

Detection of Coherent Neutrino Scattering

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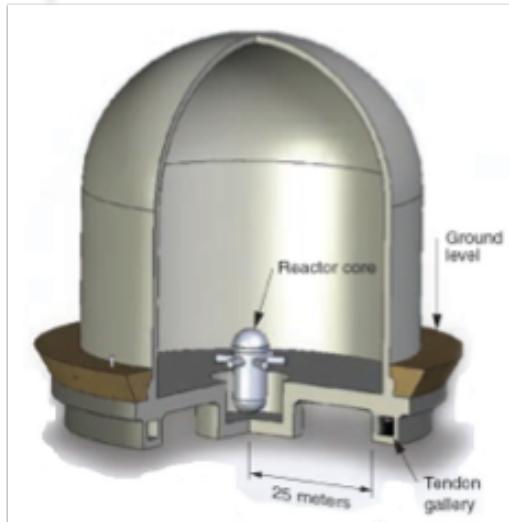
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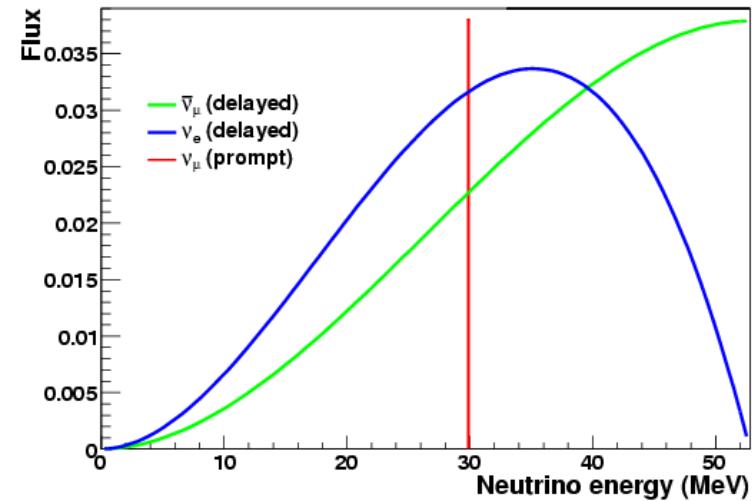
This is really a question of how far you can push the detector technology...

Relevant Neutrino Sources (reactors)



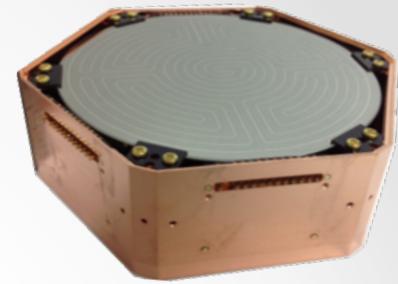
- High neutrino fluxes available 20 m from the core $\sim 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Modest overburden possible $\sim 30 \text{ m.w.e.}$
- Low energy neutrinos \rightarrow scattering is point-like...
- ... but produce nuclear recoil energies $\sim 100\text{'s eV}$

Relevant Neutrino Sources (Stopped Pion Beams)



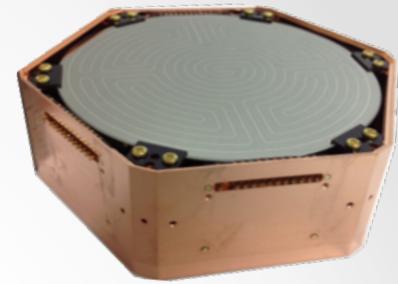
- Lower total neutrino flux at 20 m $\sim 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
- Pulsed beam for background reduction
- Better knowledge of neutrino spectrum
- Higher energy neutrinos \rightarrow keV nuclear recoils...
- ...incomplete coherence for some energies/nuclei

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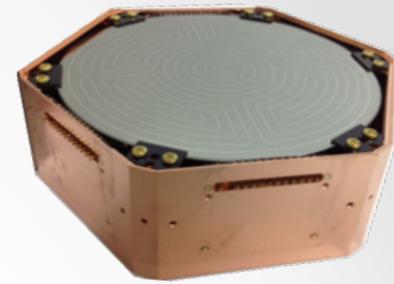
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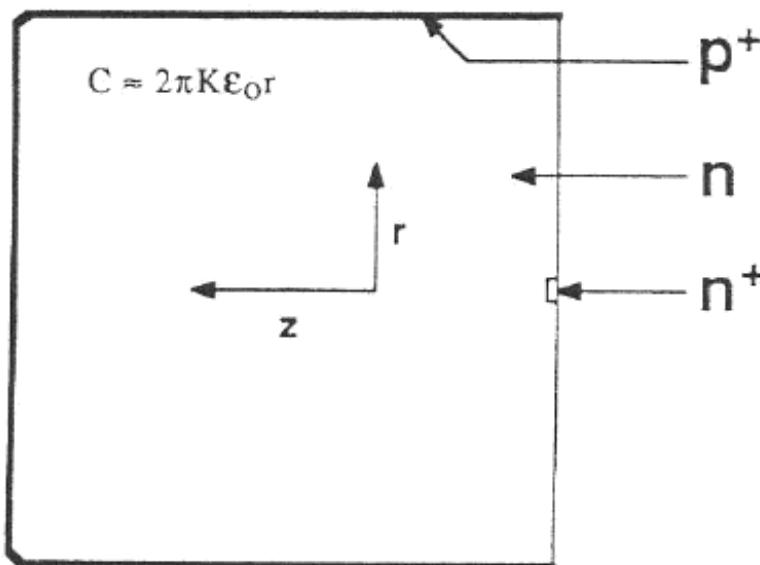


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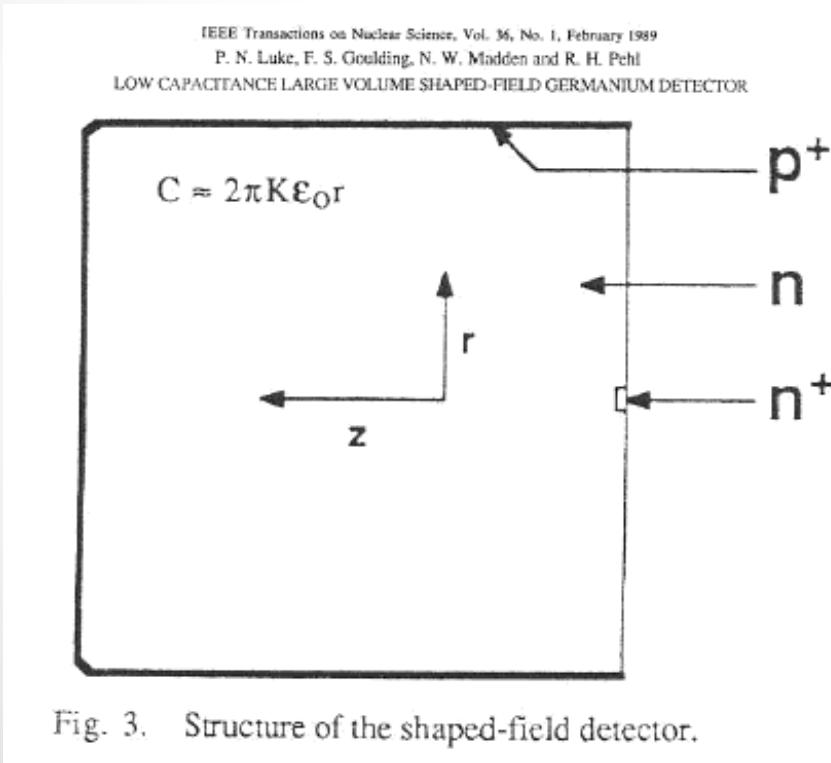


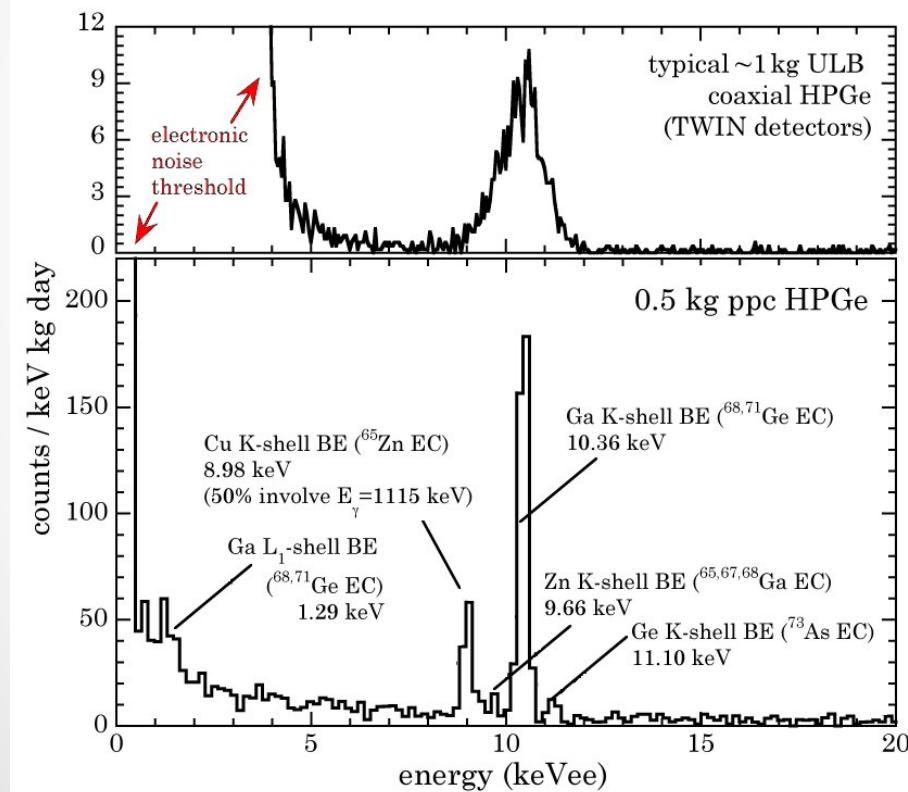
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Paul Luke's original intention was inspired by searches for the Cosmion, a hypothetical particle thought at the time to explain the solar neutrino problem

(G.B. Gelmini et al., Nucl. Phys. B281 (1987) 726.)

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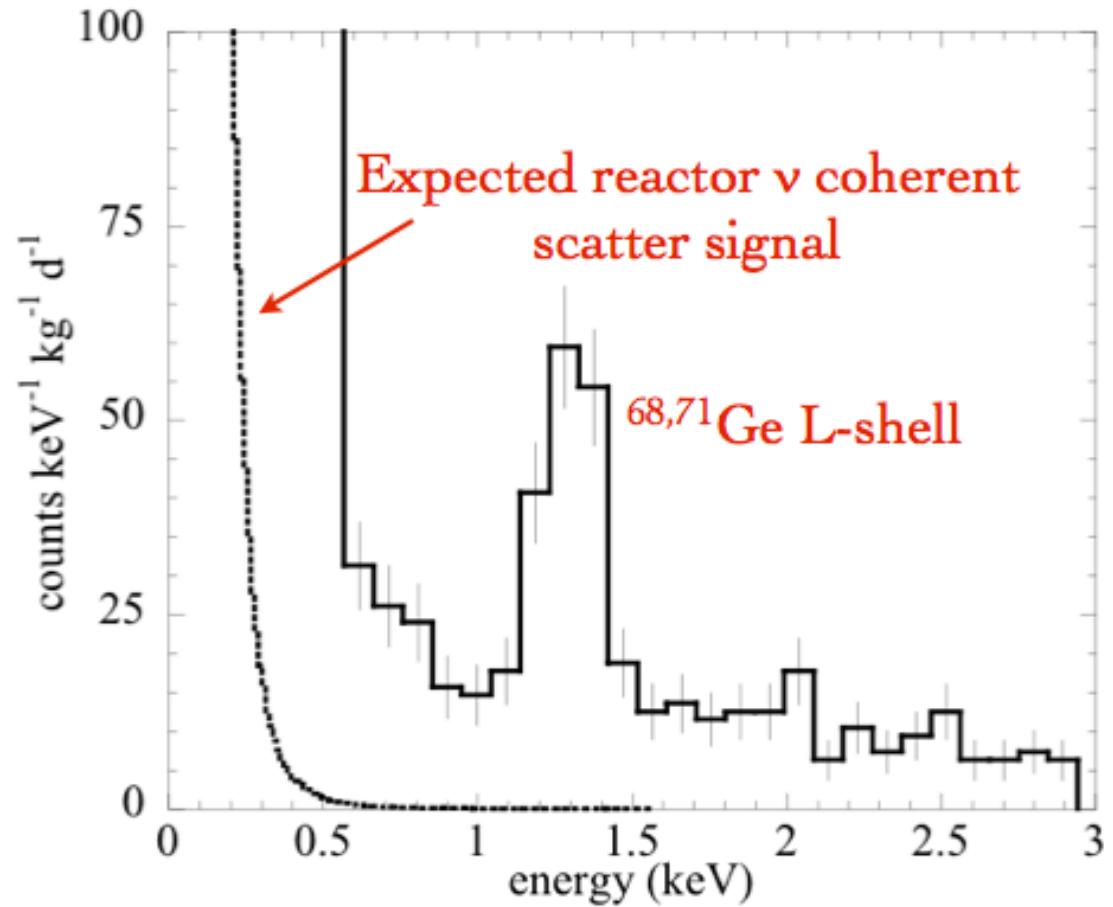
The resulting factor of 10 reduction in threshold made possible a search for coherent neutrino scattering

(P. S. Barbeau, J. I. Collar, and O. Tench., JCAP, 2007(09):009, 2007.)

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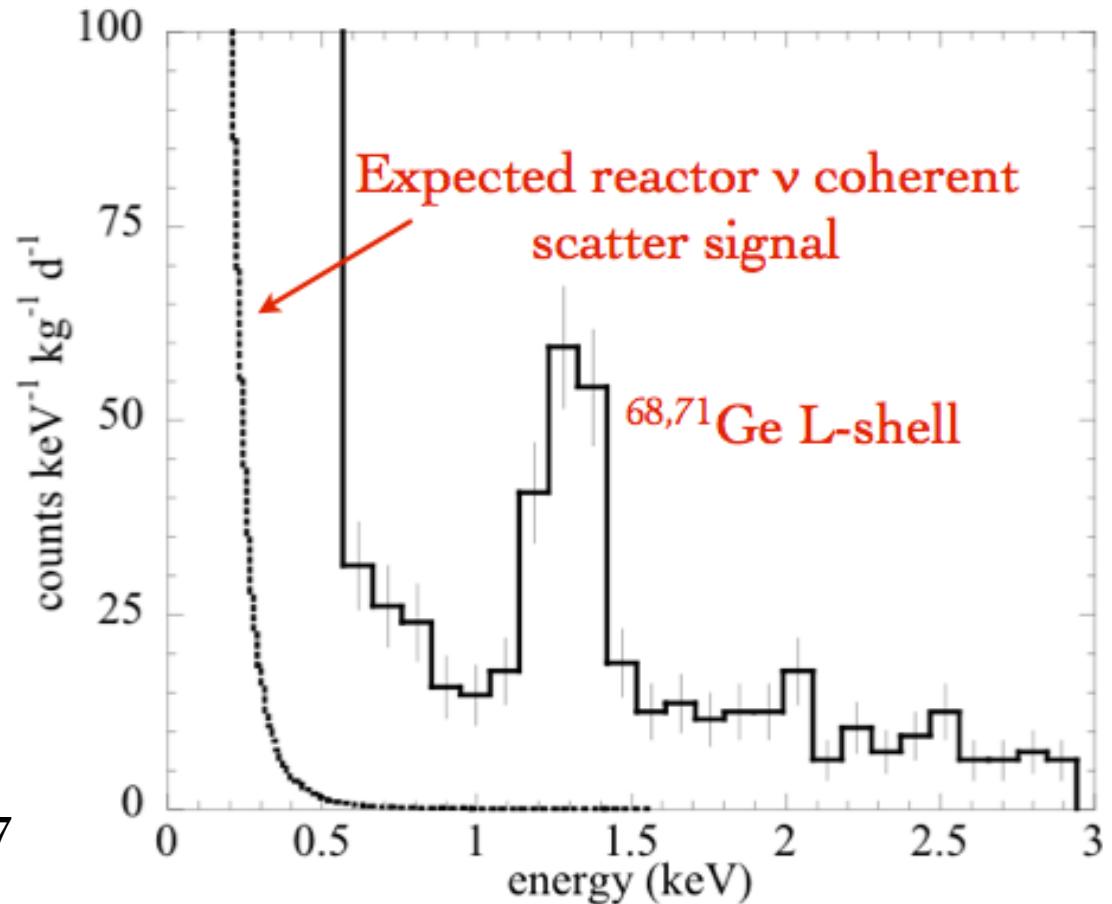
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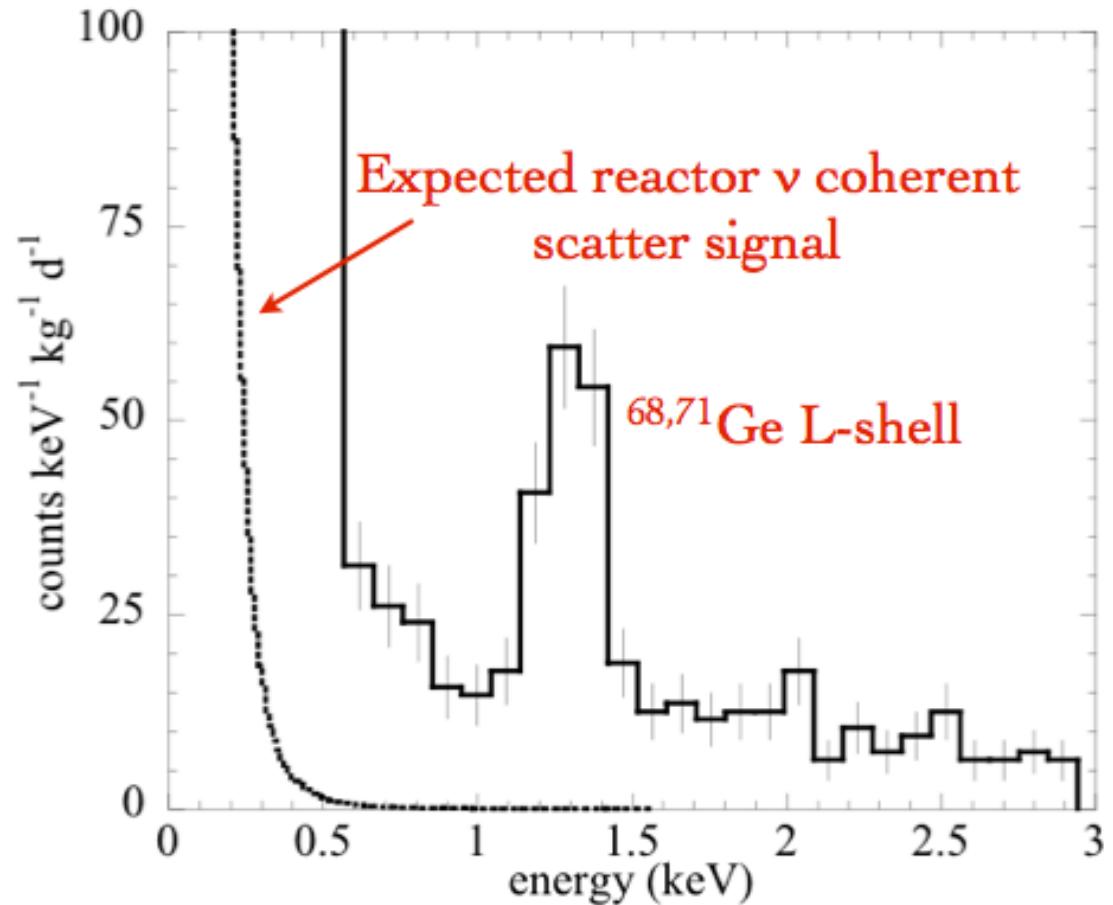
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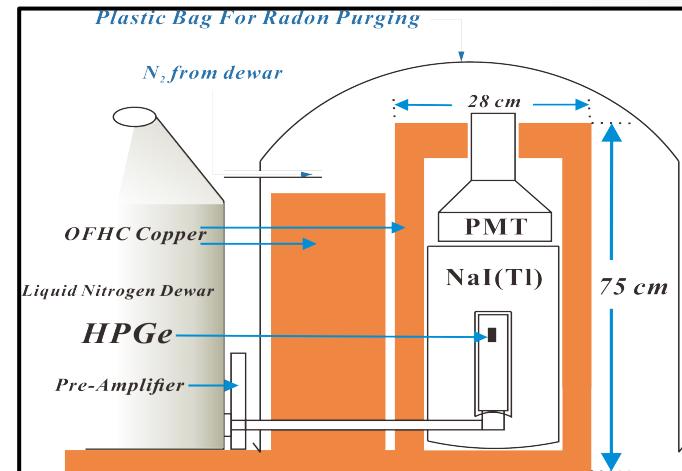
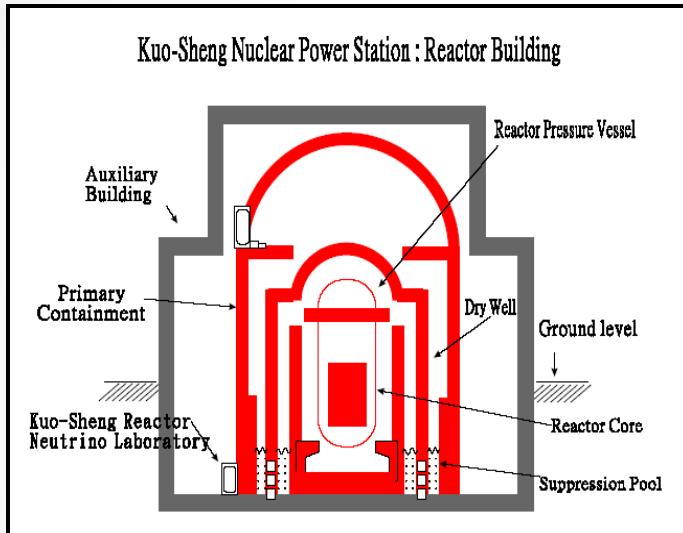
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are now being used in
many experiments,
including the
MAJORANA
neutrinoless double beta
decay experiment*

*And this has
important
implications for the
recently formed
COHERENT
collaboration*



TEXONO

(Taiwan, China, India, Turkey)



- Point contact Ge detectors part of broad program to search for new neutrino and dark matter physics

Dark Matter @ KSNL: PRD09; PRL13, AP14

Dark Matter @ CDEX @ CJPJ PRD13, arXiv: 1403.5241/1404.4946

Magnetic Moments: PRL03, PRD05, PRD07
- Physics Goals: ~100 eV threshold - 1 kg mass - $1 \text{ keV}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ d}^{-1}$

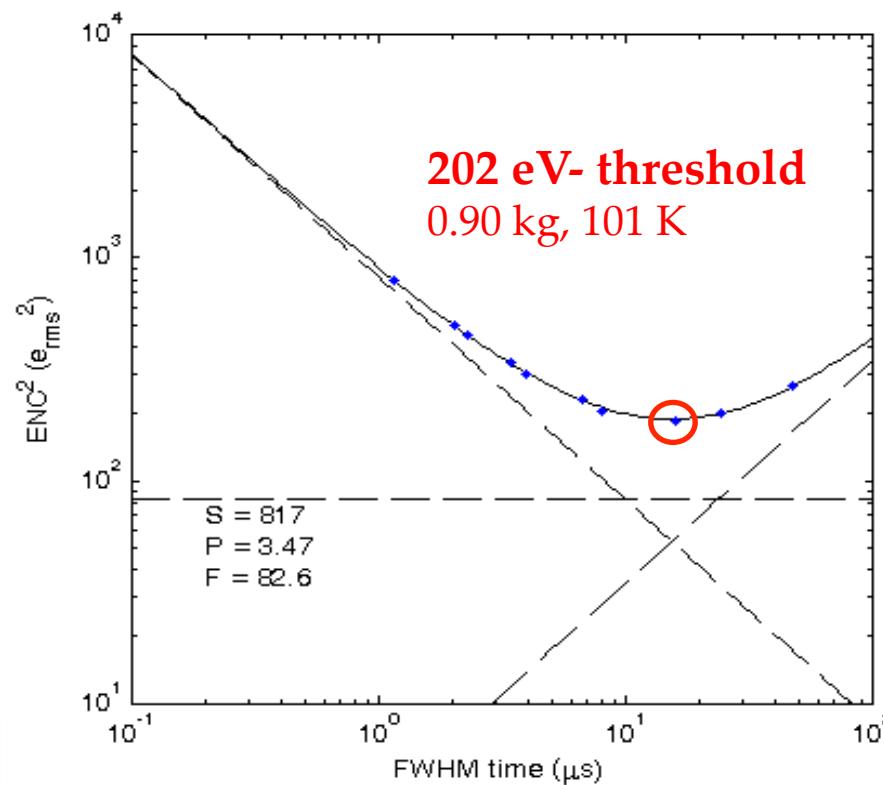


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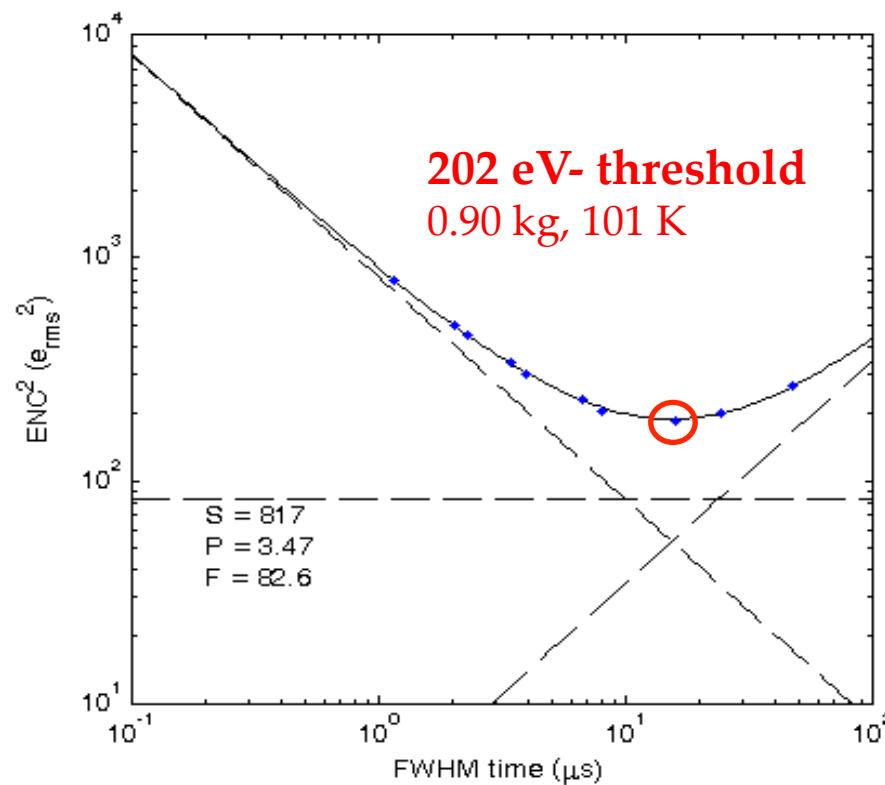


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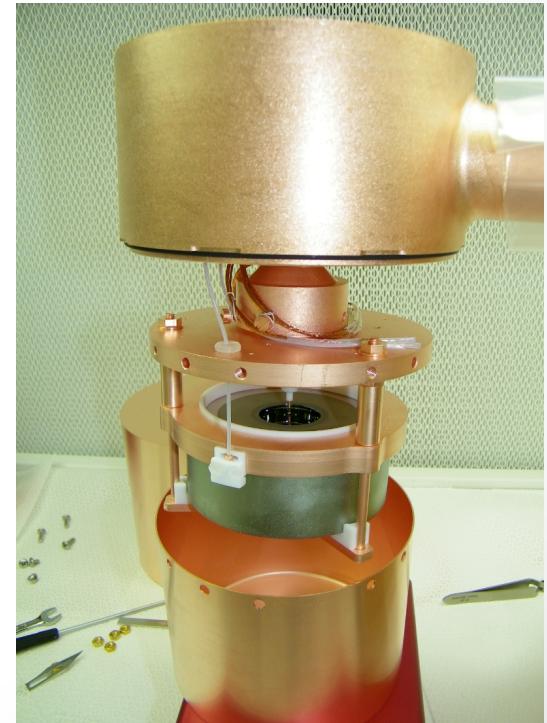
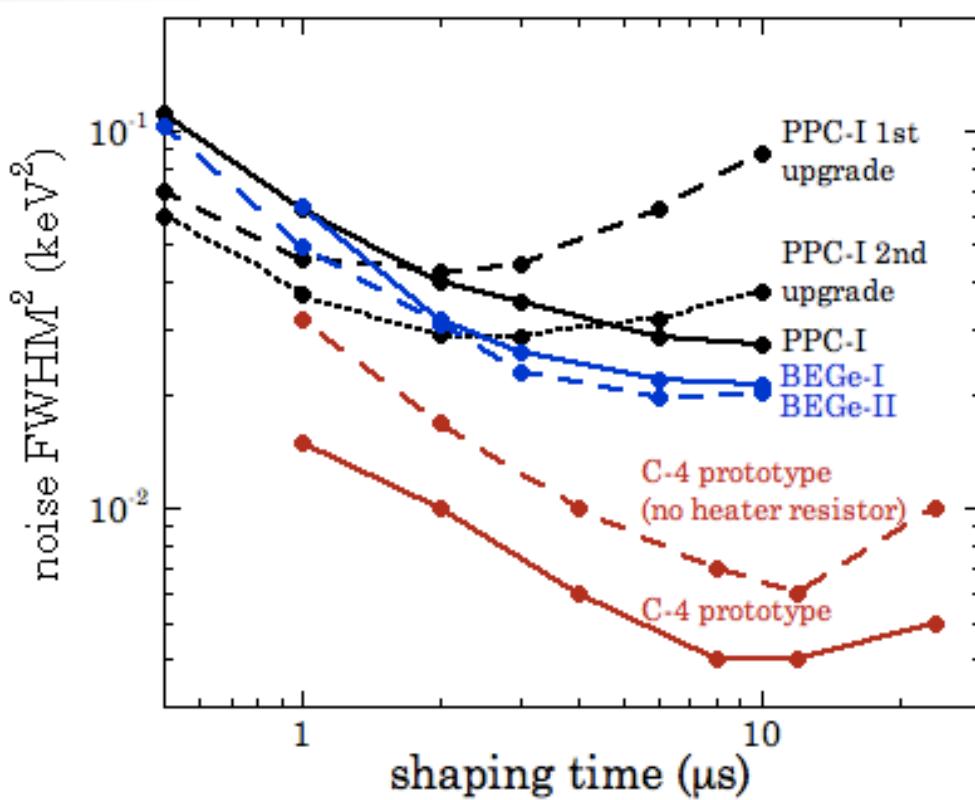


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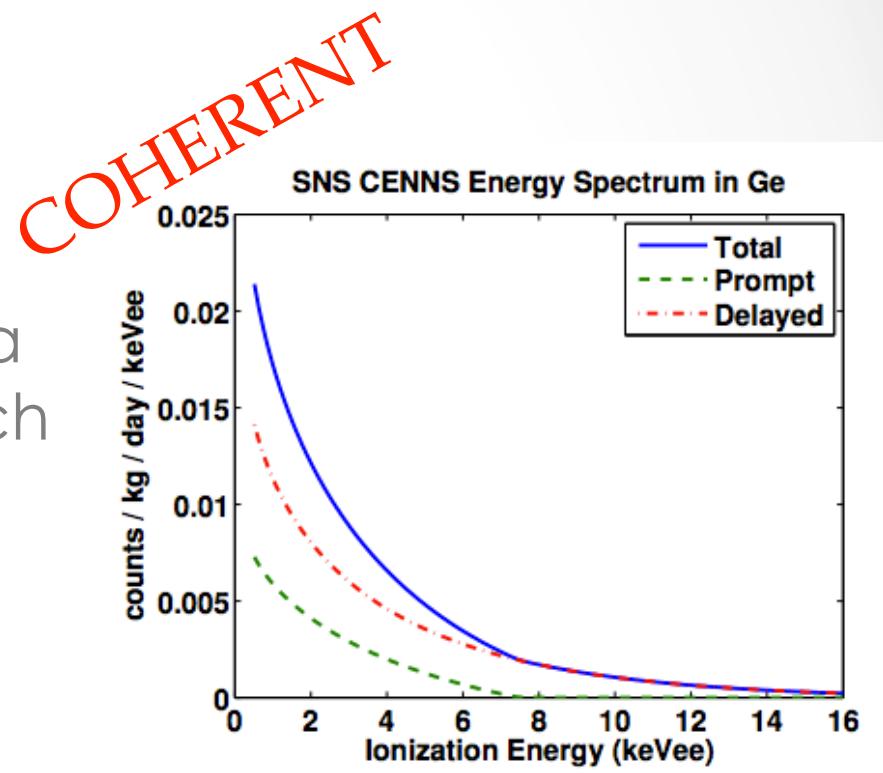
C-4 (CoGeNT – 4)

- Recently demonstrated ~150 eV threshold
- 1.3 kg detector, expecting same noise for 2.7 kg crystals



Point Contact Ge Detectors

- While coherent scattering from reactors may remain just out of reach, this is a very promising technological choice for a Coherent Scattering search at a stopped pion beam.
- Expect 4 events kg^{-1} month^{-1} at a location 20m from the target of the SNS

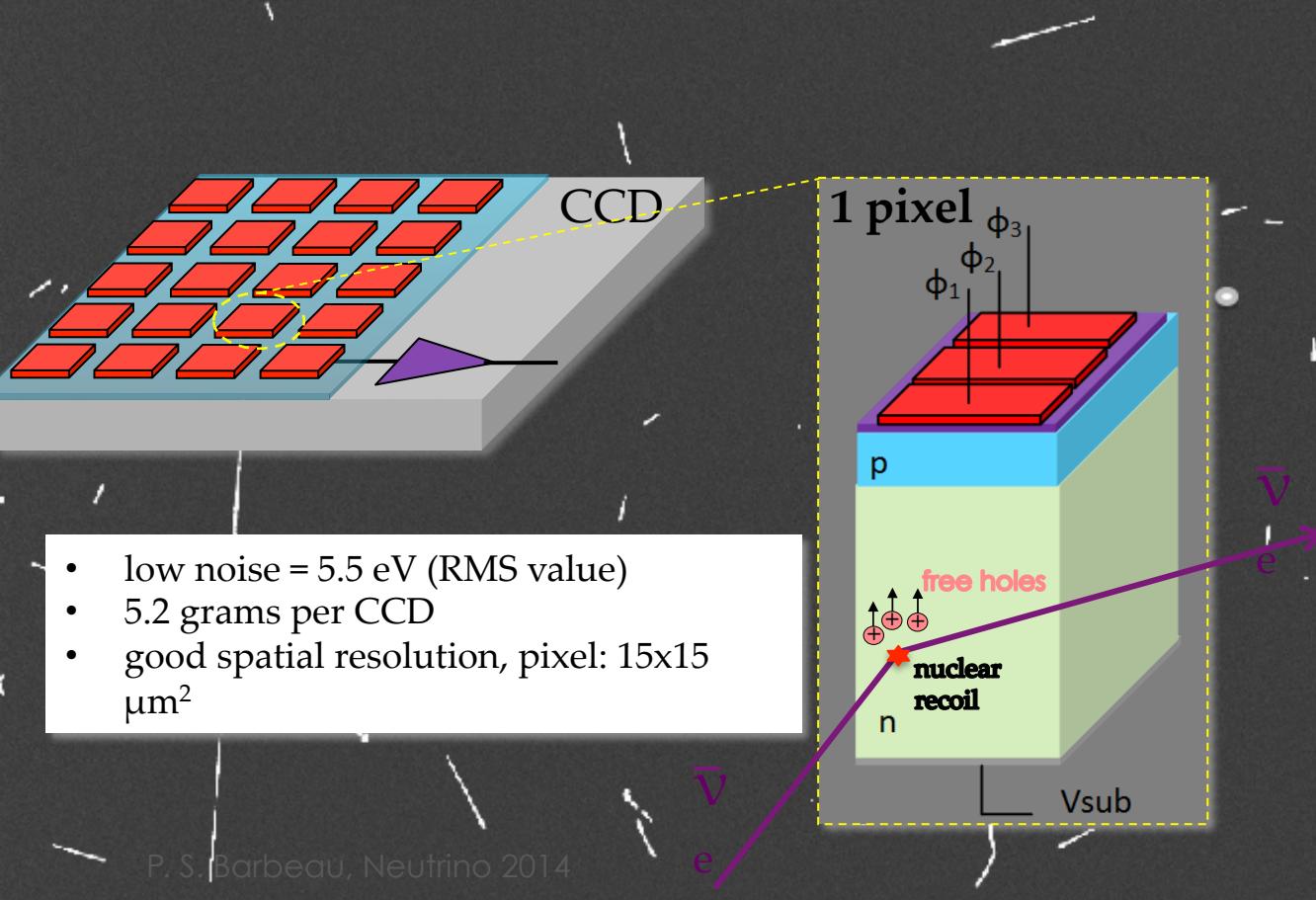


CONNIE

(Coherent Neutrino-Nucleus Interaction Experiment)



Detection of coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering interaction using CCD, at Angra nuclear reactor, Brazil.



- Installation of 5.2 g CCD 30 m from 4 GW_{th} Rx waiting until after the World Cup
- Energy interval for analysis: 28-300 eV
- Expected background: 600 keV⁻¹ kg⁻¹ d⁻¹ (arXiv: 1405.5761)
- For 52 g of Si:

E _{threshold}	events/year
1 σ (5.5eV)	532
5 σ (28eV)	343

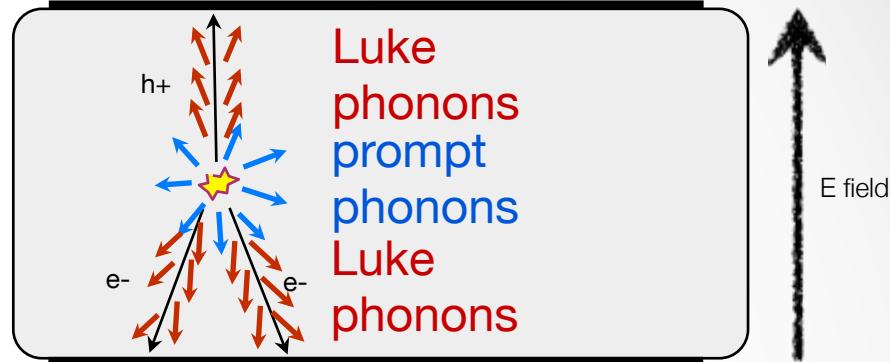


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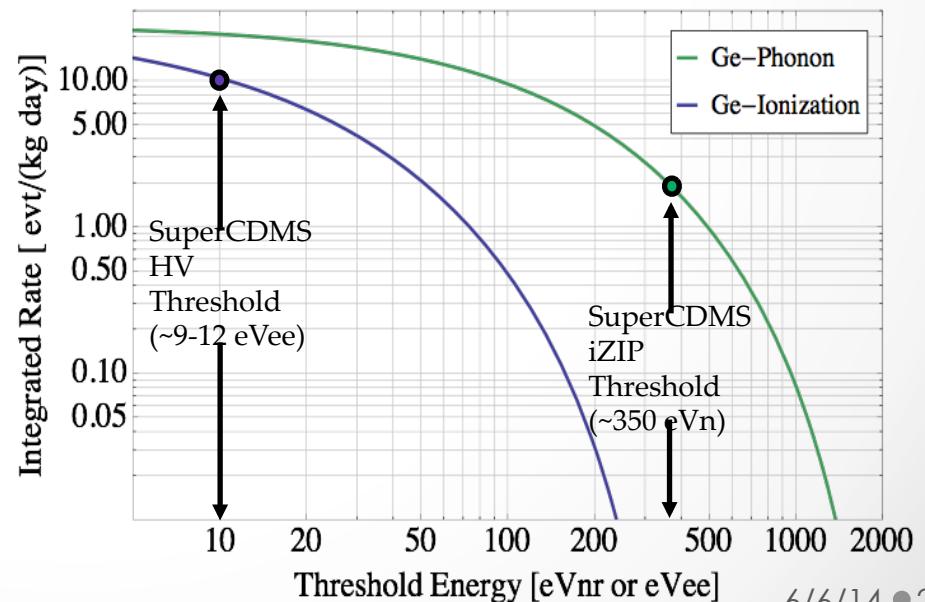
A Coherent Neutrino Scattering Program

Leverage SuperCDMS R&D effort for neutrino physics

- iZIP detectors with two-sided phonon and charge readout will have excellent background rejection and a threshold ~ 350 eV_nr
- High Voltage Operation: use the phonon signal to measure the charge
- Luke phonons come from the work done to move the charge through the crystal
- Recent lab devices showed stable operation with voltages of up to 400 V – single electron sensitivity may be possible!

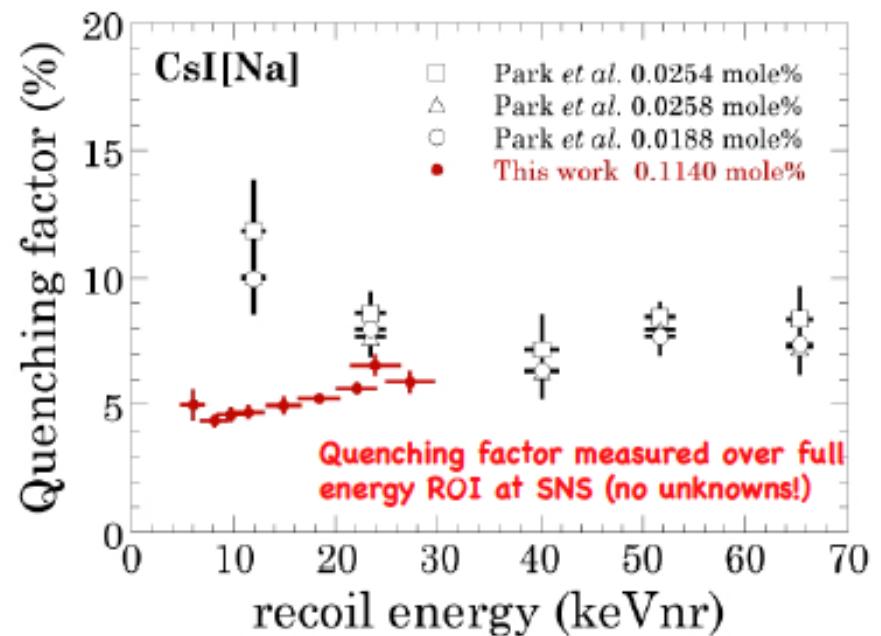


Rate at the Advanced Test Reactor
(110 MW reactor, 11 m from core)



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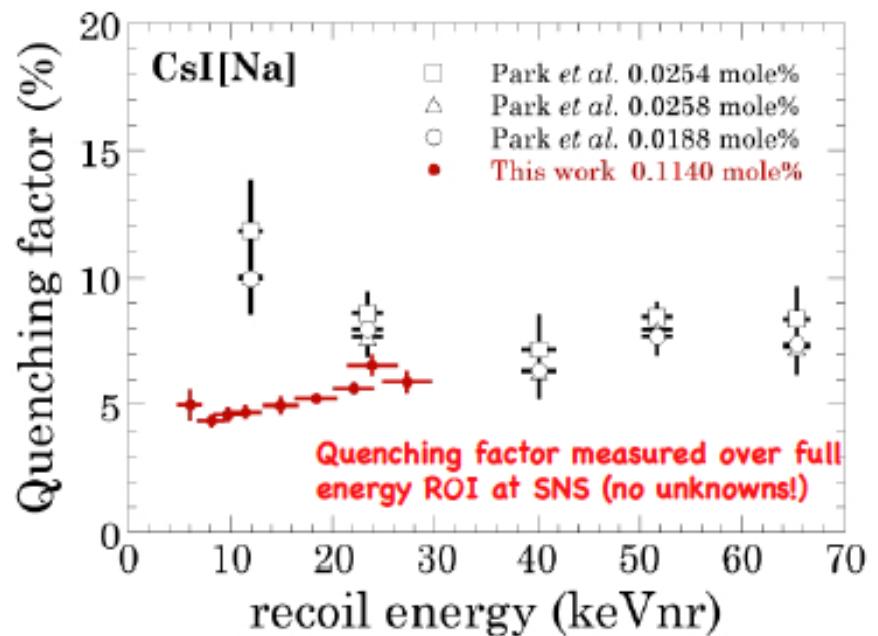
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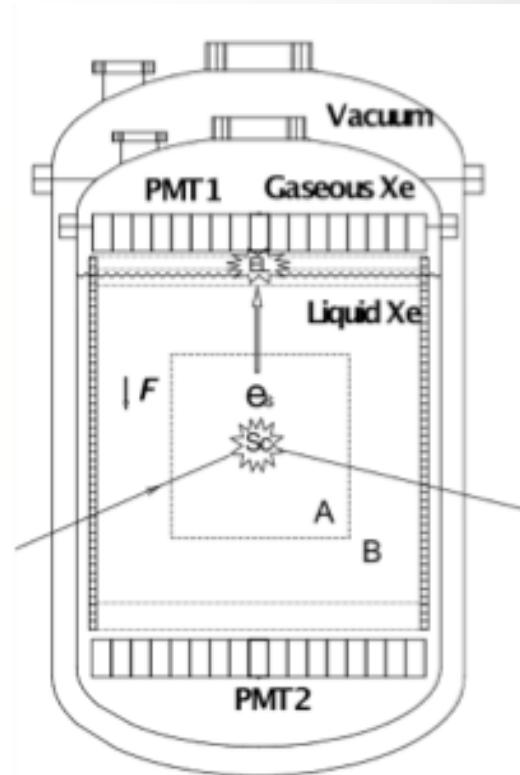
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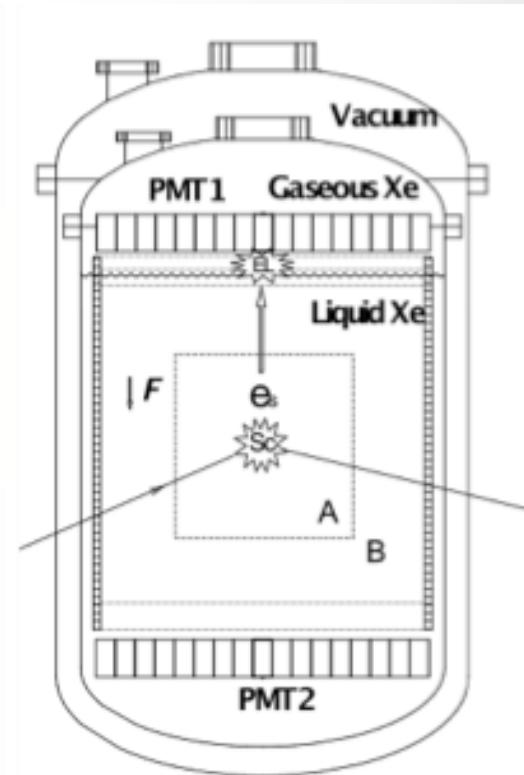
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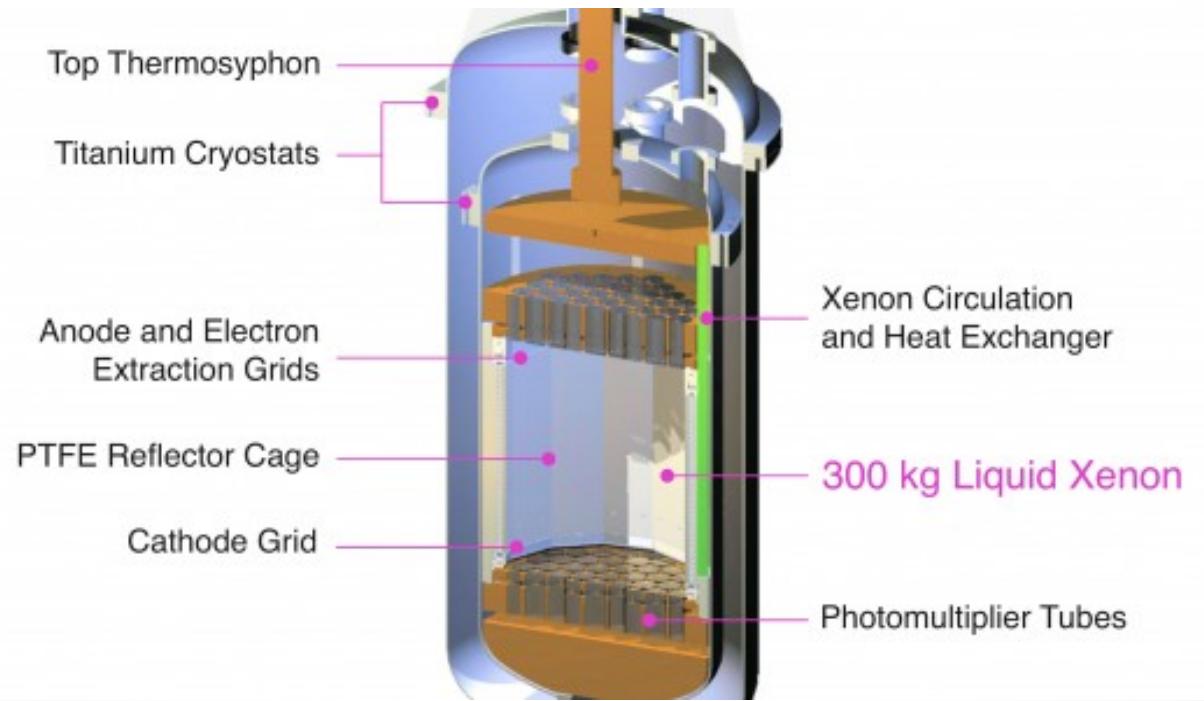
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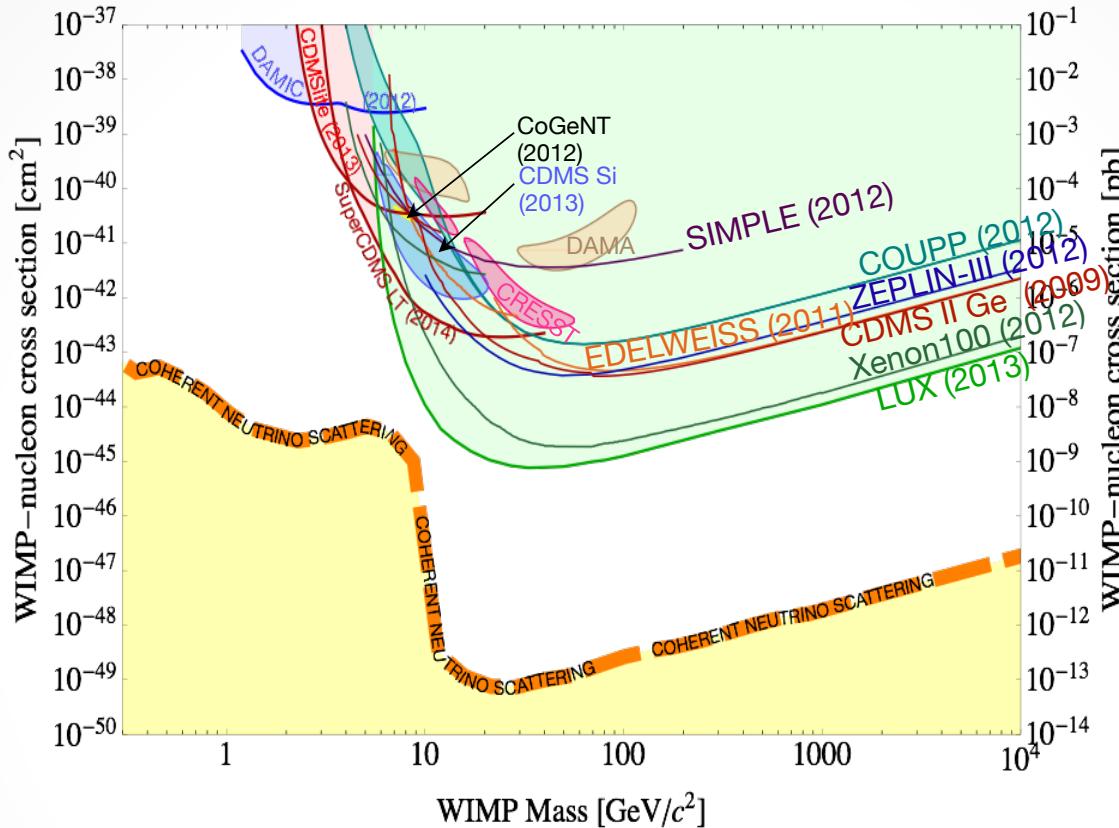


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- Dark Matter experiments like the 2-phase liquid Xenon LUX experiment share the same technology as the RED detectors



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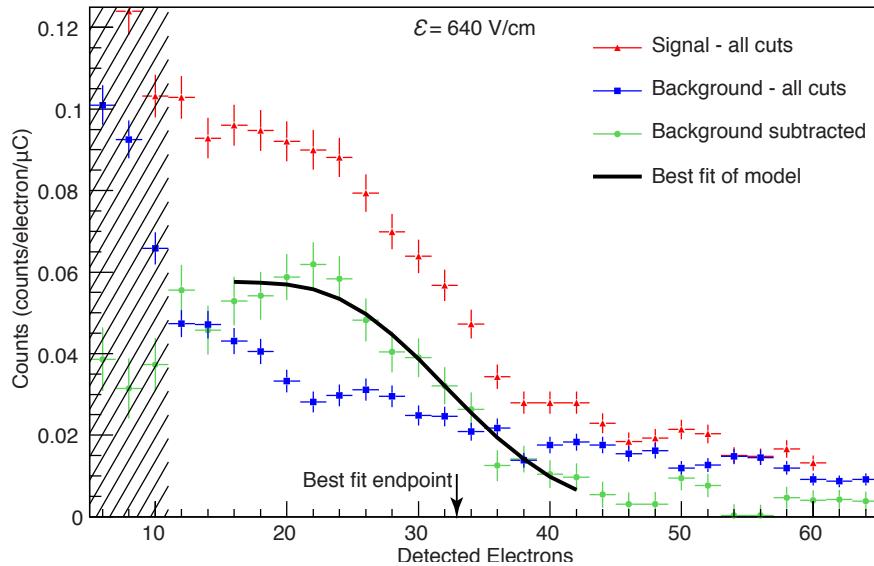
Direct detection Dark Matter experiments will eventually run into an irreducible background due to the coherent elastic scattering of solar, atmospheric and DSNB neutrinos.

- LUX can expect to see anywhere from 0 to ~ 12 ${}^{8}\text{B}$ neutrinos in 300 days
- This has a fairly strong dependence on the actual nuclear recoil threshold

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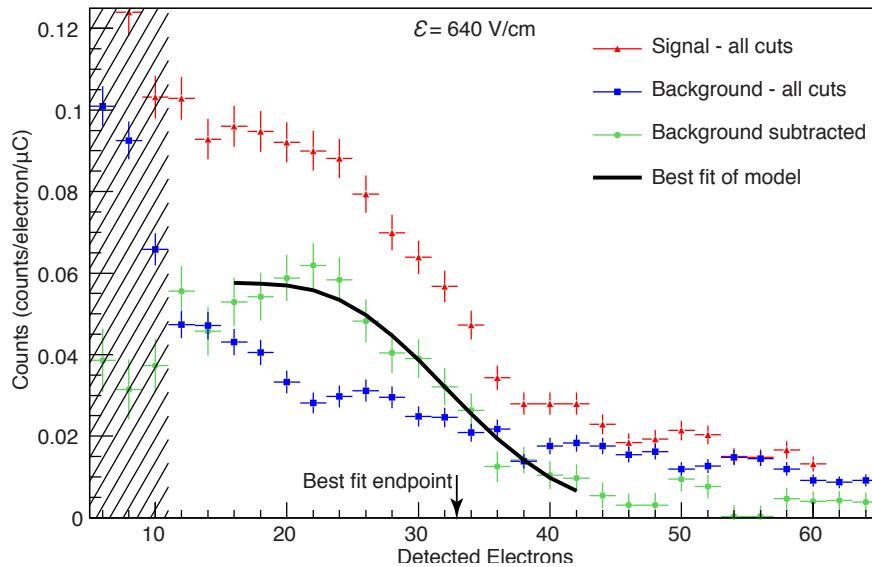
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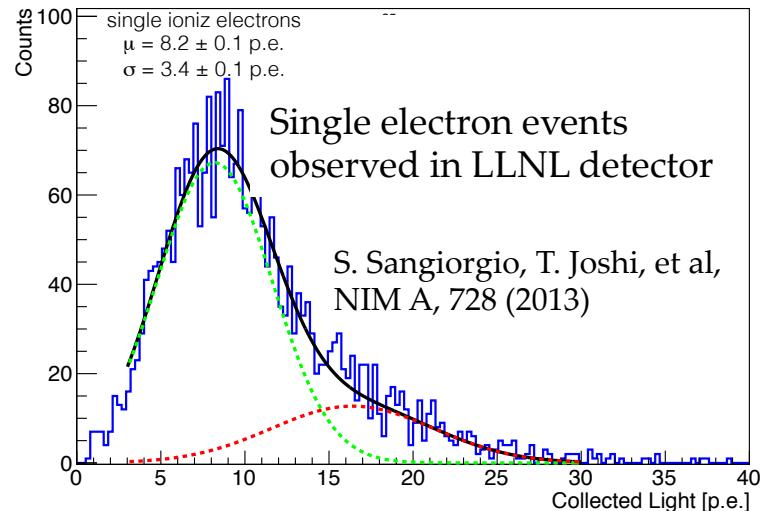
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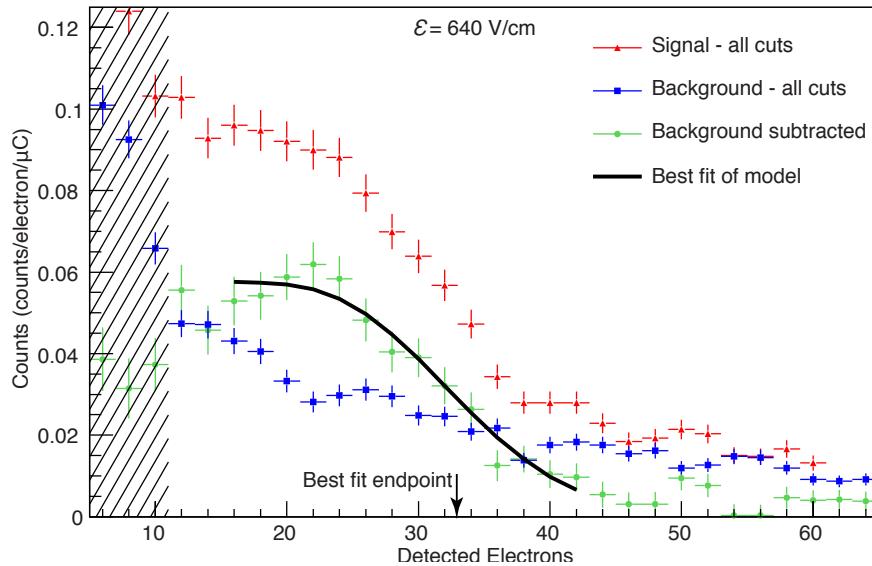
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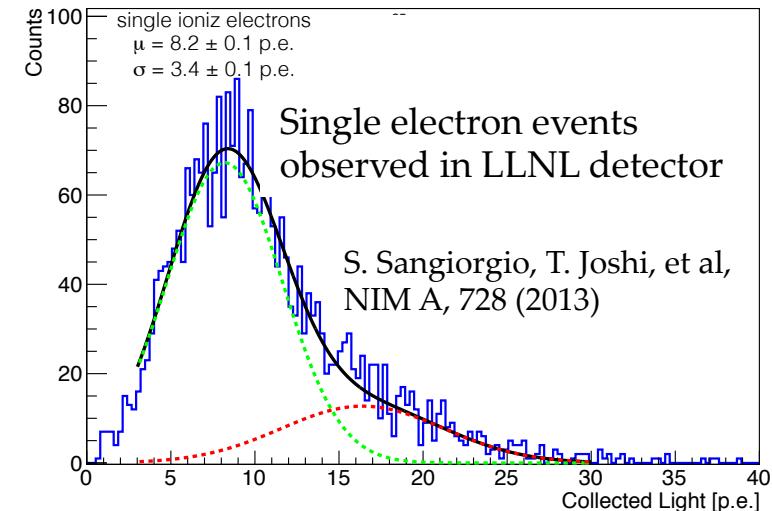
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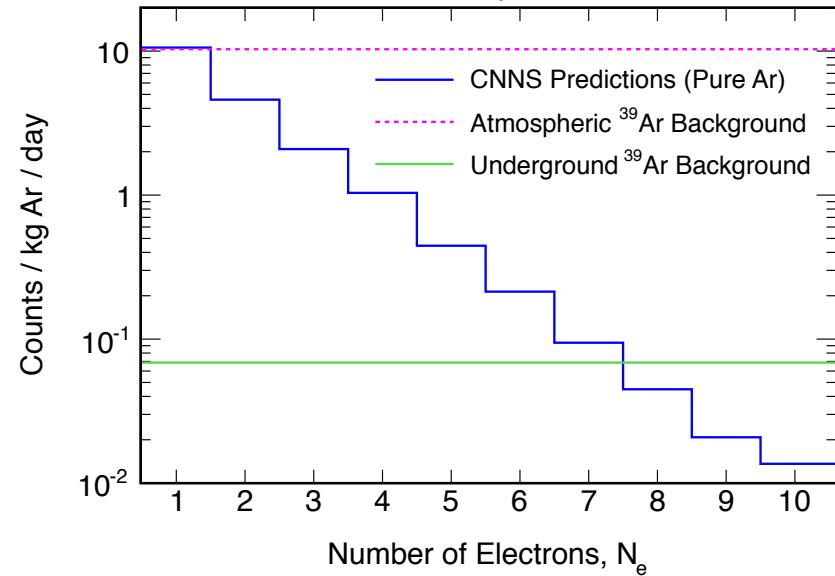
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Underground Argon necessary. Few-electrons noise needs further study

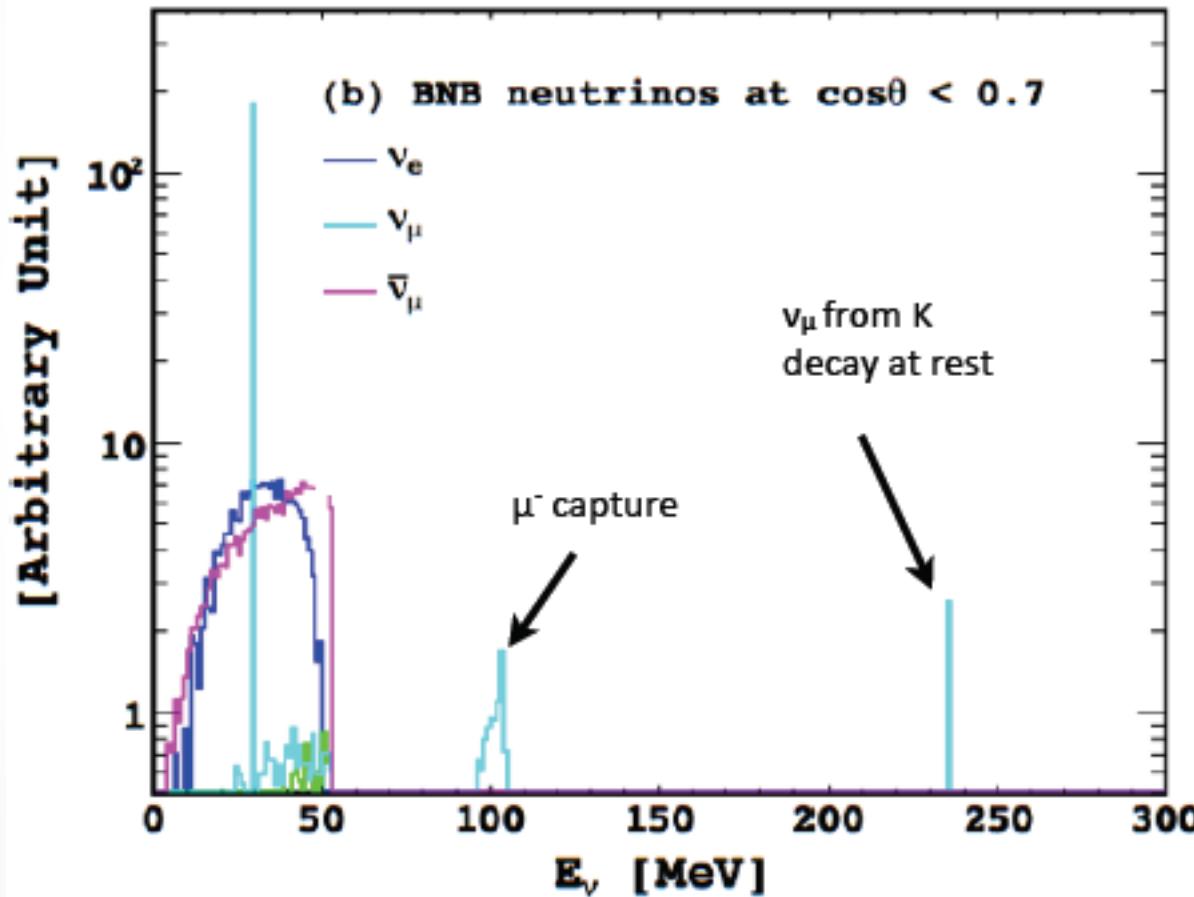


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Neutrino Spectrum at the Far-Off-Axis of BNB

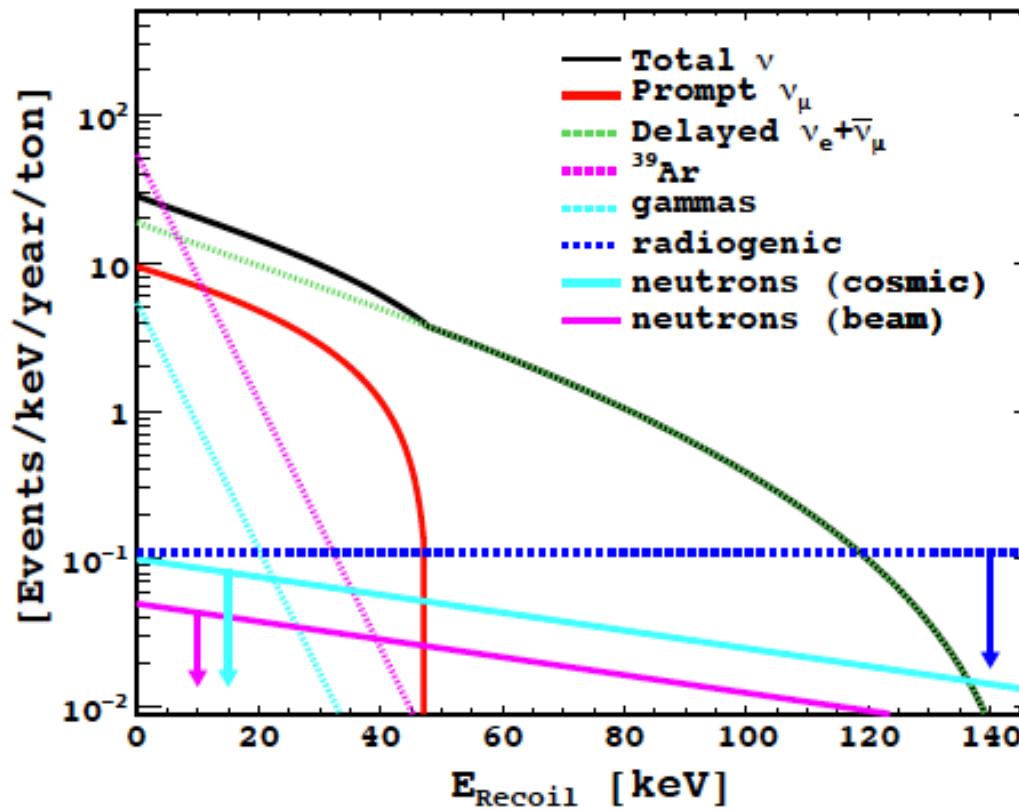
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neutrino flux at 20 m $\sim 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

CEvNS@Fermilab

- Plan to bring the MiniCLEAN detector to FNAL in 2017 after dark matter search mission is completed



Prospects at the SNS: Free Neutrinos!



Proton beam energy – 0.9 - 1.3 GeV

Intensity - $9.6 \cdot 10^{15}$ protons/sec

Pulse duration - 380ns(FWHM)

Repetition rate - 60Hz

Total power – 0.9 – 1.3 MW

Liquid Mercury target

SNS-Spallation Neutrino Source

Oak Ridge, TN

P. S. Barbeau, Neutrino 2014

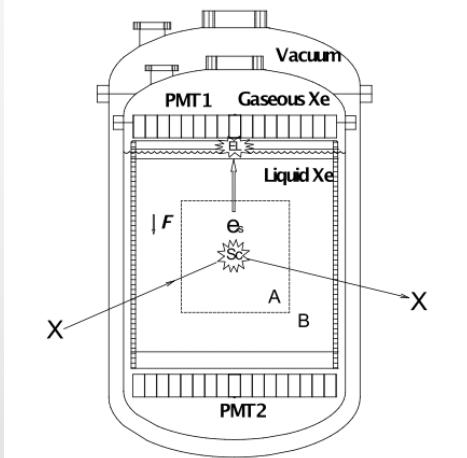
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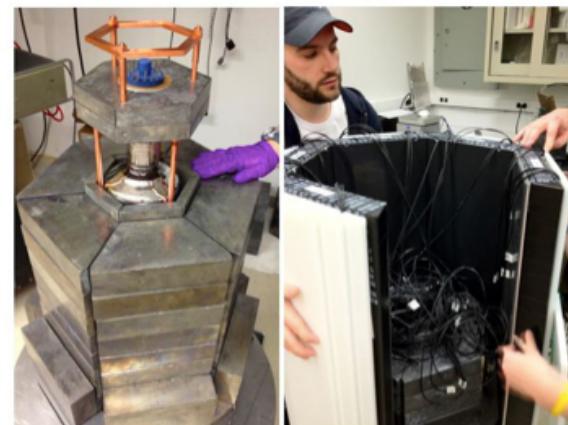
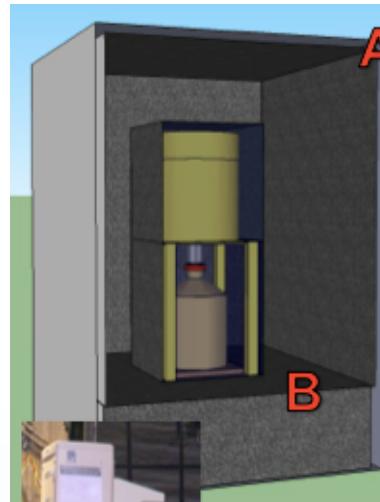
COHERENT

- A collaboration has recently formed (**COHERENT**) composed of a number of experts in nuclear & neutrino physics, as well as low-threshold detector development for a broad range of technologies.
- CosI, CoGeNT, RED, Majorana, ULGeN, among others
- LANL and LLNL exploring ways of contributing

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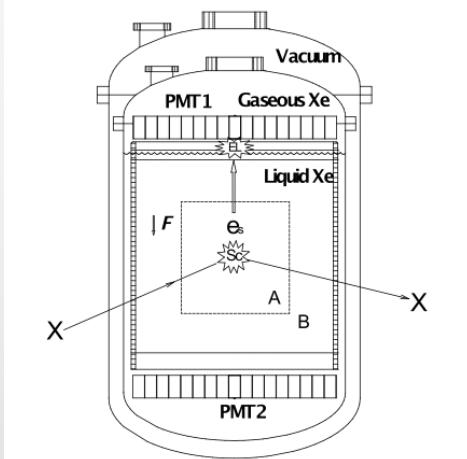


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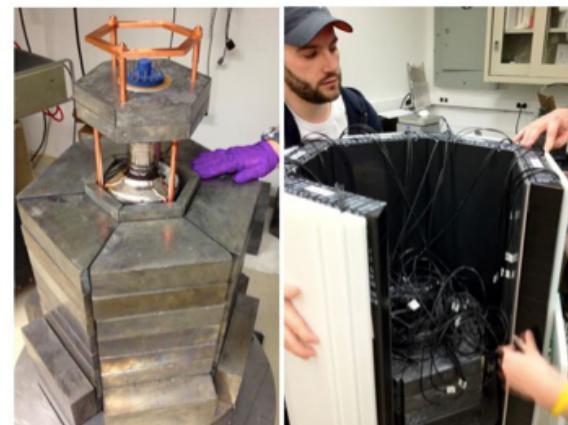
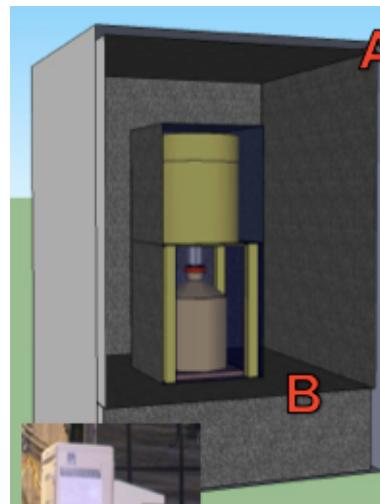
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- The collaboration's goal is to measure Coherent Scattering with Multiple targets in order to address the interesting physics questions.
- Three technologies being planned for a first-phase deployment

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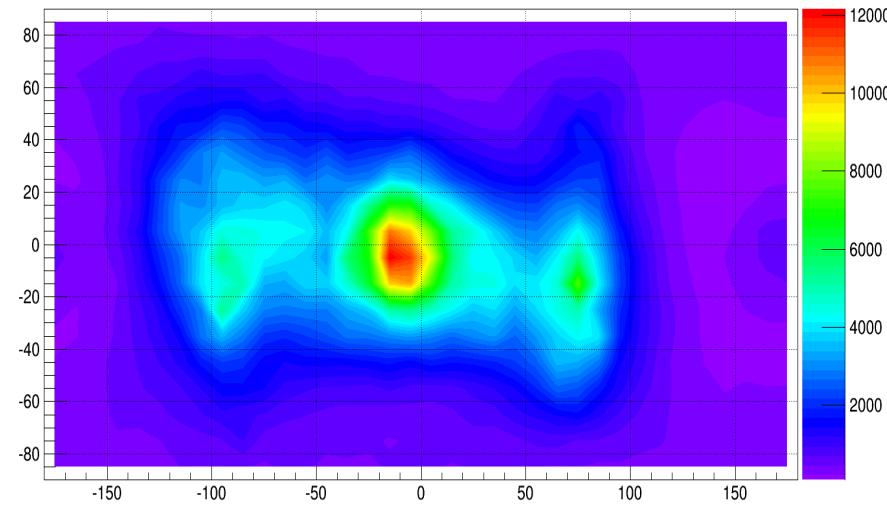


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- Neutron backgrounds and overburden are being characterized at the SNS in order to determine optimal siting locations for experiment (with some promising recent results)
- Characterizations include a number of ORNL and Sandia detectors



Sandia Neutron Scatter Camera Image

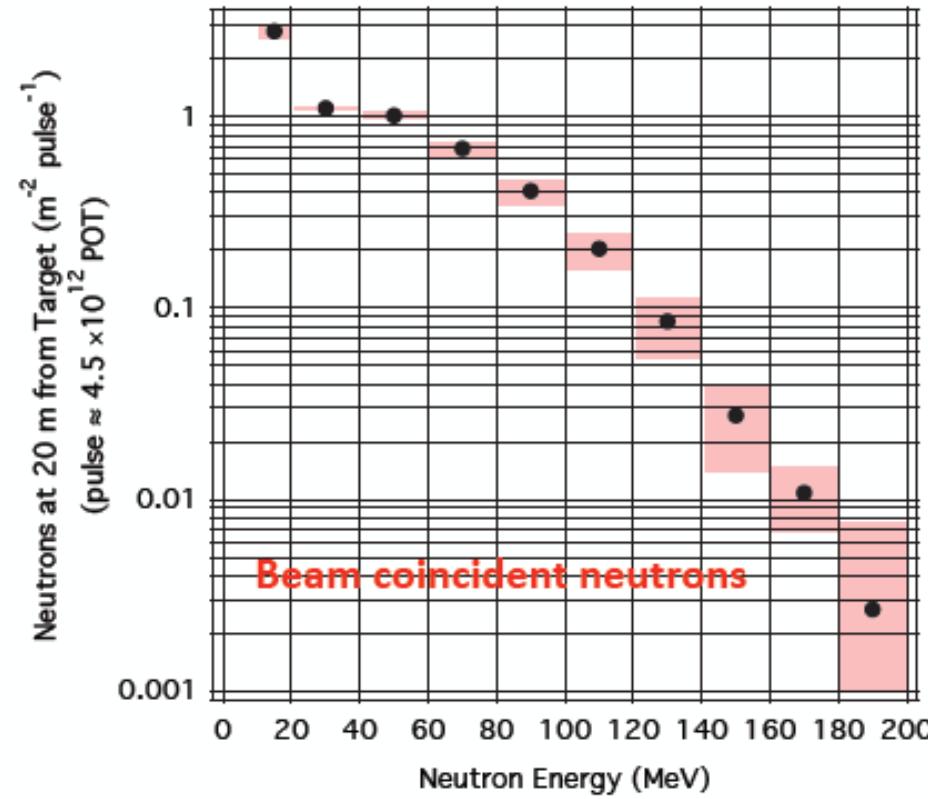


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40 years in and closer than you might think

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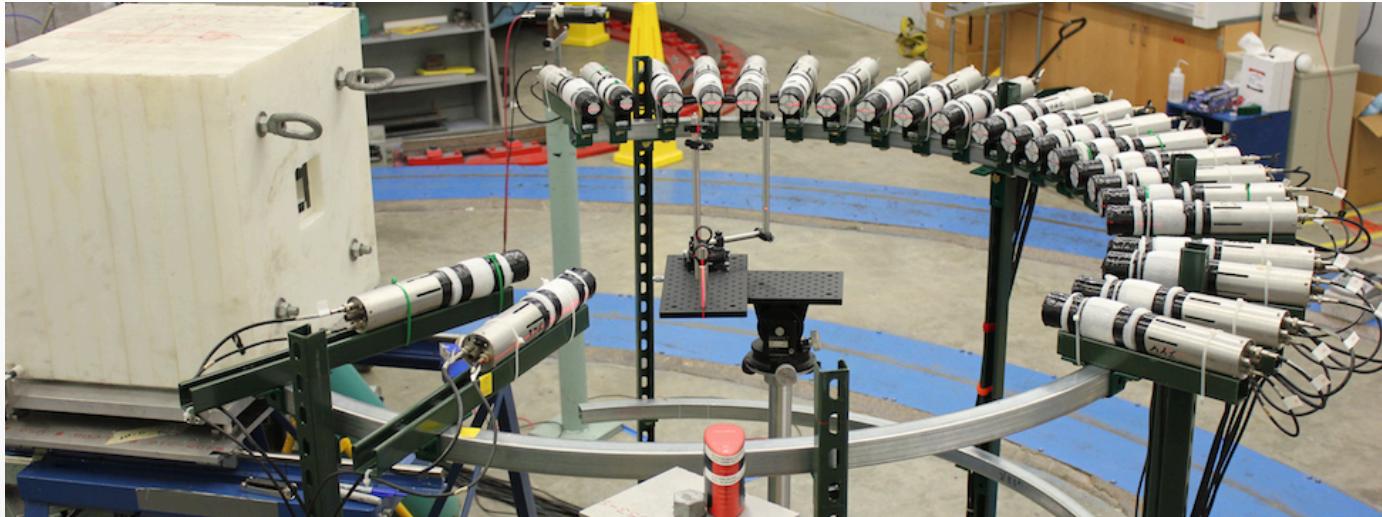
- The collaboration measured of the beam related neutron backgrounds using SciBath Detector (R. Tayloe & R. Cooper)



Phys.Rev.D89 072004 (2014);
arXiv:1311.5958

Low Energy Recoil Calibrations

- A Facility has been developed at Duke/TUNL to enable the precision calibration of all of these detectors at these previously unobserved *nuclear recoil* energies
- Neutron beam is Tunable (20 keV – 1 MeV), monochromatic (3 keV width), collimated (1.5 cm) and pulsed (2ns)



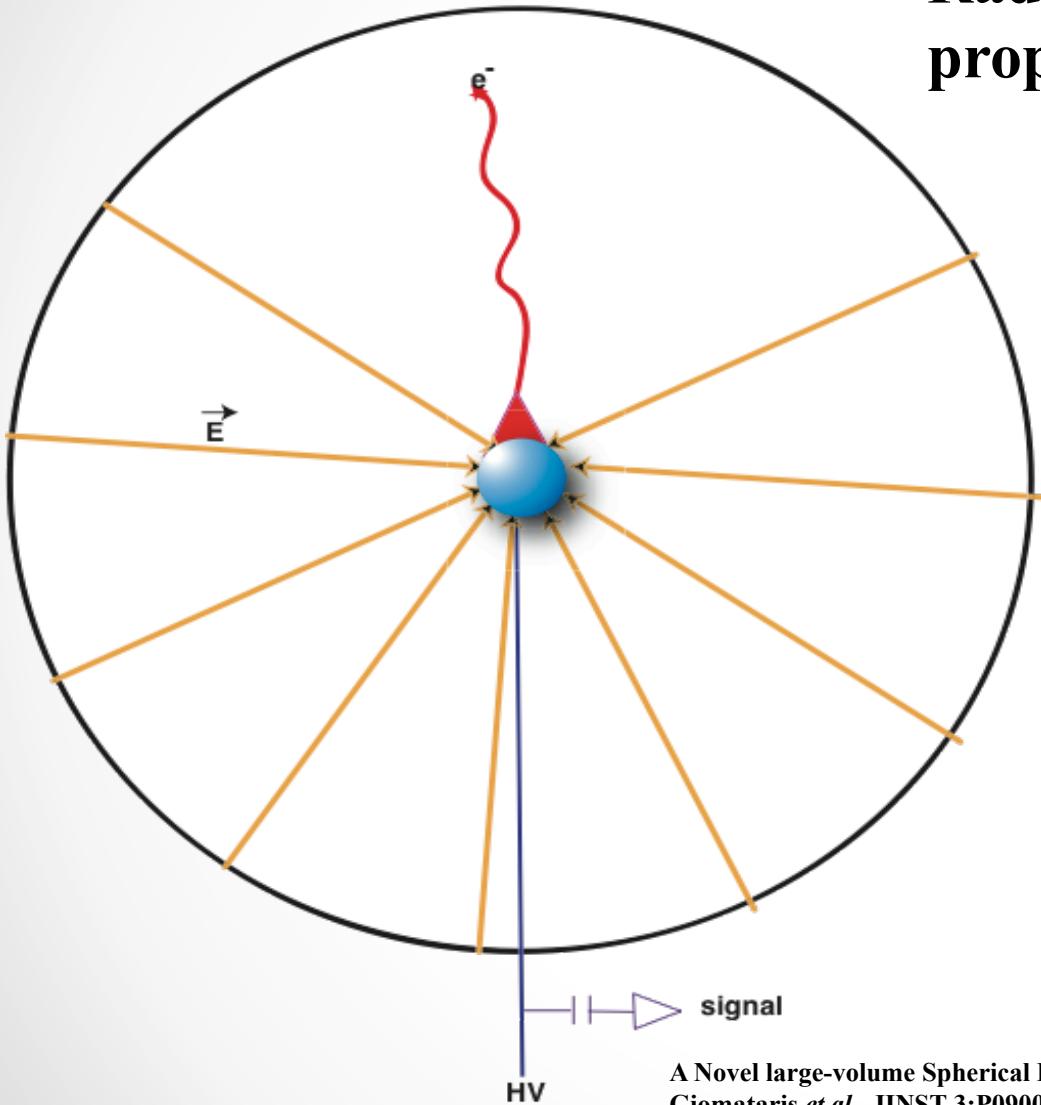
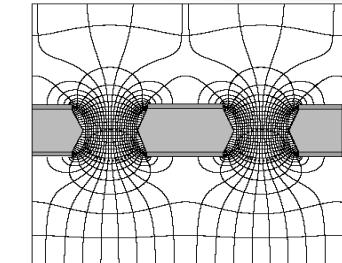
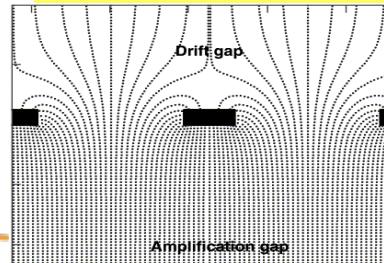
Spherical Gas Detector

Radial TPC with spherical proportional counter read-out

Saclay-Thessaloniki-Saragoza

Micromegas

GEM

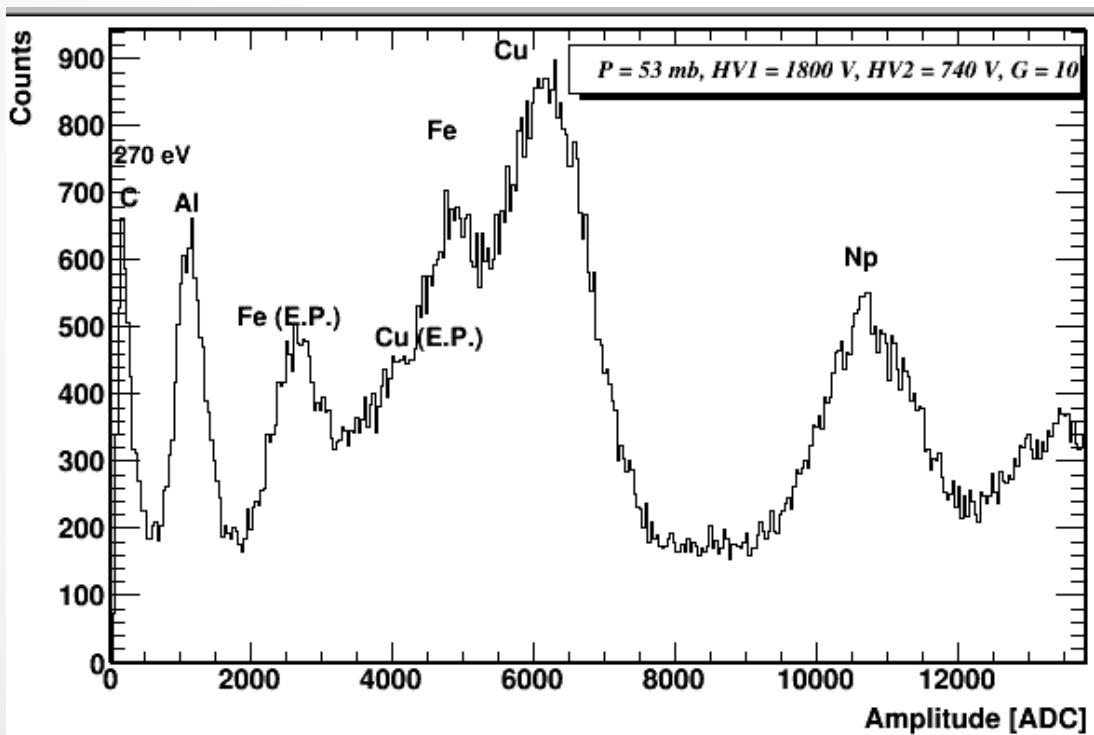


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