Experimental particle physics

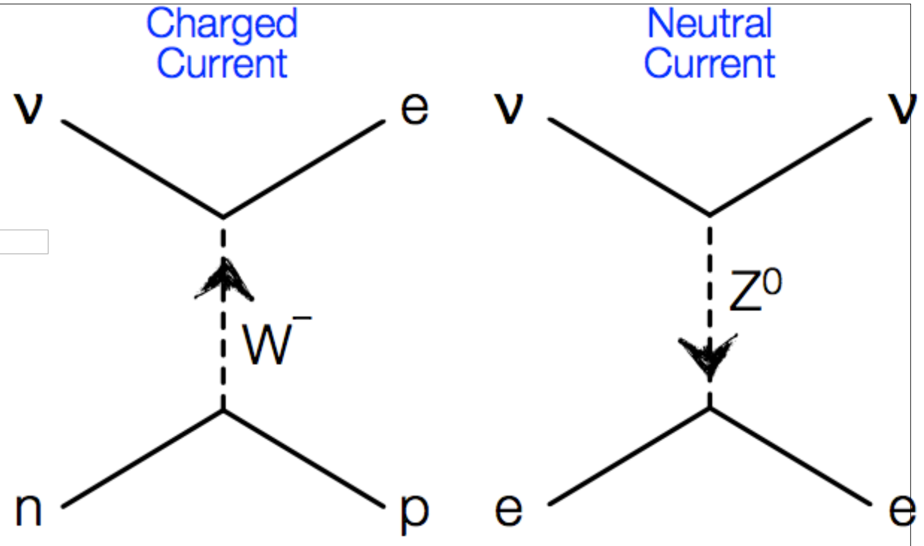
European School of Instrumentation in Particle & Astroparticle Physics

6. experiments to detect "invisible" particles

A bit of neutrino history…

1930 Neutrino postulated	*Pauli*
1934 Neutrino name and interaction theory	*Fermi*
1938 Solar neutrino flux calculation	*Bethe*
1946 Idea of neutrino chlorine detector	*Pontecorvo*
1956 Neutrino observation	*Reines & Cowan*
1957 Idea of neutrino oscillation	*Pontecorvo*
1958 Neutrino are Left-Handed	*Goldhaber*
1962 There are (at least) 2 neutrino species: n_{mu}, n_e	*Lederman, Schwartz & Steinberger*
1968 Solar neutrino deficit	*Davis*
1973 Neutral Current neutrino interactions observed	*Gargamelle*
1975 Tau lepton and the third neutrino	*Perl*
1986 Solar deficit again: maybe atmospheric?	*Kamiokande*
1987 Neutrino from SN1987A	*Kamiokande, IMB*
1989 There are only 3 light neutrino families	*LEP Collaborations*
1991 Still solar deficit	*Gallex, SAGE*
1998 Atmospheric neutrino oscillation	*Super-Kamiokande*
2002 Solar neutrino oscillation confirmed	*SNO, KamLand*
2004 Atmospheric oscillation confirmed at accelerator	*K2K*

Neutrino interactions



Neutron detection only via weak interaction ...

Possible reactions:

Charged Current Reactions:

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
\nu_e + n & \rightarrow & e^- + p \\
\bar{\nu}_e + p & \rightarrow & e^+ + n \\
\nu_\mu + n & \rightarrow & \mu^- + p \\
\bar{\nu}_\mu + p & \rightarrow & \mu^+ + n \\
\nu_\tau + n & \rightarrow & \tau^- + p \\
\bar{\nu}_\tau + p & \rightarrow & \tau^+ + n
\end{array}$$

...

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
\bar{\nu}_e + e^- & \rightarrow & \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu \\
\bar{\nu}_e + e^- & \rightarrow & \tau^- + \bar{\nu}_\tau
\end{array}$$

Neutral Current Reactions:

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
\nu_e + e^- & \rightarrow & \nu_e + e^- \\
\nu_\mu + e^- & \rightarrow & \nu_\mu + e^- \\
\nu_\tau + e^- & \rightarrow & \nu_\tau + e^-
\end{array}$$

Remark:
Neutral Current νN-interactions not usable due to small energy transfer

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Neutrino nucleon x-Section:
[examples]

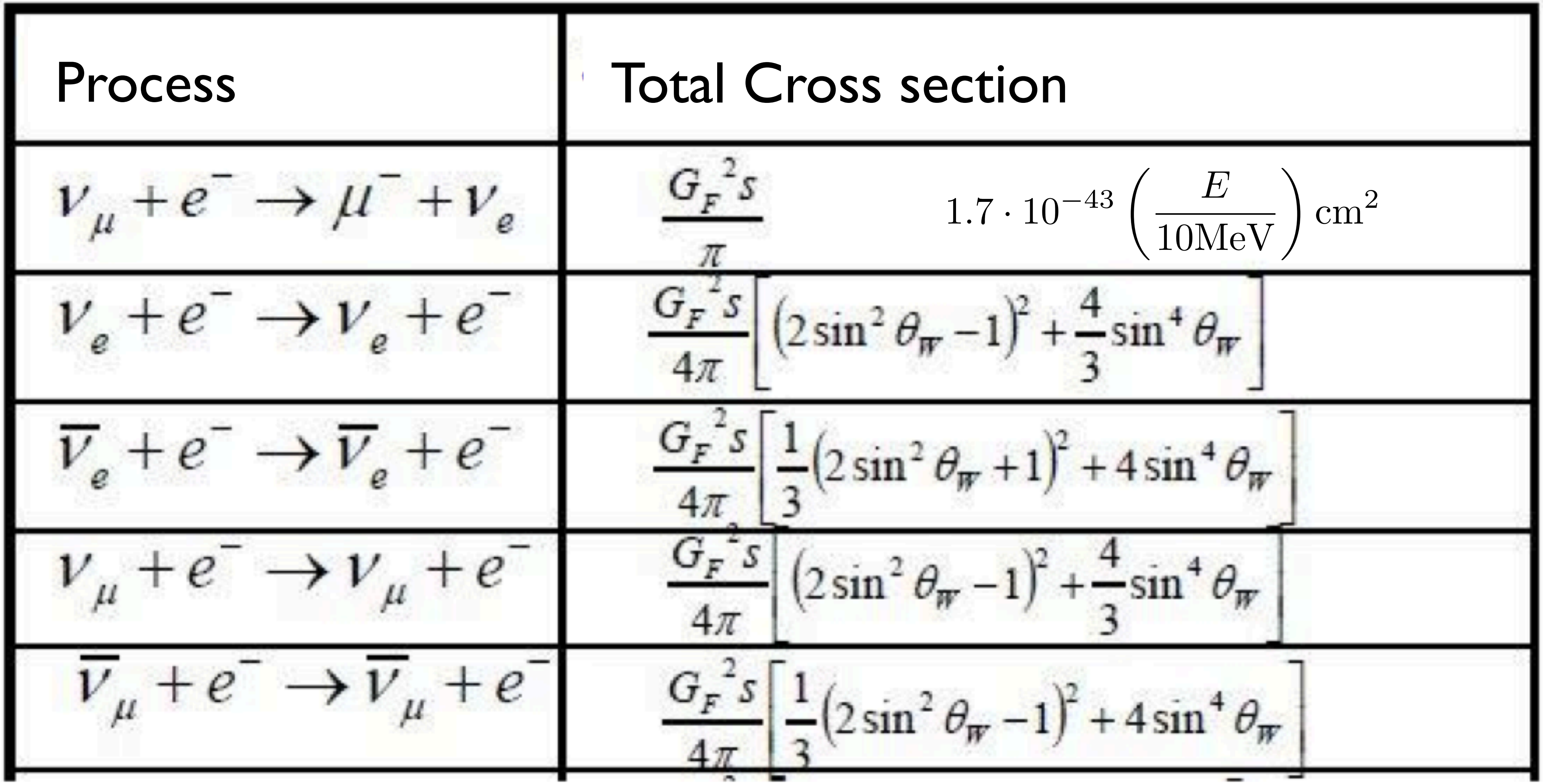
10 GeV neutrinos: $\sigma = 7 \cdot 10^{-38}$ cm^2/nucleon

Interaction probability for 10 m Fe-target: $R = \sigma \cdot N_A\,[\mathrm{mol}^{-1}/\mathrm{g}] \cdot d \cdot \rho = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-10}$
with $N_A = 6.023 \cdot 10^{23}\ \mathrm{g}^{-1}$; $d = 10$ m; $\rho = 7.6\ \mathrm{g/cm}^3$

Solar neutrinos [100 keV]: $\sigma = 7 \cdot 10^{-45}$ cm^2/nucleon

Interaction probability for earth: $R = \sigma \cdot N_A\,[\mathrm{mol}^{-1}/\mathrm{g}] \cdot d \cdot \rho \approx 4 \cdot 10^{-14}$
with $N_A = 6.023 \cdot 10^{23}\ \mathrm{g}^{-1}$; $d = 12000$ km; $\rho = 5.5\ \mathrm{g/cm}^3$

Neutrino interactions: ν-e

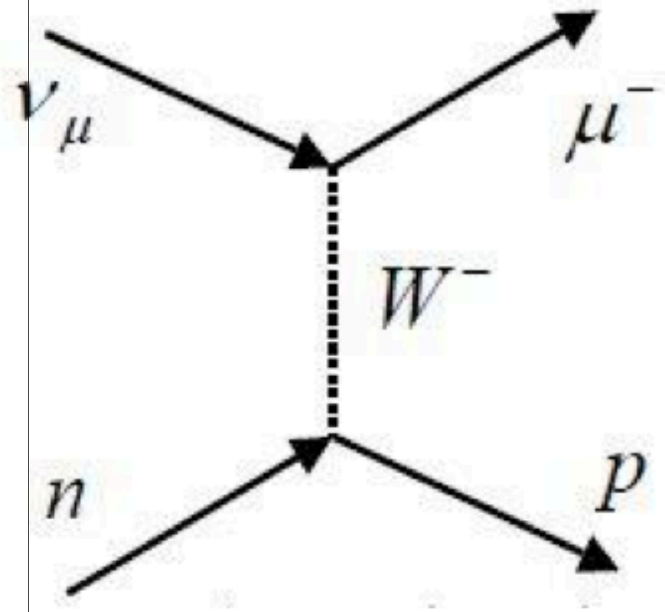


Process	Total Cross section
$\nu_\mu + e^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \nu_e$	$\frac{G_F^2 s}{\pi}$ $1.7 \cdot 10^{-43} \left(\frac{E}{10\mathrm{MeV}} \right) \mathrm{cm}^2$
$\nu_e + e^- \rightarrow \nu_e + e^-$	$\frac{G_F^2 s}{4\pi}\left[\left(2\sin^2\theta_W - 1\right)^2 + \frac{4}{3}\sin^4\theta_W \right]$
$\overline{\nu}_e + e^- \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_e + e^-$	$\frac{G_F^2 s}{4\pi}\left[\frac{1}{3}\left(2\sin^2\theta_W + 1\right)^2 + 4\sin^4\theta_W \right]$
$\nu_\mu + e^- \rightarrow \nu_\mu + e^-$	$\frac{G_F^2 s}{4\pi}\left[\left(2\sin^2\theta_W - 1\right)^2 + \frac{4}{3}\sin^4\theta_W \right]$
$\overline{\nu}_\mu + e^- \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_\mu + e^-$	$\frac{G_F^2 s}{4\pi}\left[\frac{1}{3}\left(2\sin^2\theta_W - 1\right)^2 + 4\sin^4\theta_W \right]$

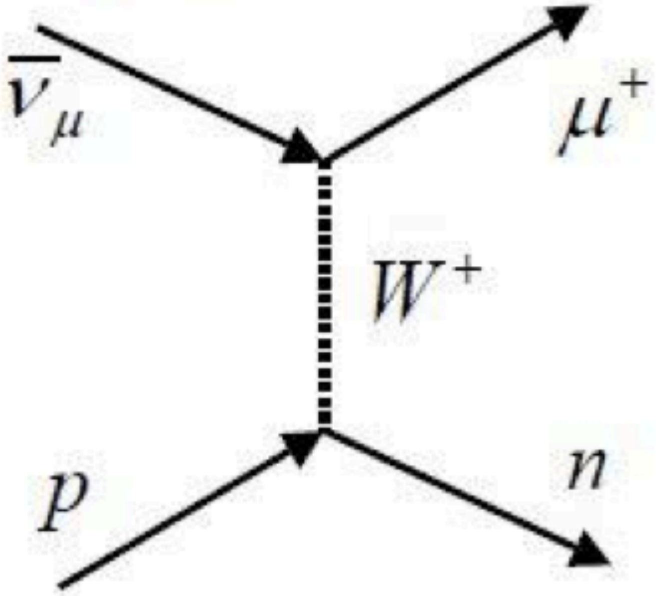
Neutrino interactions: ν-nucleon

- Interaction happens with whole nucleon
  - ✓ Nucleon can at best undergo an isospin transition in case of charged current (quasi-elastic scattering)
  - ✓ In case of neutral current, scattering is perfectly elastic

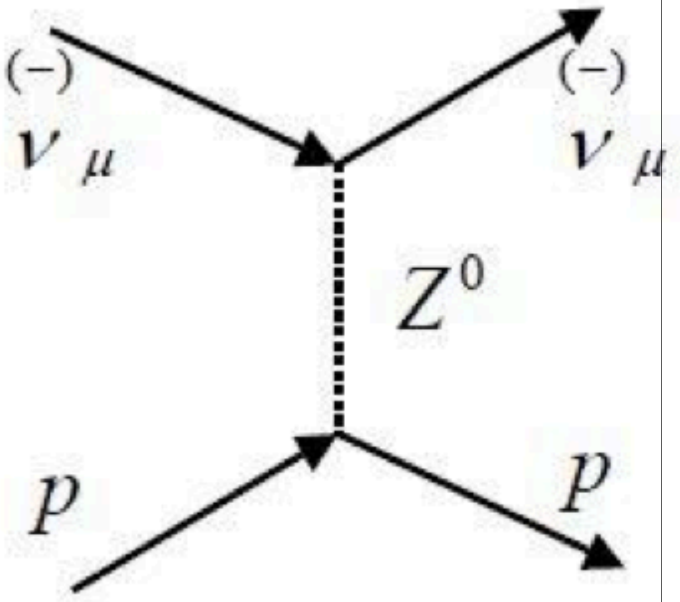
$$\nu_\mu + n \rightarrow \mu^- + p$$



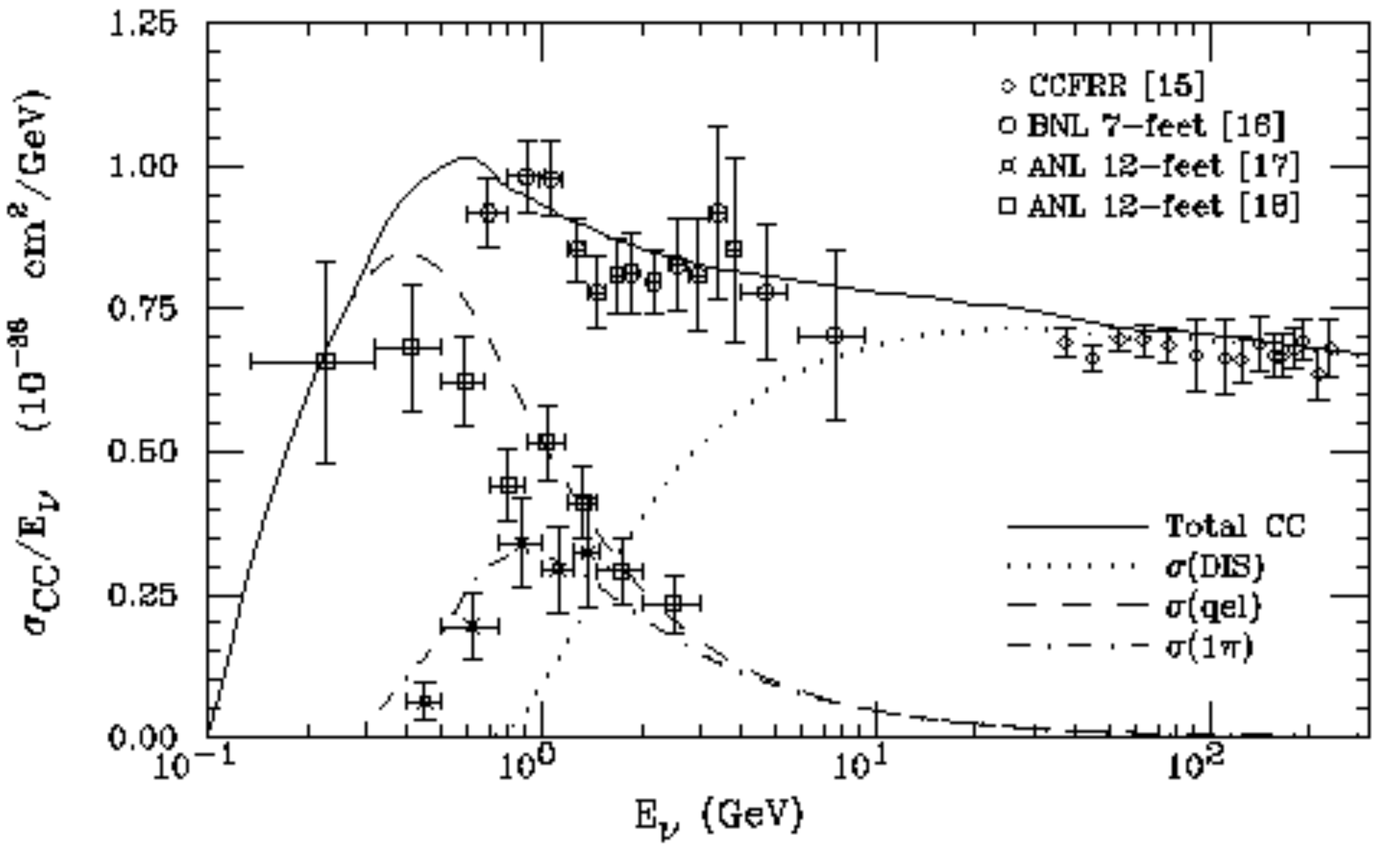
$$\bar{\nu}_\mu + p \rightarrow \mu^+ + n$$



$$\nu_\mu + p \rightarrow \nu_\mu + p$$



Neutrino interactions: quasi-elastic ν-nucleon



Threshold is of course different for different neutrino flavors…

Paolo Lipari, Maurizio Lusignoli, Francesca Sartogo, "The neutrino cross section and upward going muons" http://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9411341

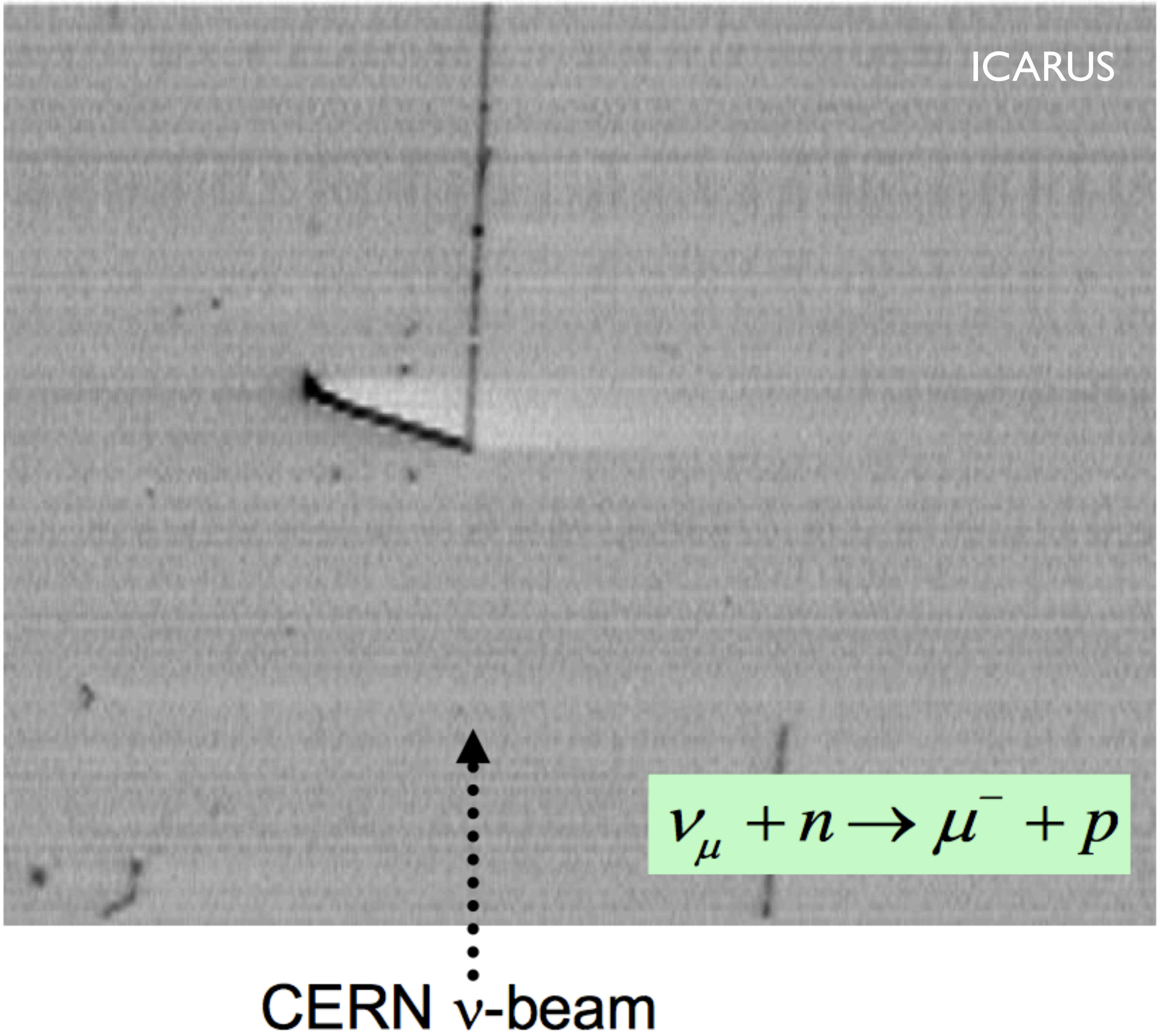
$E << m_n$

$$\sigma(\nu n)=\sigma(\bar{\nu}p)\approx 9.75\cdot 10^{-42}\left(\frac{E}{10\,MeV}\right)^2$$

$E > 1$ GeV

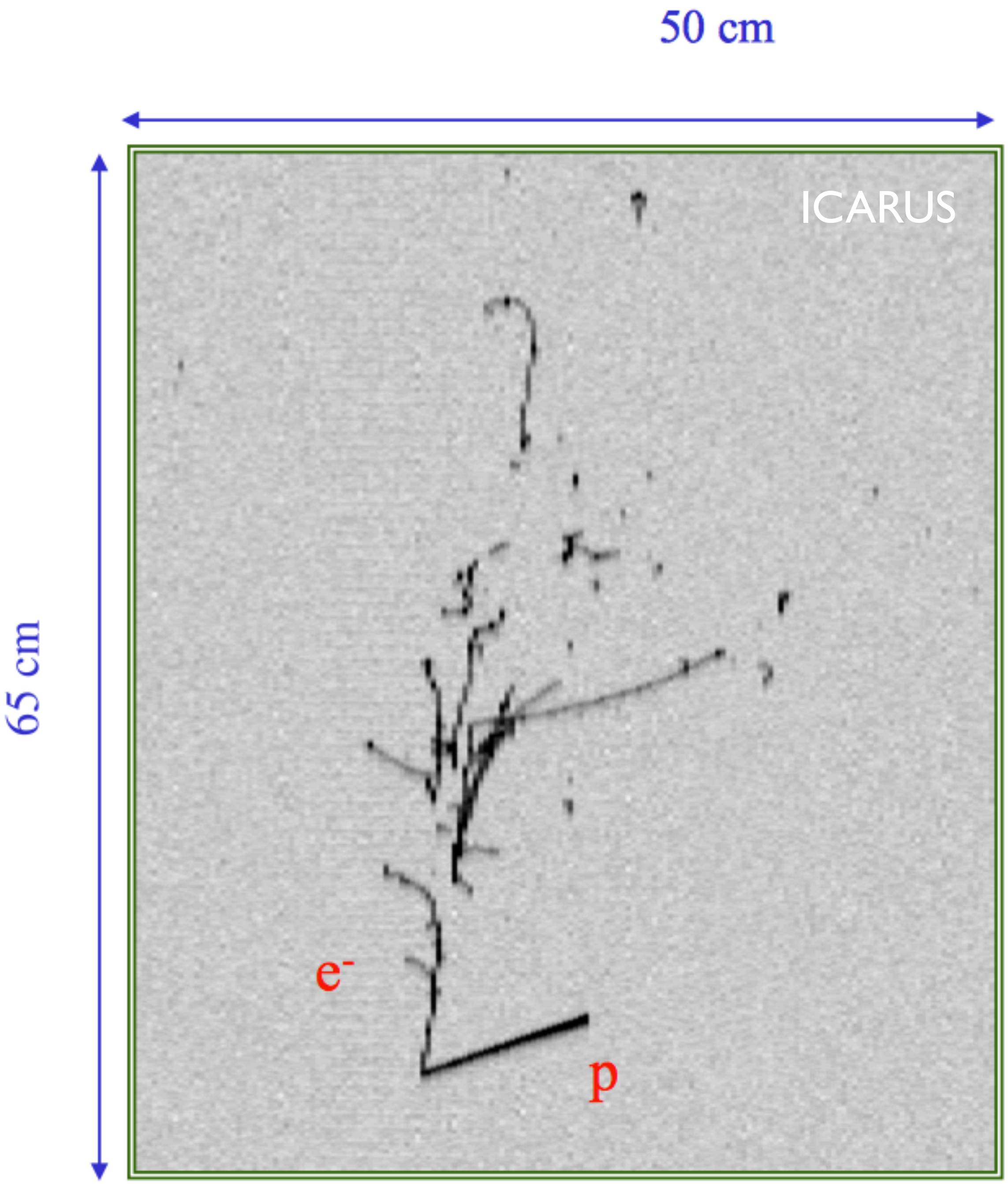
$\sigma \sim$ constant

A neutrino interaction…



$$\nu_\mu + n \rightarrow \mu^- + p$$

Another neutrino interaction…



Neutrino interactions: a summary

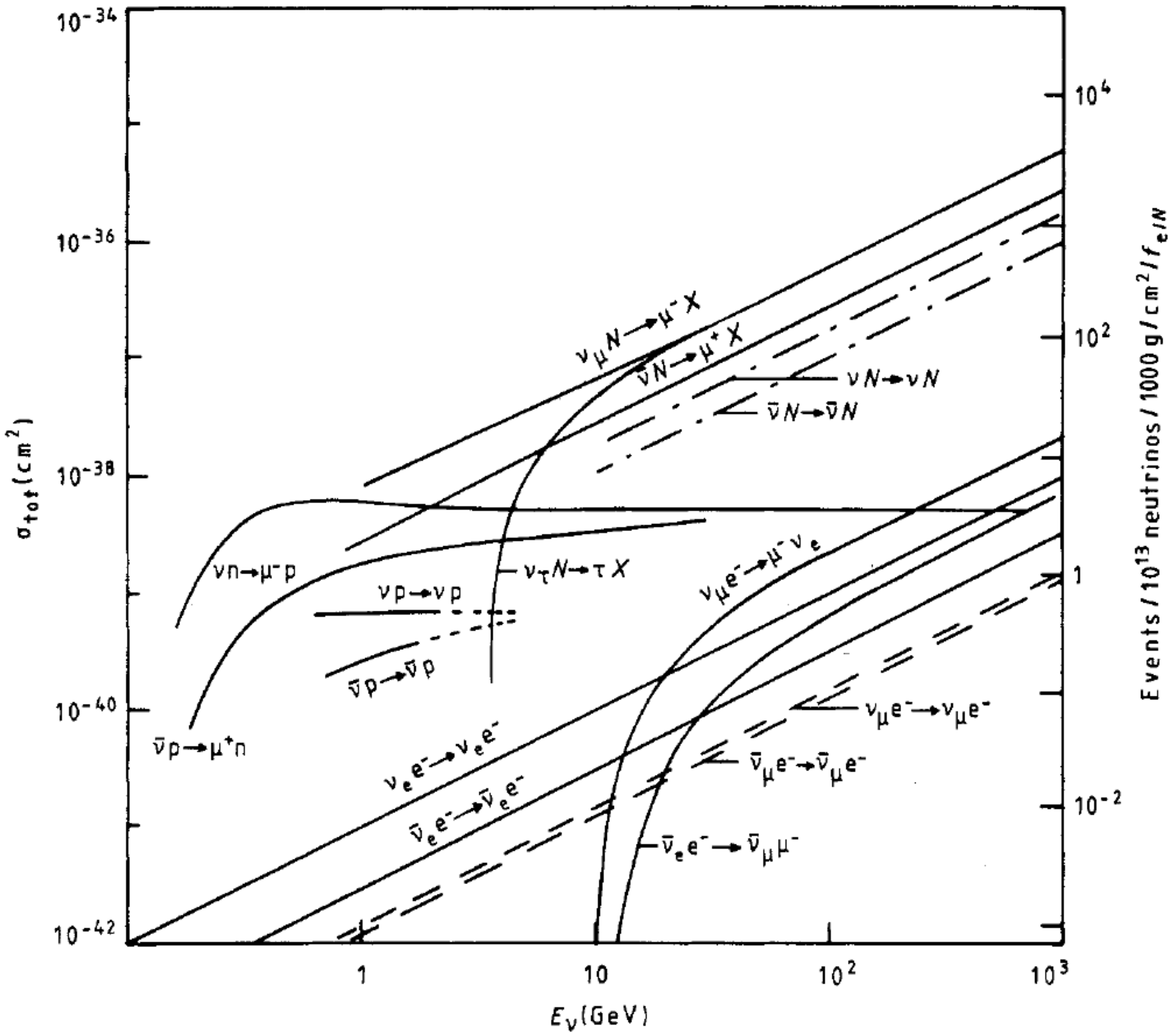


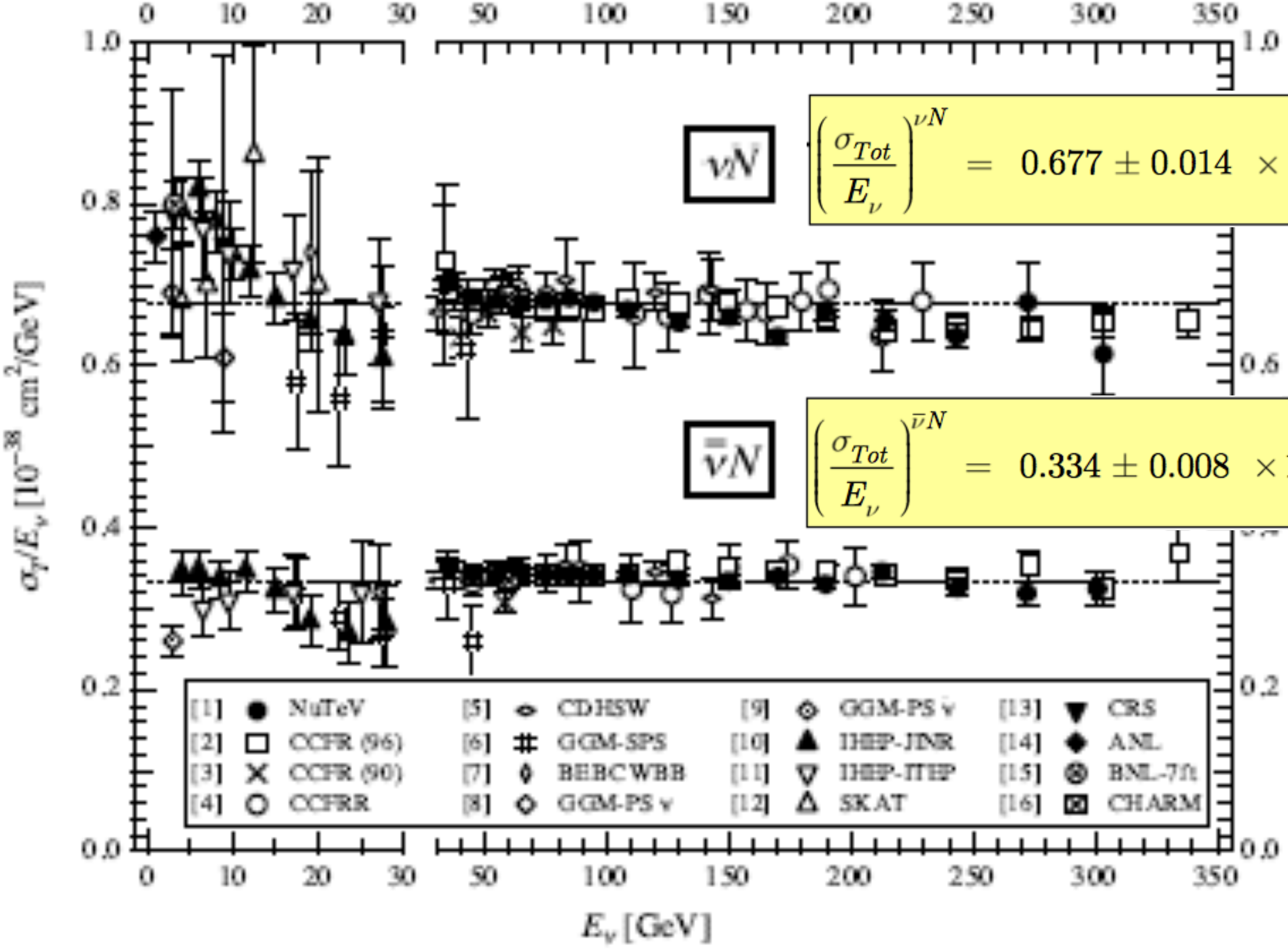
Figure 5. Energy dependence of various neutrino reactions and corresponding event rates. ($f_{e/N} = 1$ f reactions on nucleons, $f_{e/N} = A/Z$ for reactions on electrons.)

close to thresholds…

$$\sigma \sim \frac{\left(s - m_\mu^2\right)^2}{s}$$

$$s_{lab} = 2m_e E + m_e^2$$

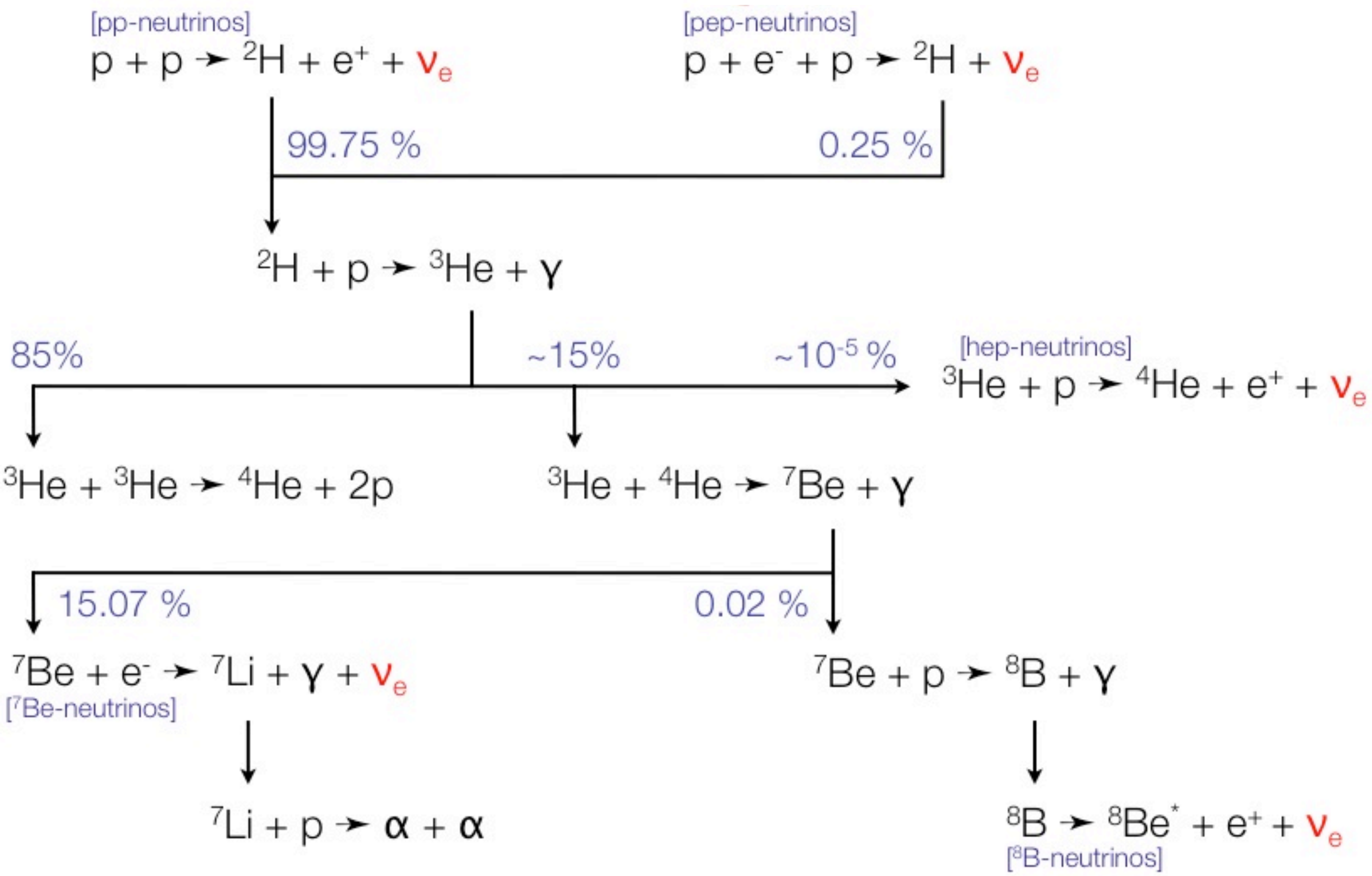
Neutrino interactions: a summary



$$\left(\frac{\sigma_{Tot}}{E_\nu}\right)^{\nu N} = 0.677 \pm 0.014 \times 10^{-38} \; cm^2 GeV^{-1}$$

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_{Tot}}{E_\nu}\right)^{\bar{\nu} N} = 0.334 \pm 0.008 \times 10^{-38} \; cm^2 GeV^{-1}$$

Neutrinos from the Sun



[pp-neutrinos]

$p + p \to {}^2\mathrm{H} + e^+ + \nu_e$

[pep-neutrinos]

$p + e^- + p \to {}^2\mathrm{H} + \nu_e$

99.75 %

0.25 %

$^2\mathrm{H} + p \to {}^3\mathrm{He} + \gamma$

85%

~15%

$\sim 10^{-5}$ %

[hep-neutrinos]

$^3\mathrm{He} + p \to {}^4\mathrm{He} + e^+ + \nu_e$

$^3\mathrm{He} + {}^3\mathrm{He} \to {}^4\mathrm{He} + 2p$

$^3\mathrm{He} + {}^4\mathrm{He} \to {}^7\mathrm{Be} + \gamma$

15.07 %

0.02 %

$^7\mathrm{Be} + e^- \to {}^7\mathrm{Li} + \gamma + \nu_e$

[^{7}Be-neutrinos]

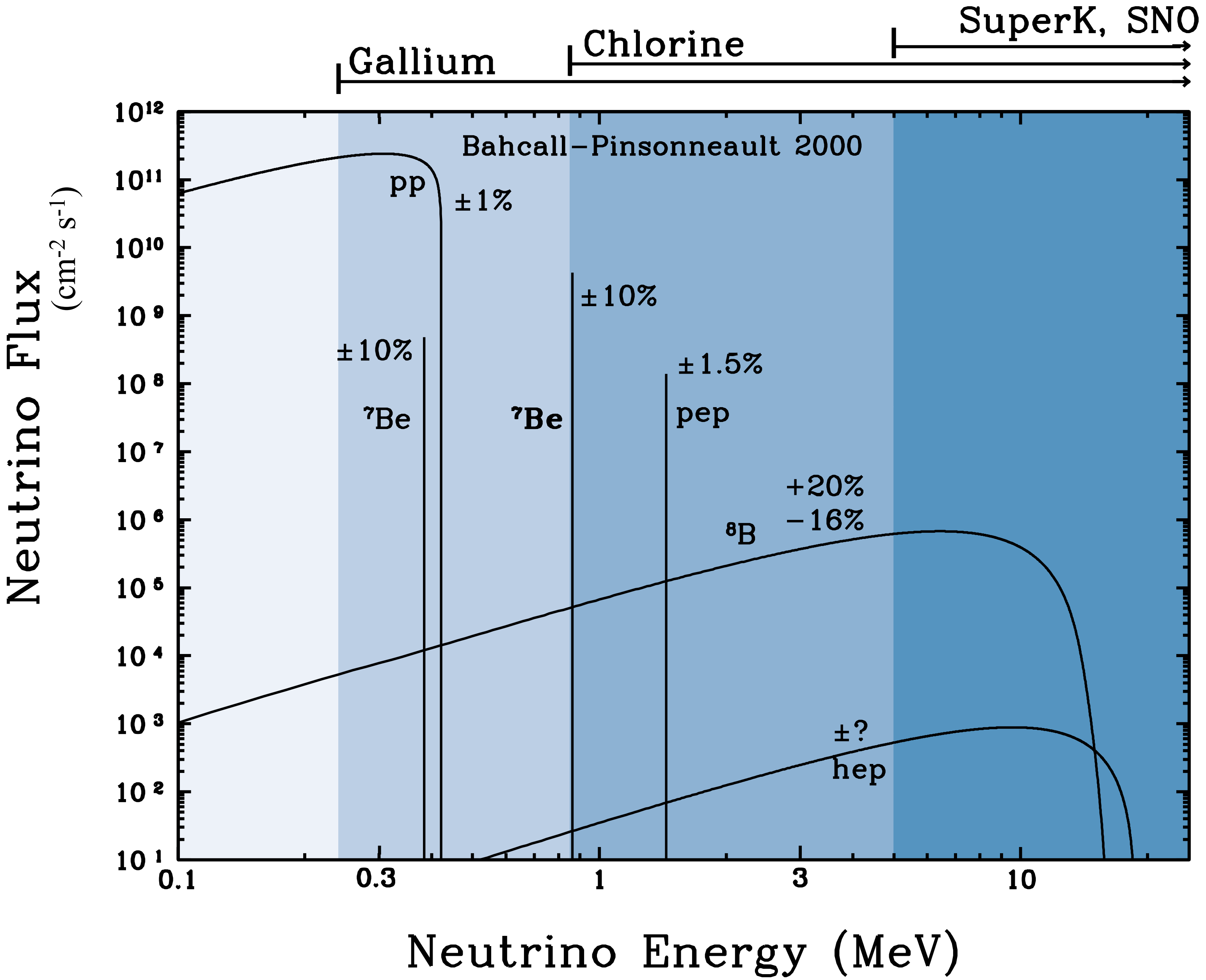
$^7\mathrm{Li} + p \to \alpha + \alpha$

$^7\mathrm{Be} + p \to {}^8\mathrm{B} + \gamma$

$^8\mathrm{B} \to {}^8\mathrm{Be}^* + e^+ + \nu_e$

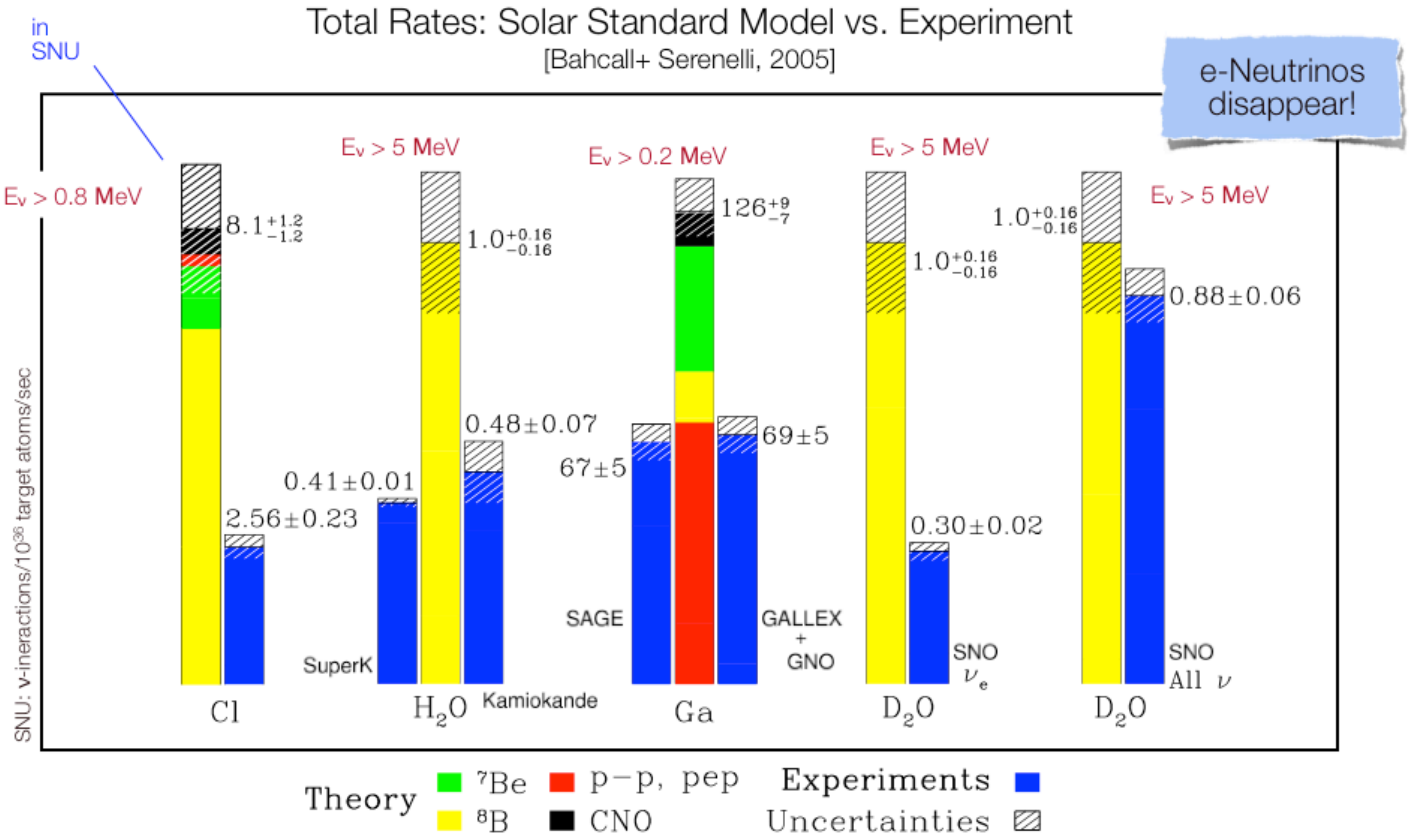
[^{8}B-neutrinos]

Neutrinos from the Sun



The “solar electron neutrino” problem

in SNU



Total Rates: Solar Standard Model vs. Experiment

[Bahcall+ Serenelli, 2005]

e-Neutrinos disappear!

Neutrino oscillation

Imagine we send a neutrino on a *long* journey. Suppose neutrino is created in the pion decay

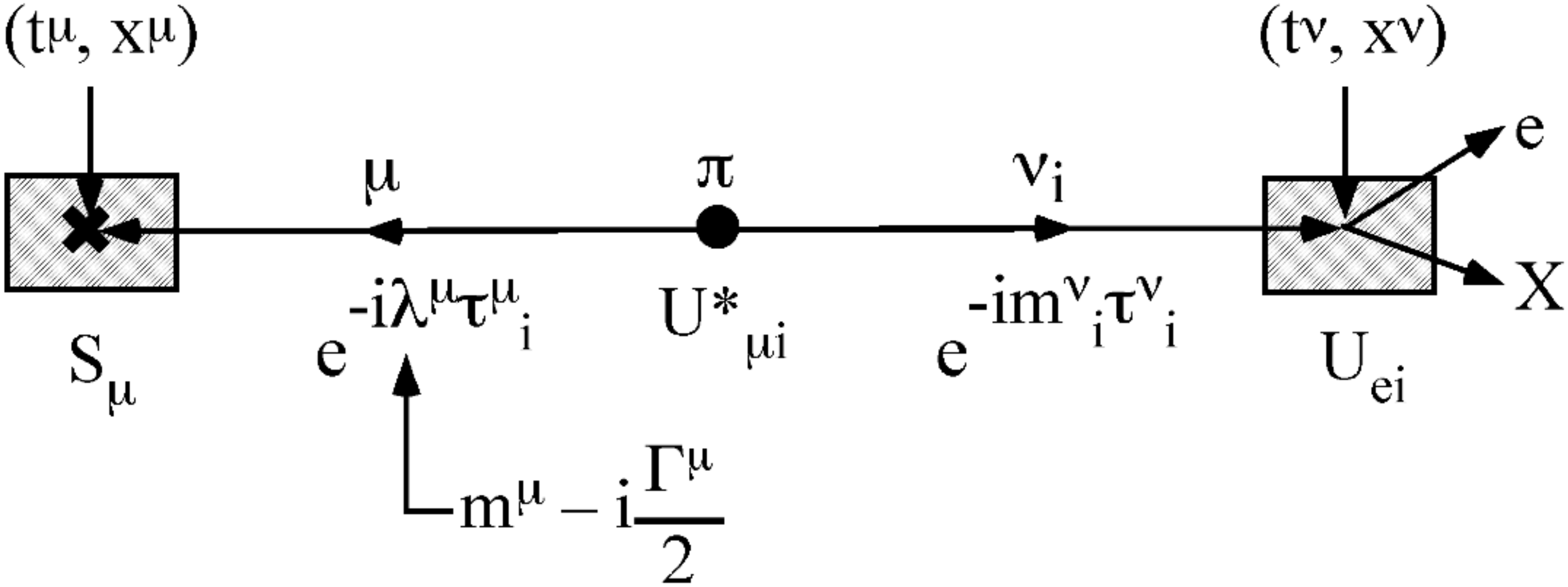
$$\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu_\mu$$

so that at birth it is a muon neutrino. Imagine that this neutrino interacts via *W* exchange in a distant detector, turning into a charged lepton. If neutrinos have masses and leptons mix, then this charged lepton need not be a muon, but could be, say, a tau.

- Neutrinos have masses → there is some spectrum of neutrino mass eigenstates ν_i with mass $m\nu i$
- Leptons mix → neutrinos of definite flavor, ν_e, ν_μ, and ν_τ , are not mass eigenstates ν_i.

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_i U^*_{\alpha i}|\nu_i\rangle \qquad U = \begin{array}{c c} & \begin{array}{ccc} \nu_1 & \nu_2 & \nu_3 \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} e \\ \mu \\ \tau \end{array} & \left[\begin{array}{ccc} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

Probability of neutrino oscillation



$$
\begin{aligned}
P(\overset{(-)}{\nu}_\alpha \to \overset{(-)}{\nu}_\beta; L, E) \quad = \quad & \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{i>j} \Re\mathrm{e}\,(U^*_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U^*_{\beta j}) \sin^2(\Delta m^2_{ij} \frac{L}{4E}) \\
& \overset{+}{\scriptstyle (-)} 2 \sum_{i>j} \Im\mathrm{m}\,(U^*_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U^*_{\beta j}) \sin(\Delta m^2_{ij} \frac{L}{2E})
\end{aligned}
$$

For full calculation see for instance Boris Kayser "Neutrino Oscillation Physics" http://arxiv.org/abs/1206.4325

Probability of neutrino oscillation

Let's forget the imaginary part of U (neutrinos and antineutrinos behave the same) and suppose only 2 flavors…

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(l \to l') &= 2\cos^2\theta \sin^2\theta - 2\cos^2\theta\, \sin^2\theta\, \cos\frac{m_j^2 - m_k^2}{2E}L \\ &= 2\cos^2\theta\, \sin^2\theta \left(1 - \cos\frac{m_j^2 - m_k^2}{2E}L\right) = 4\cos^2\theta\, \sin^2\theta\;\, \sin^2\left(\frac{m_j^2 - m_k^2}{4E}L\right) \\ &= \sin^2 2\theta\;\, \sin^2\left(\frac{m_j^2 - m_k^2}{4E}L\right) \end{aligned}$$

Probability of neutrino oscillation

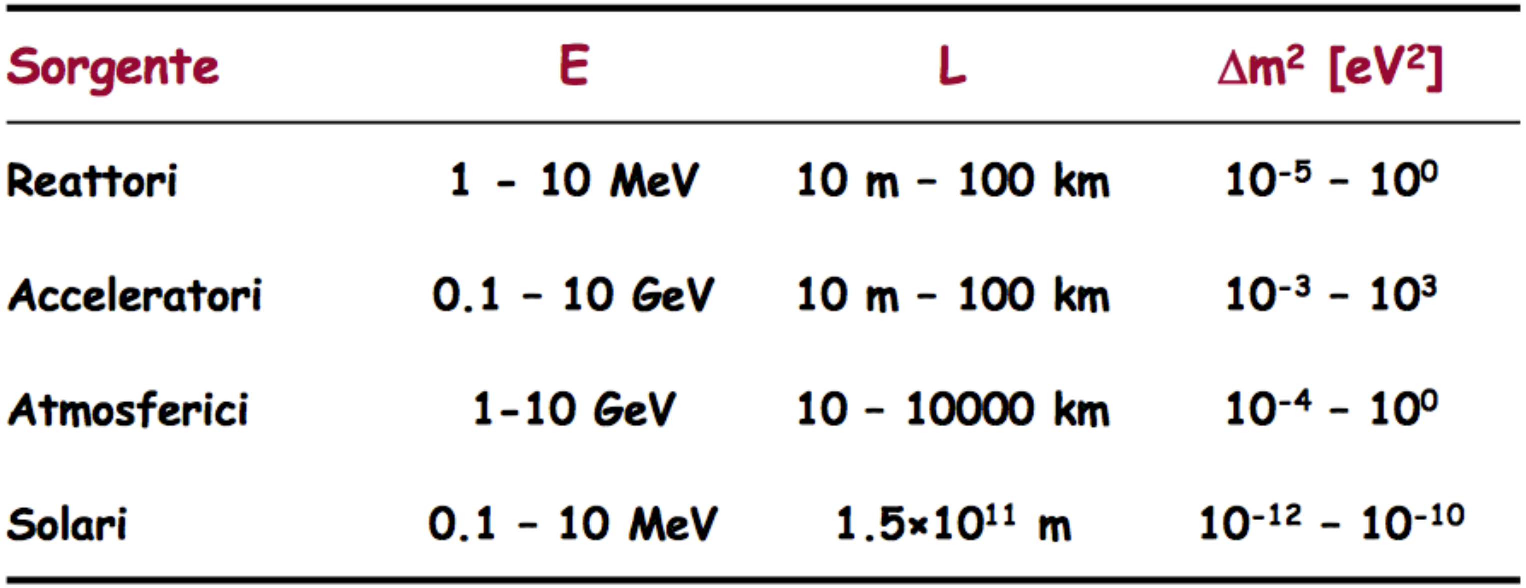
… and calculate!

$$\frac{m_j^2-m_k^2}{4E}L=\frac{\Delta m^2\,[\mathrm{eV}^2]}{4\times10^6\,E\,[\mathrm{MeV}]}\frac{L}{\hbar c}=\frac{\Delta m^2\,[\mathrm{eV}^2]}{4\times10^6\,E\,[\mathrm{MeV}]}\frac{L\,[\mathrm{m}]}{197\times10^6[\mathrm{eV}]\times10^{-15}[\mathrm{m}]}$$

$$=1.27\frac{\Delta m^2\,[\mathrm{eV}^2]L\,[\mathrm{m}]}{E\,[\mathrm{MeV}]}=1.27\frac{\Delta m^2\,[\mathrm{eV}^2]L\,[\mathrm{km}]}{E\,[\mathrm{GeV}]}$$

Being able to observe oscillations implies phase variation ~ 1.

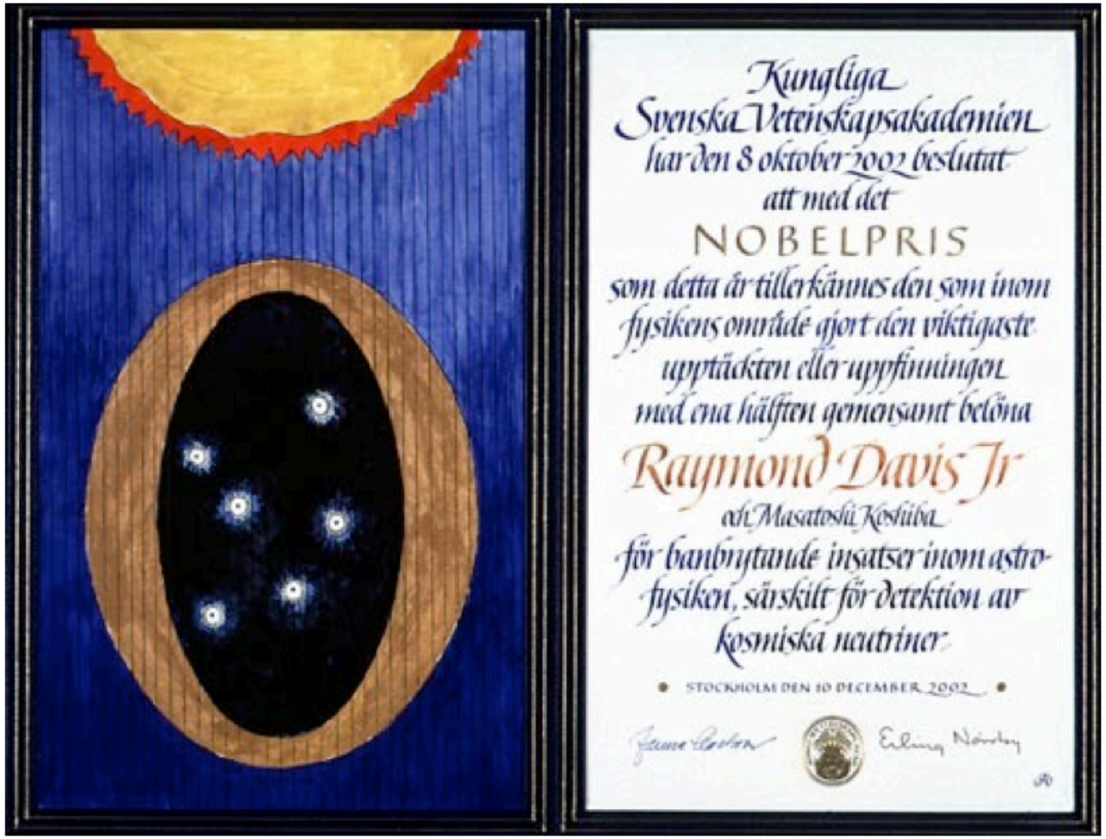
Given L and E, accessible range is thus $\Delta m^2\,[\mathrm{eV}^2] > E[\mathrm{GeV}]\,/\,L[\mathrm{km}]$



Sorgente	E	L	Δm^2 [eV^2]
Reattori	1 - 10 MeV	10 m - 100 km	10^{-5} - 10^{0}
Acceleratori	0.1 - 10 GeV	10 m - 100 km	10^{-3} - 10^{3}
Atmosferici	1-10 GeV	10 - 10000 km	10^{-4} - 10^{0}
Solari	0.1 - 10 MeV	1.5×10^{11} m	10^{-12} - 10^{-10}

Nobel Prize 2002

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2002 was divided, one half jointly to Raymond Davis Jr. and Masatoshi Koshiba "*for pioneering contributions to astrophysics, in particular for the detection of cosmic neutrinos*" and the other half to Riccardo Giacconi "*for pioneering contributions to astrophysics, which have led to the discovery of cosmic X-ray sources*".



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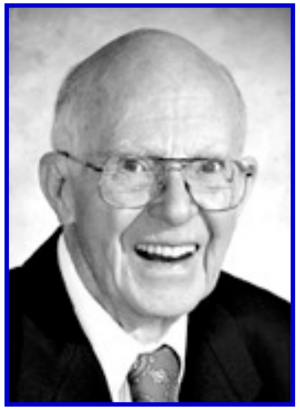
som detta år tillerkännes den som inom
fysikens område gjort den viktigaste
upptäckten eller uppfinningen
med ena hälften gemensamt belöna
Raymond Davis Jr
och Masatoshi Koshiba
för banbrytande insatser inom astrofysiken, särskilt för detektion av
kosmiska neutriner

STOCKHOLM DEN 10 DECEMBER 2002

Erling Norrby

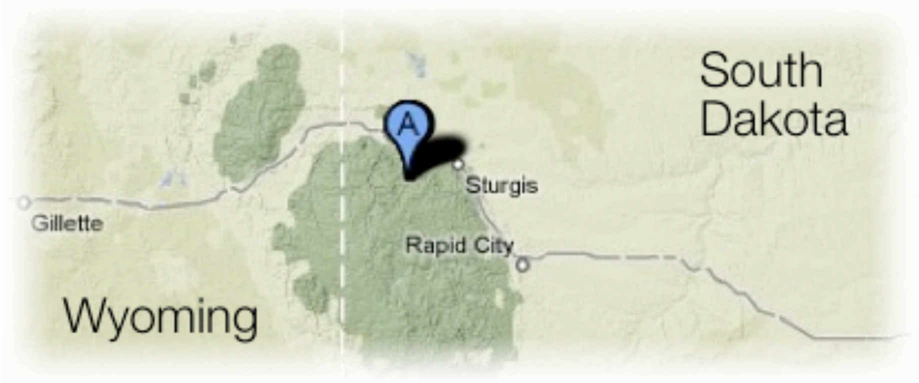


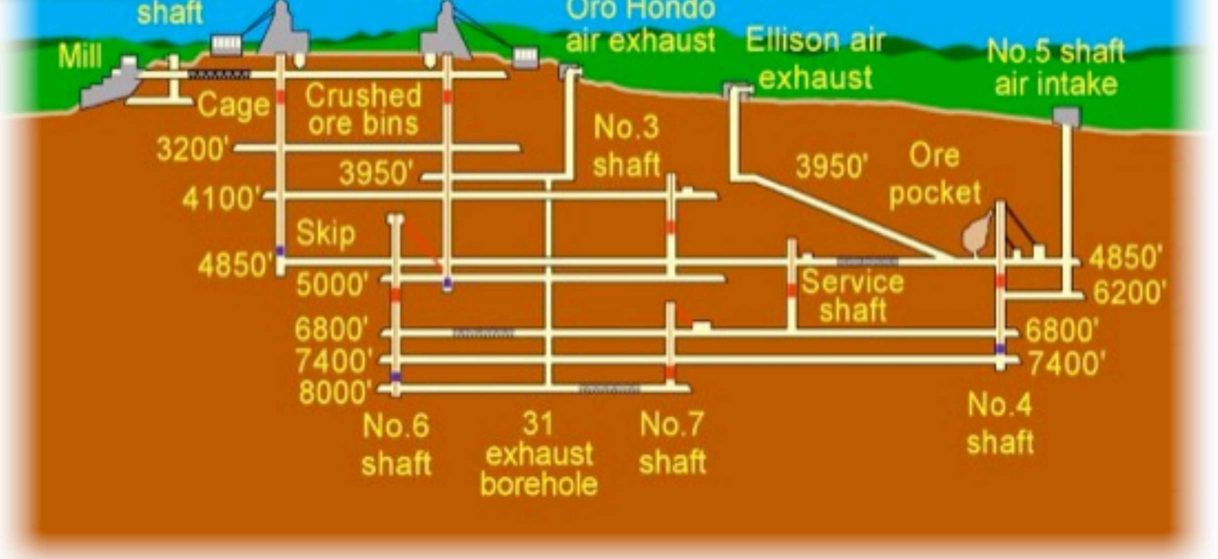
Raymond Davis Jr.
[Homestake]

Masatoshi Koshiba
[Kamiokande]

Riccardo Giacconi
[X-Ray Sources]

The Homestake experiment

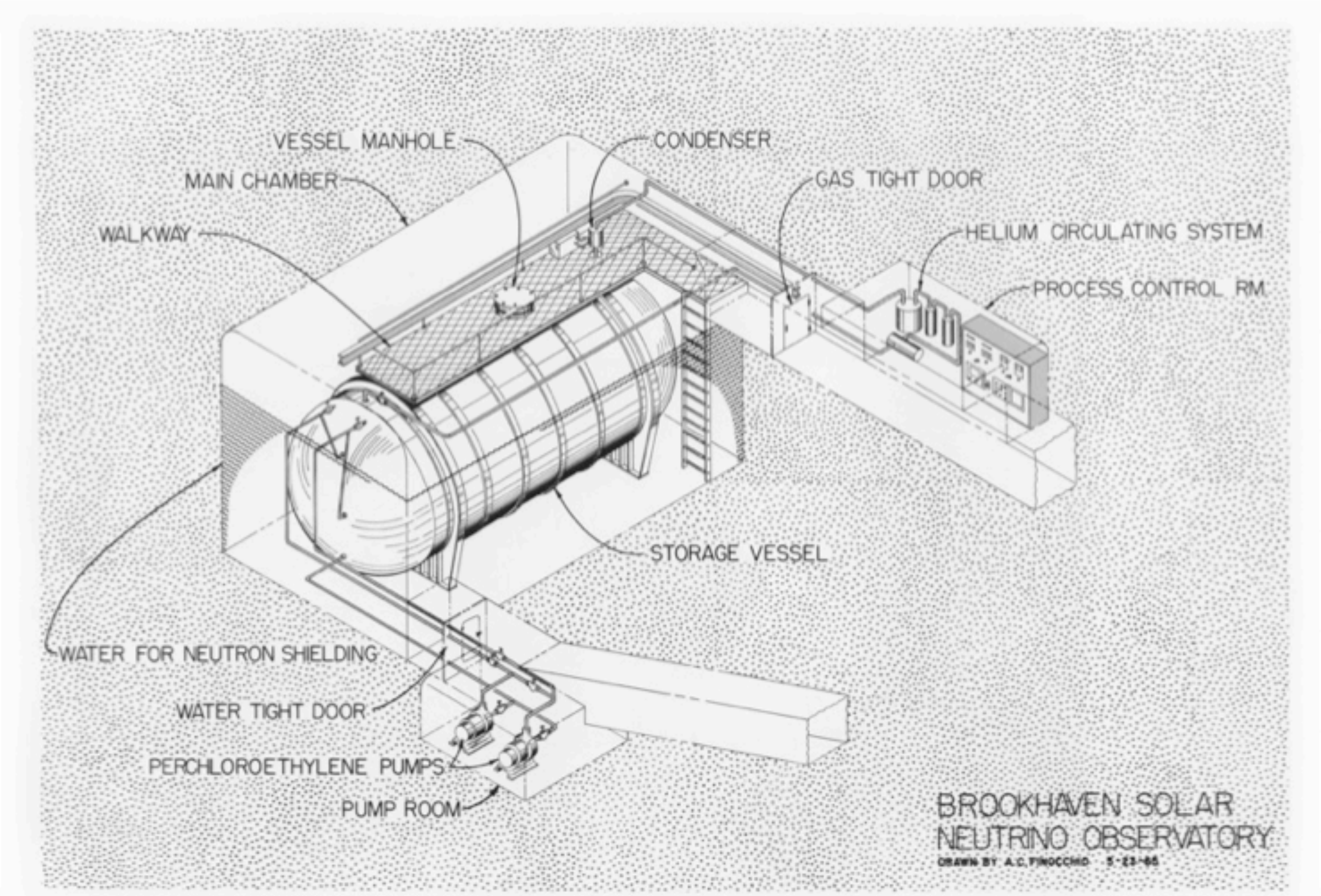




ca.
2500 m

The
Homestake Mine

The Homestake experiment



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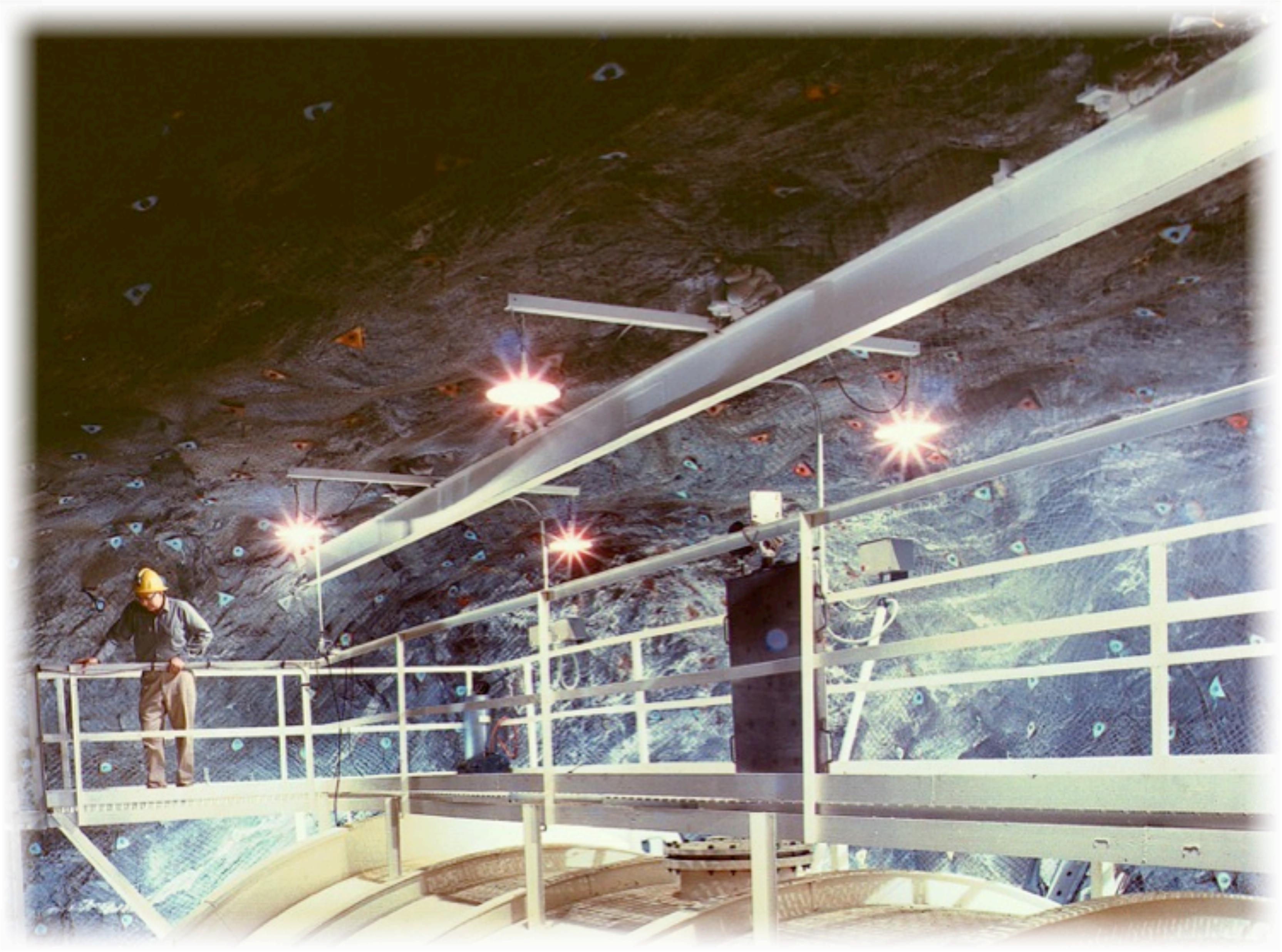


The Homestake experiment

Neutrino capture:

Lifetime: 35 days

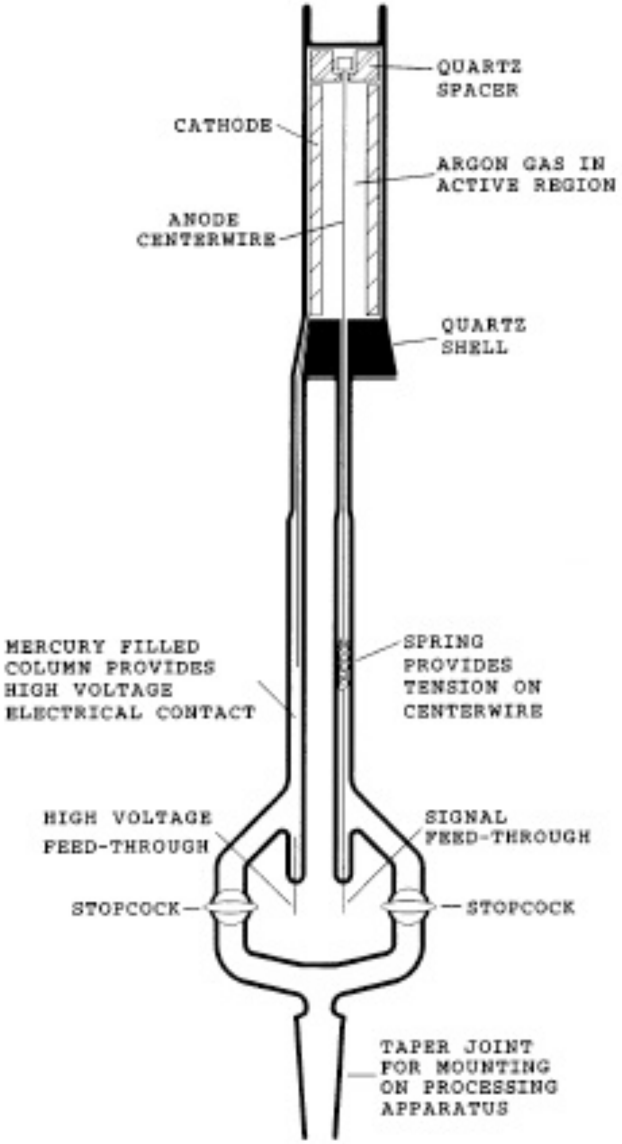
$$^{37}\text{Cl} + \nu_e \rightarrow {}^{37}\text{Ar} + e$$

Detection of ^{37}Ar via e⁻-capture [$^{37}\text{Ar}(e,\nu_e)^{37}\text{Cl}$]; $\tau \approx 35$ days

results in Auger-electron @ 2.82 keV which after extraction is detected in proportional counter

Experimental details:

- 615 tons of C_2Cl_4
- Threshold: 814-keV threshold
- Bubble He gas through to extract Ar [every 2-3 month]
- Ar trapped in cold trap
- Proportional Counter filled with Ar gas (7% methane)
- Important: ^{37}Cl is 24% abundant.



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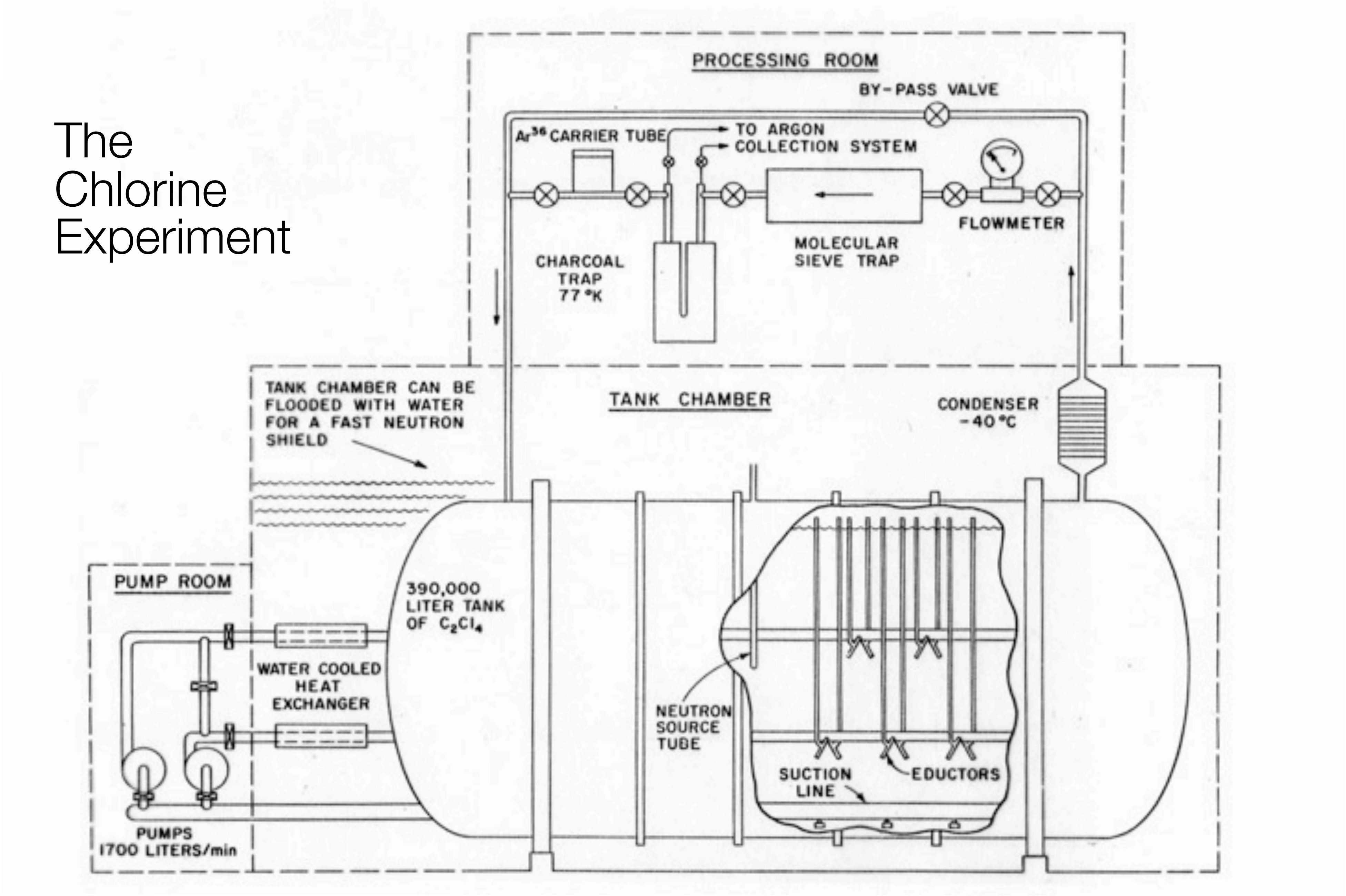
The
Chlorine
Experiment



The Homestake experiment

Some very approximate numbers ...

- 615 tons C_2Cl_4 (Tetrachloroethelene)
- About 5 x 10^{29} Chlorine Atoms (^{37}Cl)

6 Atoms/Molecule

- Prediction: 8 x 10^{-36} ν-reactions/atom/sec
  i.e.: about 60 ^{37}Ar-atoms/month;
  but: half-life = 35 days ➛ 30 atoms/month

- Expect: 60 atoms every 2 month out of
  ca. 10^{30} Tetrachloroethelene molecules

- After 25 years:

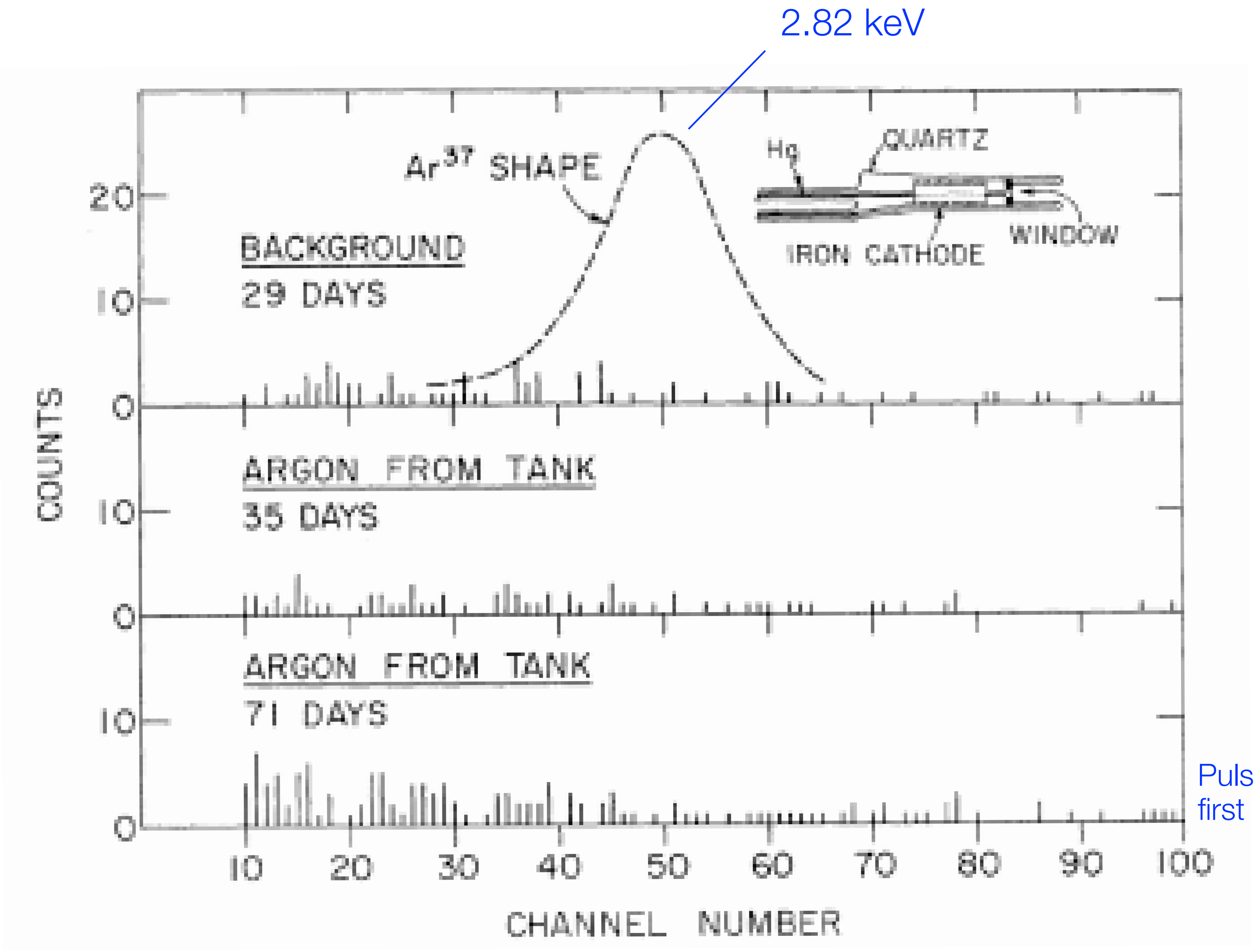
  Expectation: ~ 5000 ^{37}Ar-Atoms expected
  Observation: ~ 2200 ^{37}Ar-Atoms produced

[875 counted; 776 after background subtraction]

^{37}Ar-Extraction Efficiency: ~ 95%

^{37}Ar-Detection Efficiency: ~ 45%

The Homestake experiment

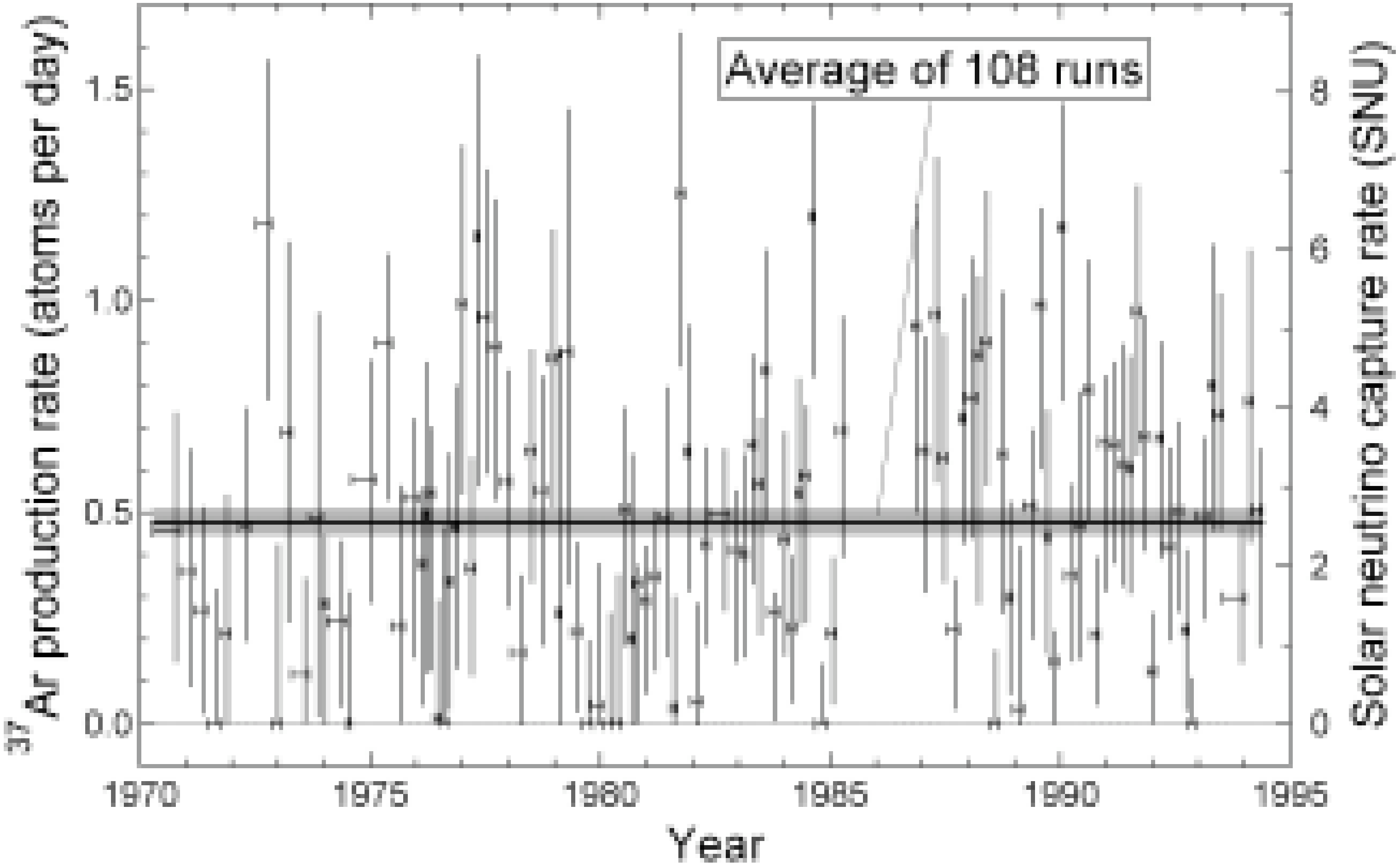


Pulse height Spectra from first runs [1968]

The Homestake experiment

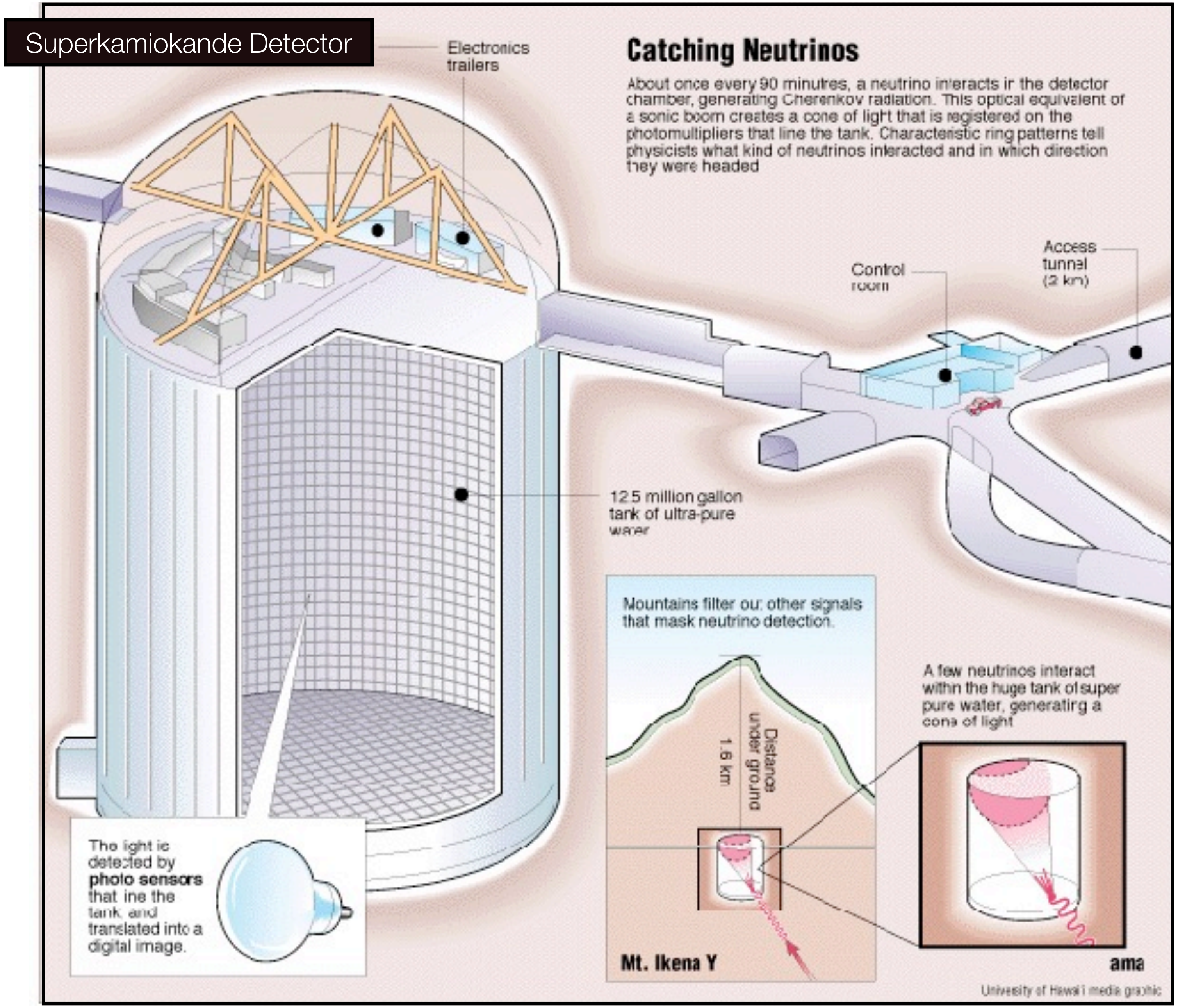
Result of 25 years of running

[after implementation of rise time counting]



2.56 SNU

Super-Kamiokande



Catching Neutrinos

About once every 90 minutes, a neutrino interacts in the detector chamber, generating Cherenkov radiation. This optical equivalent of a sonic boom creates a cone of light that is registered on the photomultipliers that line the tank. Characteristic ring patterns tell physicists what kind of neutrinos interacted and in which direction they were headed.

Mountains filter out other signals that mask neutrino detection.

A few neutrinos interact within the huge tank of super pure water, generating a cone of light.

The light is detected by **photo sensors** that line the tank and translated into a digital image.

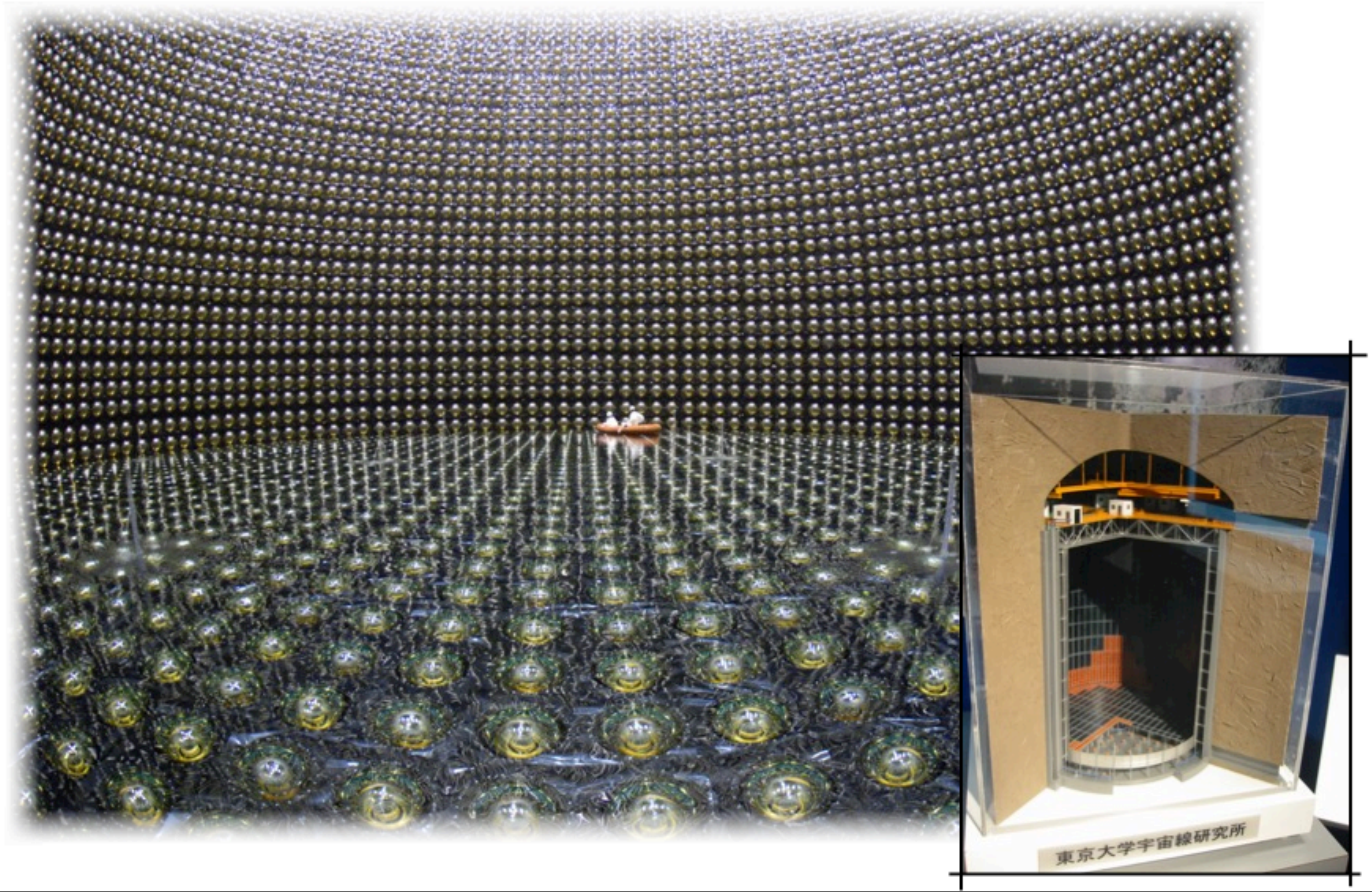
Water tank
1.6 km below ground

50 Million liter
ultra-pure water

1 Neutrino-interaction
every 1.5 hours

Neutrino detection
via Cherenkov light

Super-Kamiokande

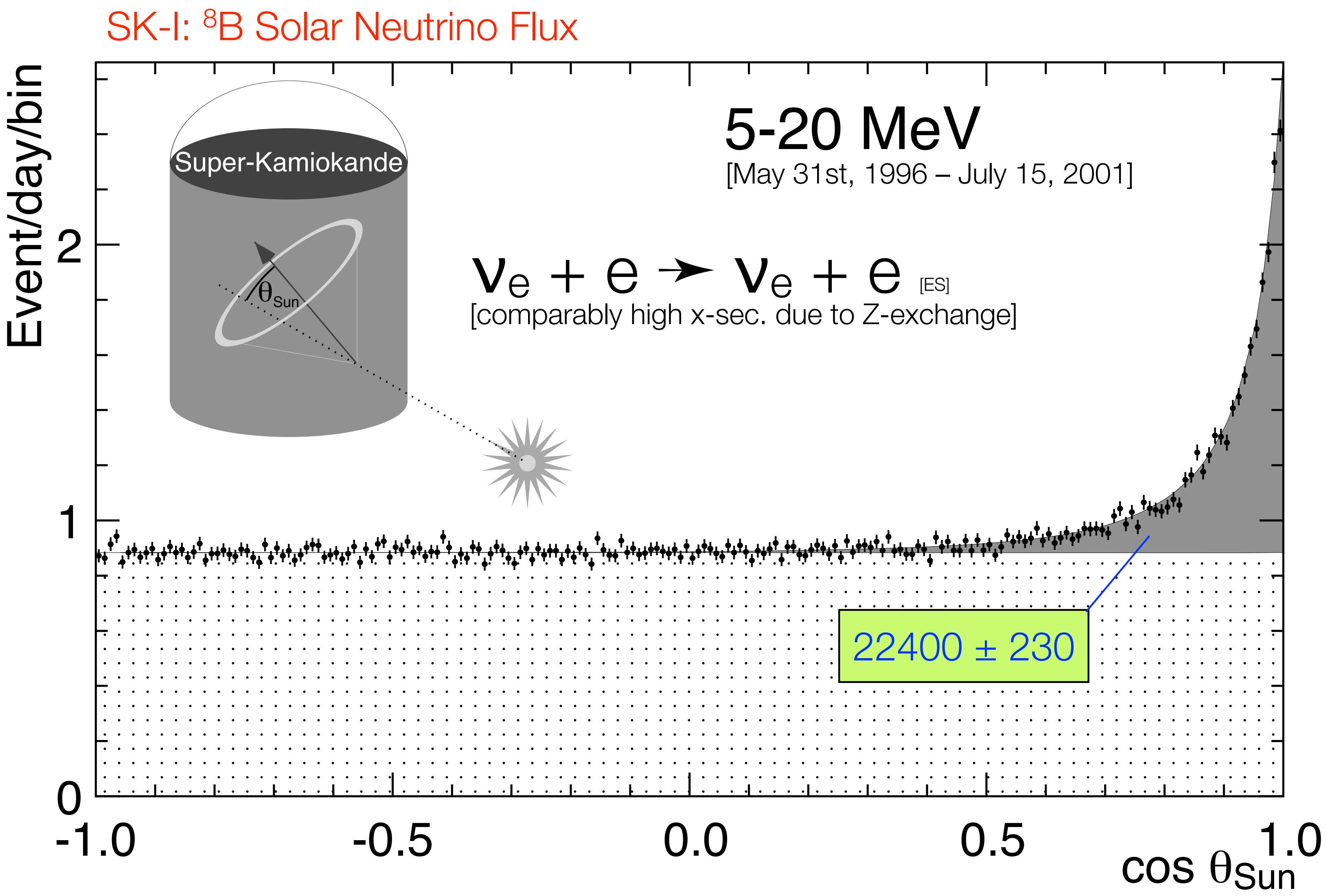


Super-Kamiokande

Mounting of
Photomultiplier Tubes

Total:	11,146	20″ pmts
	1,885	8″ pmts

Super-Kamiokande



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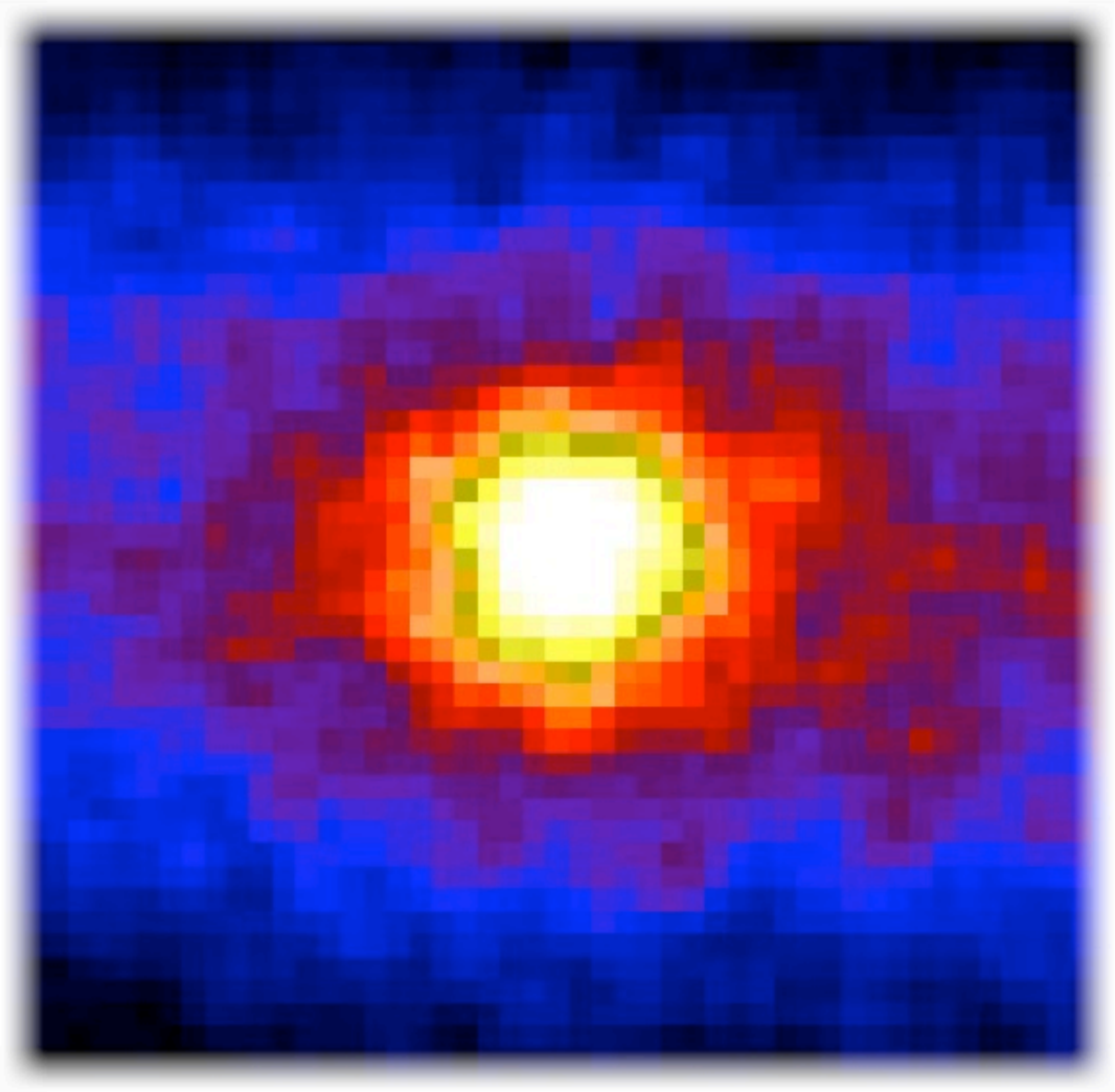
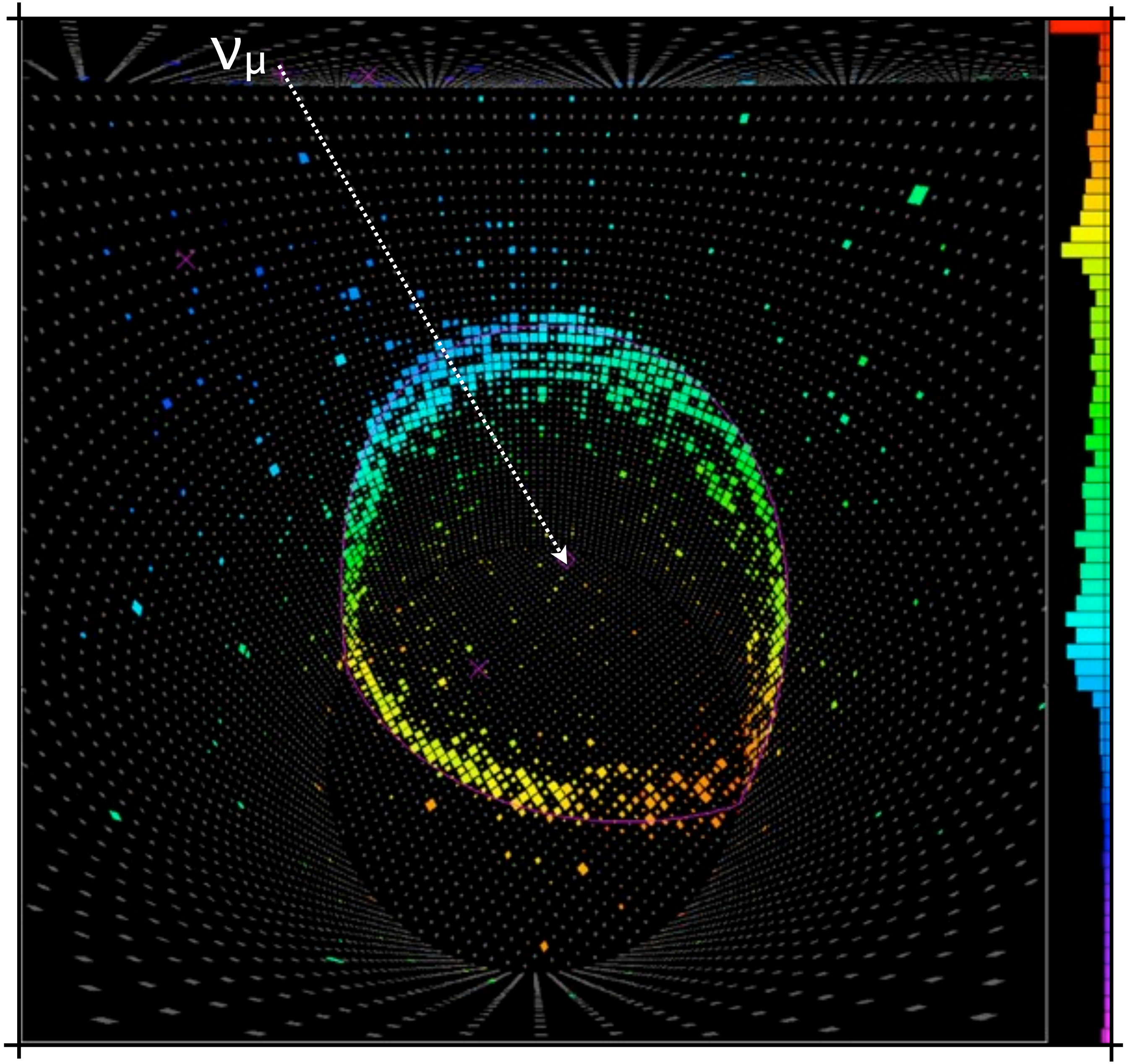


The sun seen
through the earth
in neutrino light

Super-Kamiokande



Muon event

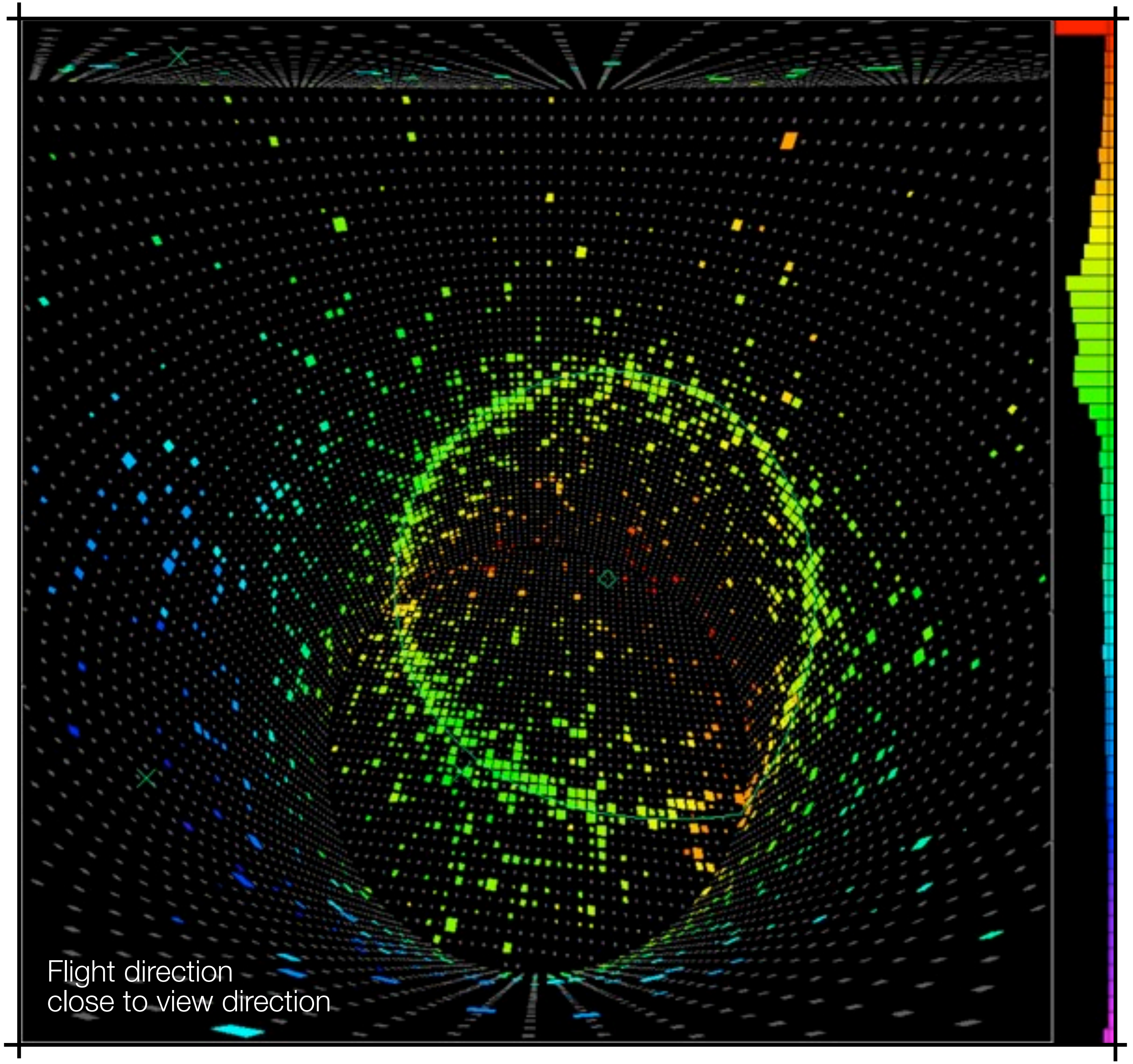
[603 MeV]

Observation of
clean Cherenkov ring
with sharp edges

Flight direction from
timing measurements
[blue: early; red: late]

Energy from amount
of light observed in PMTs

Super-Kamiokande


Flight direction
close to view direction

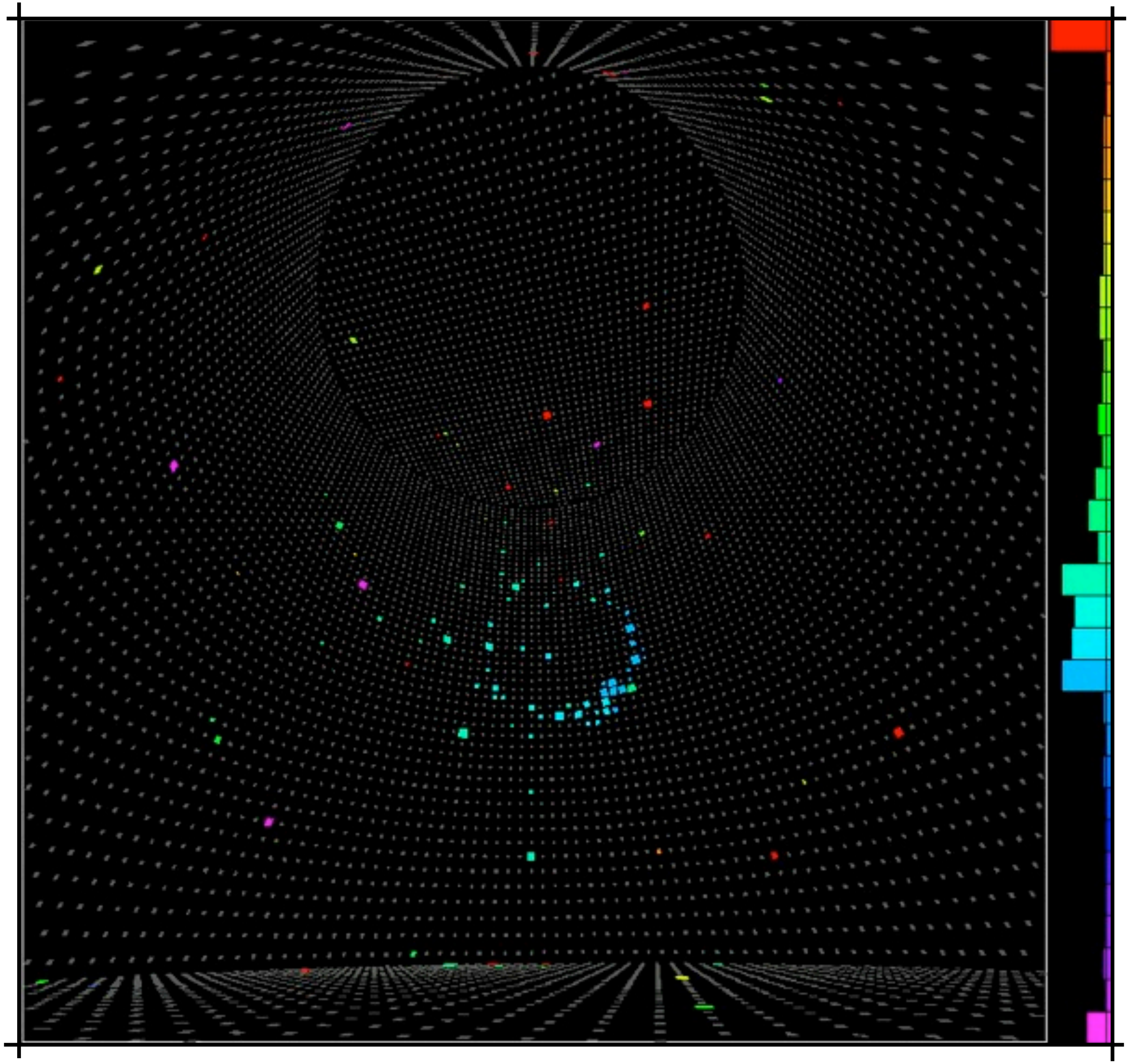
Electron event
[492 MeV]

Observation of
Cherenkov ring
with fuzzy edge
[from e.m. shower]

Flight direction from
timing measurements
[blue: early; red: late]

Energy from amount
of light observed in PMTs

Super-Kamiokande



Solar neutrino

[12.5 MeV]

Unusually nice, well-defined

Flight direction from timing measurements [blue: early; red: late]

Energy from amount of light observed in PMTs

Other solar neutrino experiments

^{37}Cl ➙ ^{37}Ar
[Homestake]

Exp: ~ 2.6 SNU
BS05: ~ 8.1 SNU

^{37}Ga ➙ ^{37}Ge
[Gallex, GNO, Sage]

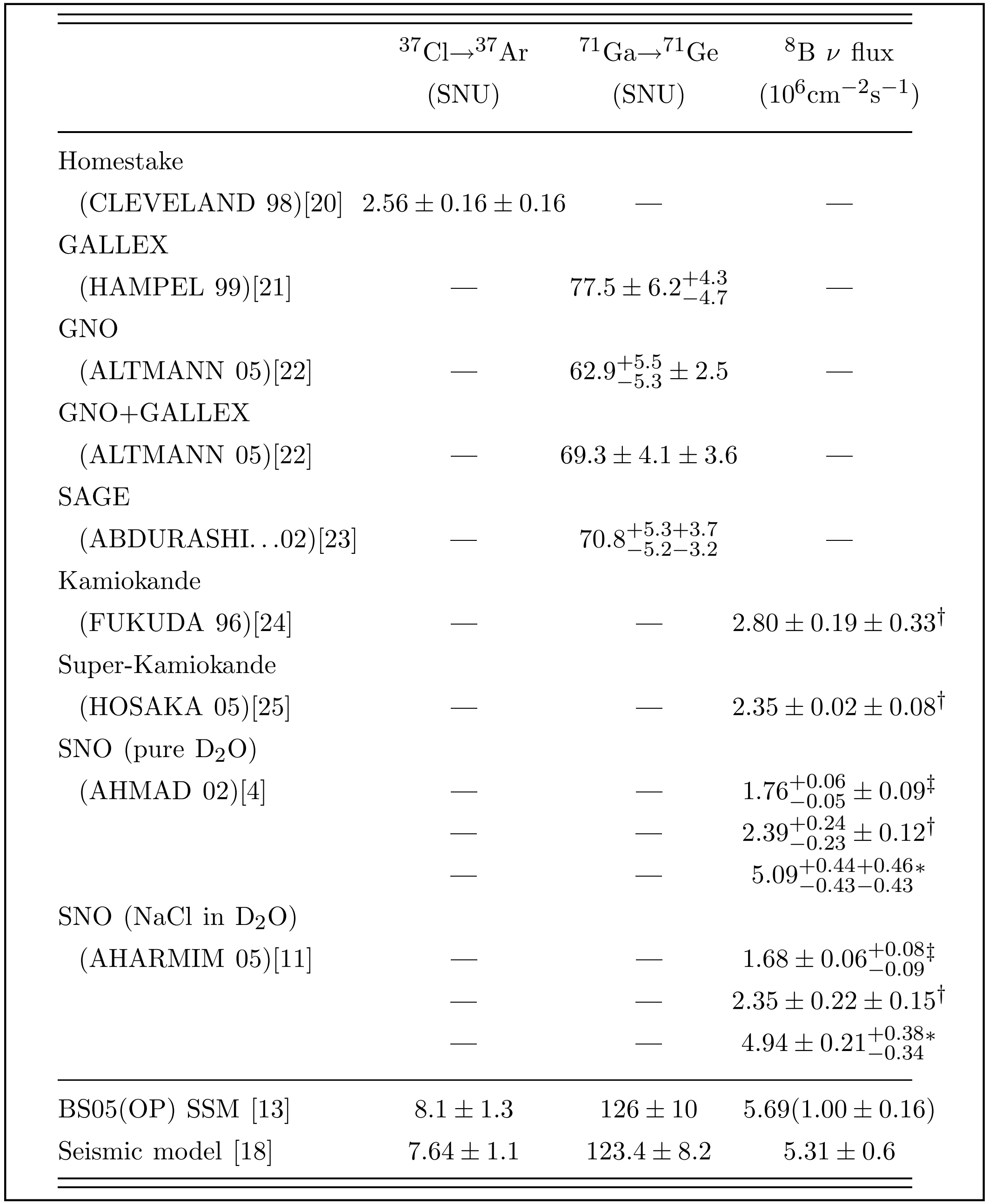
Exp: ~ 70 SNU
BS05: ~ 126 SNU

^{8}B ν-flux
[Kamikande, SNO]

ν_e only

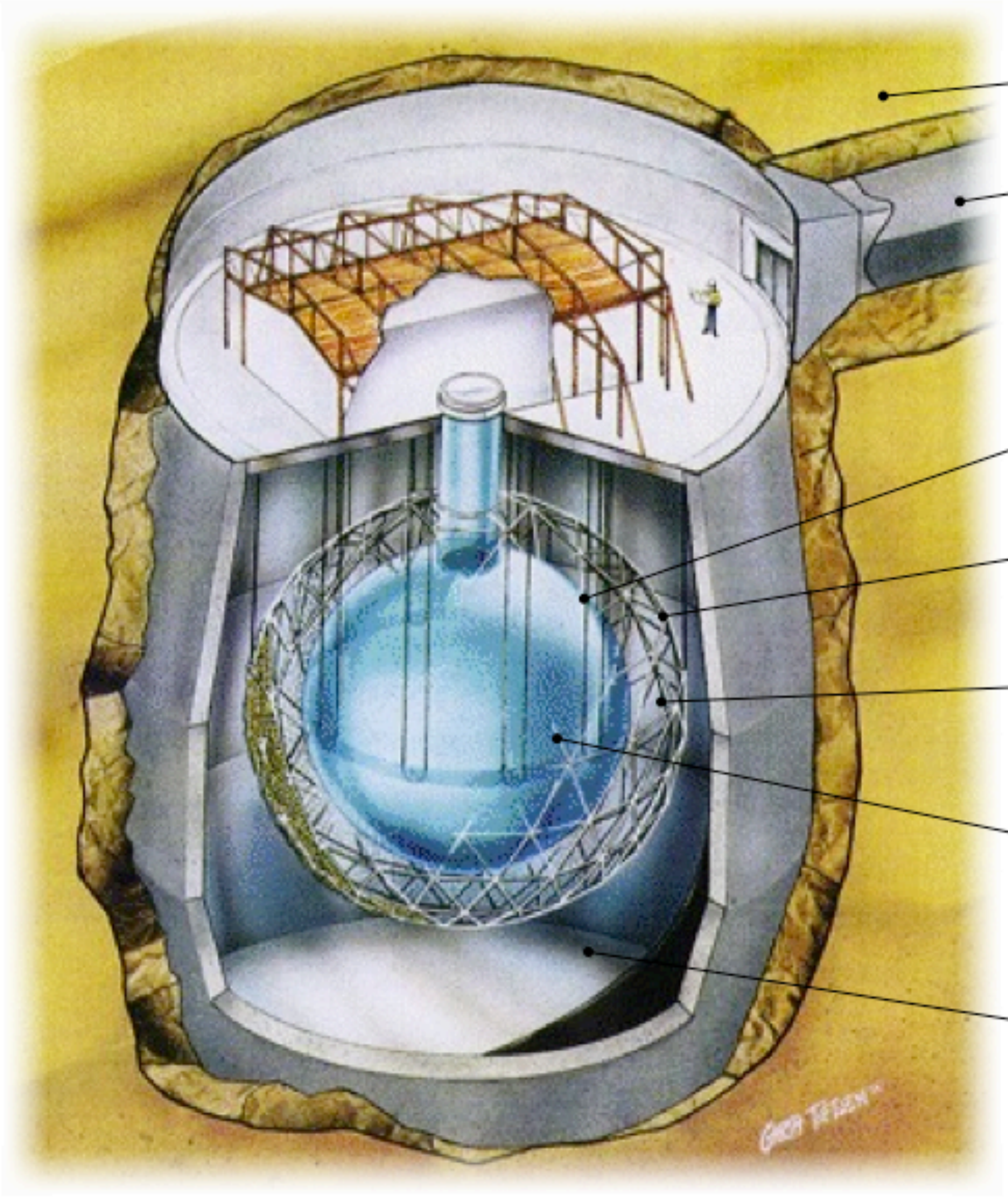
Exp: ~ 2.4 SNU
BS05: ~ 5.7 SNU

[PDG 2008]



	^{37}Cl→^{37}Ar (SNU)	^{71}Ga→^{71}Ge (SNU)	^{8}B ν flux (10^6cm^{-2}s^{-1})
Homestake			
(CLEVELAND 98)[20]	$2.56 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.16$	—	—
GALLEX			
(HAMPEL 99)[21]	—	$77.5 \pm 6.2^{+4.3}_{-4.7}$	—
GNO			
(ALTMANN 05)[22]	—	$62.9^{+5.5}_{-5.3} \pm 2.5$	—
GNO+GALLEX			
(ALTMANN 05)[22]	—	$69.3 \pm 4.1 \pm 3.6$	—
SAGE			
(ABDURASHI...02)[23]	—	$70.8^{+5.3+3.7}_{-5.2-3.2}$	—
Kamiokande			
(FUKUDA 96)[24]	—	—	$2.80 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.33^{\dagger}$
Super-Kamiokande			
(HOSAKA 05)[25]	—	—	$2.35 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.08^{\dagger}$
SNO (pure D_2O)			
(AHMAD 02)[4]	—	—	$1.76^{+0.06}_{-0.05} \pm 0.09^{\ddagger}$
	—	—	$2.39^{+0.24}_{-0.23} \pm 0.12^{\dagger}$
	—	—	$5.09^{+0.44+0.46}_{-0.43-0.43}{}^{*}$
SNO (NaCl in D_2O)			
(AHARMIM 05)[11]	—	—	$1.68 \pm 0.06^{+0.08}_{-0.09}{}^{\ddagger}$
	—	—	$2.35 \pm 0.22 \pm 0.15^{\dagger}$
	—	—	$4.94 \pm 0.21^{+0.38}_{-0.34}{}^{*}$
BS05(OP) SSM [13]	8.1 ± 1.3	126 ± 10	$5.69(1.00 \pm 0.16)$
Seismic model [18]	7.64 ± 1.1	123.4 ± 8.2	5.31 ± 0.6

The SNO experiment



Rock

Control room

12 m diameter
acrylic vessel

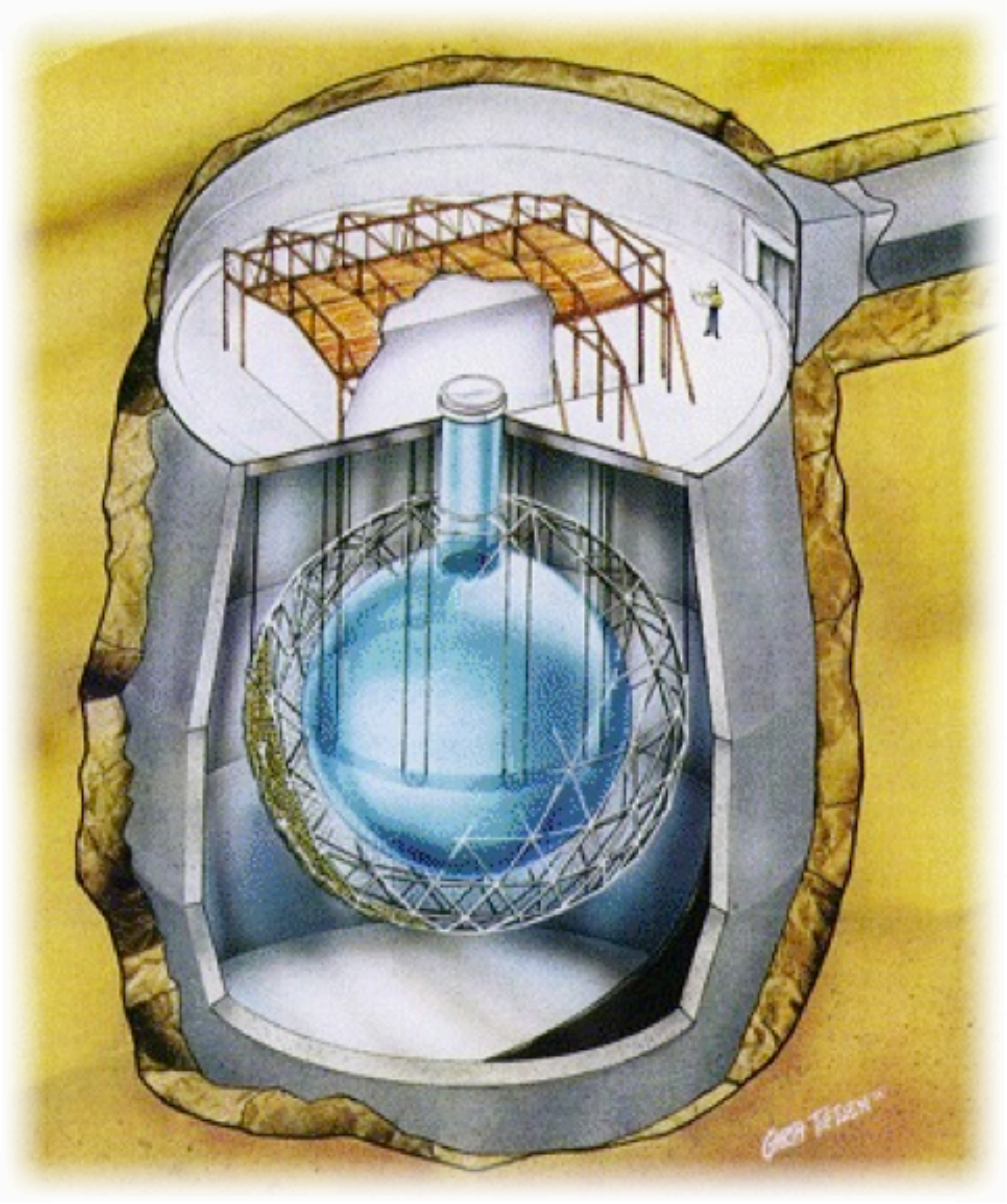
Support structure
for 9500 PMTs

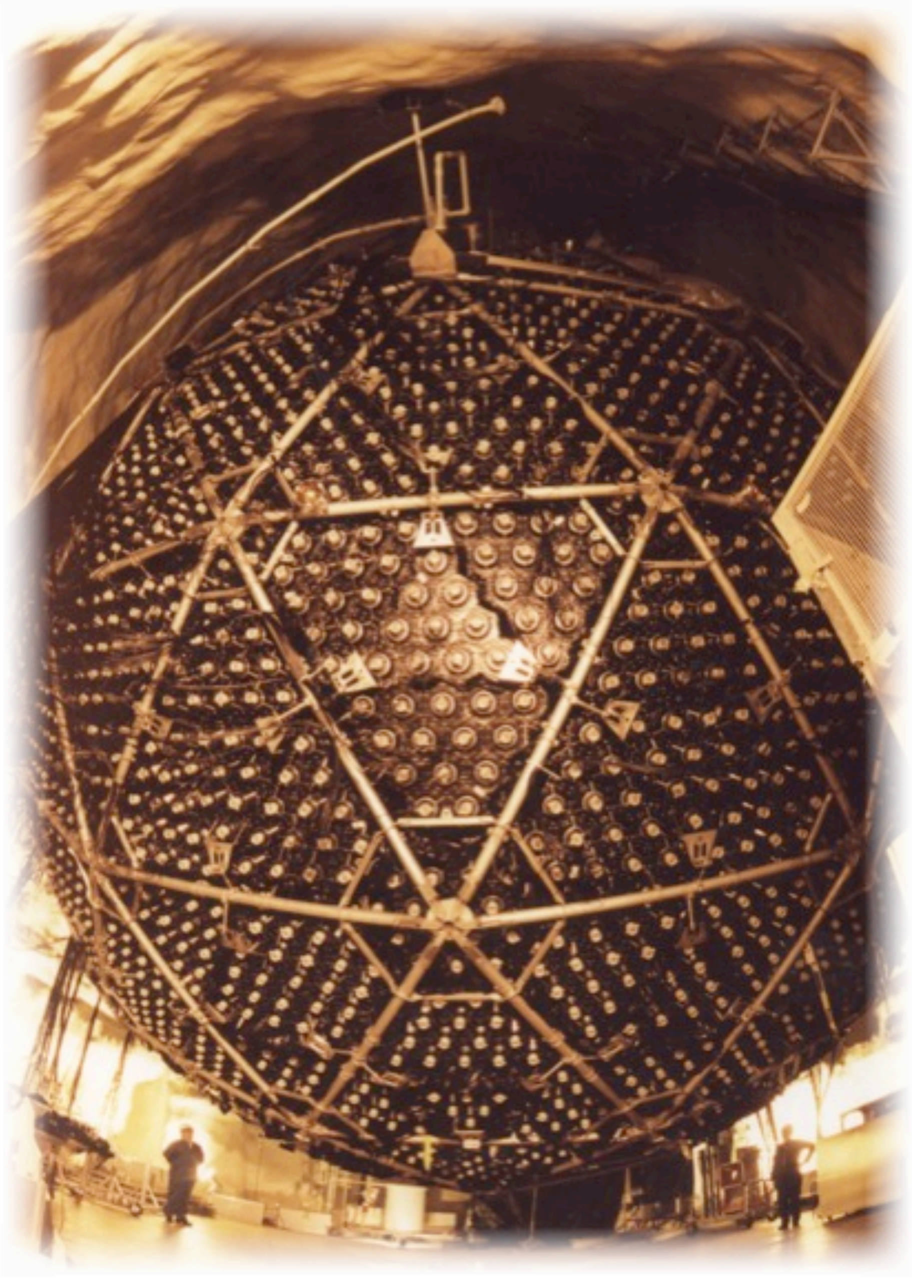
1700 tonnes
light water

1000 tonnes
heavy water

5300 tonnes
light water

The SNO experiment





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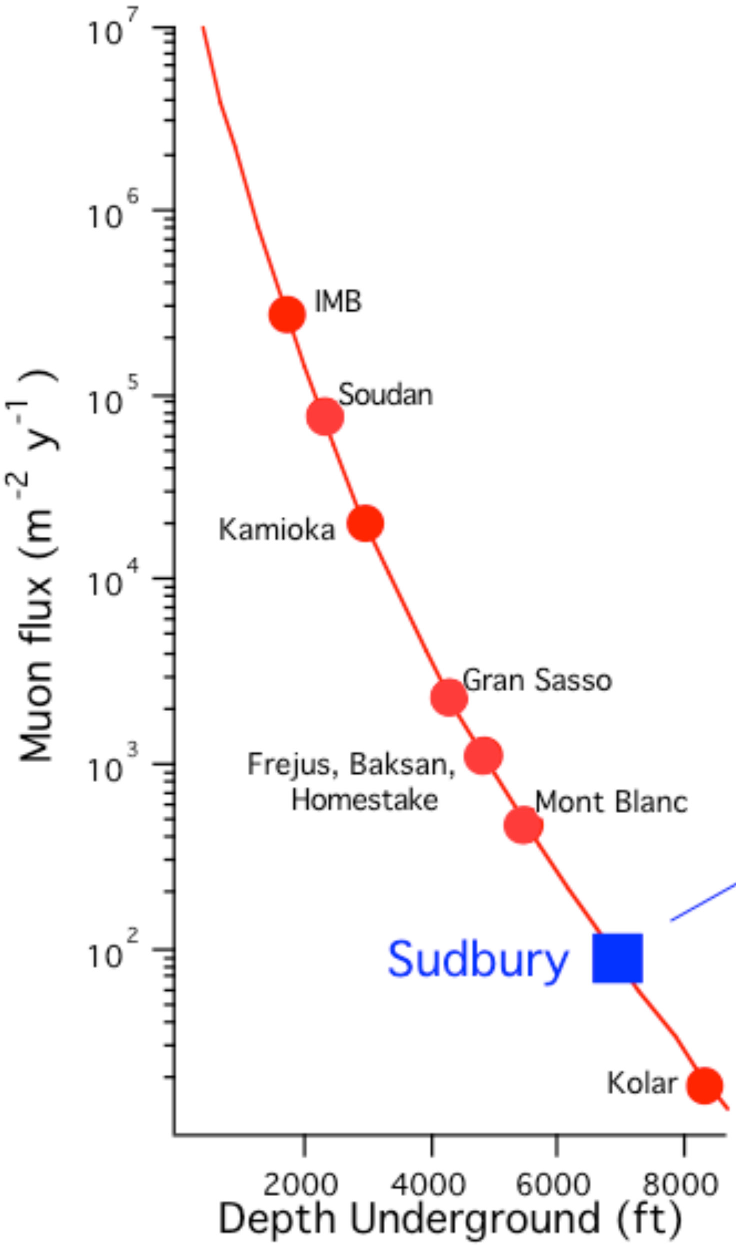


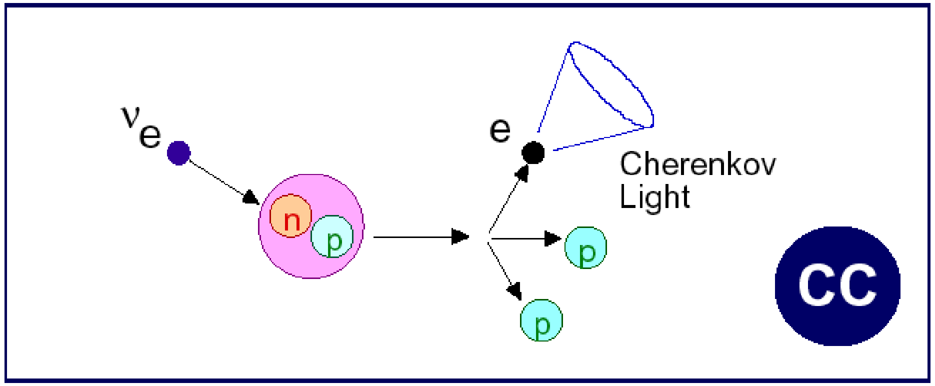
More than 2 km below ground

Background: < 100 μ/day

The SNO experiment

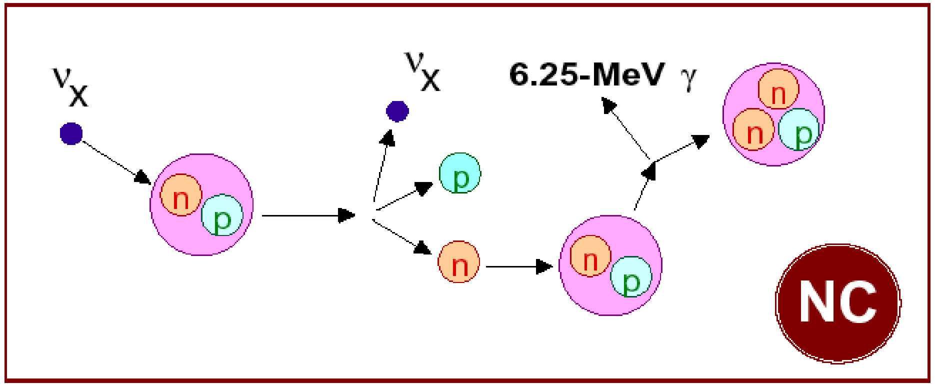
CC $\nu_e + d \rightarrow p + p + e^-$

- Measurement of ν_e energy spectrum
- Weak directionality: $1 - 0.340\cos\theta$



NC $\nu_x + d \rightarrow p + n + \nu_x$

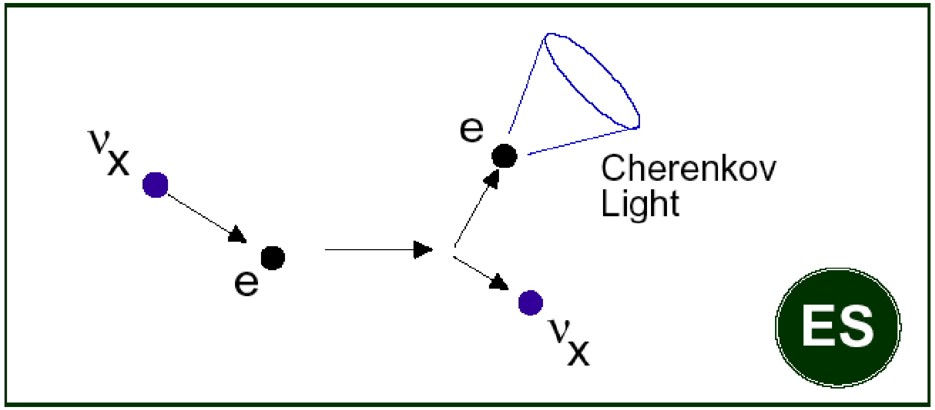
- Measure total ^{8}B ν flux from the sun
- $\sigma(\nu_e) = \sigma(\nu_\mu) = \sigma(\nu_\tau)$



ES $\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-$

- Low Statistics
- $\Sigma\phi = \phi(\nu_e) + 0.154\ \phi(\nu_\mu + \nu_\tau)$
- Strong directionality:

$$\theta_e \le 18^o \quad (T_e = 10\ \text{MeV})$$



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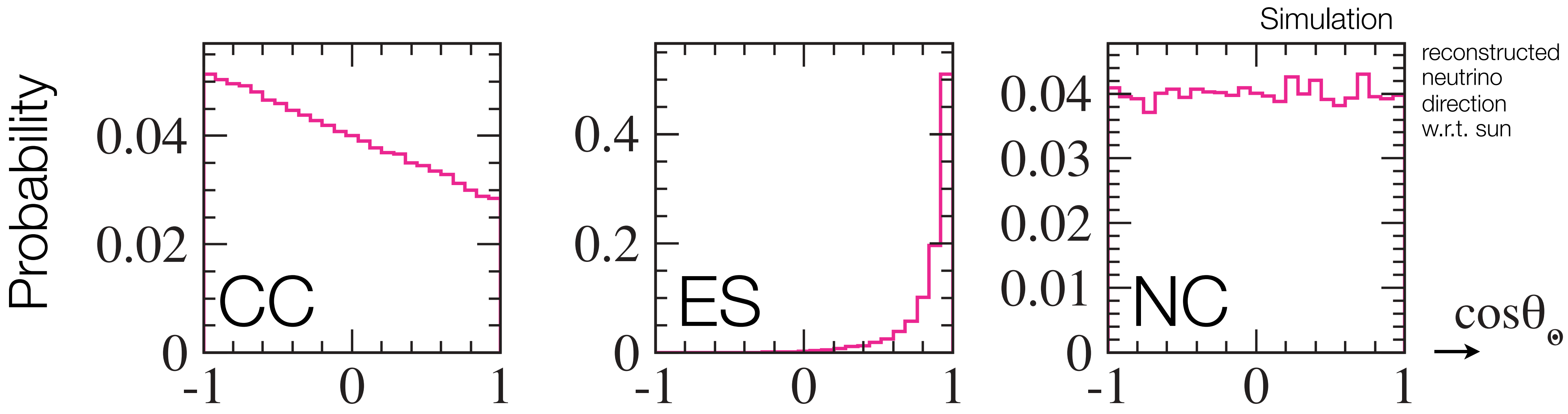
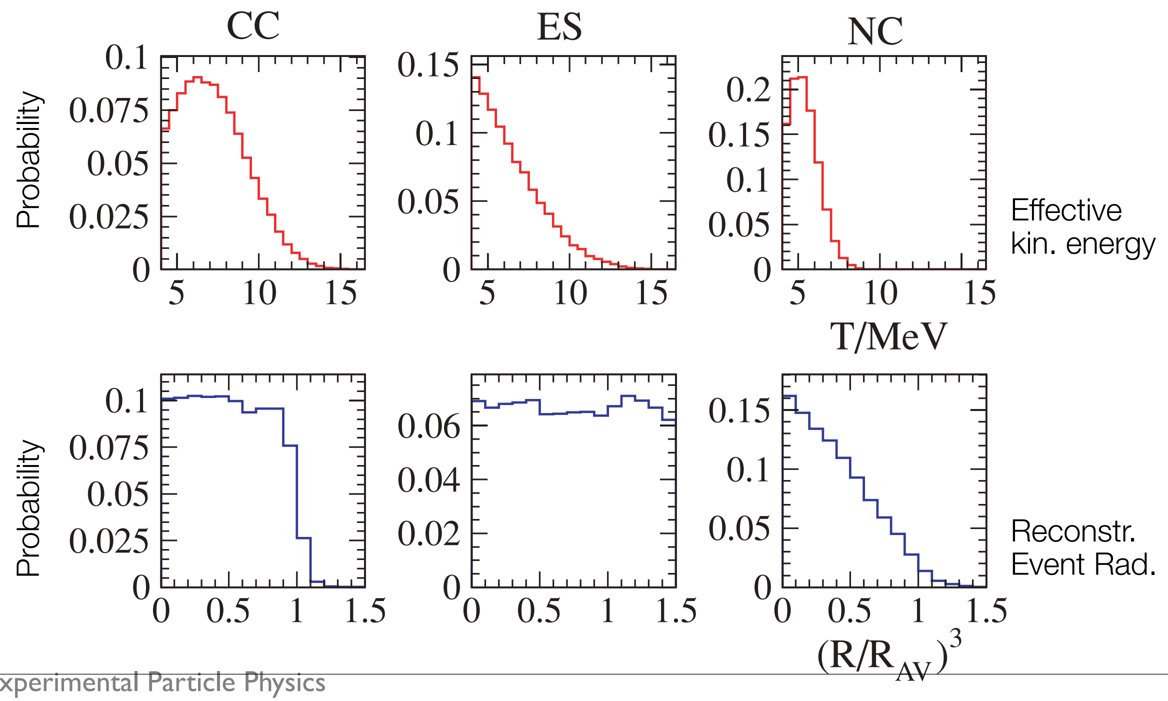
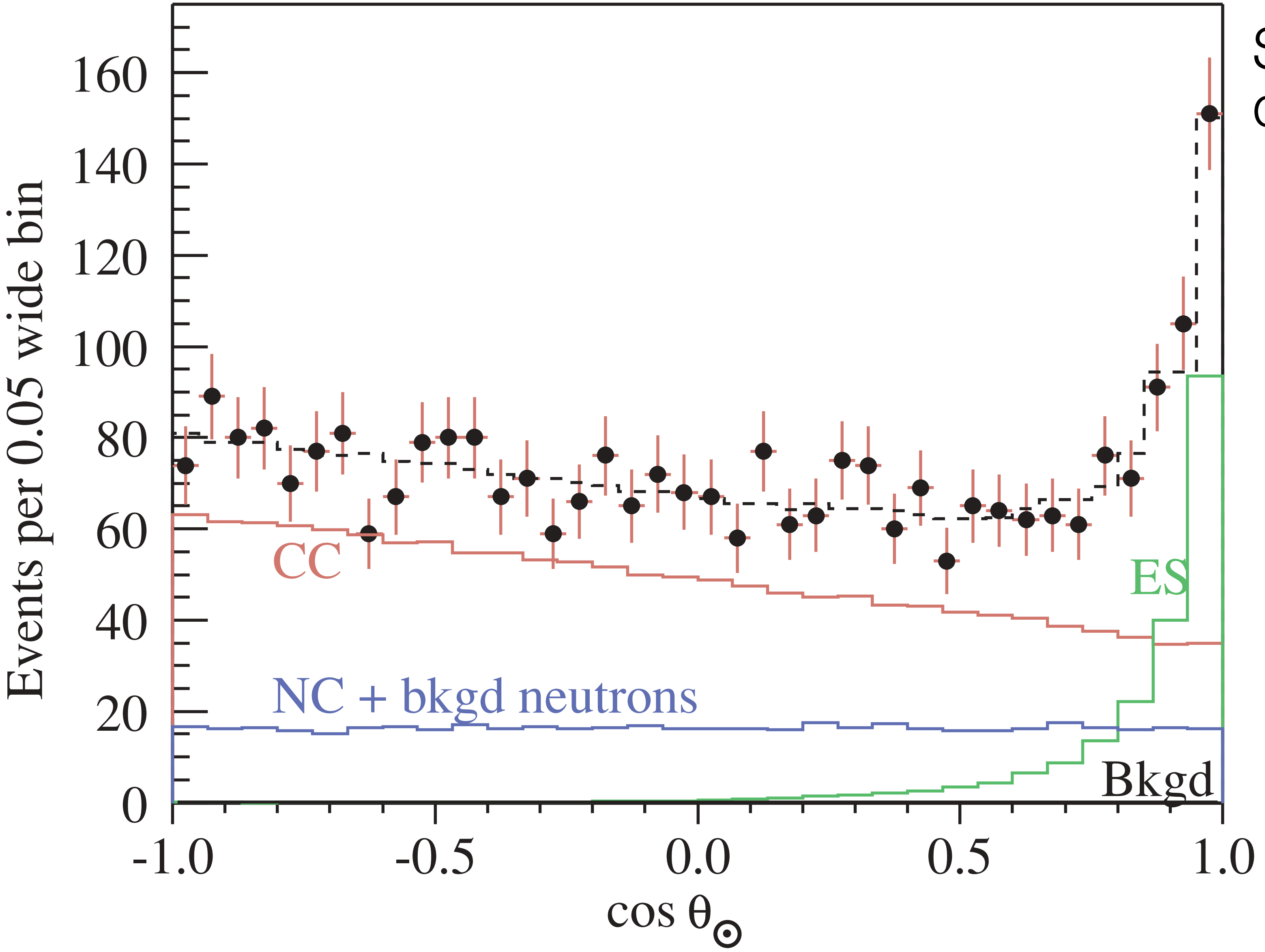




Analysis strategy:

Determine size of CC, ES and NC signals via a fit of the data to probability distributions

The SNO experiment



SNO data

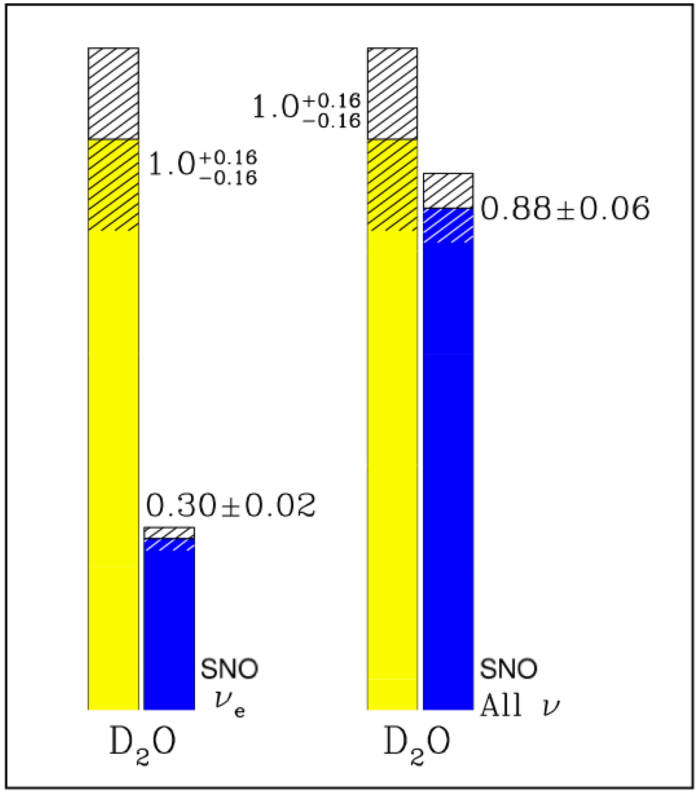
reconstructed neutrino direction w.r.t. sun

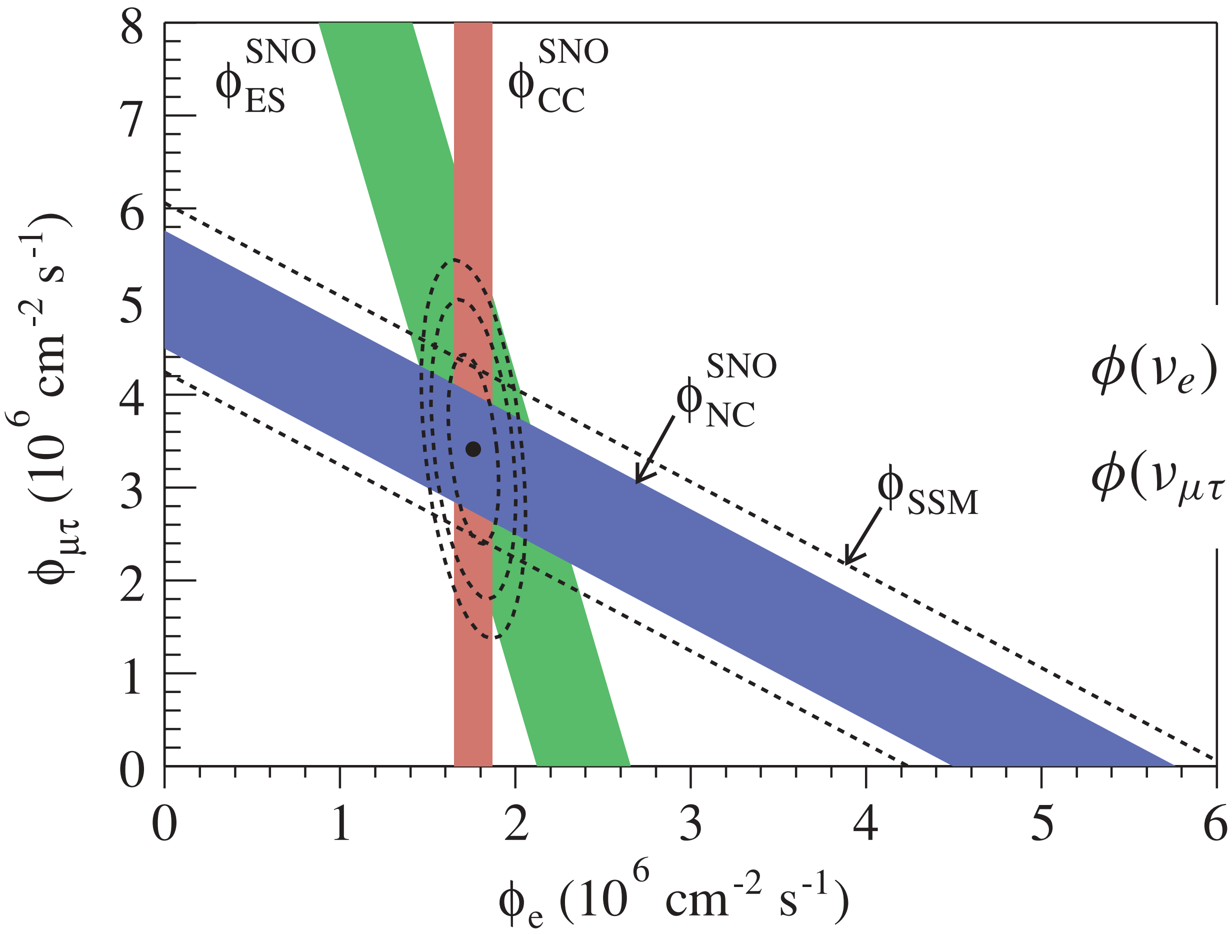
The SNO experiment

$$\phi_{CC} = 1.76^{+0.06}_{-0.05}\,(\text{stat.})^{+0.09}_{-0.09}\,(\text{syst.}) \times 10^6\,\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\phi_{ES} = 2.39^{+0.24}_{-0.23}\,(\text{stat.})^{+0.12}_{-0.12}\,(\text{syst.}) \times 10^6\,\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\phi_{NC} = 5.09^{+0.44}_{-0.43}\,(\text{stat.})^{+0.46}_{-0.43}\,(\text{syst.}) \times 10^6\,\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$





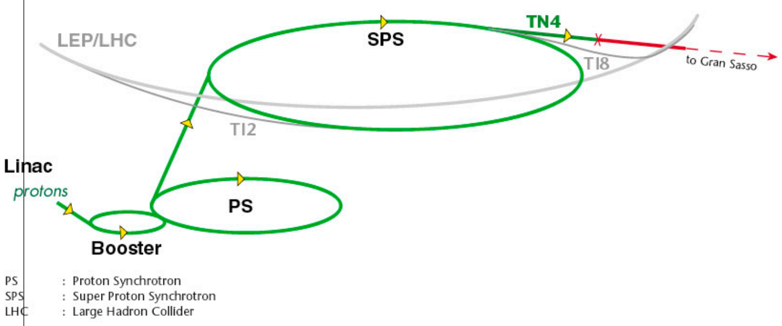
$$\phi(\nu_e) = 1.76^{+0.05}_{-0.05}\,(\text{stat.})^{+0.09}_{-0.09}\,(\text{syst.})$$

$$\phi(\nu_{\mu\tau}) = 3.41^{+0.45}_{-0.45}\,(\text{stat.})^{+0.48}_{-0.45}\,(\text{syst.})$$

$$\times 10^6\,\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$

ν_e-flux too low!
Oscillations!

CNGS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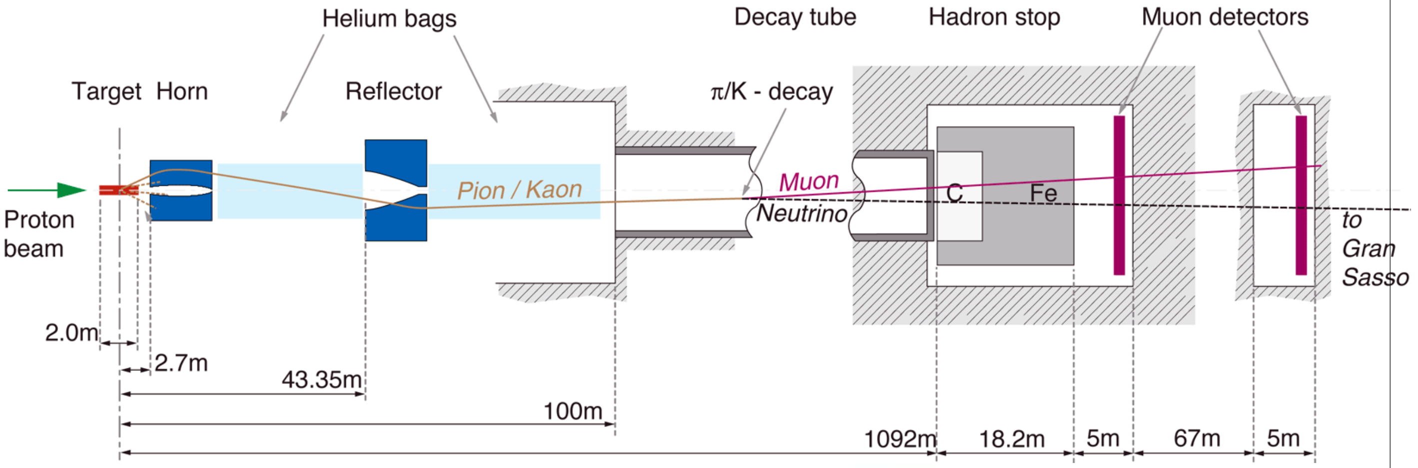
to Gran Sasso
TI2
Linac
protons
PS
Booster
PS : Proton Synchrotron
SPS : Super Proton Synchrotron
LHC : Large Hadron Collider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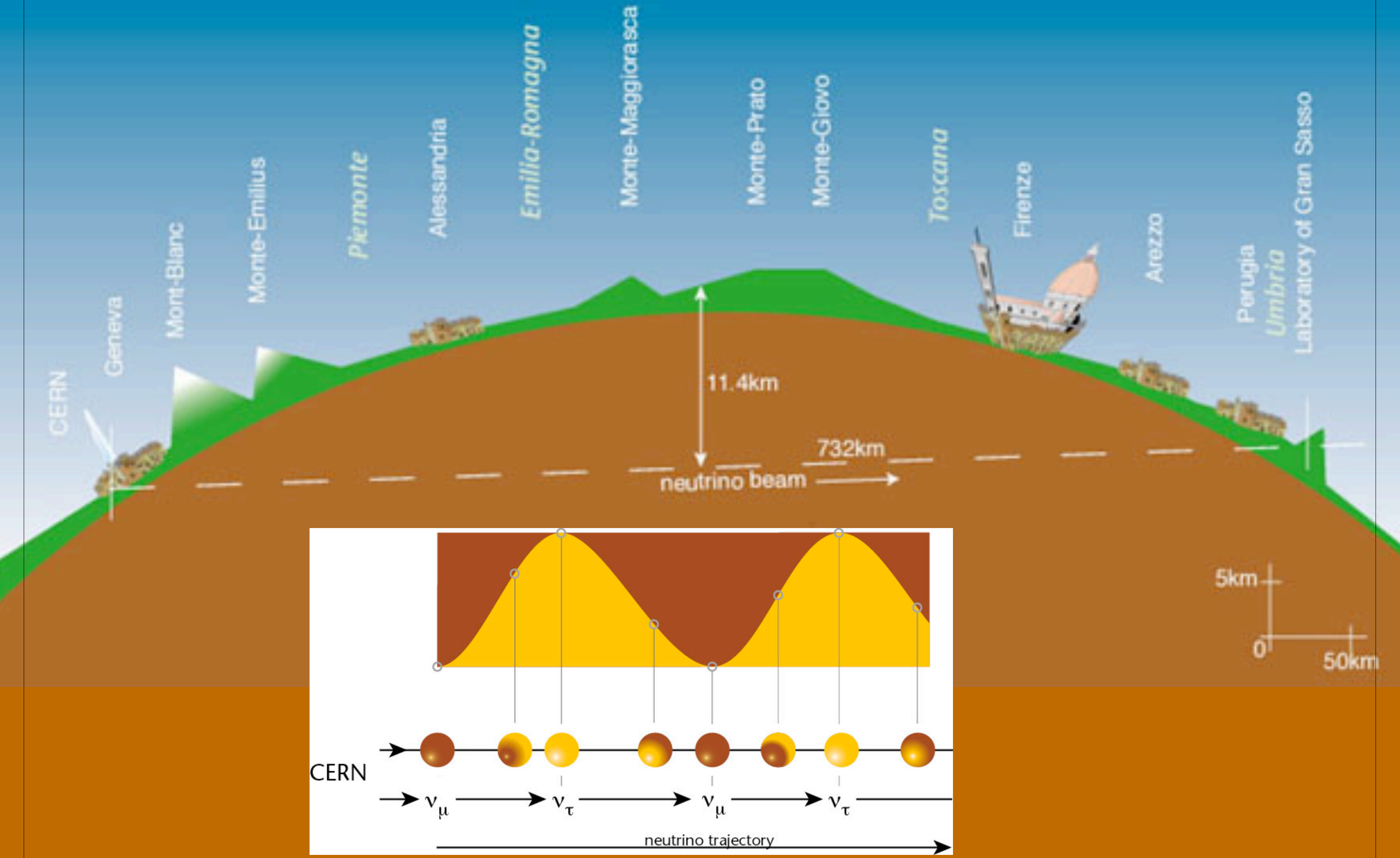
CNGS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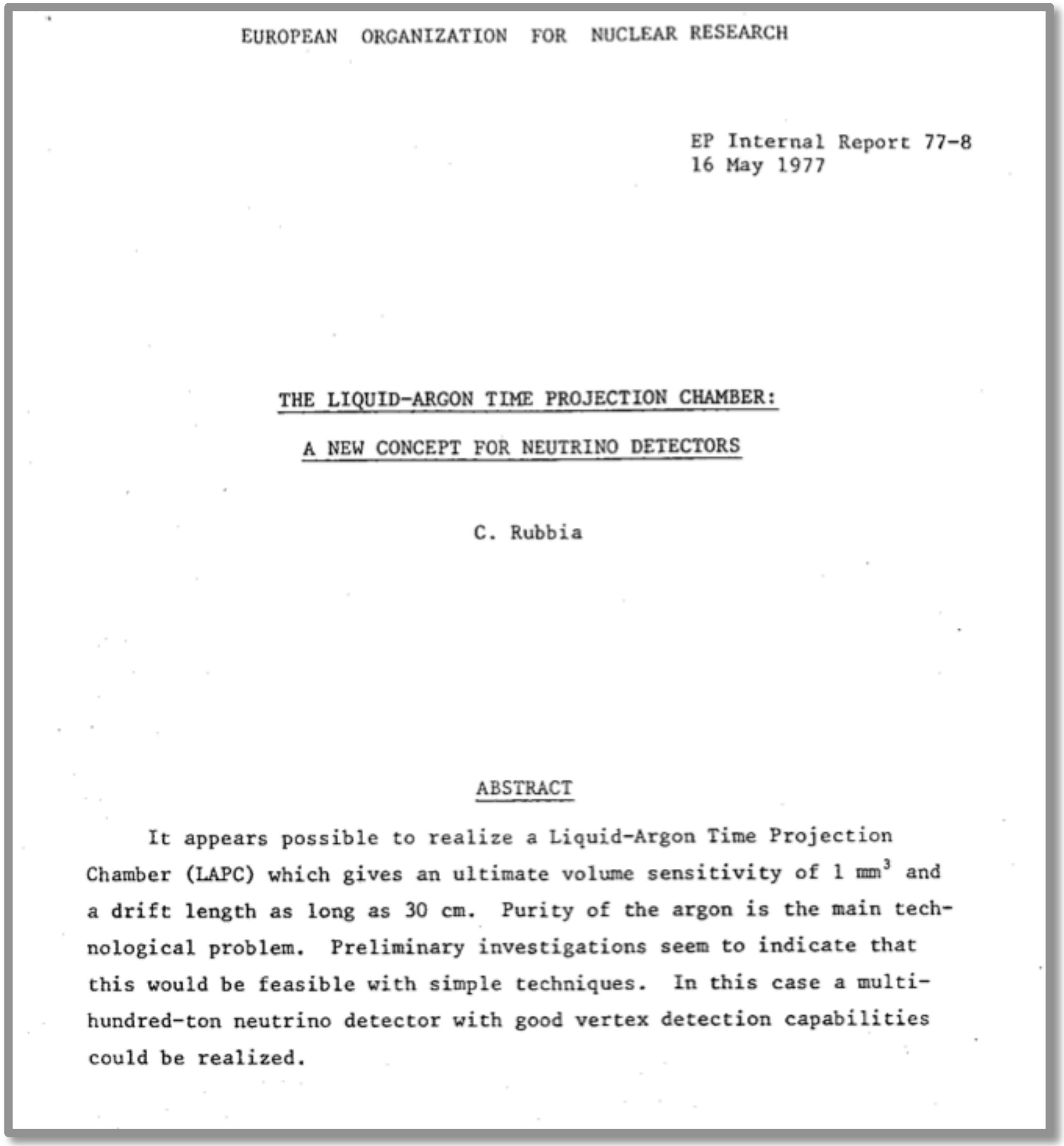
TPC as neutrino detectors



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THE LIQUID-ARGON TIME PROJECTION CHAMBER:

A NEW CONCEPT FOR NEUTRINO DETECTORS

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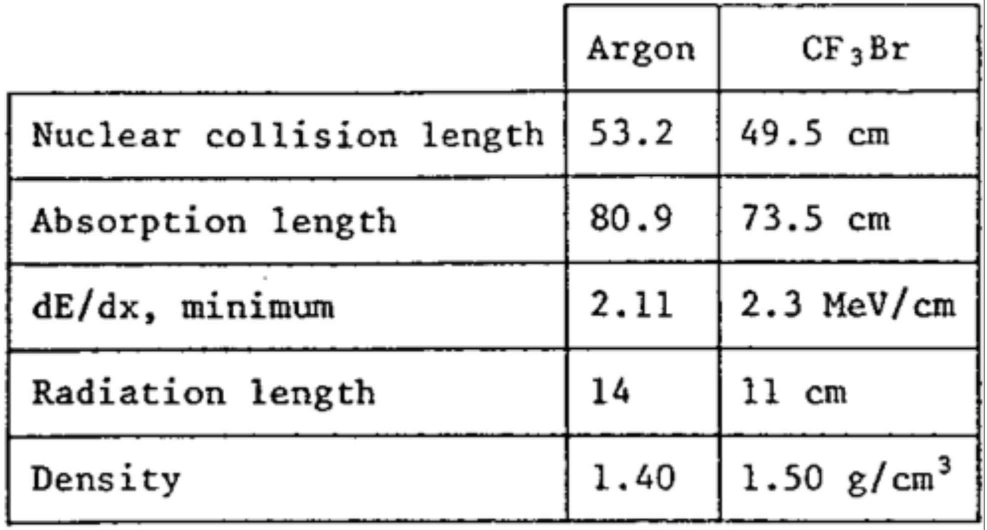
ABSTRACT

It appears possible to realize a Liquid-Argon Time Projection Chamber (LAPC) which gives an ultimate volume sensitivity of 1 mm^3 and a drift length as long as 30 cm. Purity of the argon is the main technological problem. Preliminary investigations seem to indicate that this would be feasible with simple techniques. In this case a multi-hundred-ton neutrino detector with good vertex detection capabilities could be realized.

http://cds.cern.ch/record/117852/files/CERN-EP-INT-77-8.pdf

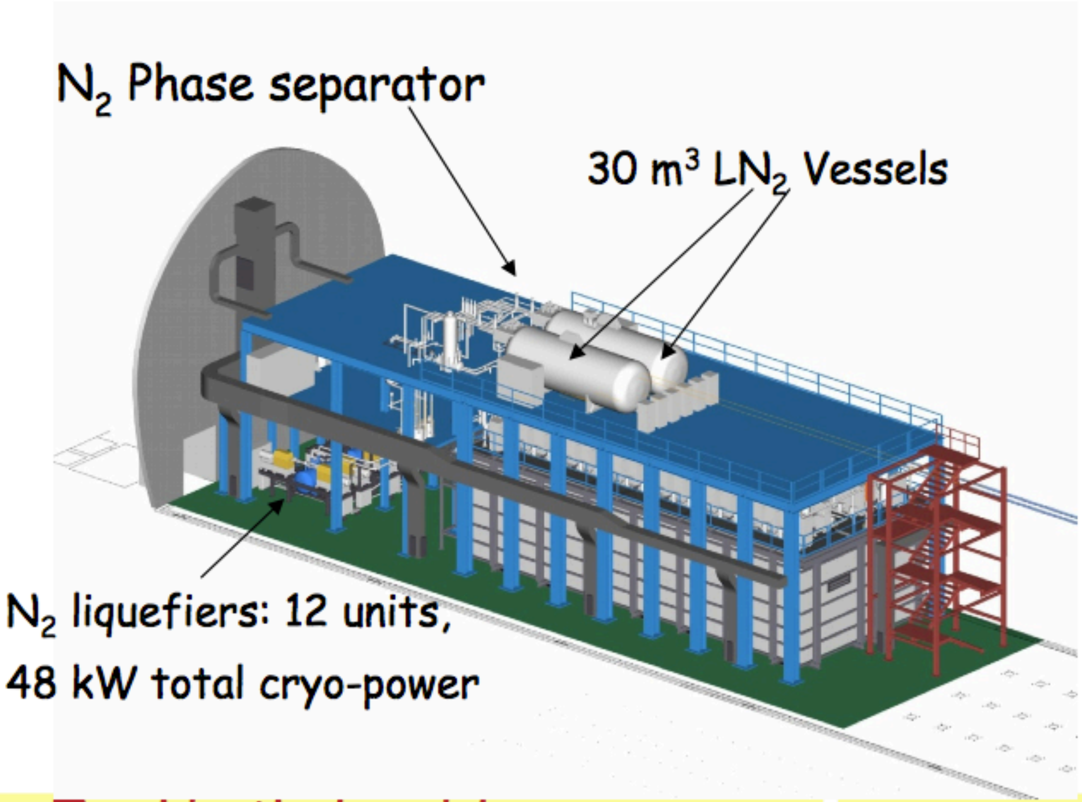
Why LAr for neutrino detectors?

- Excellent insulant, very weakly electronegative: free electrons produced by ionisation drift long distances
- Produces many electron-ion pairs: measurement of energy deposited in liquid;
- Good scintillator: measurement of energy of luminous flash produced by event, event localisation
- Available in sufficient quantity



	Argon	CF_3Br
Nuclear collision length	53.2	49.5 cm
Absorption length	80.9	73.5 cm
dE/dx, minimum	2.11	2.3 MeV/cm
Radiation length	14	11 cm
Density	1.40	1.50 g/cm^3

ICARUS (Imaging Cosmic And Rare Underground Signals)



Hall B @ LNGS

- Two identical modules
    - 3.6 x 3.9 x 19.6 ≈ 275 m^3 each
    - Liquid Ar active mass: ≈ 476 t
    - Drift length = 1.5 m (1 ms)
    - HV = -75 kV E = 0.5 kV/cm
    - v-drift = 1.55 mm/μs

- 4 wire chambers:
    - 2 chambers per module
    - 3 readout wire planes per chamber, wires at 0,±60°
    - ≈ 54000 wires, 3 mm pitch, 3 mm plane spacing
- 20+54 PMTs , 8" Ø, for scintillation light detection:
    - VUV sensitive (128nm) with wave shifter (TPB)

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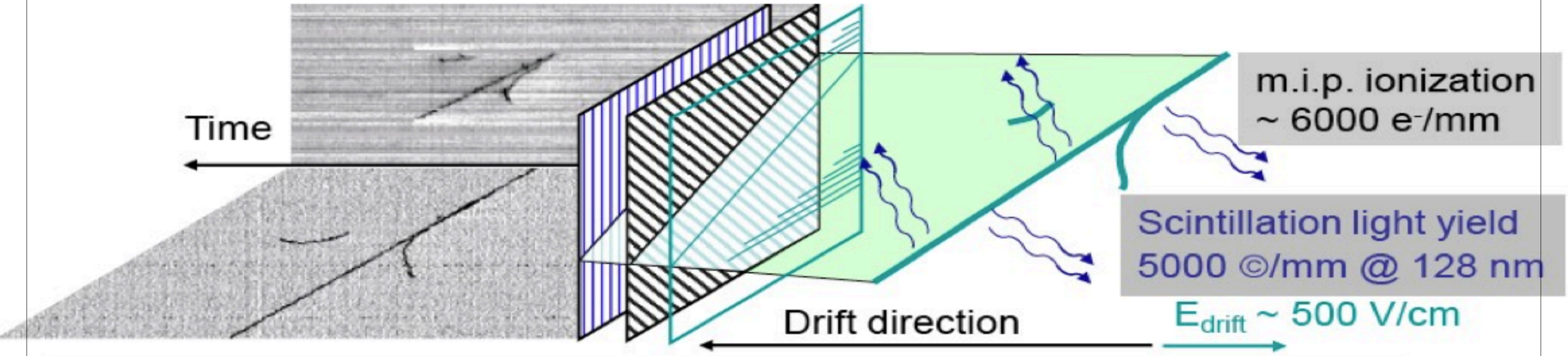
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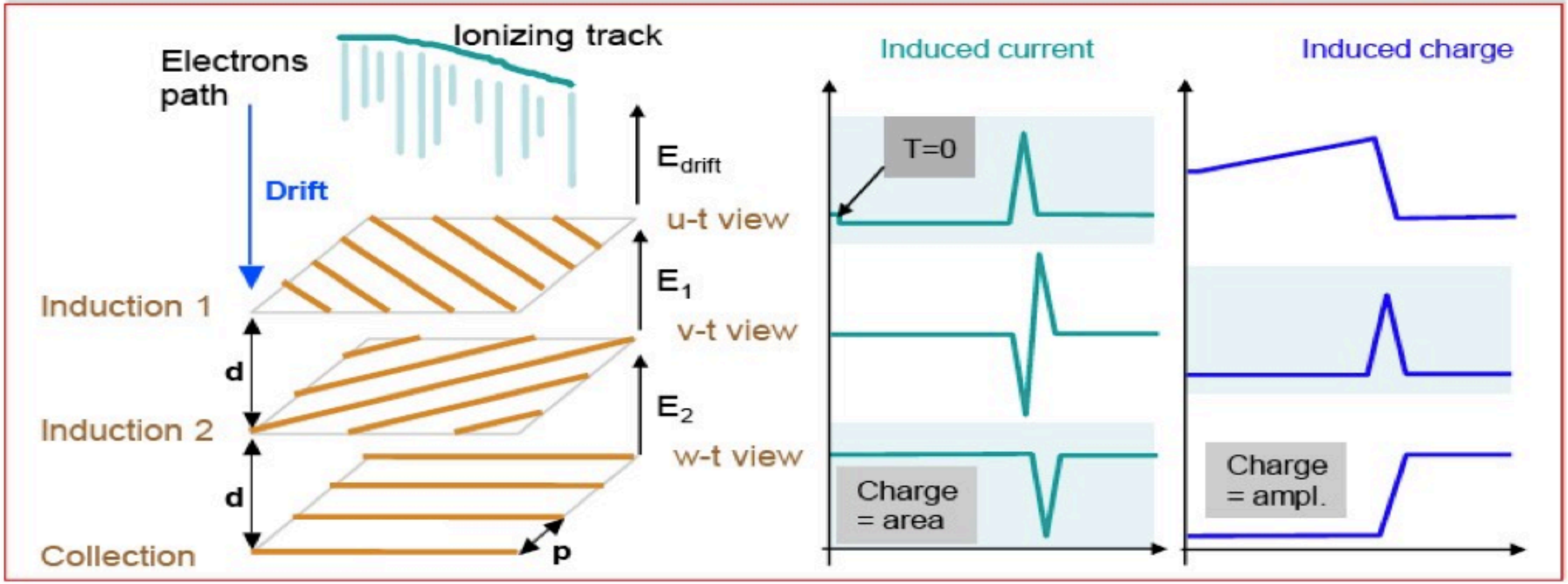
m.i.p. ionization
~ 6000 e-/mm
Scintillation light yield
5000 ©/mm @ 128 nm
Drift direction
Edrift ~ 500 V/cm


Ionizing track
Electrons path
Drift
Edrift
E1
E2
u-t view
v-t view
w-t view
Induction 1
Induction 2
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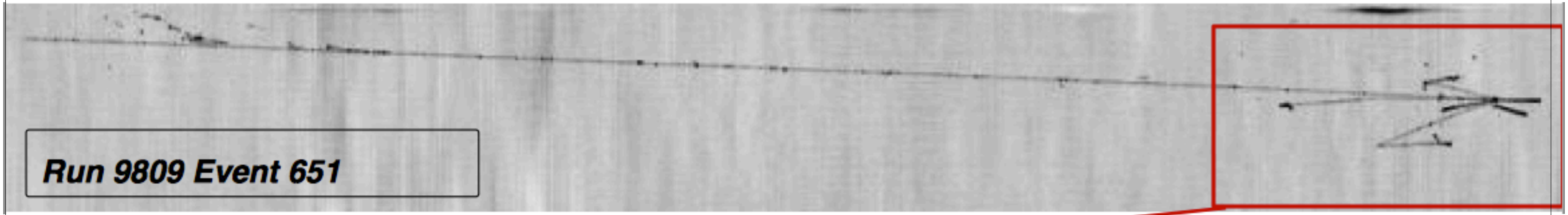
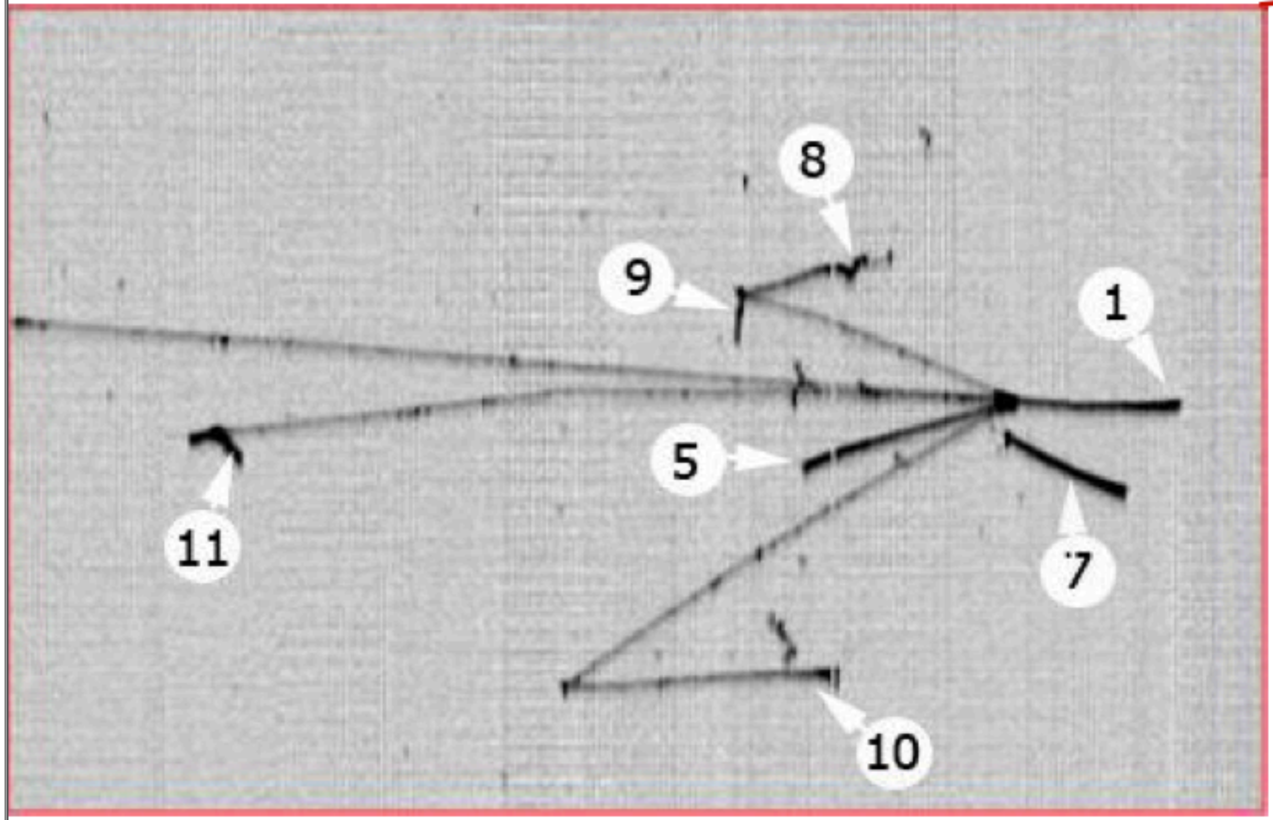
Charge = area
Charge = ampl.

ICARUS





6 protons and 1 pion which decays at rest
muon: 7.1 ± 1.3 [GeV/c]

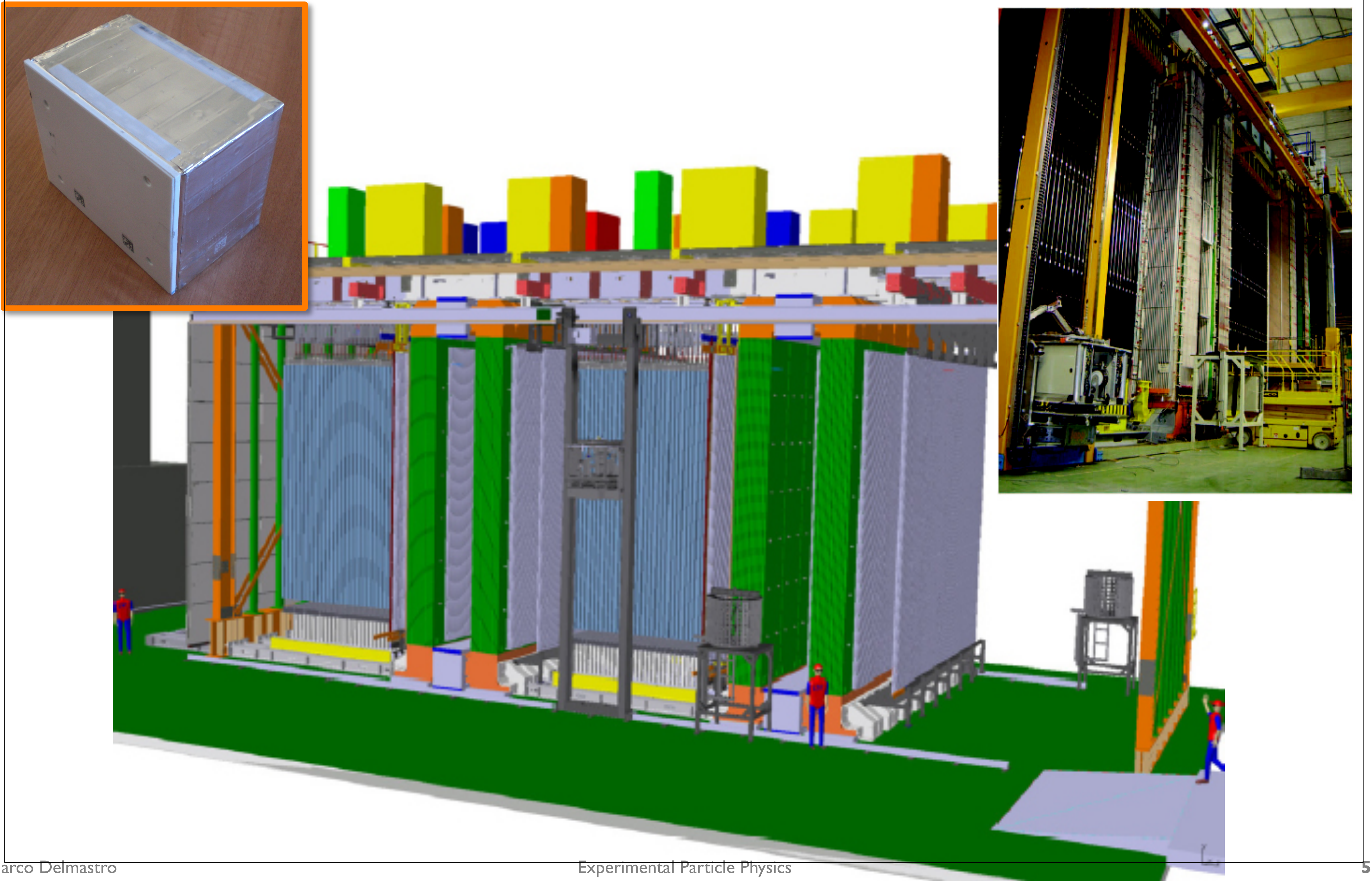
http://icarus.lngs.infn.it/photos/NeutrinoEventsGallery/

Particle identification based on dE/dx dependence:

- Reconstr. 3D track segments: dx
- charge dep. on track segment: dE

Track	E_{dep} [MeV]	range [cm]
1(p)	185±16	15
5(p)	192±16	20
7(p)	142±12	17
8(π)	94±8	12
9(p)	26±2	4
10(p)	141±12	23
11(p)	123±10	6

OPERA (Oscillation Project with Emulsion-tRacking Apparatus)



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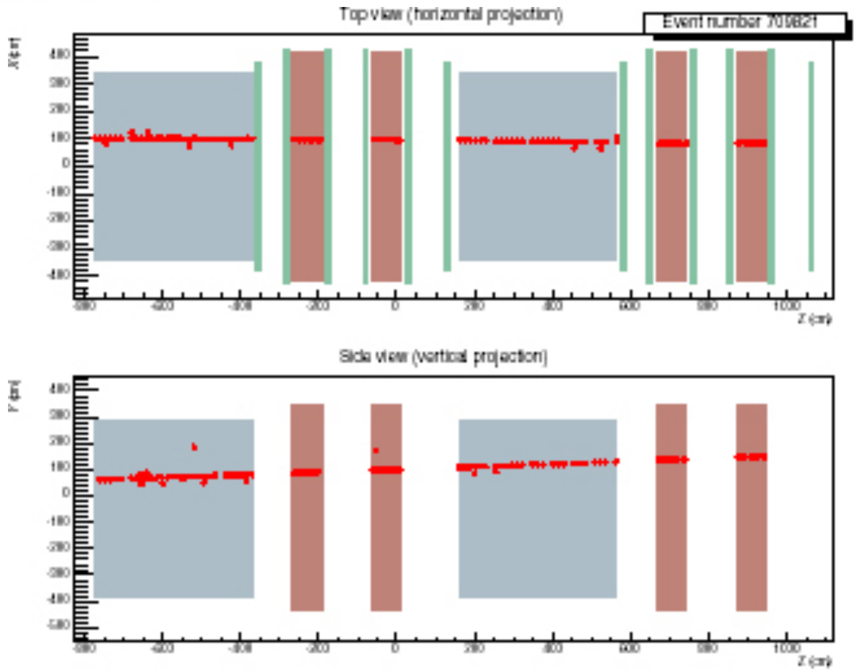
Top view (horizontal projection)
Event number 7019821
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-200
0
200
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600
800
1000
Z (cm)
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Y (cm)
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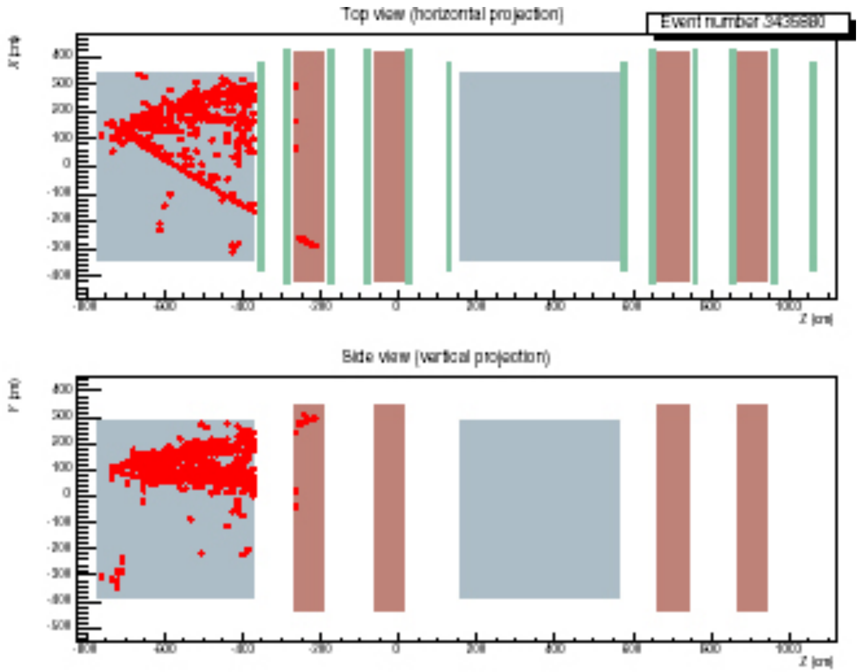
-300
-400
-500
Z (cm)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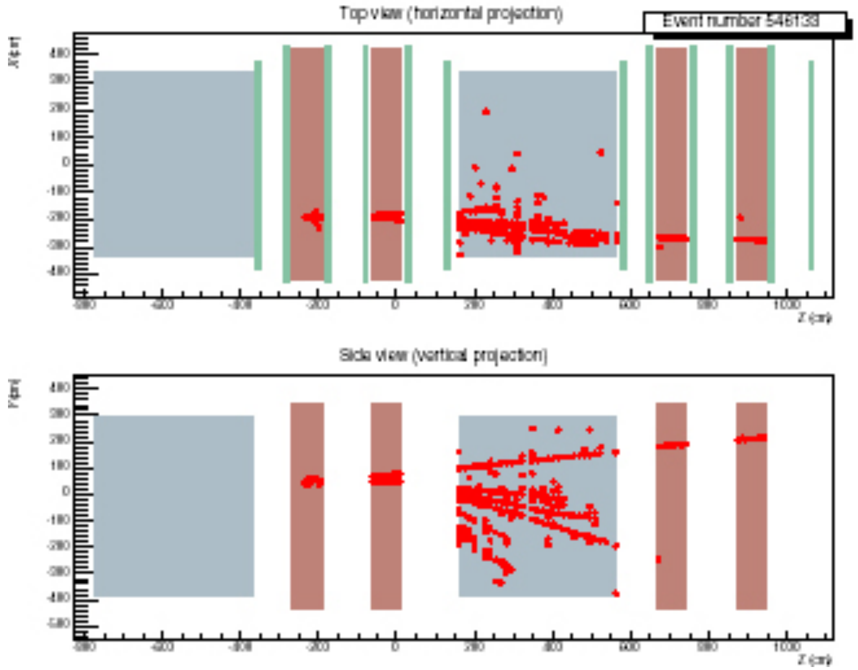
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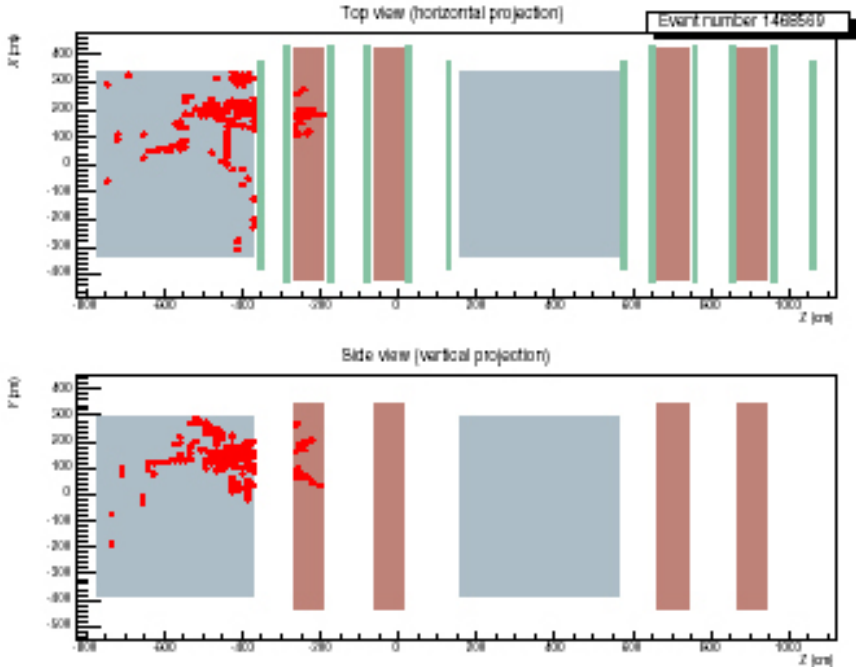
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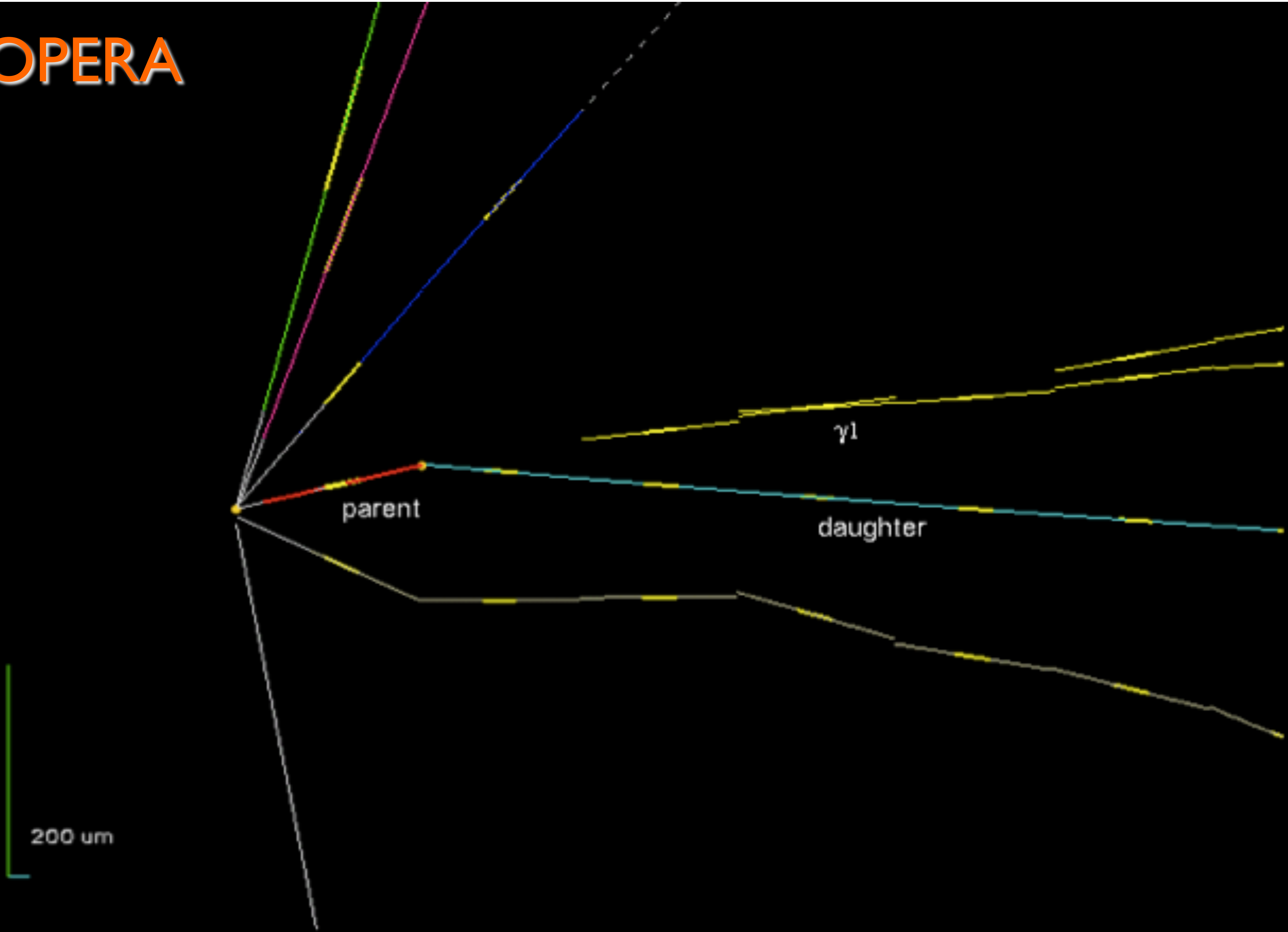


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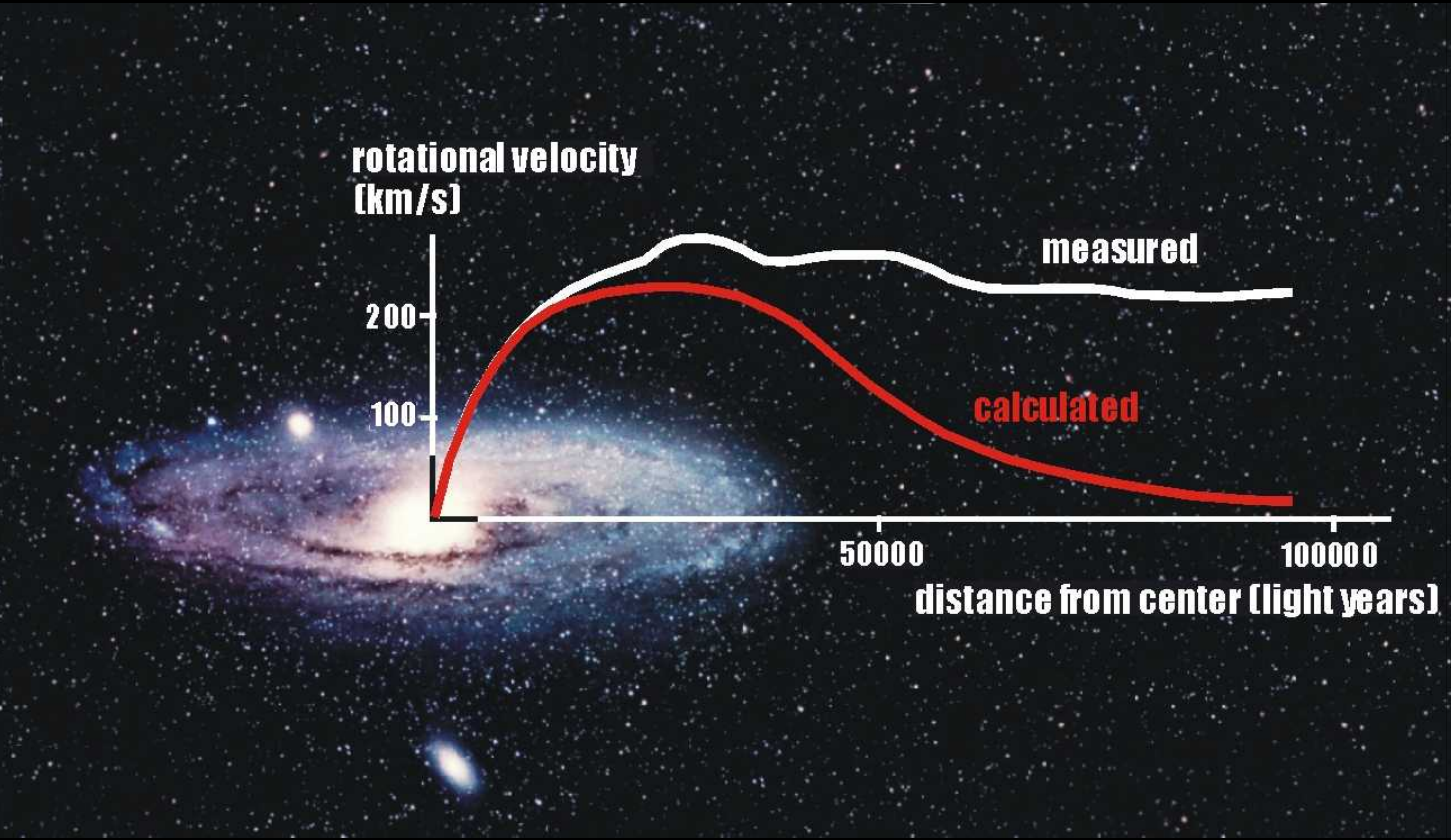
Dark matter astronomical evidence



WIMP detection: cryogenic experiments

WIMPs = Weakly interacting massive particles ...

Dark matter particles; must be neutral, i.e. must neither interact via electromagnetic nor strong interactions; WIMPs must be heavy, i.e. non-relativistic (cold dark matter) in order to allow for galaxy formation ...

Assumed mass range: 10 GeV - 10 TeV

Mass limits dependent on cross section ...
[e.g.: $\sigma_{\chi p} = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-7}$ pb yields $m_{WIMP} > 60$ GeV]

Detection via elastic χp-scattering ...

Assume WIMP velocity: $v_\chi \approx 300$ km/s, i.e. $\beta = 10^{-3}$ ...

Solar system speed w.r.t. to milky way: v = 250 km/s
Velocity of earth moving w.r.t solar system: v = 30 km/s

Maximum energy transfer:

$$T_K^{\max} = 2\,\frac{m_\chi^2\,M_K\,c^2}{(m_\chi + M_K)^2}\,\beta^2 \overset{m_\chi \gg M_K}{\approx} 2 M_K v_\chi^2$$

$M_K = 100$ GeV
➛ $T_K^{\max} \approx 100$ keV

How to detect WIMP?

Transferred energy of recoiling nuclei generally much smaller (< 10 %) ...
Need detector that allows nuclei detection below keV range ...

Energy resolution requires: $N_{excite} \gg 1$
i.e. $E_{excite} \ll 1$ eV

Remember: Gases – ionzation energy ≈ 30 eV
Silicon – electron/hole pair creation ≈ 3 eV

Better possibilities:

Phonon excitation:

Maximum phonon energy in Si is 60 meV; roughly 2/3 of the energy required for electron-hole formation goes into phonon excitation ...

Superconducting detectors:

In superconductors the energy gap 2Δ is equivalent to the band gap in semiconductors; absorption of energy $> 2\Delta$ (typically 1 meV) can break up a Cooper pair ...

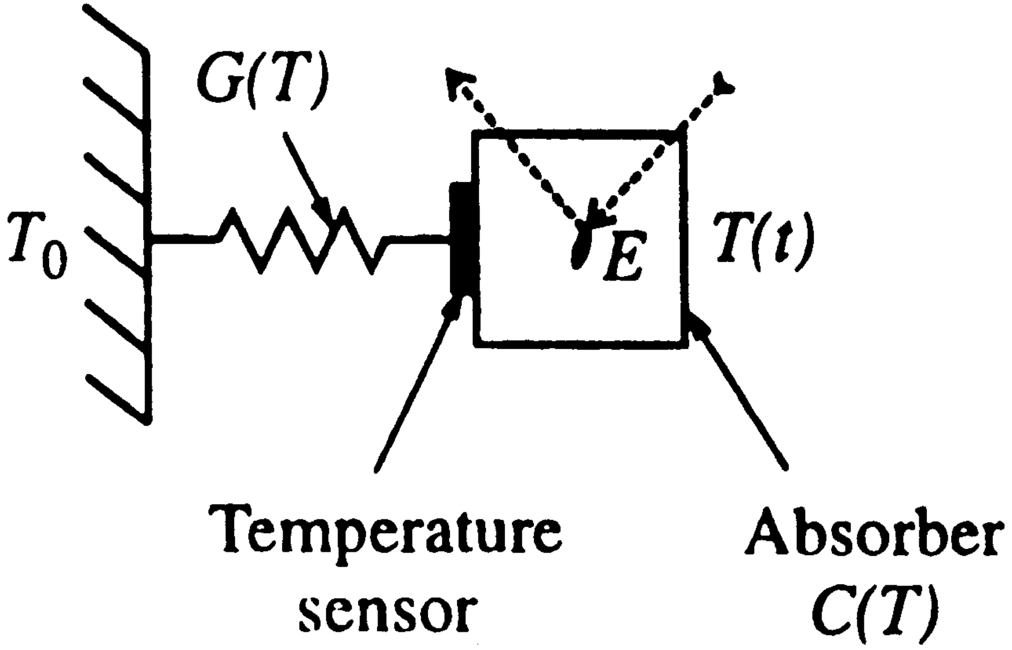
Cryogenic detectors:

Detect low energies
with very good resolution ...

Cryogenic detectors

Phonon Detectors ...

Basic configuration
of cryogenic calorimeter



Assume thermal equilibrium:

Convert absorbed energy
into phonons:

$$\Delta T = E/C$$

C: heat capacity of the sample
[specific heat × mass]

E: deposited energy

Optimal detector: low heat capacity

Example 1: Si-detector at room temperature ...
$C_{spec} = 0.7$ J/gK; $E = 1$ keV; $m = 1$ g ➛ $\Delta T = 2 \cdot 10^{-16}$ K

Not very practical ...
Need lower specific heat and mass ...

Example 2: Si-detector at low temperature ...
$C_{spec} \propto (T/\Theta)^3$; $C_{spec} = 2 \cdot 10^{-15}$ K; $T = 0.1$ K;
$E = 1$ keV; $m = 15$ µg

➛ $\Delta T = 0.04$ K [possible!]

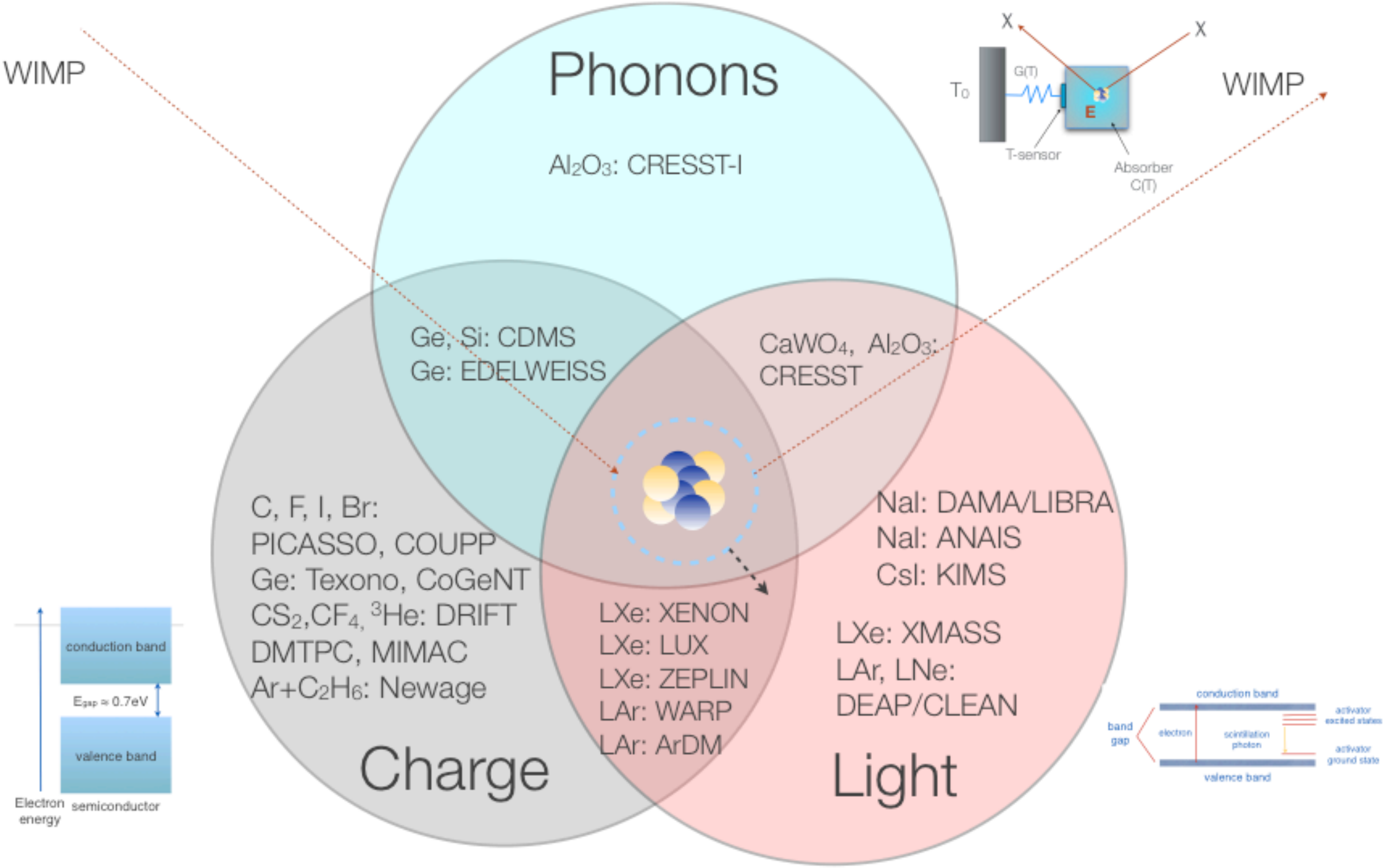
Resolution:

$n = CT/kT = C/k$

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} \sigma_0 = kT\sqrt{n} = \sqrt{(CkT^2)} \\ \sigma_E = \varepsilon_{Ph}\sqrt{(E/\varepsilon_{Ph})} = \sqrt{(kTE)} \end{array}\right] \quad \sigma = \sigma_0 + \sigma_E$$

Yields: $\sigma < 0.2$ eV
[Si Semiconductor detector: $\sigma = 20$ eV]

Dark matter detection overview



Phonons

Al_2O_3: CRESST-I

Ge, Si: CDMS
Ge: EDELWEISS

$CaWO_4$, Al_2O_3:
CRESST

C, F, I, Br:
PICASSO, COUPP
Ge: Texono, CoGeNT
CS_2,CF_4, ^{3}He: DRIFT
DMTPC, MIMAC
Ar+C_2H_6: Newage

Charge

LXe: XENON
LXe: LUX
LXe: ZEPLIN
LAr: WARP
LAr: ArDM

NaI: DAMA/LIBRA
NaI: ANAIS
CsI: KIMS

LXe: XMASS
LAr, LNe:
DEAP/CLEAN

Light

Dark matter detection

Example: CDMS

[Soudan Underground Lab]

5 towers each with 6 Ge/Si detectors
operated at T ≈ 20 mK ...

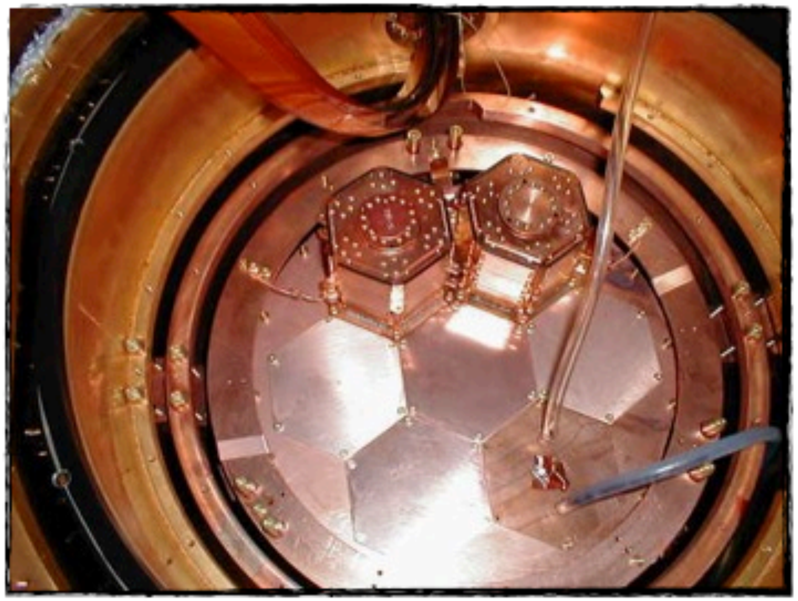
Double readout:

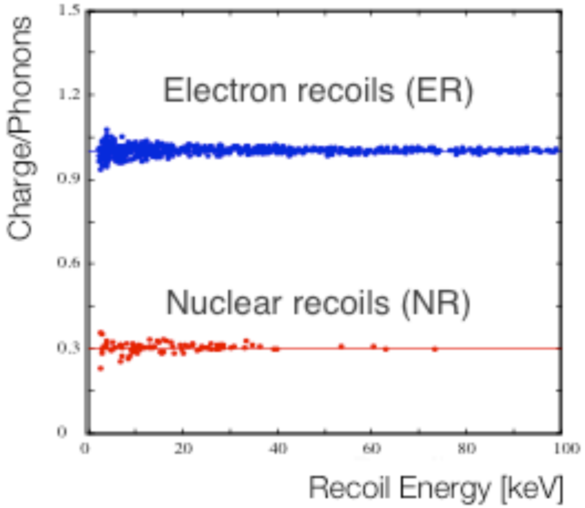
- Temperature change (Phonons)
- Charge readout (Ionization)

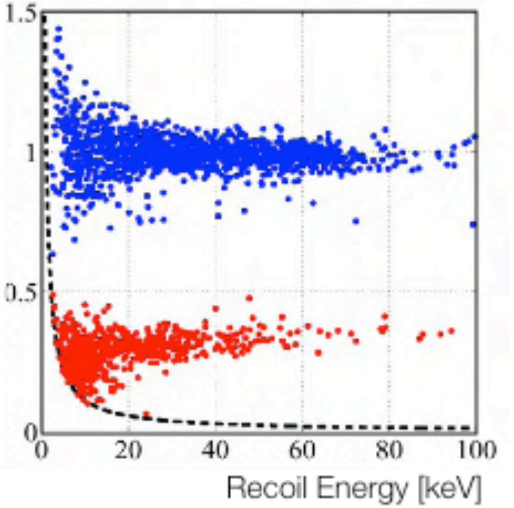
Idea:

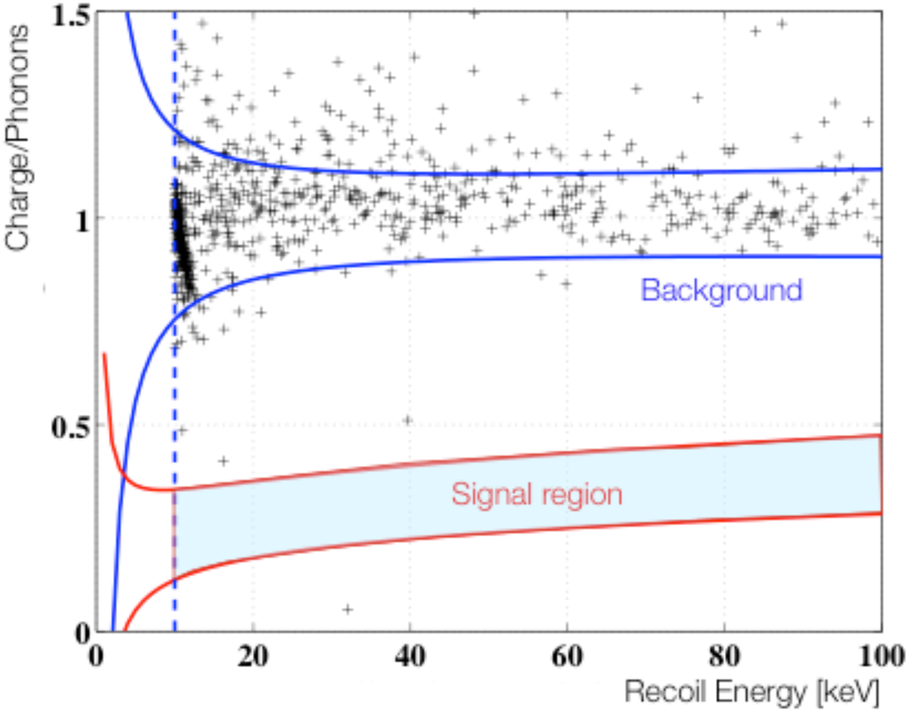
- WIMPs (and neutrons) scatter off nuclei
- Most background noise sources (γ,e) scatter off electrons
- Different response to nuclear recoils than to electron recoils

View into
CDMS Experiment



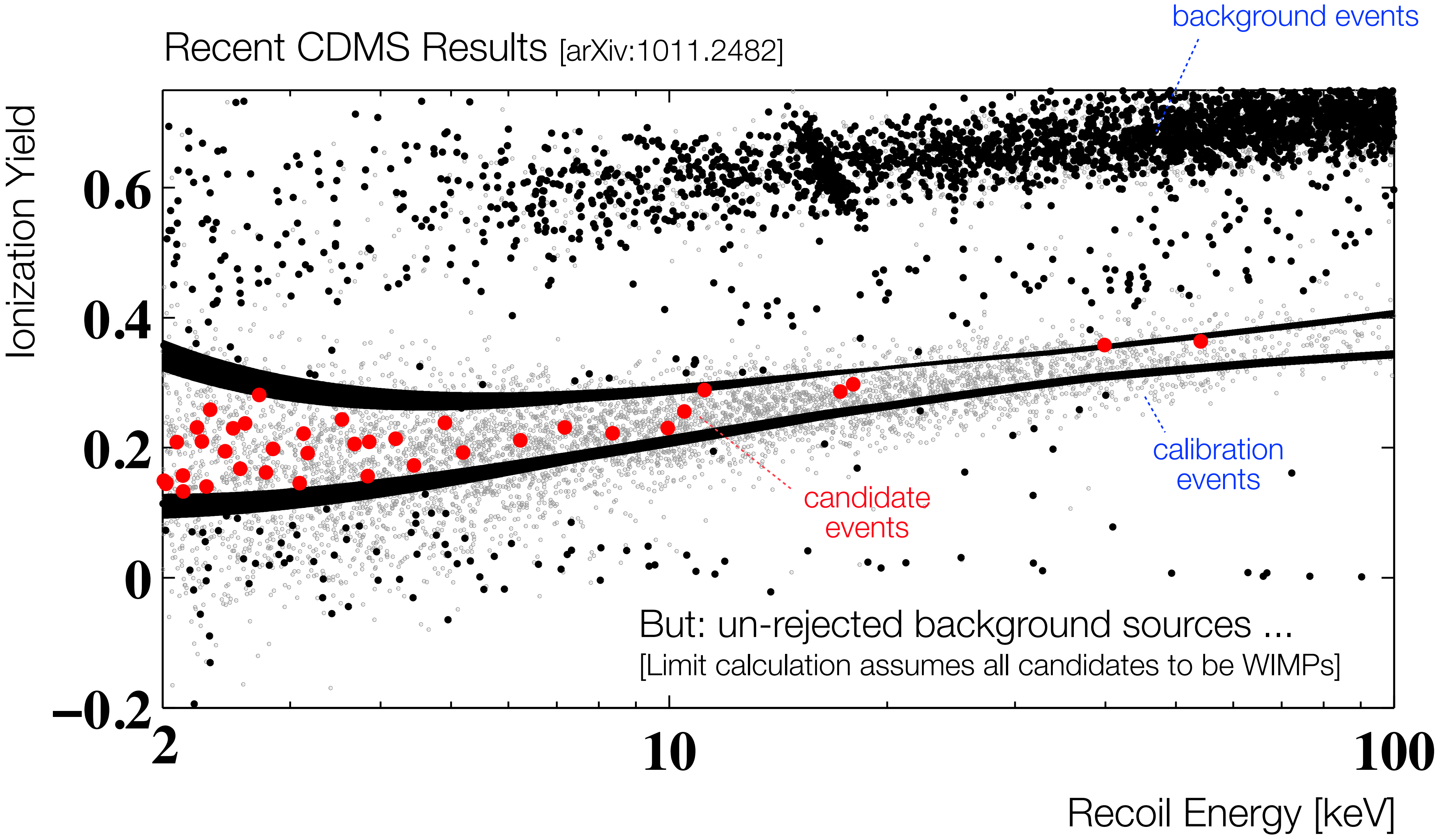






Dark matter detection

Recent CDMS Results [arXiv:1011.2482]



But: un-rejected background sources ...

[Limit calculation assumes all candidates to be WIMPs]