



Neutrinos

Lecture 3

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Outline

Lecture 1:

Historical overview –

What we know

- Birth and discovery of neutrinos
- Neutrino sources
- Wu and Goldhaber experiment
- Solar neutrino problem
- Neutrino oscillations

Lecture 2:

What we would like to know

- Neutrino mass measurements
 - KATRIN
 - PROJECT 8
- ~~Sterile neutrinos~~

Lecture 3

- Sterile neutrinos

Neutrinos as messengers – What we can learn from studying neutrinos

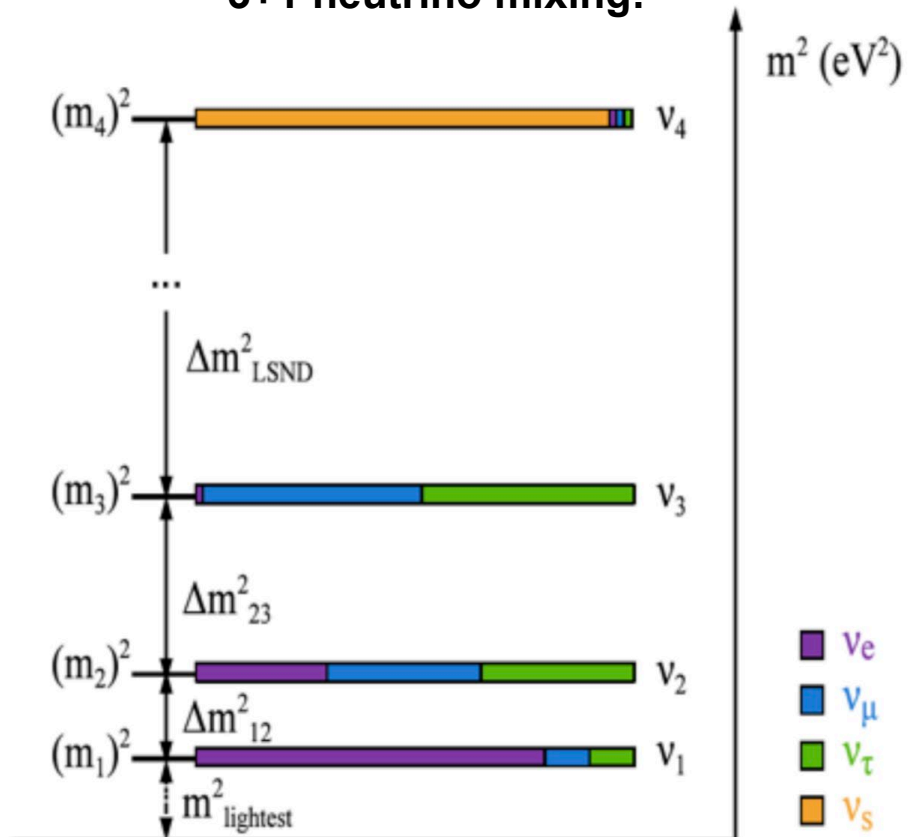
- Neutrinos as messenger particles in astrophysics

Search for Heavy (Mostly Sterile) Neutrino Mass States

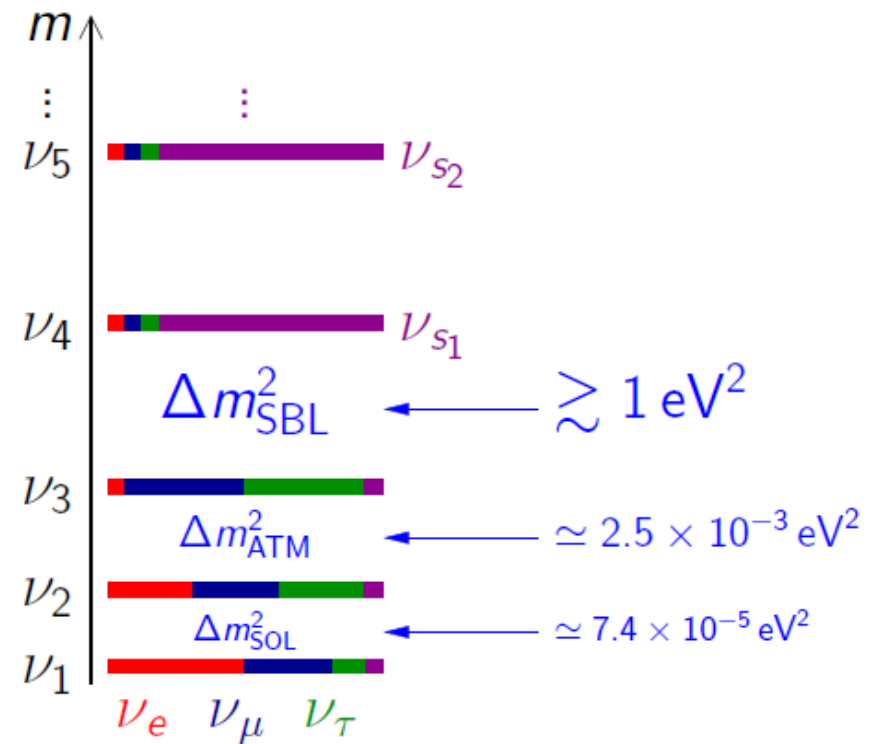
Sterile ν s

- Potential explanation for the short baseline data is a small mixing with a light ($\sim eV$ scale) sterile ν
 - Or maybe 2 more sterile ν s are needed to fit the data? (or n more?)
 - Sterile neutrinos do not interact weakly

3+1 neutrino mixing:

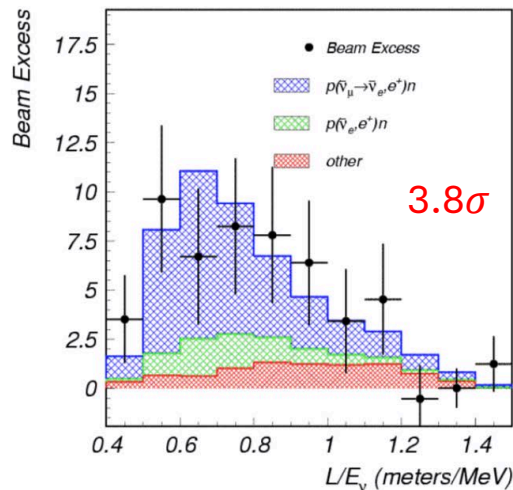
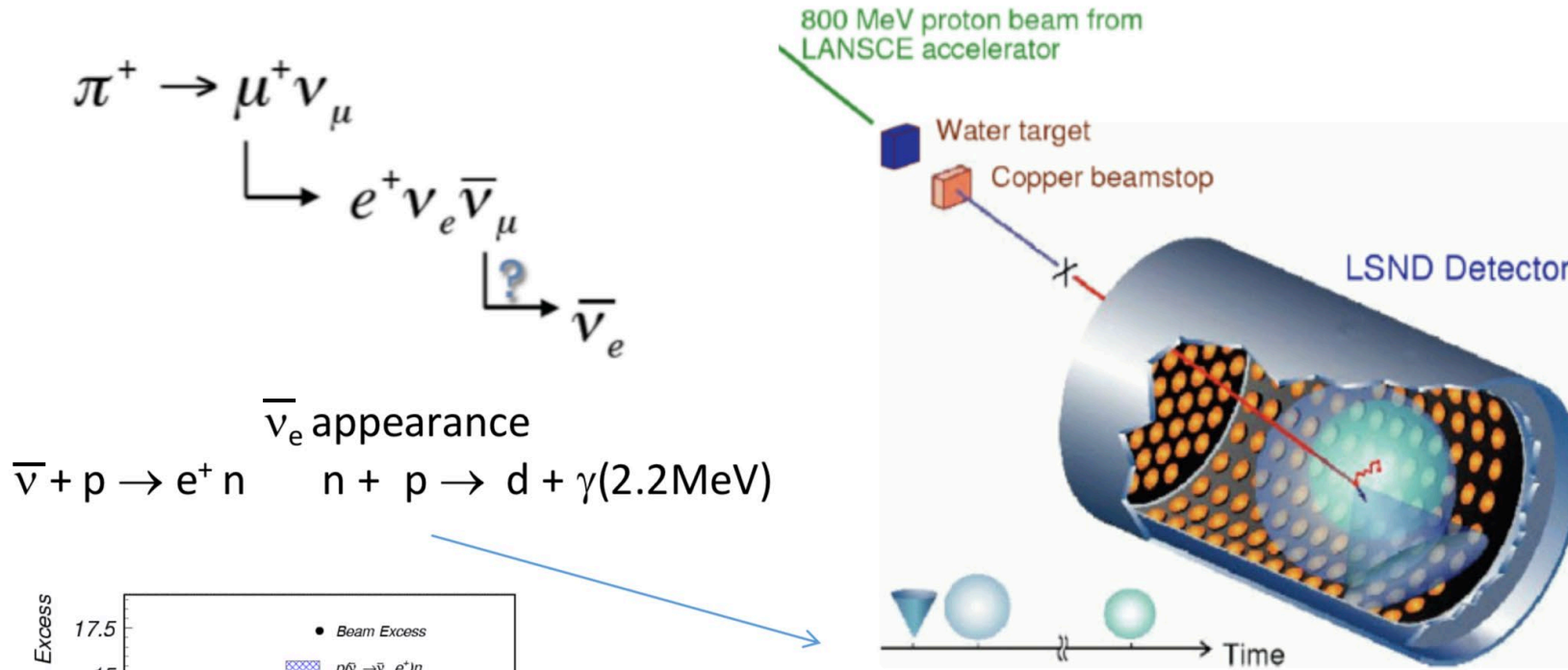


3+n ($n=2?$) neutrino mixing:



LSND

- LSND (Liquid Scintillator Neutrino Detector) operated at Los Alamos in the late 1990s

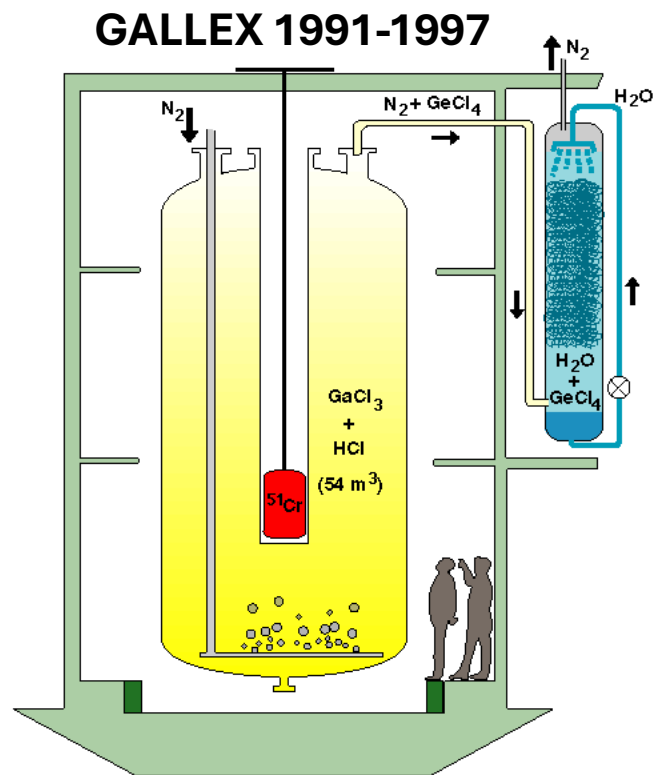


Observed $87.9 \pm 22.4 \pm 6.0$ events
above background
Oscillation Probability: 0.26%

Consistent with a Δm^2 on the order of 1 eV^2
(not consistent with 3 flavor picture)

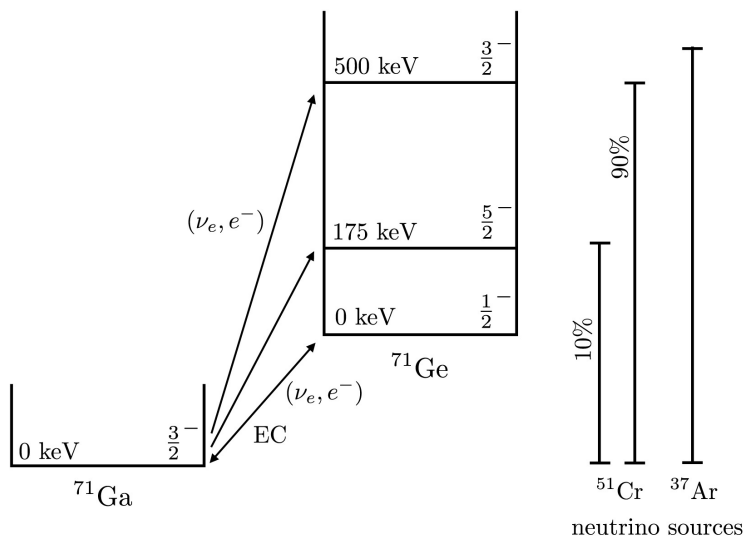
Gallium anomaly

- Solar nu detectors looking for ν_e capture used specialized EC sources inserted within the detectors (e.g. ^{51}Cr)

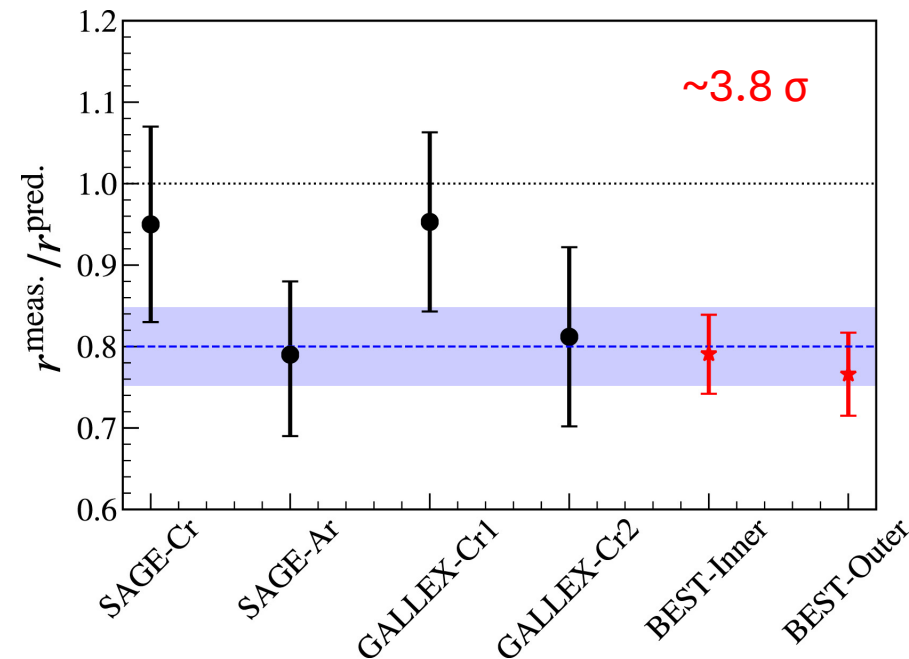


<https://lappweb.in2p3.fr/neutrinos/anexp.html>

$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e \quad E \sim 0.7 \text{ MeV}$
 $\langle L \rangle_{\text{GALLEX}} = 1.9 \text{ m}$
 $\langle L \rangle_{\text{SAGE}} = 0.6 \text{ m}$



Deficit relative to expected rate:

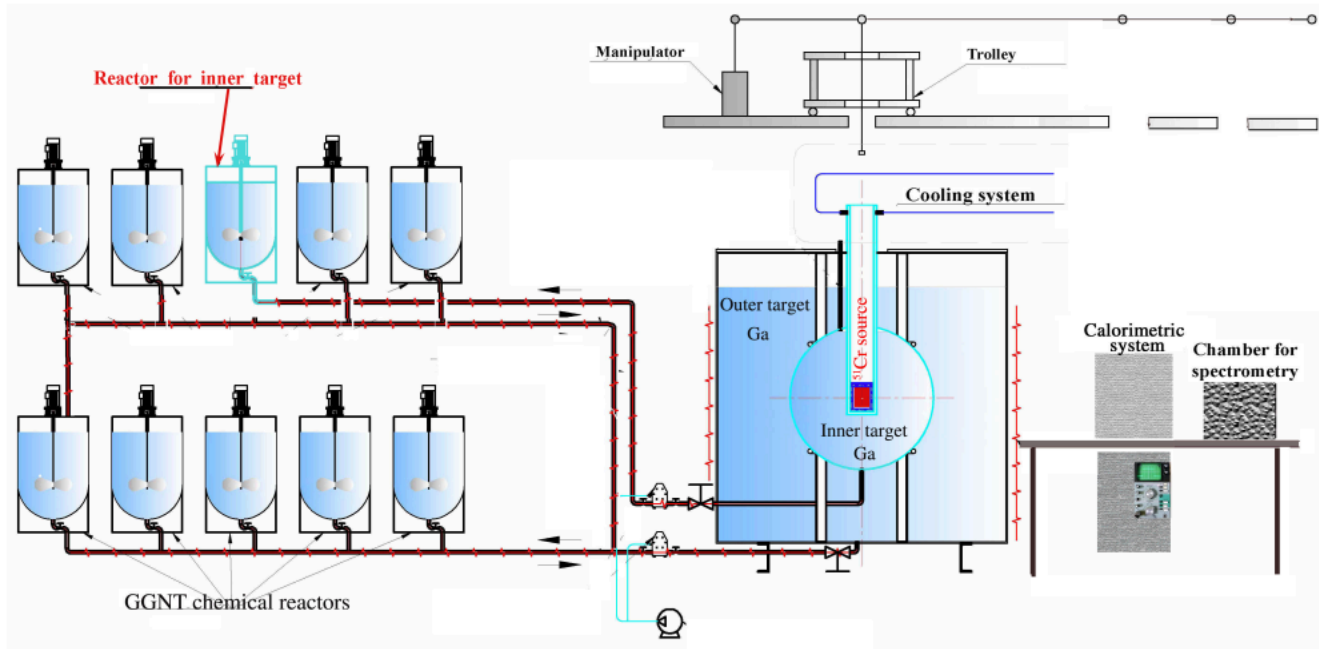


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Gallium anomaly (2021!)

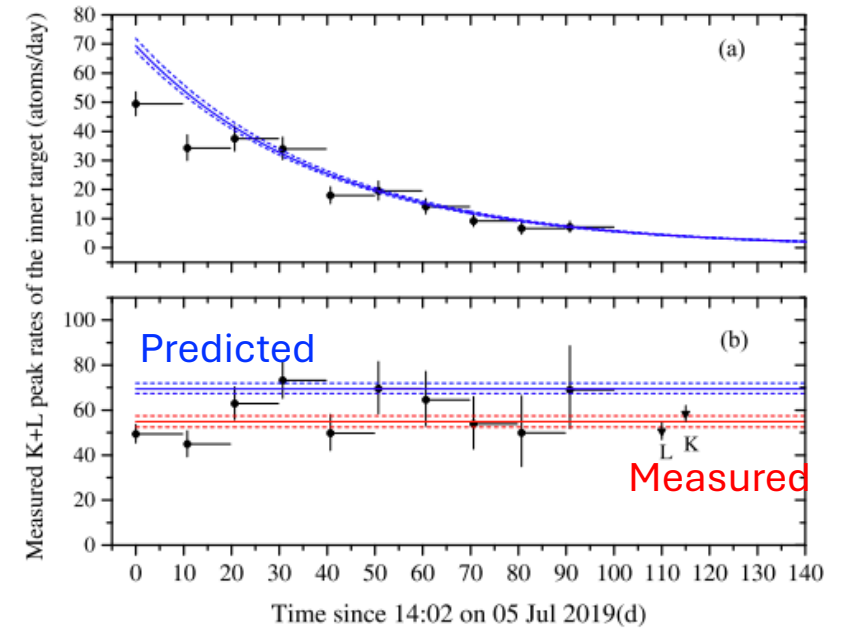
- Brand new Ga experiment to test the Ga anomaly (Baksan Experiment on Sterile Transitions [BEST]):
 - <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2109.11482.pdf>
- Used inner/outer tank geometry to directly look for oscillations

Experimental setup:

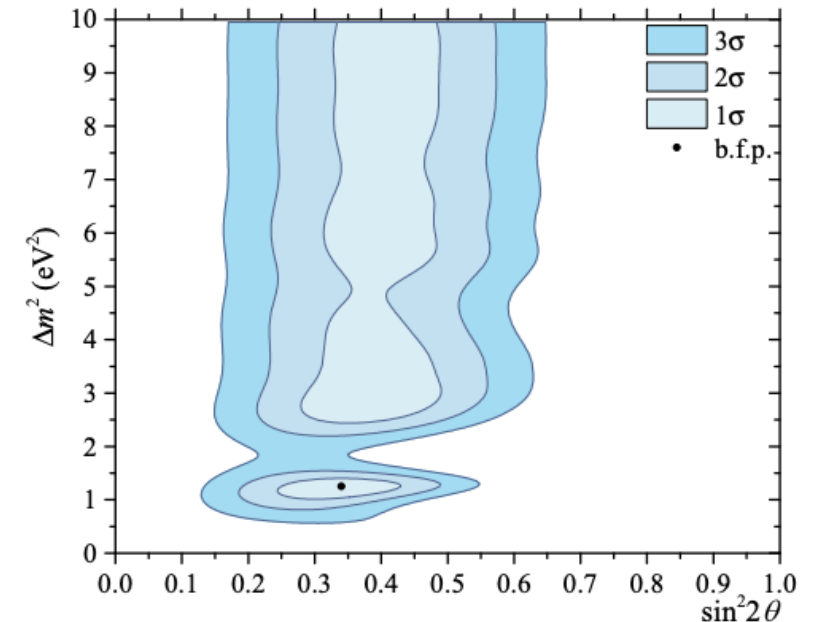


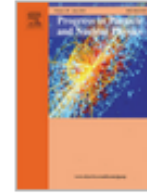
3.414 MCi ^{51}Cr ν_e source (1.3×10^{17} Bq)

Rate vs time (inner volume):



Best fit (+Gallex and SAGE):





Review

The gallium anomaly

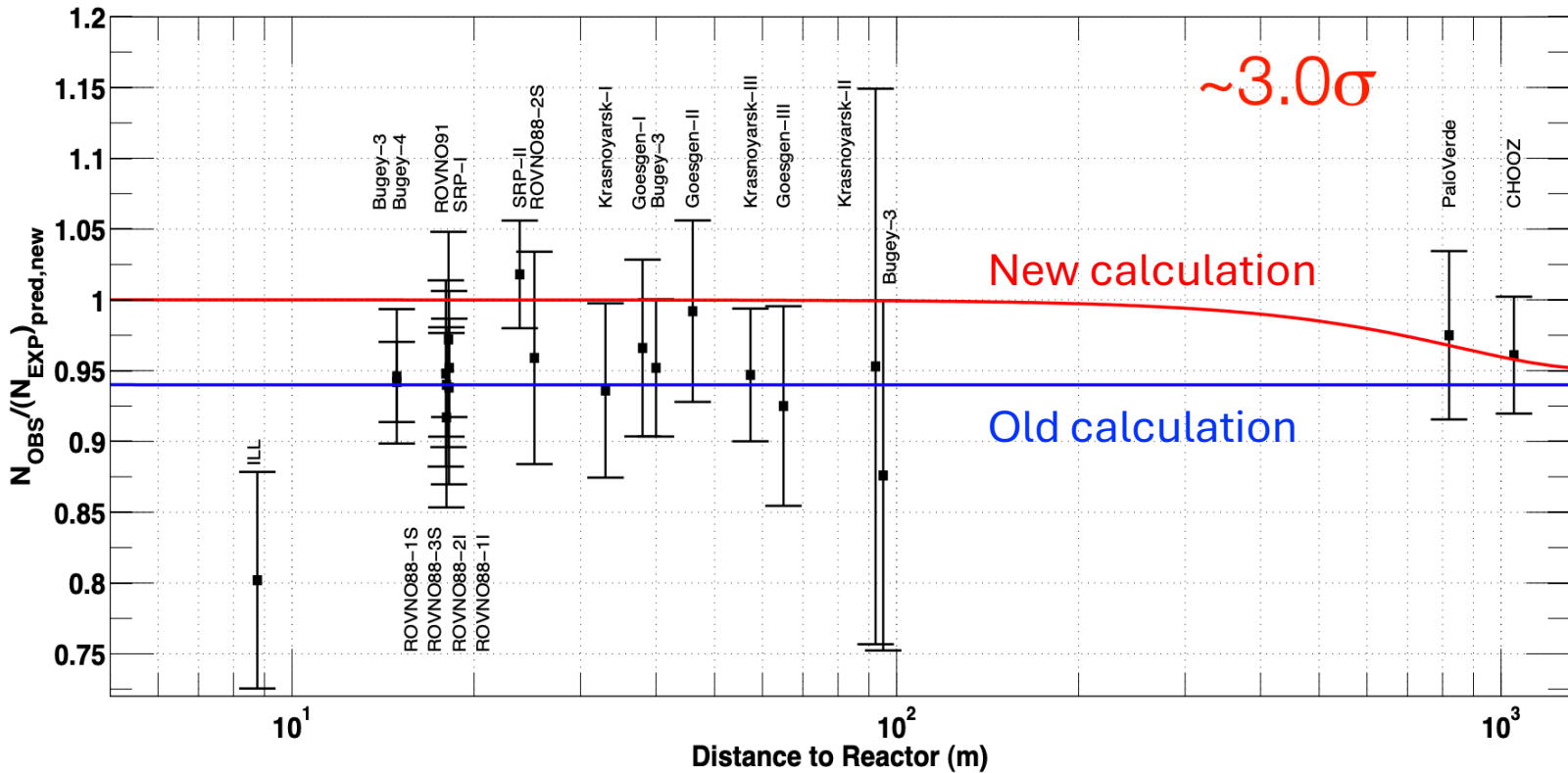
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weak magnetism. With the results from BEST, an anomaly remains even if one retains only the transition to the ^{71}Ge ground state, whose strength is fixed by the known lifetime of ^{71}Ge . We then consider the new-physics solution most commonly suggested to resolve the Ga anomaly, oscillations into a sterile fourth neutrino, $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_s$. We find such a solution generates substantial tension with several null experiments, owing to the large mixing angle required. While this does not exclude such solutions – the sterile sector might include multiple neutrinos as well as new interactions – it shows the need for more experimental constraints, if we are to make progress in resolving the Ga and other low-energy neutrino anomalies. We conclude by consider the role future low-energy electron-capture sources could play in this effort.

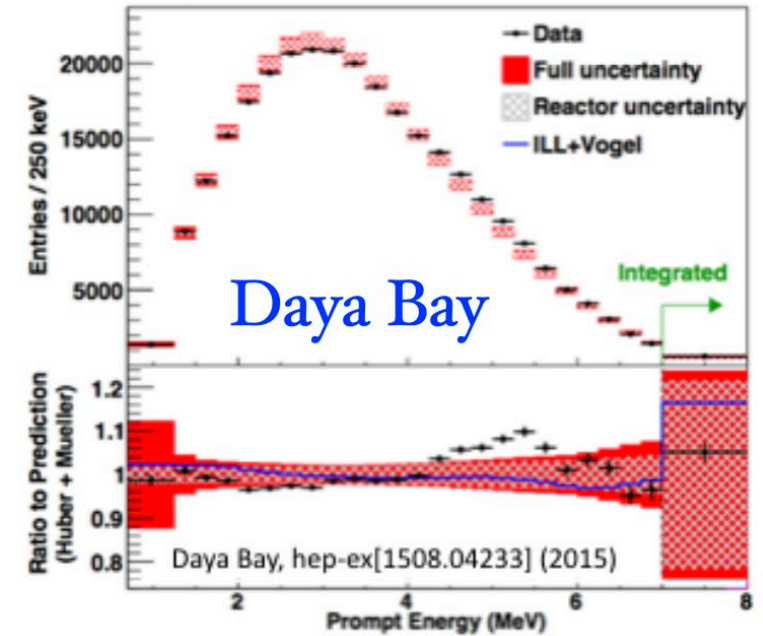
Reactor anomaly

- Reactor experiments (at 10s of meters distances) may also show an anomaly
 - Reasonable agreement until re-evaluation of expected reactor flux (~2011) suggested deficit



G. Mention et al., Phys. Rev. D83 (2011) 073006

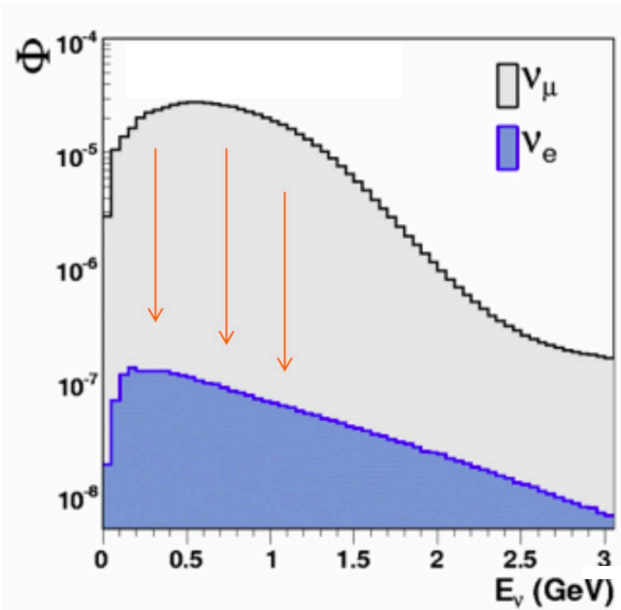
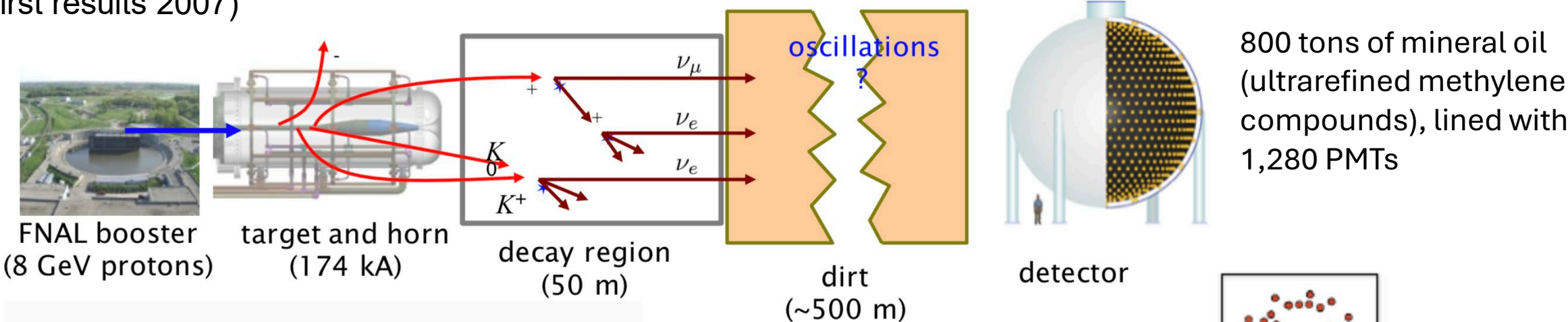
But...



High precision spectral measurements show unexpected “bumps” (Daya Bay, RENO, Double Chooz)

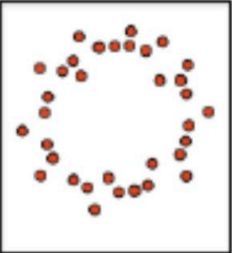
MiniBooNE:

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ν_e appearance in a primarily ν_μ beam

Cherenkov imaging detector



Electron, Photon

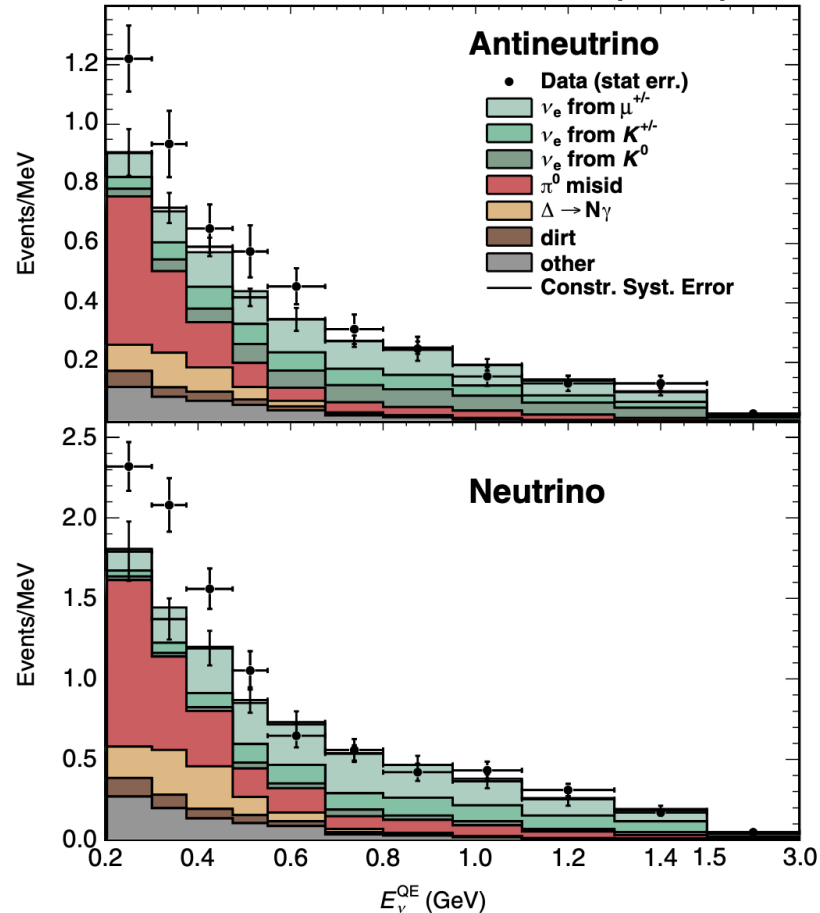


Muon

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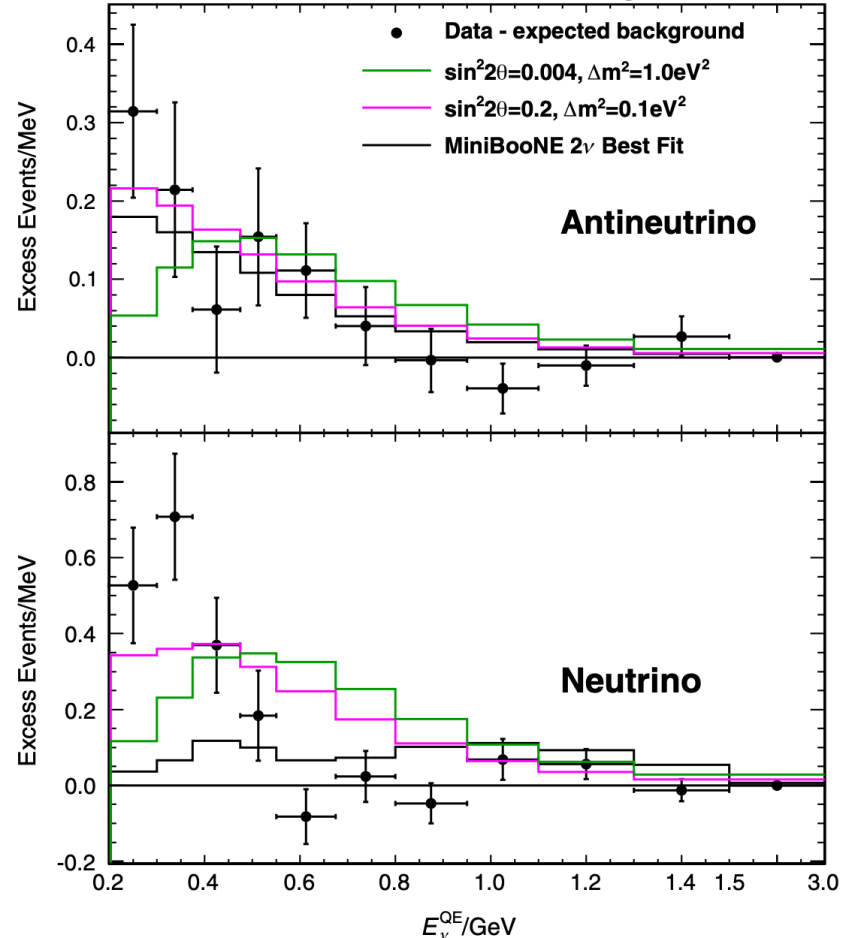
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MiniBooNE final results (2013):



<https://journals.aps.org/prl/pdf/10.1103/PhysRevLett.110.161801>

Excess events over backgrounds:



2.8 σ excess in antineutrino mode

$78.4 \pm 20.0(\text{stat}) \pm 20.3(\text{syst})$

3.4 σ excess in neutrino mode

$162.0 \pm 28.1(\text{stat}) \pm 38.7(\text{syst})$

Somewhat compatible with LSND, but...

- Neutrino mode spectral shape is somewhat strange
- Some tension with other global fits to oscillation data (e.g. ν_μ disappearance)

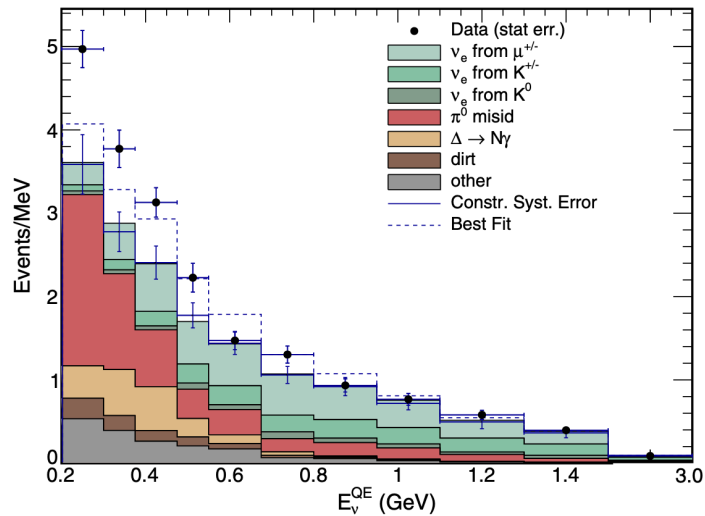
Backgrounds primarily from events producing a single gamma are rising at low energies

MiniBooNE cannot differentiate electrons from gammas

Newer MiniBooNE results (2018)

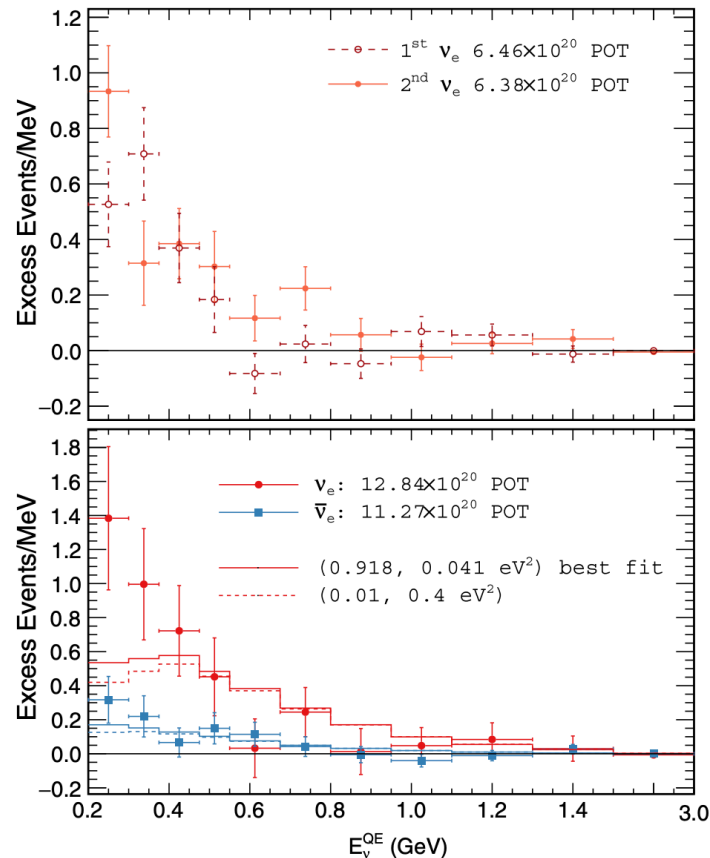
- And new MiniBooNE results (2018) with a factor of 2x more data match between neutrino and anti-neutrino, possibly consistent with LSND!

Updated MiniBooNE neutrino spectrum:

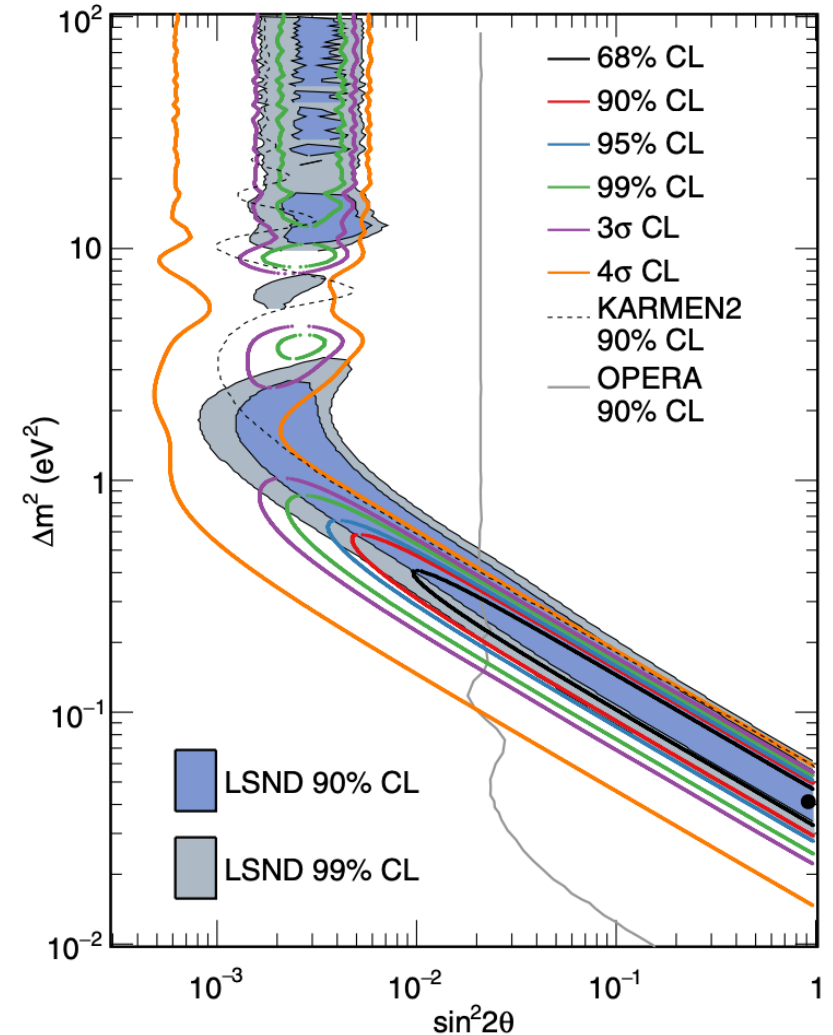


<https://journals.aps.org/prl/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevLett.121.221801>

Comparison with previous results:



Best fit regions:



But... (global fits)

- When trying to fit all data together, there is significant tension with a simple 3+1 oscillation picture

Anomalies seen in: ν_e **disappearance**
 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ **appearance**

NOT seen in: ν_μ **disappearance**

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

appearance

$$P_{\mu e} = \sin^2 2\theta_{\text{app}} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E}$$

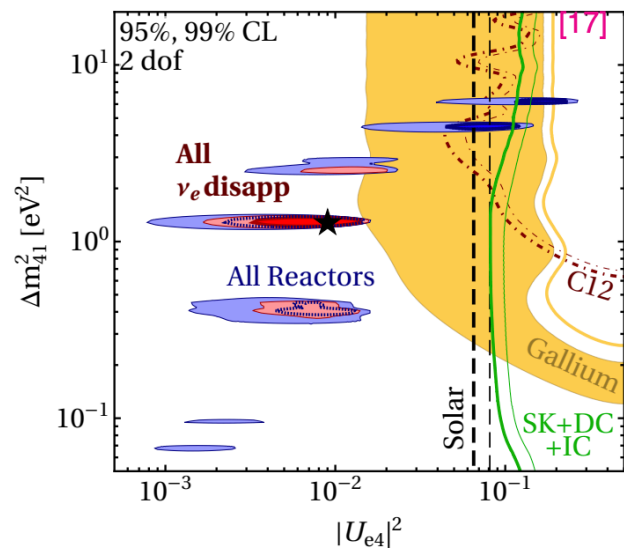
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{\text{app}} = 4 |U_{e4}|^2 |U_{\mu4}|^2$$

disappearance

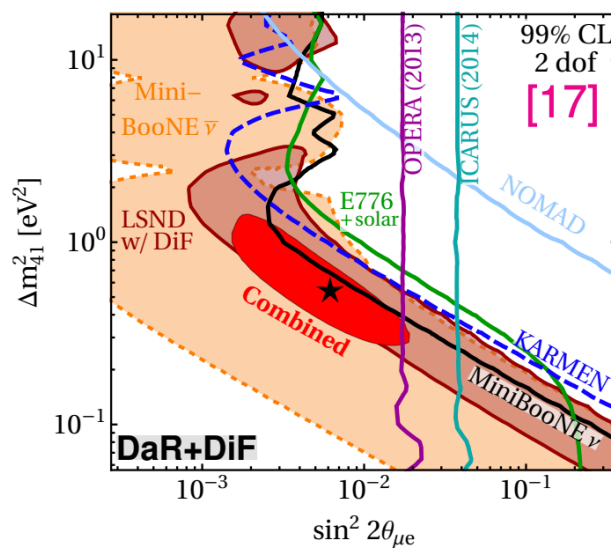
$$P_{\alpha\alpha} = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{\text{dis}} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E}$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{\text{dis}} = 4 |U_{\alpha4}|^2 (1 - |U_{\alpha4}|^2)$$

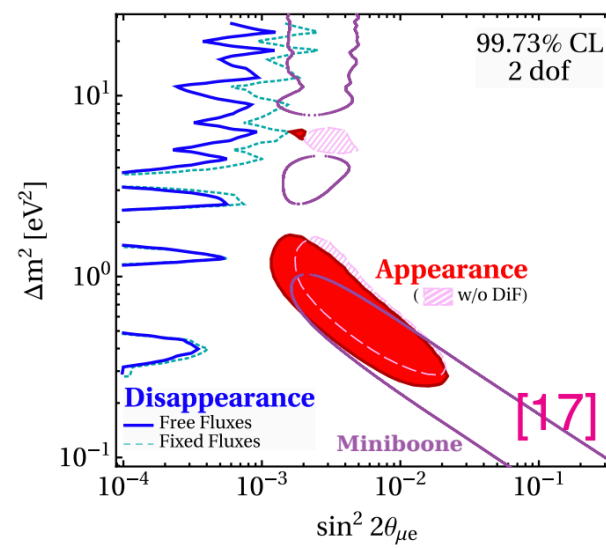
Global analysis of ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ disappearance



$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance



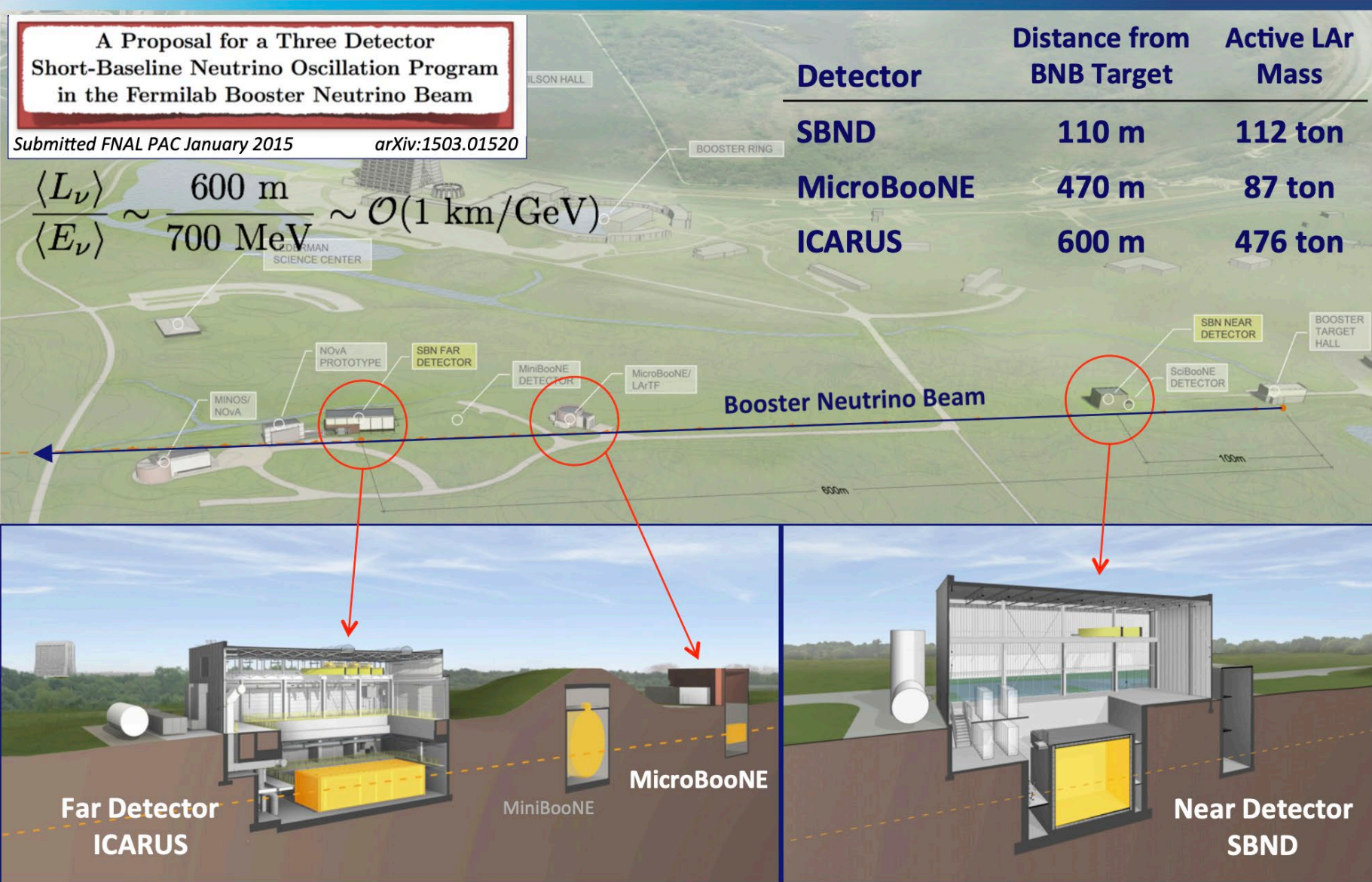
All



[17] Dentler, Hernández-Cabezudo, Kopp, Machado, MM, Martinez-Soler, Schwetz, arXiv:1803.10661.

See also: https://indico.slac.stanford.edu/event/326/contributions/1325/attachments/559/997/Oscillation_Experiments_2.pdf

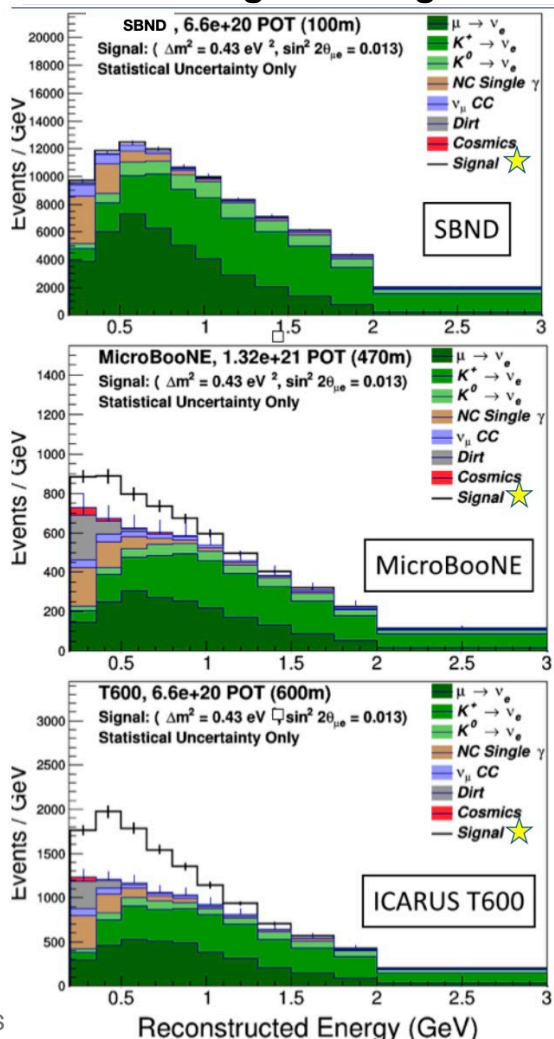
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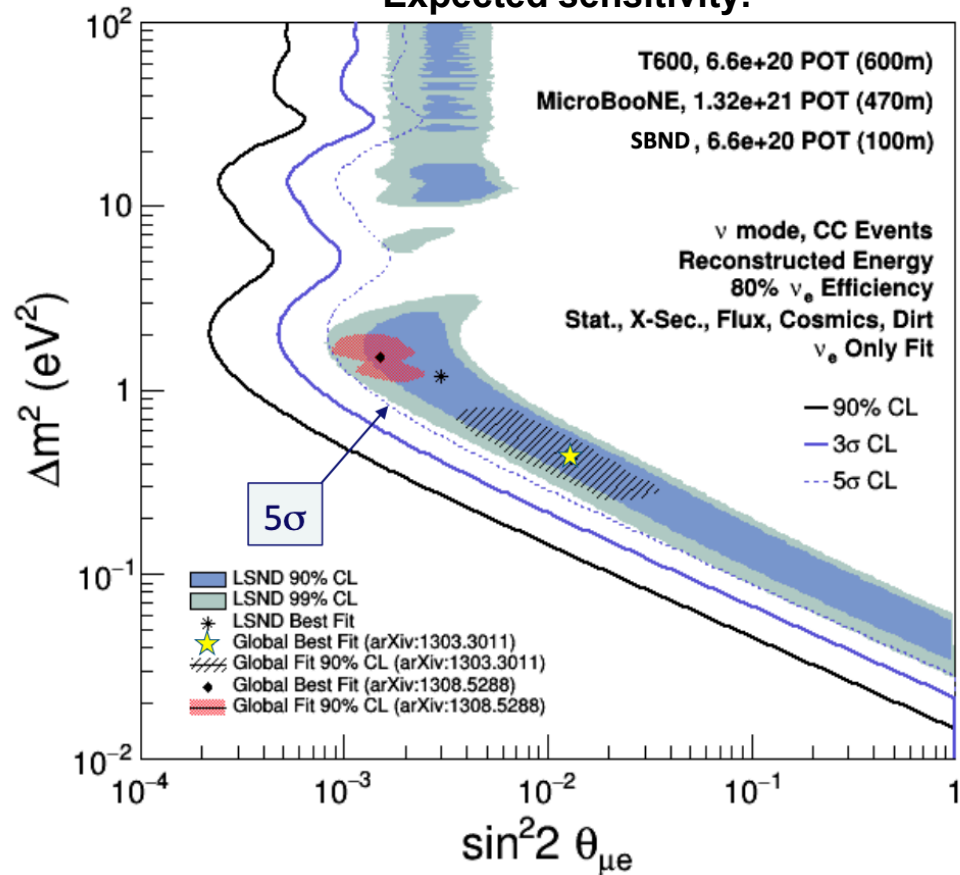
Dedicated experiments (SBN program)

- Three detectors would definitively confirm or rule out the MiniBooNE/LSND results
 - LAr TPCs allow background separation (and in particular e/ γ discrimination)

Simulated signal/backgrounds:



Expected sensitivity:

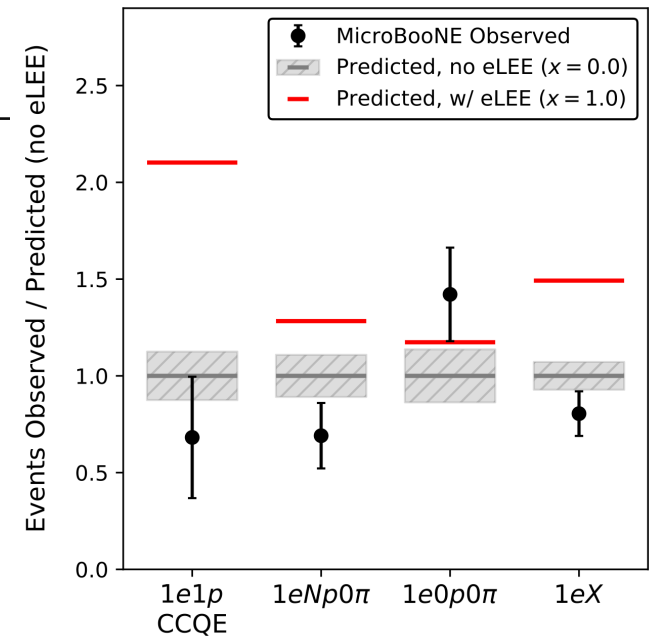


SBN proposal arxiv:1503.01520

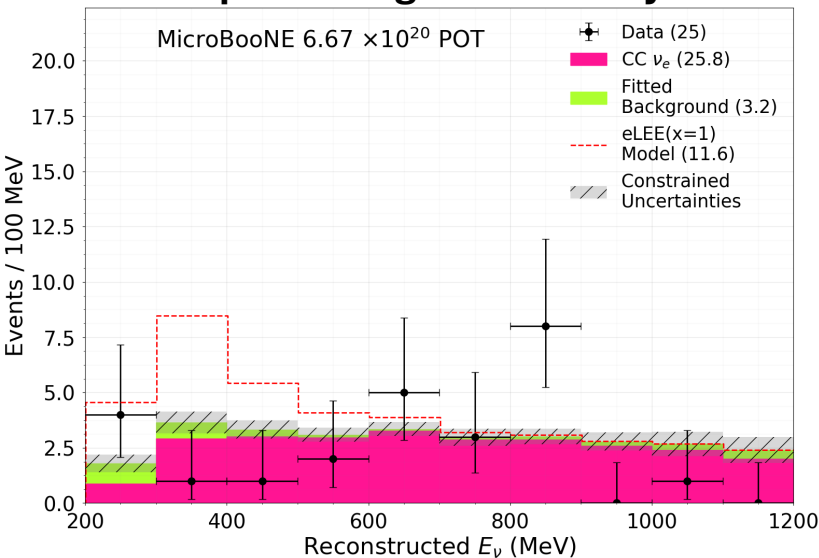
uBooNE results

- MicroBooNE has now released the first results from the SBN program
- Three different analyses with various levels of selection cuts
- No evidence for excess electron-induced events!
 - Also no evidence of an unaccounted for photon background in searches to date:
 - <https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.00409>

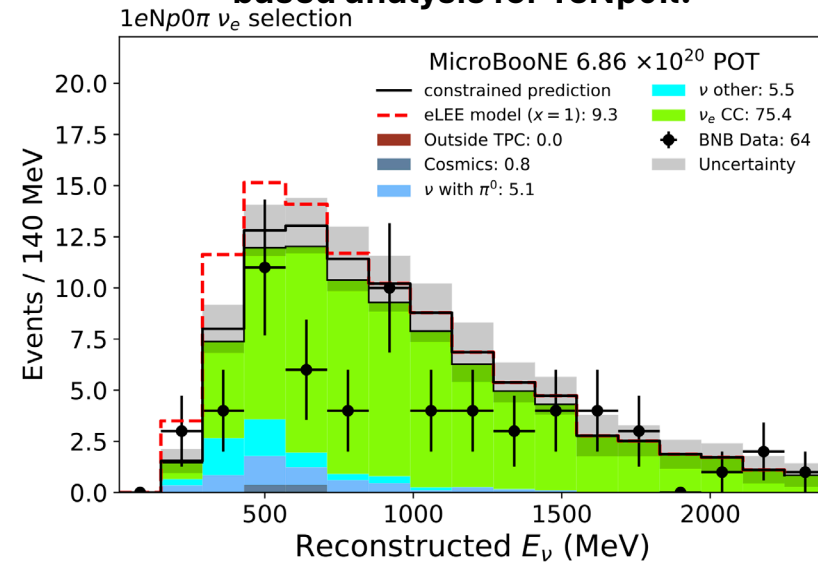
Combined results:



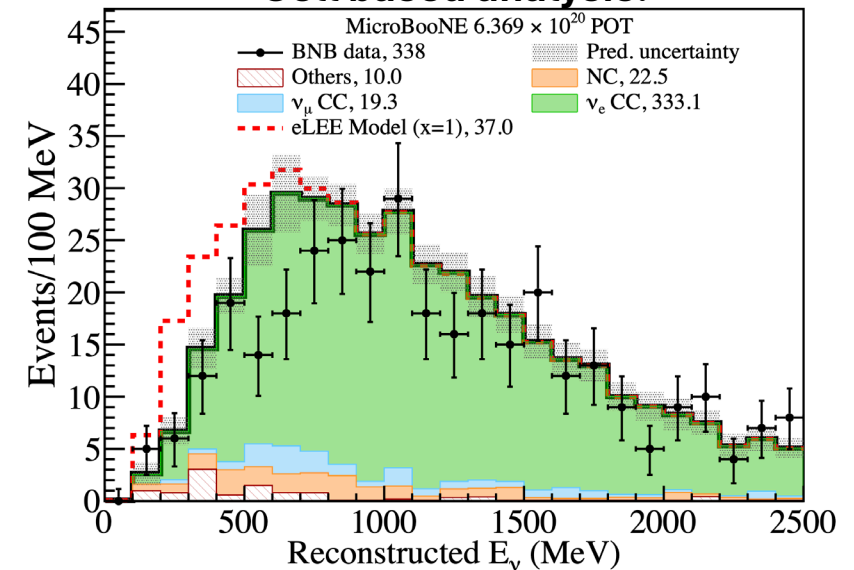
1e1p CCQE candidate events in the deep-learning-based analysis:



Pionless nu_e candidate events in the Pandora-based analysis for 1eNp0pi:



Inclusive nu_e candidate events in the Wire-Cell based analysis:



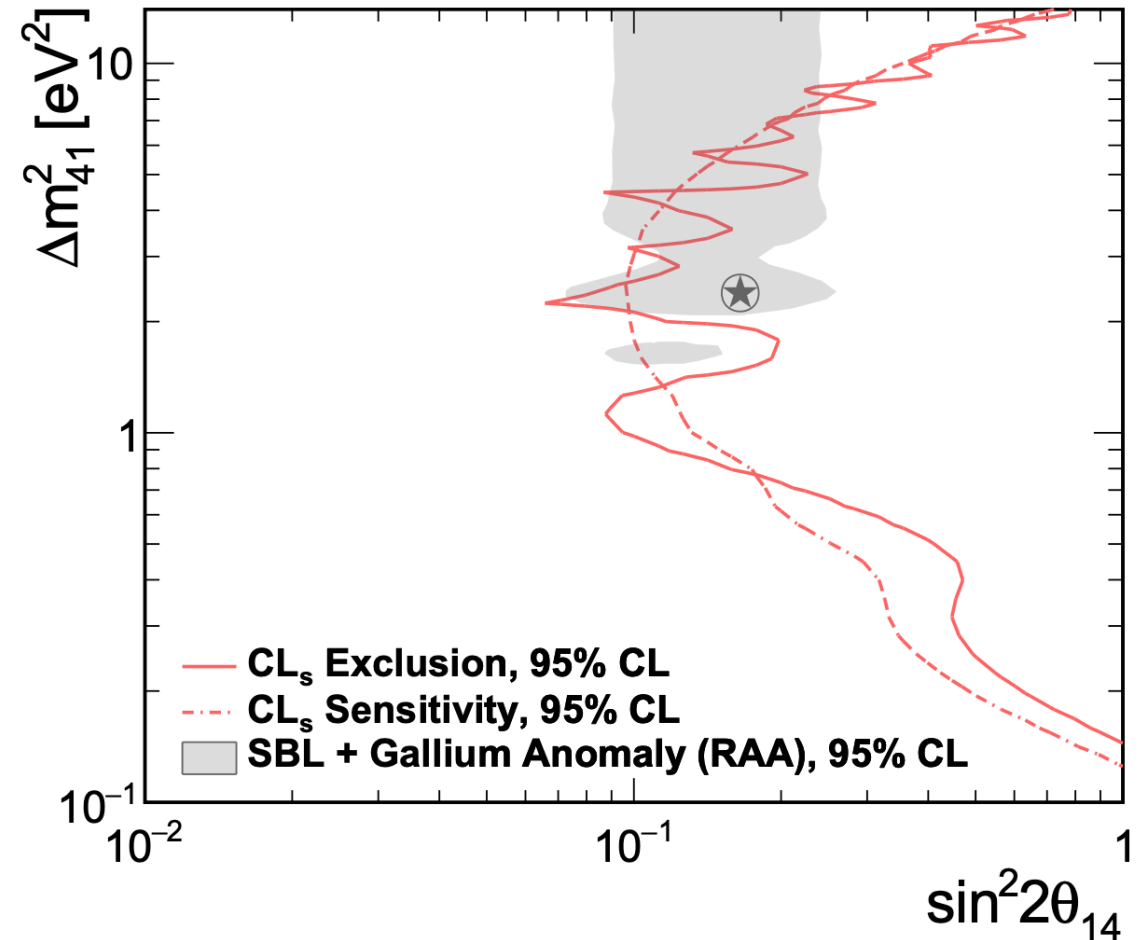
Dedicated experiments (reactors)

- New generation of reactor experiments also coming online (e.g., PROSPECT)

Experiment	Reactor Power/Fuel	Overburden (mwe)	Detection Material	Segmentation	Optical Readout	Particle ID Capability
DANSS (Russia)	3000 MW LEU fuel	~50	Inhomogeneous PS & Gd sheets	2D, ~5mm	WLS fibers.	Topology only
NEOS (South Korea)	2800 MW LEU fuel	~20	Homogeneous Gd-doped LS	none	Direct double ended PMT	recoil PSD only
nuLat (USA)	40 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	few	Homogeneous ⁶ Li doped PS	Quasi-3D, 5cm, 3-axis Opt. Latt	Direct PMT	Topology, recoil & capture PSD
Neutrino4 (Russia)	100 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	~10	Homogeneous Gd-doped LS	2D, ~10cm	Direct single ended PMT	Topology only
PROSPECT (USA)	85 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	few	Homogeneous ⁶ Li-doped LS	2D, 15cm	Direct double ended PMT	Topology, recoil & capture PSD
SoLid (UK Fr Bel US)	72 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	~10	Inhomogeneous ⁶ LiZnS & PS	Quasi-3D, 5cm multiplex	WLS fibers	topology, capture PSD
Chandler (USA)	72 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	~10	Inhomogeneous ⁶ LiZnS & PS	Quasi-3D, 5cm, 2-axis Opt. Latt	Direct PMT/ WLS Scint.	topology, capture PSD
Stereo (France)	57 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	~15	Homogeneous Gd-doped LS	1D, 25cm	Direct single ended PMT	recoil PSD

N. Bowden AAP 2016

PROSPECT exclusion region (2020):



<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2006.11210.pdf>

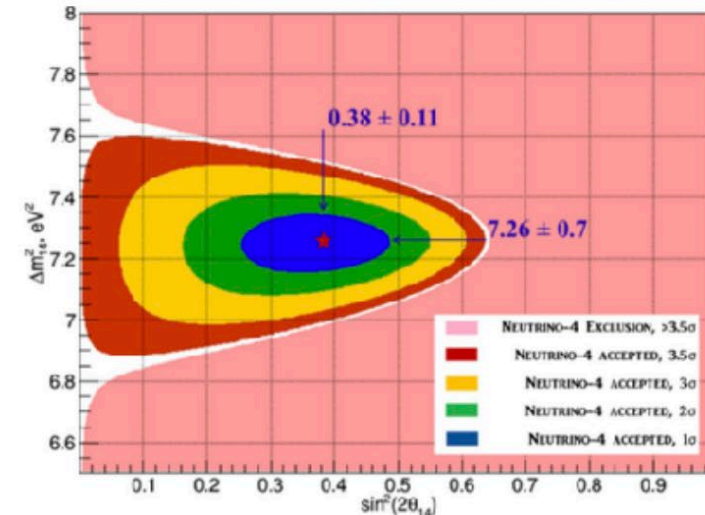
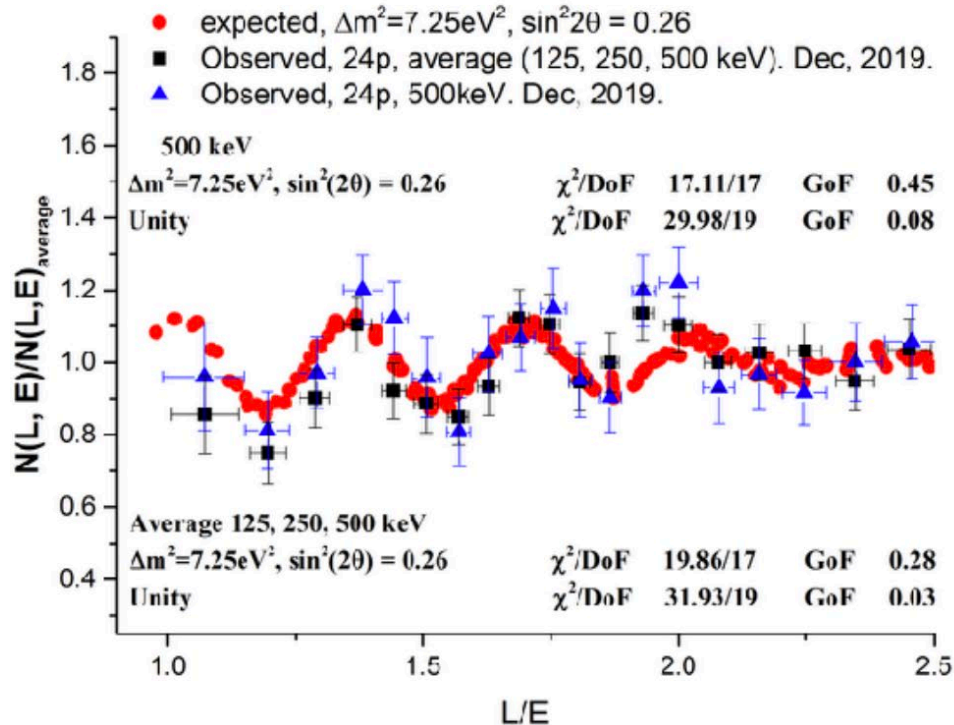
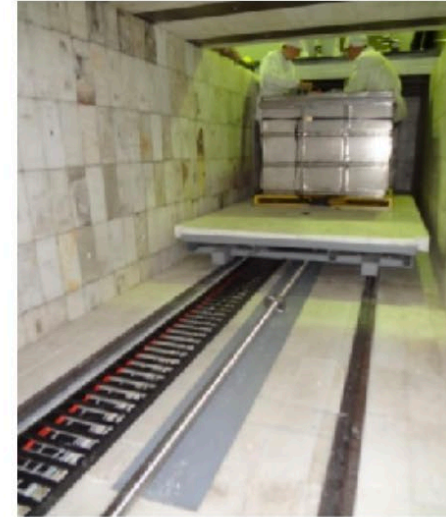
But... Neutrino4

- Neutrino4 apparently observes oscillation in movable detector

- Movable detector (6 to 12 m) near reactor

A.P.Serebrov, et al.
JETP Letters,
Volume 109, 2019
Issue 4, pp 213–221.

[arxiv:1809.10561](https://arxiv.org/abs/1809.10561)
[arxiv:2003.03199](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.03199)
[arxiv:2005.05301](https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.05301)



A.Serebrov, Neutrino2020

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Some controversy remains....

Note on [arXiv:2005.05301](https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.05301), 'Preparation of the Neutrino-4 experiment on search for sterile neutrino and the obtained results of measurements'

H. Almazán, M. Andriamirado, A. B. Balantekin, H. R. Band, C. D. Bass, D. E. Bergeron, D. Berish, A. Bonhomme, N. S. Bowden, J. P. Brodsky, C. D. Bryan, C. Buck, T. Classen, A. J. Conant, G. Deichert, P. del Amo Sanchez, M. V. Diwan, M. J. Dolinski, I. El Atmani, A. Erickson, B. T. Foust, J. K. Gaison, A. Galindo-Uribarri, C. E. Gilbert, B. T. Hackett, S. Hans, A. B. Hansell, K. M. Heeger, D. E. Jaffe, X. Ji, D. C. Jones, O. Kyzylova, L. Labit, J. Lamblin, C. E. Lane, T. J. Langford, J. LaRosa, A. Letourneau, D. Lhuillier, M. Licciardi, B. R. Littlejohn, X. Lu, J. Maricic, T. Materna, M. P. Mendenhall, A. M. Meyer, R. Milincic, I. Mitchell, P. E. Mueller, H. P. Mumm, J. Napolitano, C. Nave, R. Neilson, J. A. Nikkel, D. Norcini, S. Nour, J. L. Palomino-Gallo, H. Pessard, D. A. Pushin, X. Qian, J.-S. Réal, C. Roca, R. Rogly, E. Romero-Romero, R. Rosero, V. Savu, S. Schoppmann, T. Soldner, A. Stutz, P. T. Surukuchi, M. A. Tyra, R. L. Varner, D. Venegas-Vargas, M. Vialat, P. B. Weatherly, C. White, J. Wilhelmi, A. Woolverton, M. Yeh, A. Zhang, C. Zhang, X. Zhang

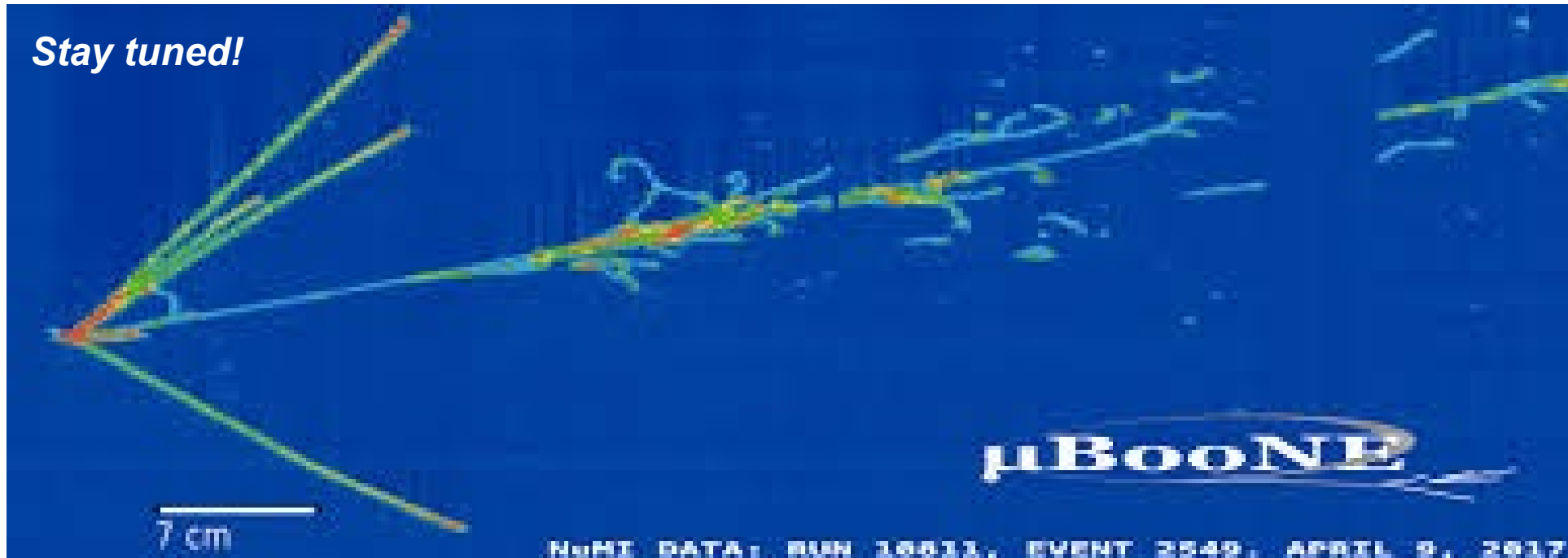
We comment on the claimed observation [[arXiv:arXiv:2005.05301](https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.05301)] of sterile neutrino oscillations by the Neutrino-4 collaboration. Such a claim, which requires the existence of a new fundamental particle, demands a level of rigor commensurate with its impact. The burden lies with the Neutrino-4 collaboration to provide the information necessary to prove the validity of their claim to the community. In this note, we describe aspects of both the data and analysis method that might lead to an oscillation signature arising from a null experiment and describe additional information needed from the Neutrino-4 collaboration to support the oscillation claim. Additionally, as opposed to the assertion made by the Neutrino-4 collaboration, we also show that the method of 'coherent summation' using the L/E parameter produces similar results to the methods used by the PROSPECT and the STEREO collaborations.



L/E

eV sterile neutrinos summary

- There are a number of intriguing signals in short baseline oscillation experiments
- But:
 - There is not a clear picture of how various results could fit together
 - These experiments are difficult, and backgrounds or systematics are always possible
 - uBoone is now online and hasn't seen an excess consistent with neutrino oscillations or backgrounds
 - Additional searches will search for other new physics explanations



- **Short Baseline**

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

- **Gallium**

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

- **Reactor Neutrinos**

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

Cosmological constraints were not discussed but models exist which remove them
See e.g. Davoudiasl, Denton arXiv:2301.09651 Explains Ga, LSND, MiniBooNE, DM

Experimental evidence for ν_s is fading away but not excluded

Sterile Neutrinos

Short-Baseline Neutrino Oscillation + Source Measurements in Progress

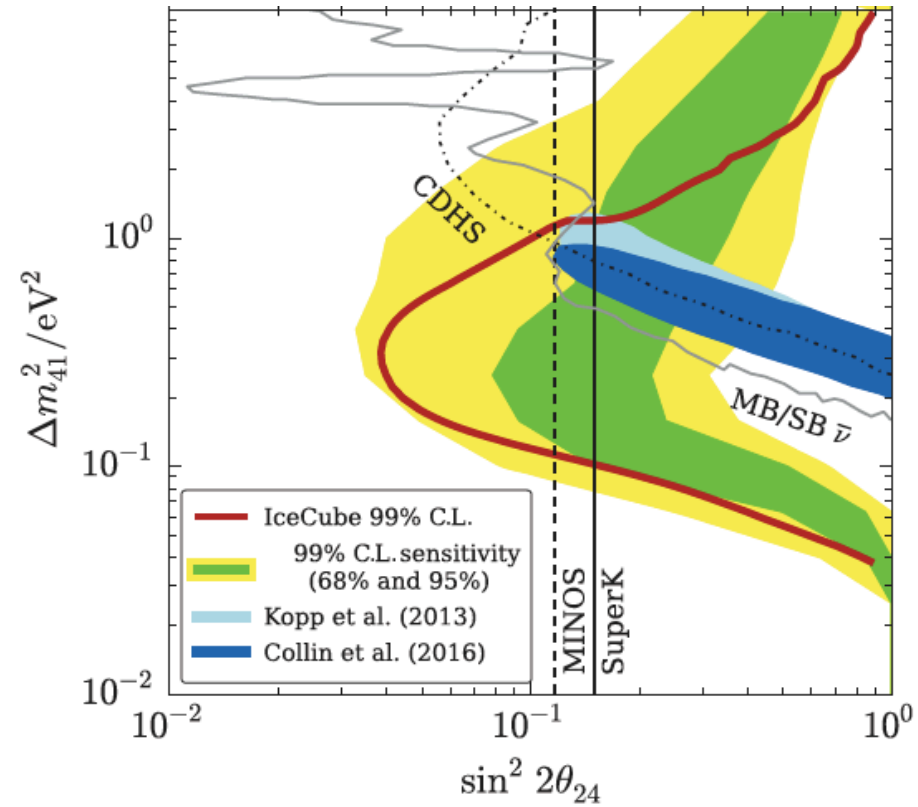
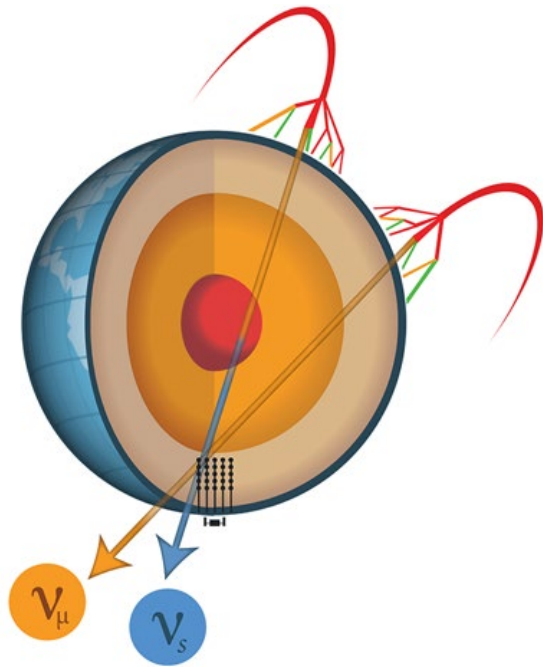
Summary Talk by M. Danilov at Moriond Mar 2024

ν_μ disappearance in IceCube

(3+1): $P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e} \propto |U_{e4}U_{\mu4}|^2$ with $\begin{cases} |U_{e4}|^2 \propto P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e}, \\ |U_{\mu4}|^2 \propto P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu}; \end{cases}$

hence, $P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e} > 0$ requires $\begin{cases} P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e} > 0, \\ P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu} > 0; \end{cases}$

We don't see it!



IceCube Collaboration, *PRL* **117**, 071801 (2016)

SEARCH & DISCOVERY

Sterile neutrinos give IceCube and other experiments the cold shoulder

Recent null results heighten the tension between the bulk of neutrino experiments and the few that hint at the putative particle's existence.

Under kilometers of ice at the South Pole, the IceCube Neutrino Observatory's 5160 optical detectors keep watch for neutrinos that have traveled through Earth from the opposite side of the globe. (See the article by Francis Halzen and Spencer R. Klein, *PHYSICS TODAY*, May 2008, page 29.) The observatory was built primarily to serve as a telescope to study neutrinos from astrophysical sources. However, it also detects neutrinos born in the aftermath of cosmic-ray protons crashing into nuclei in the upper atmosphere. About once every six minutes, one of those atmospheric neutrinos finds its way to IceCube's monitoring zone, collides with a nucleus in the ice or bedrock, and produces a charged particle that can be detected from the Cherenkov light it gives off. Figure 1 shows the IceCube Laboratory, which houses the computers that



reactor-neutrino experiment in France,

FIGURE 1. THE ICECUBE LABORATORY

How else could we search for ν_s ?

Mostly Sterile keV Neutrino Mass States

- Beta decay is particularly sensitive to keV-MeV mass states
- Mass states in this region have $\tau \approx \tau_{\text{universe}}$ and could thus serve as some fraction of the observed DM in our universe
 - Excellent candidates for warm dark matter Dodelson and Widrow, PRL 72, 17 (1994)

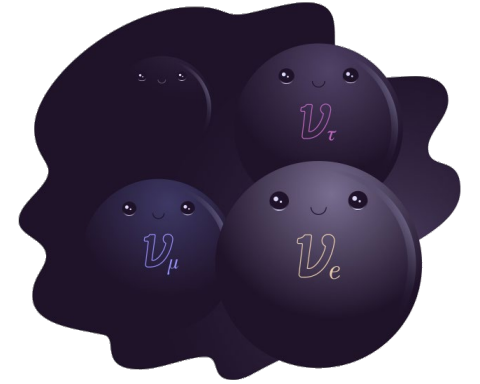


Image Courtesy: Symmetry Magazine

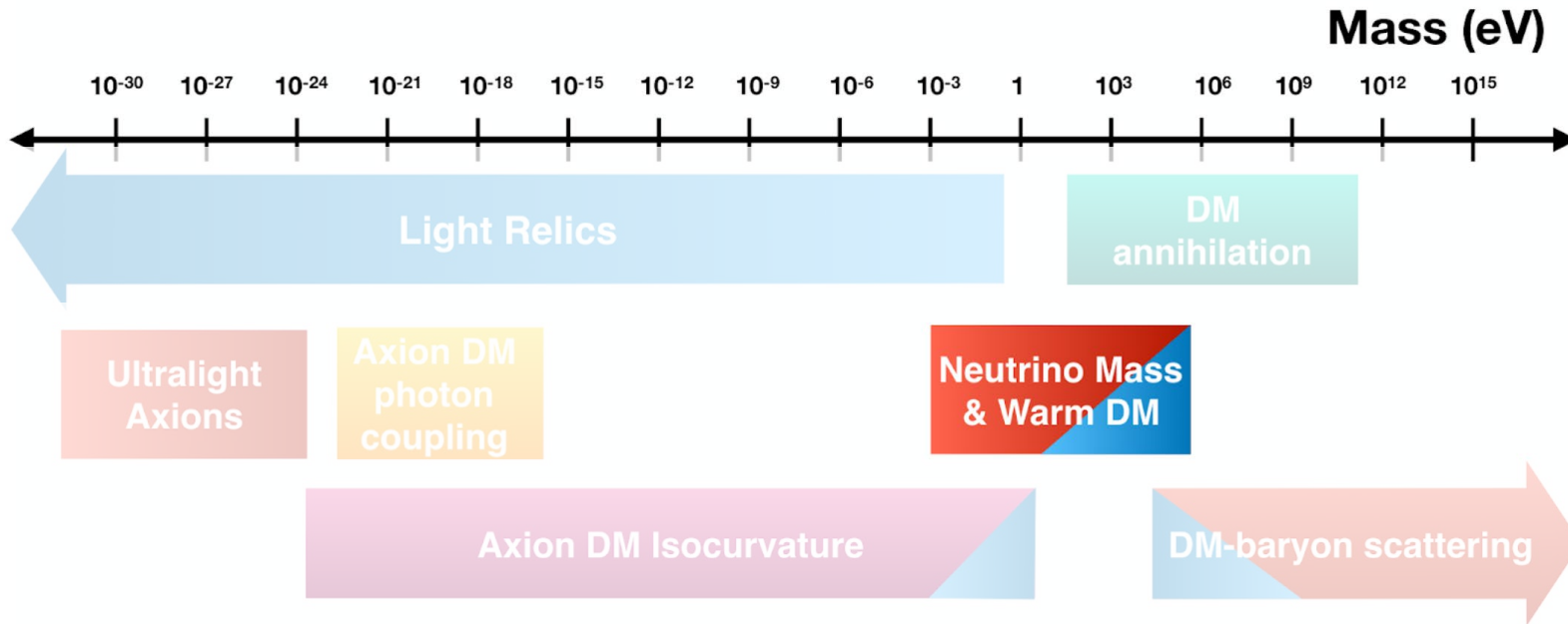
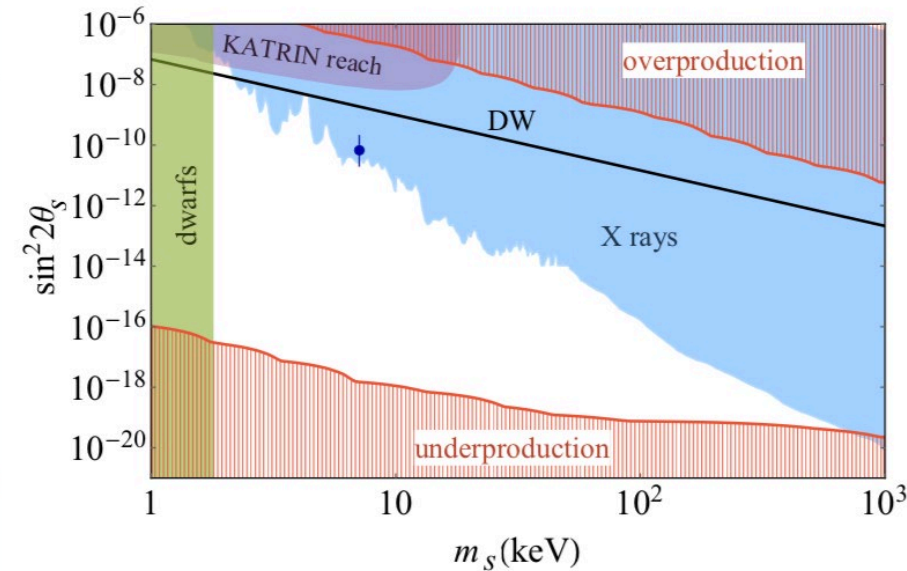


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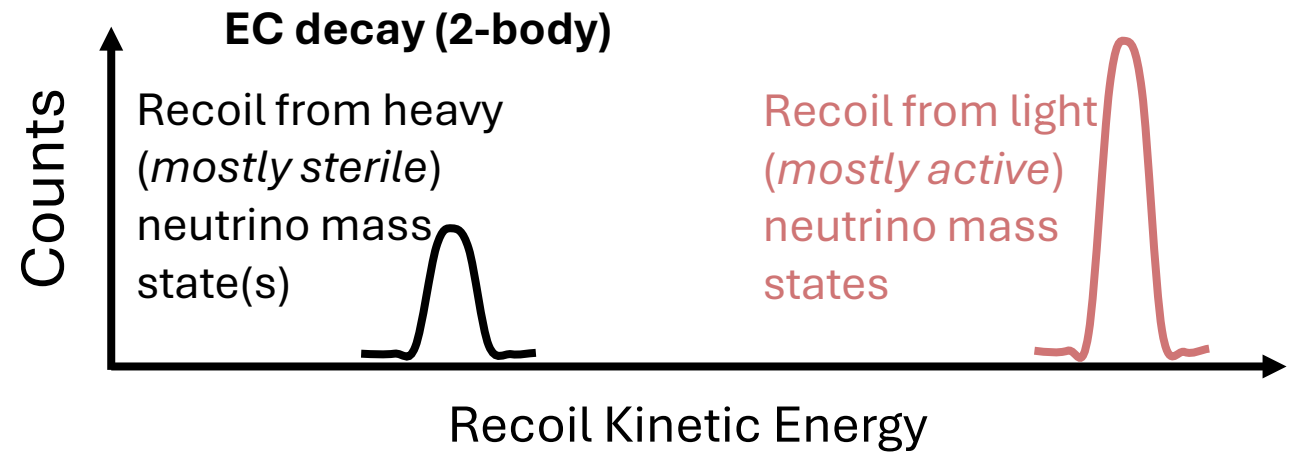
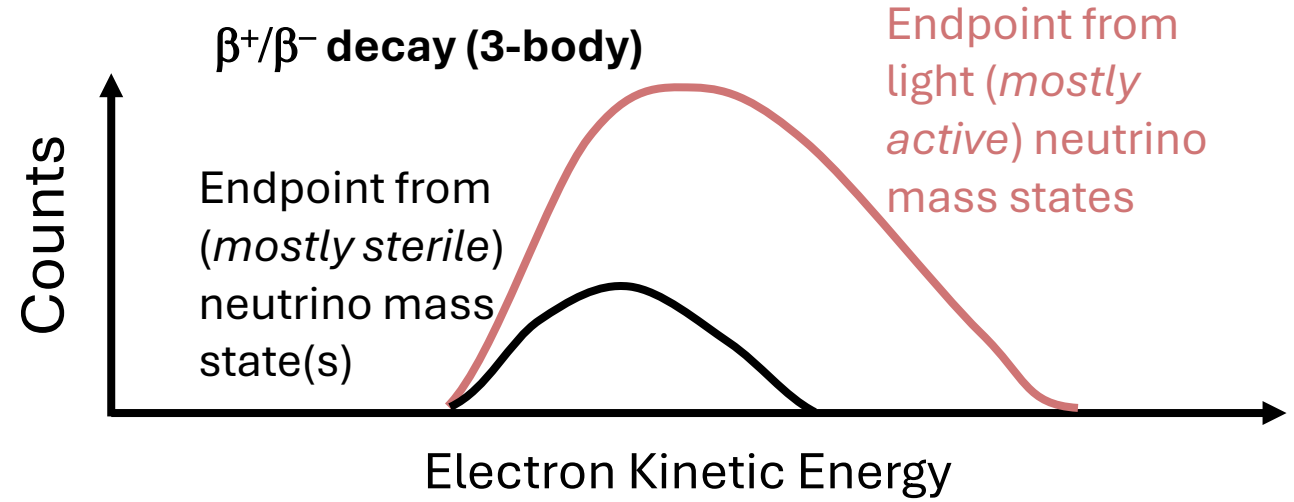
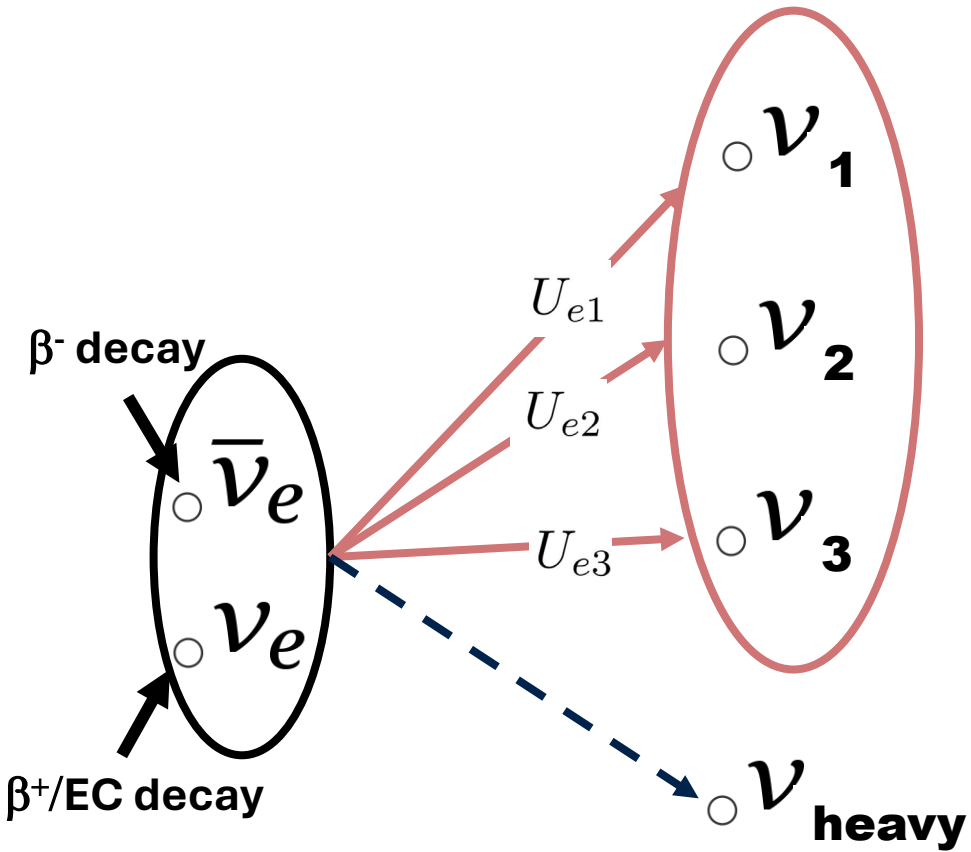


B. Dasgupta and J. Kopp, Phys. Rep. **928**, 1-63 (2021)

How would we search for ν_s in nuclear decays?

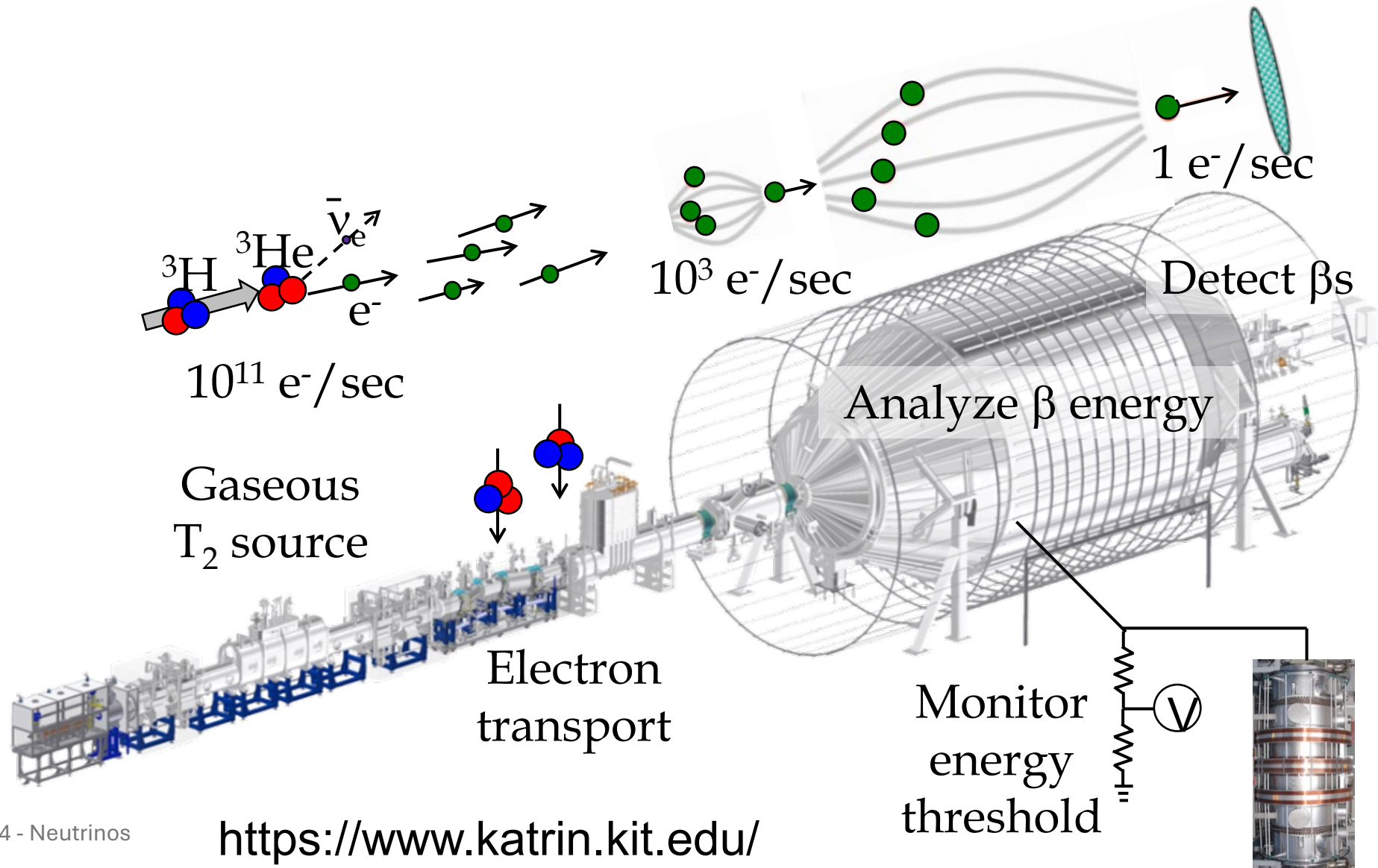
Heavy Neutrino Mass Studies via Coupling to ν_e

- In EC/ β^+ and β^- decay, we study the relative coupling of the mass states to $\bar{\nu}_e$ (ν_e)
- Momentum is conserved with the mass states, not flavor states





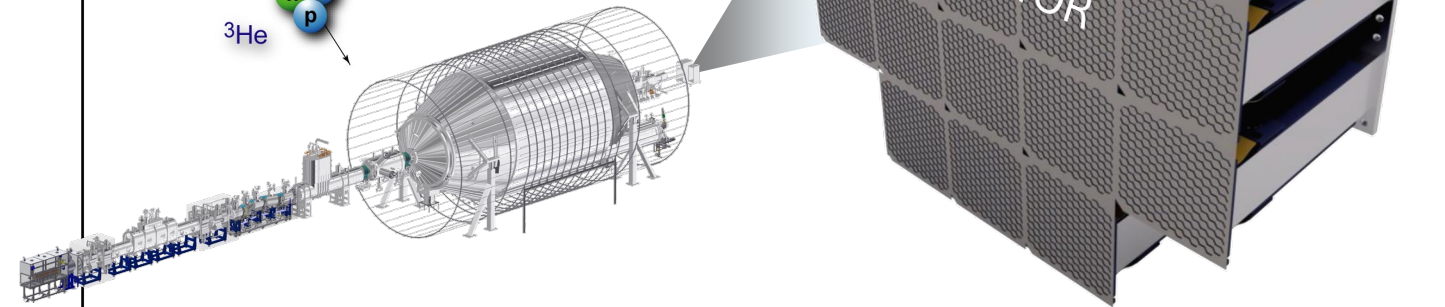
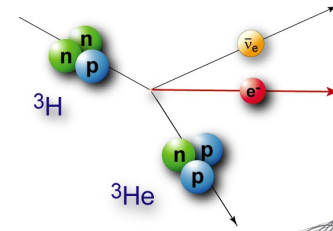
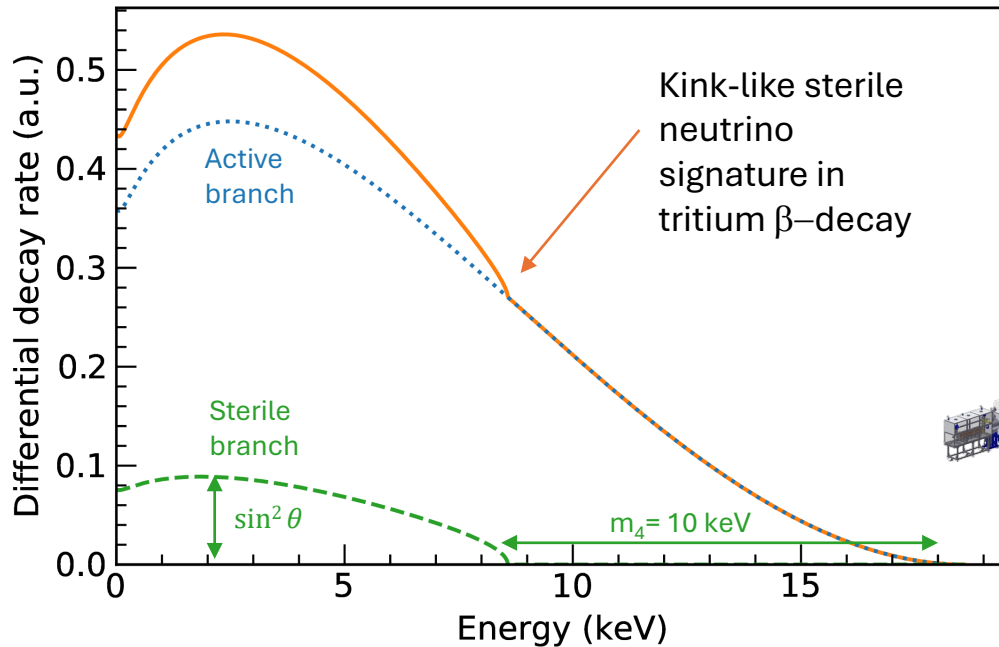
Karlsruhe TRITium Neutrino experiment



Tritium Endpoint Measurements – KATRIN/TRISTAN

Idea:

- Make use of the strong KATRIN tritium source and beamline
- Perform a differential measurement of the full tritium spectrum
- Requires new detector system → TRISTAN detector



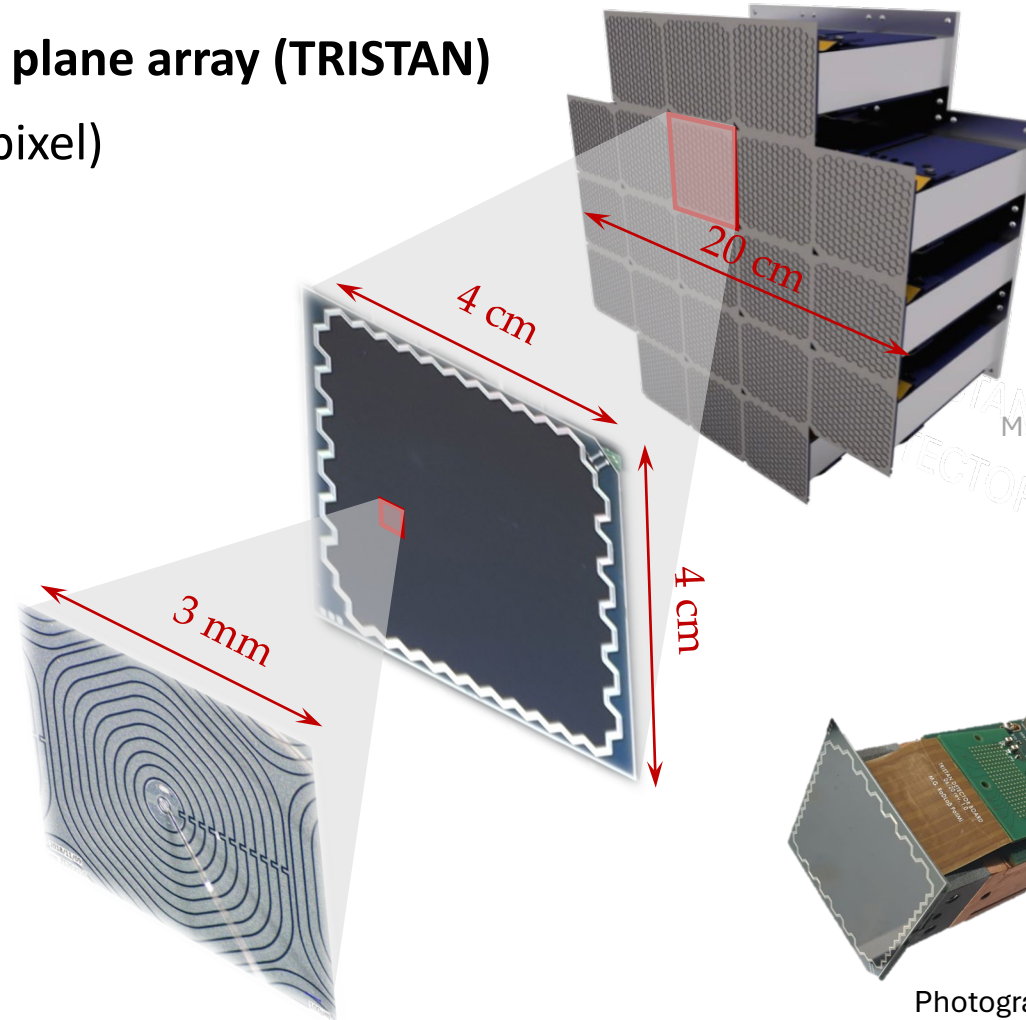
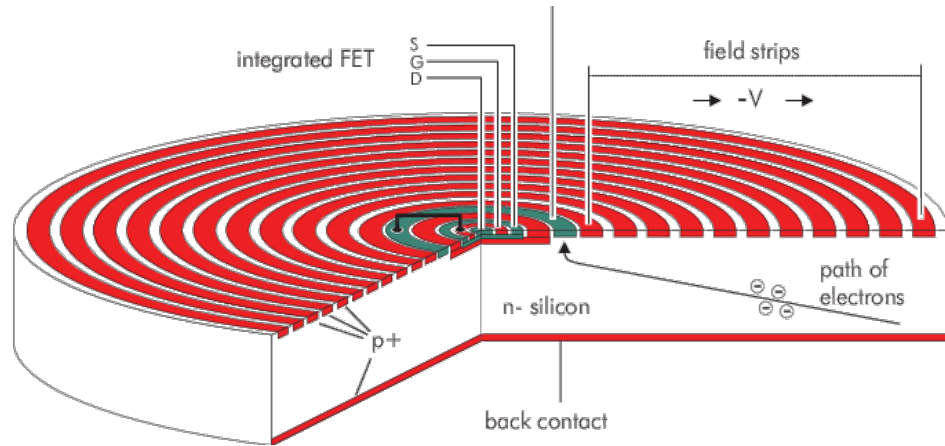
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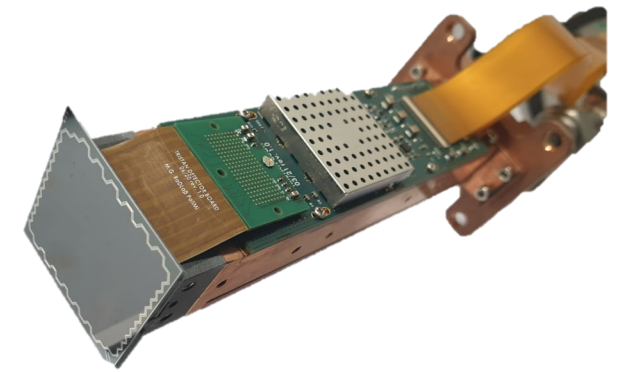


Multi-pixel (>1000) silicon drift detector focal plane array (TRISTAN)

- ✓ Capability of handling high rates ($> 10^5$ cps/pixel)
- ✓ Good energy resolution (300 eV @ 20 keV)
- ✓ Large focal plane area coverage



S. Mertens et al, J. Phys. G46 (2019)
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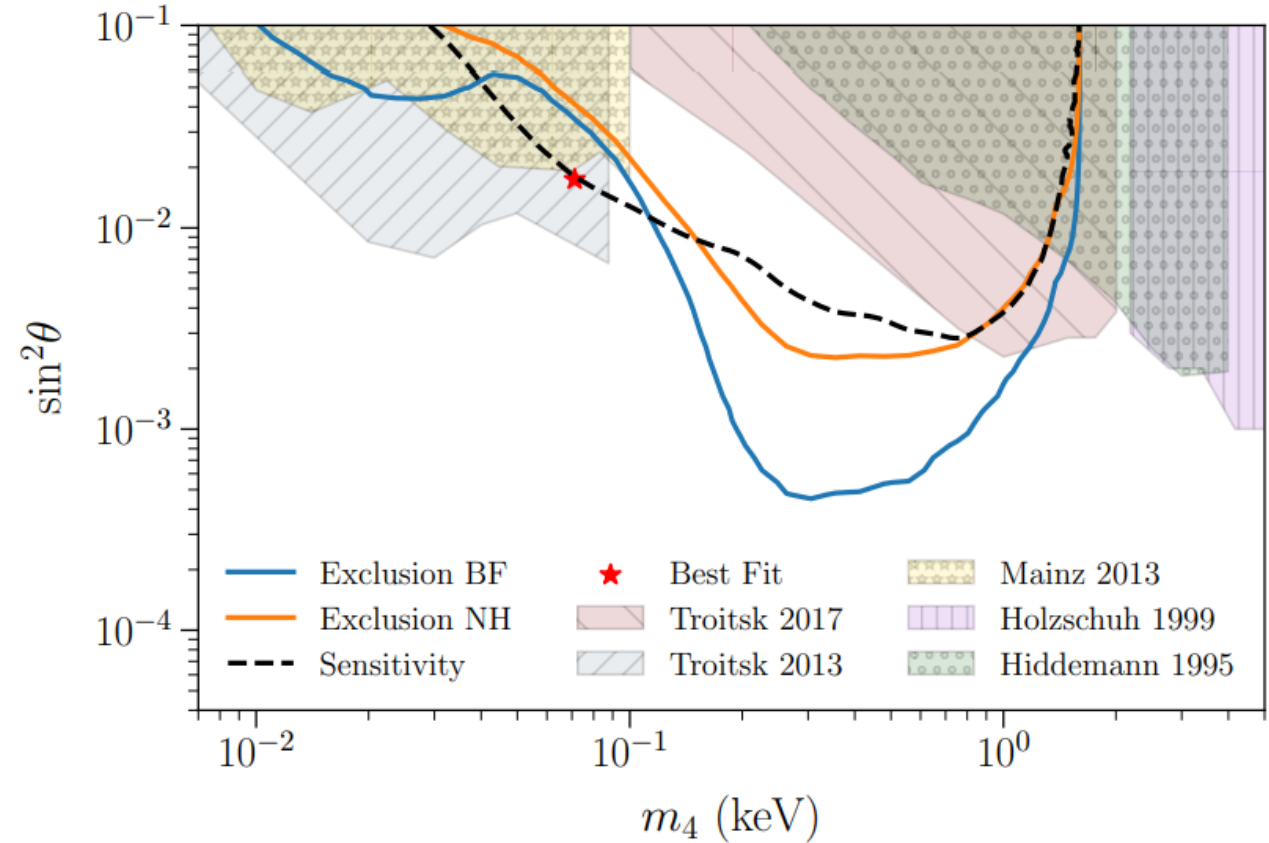
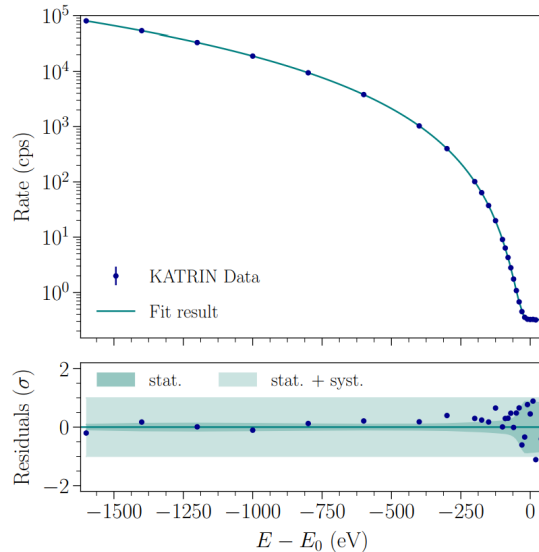
Photograph of TRISTAN module

First keV-Mass Neutrino Search with KATRIN Data

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Search for keV-scale Sterile Neutrinos with first KATRIN Data

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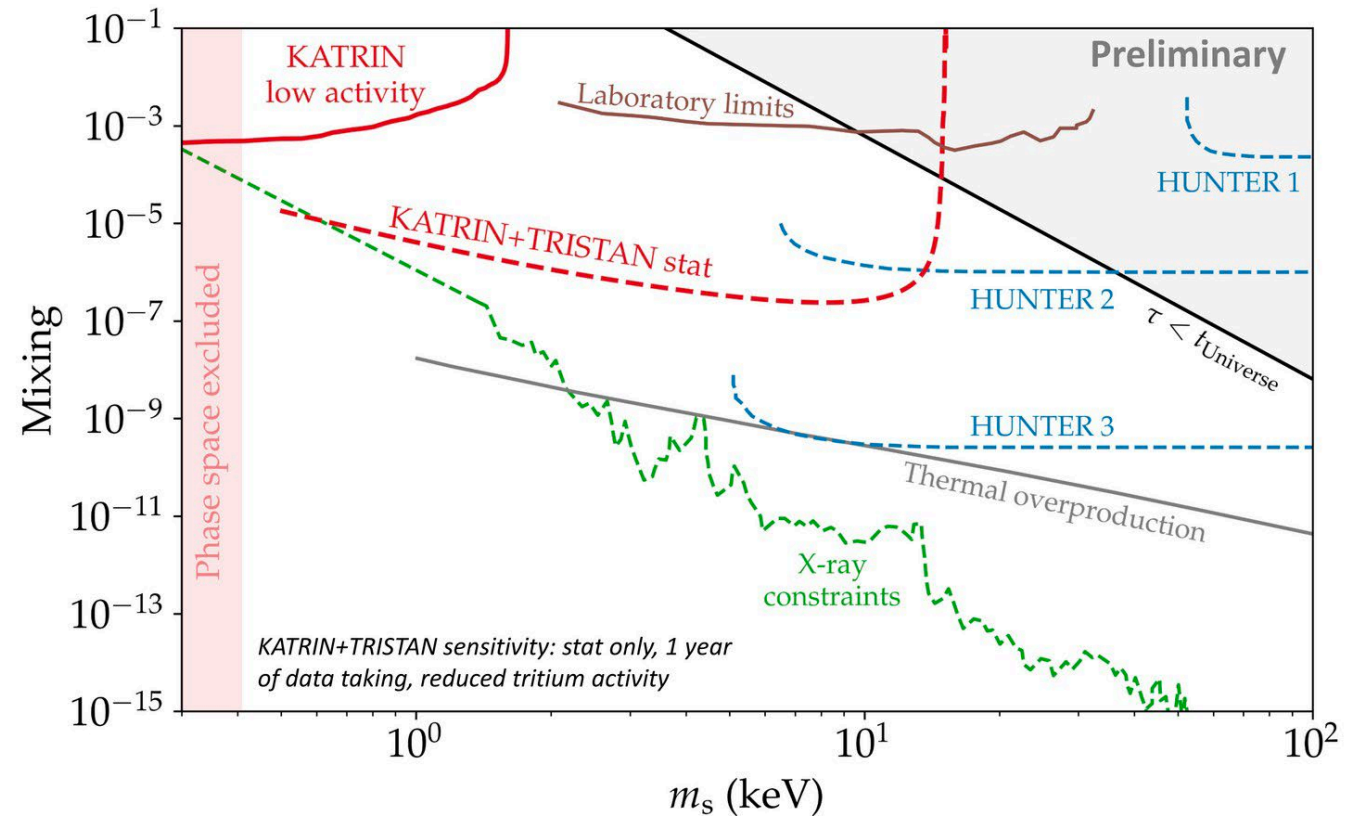
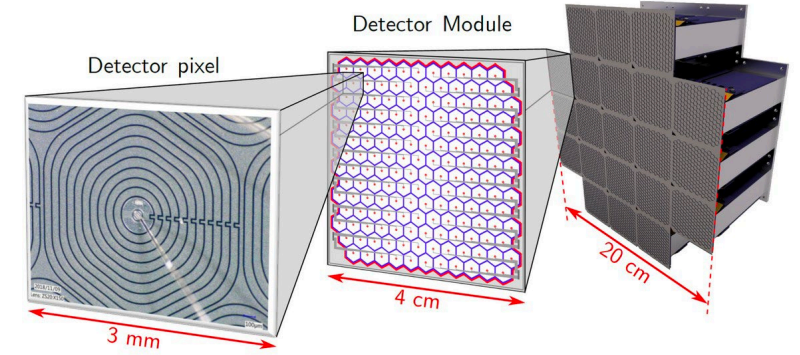


Enabled by a low activity phase during commissioning: arXiv:2207.06337

TRISTAN Sensitivity

TRISTAN project in KATRIN:

- New focal plane detector, novel multi-pixel Silicon Drift Detector array
- Large count rates
- Excellent energy resolution
- Prototypes installed as monitoring devices at KATRIN
- Target sensitivity:
 $\sin^2\theta < 10^{-6}$

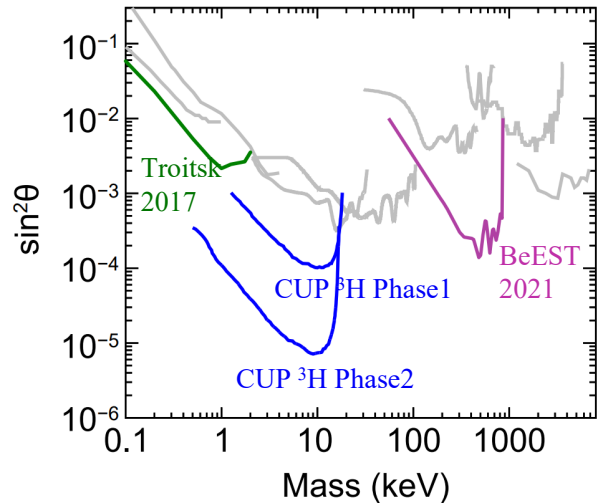
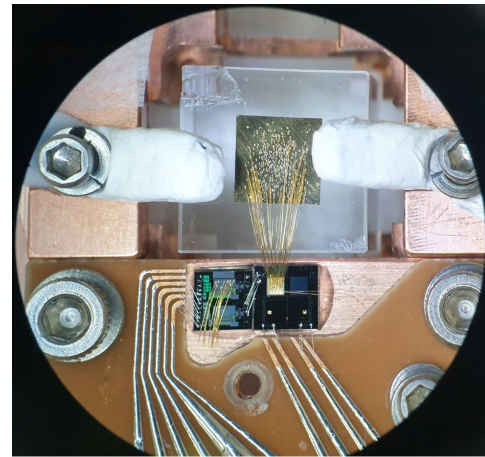
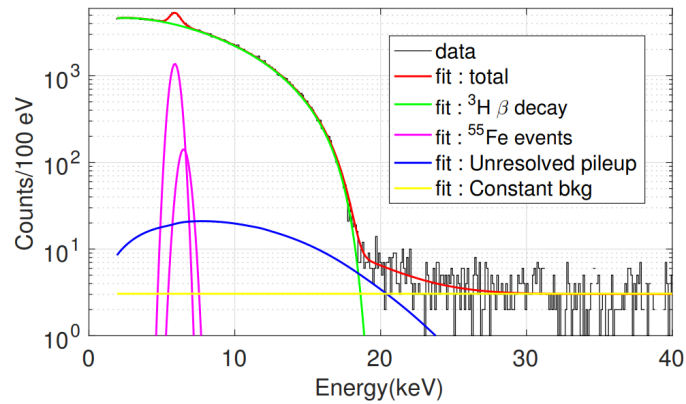
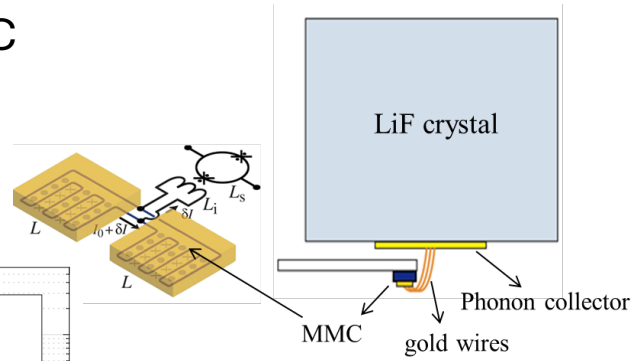


Rare Isotopes in Superconducting Sensors for keV Searches

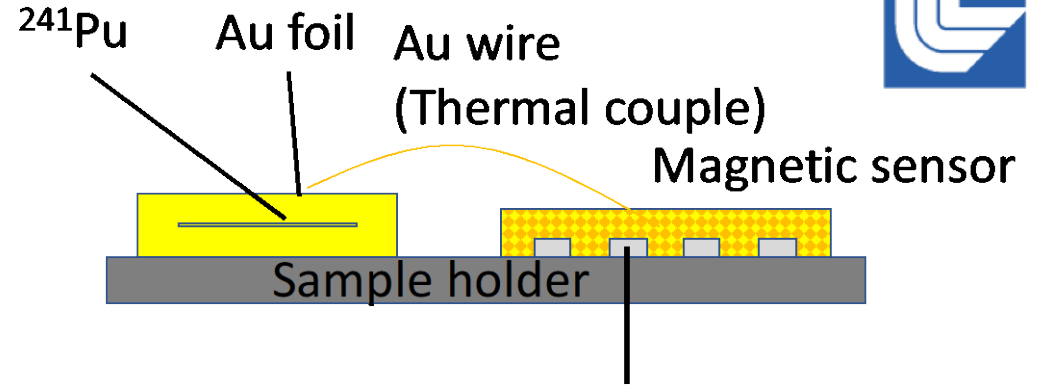
^3H in LiF Bolometer + MMC



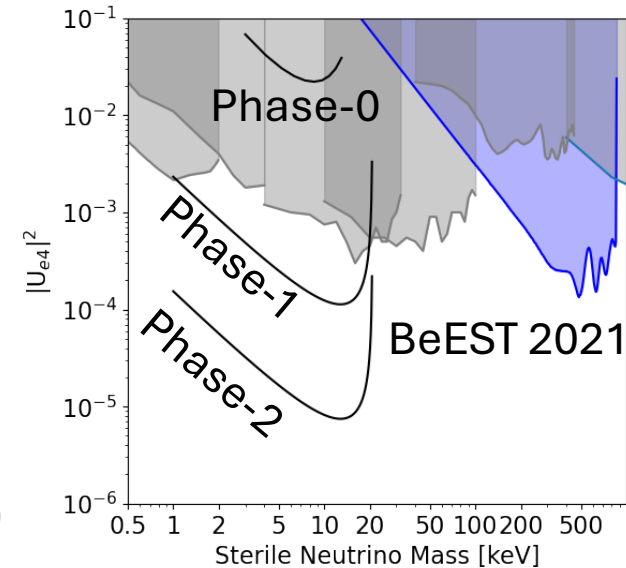
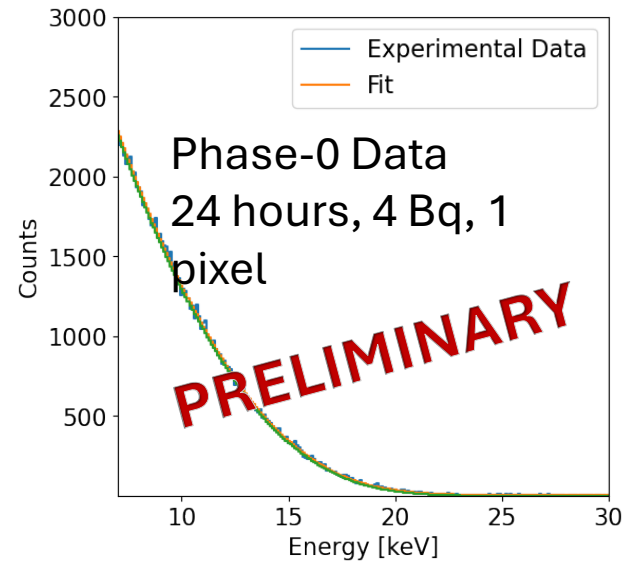
YC Lee, LTD-19 2021



^{241}Pu in Au + MMC : Magneto- ν Experiment



Superconducting Pick-up coil



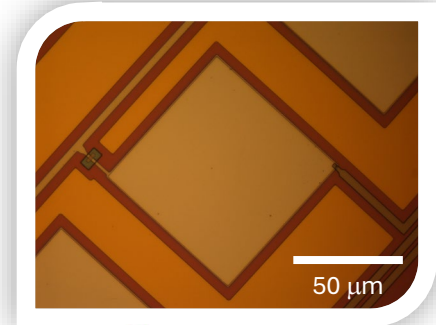


⁷Be EC Decay - The BeEST Experiment

Rare-isotope implantation at TRIUMF-ISAC

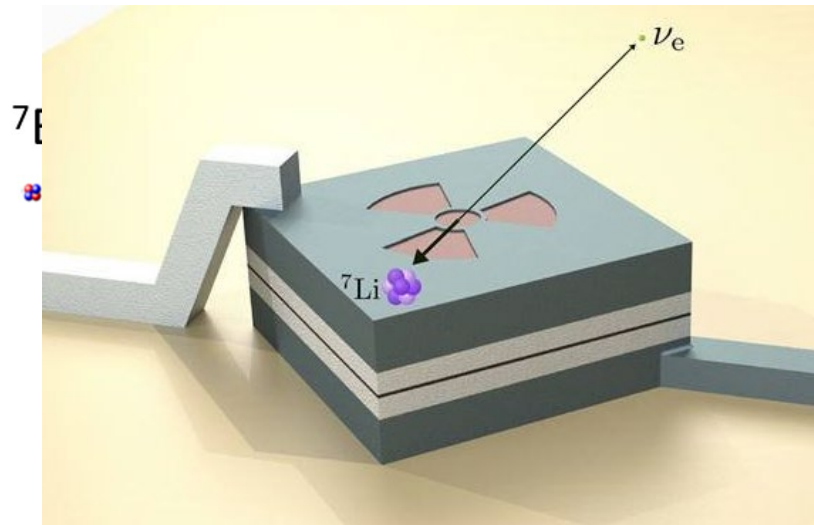
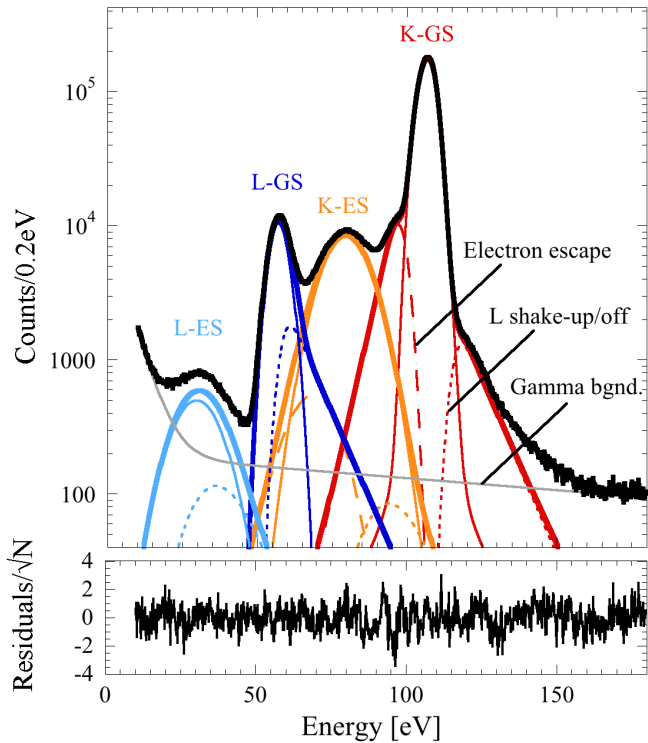


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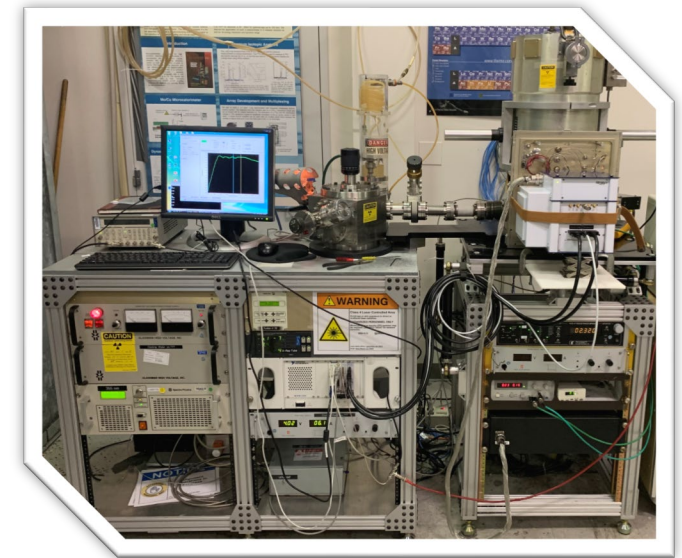


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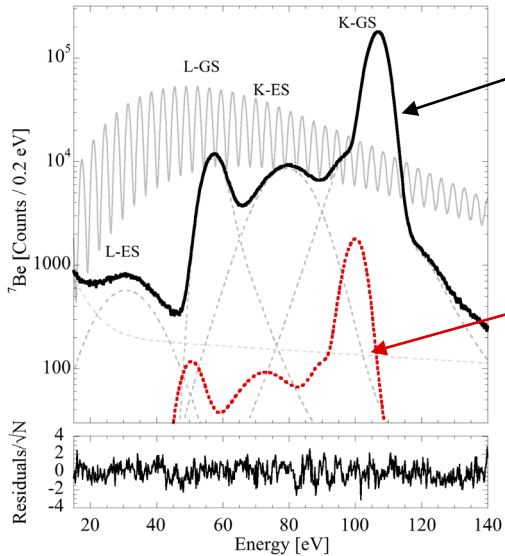
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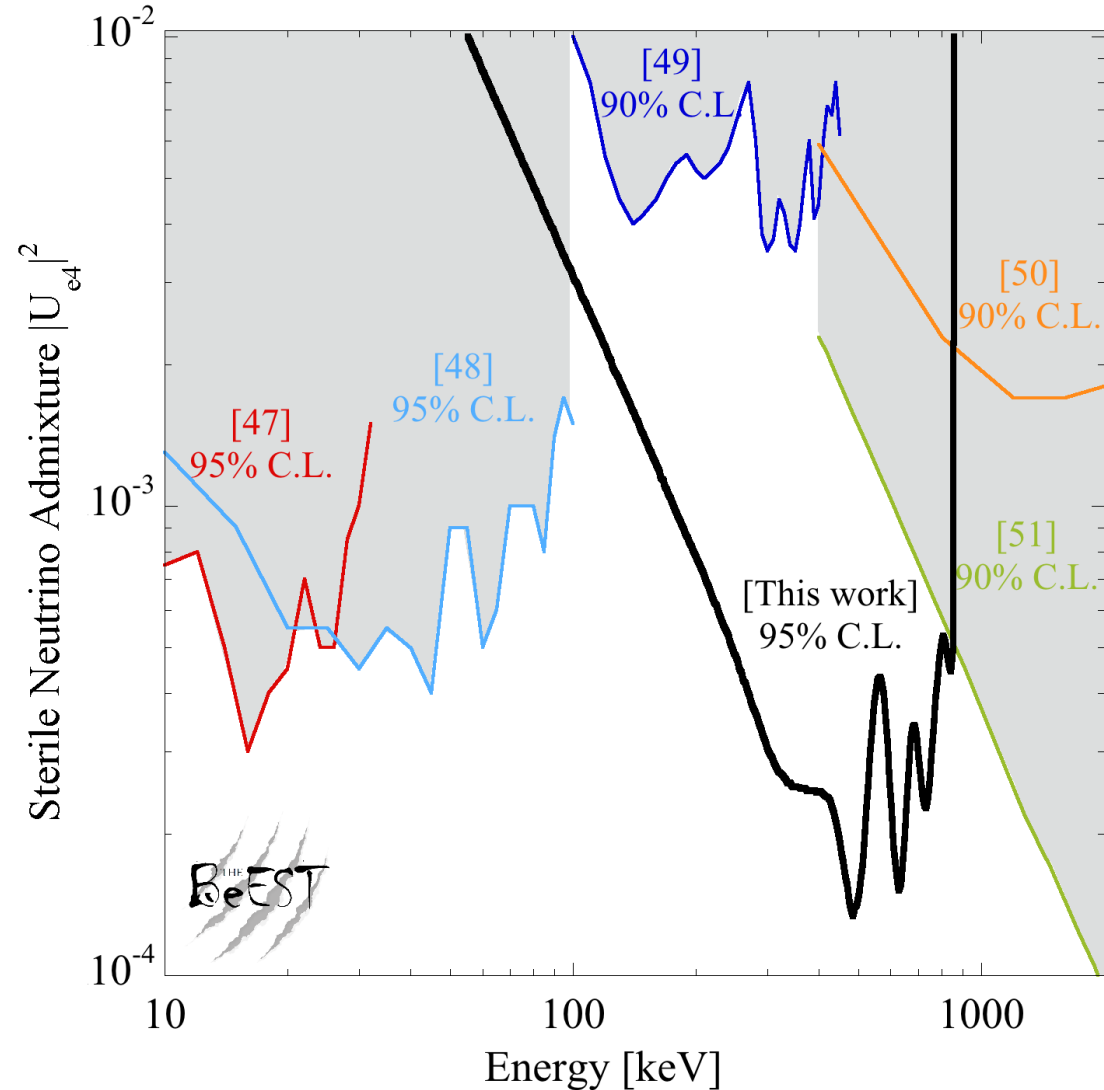
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Phase-II data from a single $138 \times 138 \mu\text{m}^2$ STJ counting at low rate (~ 10 Bq) for 28 days



Recoil spectrum generated by pseudo-degenerate mass states from ~ 28 days of counting

Example of signal that would be generated by 300 keV neutrino with 1% mixing



Future Projections for keV-MeV Mass Searches

- Nuclear decay provides a powerful, model-independent probe in the keV – MeV mass range
- Significant progress in measurements over the past 3 years – enabled by quantum sensing
- Experiments poised to increase sensitivity by 5+ orders of magnitude in the next decade

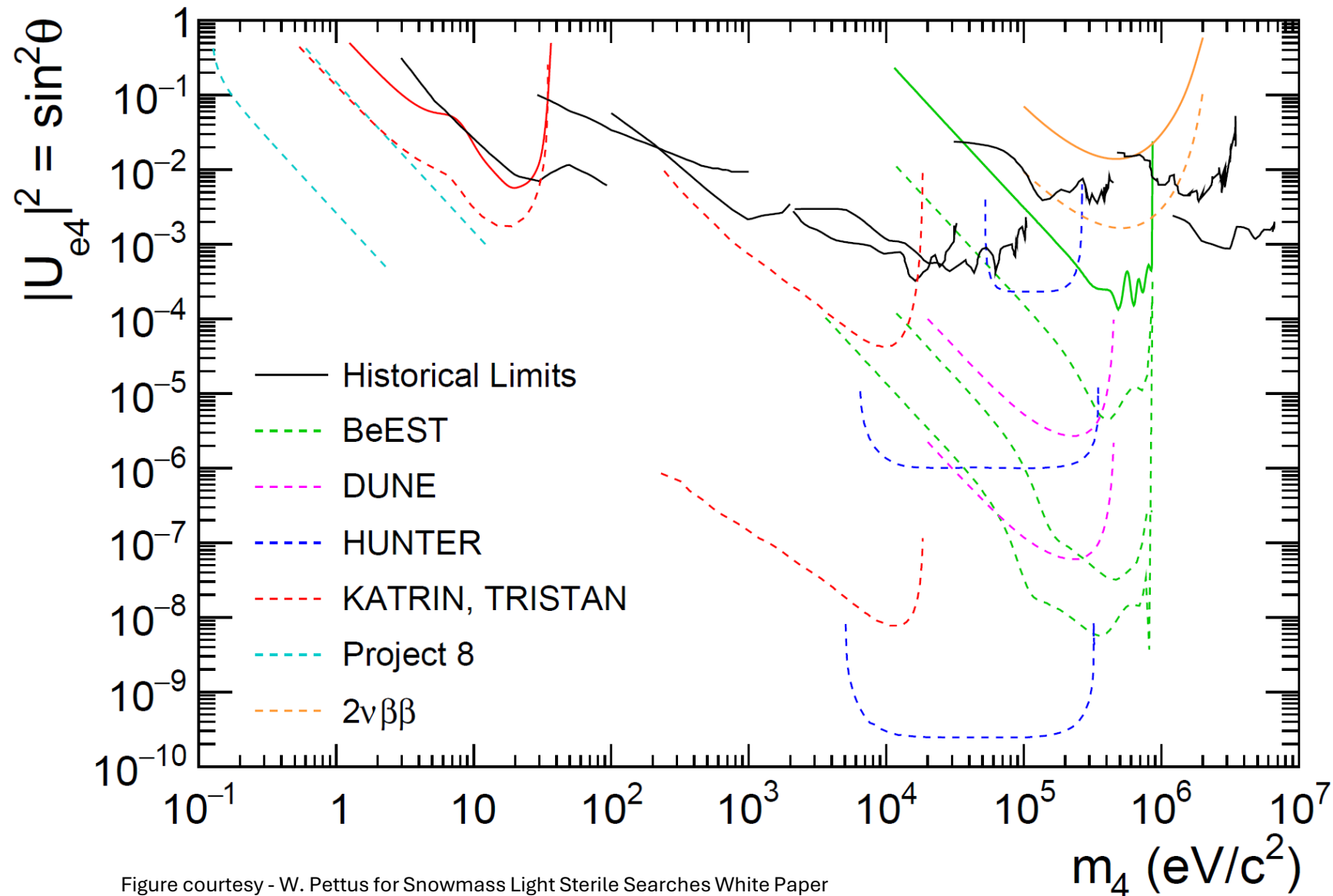
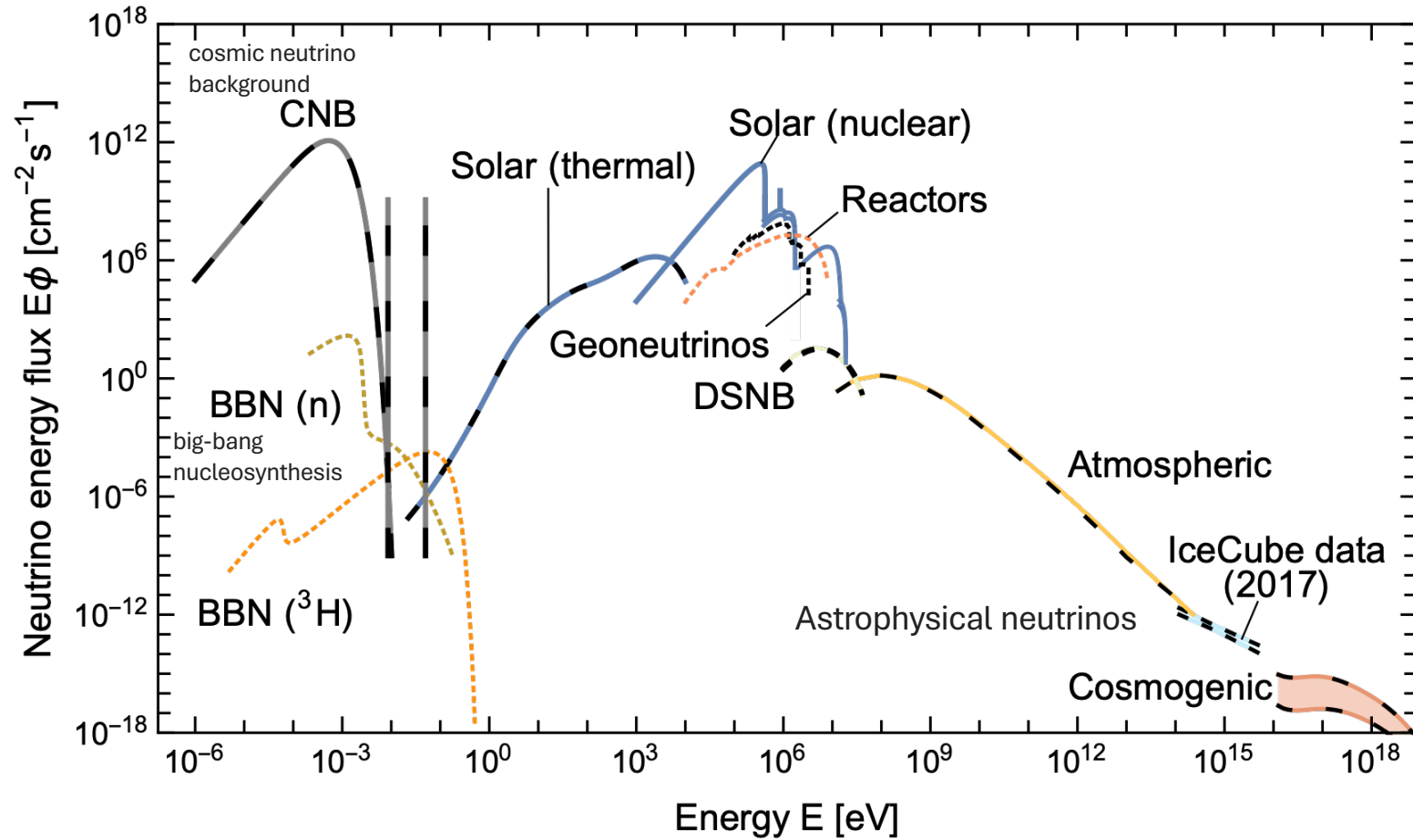


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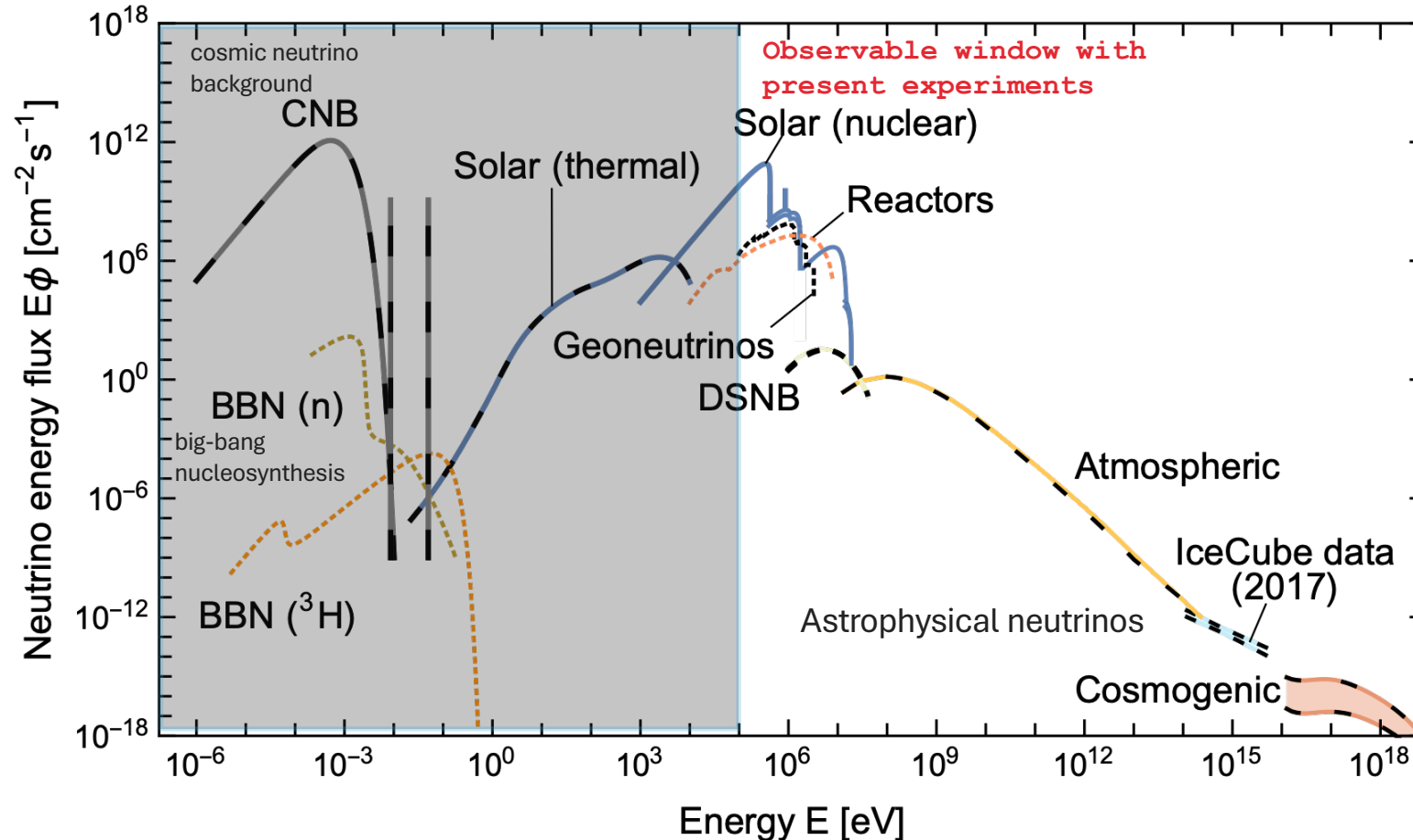


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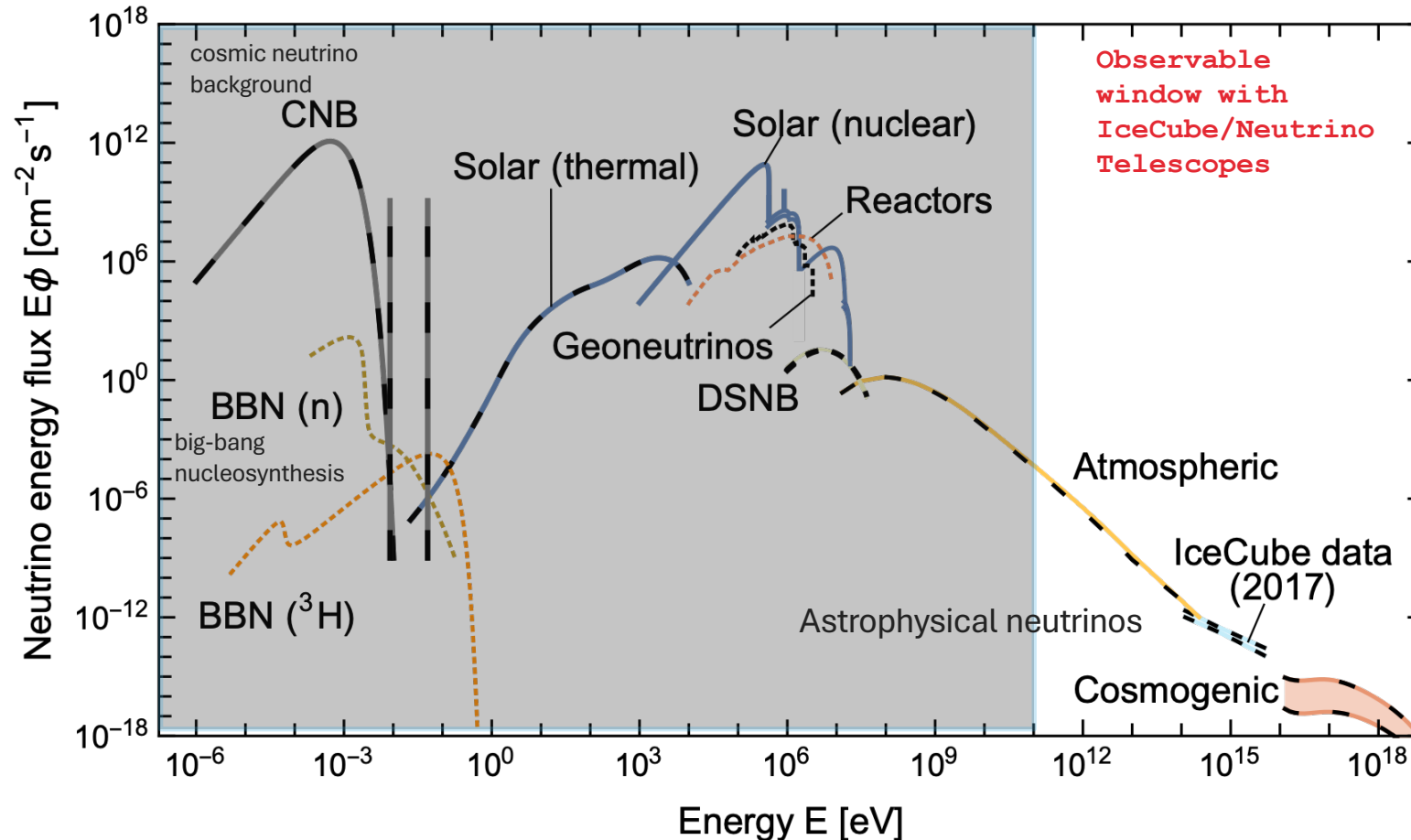
Grand Unified Neutrino Spectrum (GUNS) at Earth integrated over directions and flavours

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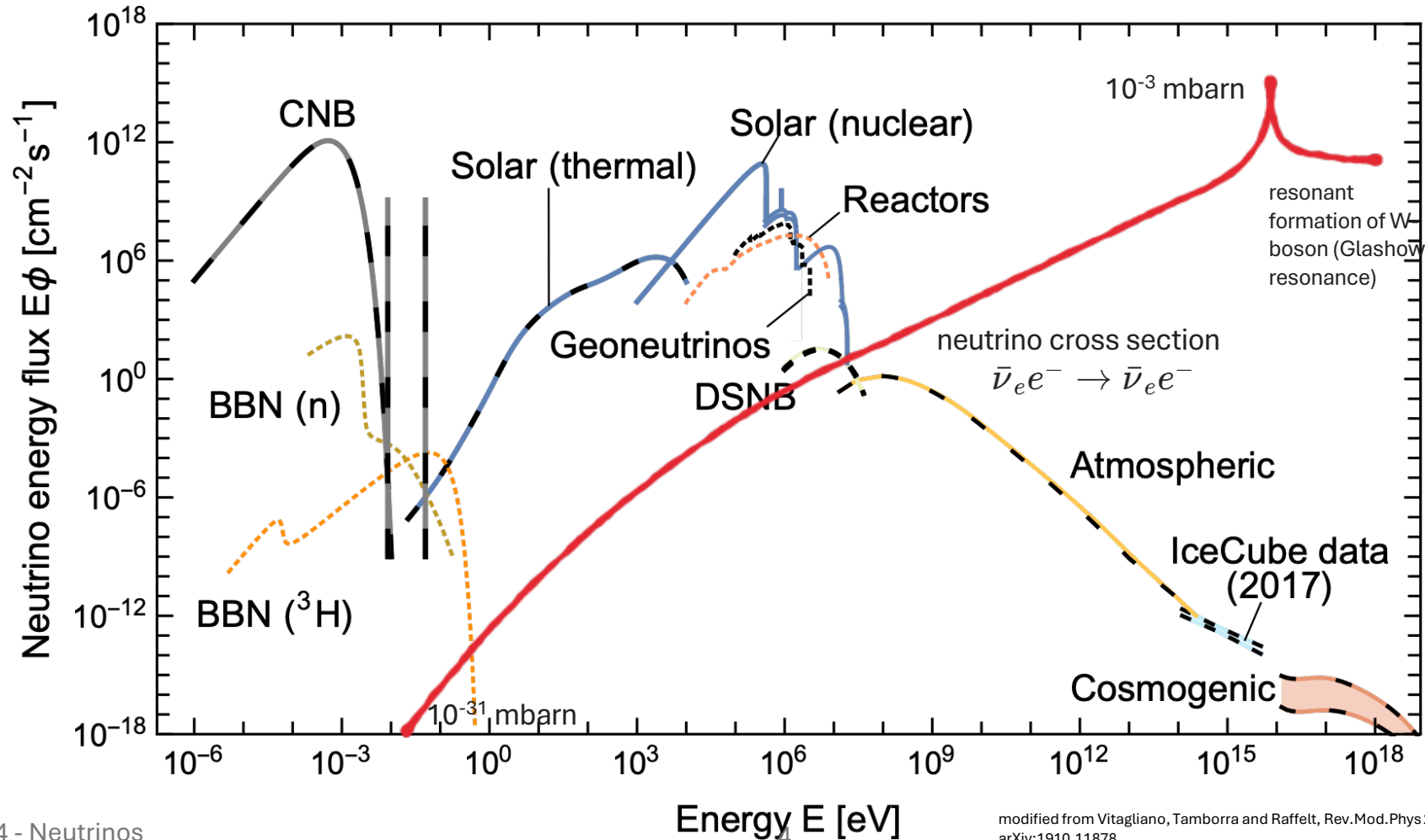
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Neutrinos from the Universe



$\gamma + \gamma_{\text{CMB}} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$
PeV photons interact with
microwave photons ($411/\text{cm}^3$)
before reaching our telescopes

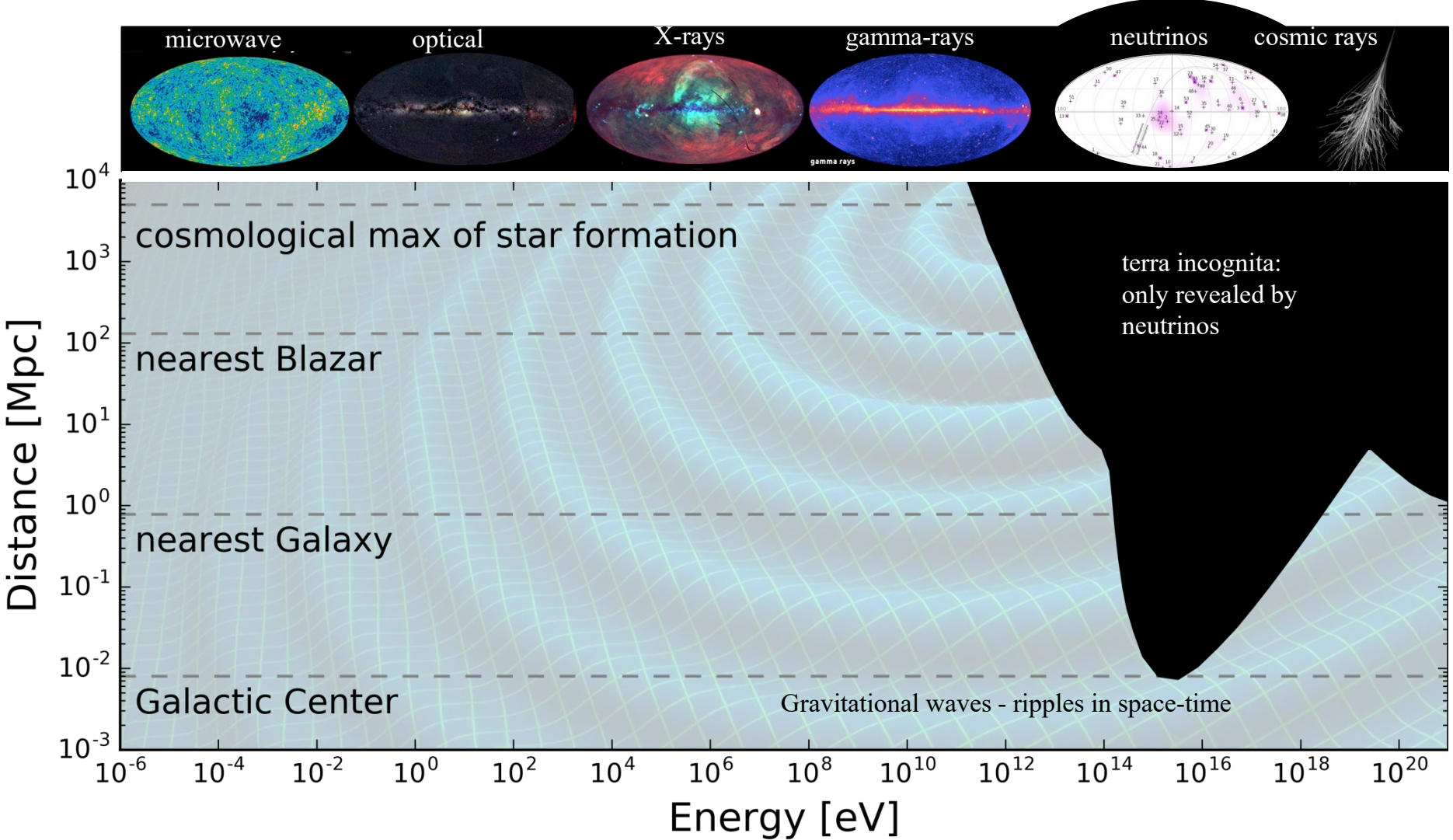
- The sky is opaque for photons above $\sim 100\text{TeV}$
- Charged particles like protons do not point back to the origin
- Neutrinos lose very little energy propagating and are not deflected by electromagnetic fields or the photon field.

Proton

Photon

Neutrino

highest energy “radiation” from the Universe: neutrinos and cosmic rays



Universe is opaque above ~100 TeV energy

10,000 times too small to
do neutrino astronomy...

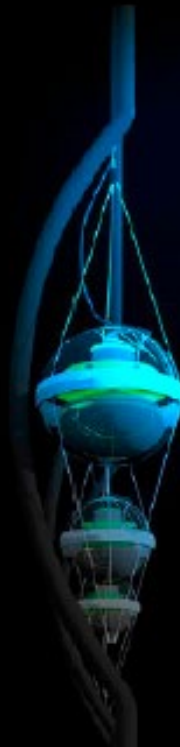
Instead, use natural
bodies of water like
Lake Baikal or the
Mediterranean
(ANTARES), or...

(c) Kamioka Observatory, ICRR(Institute for Cosmic Ray Research), The University of Tokyo,

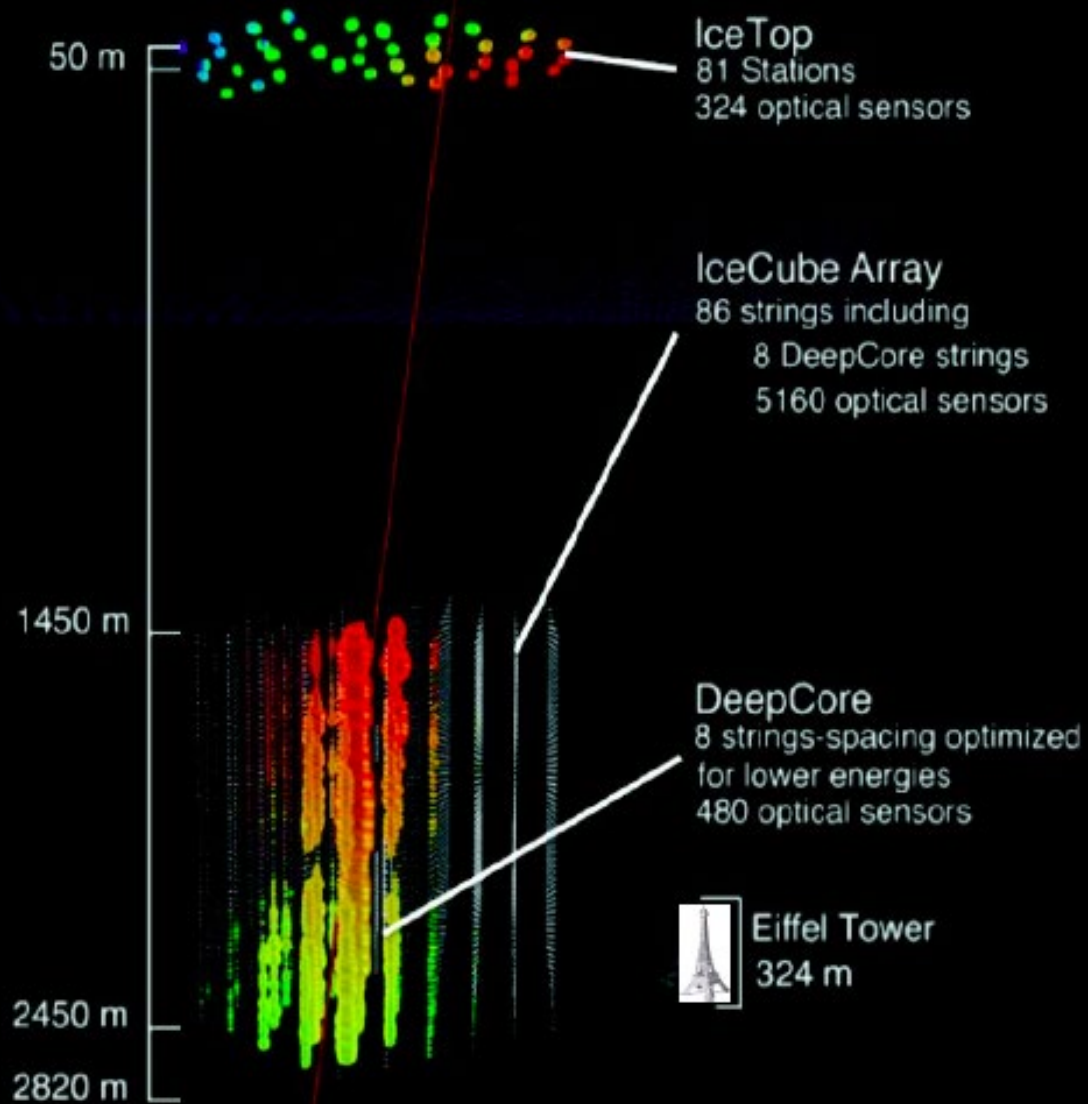


ultra-transparent ice below 1.5 km

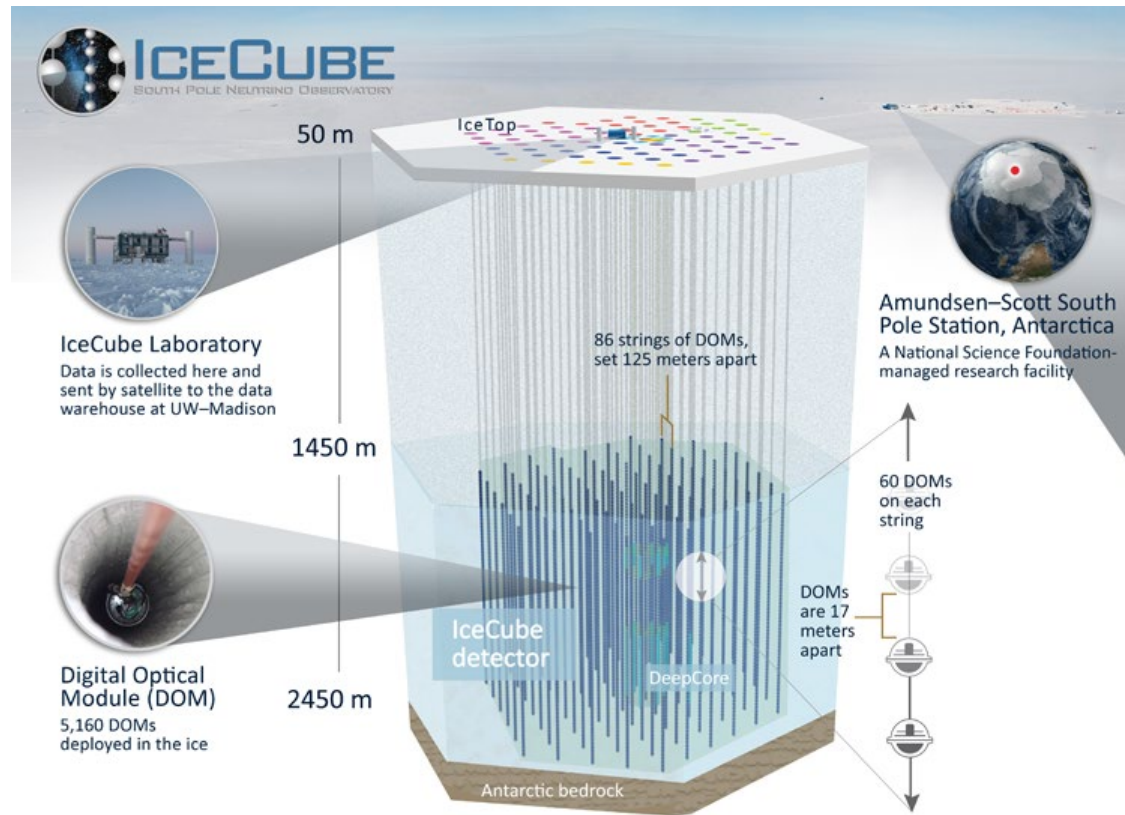
the IceCube Neutrino Observatory



5160 DOMs
instrumenting 1 km³
(1 GT) of clear ice
2 ns time resolution

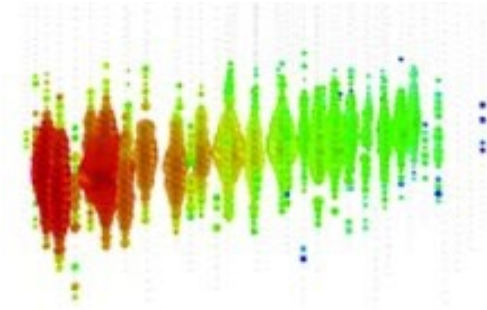


IceCube & DeepCore

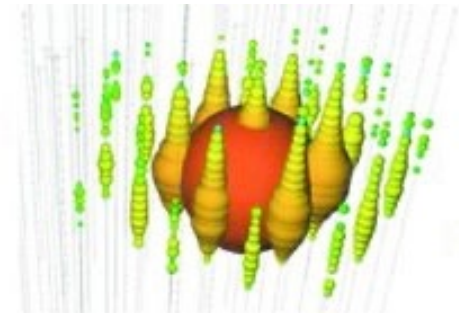


- Completed in 2011

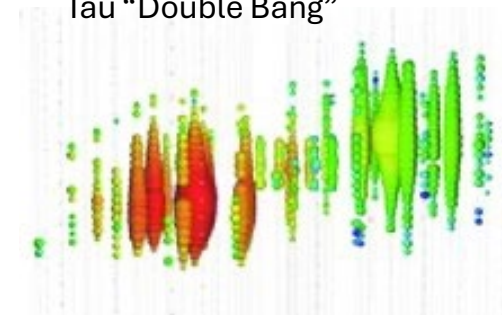
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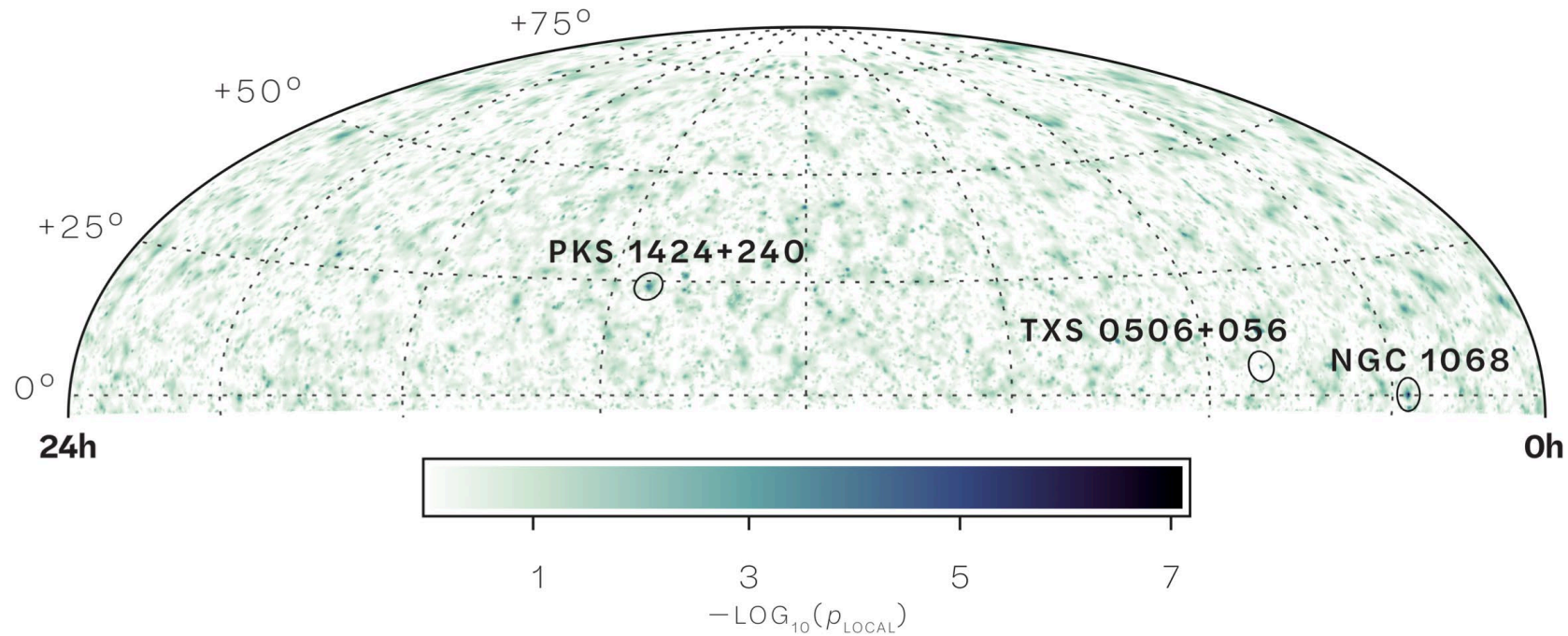
Electron Cascade



Tau "Double Bang"

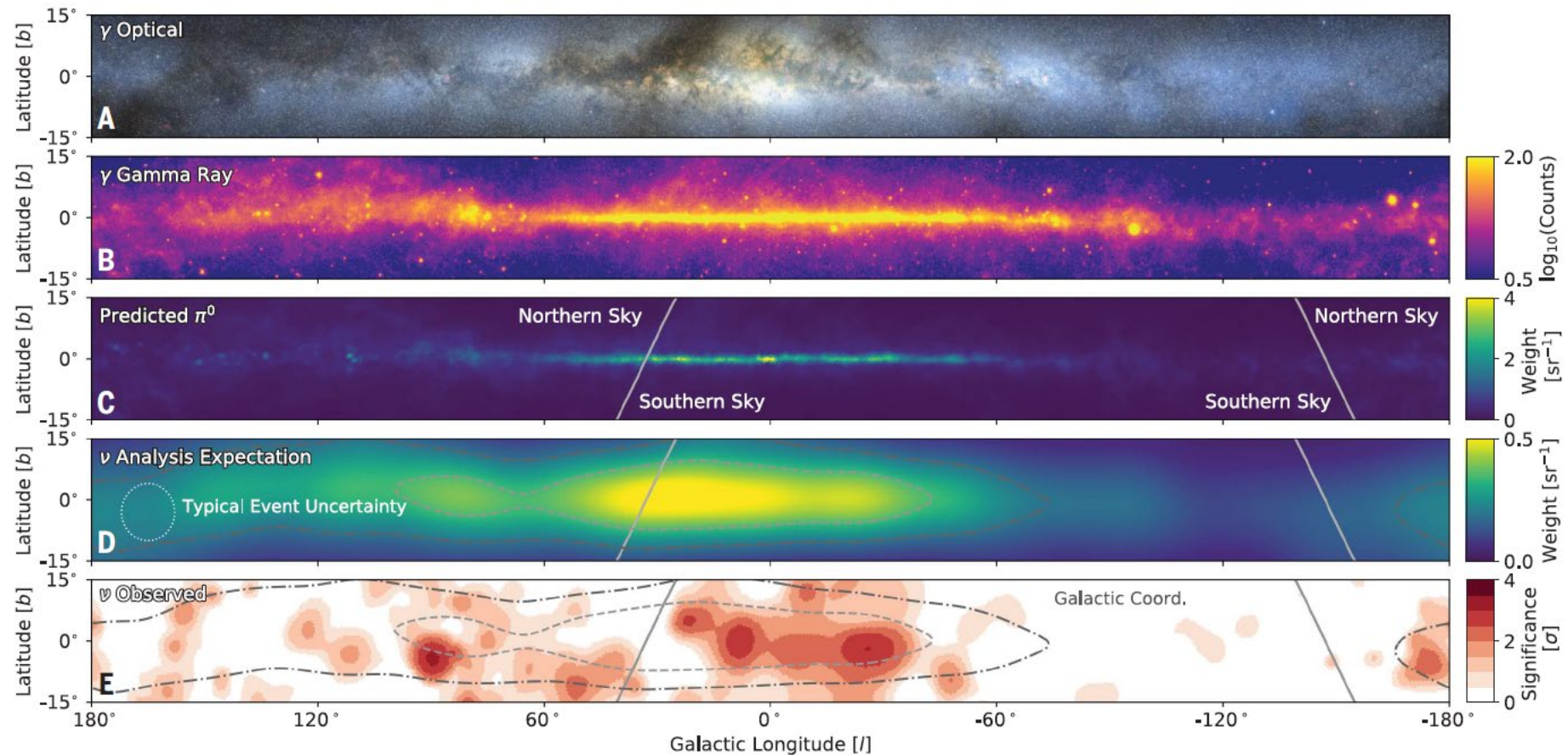


Search for Neutrino Sources

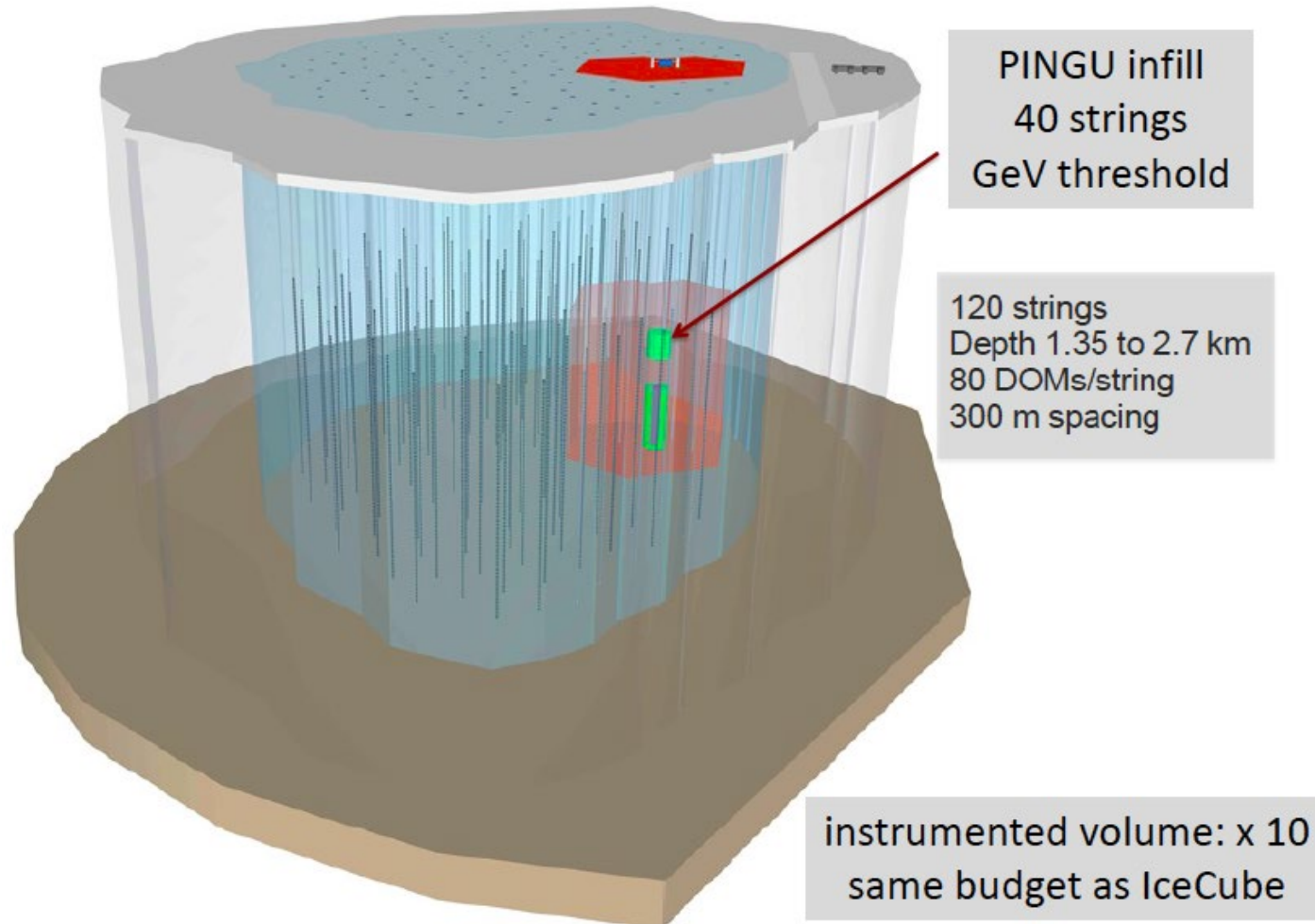


- The first neutrino sources have been identified using IceCube!

Observation of high-energy neutrinos from the Galactic plane with IceCube



The future of IceCube



Up-and-coming neutrino telescopes

Baikal-GVD neutrino telescope



Presently detector consists of 110 strings arranged into 14 independent detectors - clusters

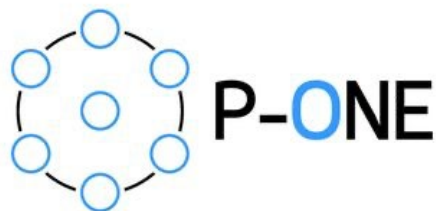
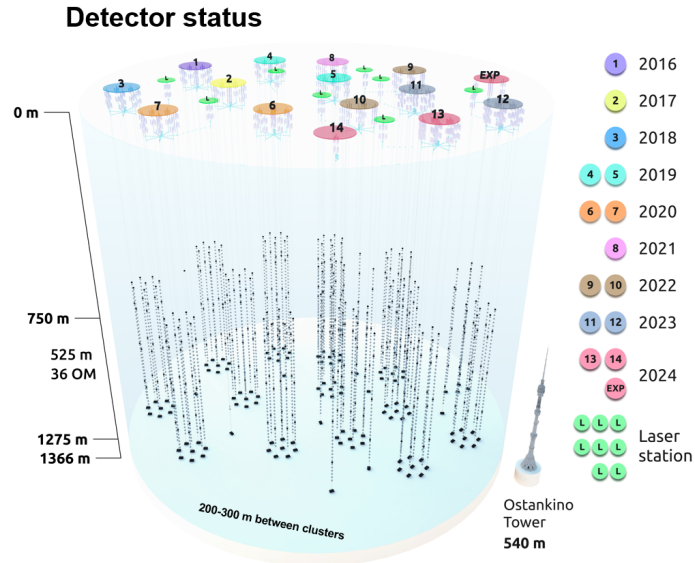
- 3960 OMs in total

Baikal-GVD cluster:

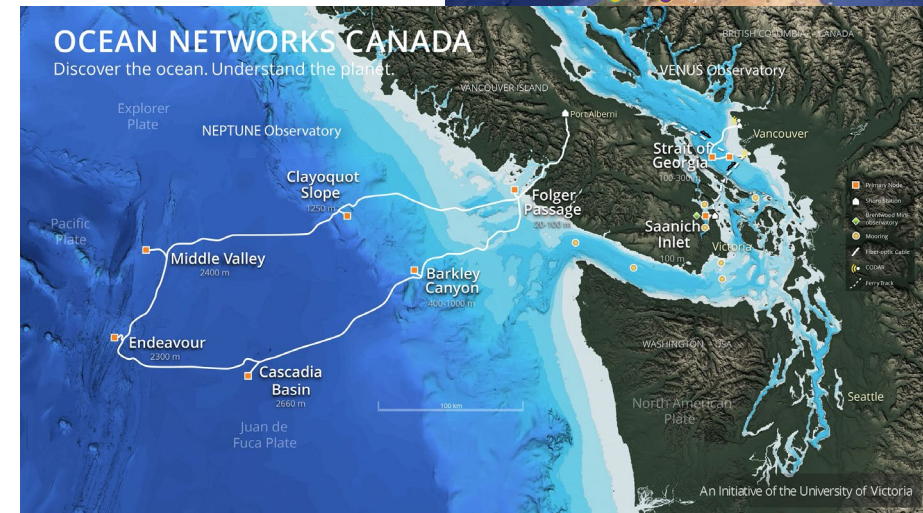
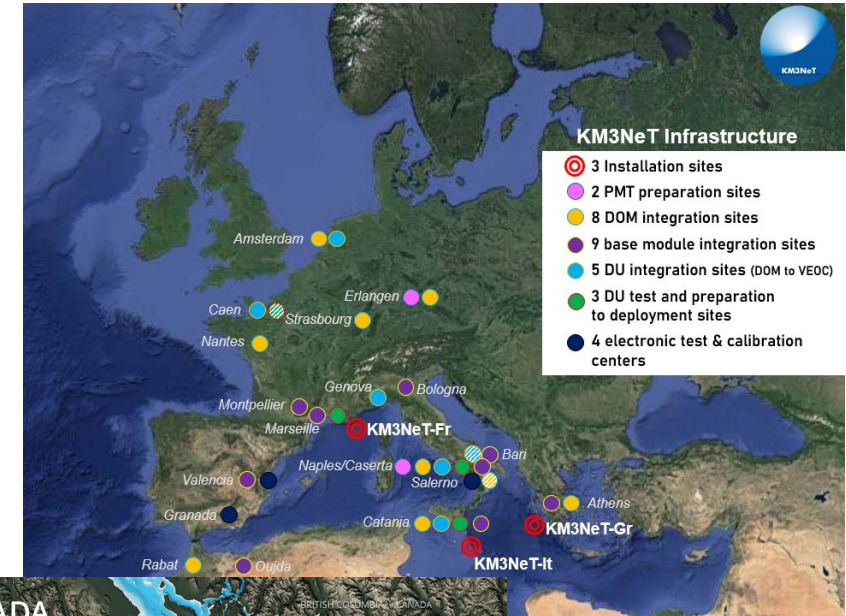
- 8 regular strings, 525 m is instrumented with optical modules (OM)
- 60m radius
- Inter-cluster string carrying lasers, some instrumented with OMs
- Has its own control, trigger and readout systems

Additional cluster "EXP":

- 4 strings with experimental high-speed DAQ



KM3NeT in Europe



P-ONE

- Alberta, Queen's, SFU, TRIUMF, TUM, Erlangen (Germany) and Drexel, Maryland, MSU (USA), Krakow (Poland), UCL (UK) Collaboration
- Started in 2018 with the deployment of a test setup to assess the water quality
- Significant funding in Germany for the first strings was secured in 2022
- The first US, Canadian and Polish funding was also secured in 2022, allowing for a robust effort to start prototype development and testing



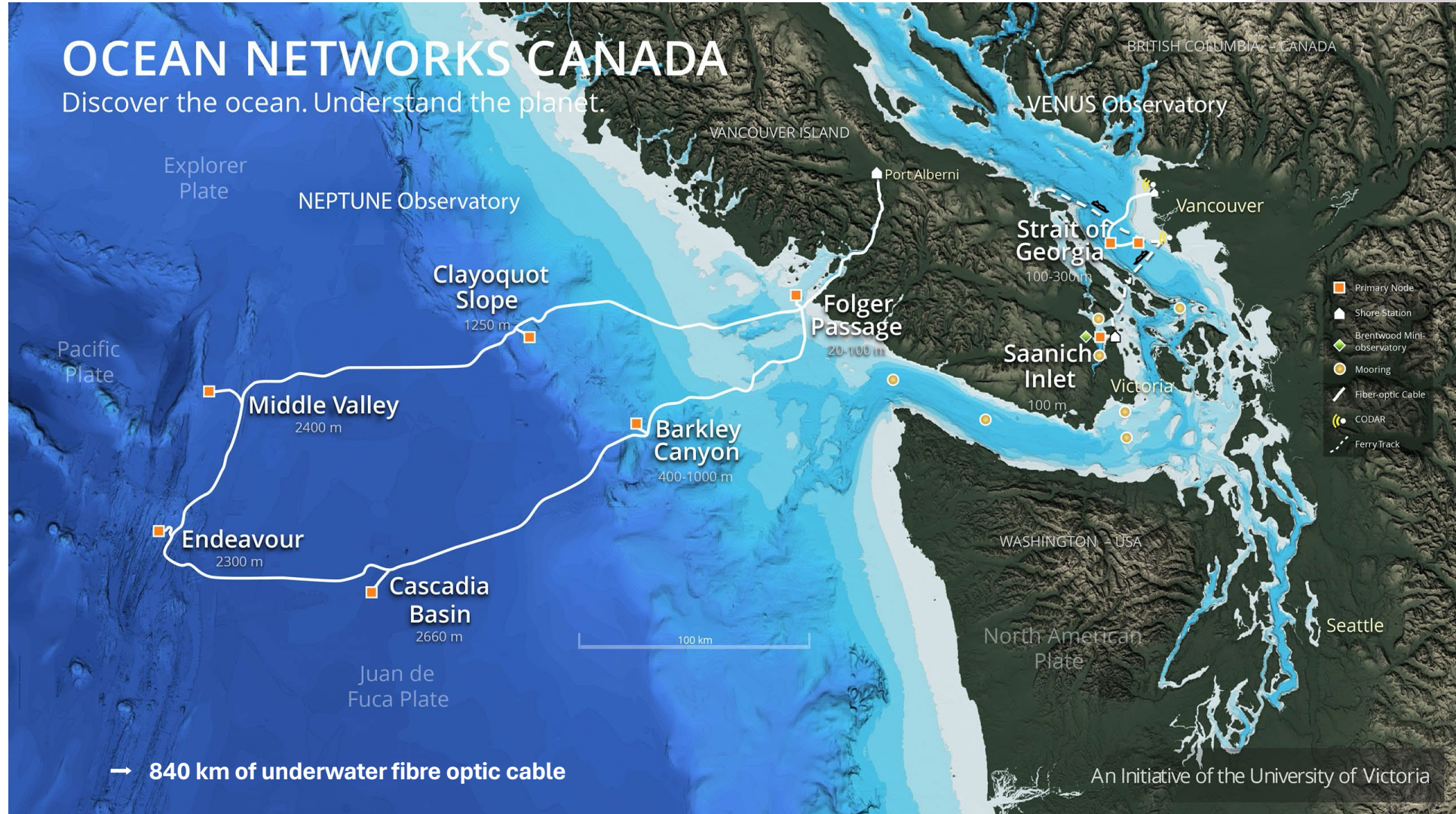
The Cascadia Basin Site



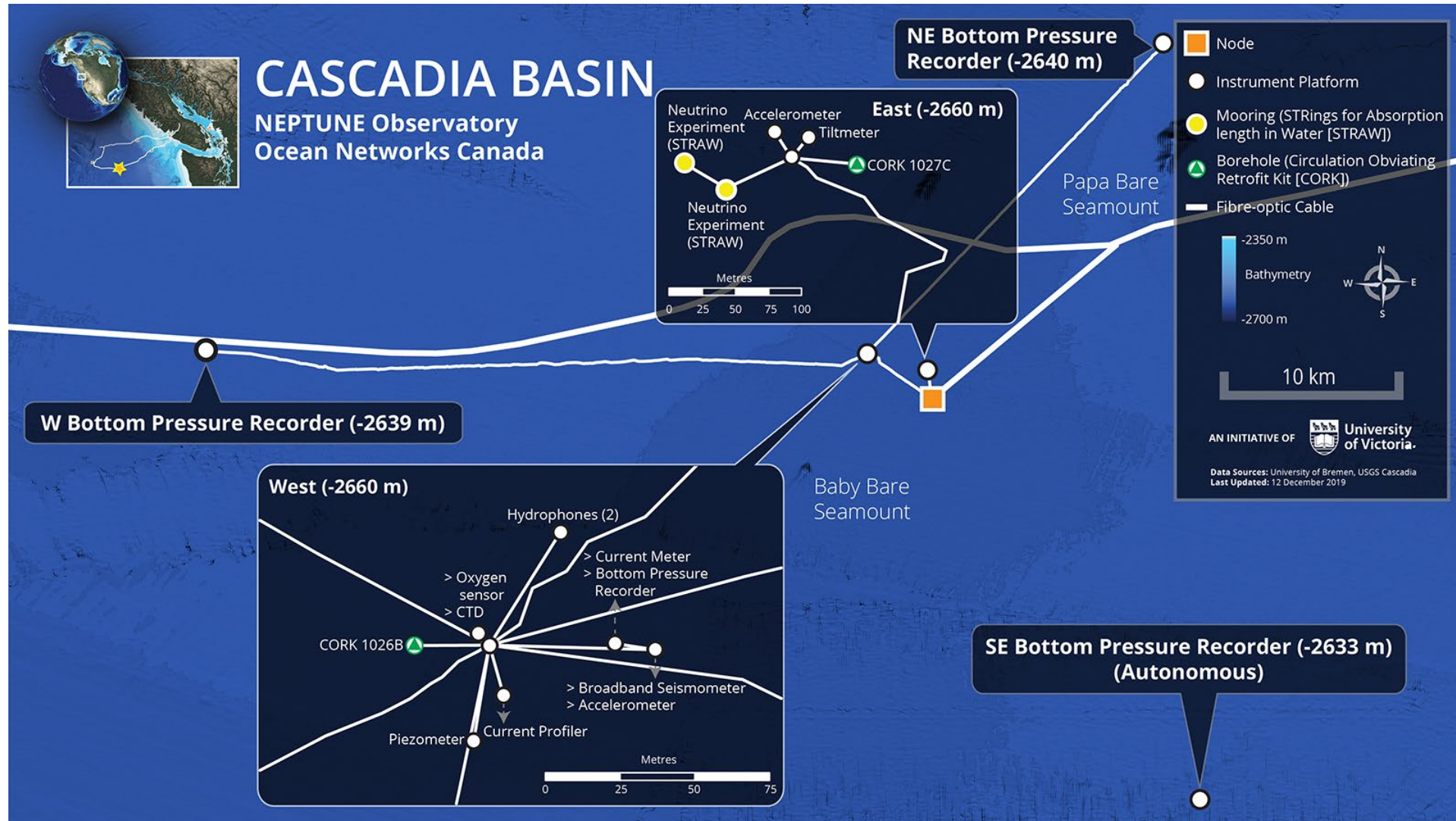
Sea spider
(Pycnogonida)

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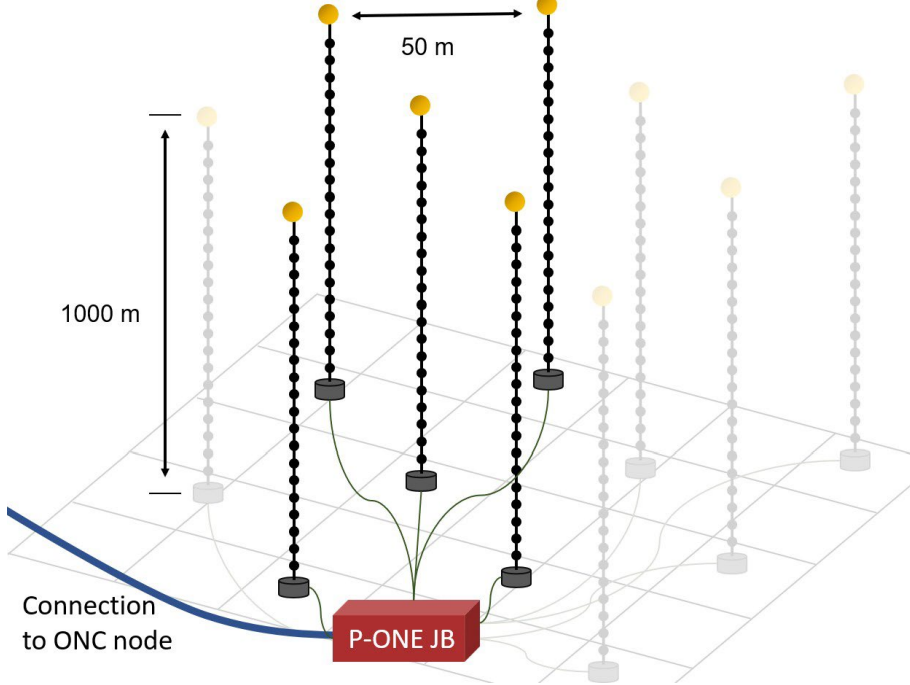
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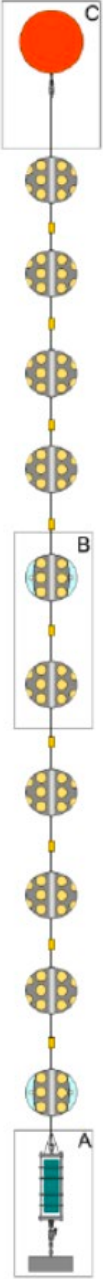
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Pacific Ocean Neutrino Experiment (P-ONE) Demonstrator

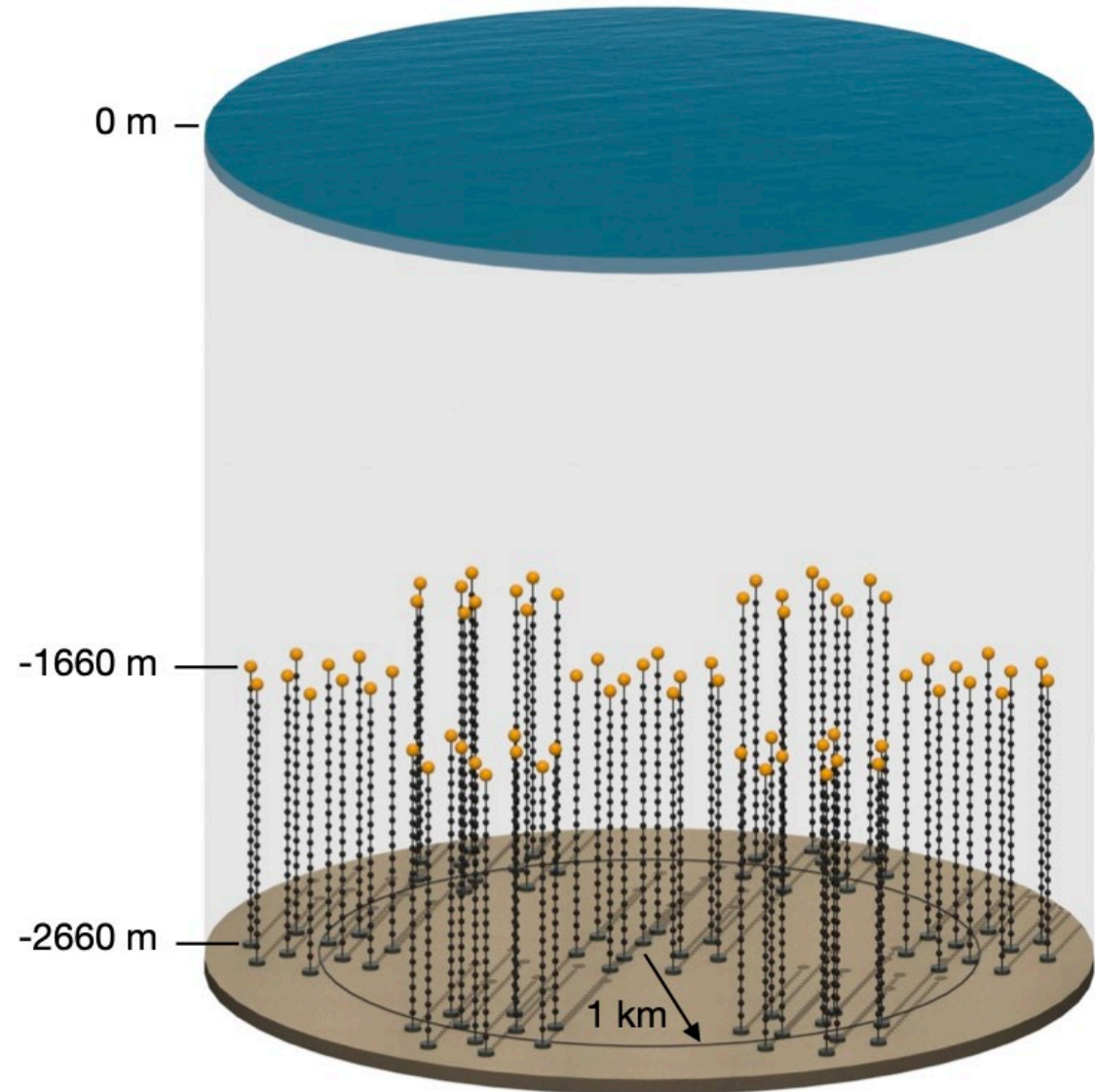


- Time scale for realization: 2024, first mooring line, more in the following years
- 1 km long mooring line
- Up to 10 strings with 20 optical and calibration modules each
- Instrumented volume $>1/8 \text{ km}^3$



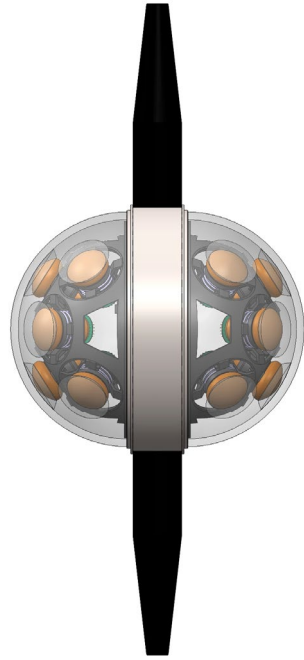
Pacific Ocean Neutrino Experiment (P-ONE)

- The P-ONE collaboration aims to construct a km^3 scale detector by constructing seven identical modules of the *Demonstrator* type
- The optimal final arrangement is currently under study



Large Area Photon Detection

P-OM

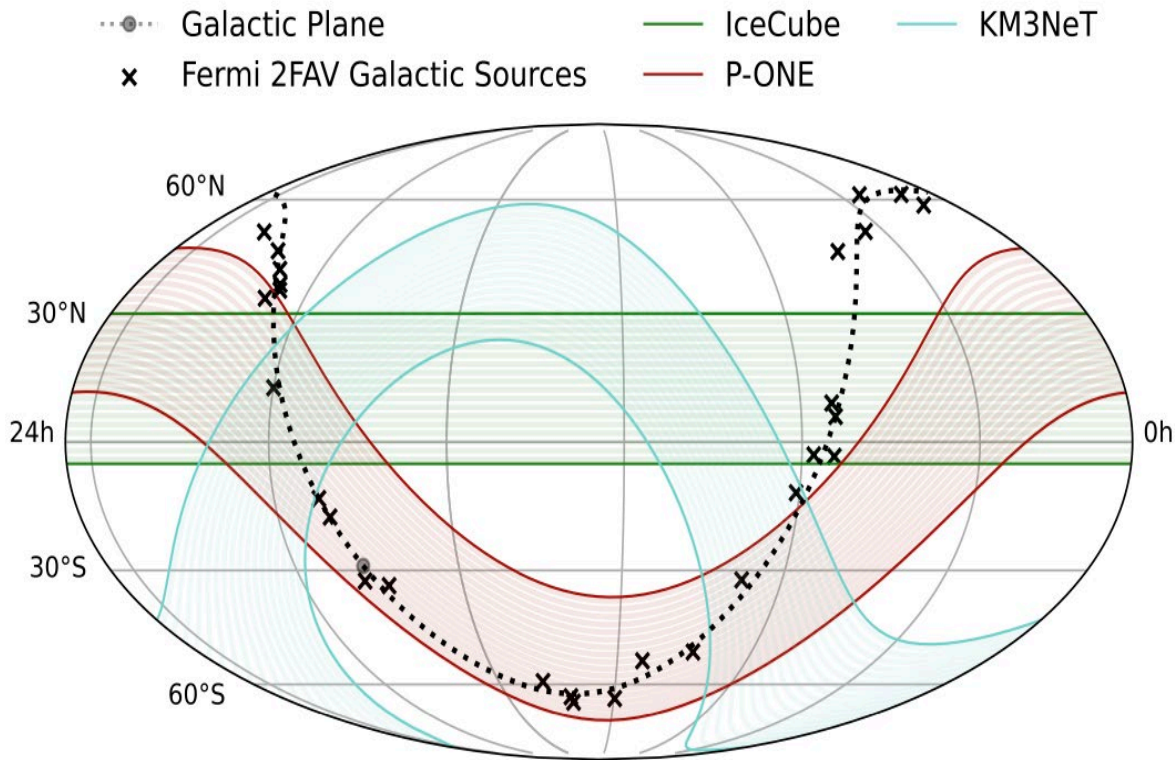


P-CAL



- The instrumentation of the ~200 optical modules of P-ONE will use KM3NeT/IceCube-like multi PMT digital optical modules
- 3" PMTs offer a good cost to surface area ratio
- Using a novel, side mounted housing allows obstruction-free observation

P-ONE Goals - Demonstrator



COMMISSIONING! PROOF OF CONCEPT,
SUCCESSFUL OPERATION 100% DUTY CYCLE



CALIBRATION! IN-SITU BACKGROUNDS, DETECTORS,
ATMOSPHERIC BACKGROUNDS



PHYSICS GOALS:

- FIRST NEUTRINOS IN PACIFIC OCEAN
- IMPLEMENTATION OF MULTI MESSENGER PROTOCOL
- DEVELOPMENT OF ν -FLAVOUR PARTICLE ID

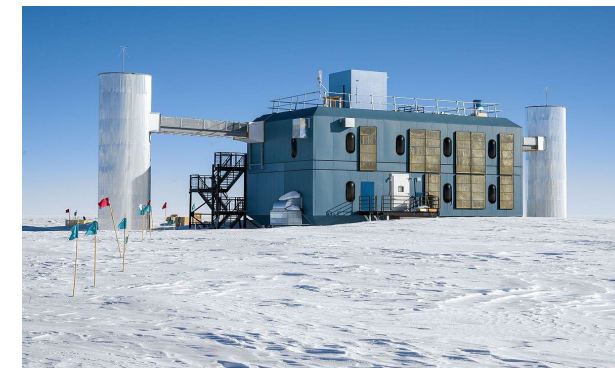
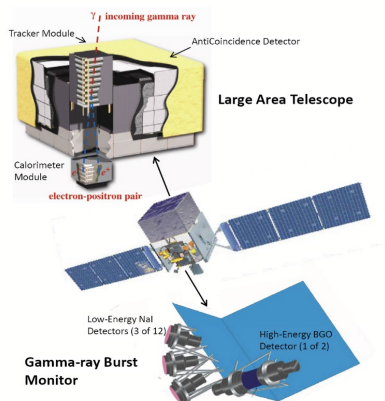


TRIGGER AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT (P-ONE)
SYNERGETIC OPERATION ν -TELESCOPES





Global Coordinate Network (GCN) alert follow-up



Fermi-GBM/LAT:

[$T_0 - 1 \text{ day}, T_0$],
 [$T_0 - 1 \text{ day}, T_0 + 12 \text{ hours}$],
 [$T_0 - 1 \text{ day}, T_0 + 1 \text{ day}$]

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA:

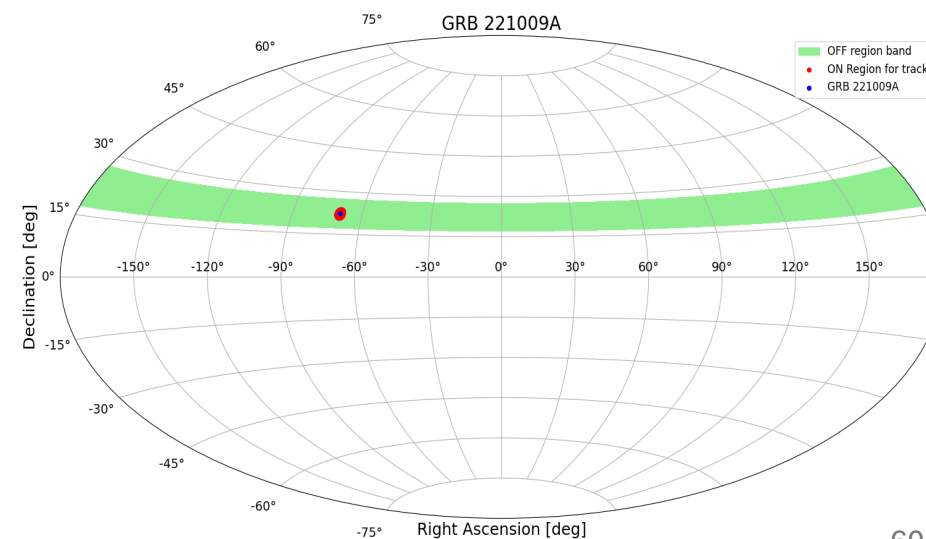
IGWN reception: “significant” = 1
 [$T_0 - 1000 \text{ s}, T_0 + 1000 \text{ s}$],
 [$T_0 - 1000\text{s}, T_0 + 14 \text{ days}$]

IceCube:

[$T_0 - 1 \text{ h}, T_0 + 1 \text{ h}$]
 [$T_0 - 1 \text{ day}, T_0 + 1 \text{ day}$]

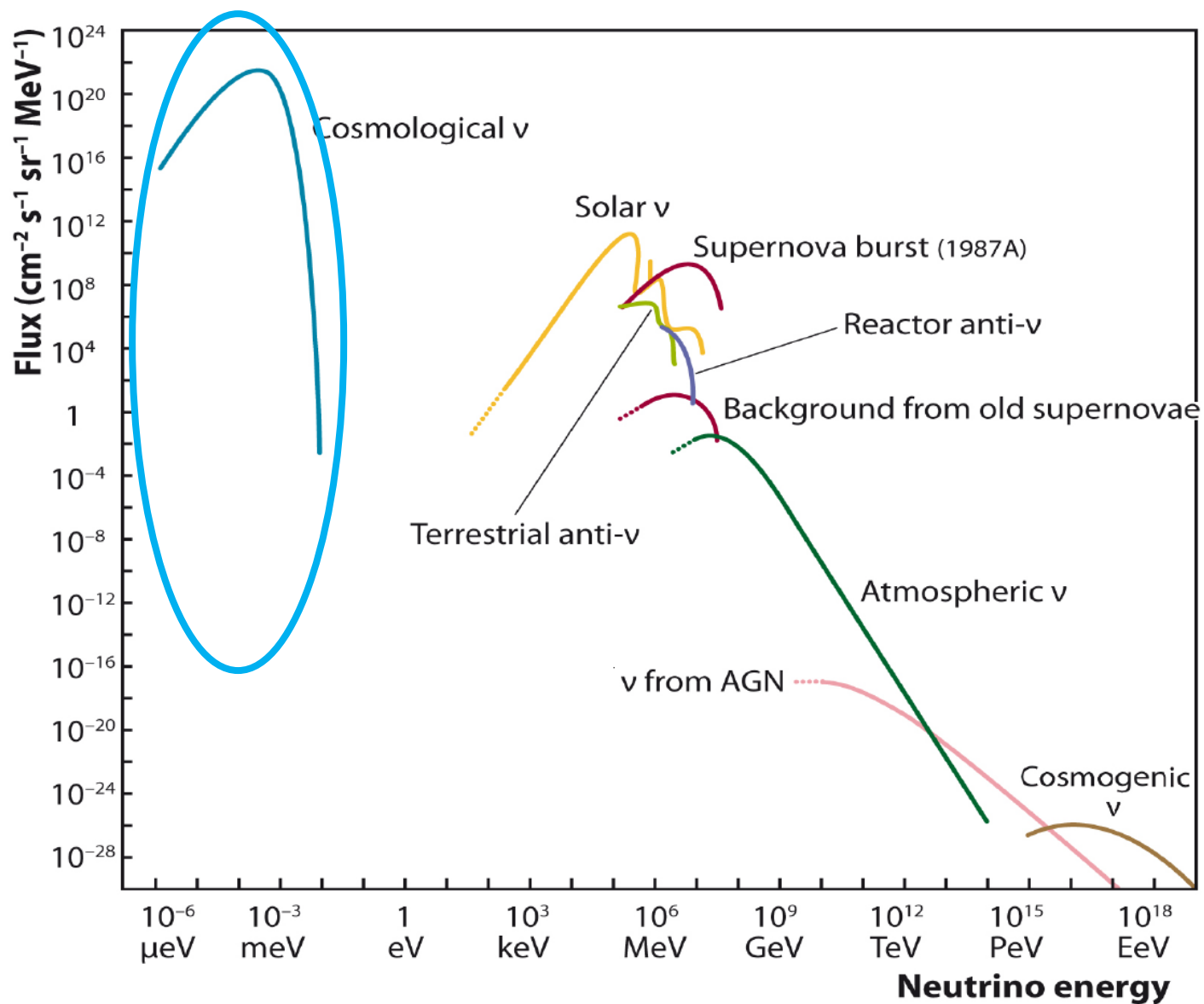
Search for online coincidences:

- ON/OFF method
- ON includes 90% localization error and Baikal-GVD median angular resolution
- OFF is extended within a ± 5 declination band
- OFF is evaluated using real data from previous seasons



Cosmic neutrino background

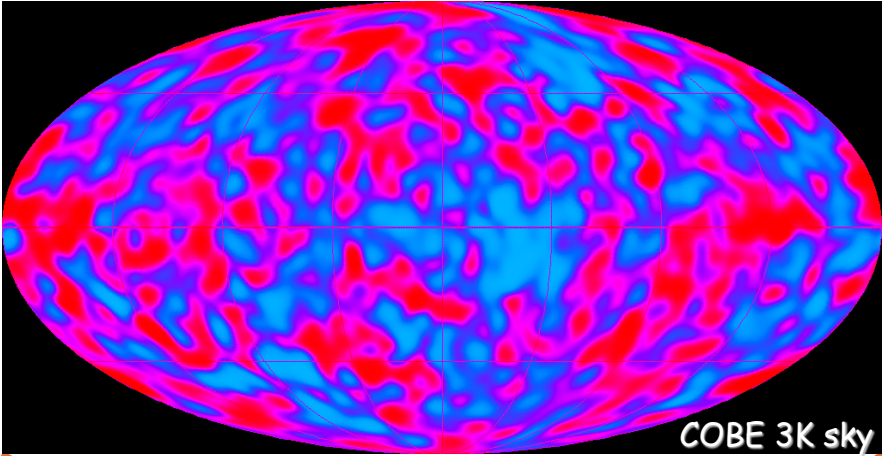
How do we detect these neutrinos?



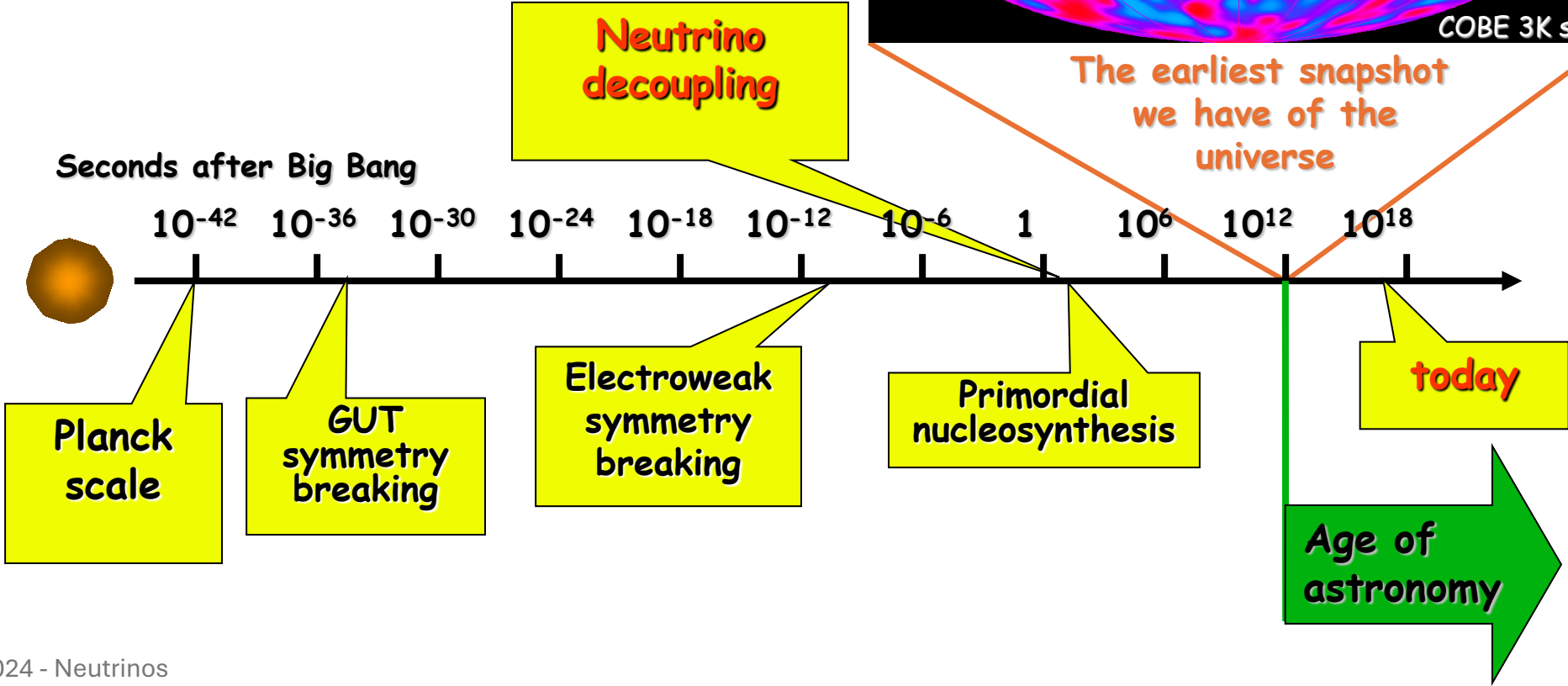
Cosmology

Primordial neutrinos were produced when nuclei formed, at the time the Universe was 1 second old

We believe that they are still among us

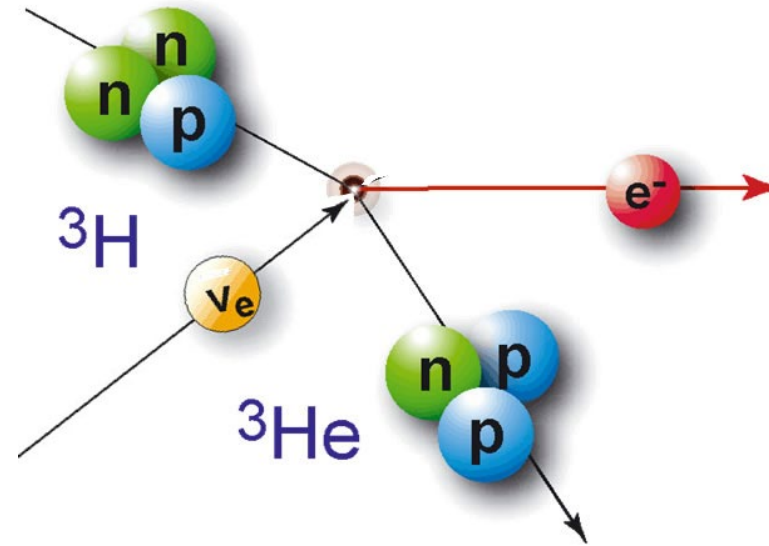
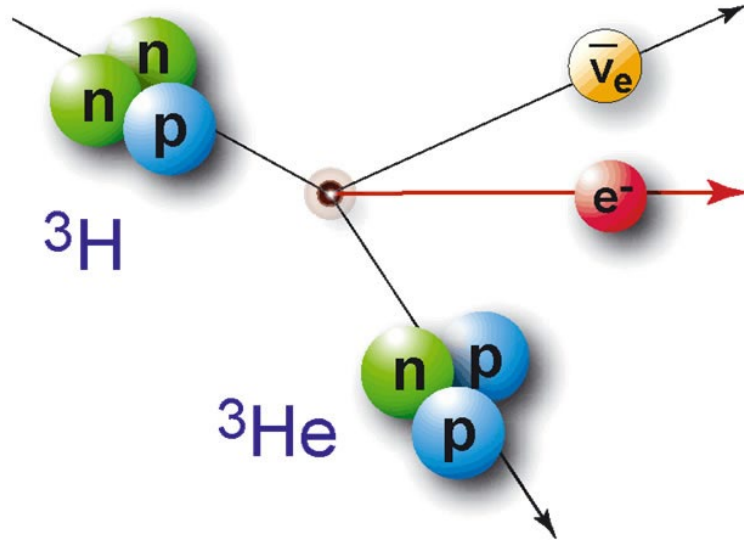


The earliest snapshot we have of the universe



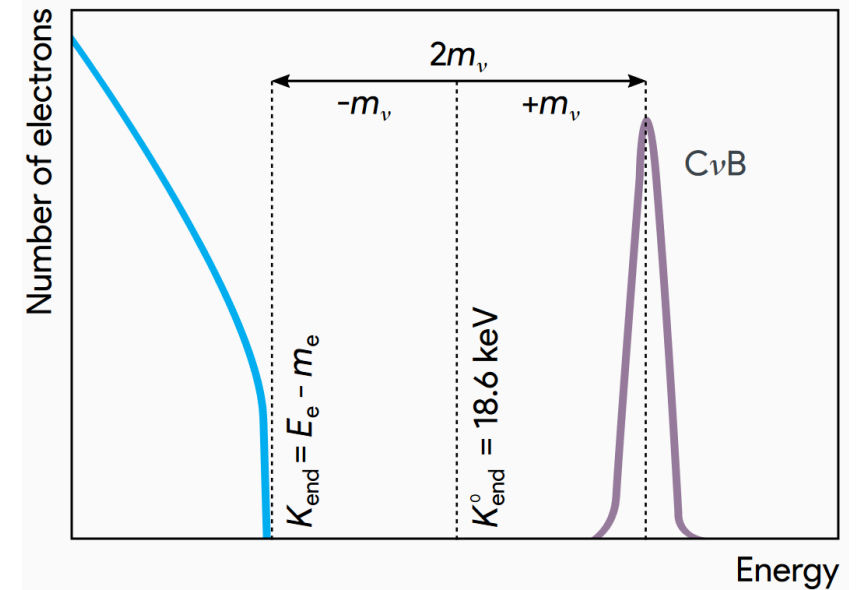
Slide from Giorgio Gratta

Neutrino capture



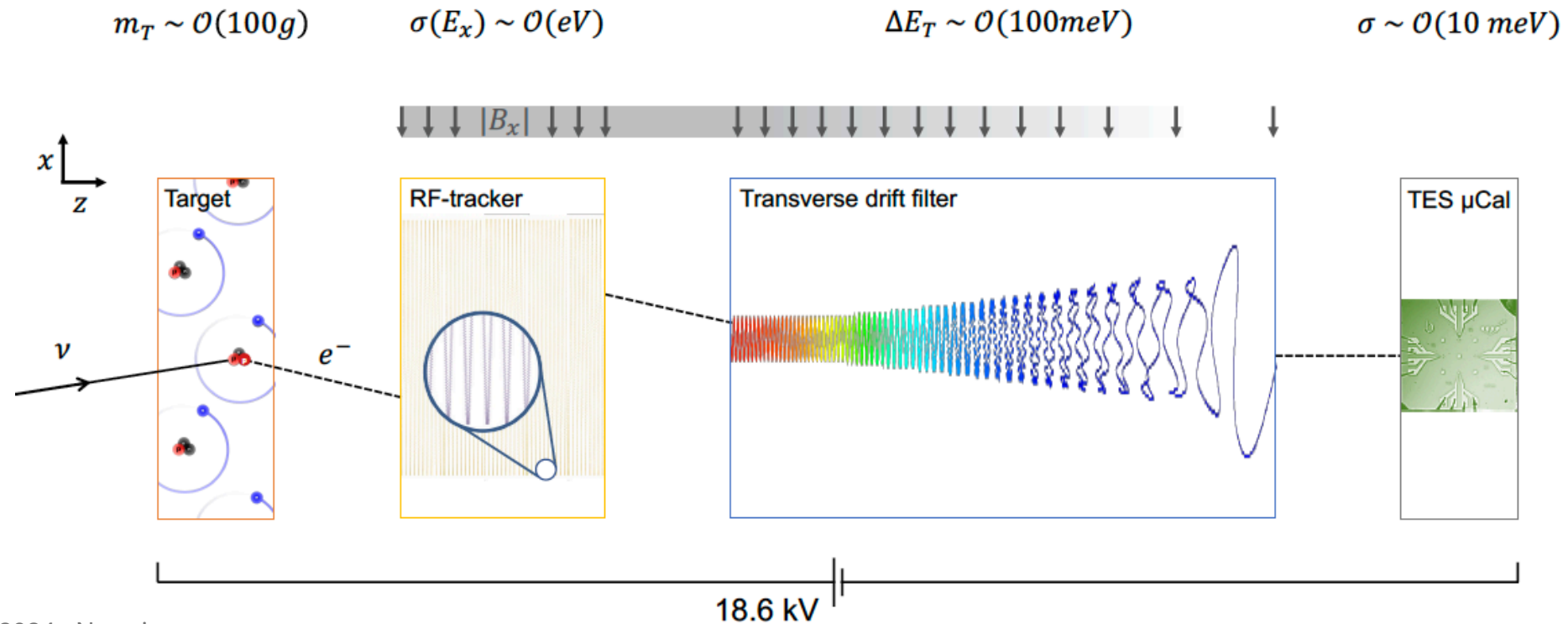
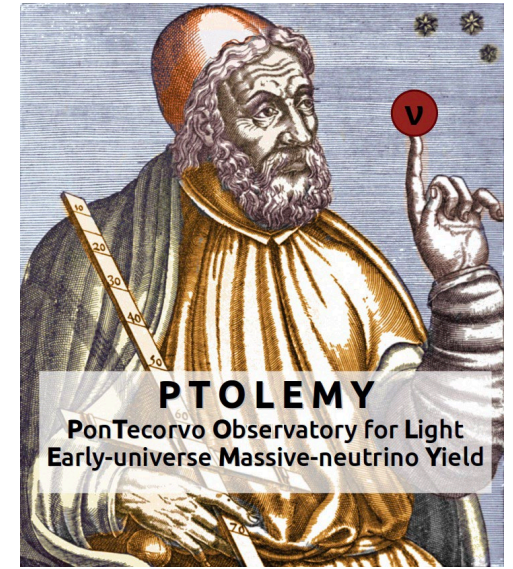
Capture cross section $\times (v/c) \sim 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$
(flat up to 10 keV)

Original idea: Steven Weinberg in 1962, *Phys. Rev.*
128:3, 1457
JCAP 0706 (2007)015, hep-ph/0703075, Cocco,
Mangano, Messina



A little bit of everything:

- Compact tritium target
 - RF tracking with Cyclotron Radiation Emission Spectroscopy (CRES)
 - Electromagnetic filter
 - Microcalorimeter detector
- See *JCAP* 07 (2019) 047



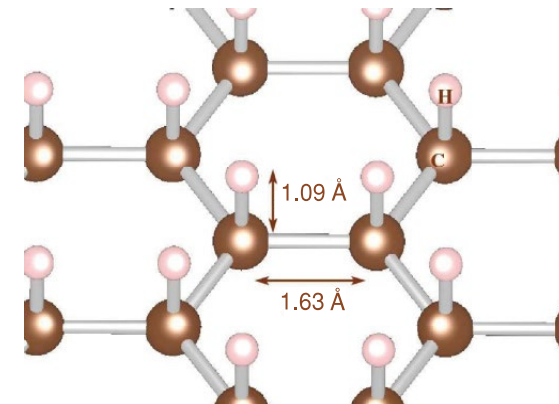
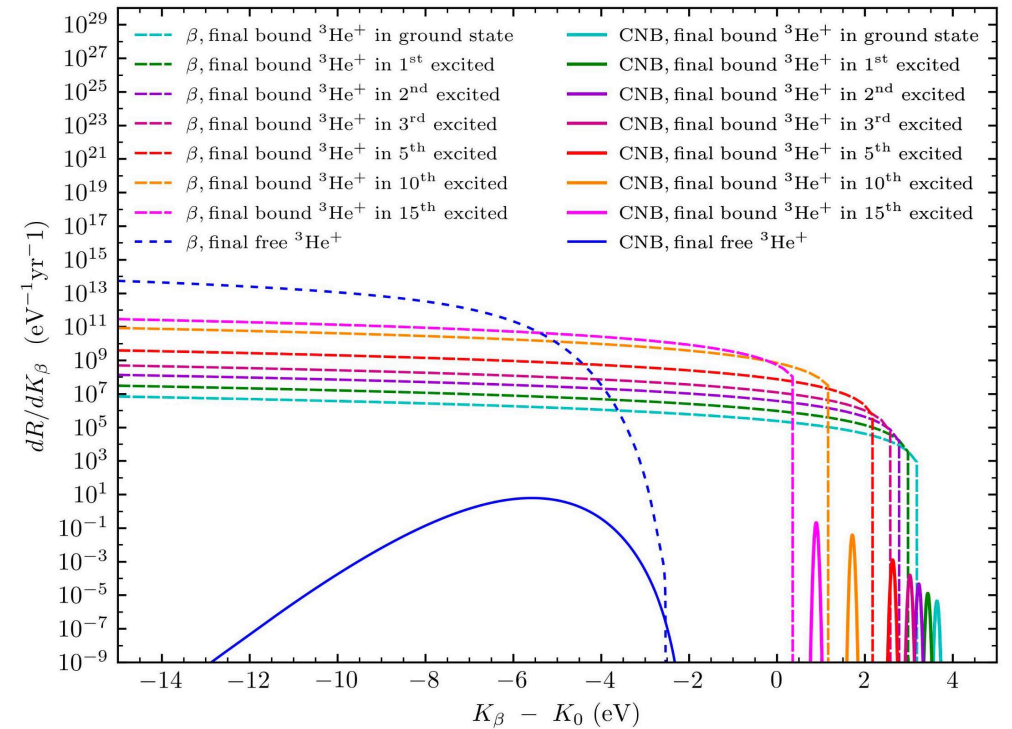
R&D Prototype @ Princeton University (June 7, 2017)

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Major challenges

- Reduce molecular smearing
 - New source, tritiated-graphene
 - DFT calculations underway
 - Problem: need to take the uncertainty principle into account! – delocalize!
- Measure the energy spectrum directly with a resolution comparable to the neutrino mass
 - High-resolution electron microcalorimeters
- Compress a 70m spectrometer length – KATRIN's length – down to ~cm scale and replicate it at lower precision – final measurement from microcalorimeter

(Andrea Casale, Sapienza)



< 3eV binding energy

Summary

- There has been tremendous progress in our understanding of neutrinos!

Bethe & Peierls 1934:
“... this implies that one evidently never will be able to detect Neutrinos.”

- As we improve our measurements, there are regularly surprises along the way.
- Neutrinos likely to have a few more surprises up their sleeves. They may in fact hold some of the keys towards understanding our universe (lepton number violation, sterile neutrinos, ...).
- It is an exciting time to pursue a career in neutrino science.

Final thoughts in neutrinos

**It's a
Marathon
not
a Sprint.**

