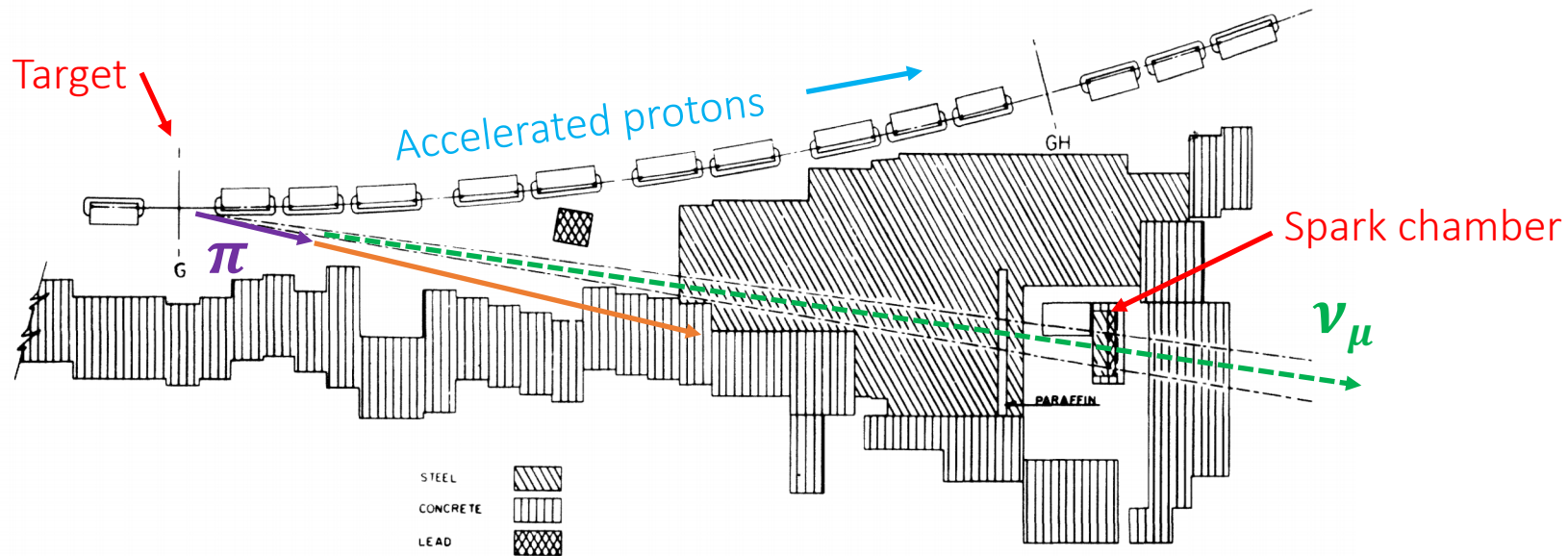


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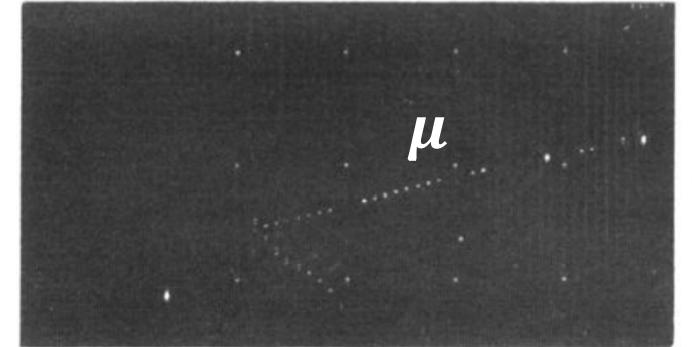
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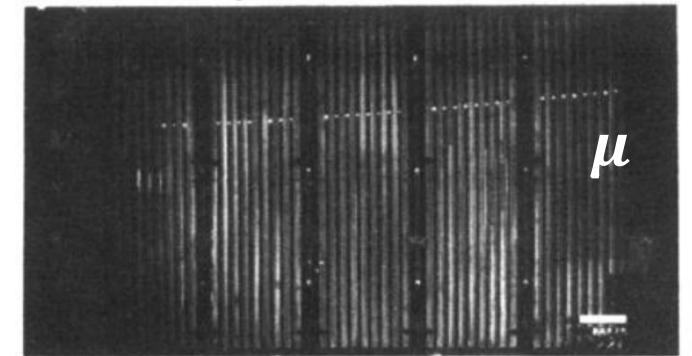


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A

“Single muon event”



B

Dominantly muon events were found over electron events, indicating a new species of neutrinos (1962)

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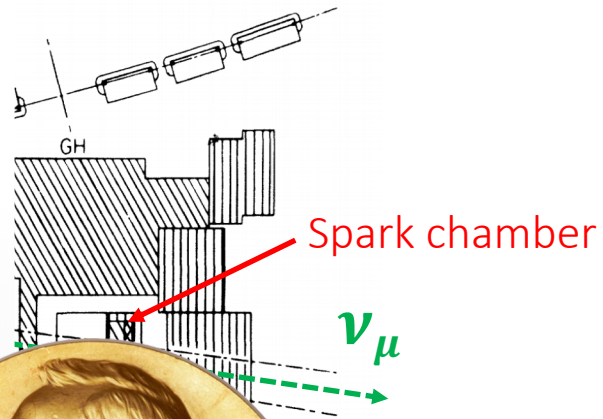
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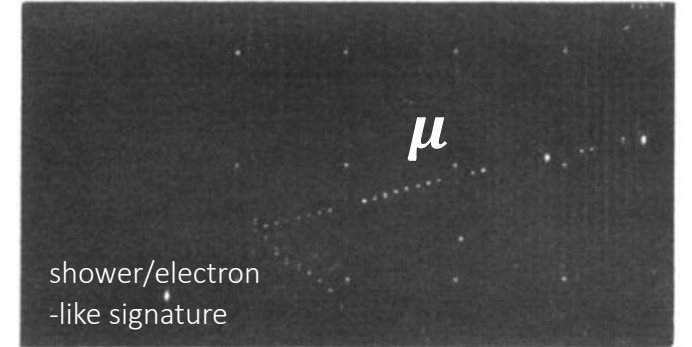
Jack Steinberger

Mel Schwartz

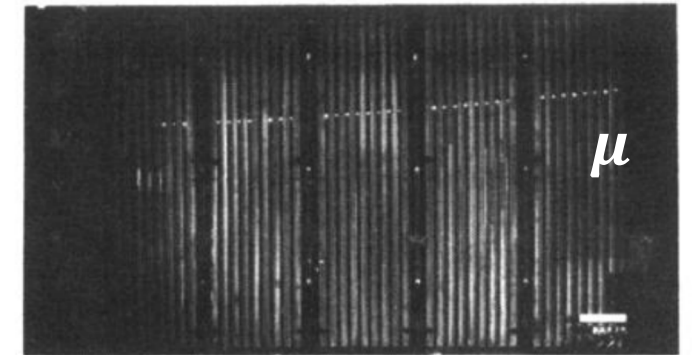
Leon Lederman



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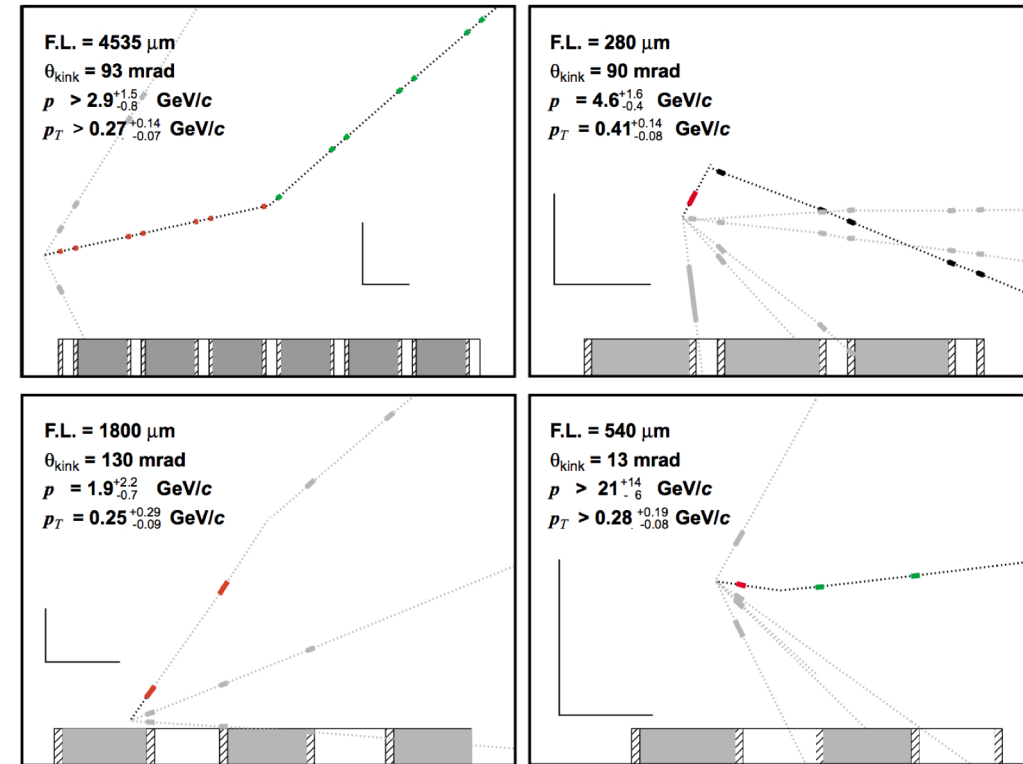
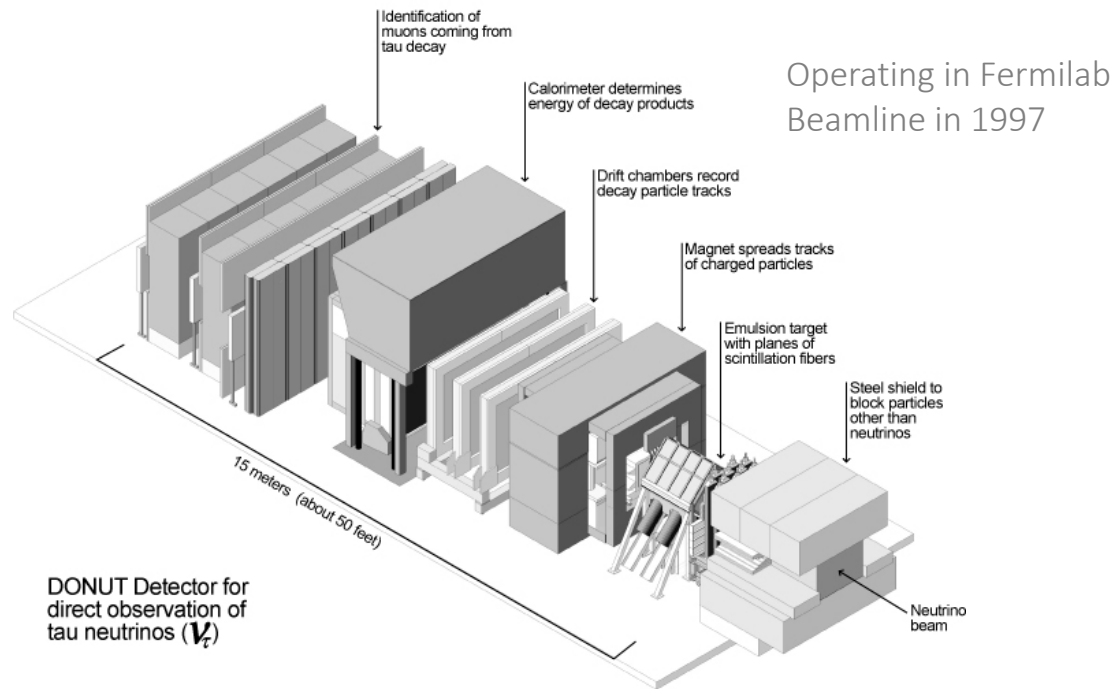


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The discovery of the tau neutrino

- After the discovery of the tau lepton (70s), physicists immediately expected there would also be a tau neutrino
- Challenge:
The tau is heavy ($m_\tau = 1.78 \text{ GeV}$, $m_\mu = 106 \text{ MeV}$, $m_e = 511 \text{ keV}$)
 $\Rightarrow \nu_\tau$ production requires decay of charmed mesons.

DONUT Detector




Four candidate events announced in 2000.
 τ identified through decay into μ .
(Background expectation was only 0.2 events.)







Last missing piece to the standard model besides the Higgs.

Neutrinos in the standard model


QUARKS

UP mass 2,3 MeV/c ² charge 2/3 spin 1/2 	CHARM 1,275 GeV/c ² 2/3 1/2 	TOP 173,07 GeV/c ² 2/3 1/2 
DOWN 4,8 MeV/c ² -1/3 1/2 	STRANGE 95 MeV/c ² -1/3 1/2 	BOTTOM 4,18 GeV/c ² -1/3 1/2 

LEPTONS

ELECTRON 0,511 MeV/c ² -1 1/2 	MUON 105,7 MeV/c ² -1 1/2 	TAU 1,777 GeV/c ² -1 1/2 
ELECTRON NEUTRINO <2,2 eV/c ² 0 1/2 	MUON NEUTRINO <0,17 MeV/c ² 0 1/2 	TAU NEUTRINO <15,5 MeV/c ² 0 1/2 

GLUON
 0
 0
 1


PHOTON
 0
 0
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Z BOSON
 91,2 GeV/c²
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 1

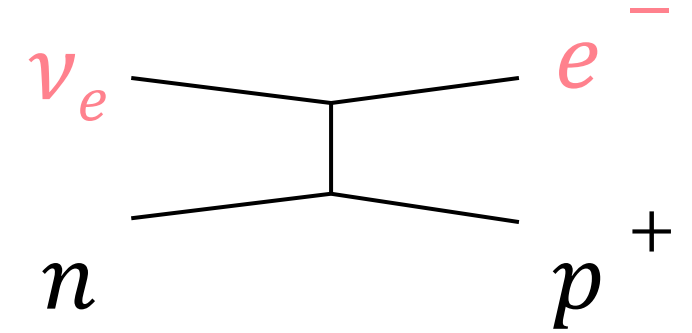

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GAUGE BOSONS

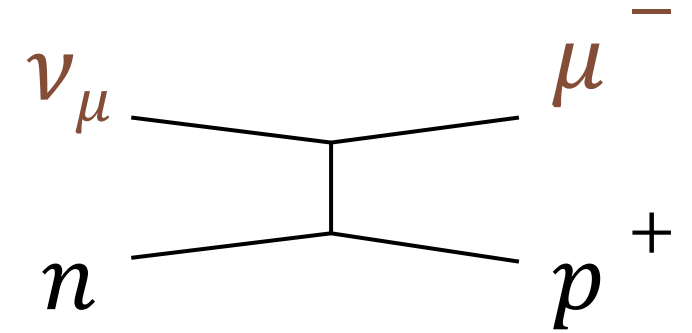
HIGGS BOSON
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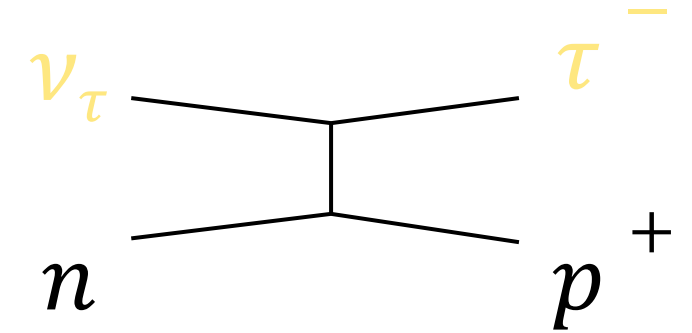

electron-neutrino



muon-neutrino



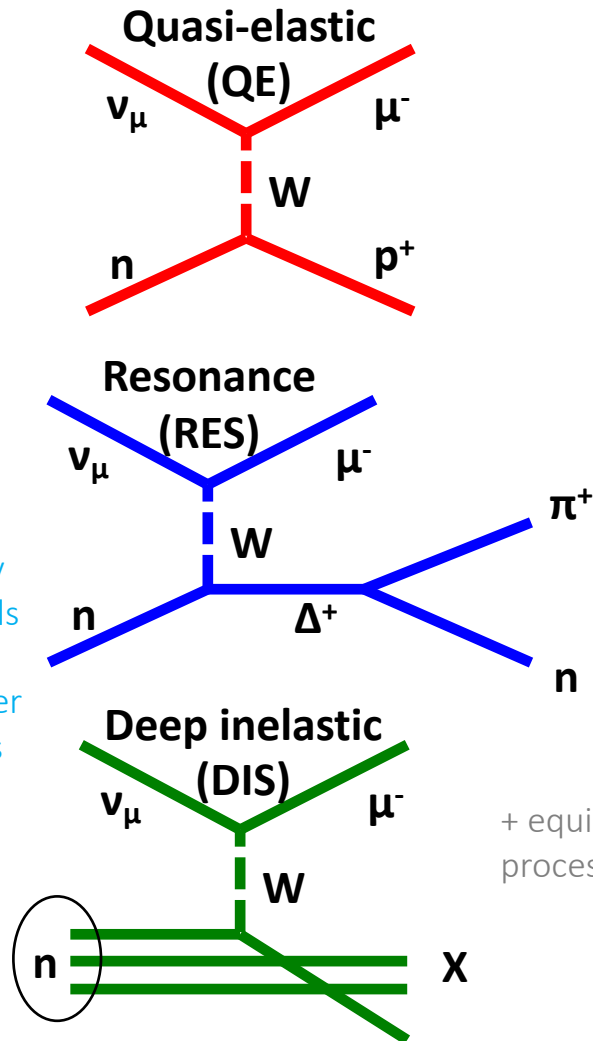
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Neutrino cross sections

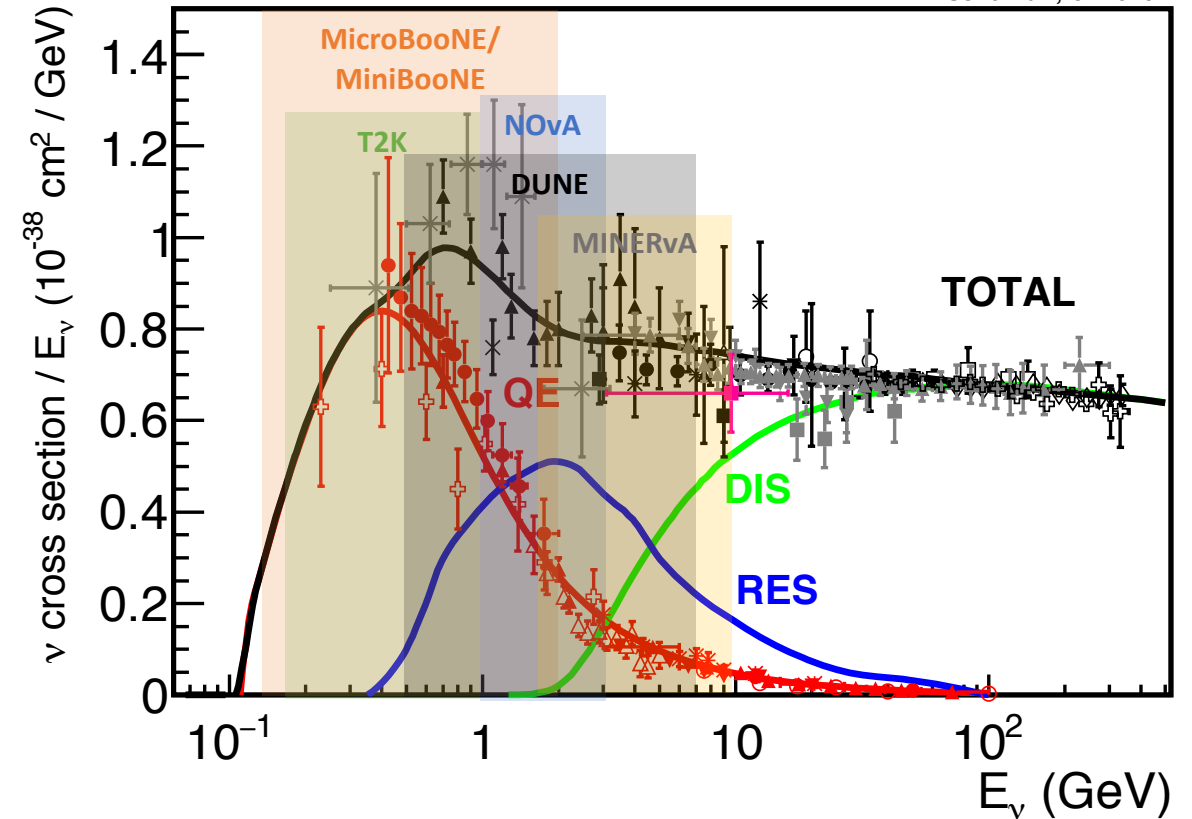
Neutrinos are only weakly interacting. This is a challenge for every neutrino experiment!

Dominant interaction processes at typical energies in neutrino physics



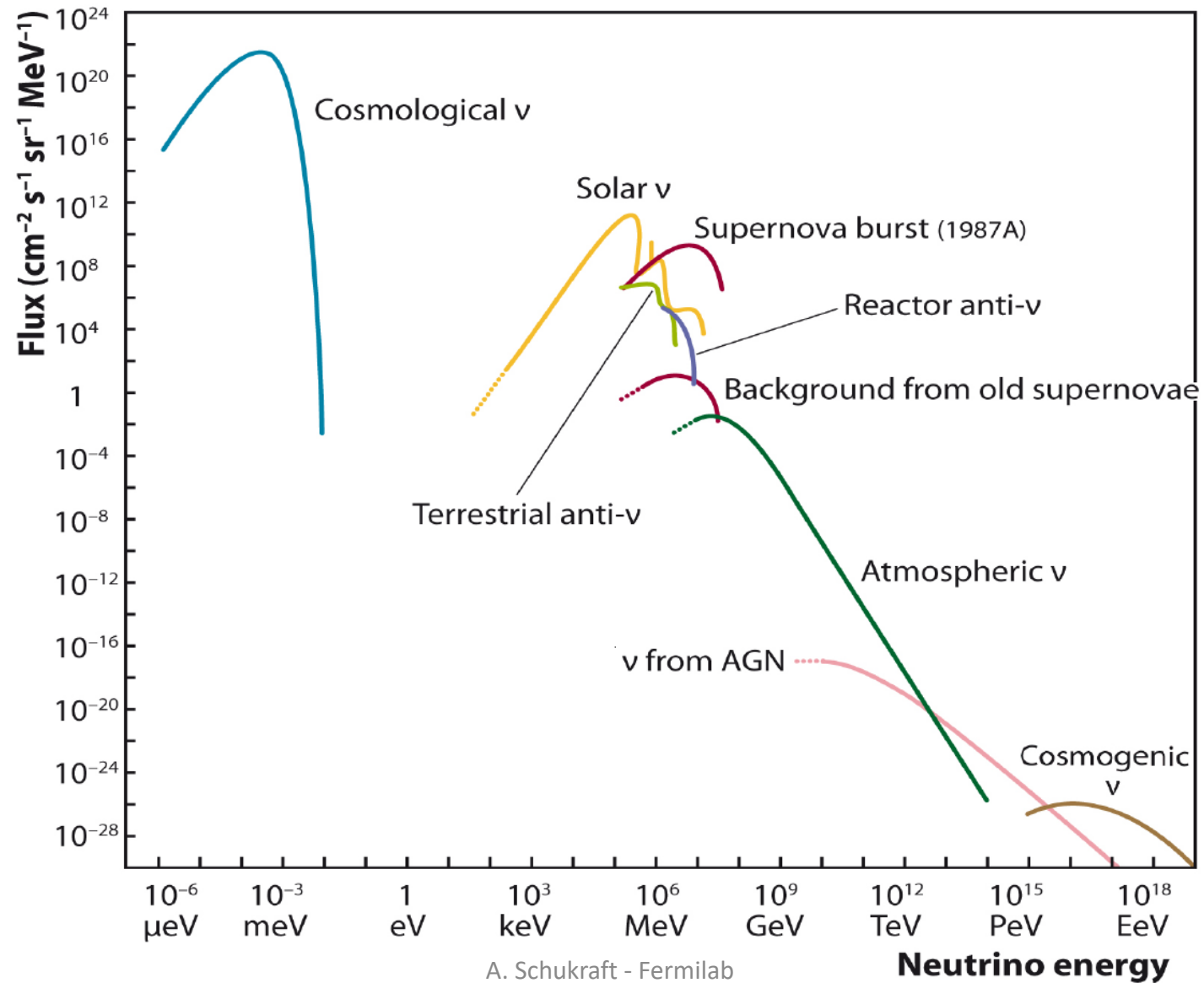
Most modern experiments use heavy nuclear target materials (C, Ar, ...) and the neutrino doesn't scatter off a free nucleon. This brings in complicated nuclear physics!!! This is not easy!!!

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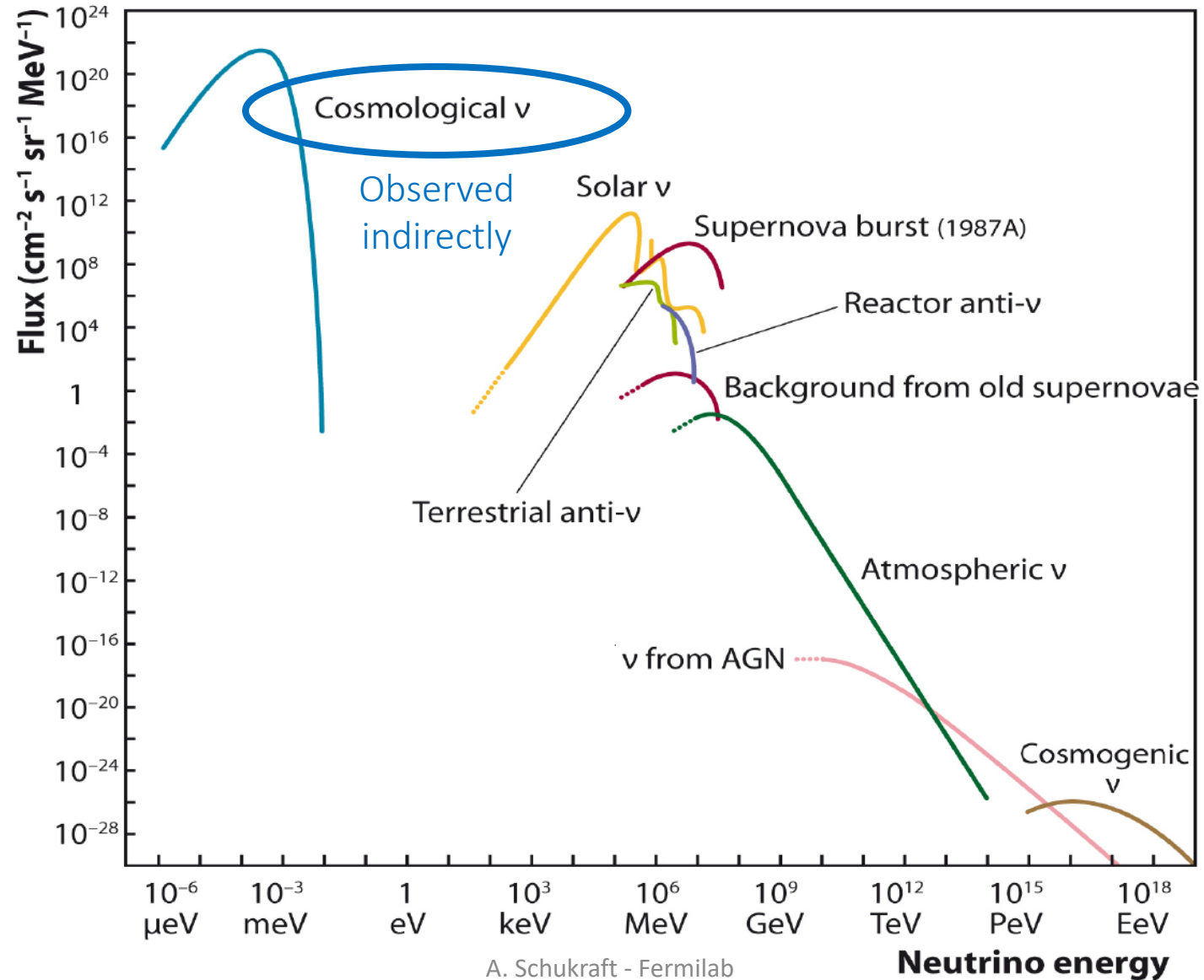
The mean free path of a 1GeV neutrino in rock is 6×10^8 km. That's 50,000 times the diameter of the Earth.

Neutrino sources



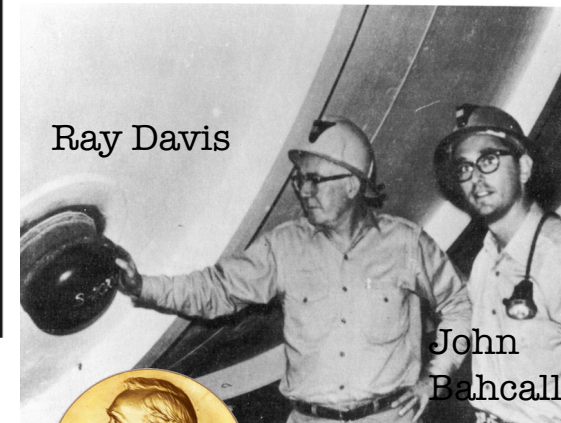
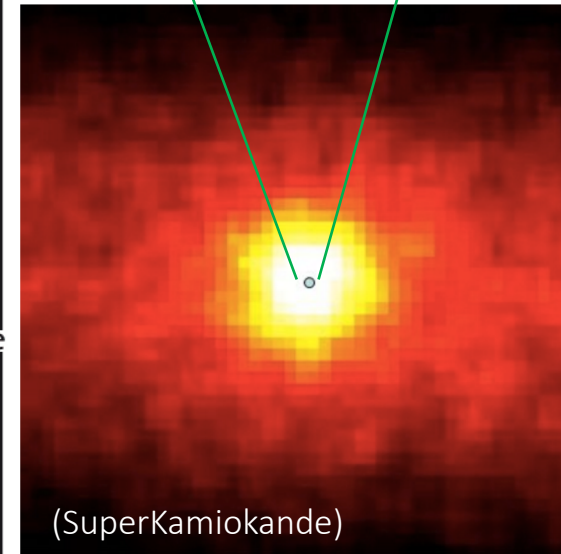
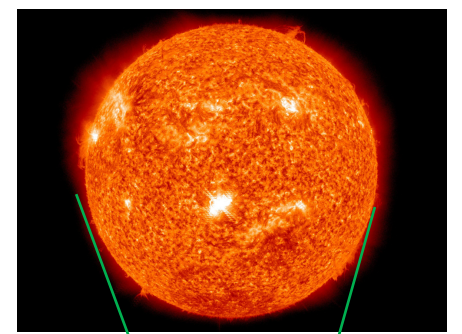
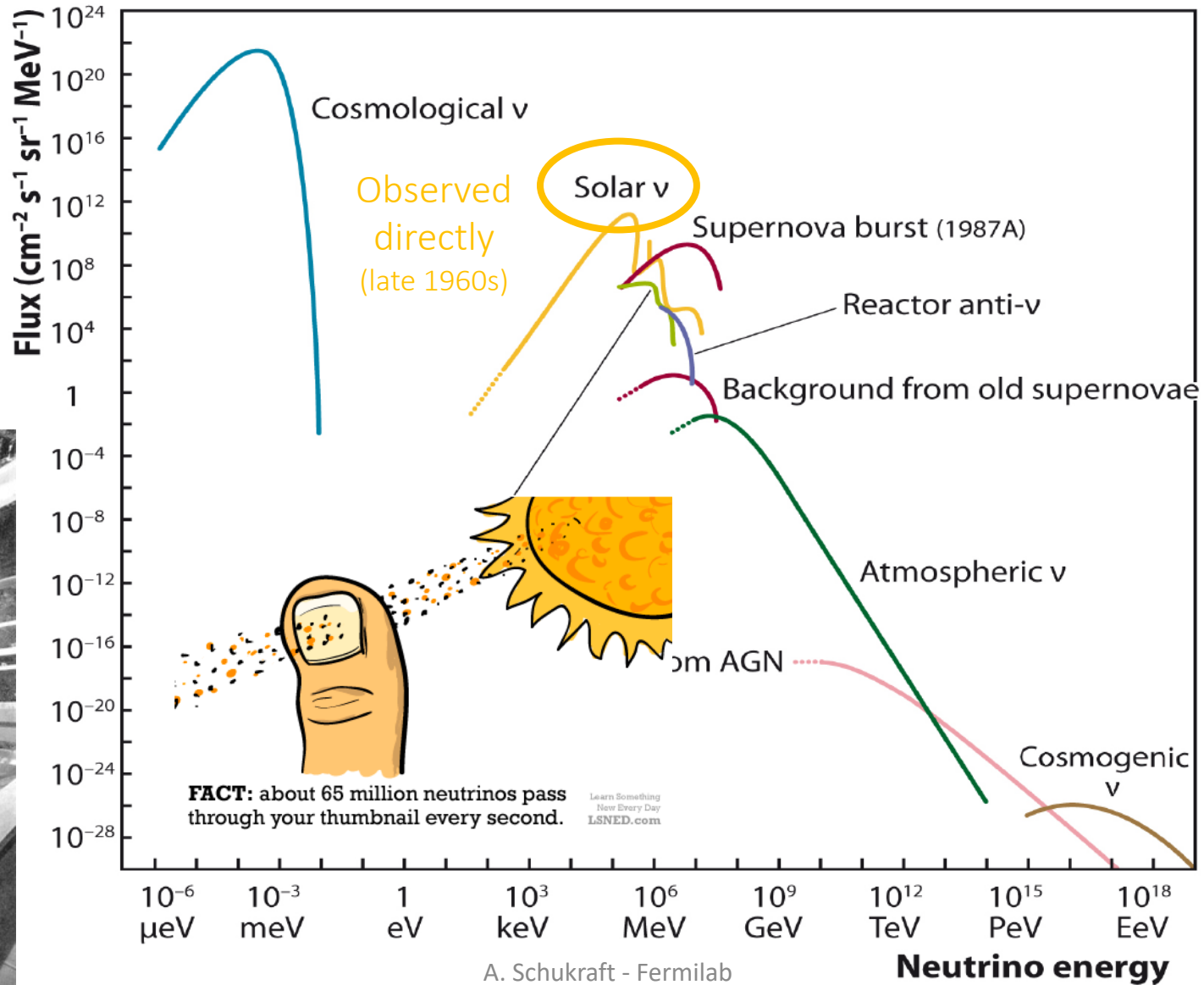
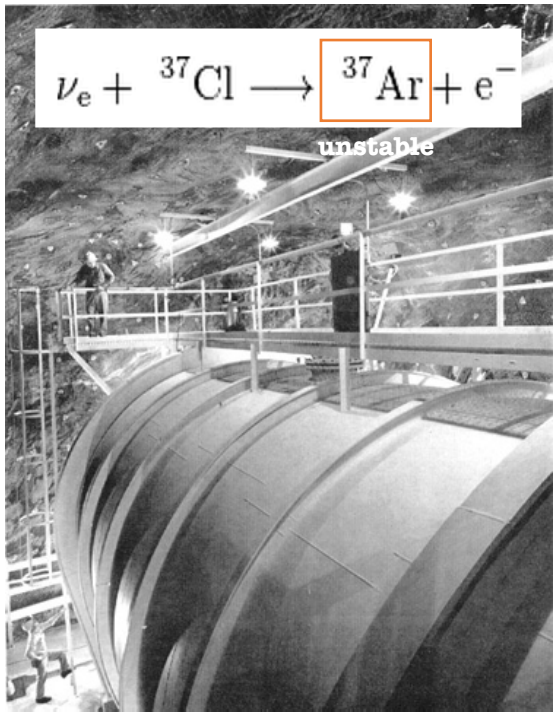
Neutrino sources

- Also called “cosmic neutrino background” or “relic neutrinos”
- Produced in the big bang, and due to low interaction probability of neutrinos still around today
- Today’s temperature: 1.95 K (compare to 2.7 K for CMB)
- Due to low energy, not yet directly detectable
- Observed indirectly through cosmology observations. The existence of relic neutrinos affects the anisotropy of the CMB



Neutrino sources

- The sun produces ν_e in nuclear fusion processes
- Strongest source in our neighborhood!
- Discovered in an experiment at Homestake Mine in South Dakota through neutrino capture:



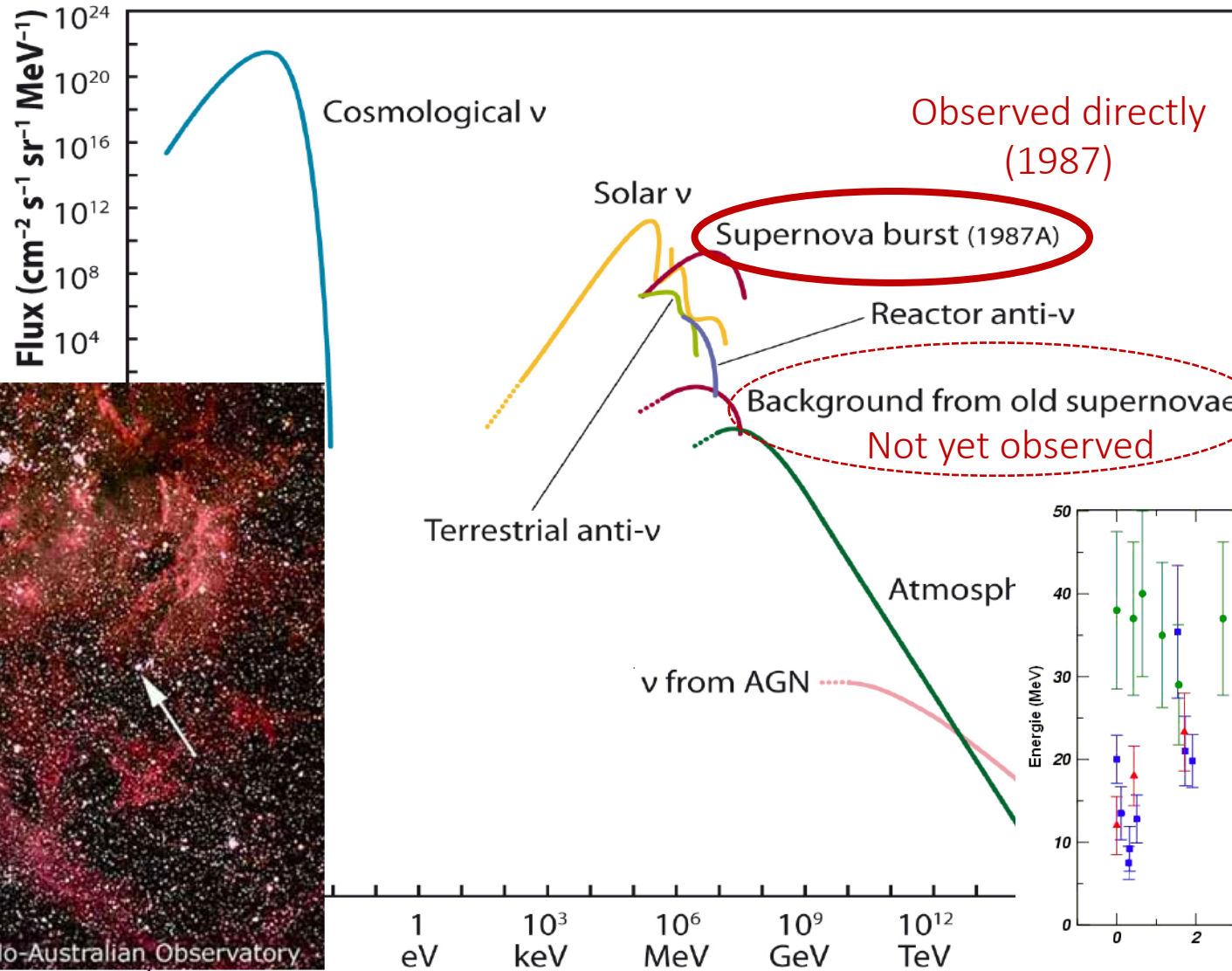
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Neutrino sources

SN1987A was a type II SN in the Large Magellanic Cloud - 51kparsec from Earth

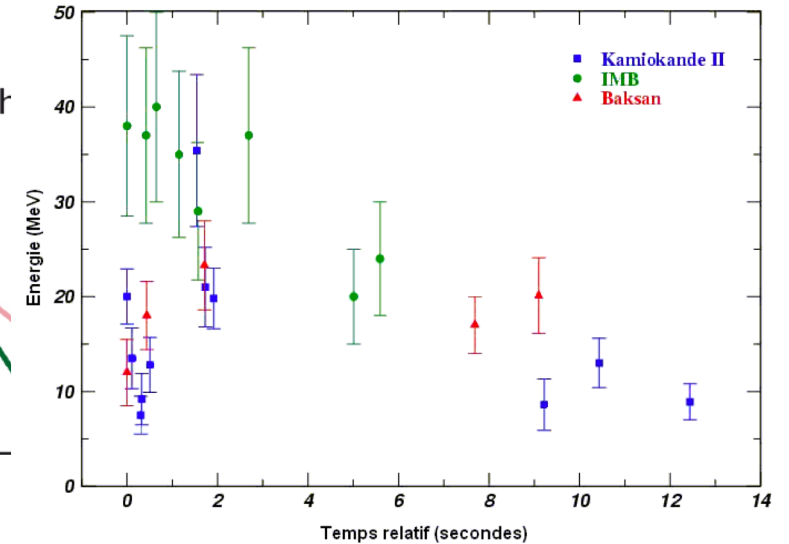


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Three different experiments observed a neutrino rate above background levels during a ~ 13 sec burst window in coincidence with the supernova

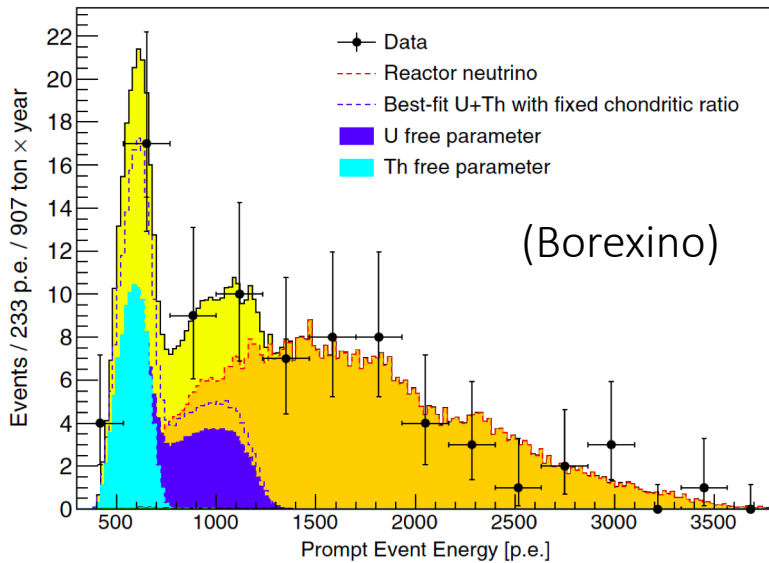
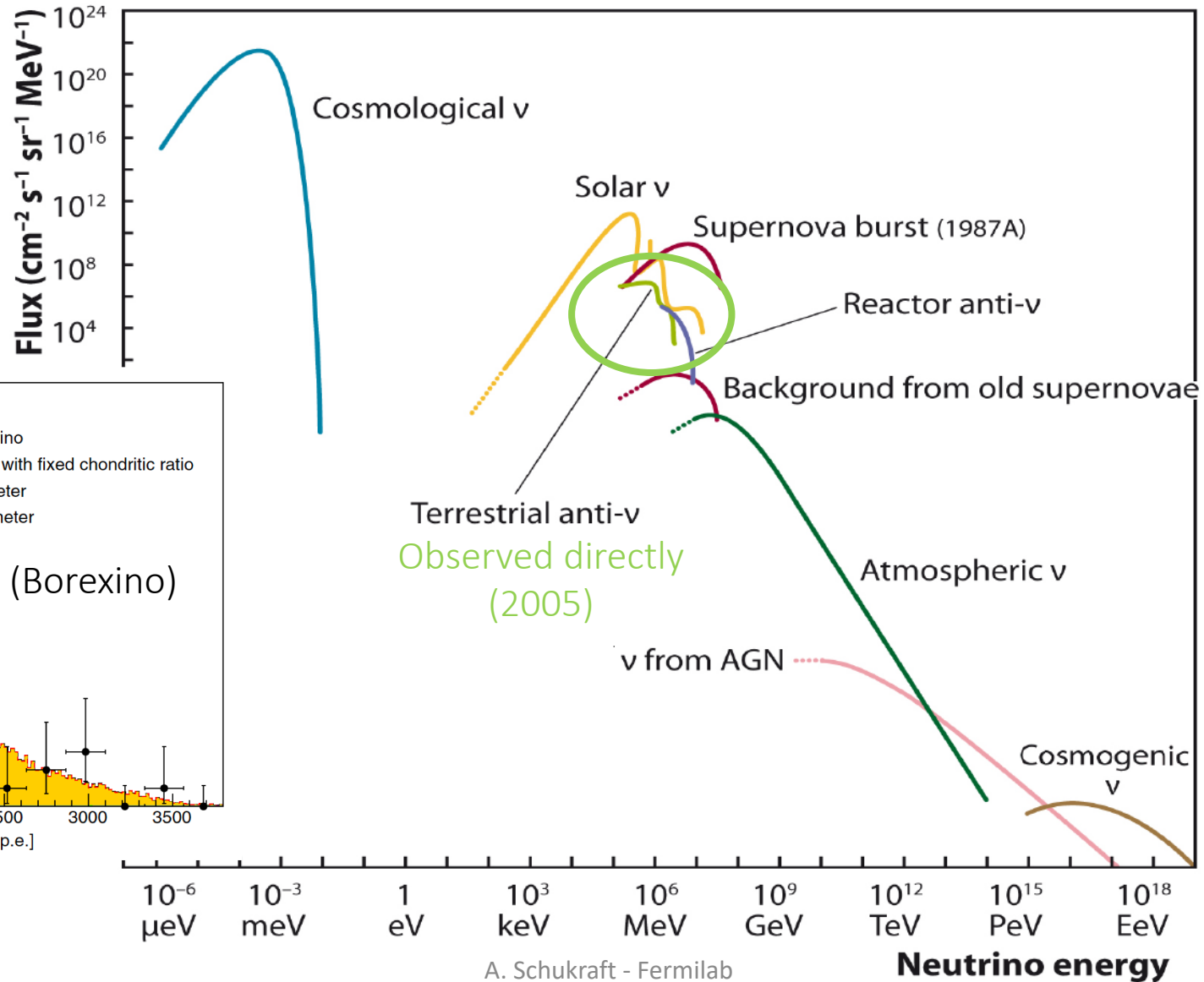
This is the only supernova we have observed neutrinos from, yet! Nearby supernovas are rare!



Neutrino energy

Neutrino sources

Originating from decays of radioactive elements naturally occurring in the Earth, e.g. ^{40}K , ^{232}Th , ^{238}U



Other neutrino sources with Potassium decay:



358 mg / 100gm
-> 1 million neutrinos/day

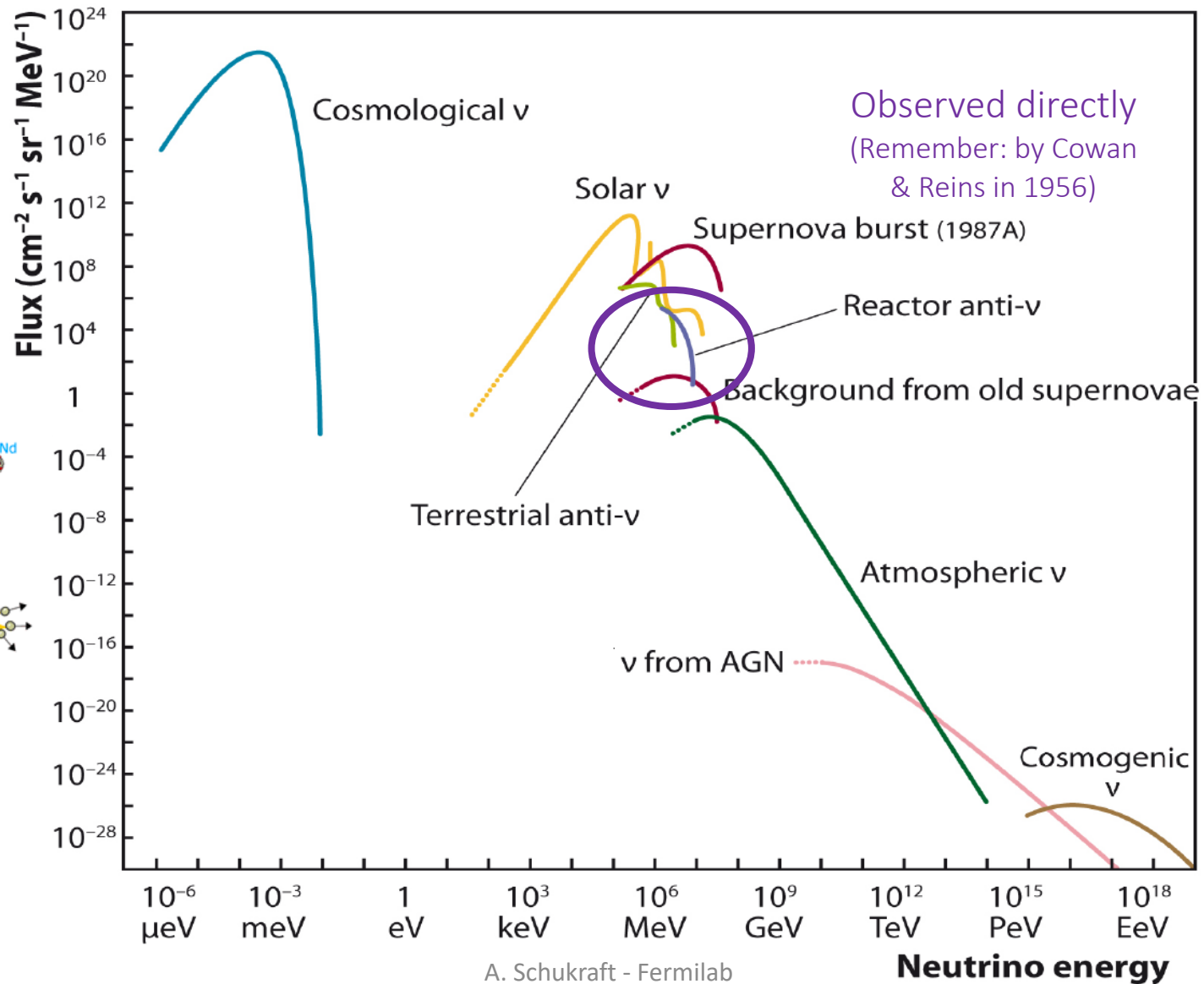
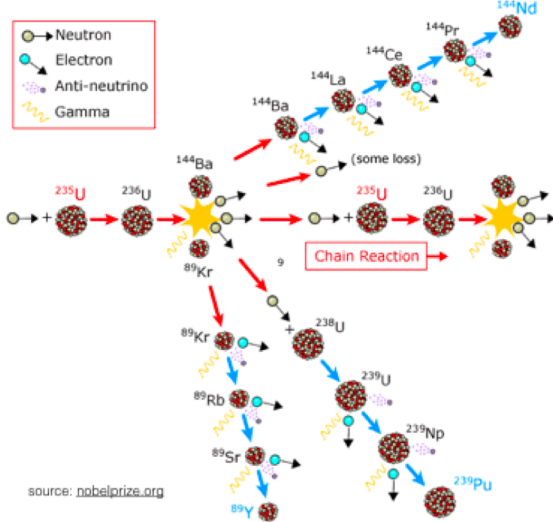


485 mg / 100gm

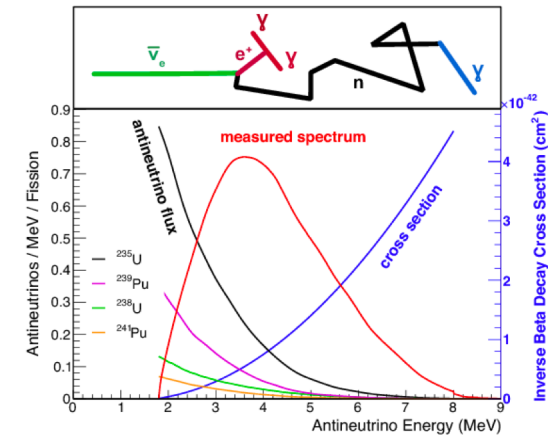
Neutrino sources

Electron-antineutrinos are produced in nuclear fission processes

fission process in a nuclear reactor



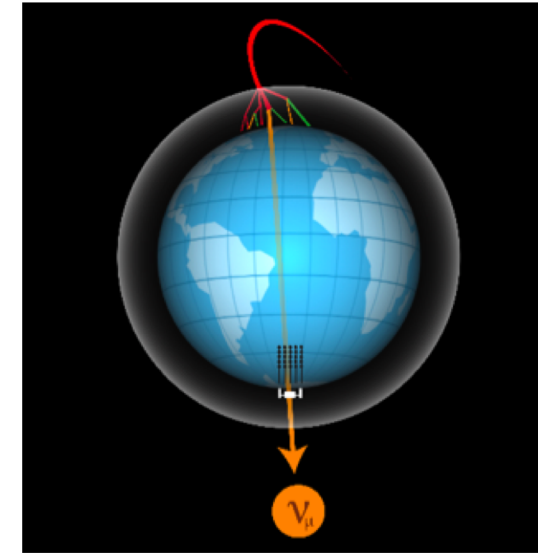
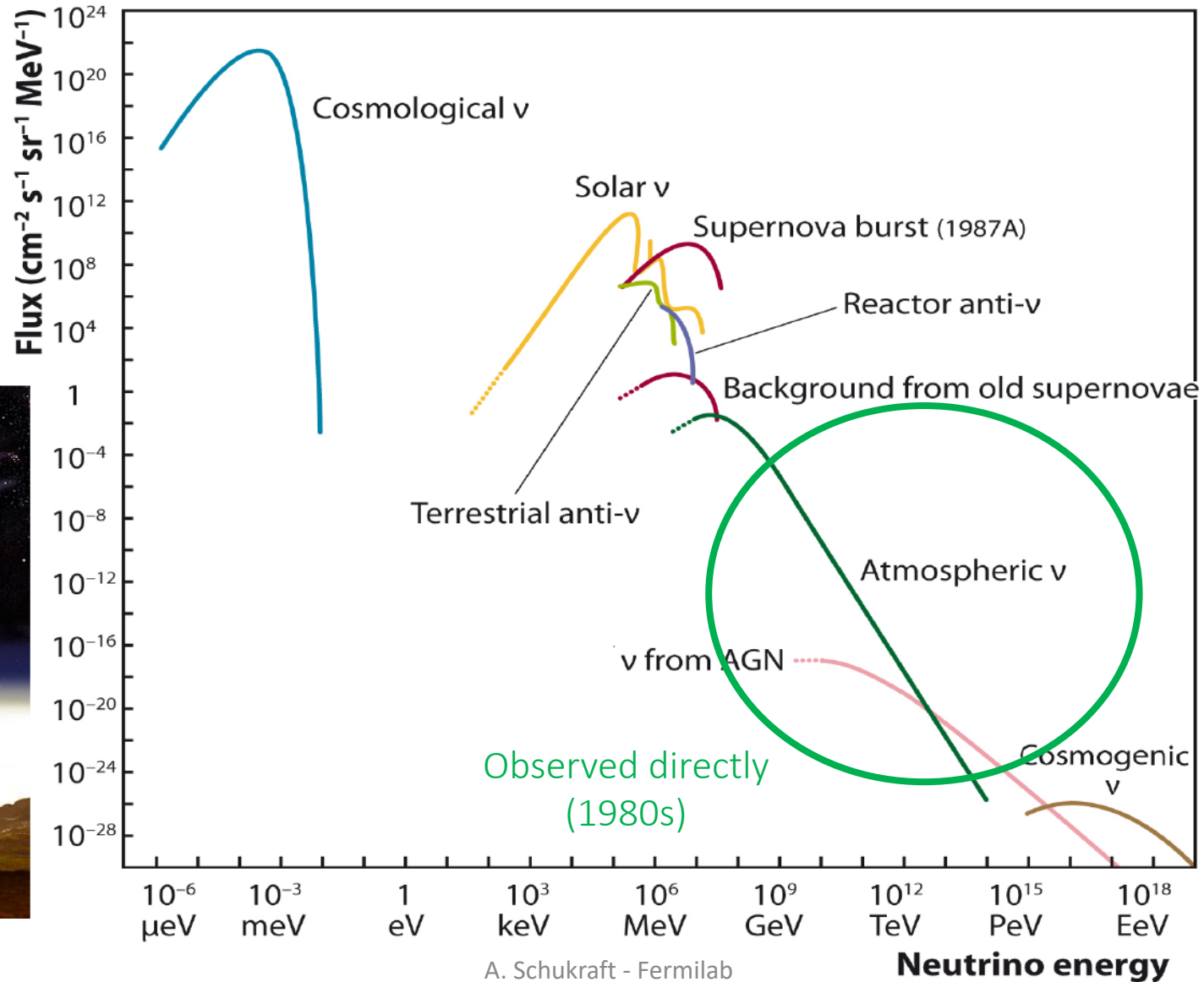
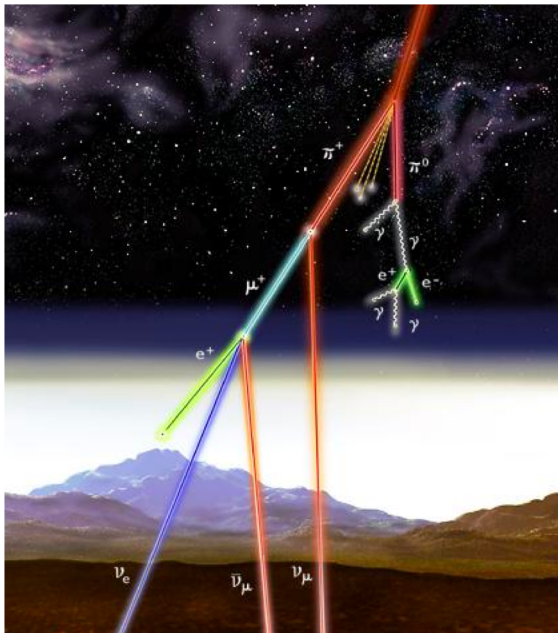
Reactors enabled the first discovery of neutrinos!



Today, we have several neutrino oscillation experiments placed nearby nuclear reactors

Neutrino sources

Atmospheric neutrinos (and muons) are produced when high-energy cosmic rays hit the Earth atmosphere and create a shower

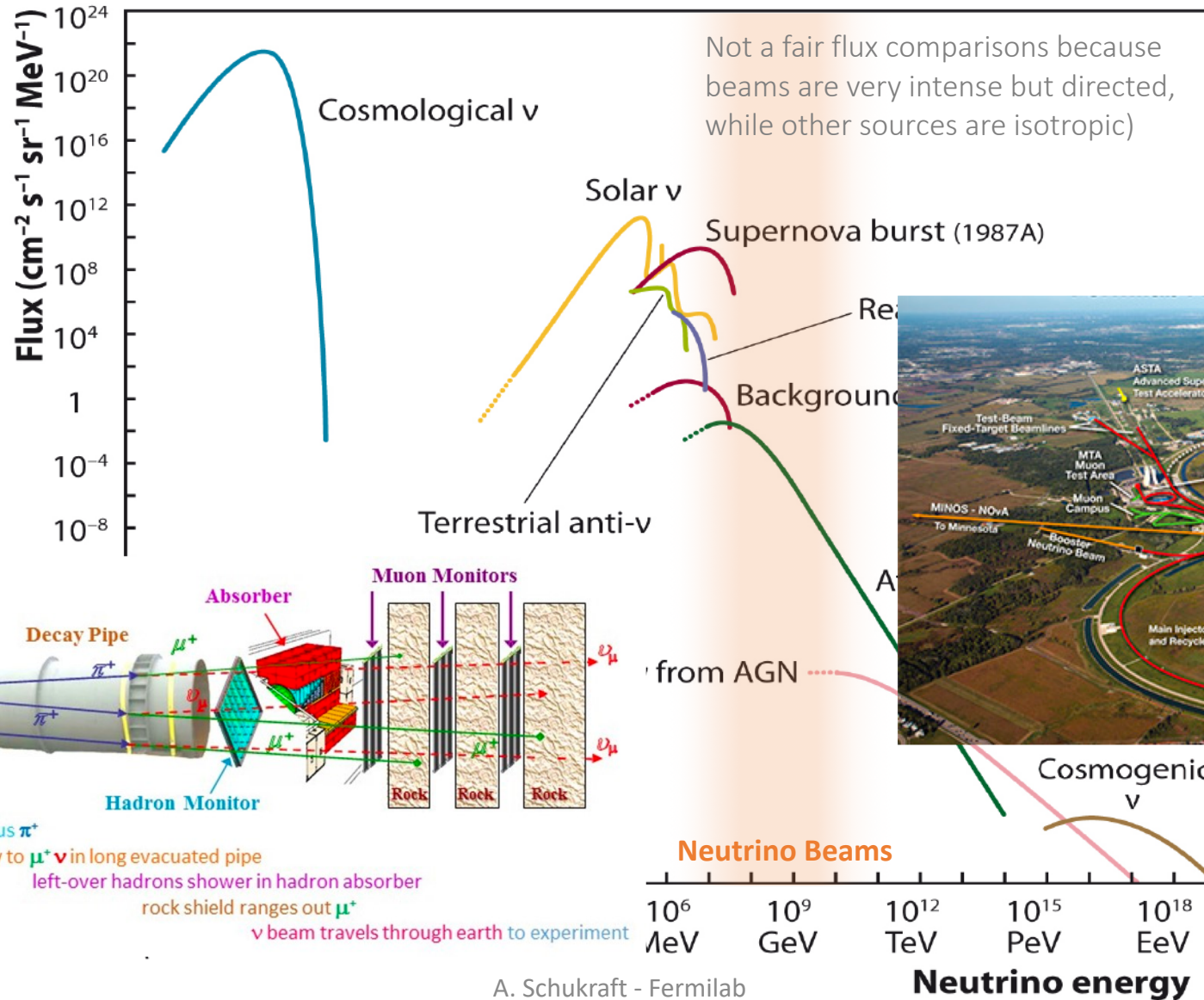


To distinguish atmospheric neutrinos from atmospheric muons, experiments often look for particles coming through the entire Earth so they can be sure it is a neutrino.

Neutrino sources

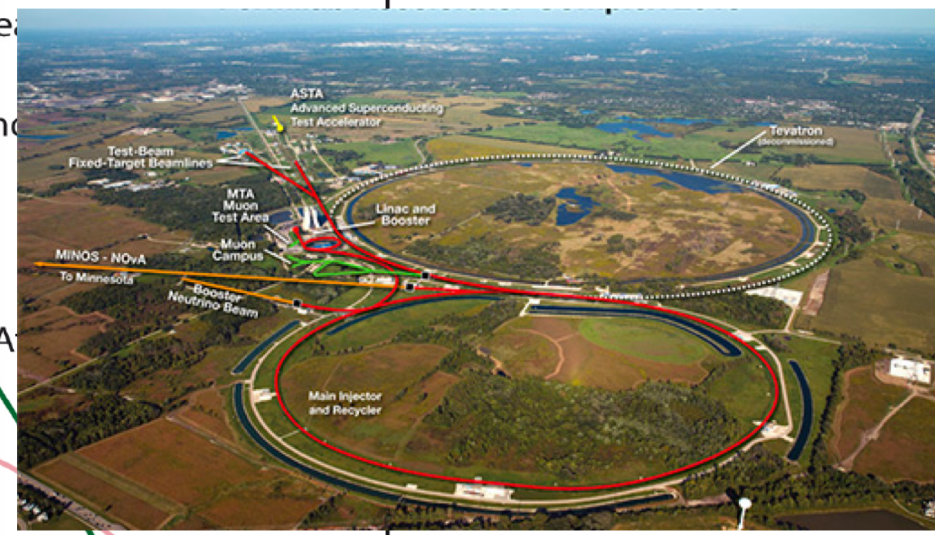
For precision
neutrino experiments
(since 1980s)

- p accelerated in accelerators and directed to a target
 - High-energy π are produced and focused
 - π decay into μ and ν . μ are absorbed by rock.
- $$\pi \rightarrow \mu + \nu_\mu$$
- Can be a ν_μ or anti- ν_μ beam depending on the charge of the π that are being focused!



Not a fair flux comparisons because beams are very intense but directed, while other sources are isotropic)

Fermilab currently operates two neutrino beams simultaneously (different energies)

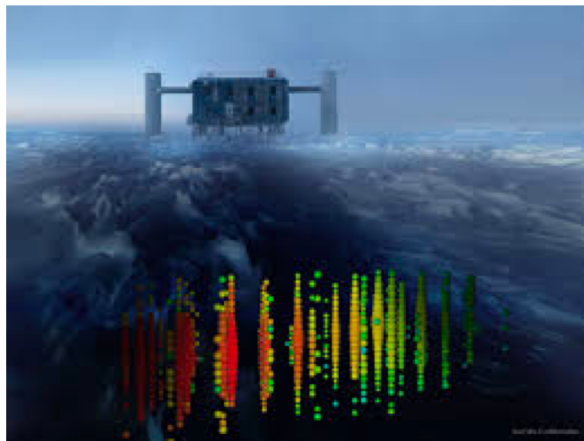
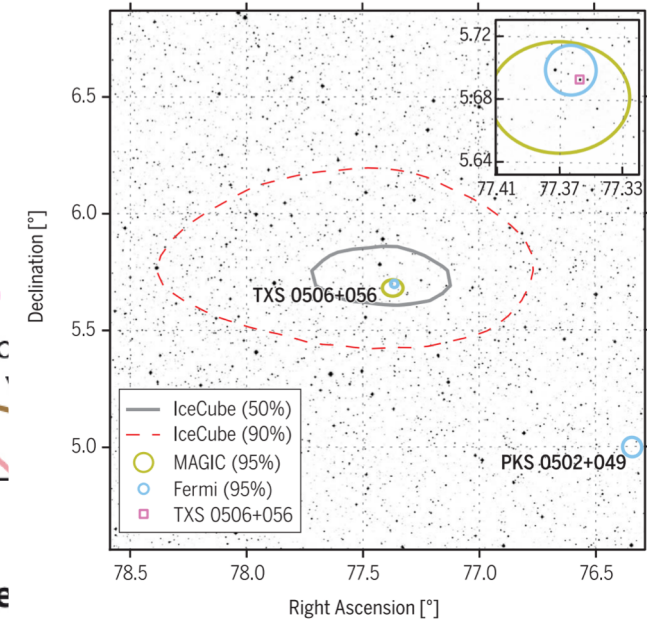
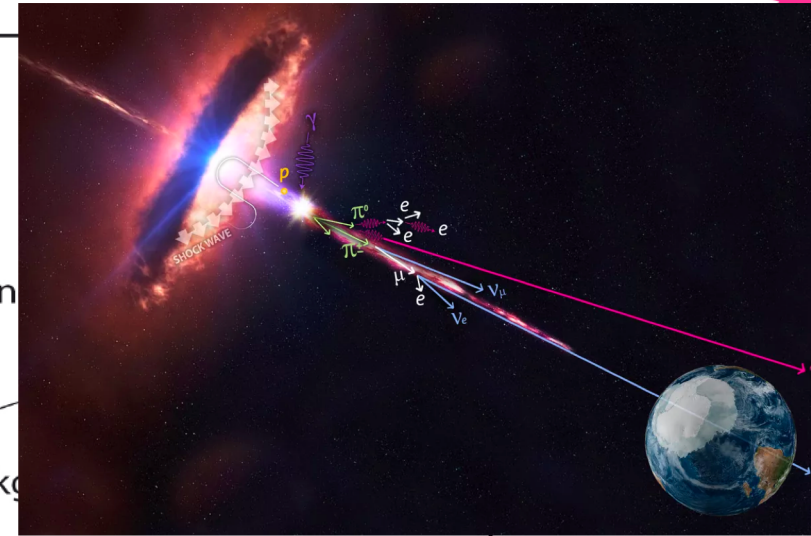
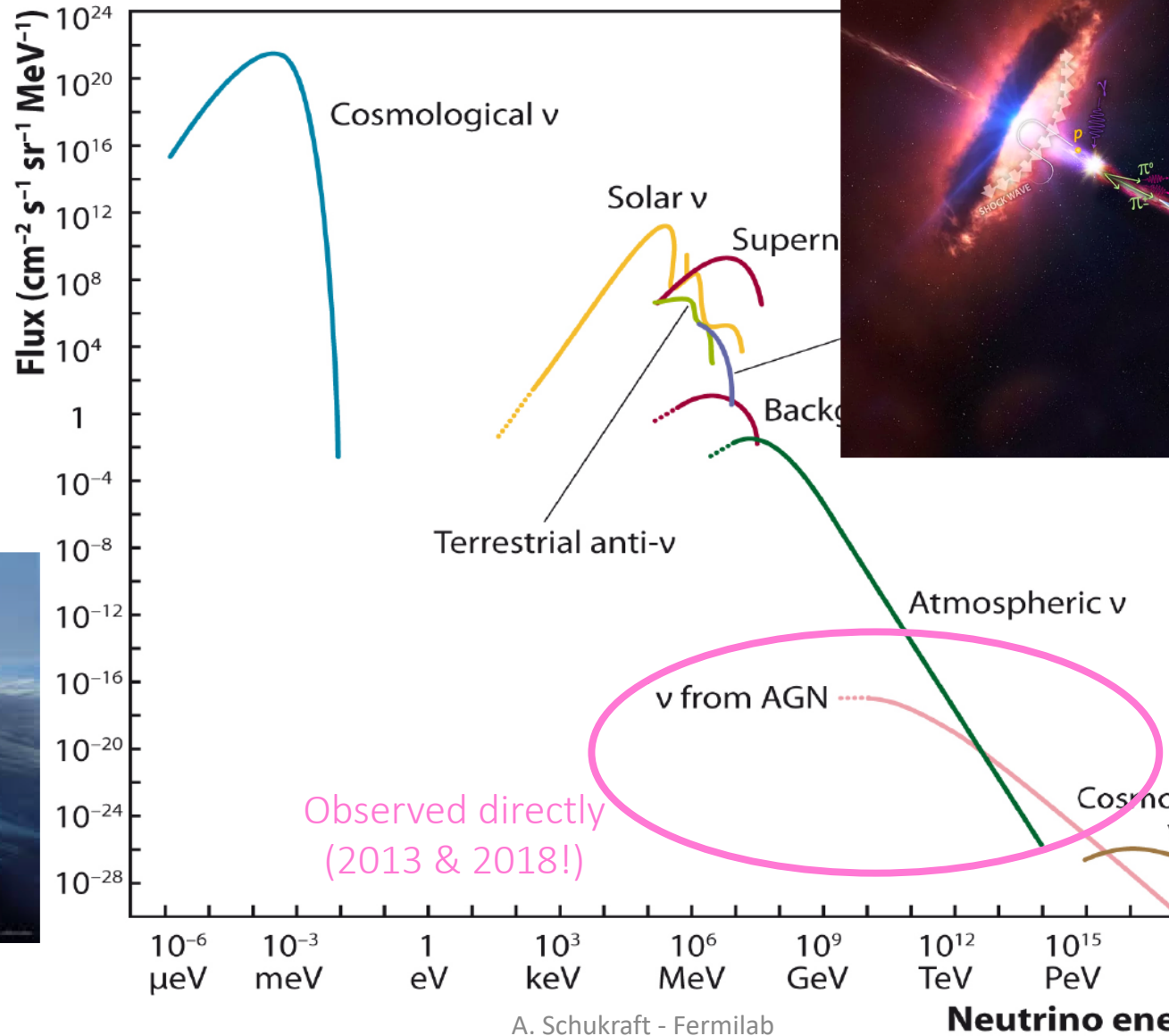


Neutrino sources

Announced
July 12th, 2018!!!

**BRAND
NEW!**

- Ultra-high energy neutrinos were expected to be produced in the same processes as cosmic rays and high-energy gamma rays.
- First time evidence for an extragalactic neutrino flux in 2013, but sources could not yet be identified
- First time evidence for a neutrino source in 2018!!!



Neutrino sources

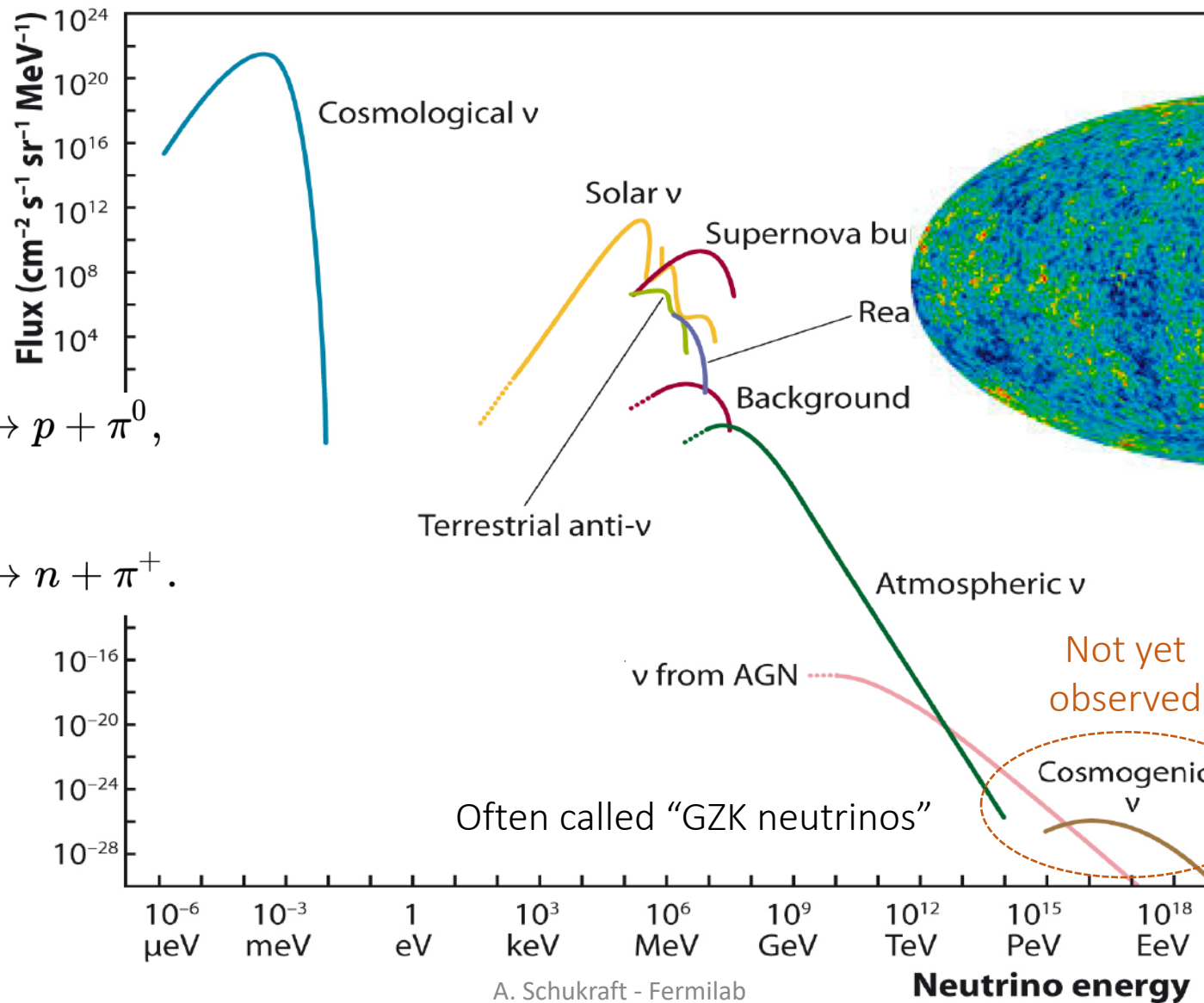
- At energies $> 5 \times 10^{19}$ eV, it is expected that cosmic rays interact with photons of the cosmic microwave background



or



- This reaction would produce extremely high energetic neutrinos (EeV energies)

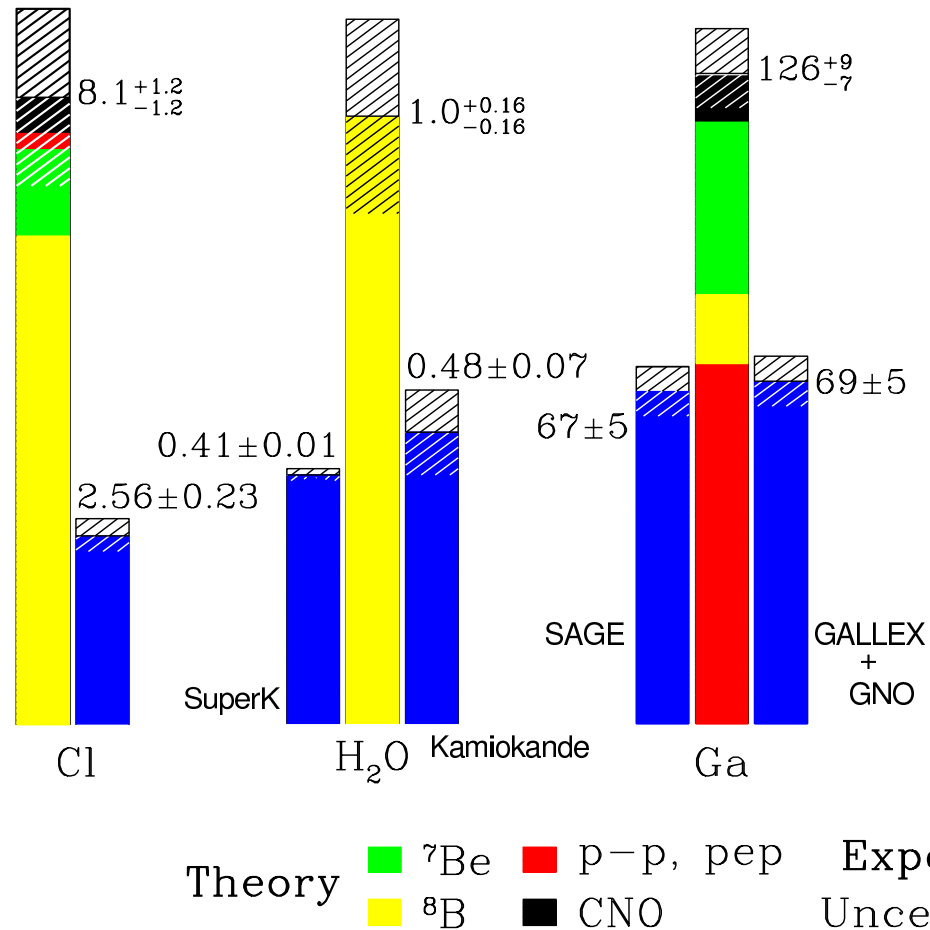


- This also sets a limit to the energy of observable cosmic rays.

- These neutrinos could not yet be detected because they are so high in energy and so low in flux. But experiments (mostly radio-based to cover a large area) are trying

The solar neutrino puzzle

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



- In the late 60s, experiments with different detection technologies measured the fluxes of solar neutrinos
- The sun produces exclusively electron neutrinos in fusion processes. The expected flux can be calculated based on our knowledge of the sun.
- All experiments measured significantly LESS neutrinos than predicted.

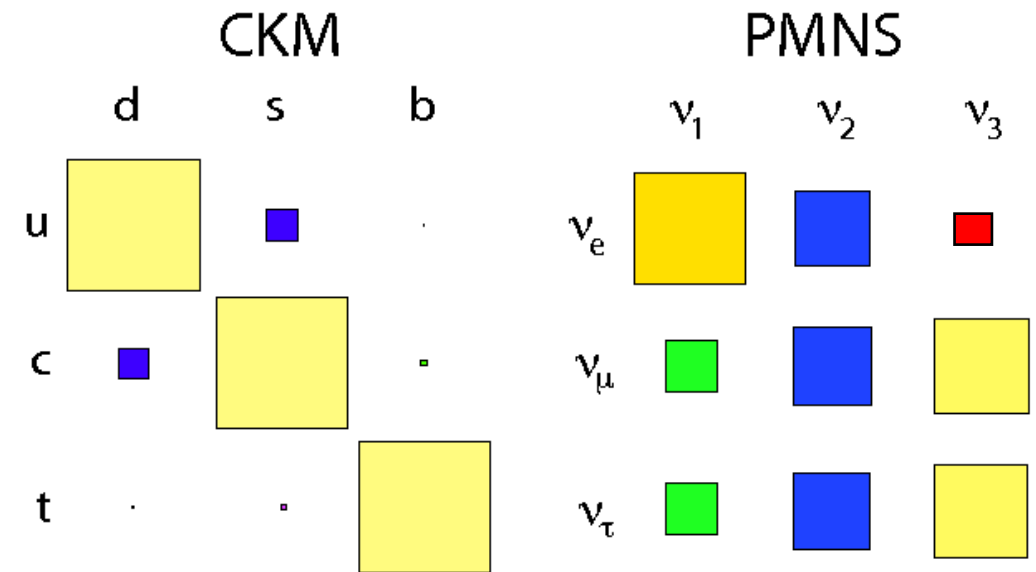
The proposed solution

- Neutrino flavor eigenstates are not the same as neutrino mass eigenstates.
- Neutrinos are detected as flavor eigenstates, but their propagation is described by its mass eigenstates.
- The two relate through the PMNS matrix.

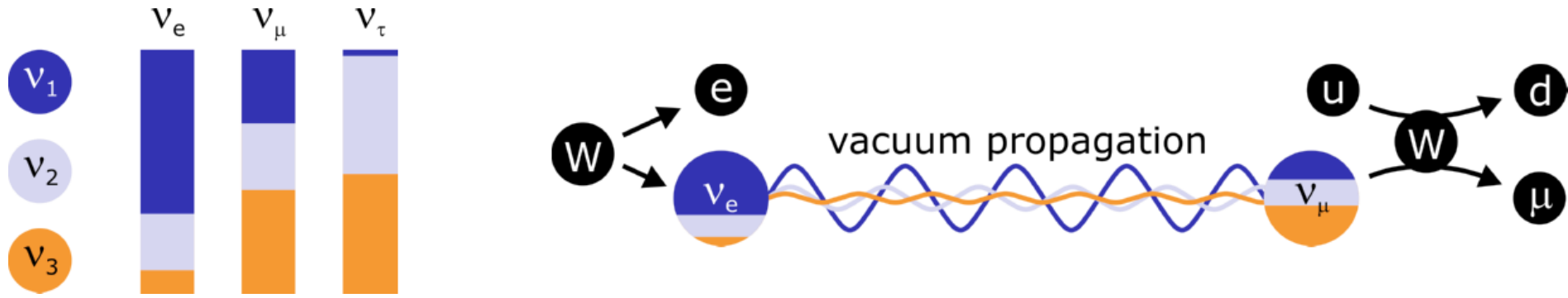
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 \uparrow \\
 \text{Production} \\
 \& \text{Detection}
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 =
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 \begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \uparrow \\
 \text{Wave} \\
 \text{function}
 \end{array}$$

The PMNS matrix is comparable to the CKM matrix for quark mixing. However, there are open questions:

- Are the CKM and PMNS matrices related?
- Are they connected to their masses?
- They appear to be very different - why?



Neutrino oscillations



$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

PMNS matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Atmospheric/
Accelerator

Accelerator/Reactor

Solar/Reactor

3 mixing angles: θ_{12} , θ_{13} , θ_{23}
 CP violating phase: δ_{CP}

+ 2 Majorana phases (not shown here)

Neutrino oscillations

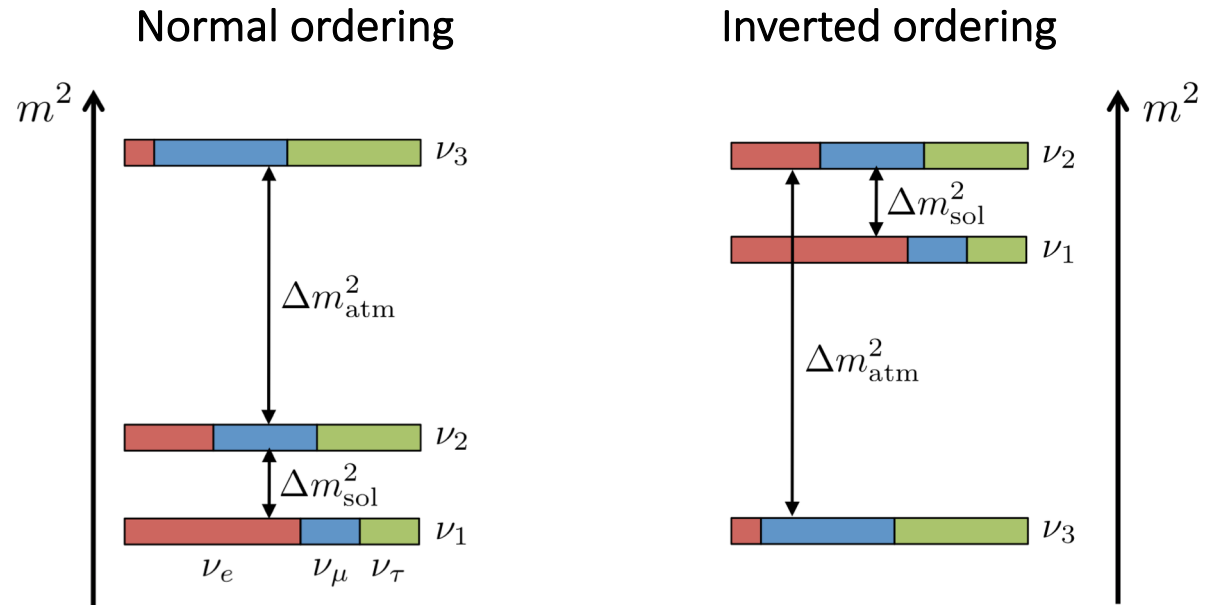
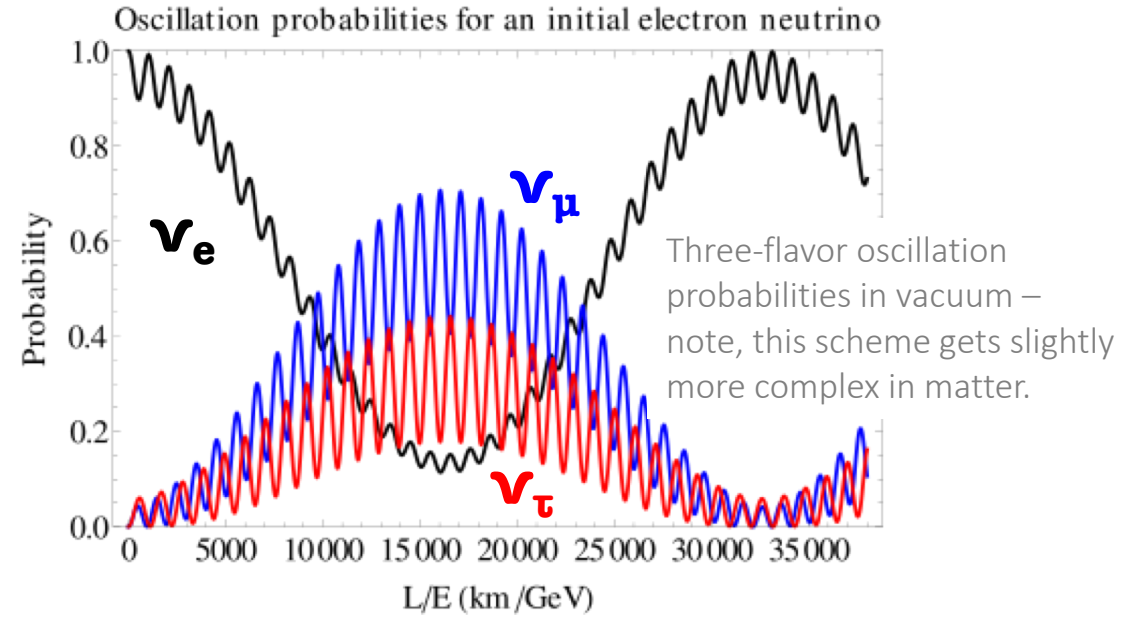
Neutrino experiments measure neutrino mixing parameters through appearance and/or disappearance observations

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Appearance
 $\alpha \neq \beta$
Disappearance
 $\alpha = \beta$

Parameters characterizing the oscillation pattern need to be experimentally determined:

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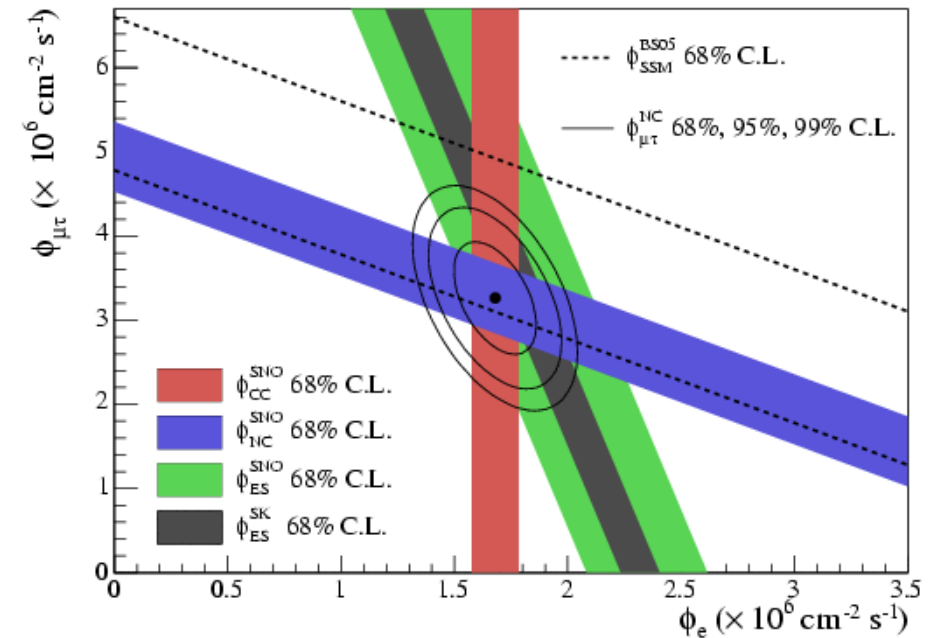
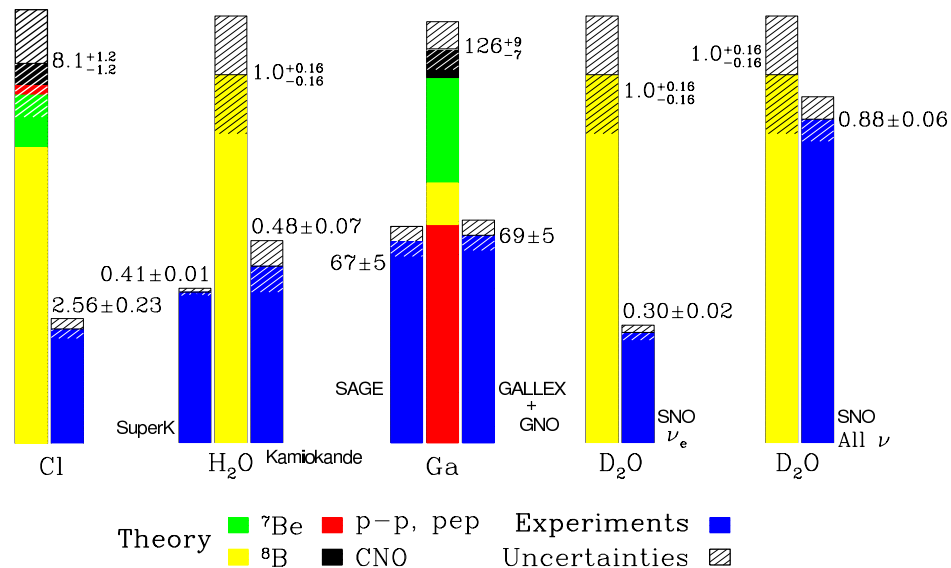
The solar neutrino puzzle solved

- The SNO experiment was the first experiment to be able to detect all three neutrino flavors and not just electron neutrinos.
- Looking at the some of all three neutrino flavors, the measured number of solar neutrinos matched the expectation.
- This is the first confirmation of neutrino oscillations.

CC Charged Current Reaction	$\nu_e + d \rightarrow p + p + e^-$	$E_{threshold} = 1.4\text{MeV}$
NC Neutral Current Reaction	$\nu_x + d \rightarrow \nu_x + p + n$	$E_{threshold} = 2.2\text{MeV}$
ES Elastic Scattering Reaction	$\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-$	$E_{threshold} \approx 0$

x denotes that this reaction will take place with any neutrino.

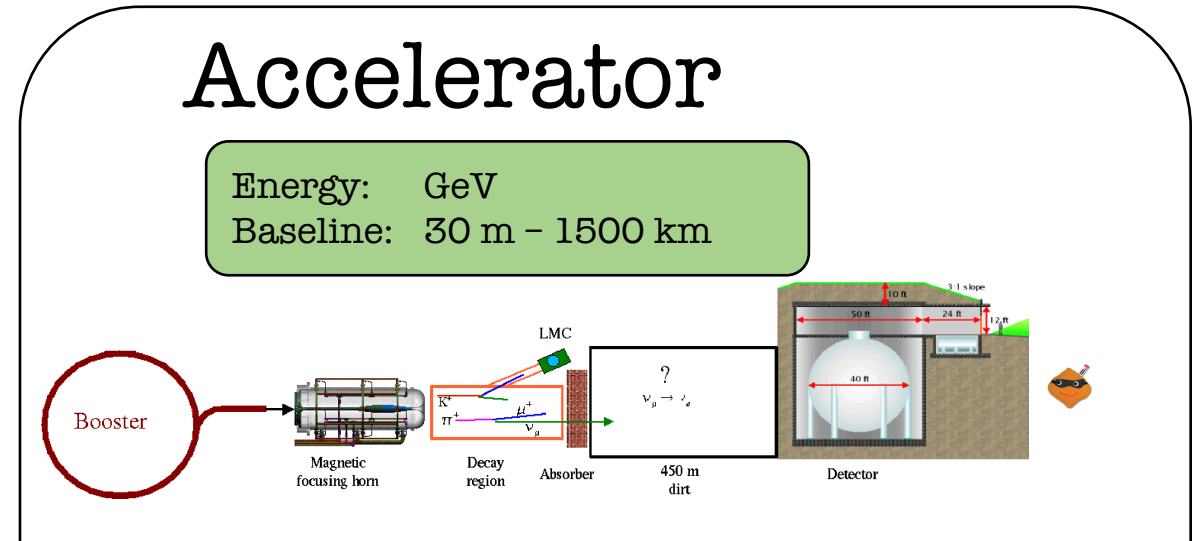
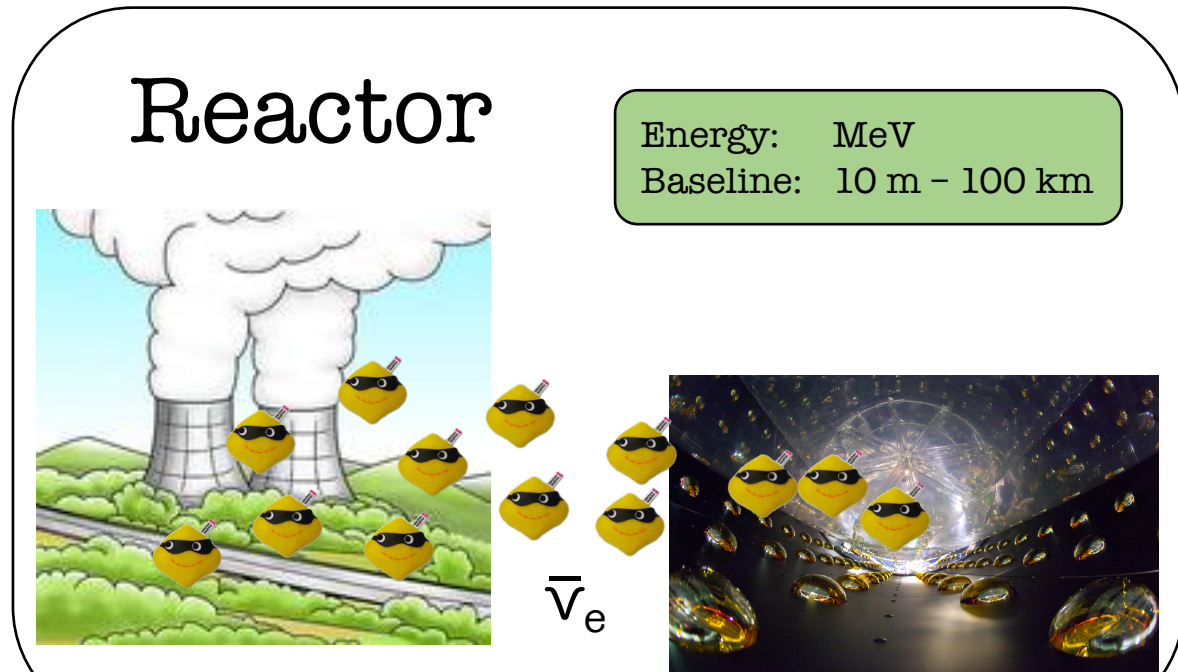
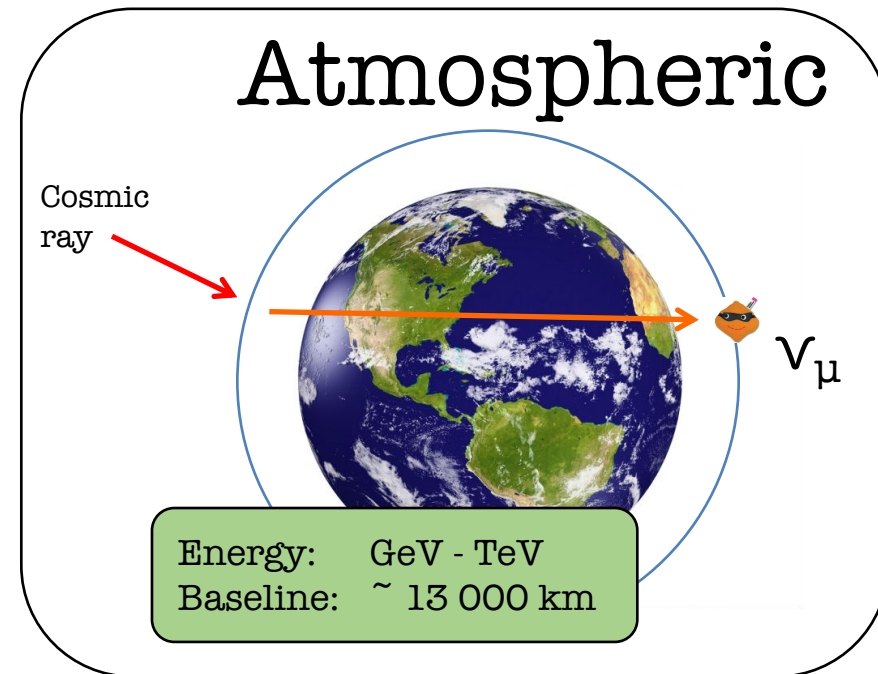
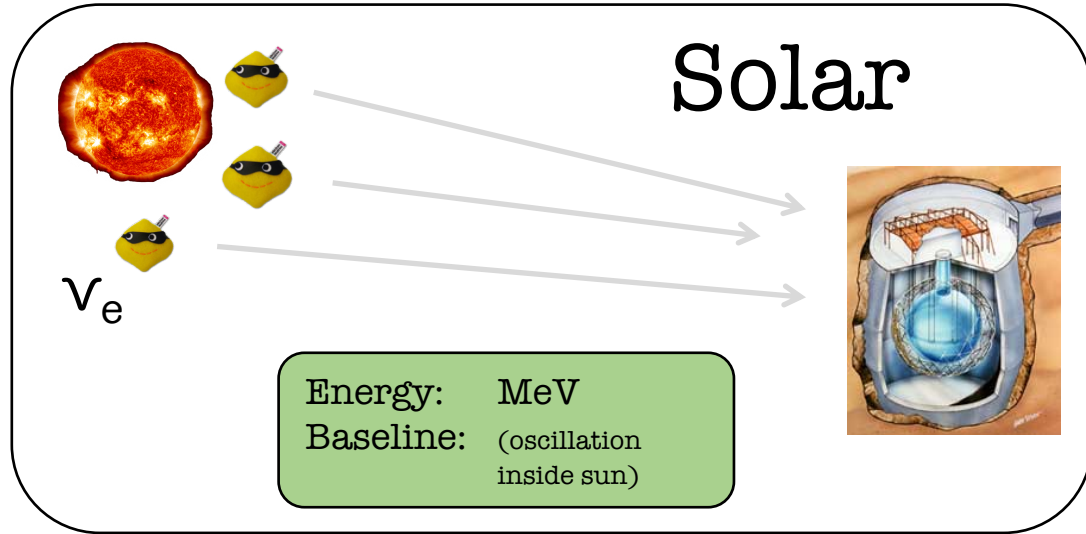
Total Rates: Standard Model vs. Experiment
Bahcall-Serenelli 2005 [BS05(OP)]



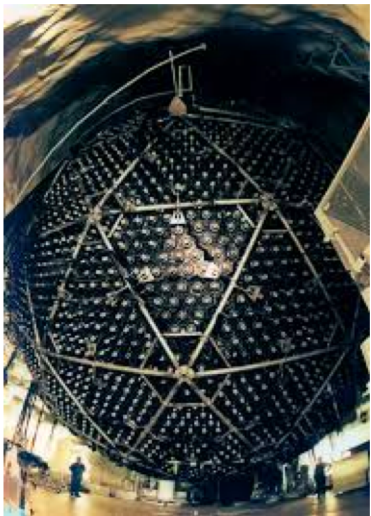
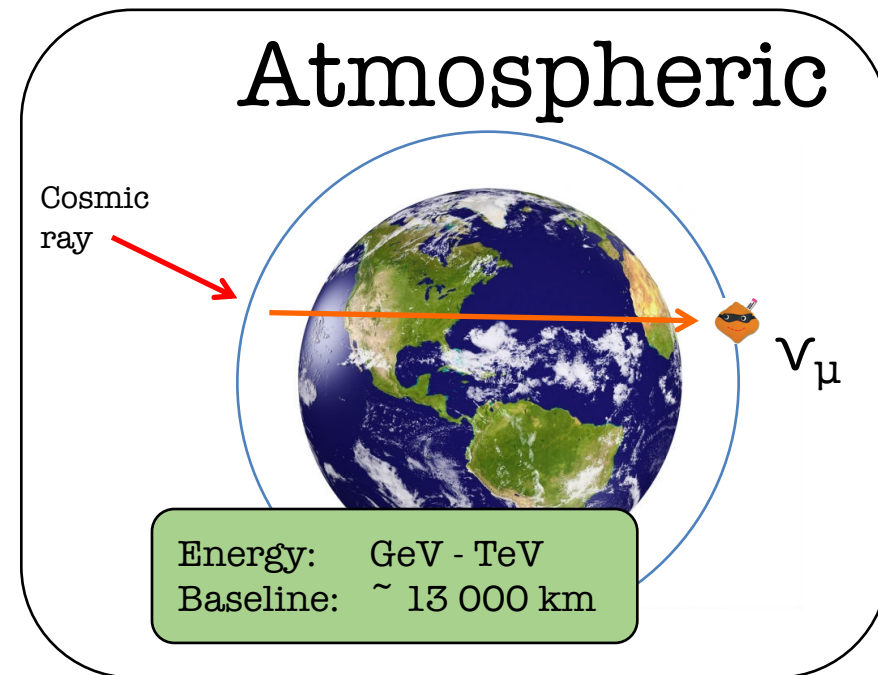
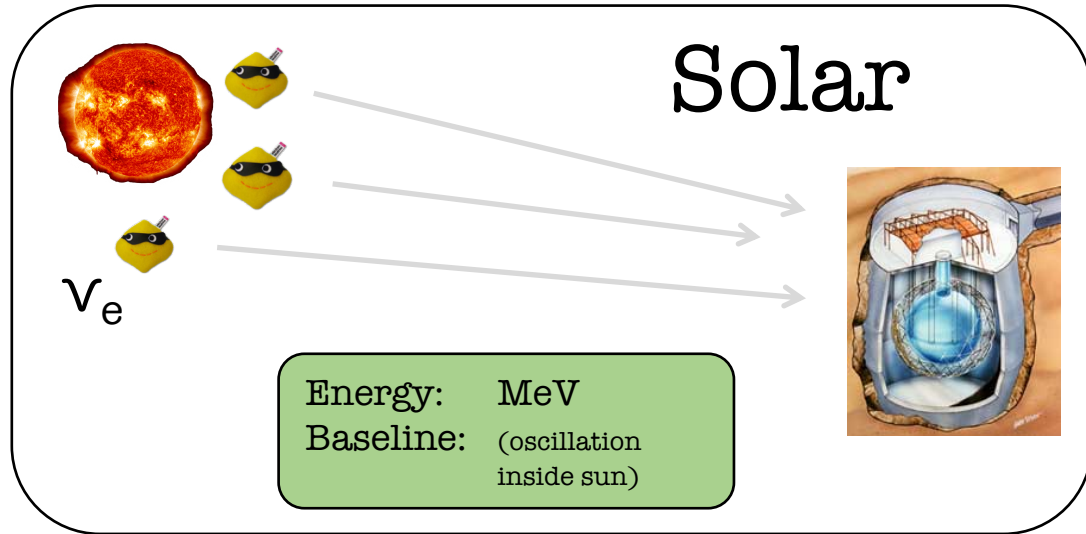
The full picture of neutrino oscillations

Many different sources available to test the concept of neutrino oscillations

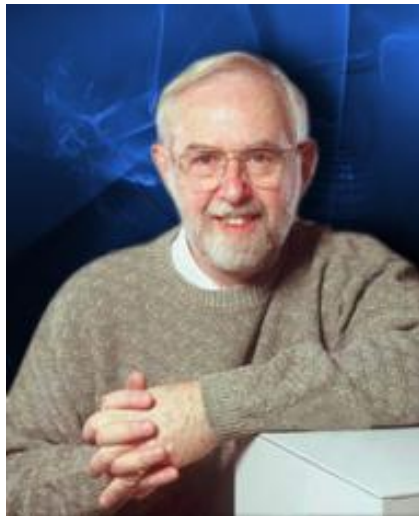
- Natural and artificial sources
- Different energies
- Different baseline



The full picture of neutrino oscillations



SNO experiment



Sir Arthur McDonald

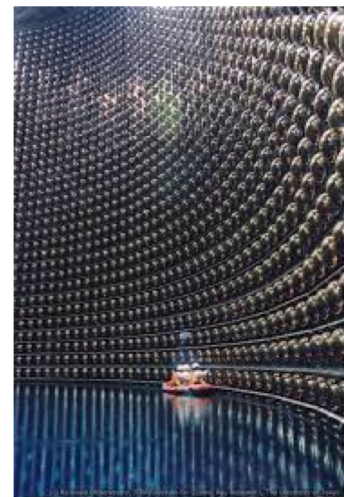
The Nobel Prize in Physics 2015 was awarded jointly to Takaaki Kajita and Arthur B. McDonald *"for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass"*



2015



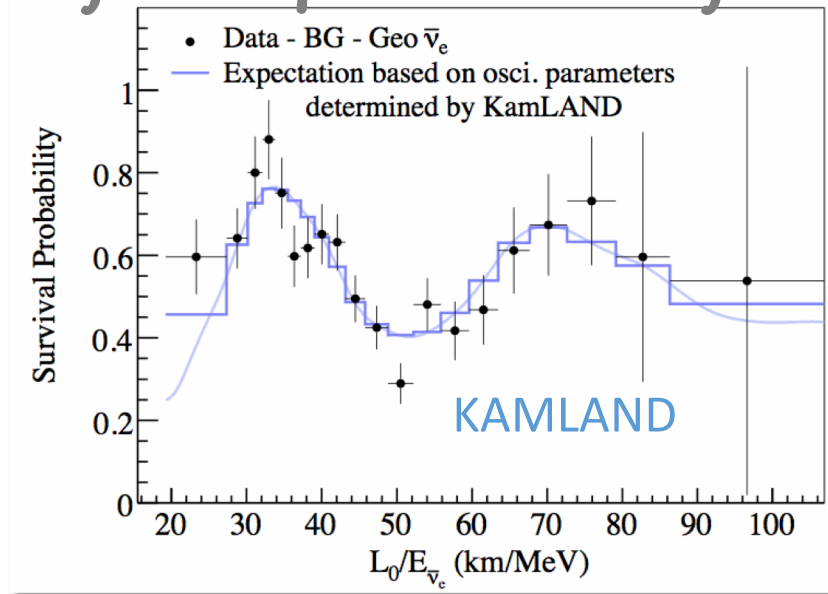
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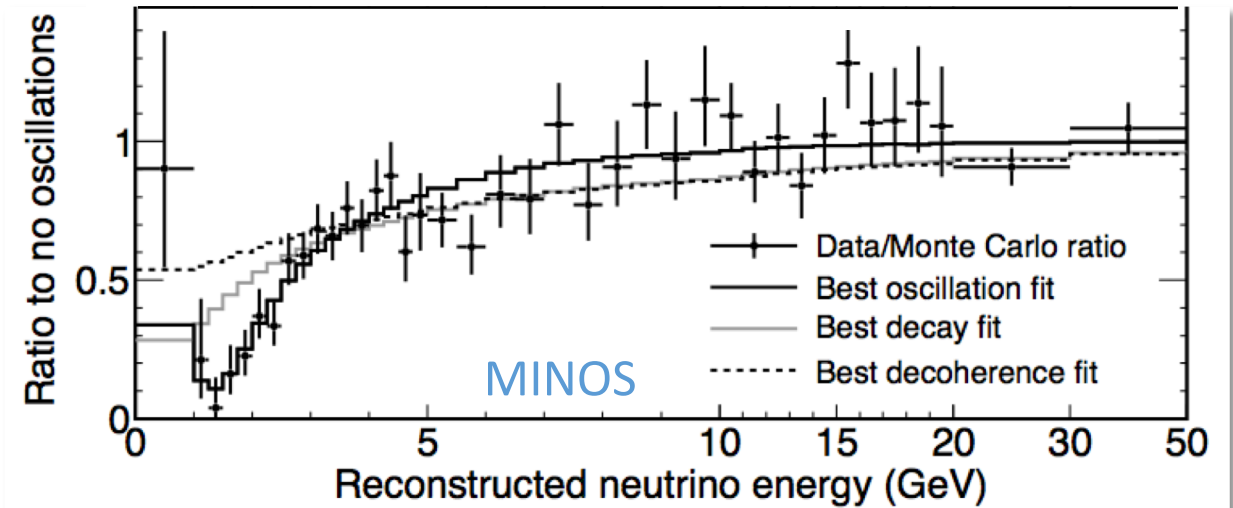
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reactor ν 's test same parameter space as solar ν oscillations

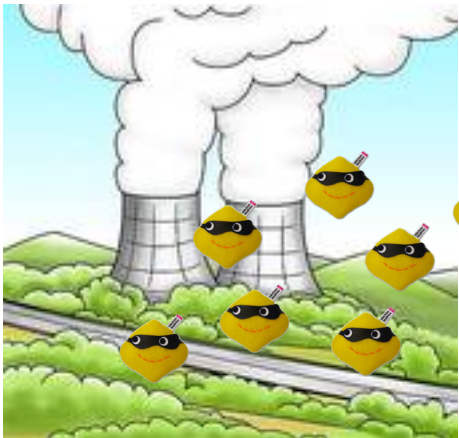


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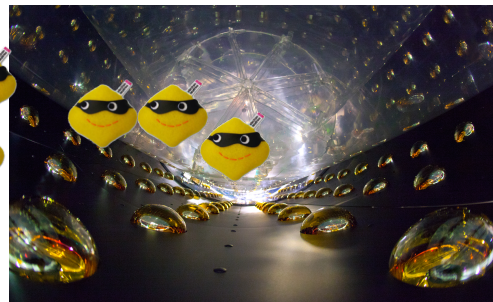


Reactor

Energy: MeV
 Baseline: 10 m - 100 km

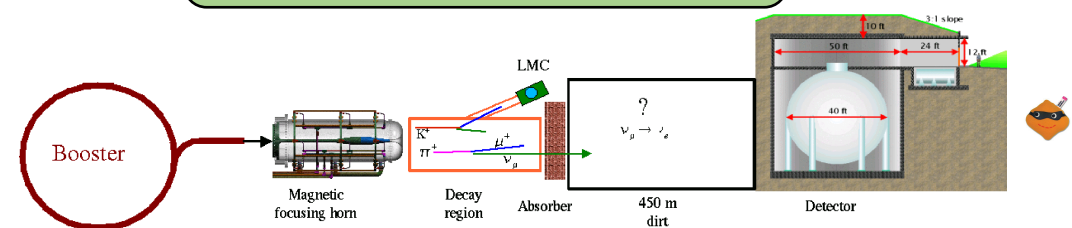


$\bar{\nu}_e$



Accelerator

Energy: GeV
 Baseline: 30 m - 1500 km



Outline

- Neutrino history
 - Discovery of the neutrino
 - What we have learned about the neutrino
- Today's challenges
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Do neutrinos have a mass?

If the mass difference between neutrinos was zero, we wouldn't observe neutrino oscillations.

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This implies, that not all neutrinos can be massless.

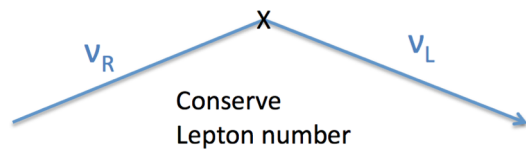
Yes

What is the absolute mass of the neutrino?

How do neutrinos get mass?

Dirac neutrinos

- Neutrinos get their mass from interaction with the Higgs (just like other Fermions). Lepton number is conserved.



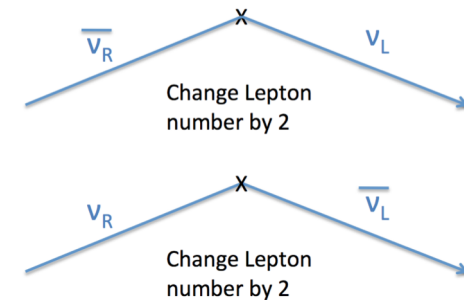
- This only works if there are right handed neutrinos, which we have not yet been observed in nature (see sterile neutrinos)
- This mechanism doesn't give us any indication why the neutrino masses are so much lighter than the charged fermion masses ("hierarchy problem").

or

Majorana neutrinos

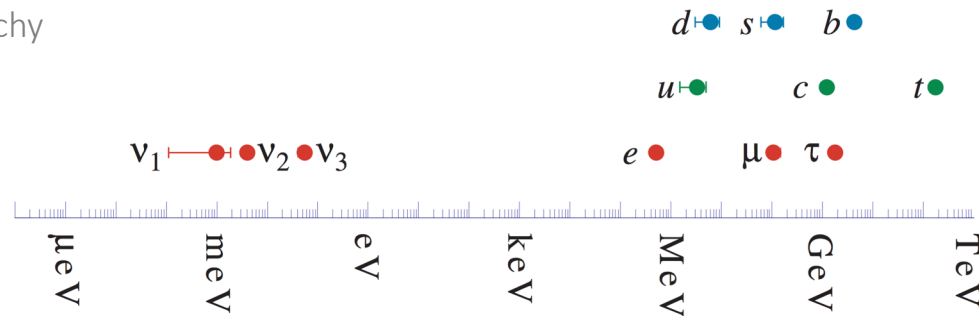
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- Adding a Majorana mass term to the Lagrangian gives mass only to the neutrinos

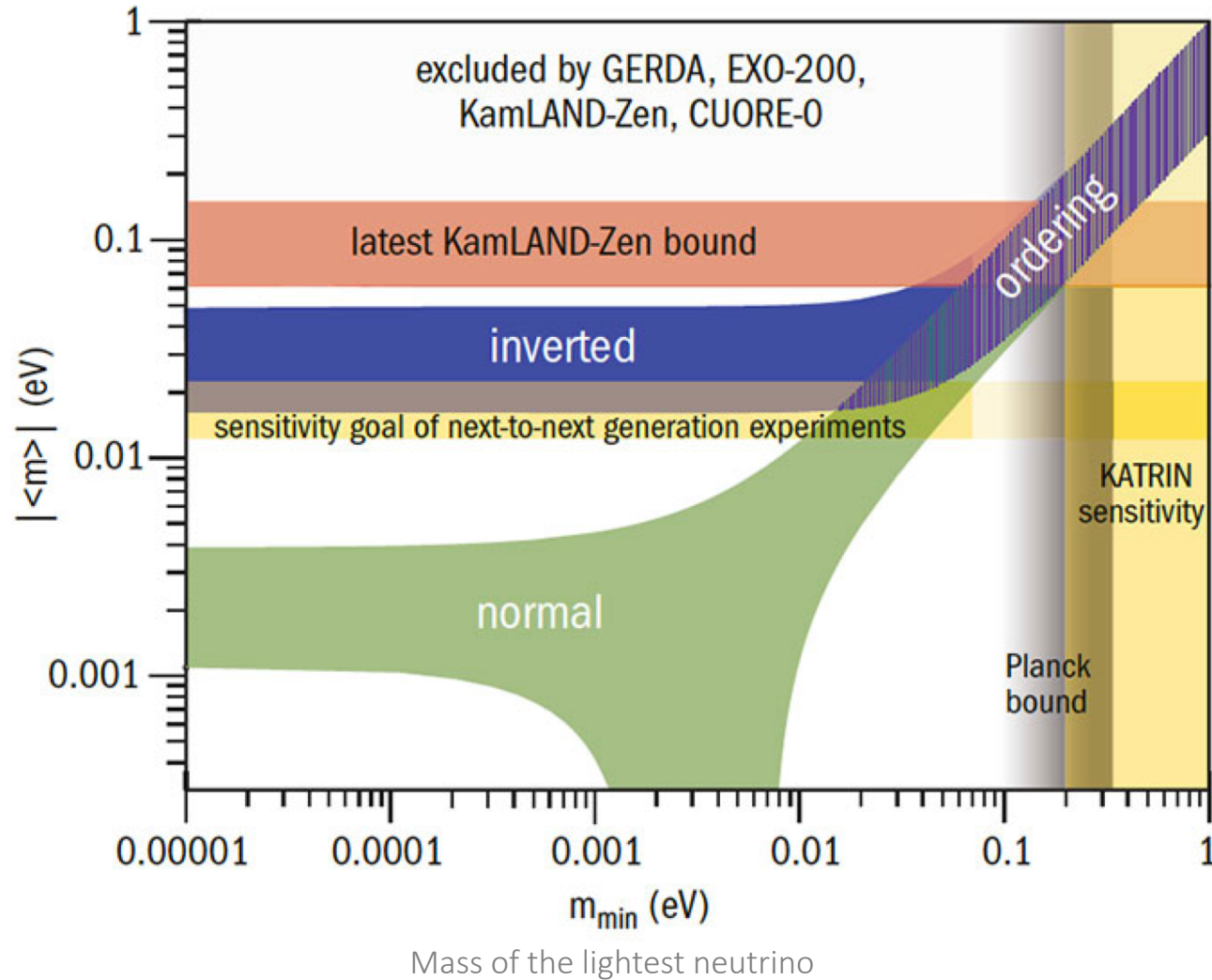


- The lepton number is NOT conserved
- The see-saw mechanism would naturally explain why the neutrinos are so much lighter than other Fermions

$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{-\frac{1}{2}}$	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{-\frac{1}{6}}$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_{-1}$	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{-\frac{2}{3}}$	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{-\frac{1}{3}}$
$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L$	$\begin{pmatrix} u^i \\ d^i \end{pmatrix}_L$	e_R	u^i_R	d^i_R
$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}_L$	$\begin{pmatrix} c^i \\ s^i \end{pmatrix}_L$	μ_R	c^i_R	s^i_R
$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}_L$	$\begin{pmatrix} t^i \\ b^i \end{pmatrix}_L$	τ_R	t^i_R	b^i_R



What is the absolute mass of the neutrino?

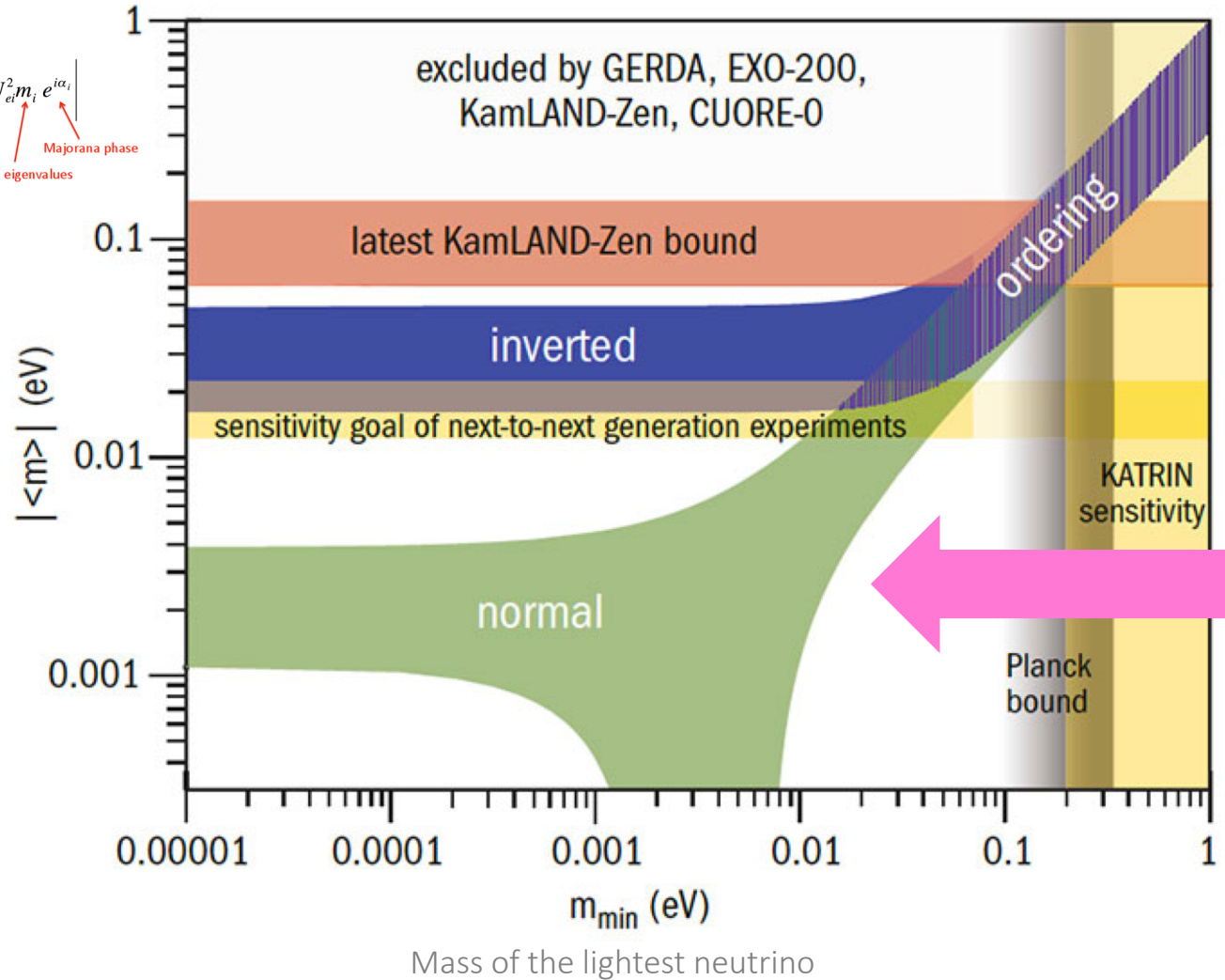


Currently, the answer is:
It depends...

Questions we need to answer:

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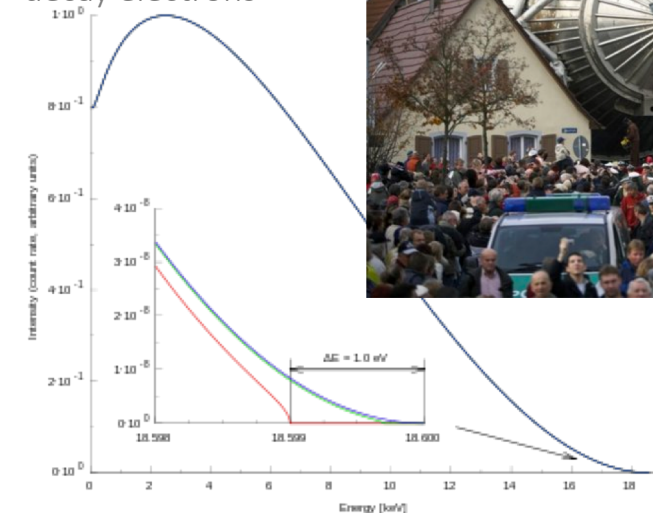
Mixing matrix U_{ei} Majorana phase α_i
mass eigenvalues m_i



What's the mass of the lightest neutrino?

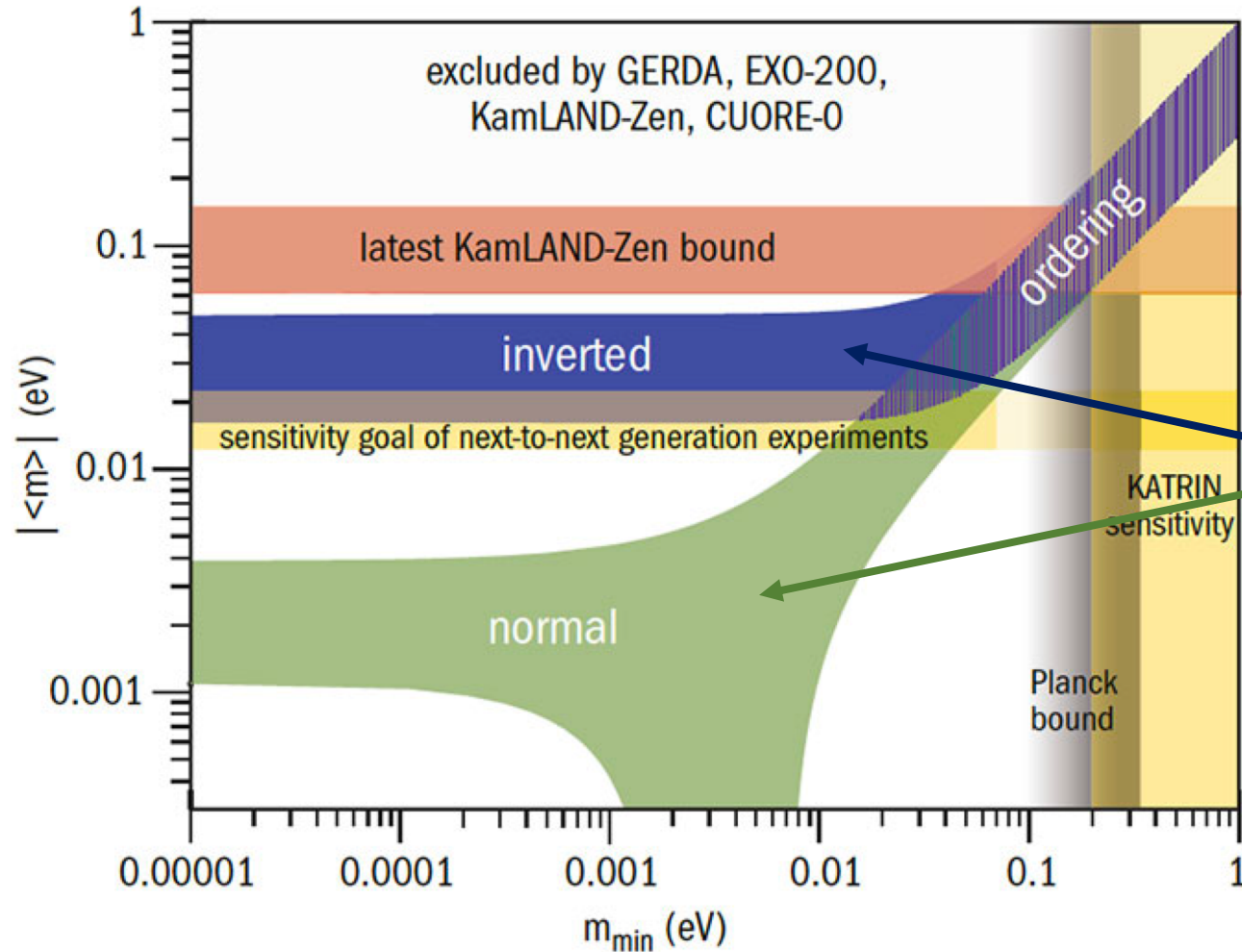
- Have bounds from cosmological measurements.
- Attempting direct mass measurements with precision measurements of beta decay

Spectrum of tritium decay electrons



KATRIN experiment

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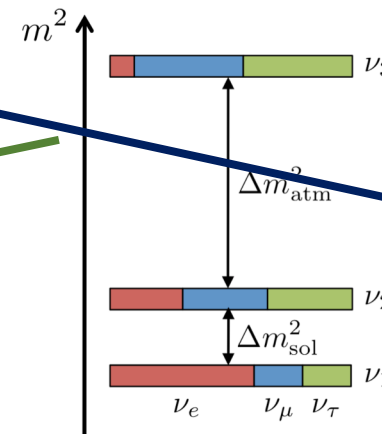


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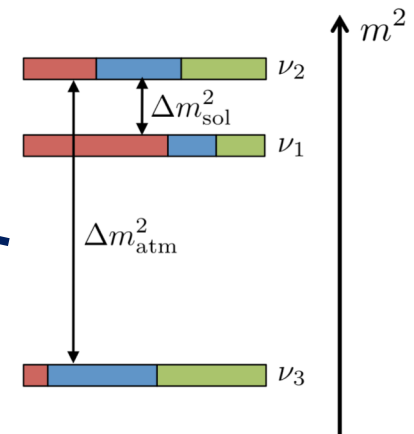
What is the neutrino mass ordering?

- Knowing the neutrino mass ordering will tell us what branch (**normal** or **inverted**) we live on.

Normal ordering

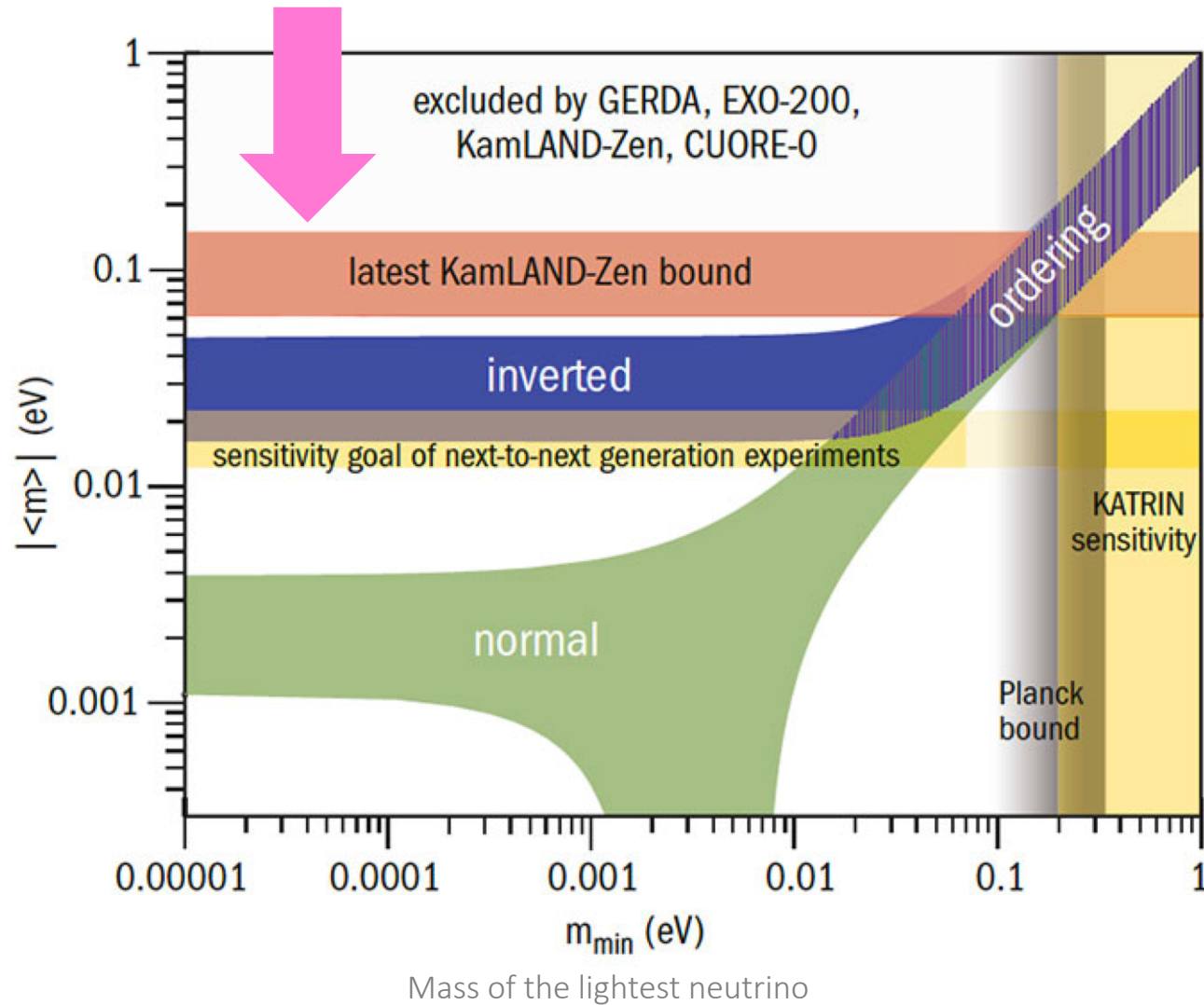


Inverted ordering



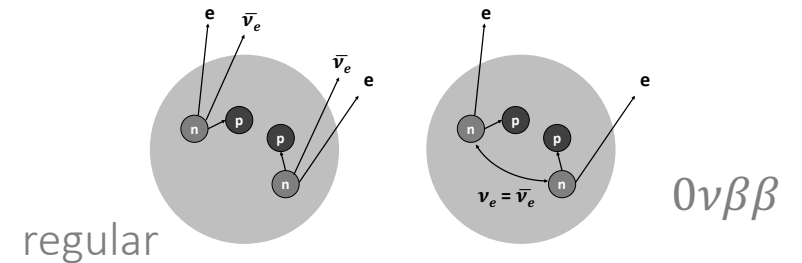
- Current oscillation experiments are trying to answer this question (see later)

Questions we need to answer:



Are neutrinos Dirac or Majorana particles?

- Experiments are looking for lepton number violation in neutrinoless double-beta decay



- The rate of the observed $0\nu\beta\beta$ scales with the effective mass $\langle m_{ee} \rangle$:

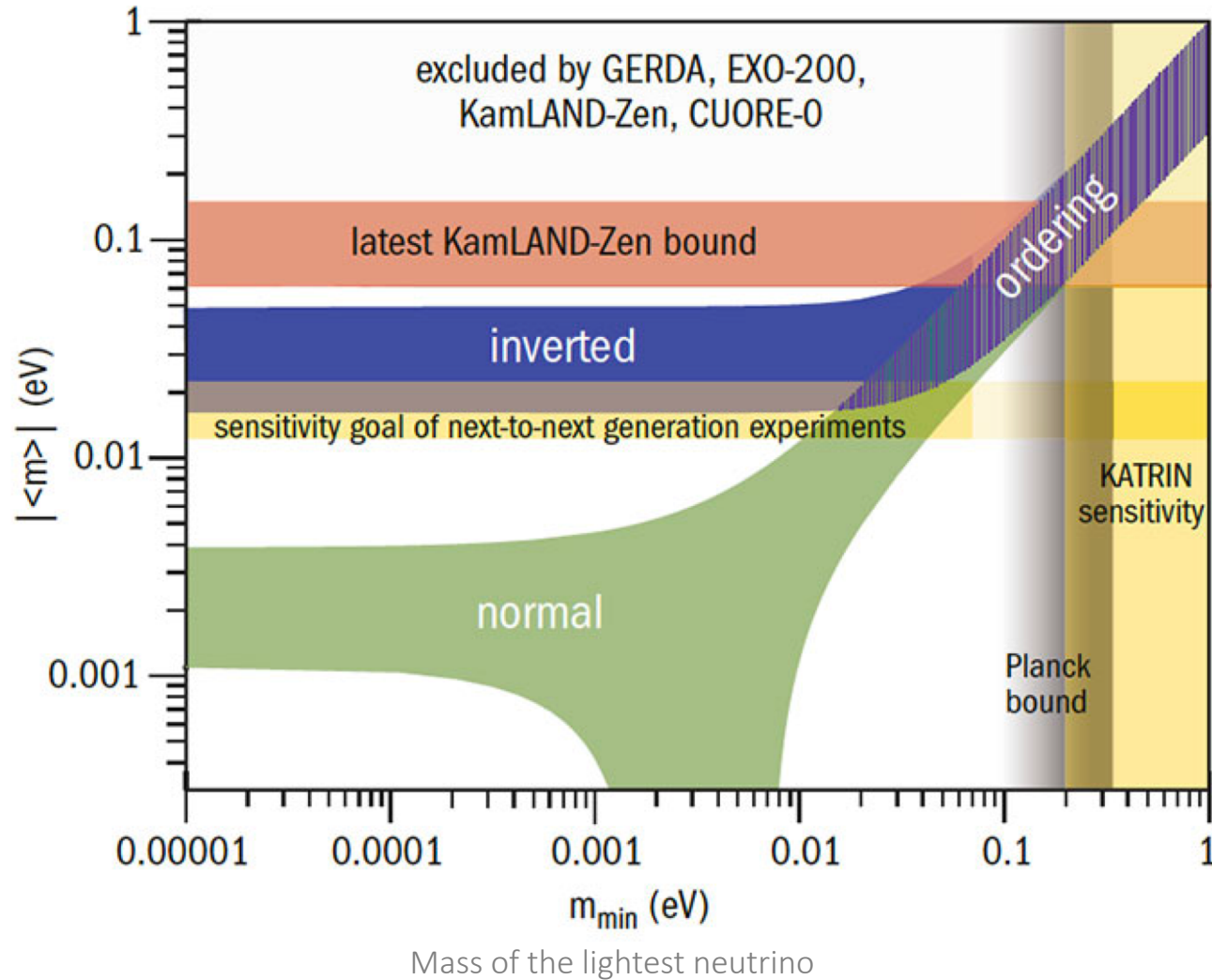
$$\left(T_{1/2}^{0\nu}\right)^{-1} = G^{0\nu}(Q, Z) |M^{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$$

$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay rate Phase Space Matrix Element Effective Mass

$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| \sum U_{ei}^2 m_i e^{i\alpha_i} \right|$$

Mixing matrix mass eigenvalues Majorana phase

Questions we need to answer:



- Different experiments will be closing in on these questions in the upcoming years
- We will learn a lot from any outcome!

$\beta\beta_{0\nu}$	Δm_{13}^2	KATRIN	Conclusion
yes	> 0	yes	Degenerate, Majorana
yes	> 0	No	Degenerate, Majorana or normal, Majorana with heavy particle contribution
yes	< 0	no	Inverted, Majorana
yes	< 0	yes	Degenerate, Majorana
no	> 0	no	Normal, Dirac or Majorana
no	< 0	no	Dirac
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- This topic is very exciting and experimentally very challenging!

These few slides don't do it justice.
Please forgive me for moving on to the next topic ...

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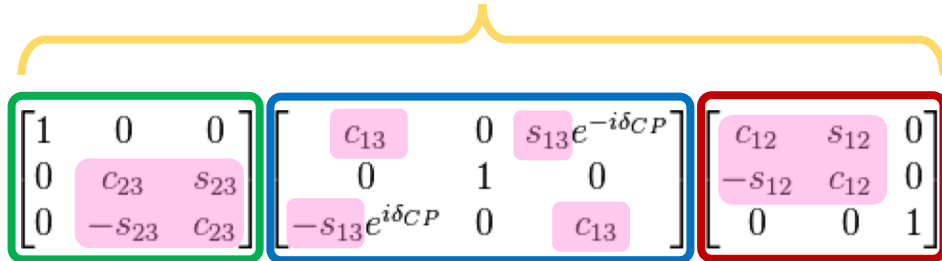
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Reminder: oscillation parameters

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

PMNS matrix

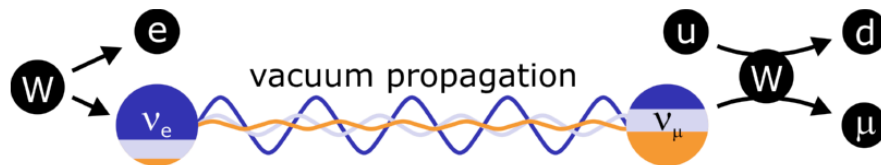
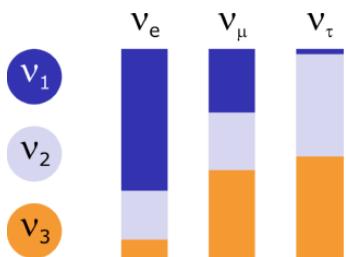


Atmospheric/
Accelerator

Accelerator/Reactor

Solar/Reactor

The mixing angles determine how much ν_1, ν_2, ν_3 is in ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ



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Appearance and Disappearance probabilities (in vacuum)

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- Accessible for experiments is the appearance/disappearance probability P
- P depends on ALL oscillation parameters, the key is to disentangle the information
- We do this through different experiments (different energy, different baselines): different terms in P become dominant or negligible, which helps to disentangle the parameters

Status of solar parameters

θ_{12}

Δm_{21}^2

θ_{13}

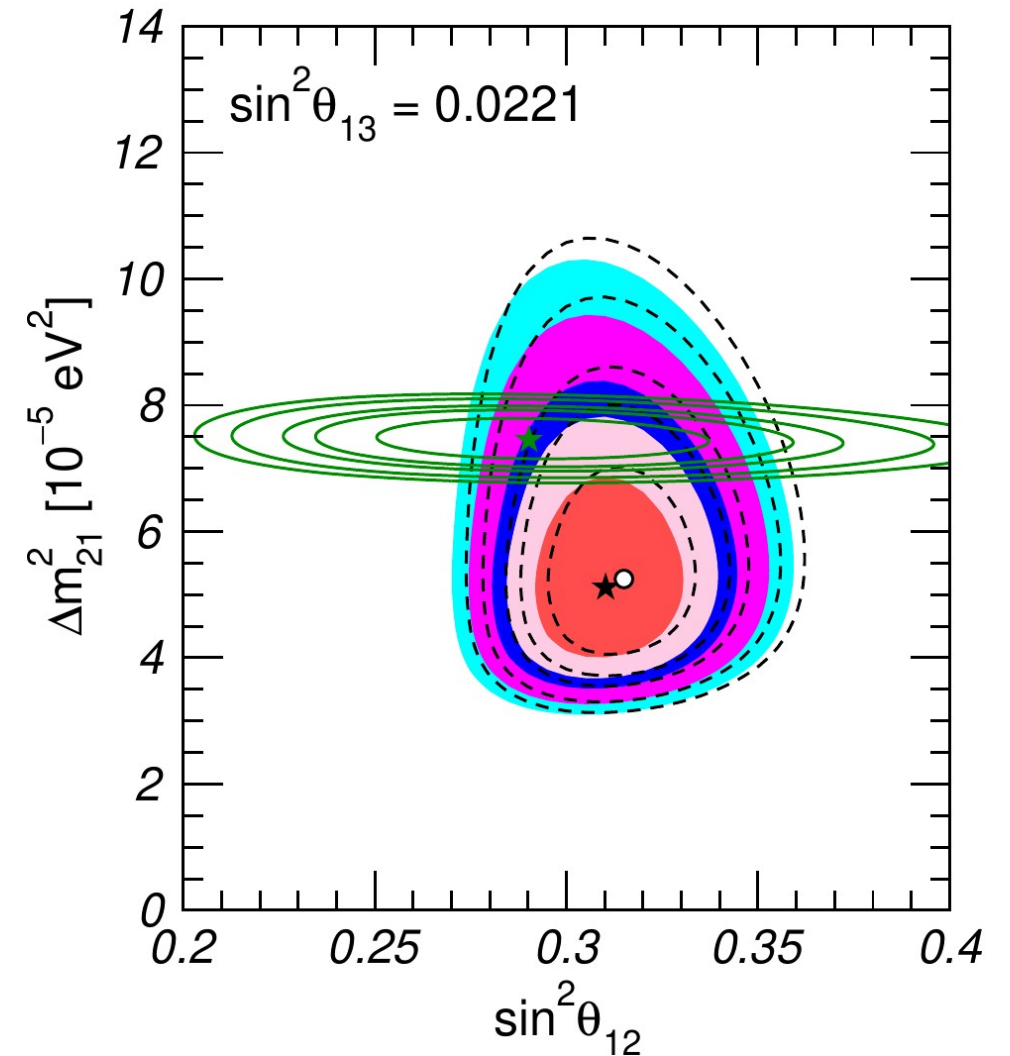
θ_{23}

Δm_{32}^2

δ_{CP}

Sign of Δm_{32}^2

- Longest history in measuring the “solar parameters”
- Relatively well known with uncertainties 2.4% (Δm_{21}^2) and 4.7% ($\sin^2 \theta_{12}$)
- There is a 2σ tension between reactor and solar experiments.
- New reactor experiments (JUNO, RENO-50) will get the uncertainties below the 1% level and investigate this. Timescale 5-10 years.



Status of θ_{13}

Why

...should I care?

- In our parameterization of the PMNS matrix θ_{13} is a scale factor for the δ_{CP} term
- Absolute value: if θ_{13} is large, it is easier to measure δ_{CP}
- Precision: A good knowledge of θ_{13} from reactor experiments is important for determining δ_{CP} in long-baseline experiments

Accelerator/Reactor term
in the PMNS matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix}$$

θ_{12}

Δm^2_{21}

θ_{13}

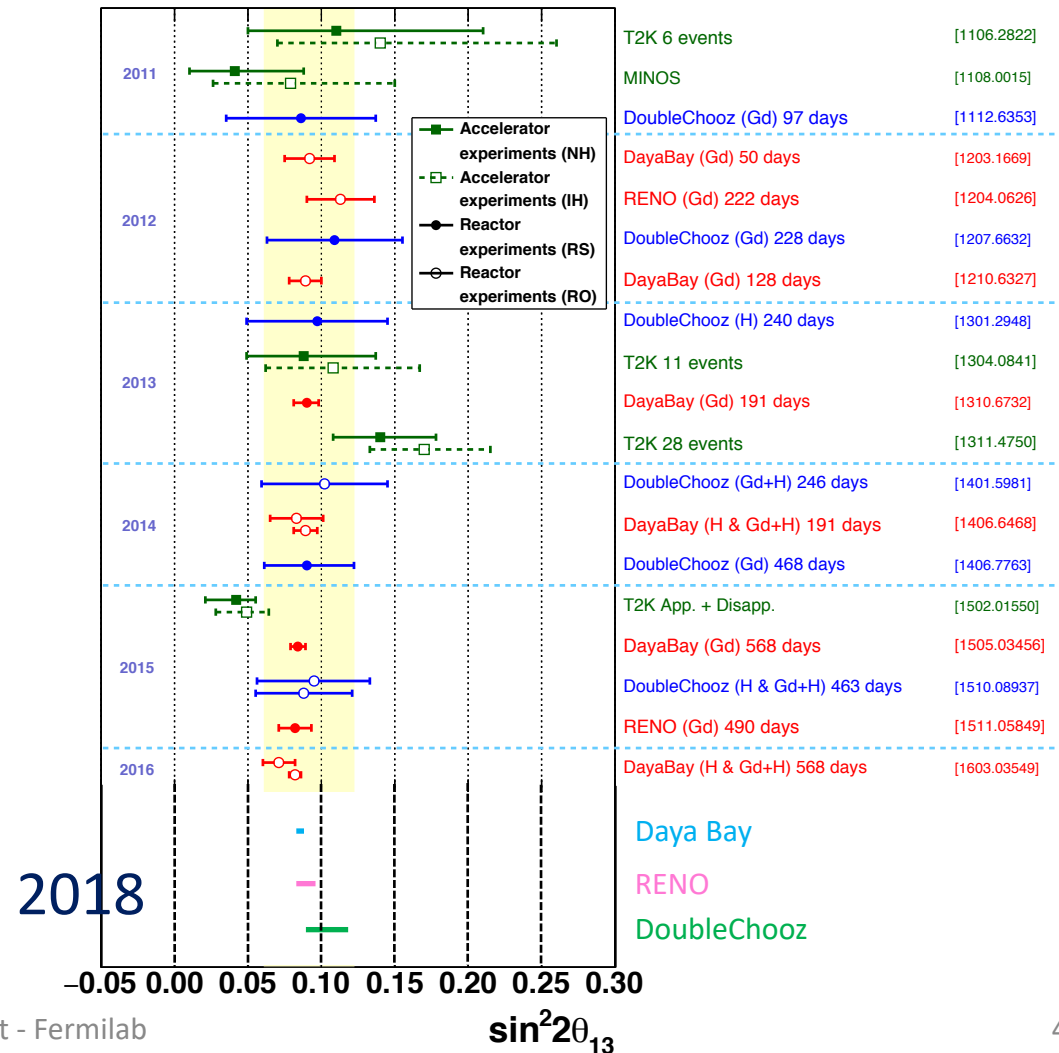
θ_{23}

Δm^2_{32}

δ_{CP}

Sign of Δm^2_{32}

- θ_{13} went from unknown to best known mixing angle within the last ten years (3.5% uncertainty)
- θ_{13} turned out non-zero and larger than expected. This is good for us!



Long baseline accelerator experiments

There are currently two long baseline experiments operating world wide

Their goals are

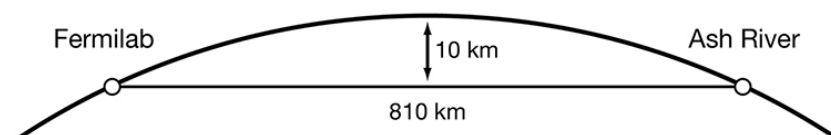
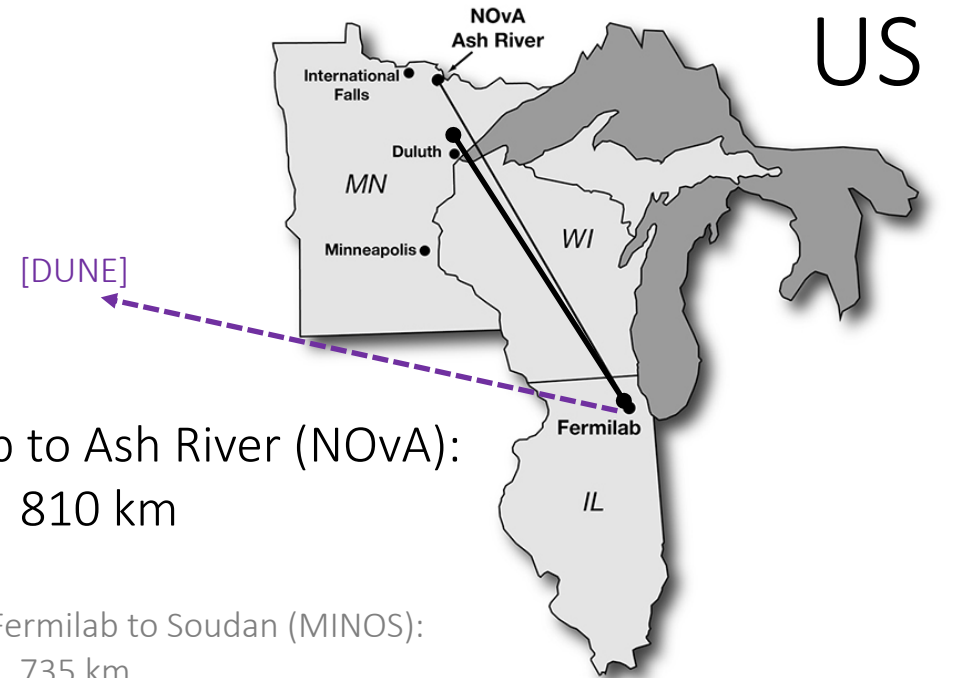
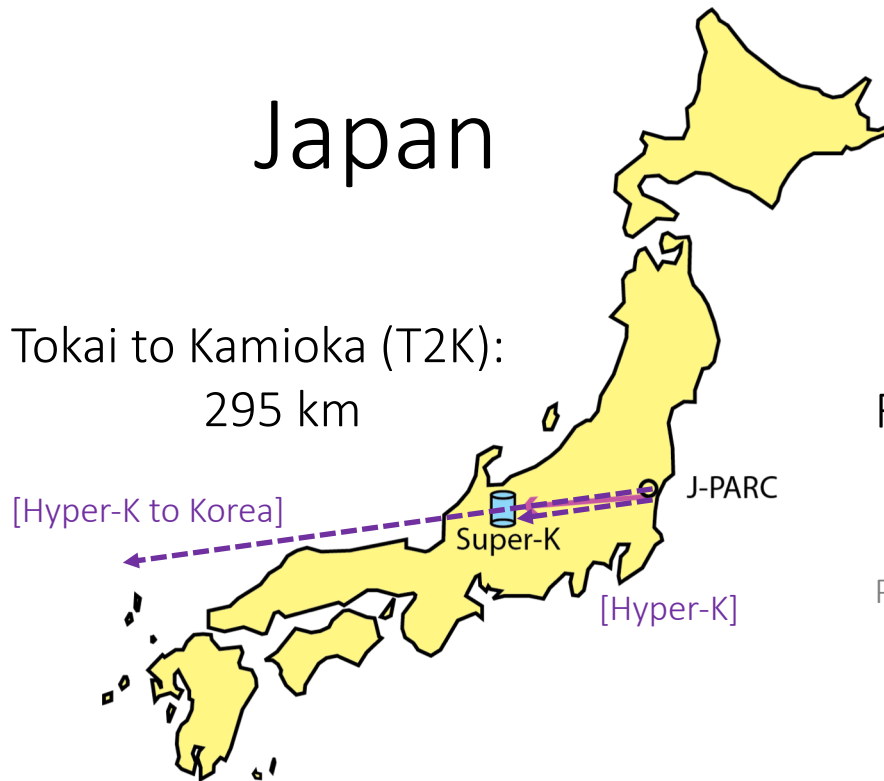
- Precision measurements of the atmospheric mixing parameters
- Determination of the neutrino mass ordering
- Test of CP violation in the neutrino sector

Measure

$$P_{\mu \rightarrow \mu} \quad ("v_{\mu} \text{ disappearance}")$$

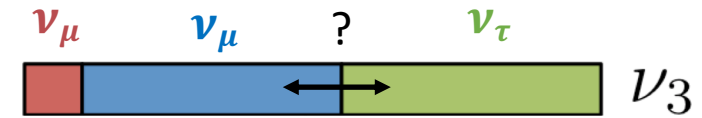
and

$$P_{\mu \rightarrow e} \quad ("v_e \text{ appearance}")$$



ν_μ disappearance results

How much ν_μ is in ν_3 ?



θ_{12}

- If $\sin^2\theta_{23} = 0.5$ (known as *maximal mixing*) it means that the same amount of ν_μ and ν_τ is in ν_3 . This would be special and therefore particularly interesting!

Δm^2_{21}

θ_{13}

- A challenge in determining $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ is that in leading order there are two degenerate solutions (known as *octant puzzle*).

θ_{23}

Δm^2_{32}

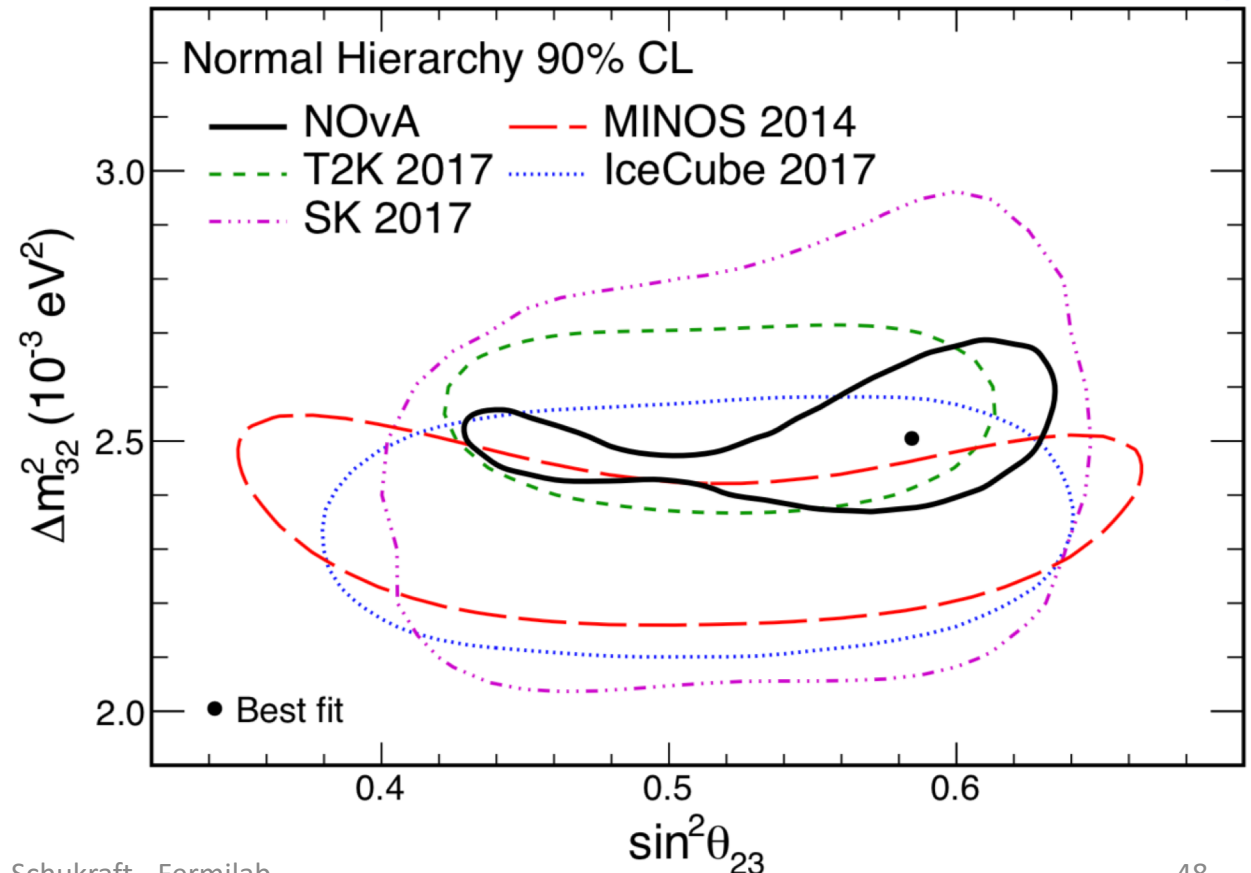
- NOvA results seem to favor non-maximal mixing and the higher octant in both mass ordering cases. Not yet significant enough though.

δ_{CP}

Sign of Δm^2_{32}

Latest NOvA results presented at NEUTRINO2018

NOvA Preliminary



ν_e appearance results

- Long baseline ν_e appearance measurements are sensitive to measuring the CP violating phase

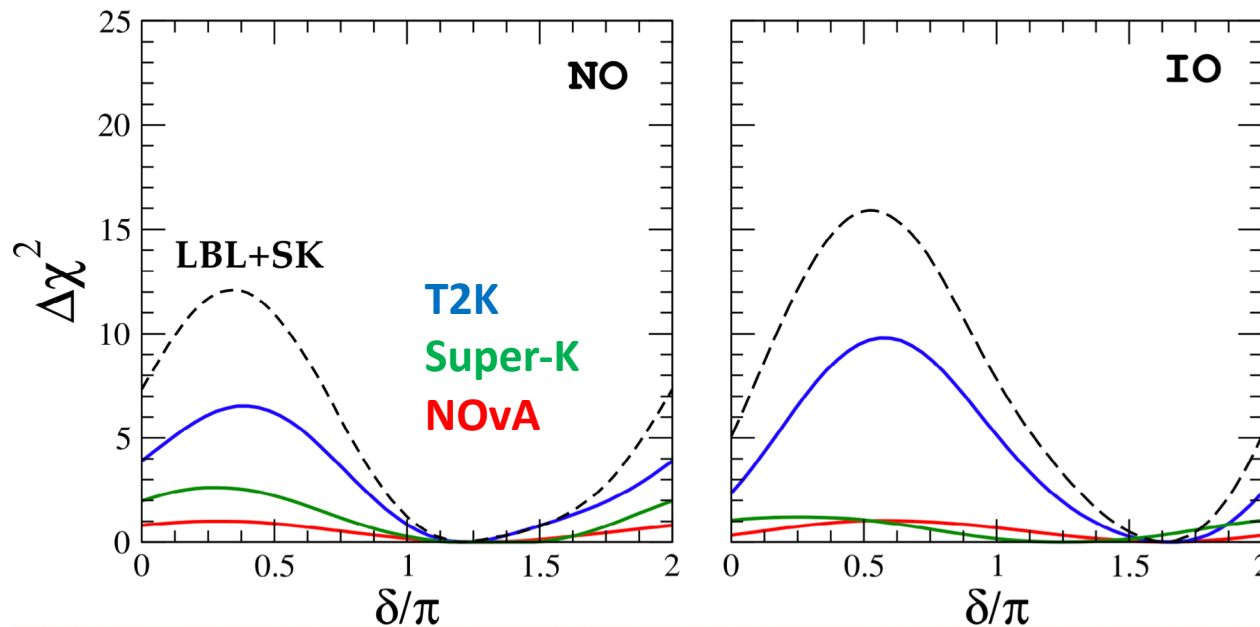
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \left| \sqrt{P_{\text{atm}}} e^{-e(\Delta_{32} + \delta_{CP})} + \sqrt{P_{\text{sol}}} \right|^2$$

$$\approx P_{\text{atm}} + P_{\text{sol}} + 2\sqrt{P_{\text{atm}}P_{\text{sol}}} (\cos \Delta_{32} \cos \delta_{CP} \mp \sin \Delta_{32} \sin \delta_{CP})$$

$$\sqrt{P_{\text{atm}}} = \sin(\theta_{23}) \sin(2\theta_{13}) \frac{\sin(\Delta_{31} - aL)}{\Delta_{31} - aL} \Delta_{31}$$

$\delta_{CP} = 0, \pi, 2\pi$:
No CP violation

$\delta_{CP} = \pm \pi/2$:
CP maximally violated



- All experiments favor $\pi < \delta_{CP} < 2\pi$
- These measurements typically use reactor measurements for the best constraint on θ_{13}

θ_{12}

Δm^2_{21}

θ_{13}

θ_{23}

Δm^2_{32}

δ_{CP}

Sign of Δm^2_{32}

ν_e appearance results

- Determining the mass ordering of the neutrinos is important for the questions of the absolute neutrino masses
- In vacuum, neutrino oscillations are insensitive to the mass ordering
- However, the presence of electrons in matter changes the behavior of ν_e vs the other flavors (MSW effect). This causes a difference in the oscillation probability between normal and inverted ordering.
- Experiments with long baselines (= lots of mass) are sensitive to the mass ordering

$$\theta_{12}$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2$$

$$\theta_{13}$$

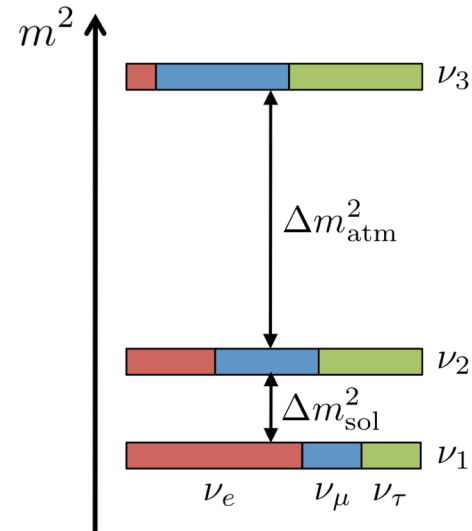
$$\theta_{23}$$

$$\Delta m_{32}^2$$

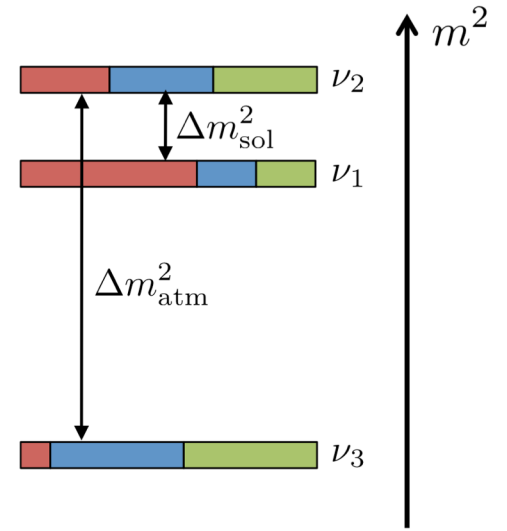
$$\delta_{CP}$$

Sign of Δm_{32}^2

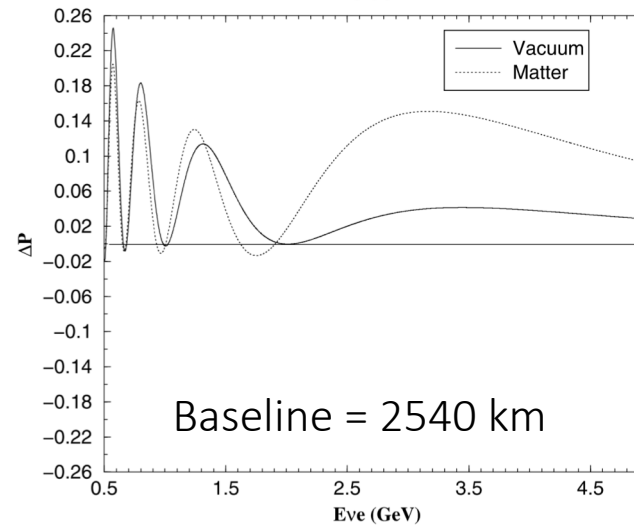
Normal ordering



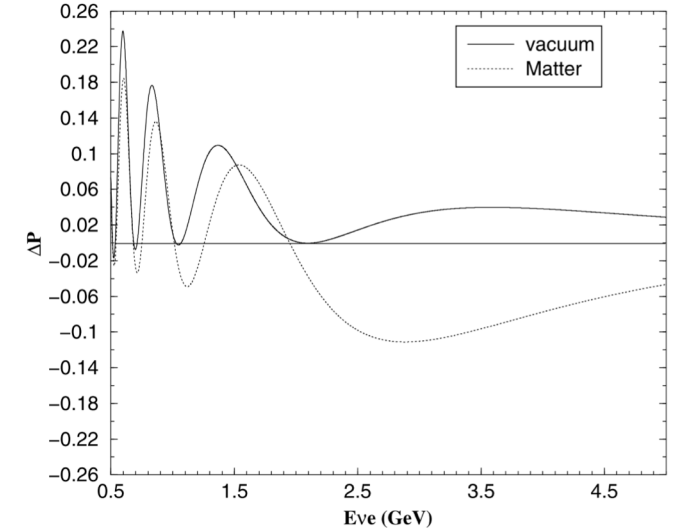
Inverted ordering



Normal mass hierarchy effect in CP asymmetry
 $\delta=90^\circ$



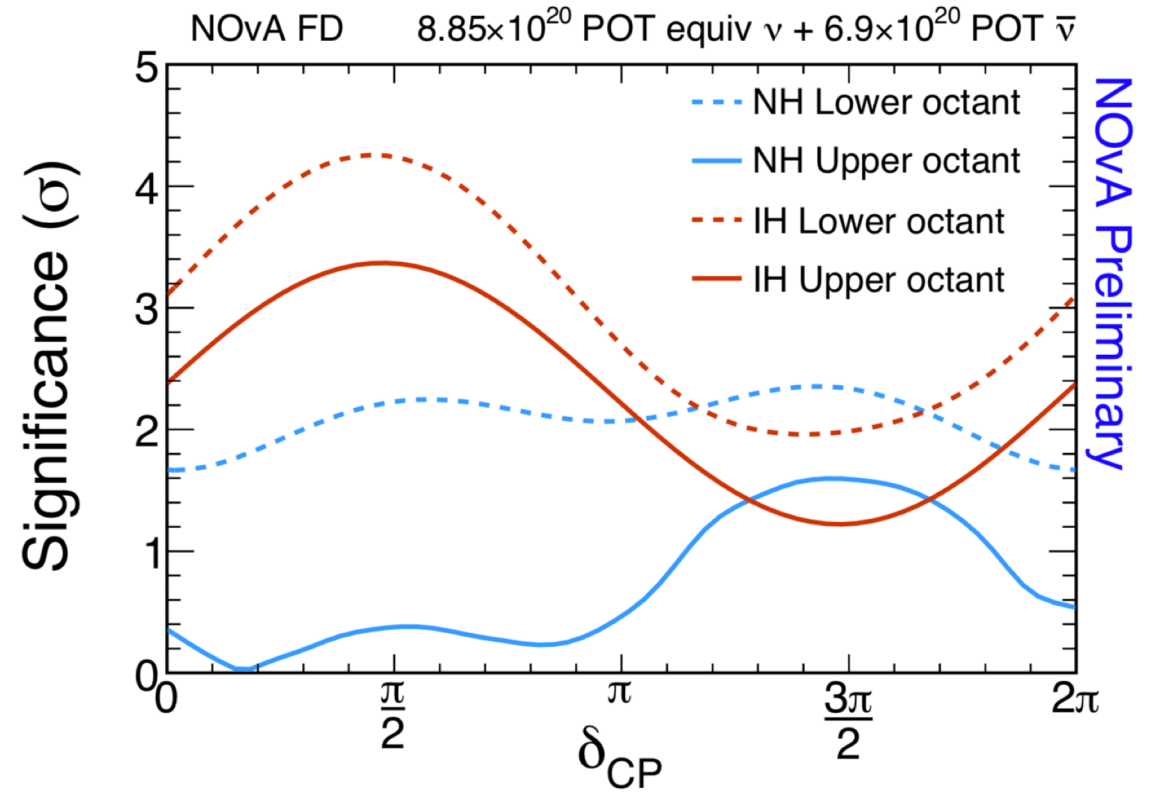
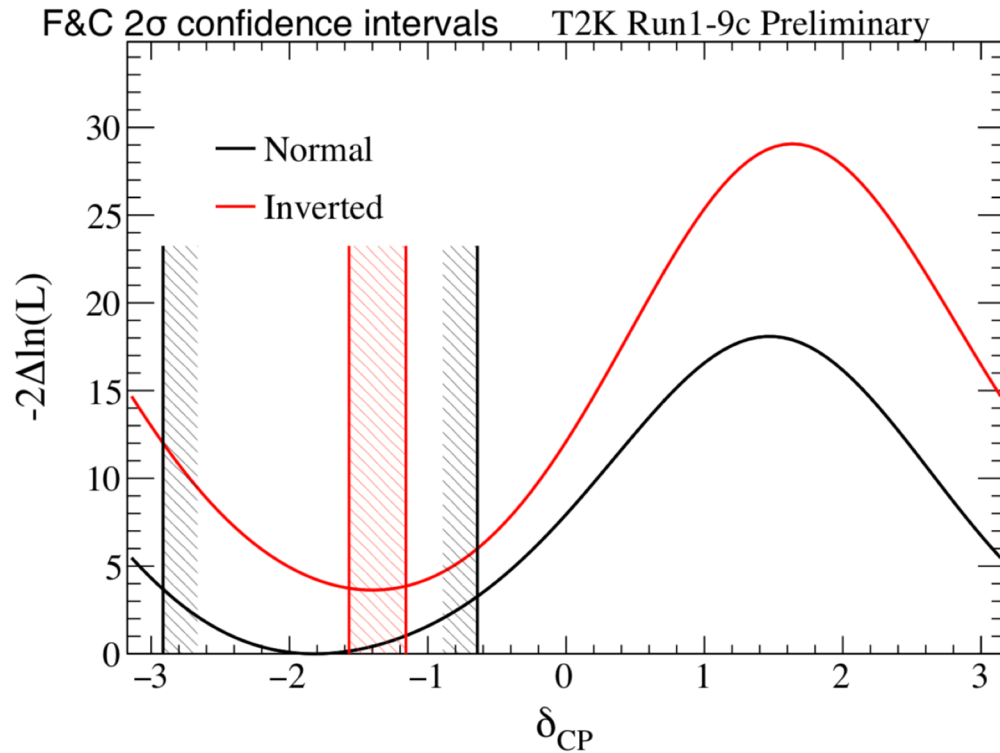
Invert mass hierarchy effect in CP asymmetry
 $\delta=90^\circ$



ν_e appearance results

Latest results presented at NEUTRINO2018

θ_{12}
 Δm^2_{21}
 θ_{13}
 θ_{23}
 Δm^2_{32}
 δ_{CP}



- Inverse ordering disfavored at $\sim 2\sigma$

- Inverse ordering disfavored at 1.8σ

(both measurements using reactor constraints)

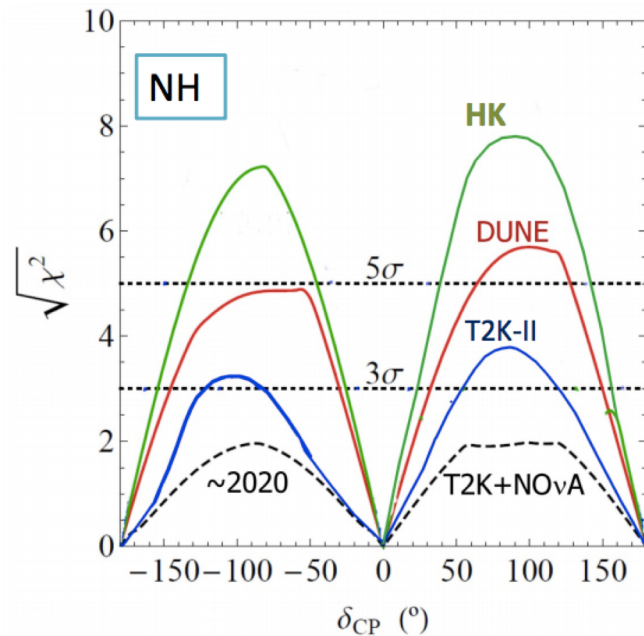
Sign of Δm^2_{32}

Future experiments: DUNE

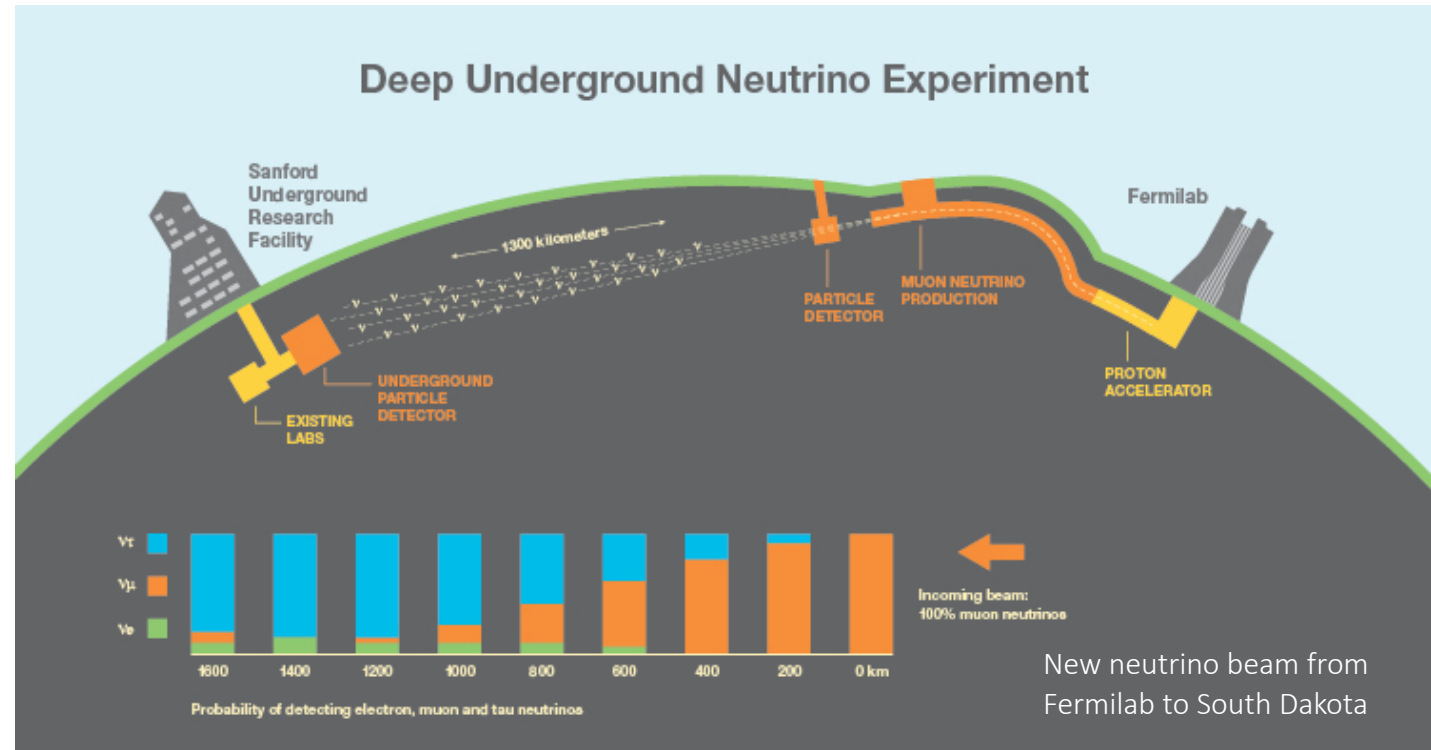
- **Near future:**

If δ_{CP} is confirmed to be maximal we are pretty lucky (again). T2K + NOvA can reach $\sim 2\sigma$ for δ_{CP} . NOvA has a chance to determine the mass ordering with $\sim 2 - 3\sigma$ if δ_{CP} is confirmed to be maximal. (This is roughly where we are right now.)

- A precision measurement of the CP violating phase and mass ordering requires new experiments.

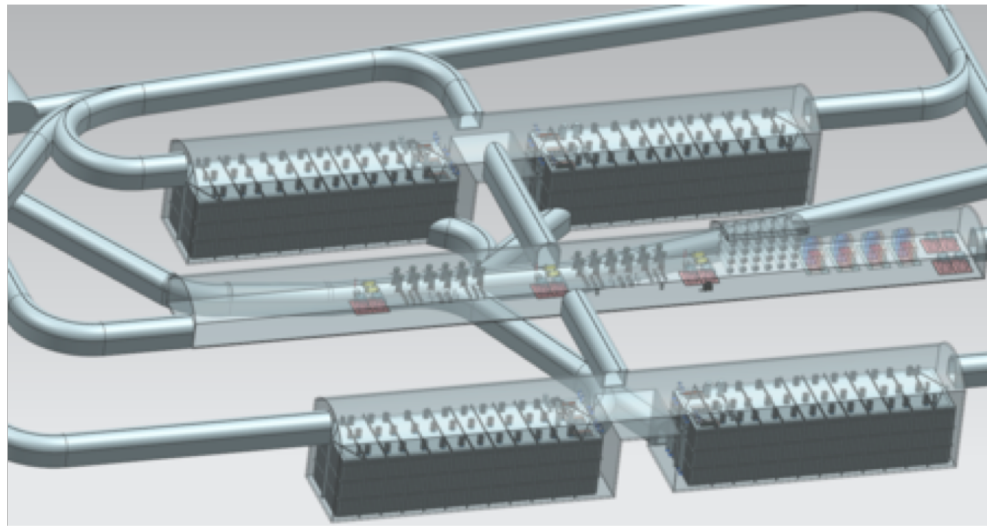


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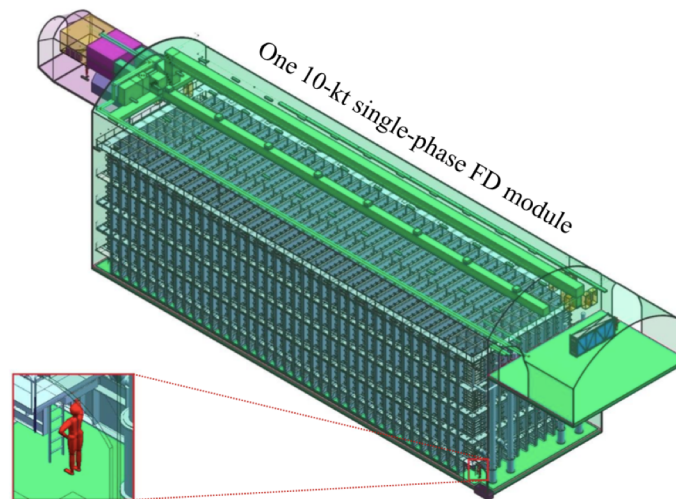
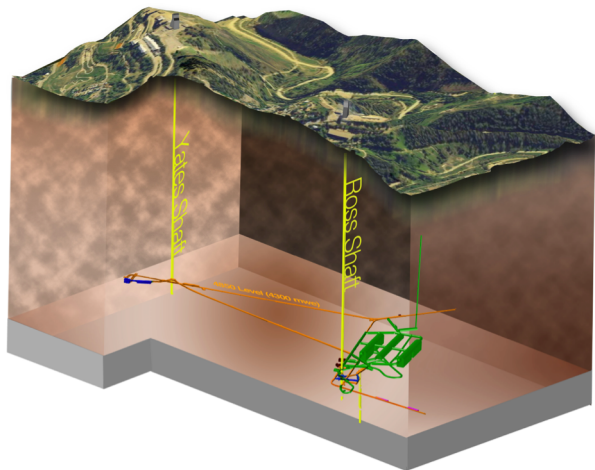


- To definitively answer these questions, we are building the DUNE experiment
- It will have a neutrino beam from Fermilab going 1300km to Homestake in South Dakota
- More than 1000 scientists from 175 institutions and 32 countries
- Planned to go fully operational within the next 10 years

The DUNE experiment



- Enormous volume:
4 x 10kt modules filled with liquid argon
- Underground, to best reduce cosmic backgrounds
- New high intensity ν_μ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ beam from FNAL
- LArTPC technology provides amazing imaging capabilities



Science goals

- Determine CP violation, mass ordering, and precision measurements of mixing parameters
- Supernova neutrinos, diffuse supernova backgrounds, proton decay searches, and many more astrophysics and exotics searches possible since the detector is underground!

Neutrinos in the standard model

In order to understand how neutrinos fit in the standard model, their properties need to be experimentally determined:

1. What is the absolute mass of the neutrinos?
2. What are the parameters that characterize the oscillations?
3. Are there only three neutrino flavors?

The pdg summary tables on neutrinos are yet short and vague:

Neutrino Properties

See the note on "Neutrino properties listings" in the Particle Listings.

Mass $m < 2$ eV (tritium decay)
Mean life/mass, $\tau/m > 300$ s/eV, CL = 90% (reactor)
Mean life/mass, $\tau/m > 7 \times 10^9$ s/eV (solar)
Mean life/mass, $\tau/m > 15.4$ s/eV, CL = 90% (accelerator)
Magnetic moment $\mu < 0.29 \times 10^{-10} \mu_B$, CL = 90% (reactor)

Number of Neutrino Types

Number $N = 2.984 \pm 0.008$ (Standard Model fits to LEP-SLC data)

Number $N = 2.92 \pm 0.05$ ($S = 1.2$) (Direct measurement of invisible Z width)

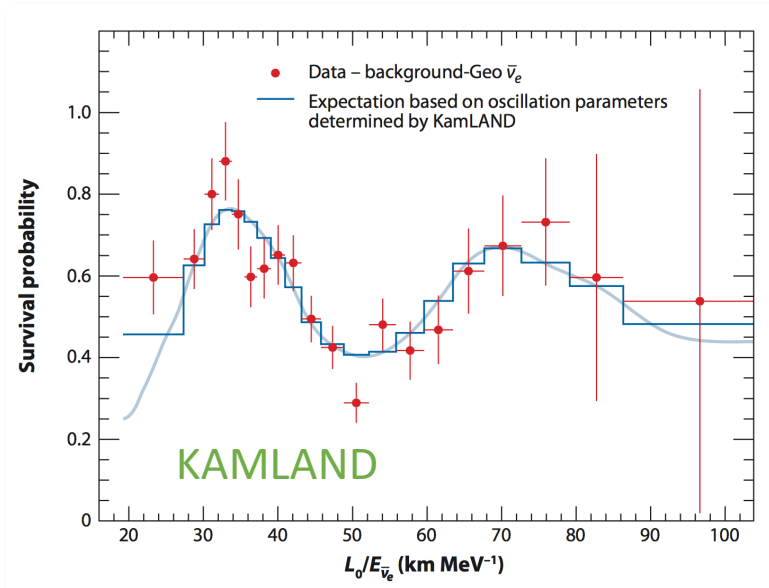
Neutrino Mixing

The following values are obtained through data analyses based on the 3-neutrino mixing scheme described in the review "Neutrino Mass, Mixing, and Oscillations" by K. Nakamura and S.T. Petcov in this *Review*.

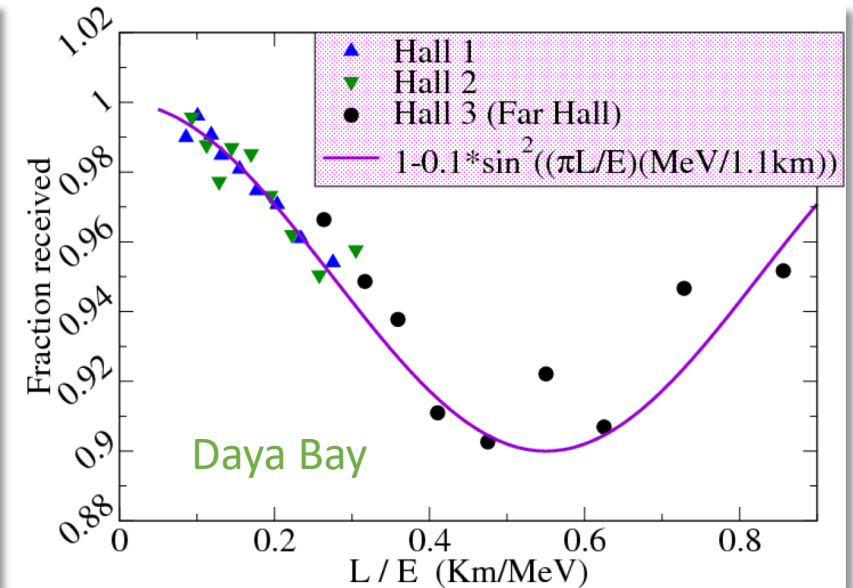
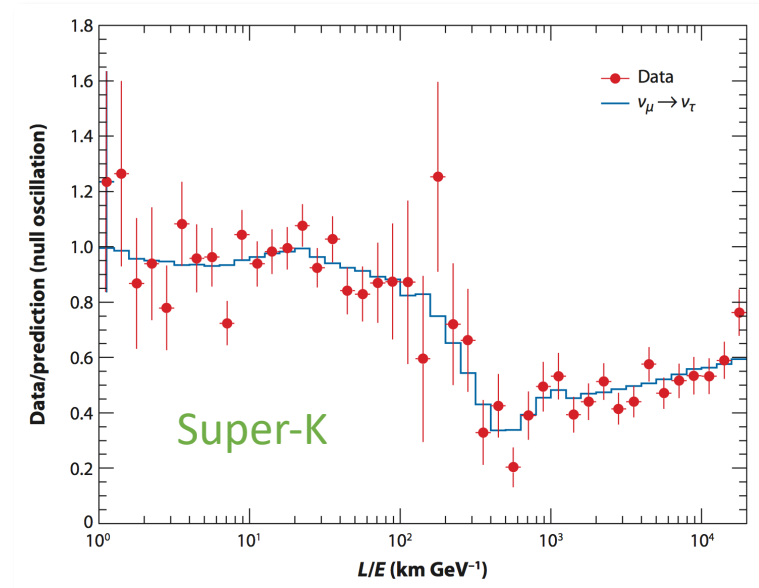
$\sin^2(\theta_{12}) = 0.307 \pm 0.013$
 $\Delta m_{21}^2 = (7.53 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$
 $\sin^2(\theta_{23}) = 0.421^{+0.033}_{-0.025}$ ($S = 1.3$) (Inverted order, quad. I)
 $\sin^2(\theta_{23}) = 0.592^{+0.023}_{-0.030}$ ($S = 1.1$) (Inverted order, quad. II)
 $\sin^2(\theta_{23}) = 0.417^{+0.025}_{-0.028}$ ($S = 1.2$) (Normal order, quad. I)
 $\sin^2(\theta_{23}) = 0.597^{+0.024}_{-0.030}$ ($S = 1.2$) (Normal order, quad. II)
 $\Delta m_{32}^2 = (-2.56 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ (Inverted order)
 $\Delta m_{32}^2 = (2.51 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ ($S = 1.1$) (Normal order)
 $\sin^2(\theta_{13}) = (2.12 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-2}$

The scale of “standard three-flavor-oscillations”

“solar mixing”



“atmospheric mixing”



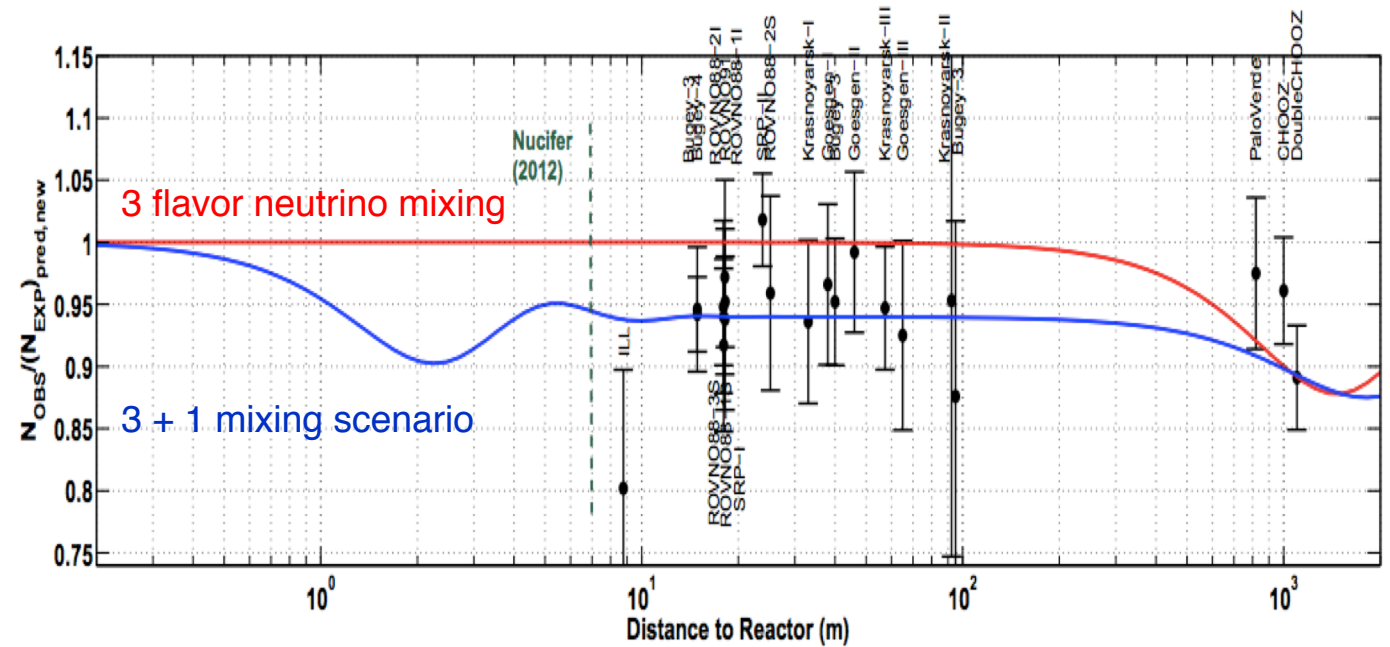
Standard model three-flavor oscillations are observed on the scale of

$$L/E > \sim \text{km} / \text{MeV}$$

The reactor neutrino anomaly



arXiv:1204.5379 [hep-ph]



Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ disappearance experiments

- Typical energies: few MeV
- Typical baselines: 10 – 1000m

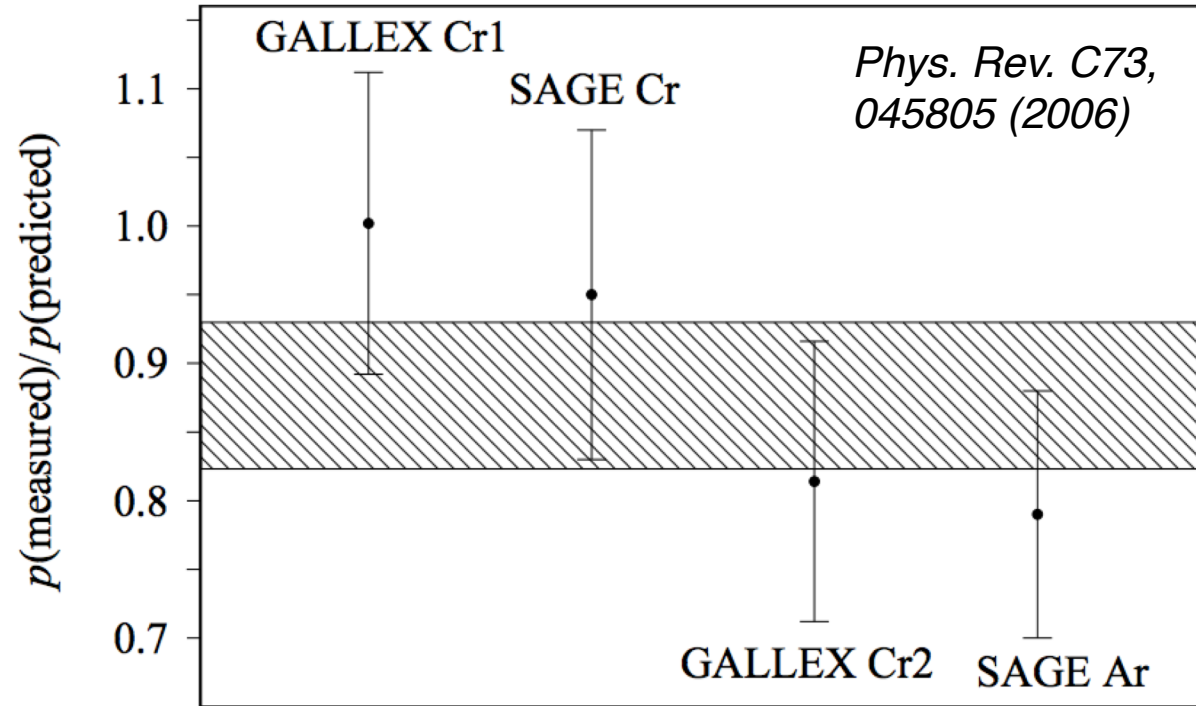
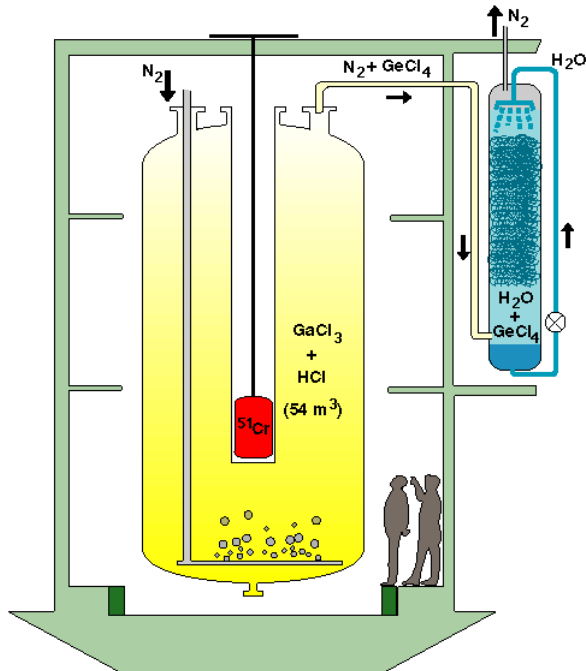
Deficit in neutrino flux at the detector observed

- Normalization problem?
- Oscillations on the scale of $L/E > \sim m / \text{MeV}$?

Radioactive source experiments

Radiochemical solar neutrino experiments
 GALLEX and SAGE with intense (M Ci) ν_e
 calibration sources
 (ν_e disappearance experiments)

- ν_e below the MeV scale
- Baselines on the scale of meters

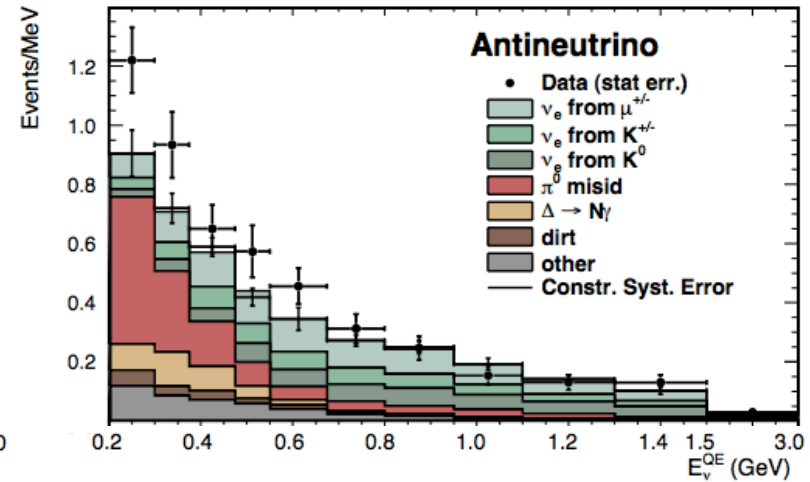
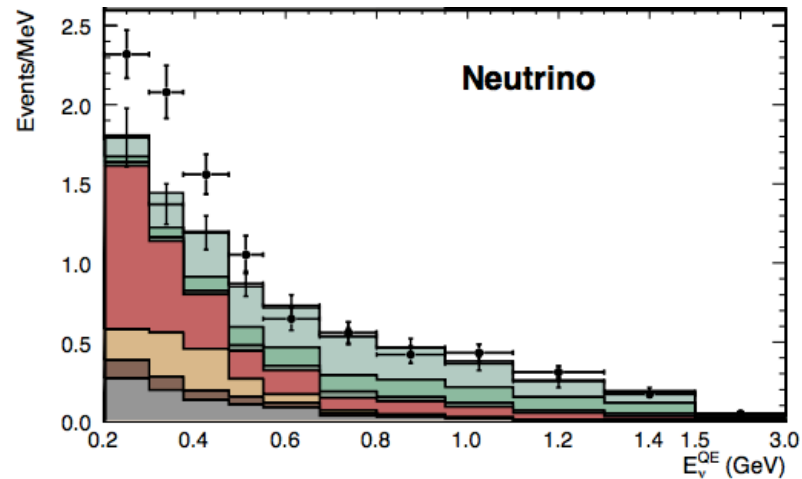
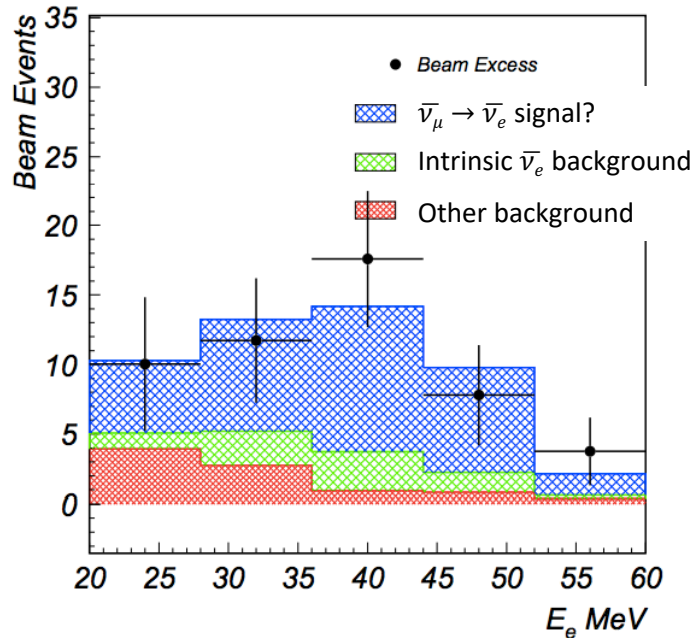
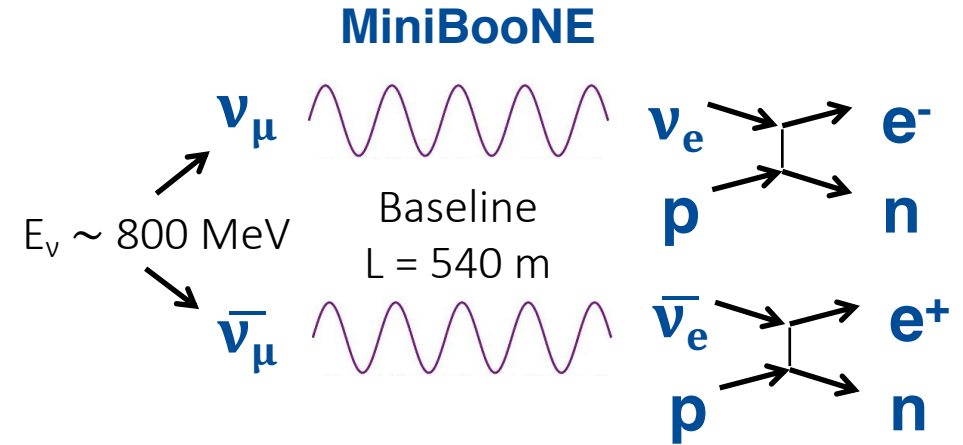
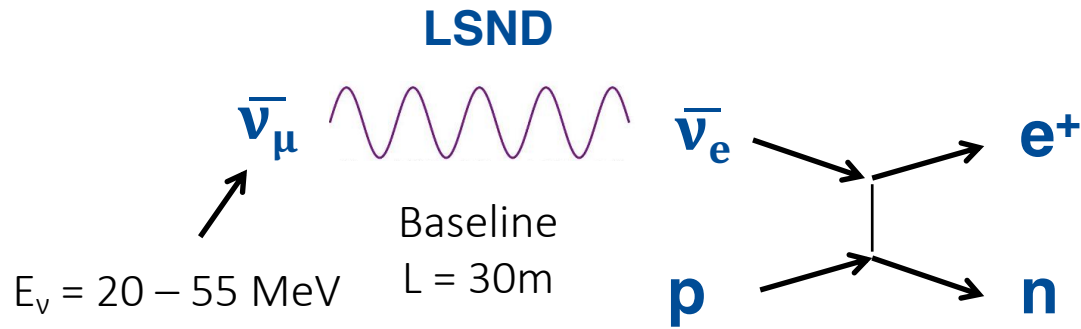


Deficit in ν_e rate observed

- Normalization problem?
- Oscillations on the scale of $L/E > \sim \text{m} / \text{MeV}$?

The MiniBooNE and LSND event excess

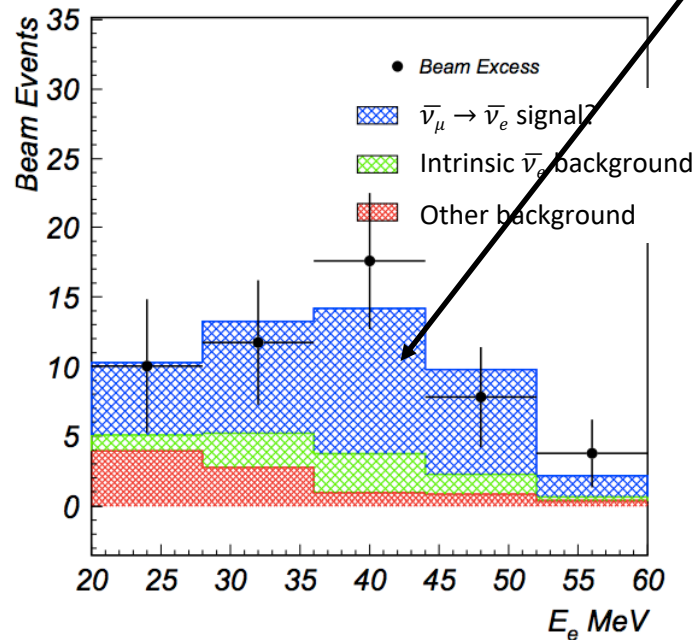
Anomalies observed in ν_e appearance experiments



The MiniBooNE and LSND event excess

LSND

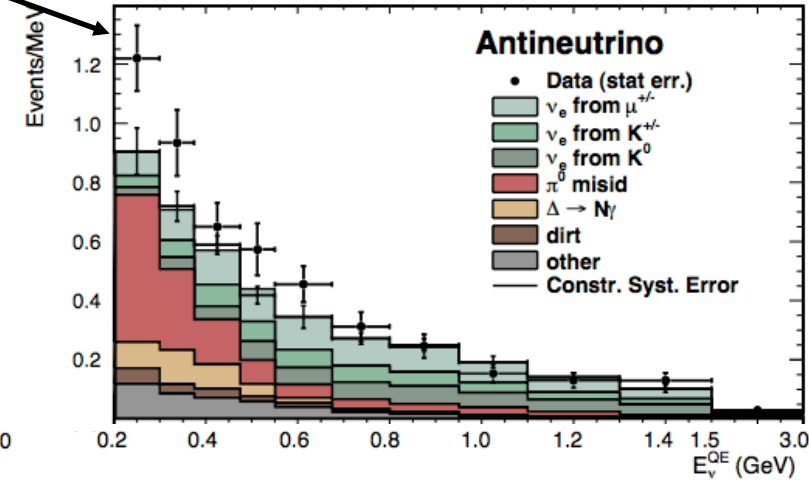
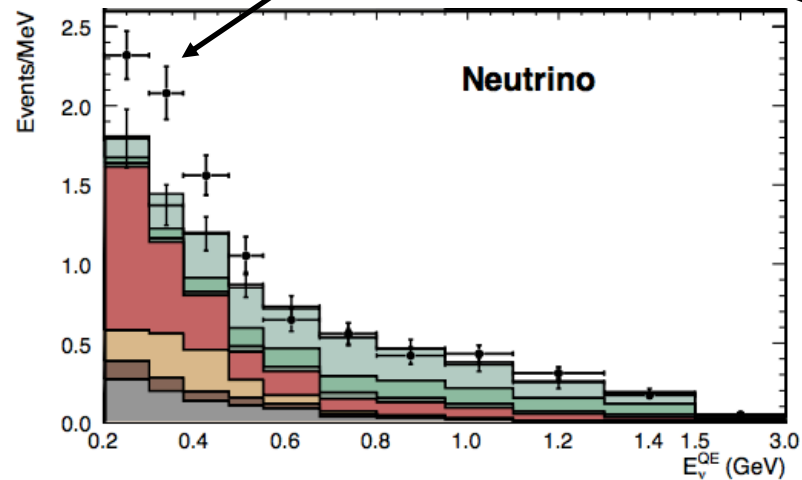
- Oscillation signal from additional sterile neutrinos?
- Unknown background?



Excess of electromagnetic events on a scale of $L / E \sim m / \text{MeV}$

MiniBooNE

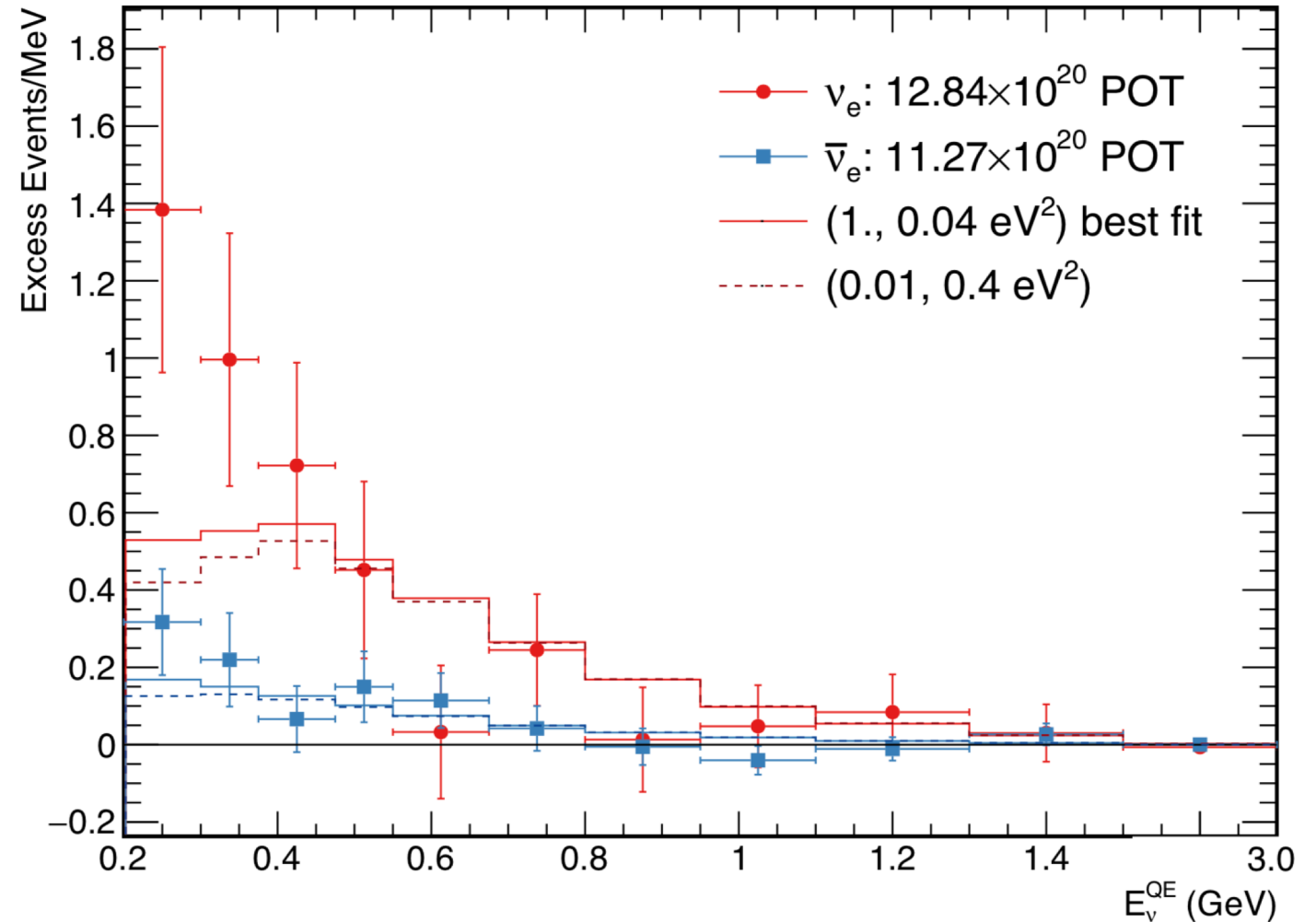
- Oscillation signal from additional sterile neutrinos?
- Background from γ – induced showers?
- Unknown background?



MiniBooNE 2018

- MiniBooNE was re-started data taking when MicroBooNE started operations
- With the new data MiniBooNE has doubled it's statistics in neutrino-mode running since the previous result
- Updated results were presented in June 2018
- MiniBooNE also sees an excess of low-energy electron-like events in the new data set. Combined with the previous data, the excess is at the level of 4.8σ

Presented at NEUTRINO2018



Sterile neutrinos?

One idea:

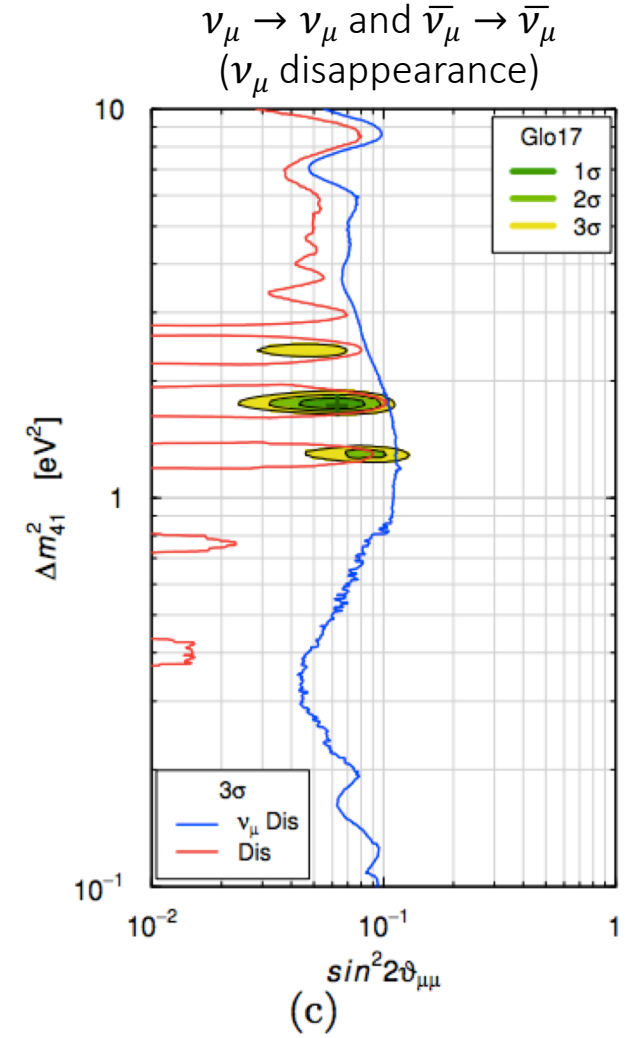
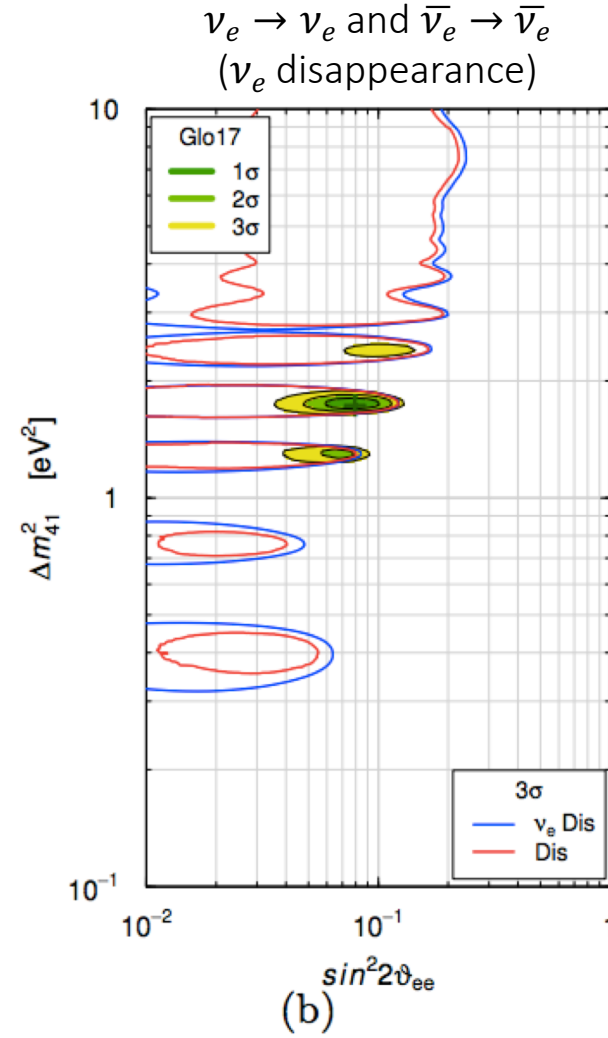
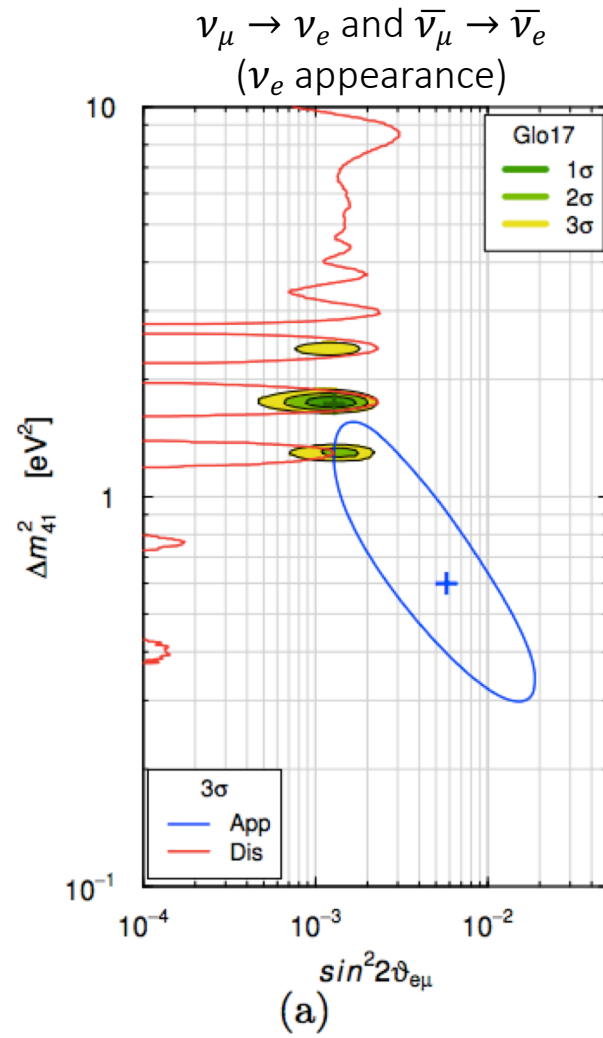
- “Active” neutrinos (ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ) oscillate into “sterile” neutrinos (ν_s) on a scale of $L/E \sim m/\text{MeV}$



- “Sterile” neutrinos are called sterile because they are not detectable in our experiments
- There is no weak interaction process to produce a detectable lepton/hadron)

(Note: Sterile neutrinos are not the only possible explanation)

Status of sterile neutrino global fits



S. Gariazzo, C. Giunti,
M. Laveder, Y.F. Li, arXiv:1703.00860

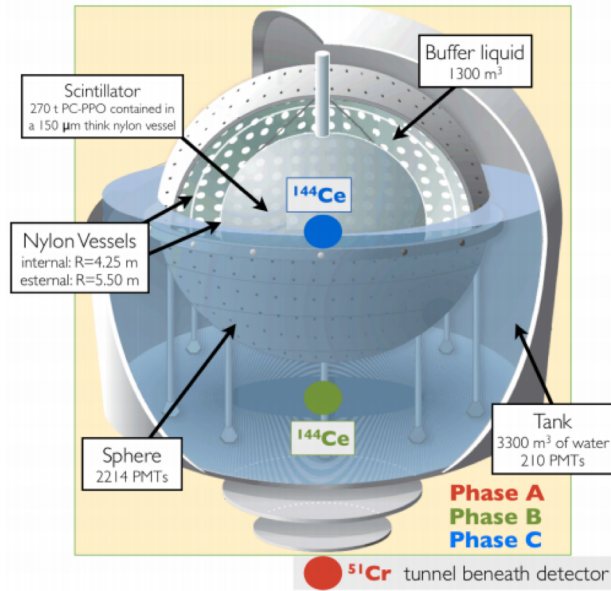
Future experiments to test ν_e disappearance

New generations of experiments:

- VERY short baseline ($\sim m$)
 - a) Radioactive source inside the detector (SOX,...)
 - b) Detector very close to a reactor (PROSPECT, SoLiD, STEREO, ...)
 - c) Isotope at rest decay (IsoDAR)

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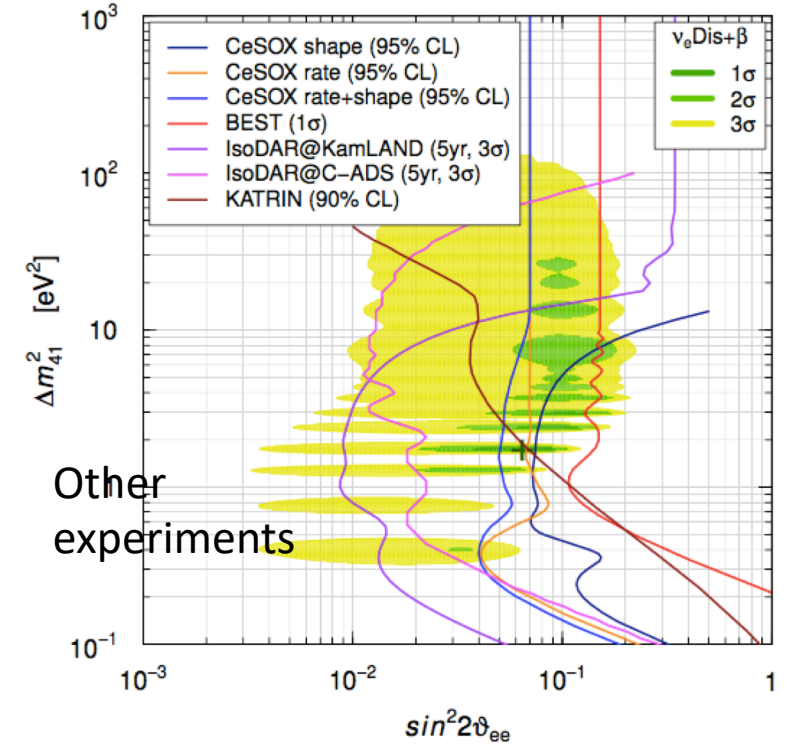
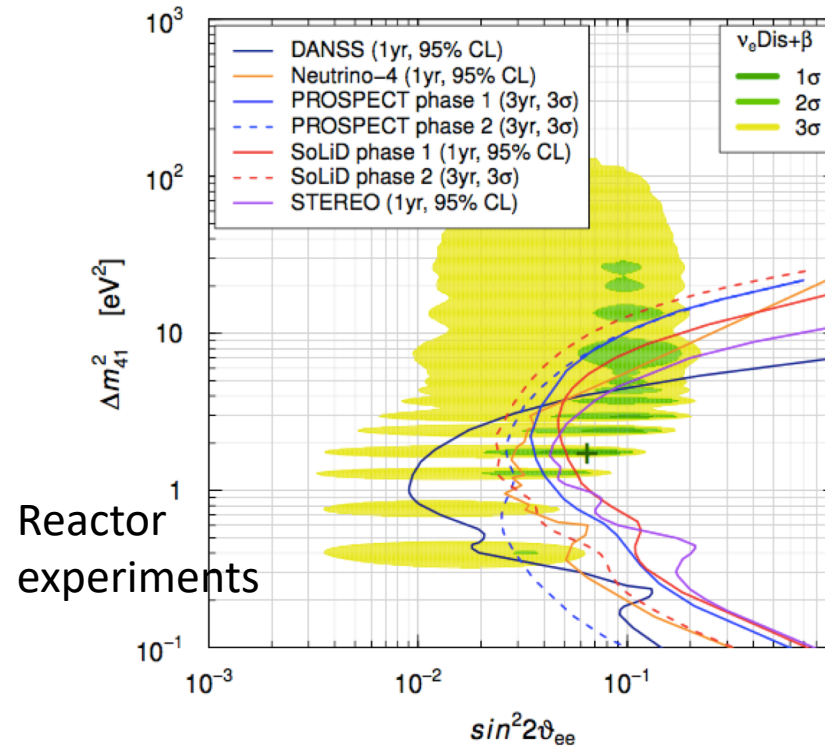
Example: SOX experiment (Borexino)



(unfortunately SOX is not going to happen)

Sensitivities

$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e$ and $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$
(ν_e disappearance)



Fermilab's short baseline program: Testing ν_e appearance and ν_μ disappearance

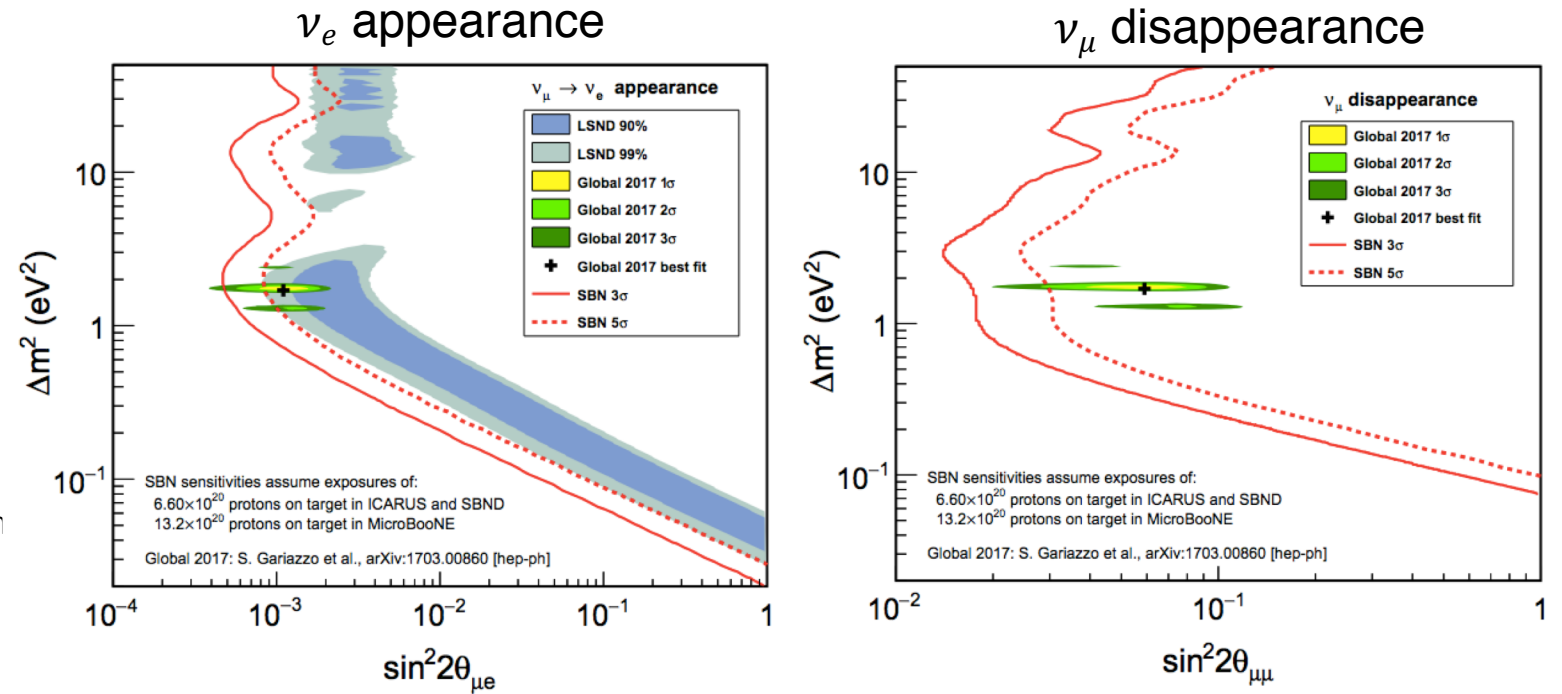
Direct follow-up to the MiniBooNE low-energy excess result

Things we are keeping the same:

- Same neutrino beam
- Similar baseline

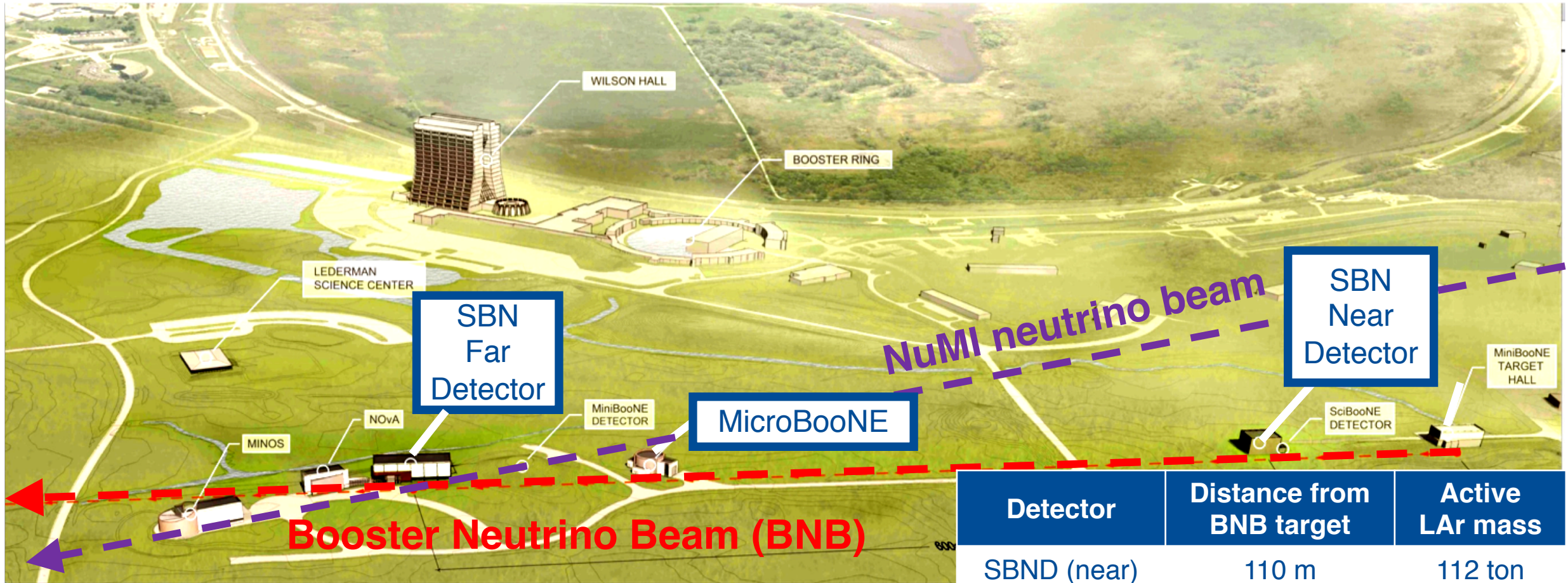
Things we are changing:

- Three detectors instead of one, to map the spectrum at different baselines
- Different detector technology: Superior imaging capabilities and different
- ν_e appearance AND ν_μ disappearance analysis possible in the same experiment



SBN is sensitive to the entire range of interest.

One Program – three detectors



Detector	Distance from BNB target	Active LAr mass
SBND (near)	110 m	112 ton
MicroBooNE	470 m	87 ton
ICARUS (far)	600 m	476 ton

- All detectors are liquid-argon time projection chambers (LArTPC)
- Sitting on-axis in the BNB
- Receiving off-axis NuMI beam

Status of the SBN detectors

MicroBooNE



- MicroBooNE is completed and taking the data since Summer 2015
- Just bringing out first results on neutrino-Argon interactions and LArTPC properties and performances

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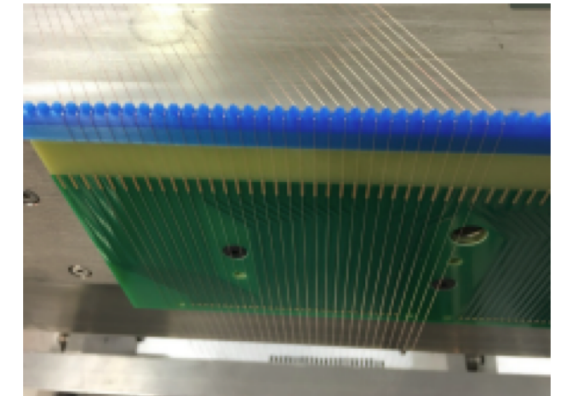
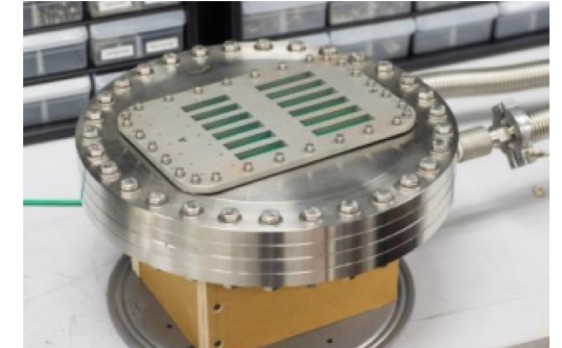
ICARUS



- The two ICARUS vessels from CERN just moved into the building this month!
- Completion expected end of 2019.

A. Schukraft, Fermilab

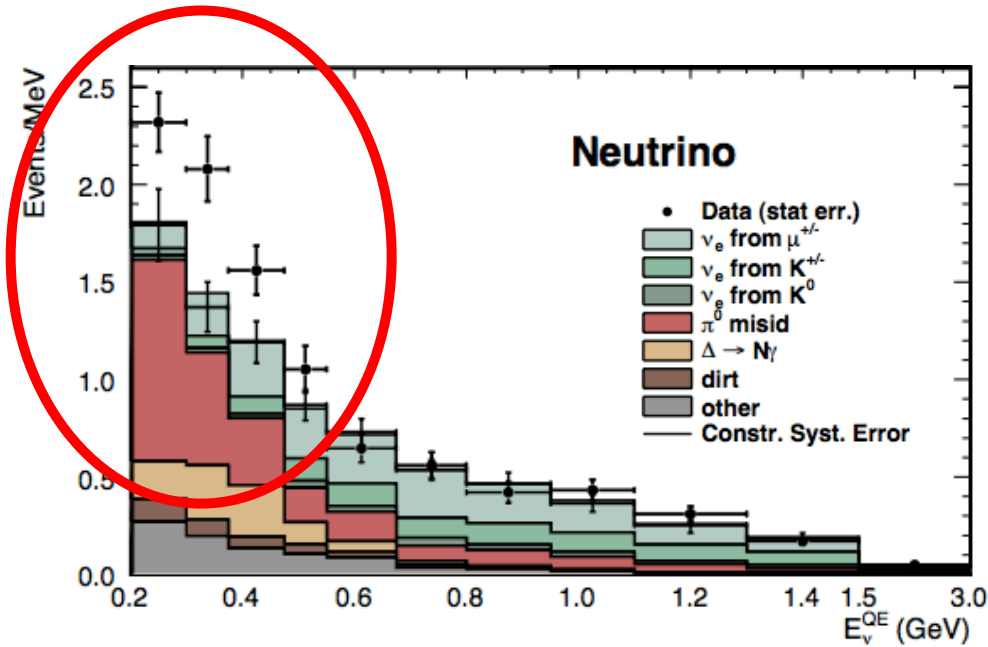
SBND



- The different parts of SBND are currently being constructed in the US, UK, and Switzerland
- Installation during 2019/2020

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Why we want LArTPCs for the SBN program



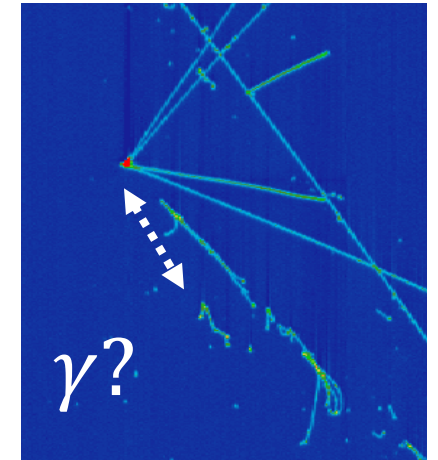
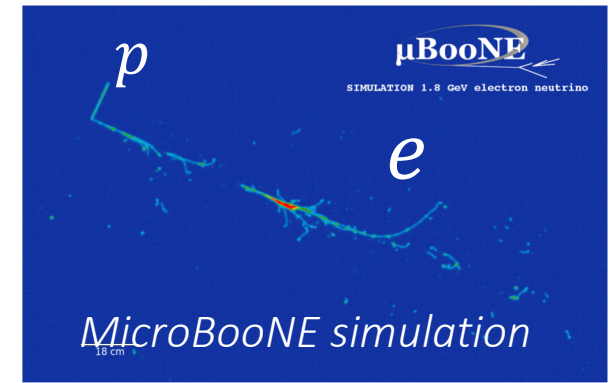
The signature we are looking for is an electron



The largest background in the MiniBooNE analysis comes from photons!

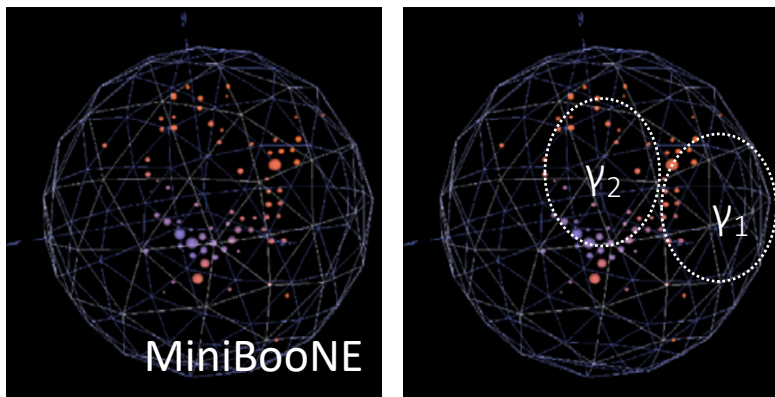
For MiniBooNE it was difficult to distinguish electrons and photons.

LArTPCs are much better at this!



MicroBooNE is already taking data since October 2015. Without SBND and ICARUS, MicroBooNE will be able to tell if the event excess is electron-like or photon-like.

This is an important question!



MiniBooNE collaboration;
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 161801 (2013)

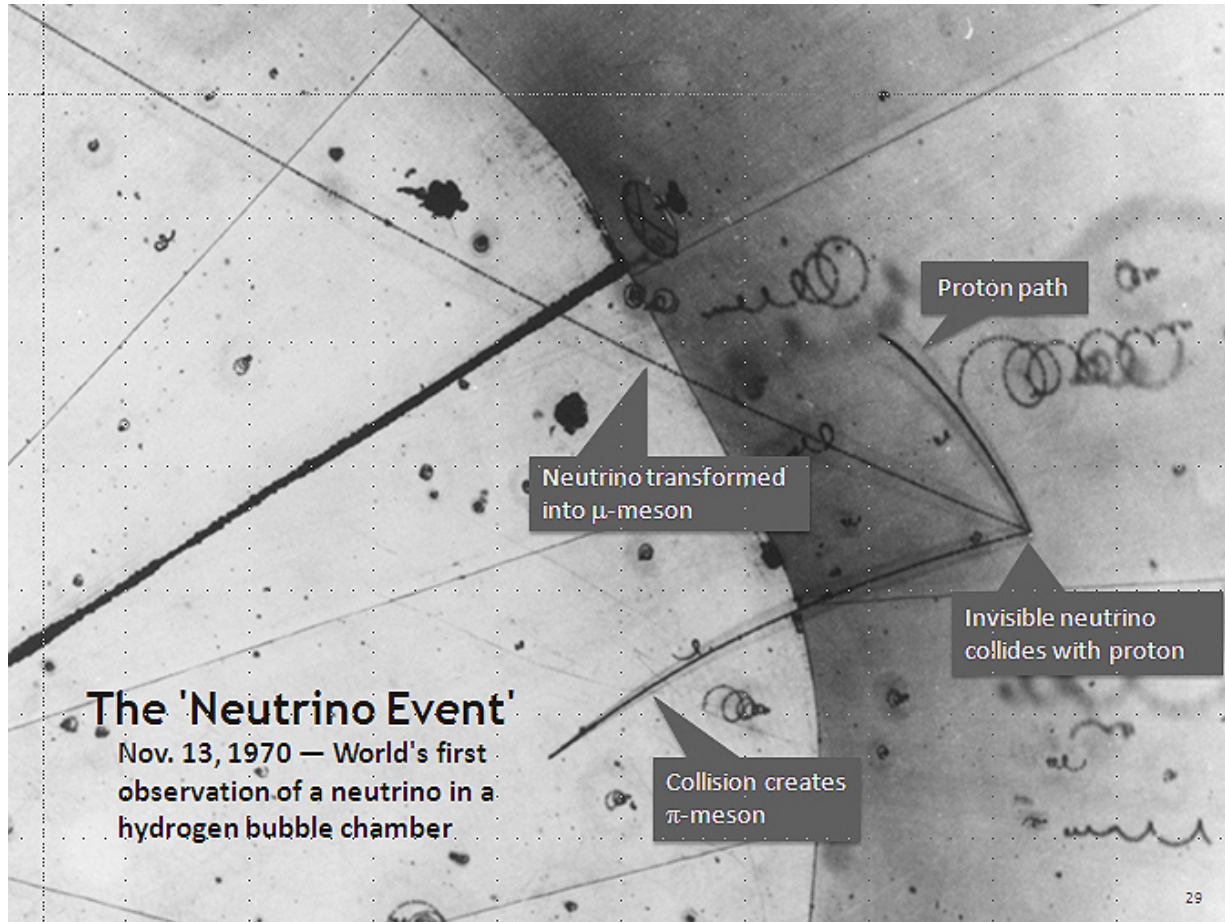
Conclusion

- Neutrinos are an established part of the standard model, but we still have a lot of open questions in neutrino physics, like
 - What's the absolute mass of the neutrinos?
 - Are neutrinos Dirac or Majorana particles?
 - What's the neutrino mass ordering?
 - Is CP symmetry violated in the neutrino sector?
 - Are there more than three neutrino flavors?
 - What role do neutrinos play in the standard model and in the evolution of the Universe?
- Neutrino detection is challenging. We have a very diverse range of experiments – different technologies are needed for different flavors, energy ranges, source intensities, baselines
- A lot of new experiments designed to bring us a huge step further in our understanding of neutrinos are being started at the moment. In 5 years we should know a lot more!
- Last but not least: Neutrinos have always been good for a surprise – we are excited to see what the future holds!

Backup

Why liquid-argon detectors?

- a brief excursion through the history of neutrino detection



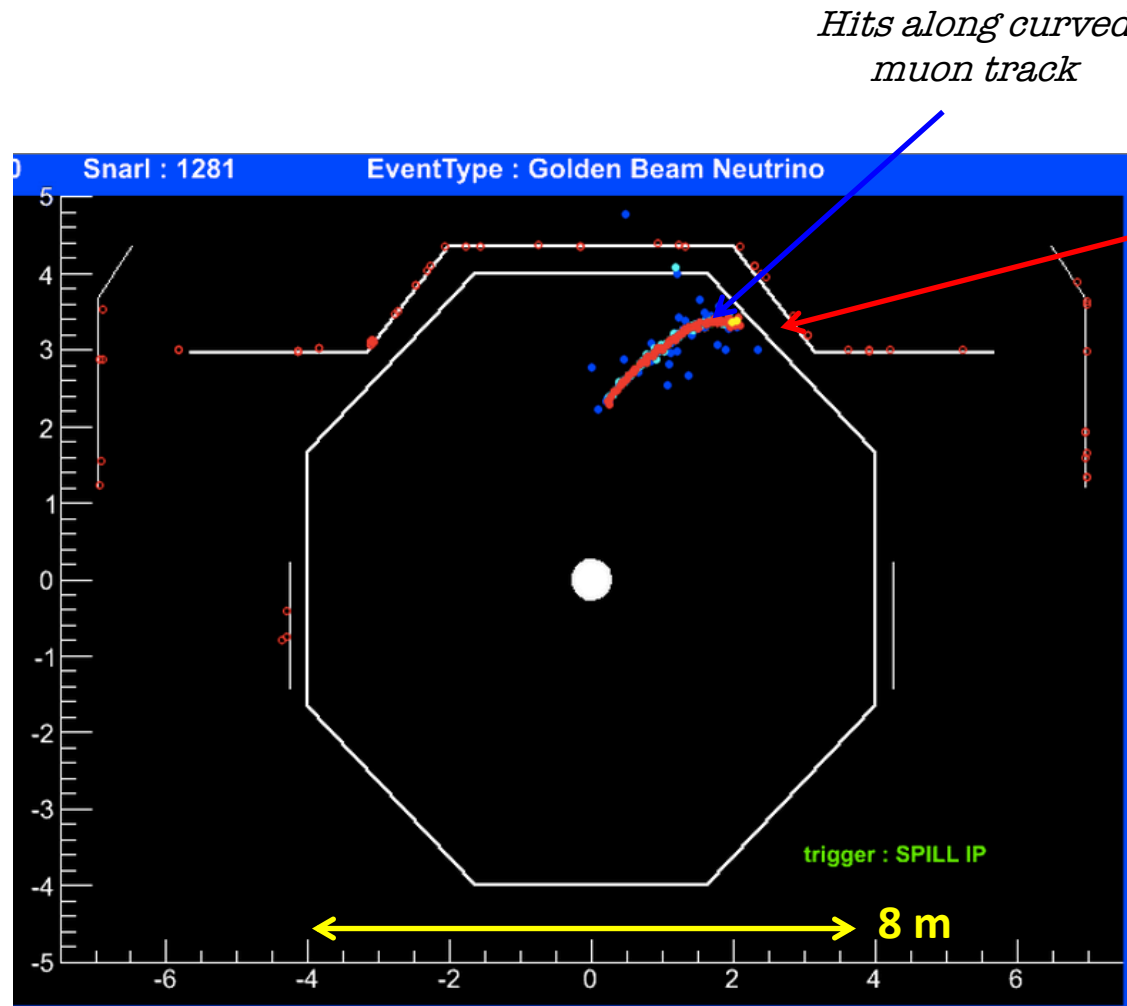
Bubble chambers

1960's and onward

- + Beautiful resolution!
- Not self-triggered
- Not digitized
- No calorimetric information

Why liquid-argon detectors?

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Magnetized steel/plastic scintillator

E.g. MINOS
2005 - 2016

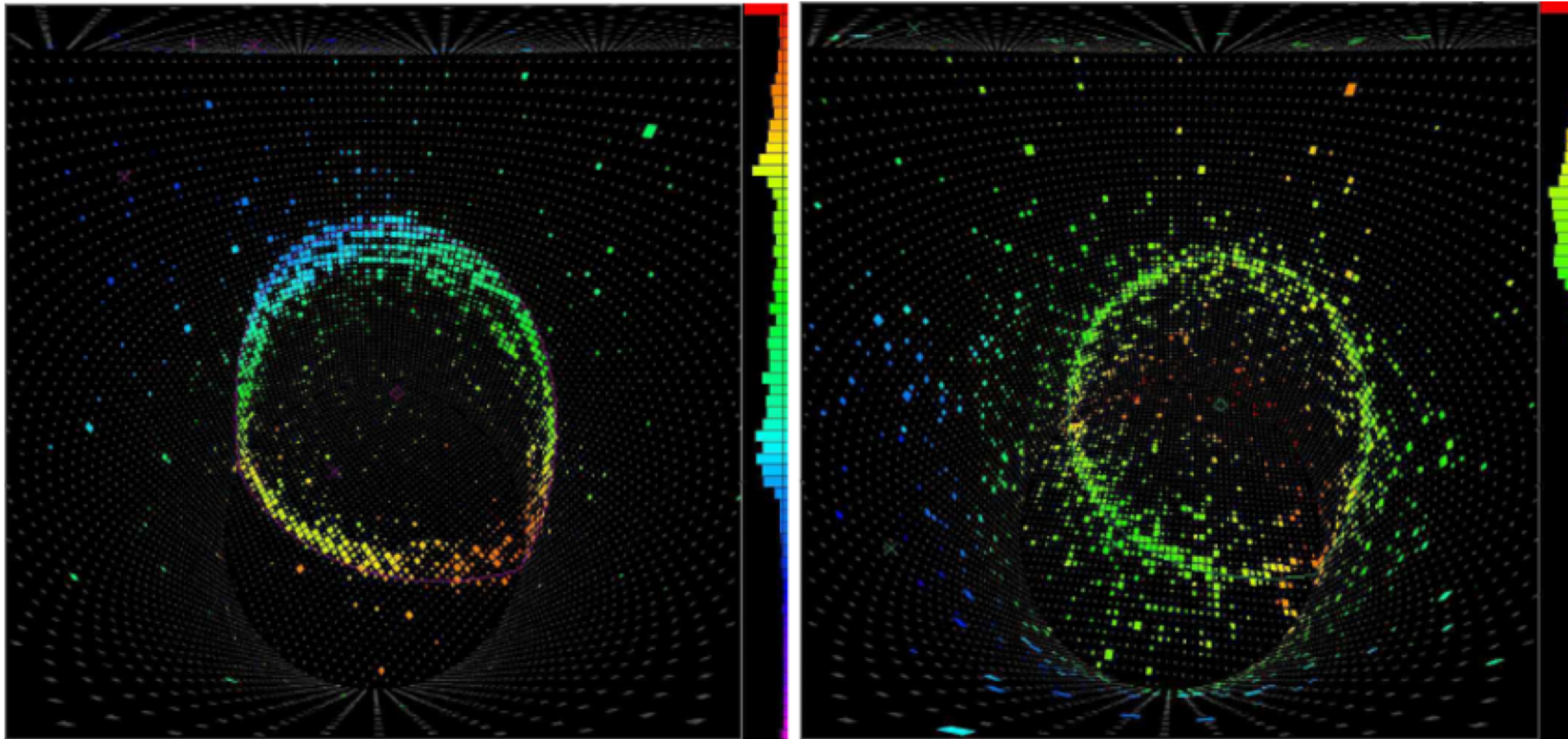
- + Magnetized = muon charge and momentum measurements
- + Great for measurement of atmospheric mixing angles
- Poor electron identification
- No observation of hadrons in the final state

Why liquid-argon detectors?

- a brief excursion through the history of neutrino detection

μ

e



Cherenkov detectors

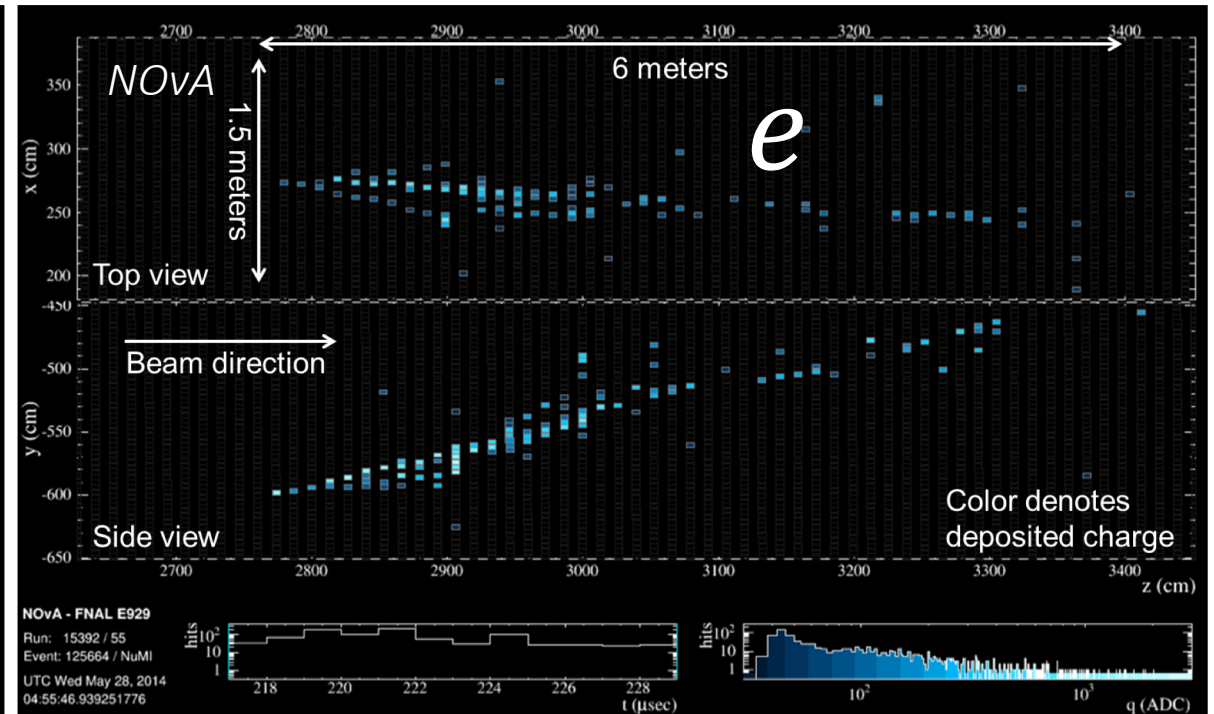
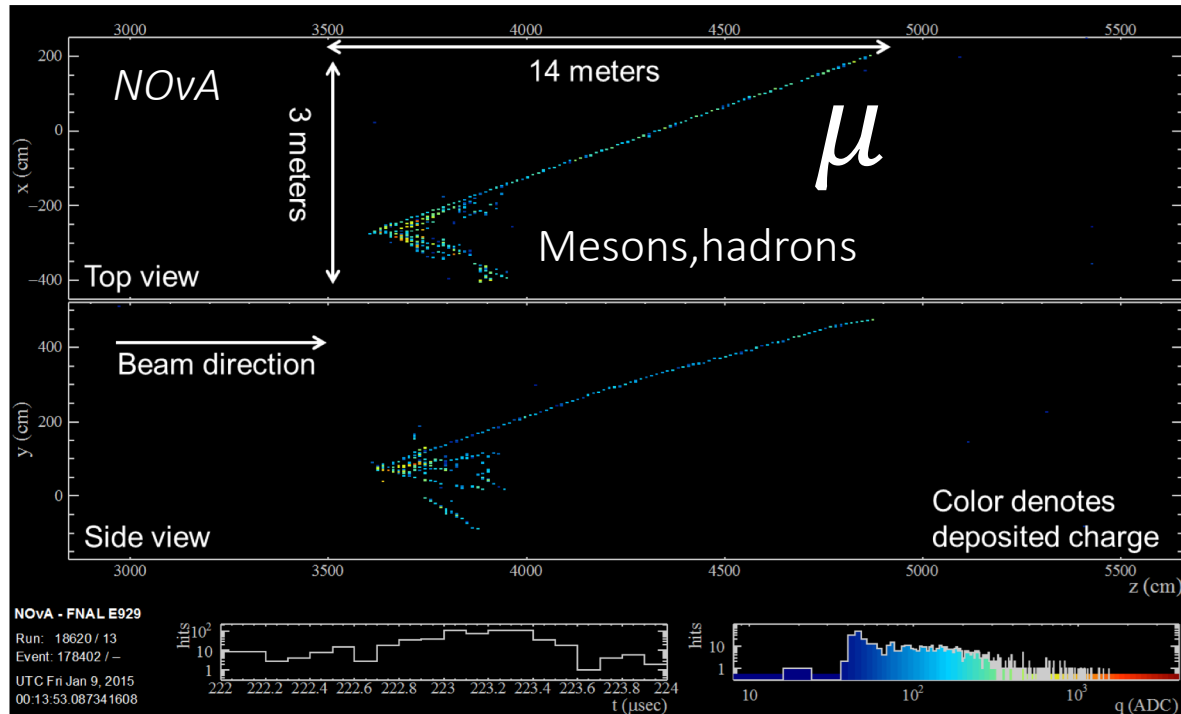
e.g. SuperKamiokande (T2K FD),
MiniBooNE
1996 – today!

- + Can instrument a large volume at relatively low cost
- Observation of electrons possible, but difficult due to π^0 backgrounds
- No observation of hadrons in the final state

SuperK, simulation

Why liquid-argon detectors?

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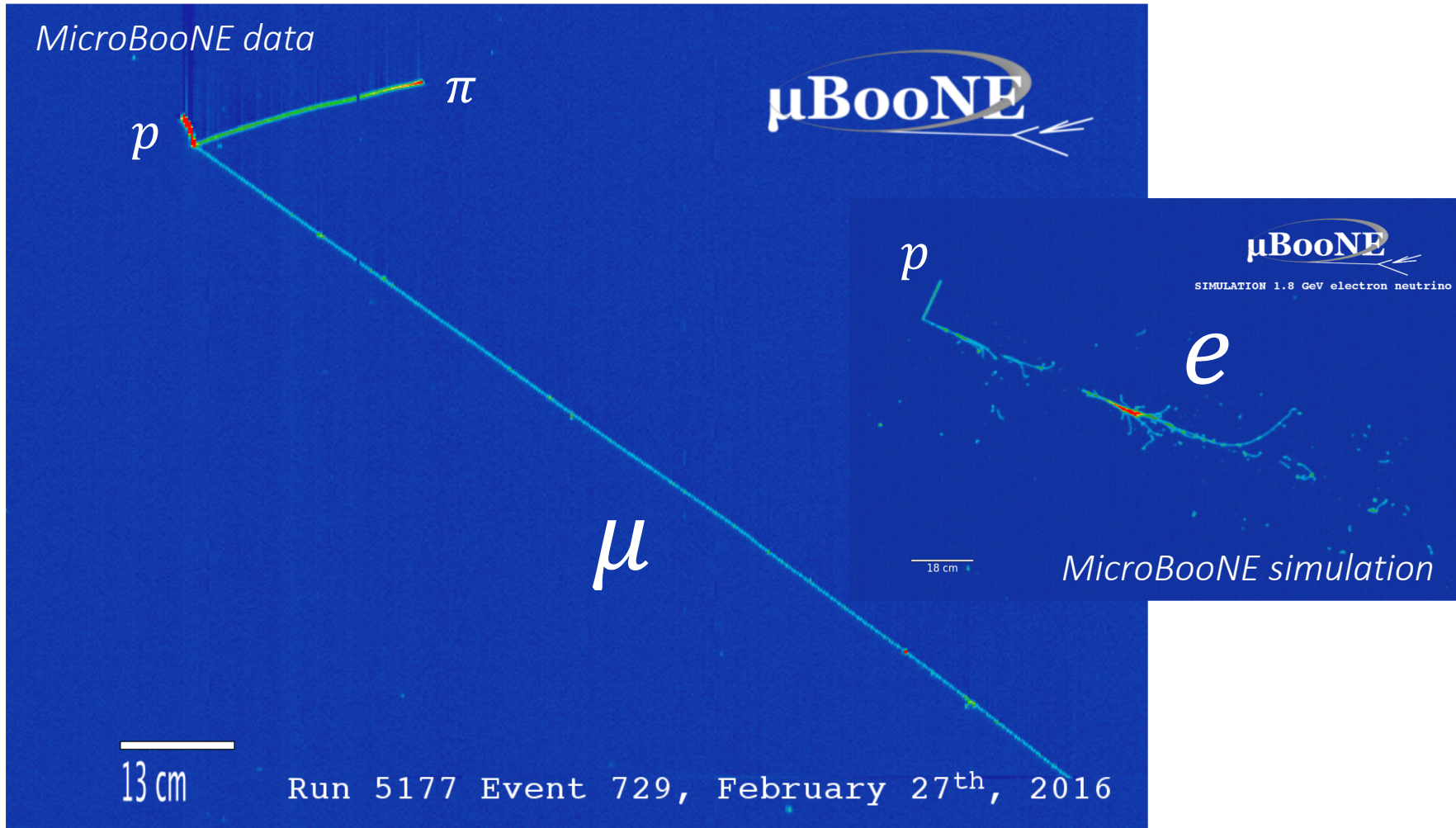
Liquid/solid scintillator strip detectors

e.g. MINERvA, NOvA
2010 – today!

- + Improved observation of electrons and hadrons
- + Calorimetric information
- Limited resolution

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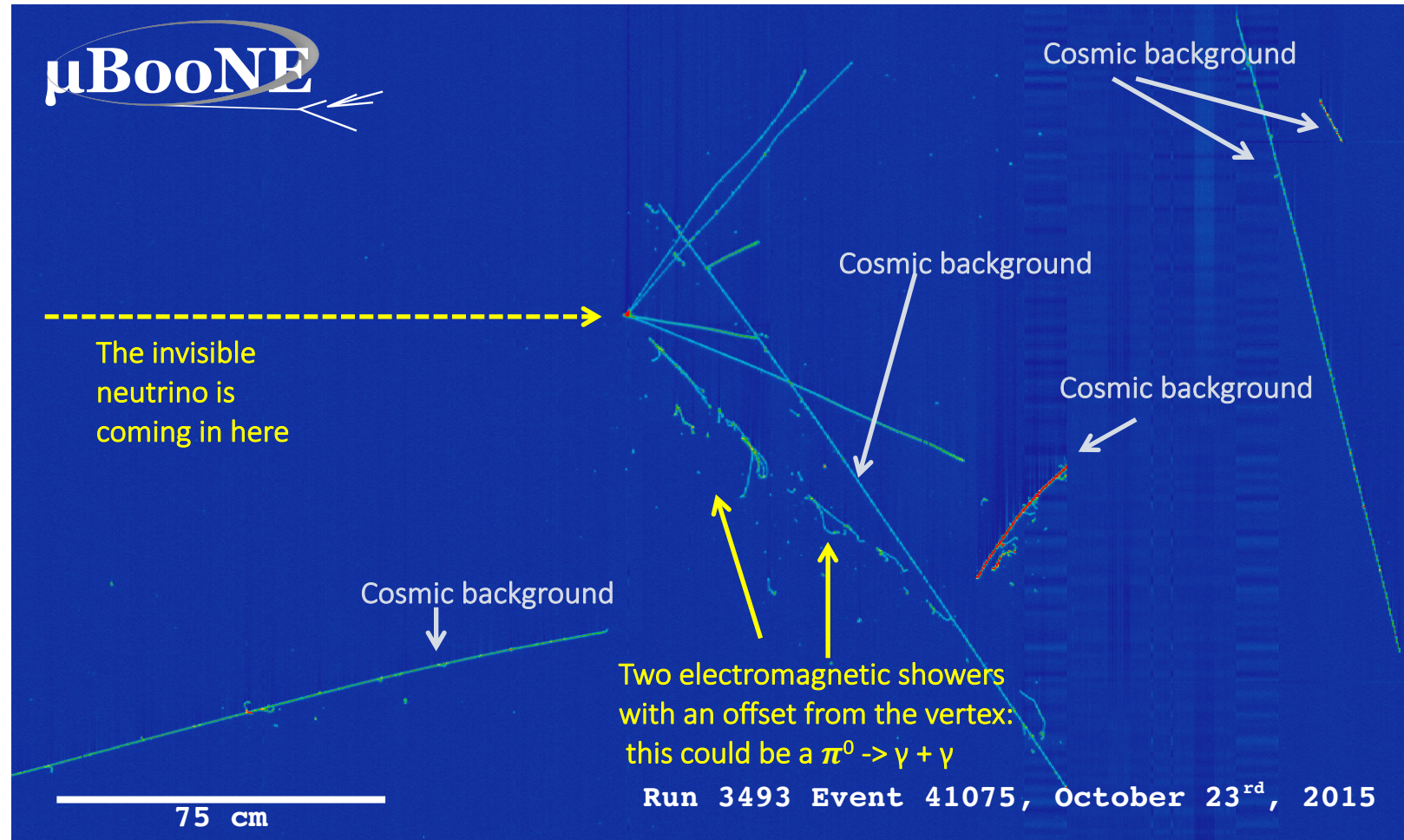
LArTPCs

e.g. ICARUS, ArgoNeuT, MicroBooNE
and many more to come
The 21st century

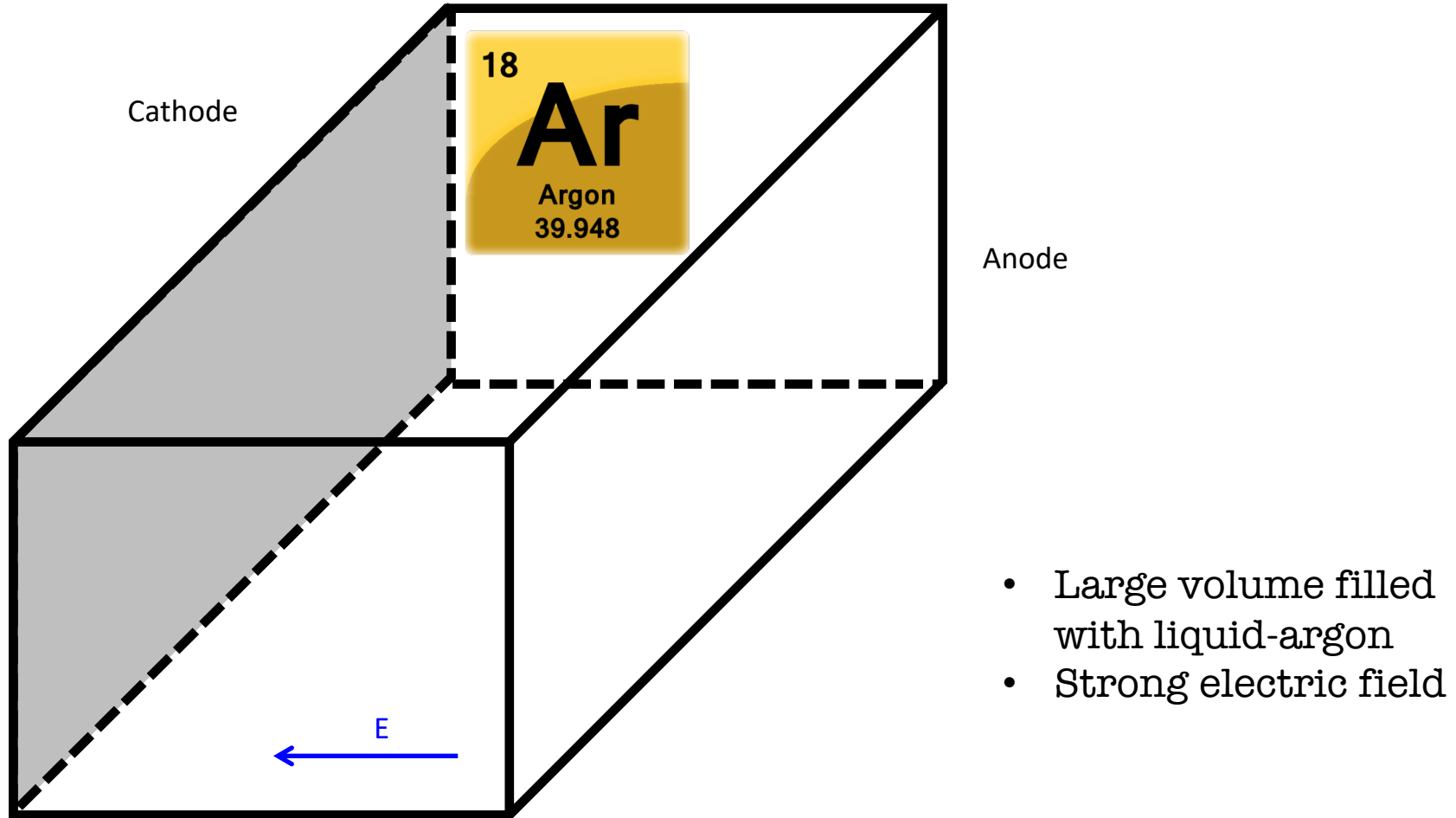
- + almost Bubble-chamber image quality
- + self triggered
- + fully digitized
- + calorimetric information
- Challenging technology!
- Not (yet) magnetizable

The amazing things you can do with a LArTPC

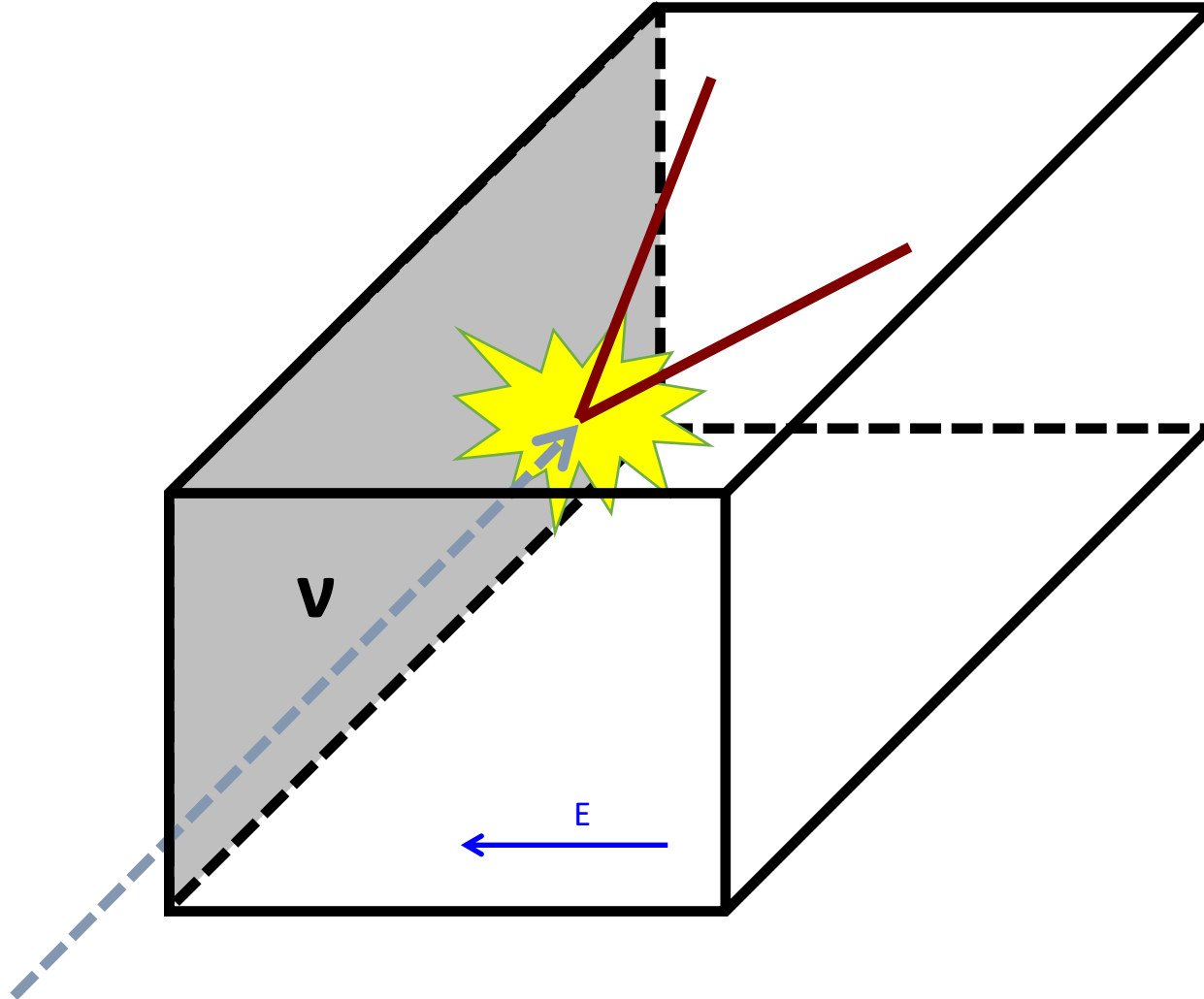
- Better knowledge on the final state products
- Better particle ID capabilities
- Allows more precise and less model dependent reconstruction of the initial neutrino energy!
(needed for oscillation physics!)
- Proton observation allows us to study nuclear effects in ν -Argon scattering
(reduces systematic errors in oscillation analyses)



The principle of a liquid-argon Time Projection Chamber

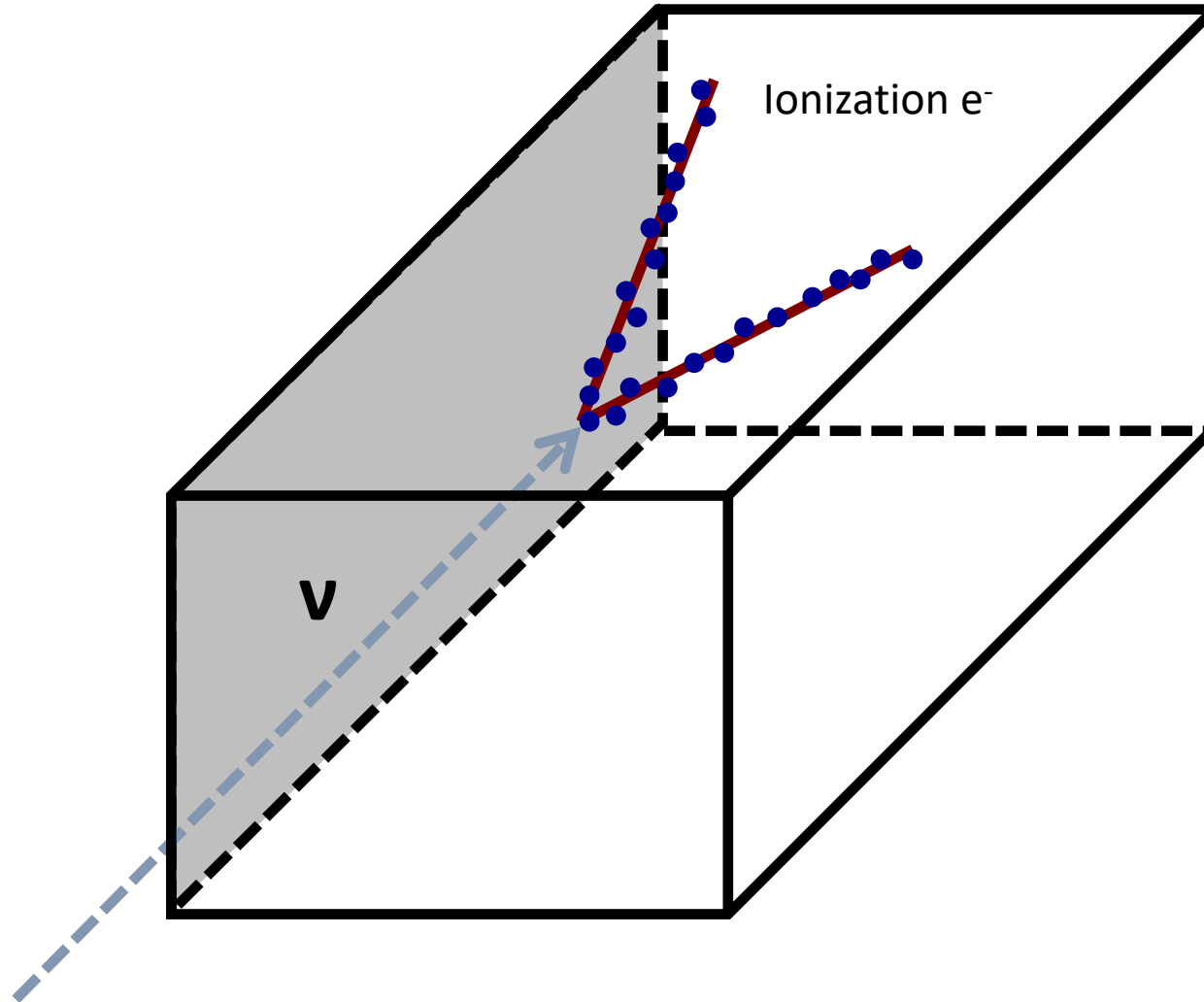


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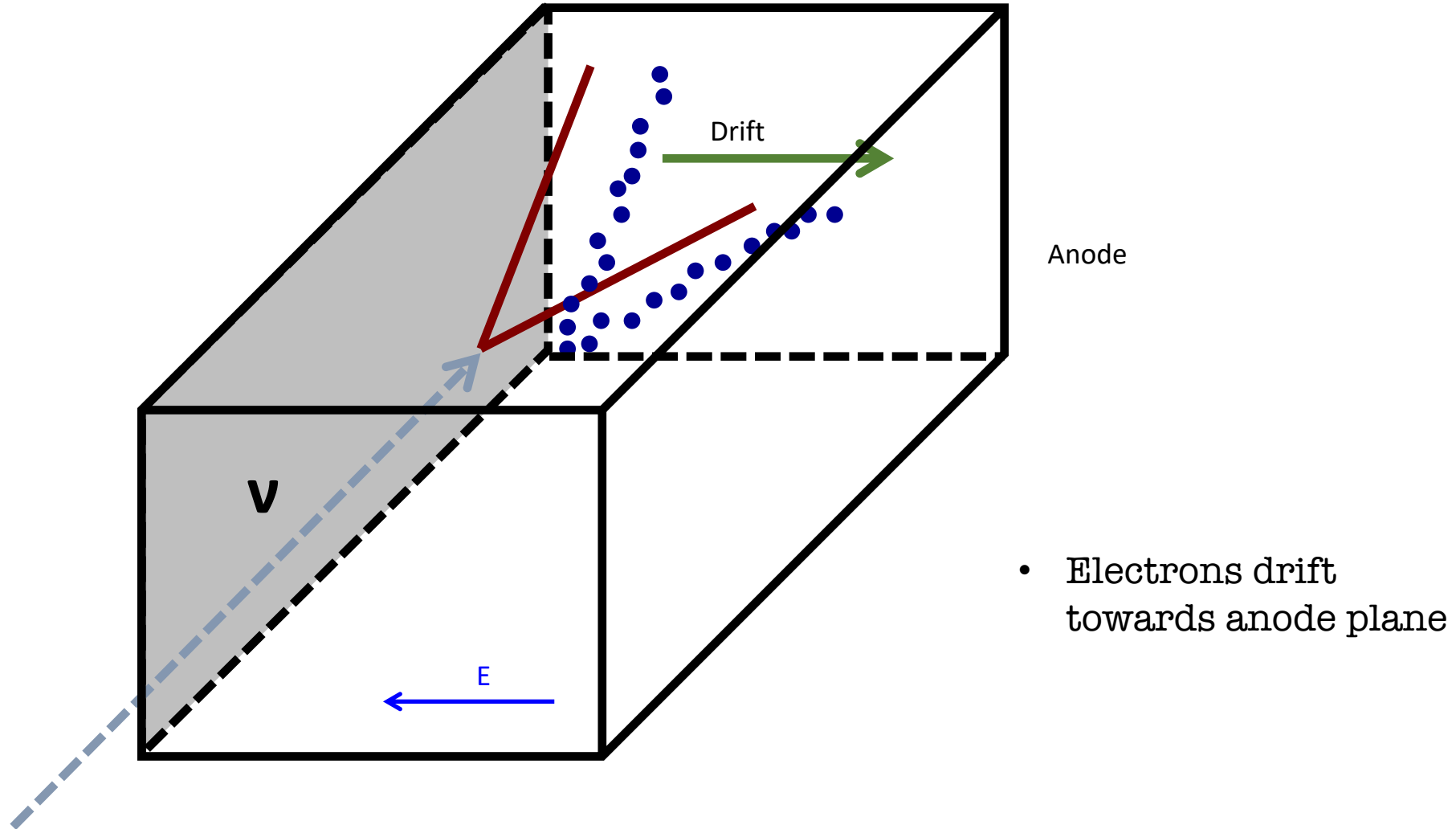
- Neutrinos interact within the liquid argon volume
- Scintillation light production

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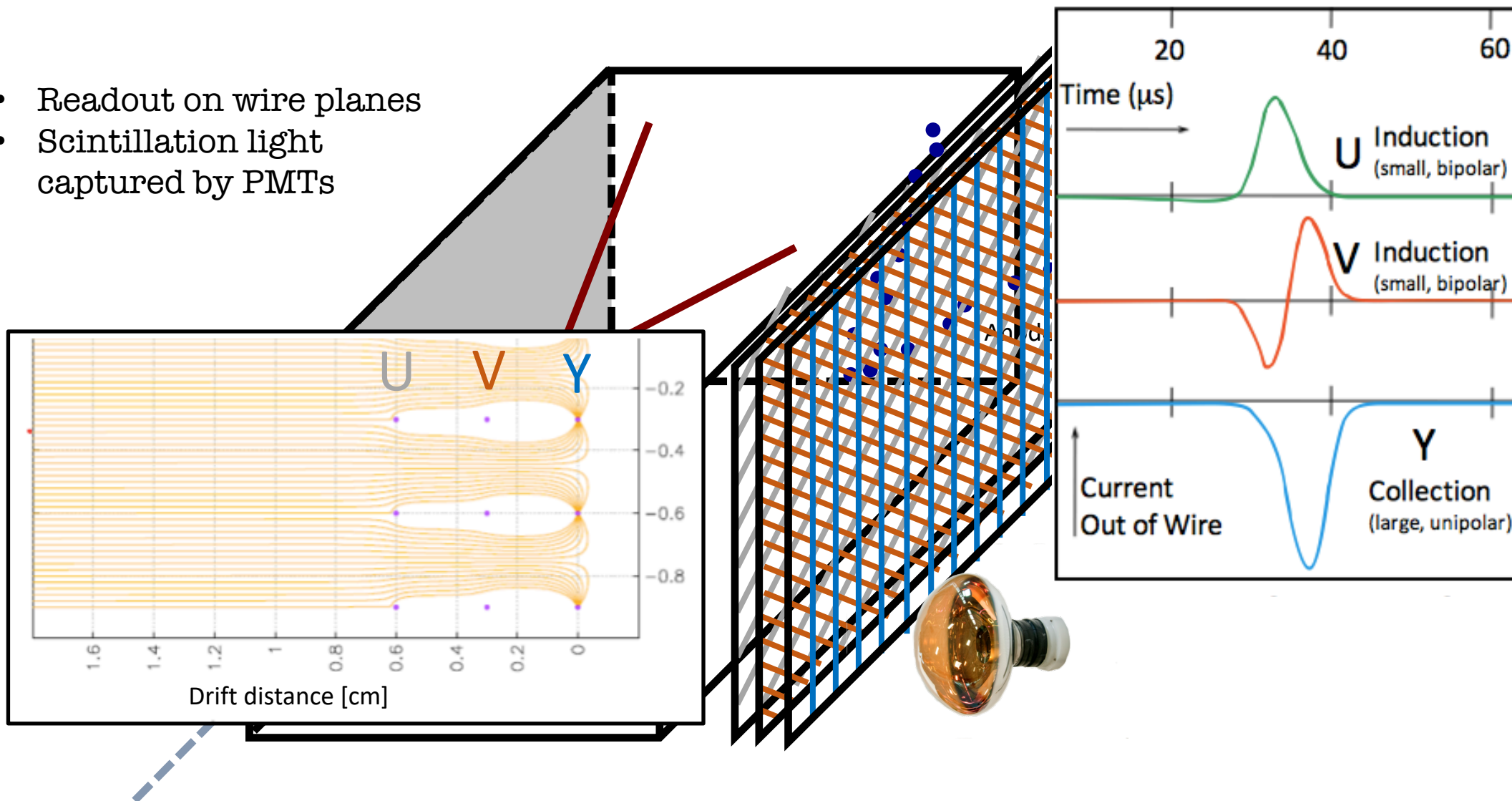
- Production of ionization electrons

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- Readout on wire planes
- Scintillation light captured by PMTs



Why argon?

	He	Ne	Ar	Kr	Xe
Atomic Number	2	10	18	36	54
Boiling Point [K] @ 1atm	4.2	27.1	87.3	120	165
Density [g/cm]	0.125	1.2	1.4	2.4	3
Radiation Length [cm]	755.2	24	14	4.9	2.8
dE/dx [MeV/cm]	0.24	1.4	2.1	3	3.8
Scintillation [γ /MeV]	19,000	30,000	40,000	25,000	42,000
Scintillation λ [nm]	80	78	128	150	175
Cost (\$/kg)	52	330	5	330	1200

Credit: Mitch Soderberg

- i) it is dense (1.4 g/cm³);
- ii) it does not attach electrons;
- iii) it has a high electron mobility (~ 5 mm/ μ s at 1 kV/mm);
- iv) the cost is low (\$0.14 \rightarrow 0.50/kg, depending on source and quantity);
- v) it is inert, in contrast to flammable scintillators;
- vi) it is easy to obtain in a pure form and easy to purify;
- vii) many electronegative impurities are frozen out in liquid argon.

The disadvantage is that the container must be insulated for liquid-argon temperature (86 K).

Willis & Radeka, NIM 120 (1974)