

Summer Particle (Astro) Physics Workshop 2022

Astroparticle Physics Overview

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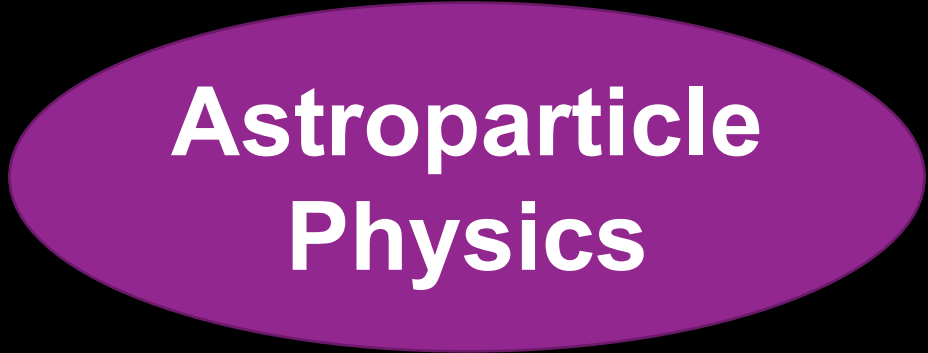
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What is

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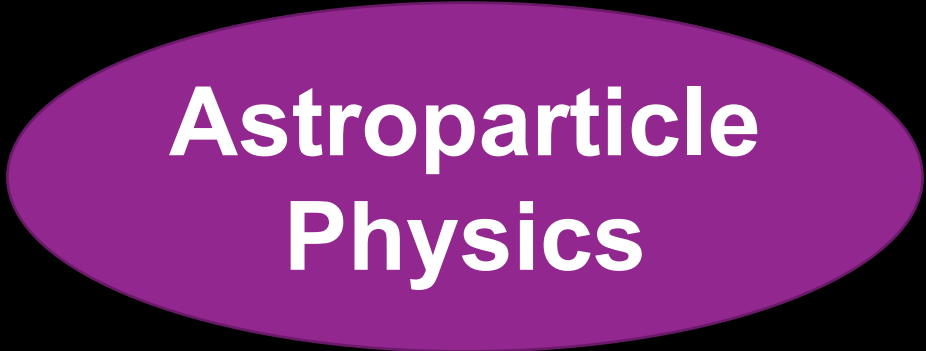
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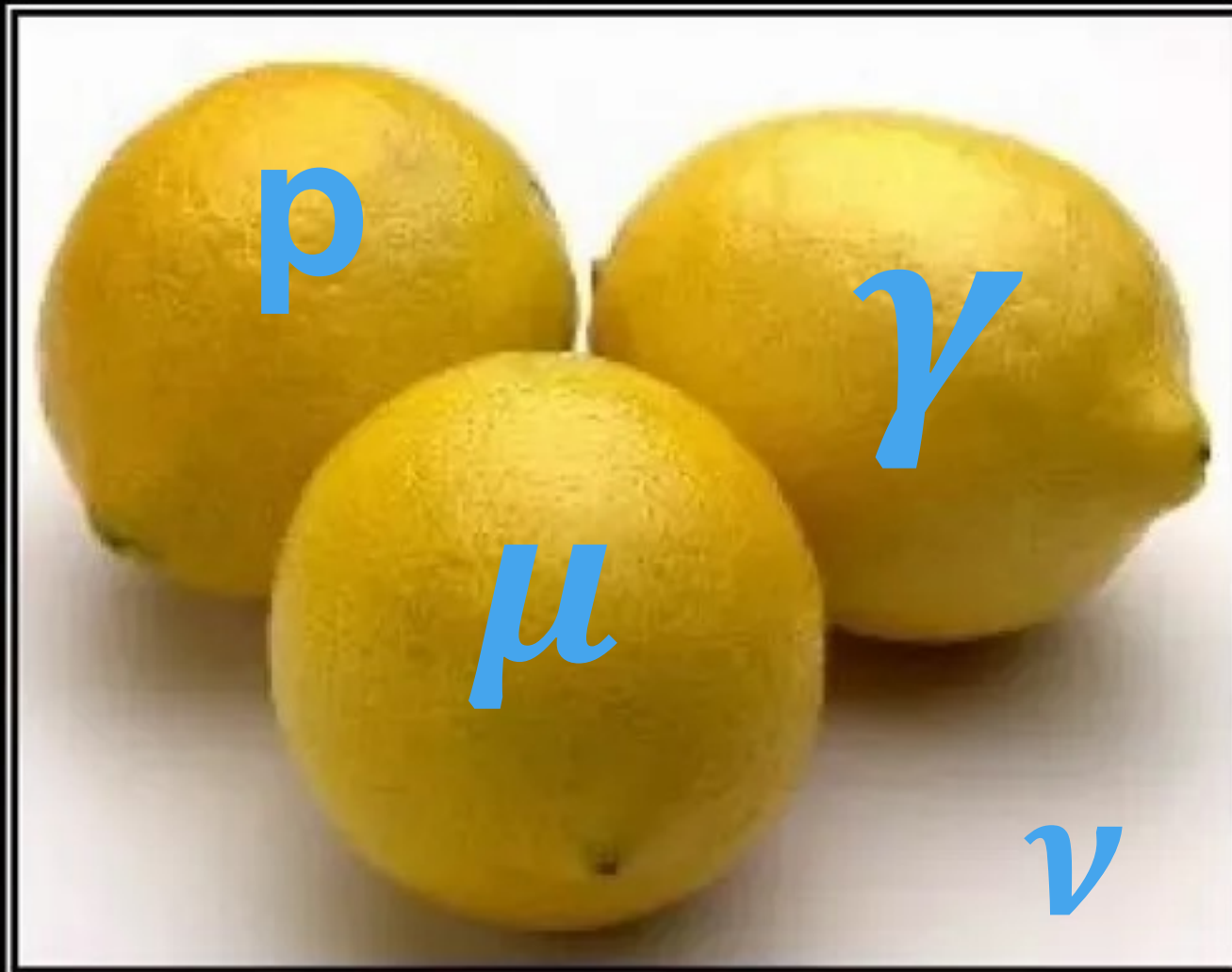
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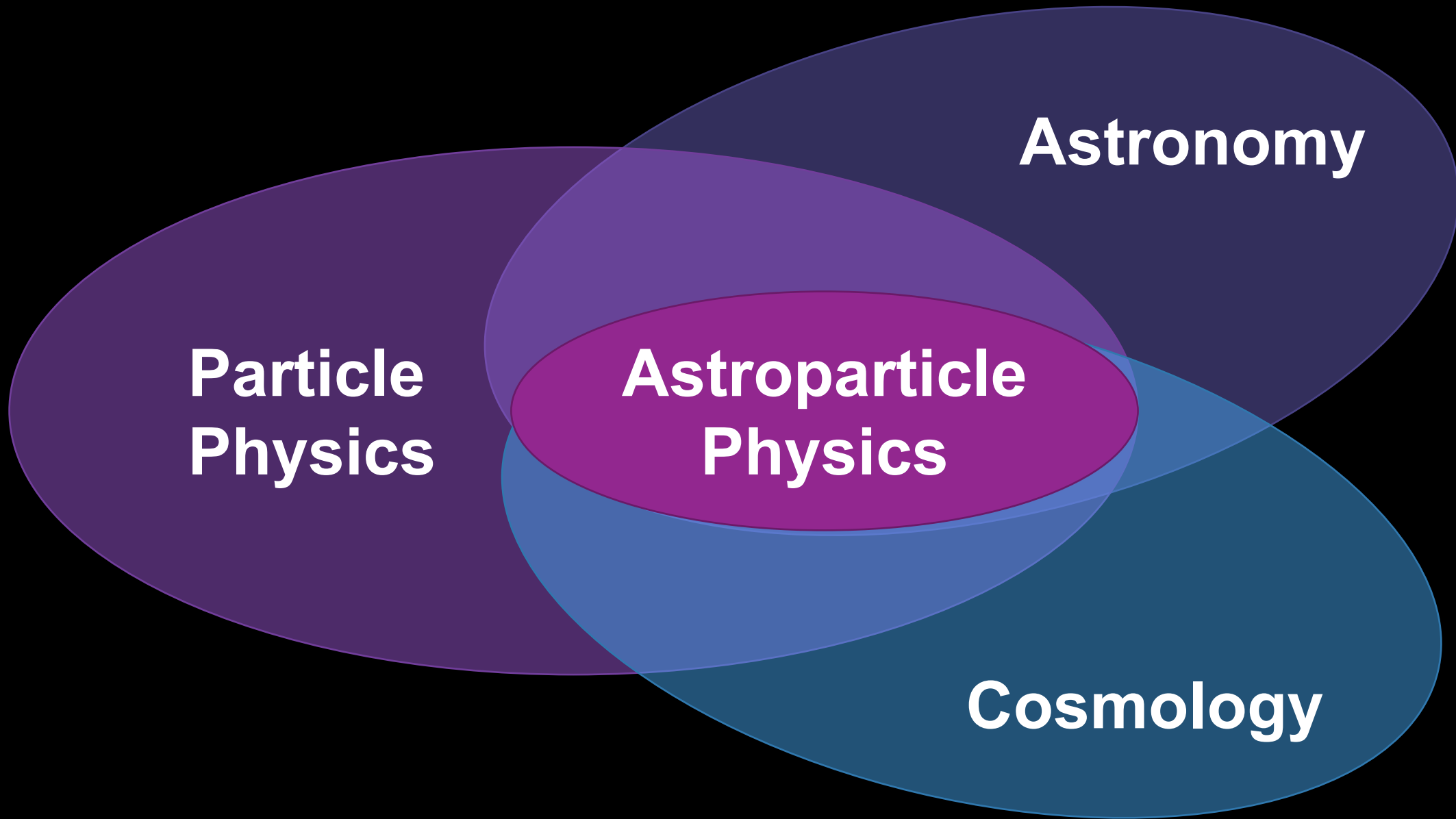


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+ using the free particles that the Universe gives us to understand more about their fundamental properties



WHEN ~~LIFE~~ GIVES YOU ~~LEMONS~~
the Universe *particles*

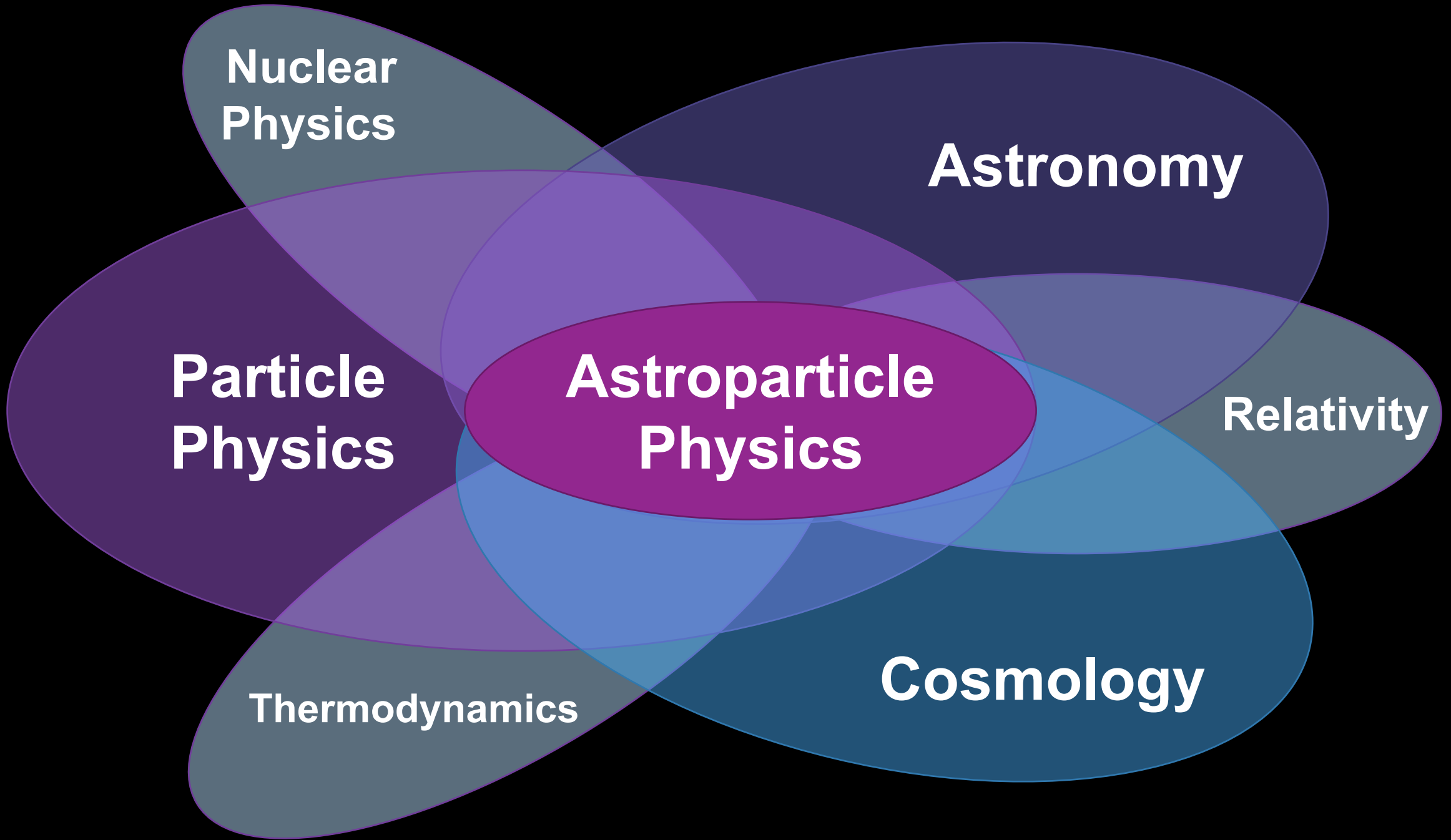


**Particle
Physics**

**Astroparticle
Physics**

Astronomy

Cosmology



**Nuclear
Physics**

Astronomy

**Particle
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Relativity

Thermodynamics

Cosmology

Why

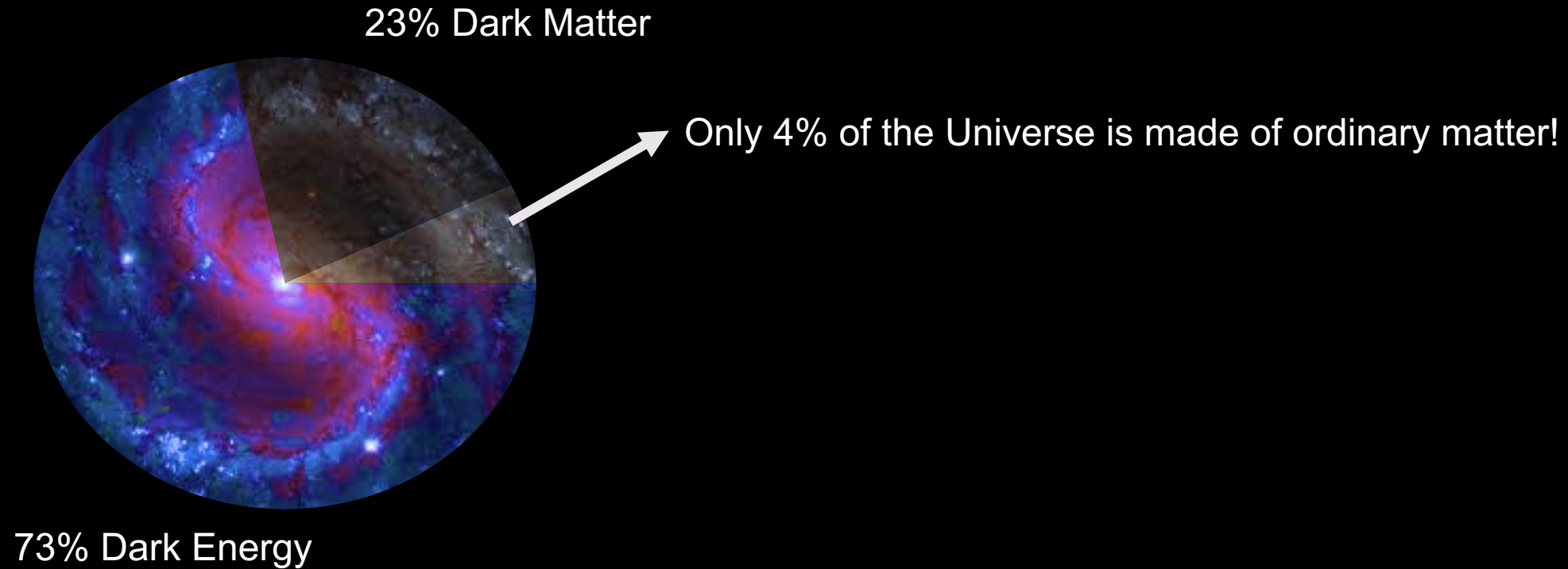
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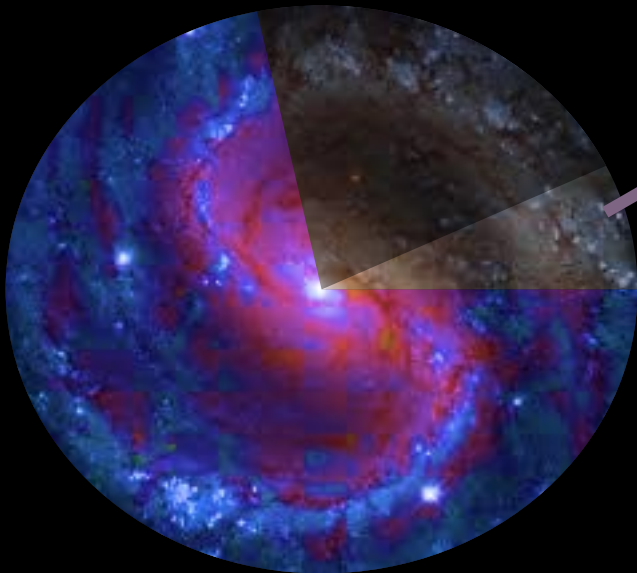


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What is Dark Matter?

23% Dark Matter



73% Dark Energy

Only 4% of the Universe is made of ordinary matter!

What is it made of?

*Is it a new particle? Several new particles?
... or something else?*

How do we detect it?



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DEAP/Darkside
PICO
NEWS-G
SuperCDMS

You will hear more about it on Friday!

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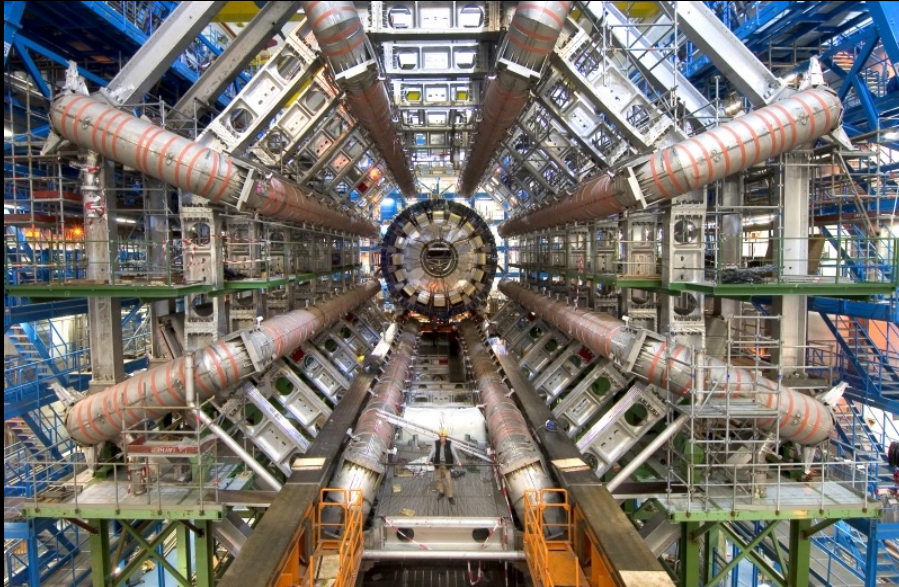
But just because we see it, does not mean that we know everything about it.

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- What is the Universe made of?
- What is dark matter?
- How can we explore and understand the extremes of the Universe?
- Are the particles described by the standard model fundamental, and how do they interact?
- What is mass – how do particles get heavy?
- Where does gravity fit into the standard model?
- What are the properties of neutrinos and what is their role in cosmic evolution?
- What is the origin of cosmic rays?
- Why is there an imbalance between the existence of antimatter and matter?
- How can high energy particles and gravitational waves tell us about the extreme universe?

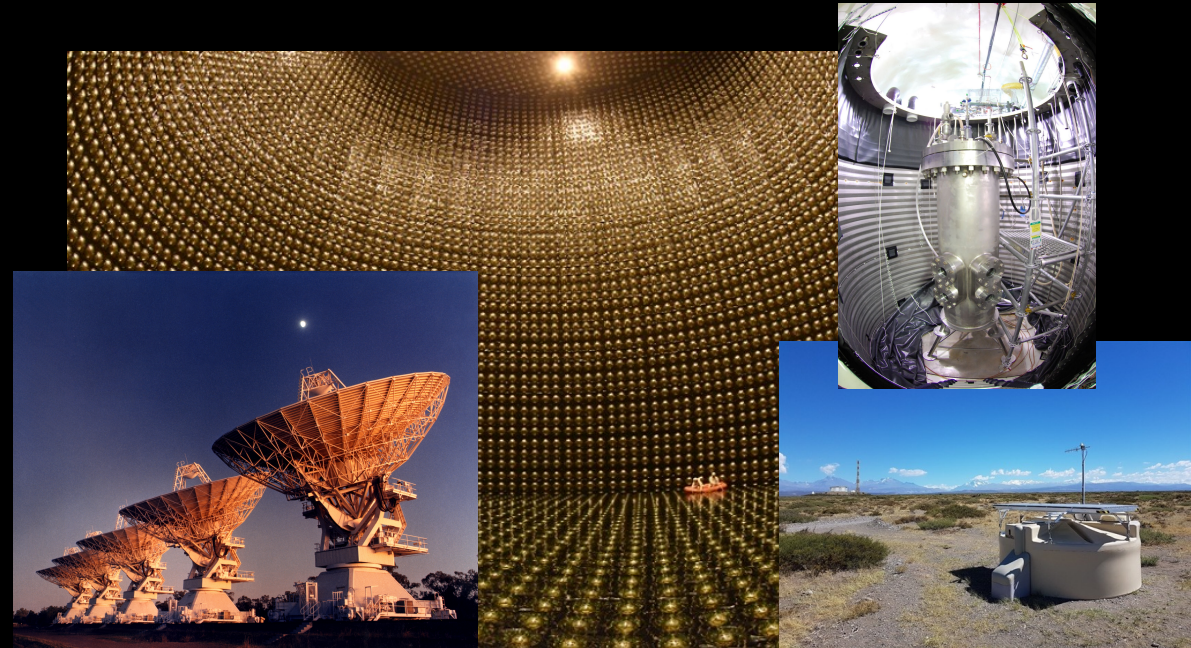
**How do we find answers
for these questions?**

Accelerator Experiments



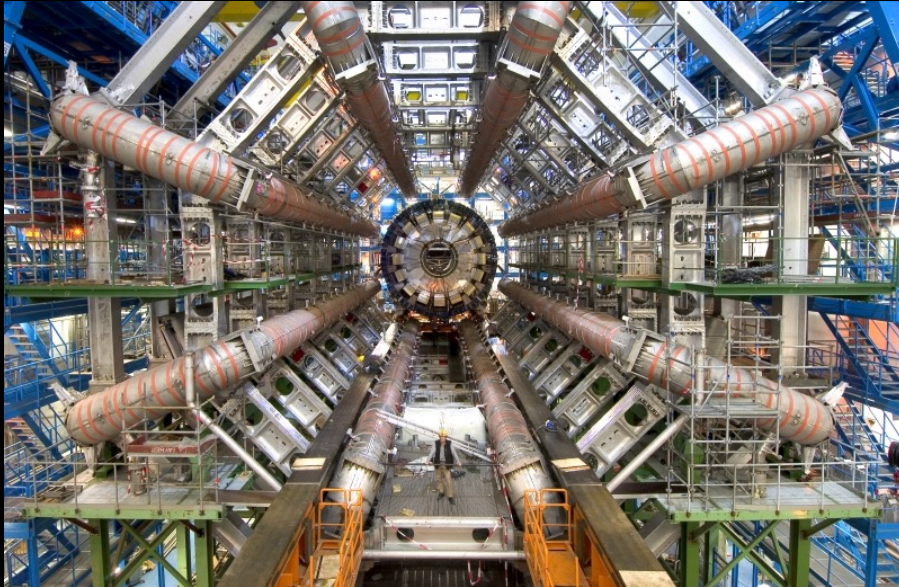
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 - Beam, backgrounds...

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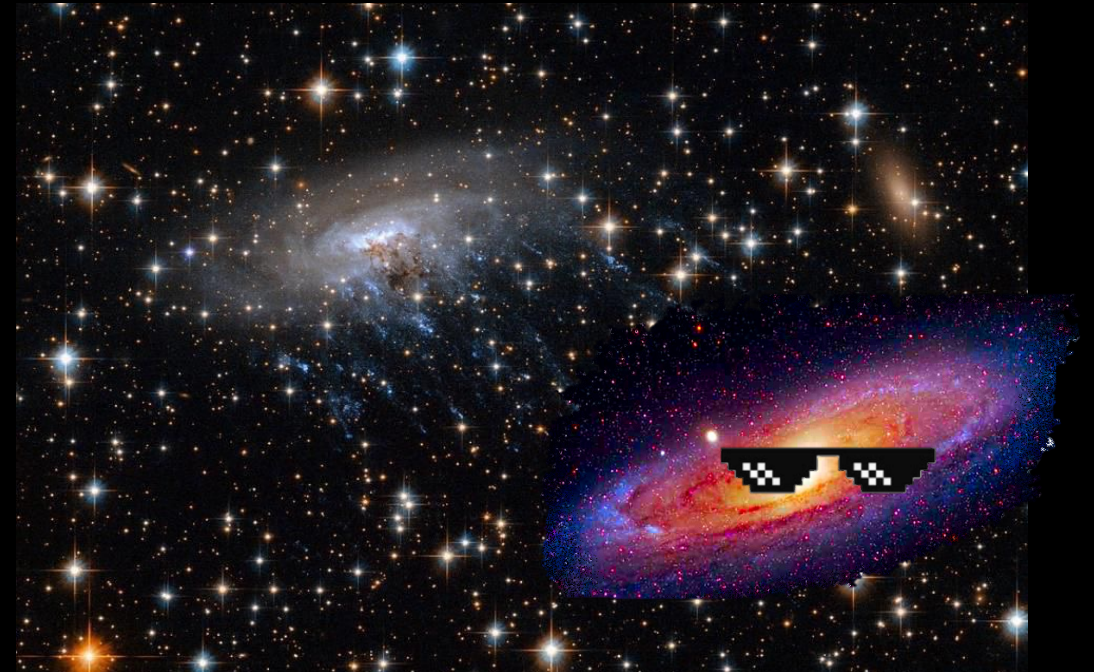
- Access energy, space and time scales unattainable on Earth

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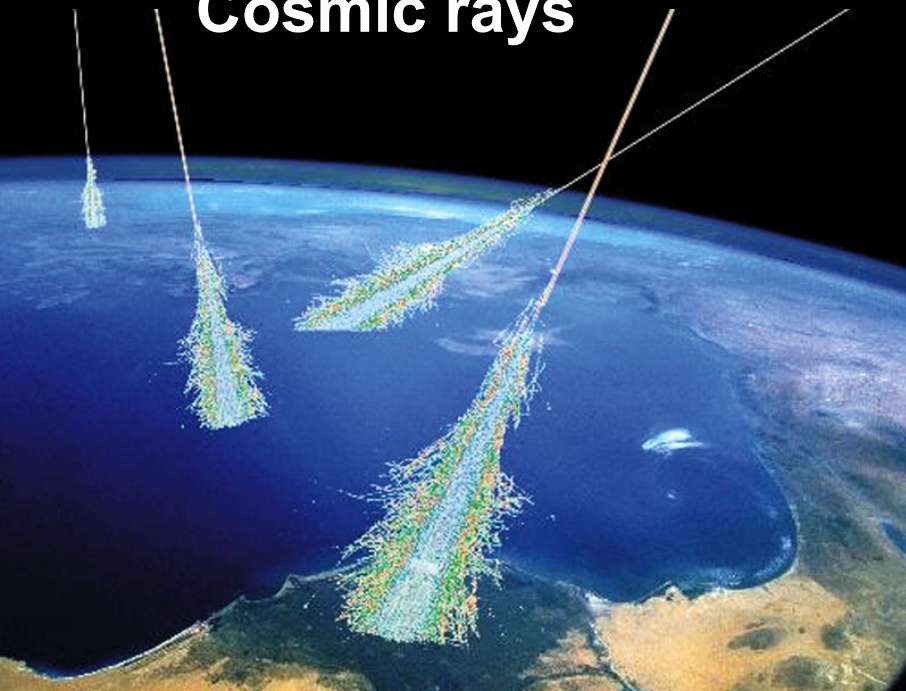
Astroparticle Experiments



We can do experimental particle physics with the most powerful accelerators of the Universe, testing physics far beyond the Earth laboratories capabilities.

Astroparticles

Cosmic rays



Neutrinos



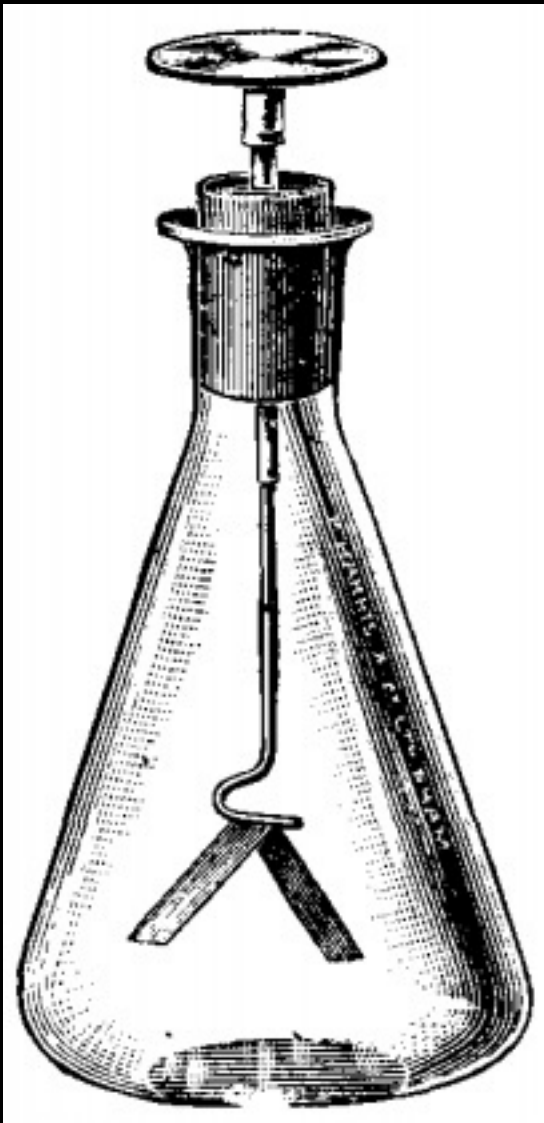
Gamma Rays



Photons are just
boneless
particles



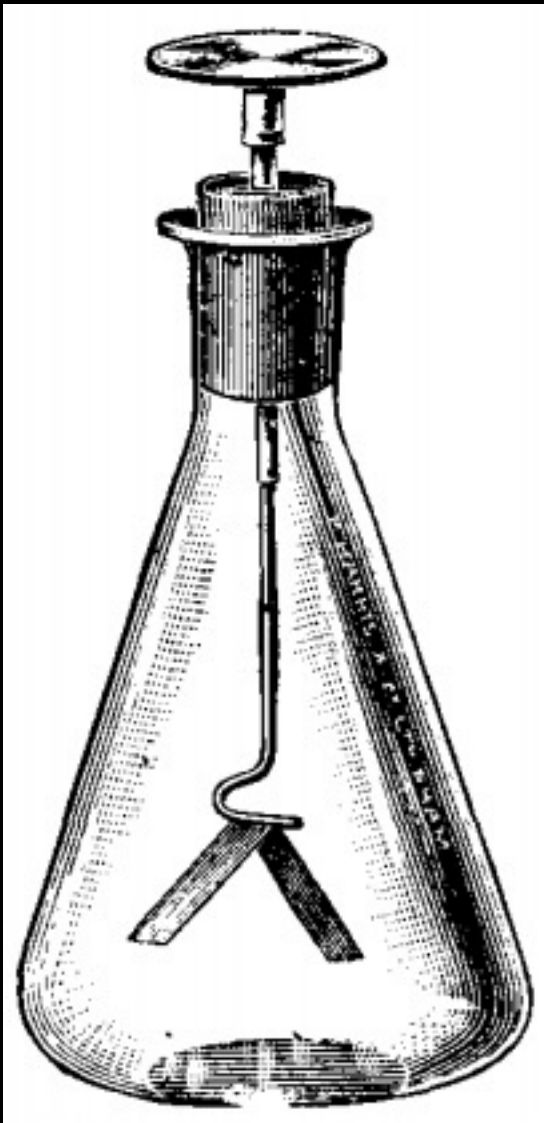
How did it start?



This is an electroscopes

You can use it to measure electric charges.

You can build one at home: <https://youtu.be/2PmWIPjV6n0>



This is an electroscopes

During the 19th century, scientists observed spontaneous discharge of the electroscopes, likely due to the ionization of the atmosphere. But what was the cause of this ionization?

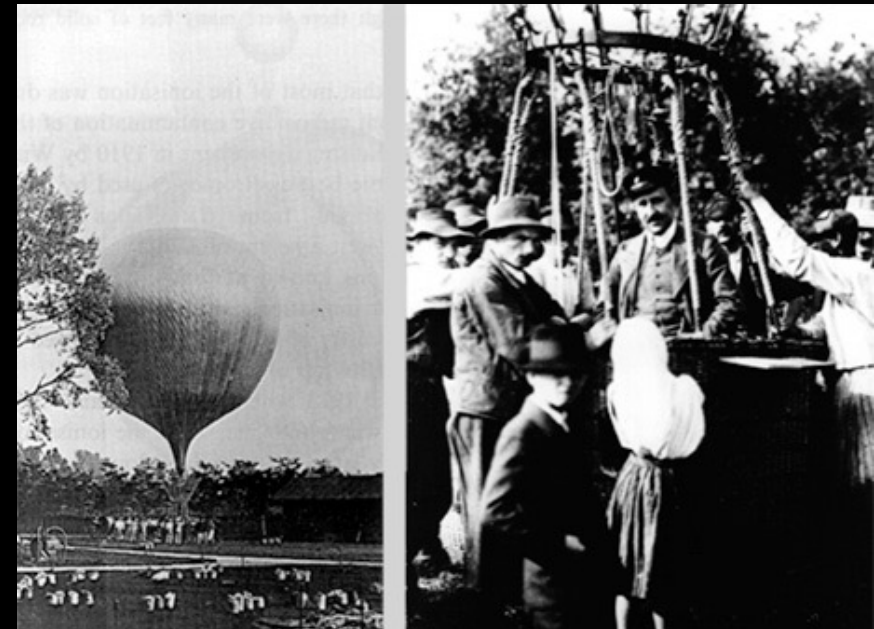
Their hypothesis: the Earth's crust has to be the source of the ionization levels that we measure in the atmosphere.

Testing the hypothesis: lowered electroscopes into lakes and oceans, carried them up mountains and took them to even greater heights in open baskets underneath hydrogen-filled balloons.

Results: conflicting, with some showing a decrease in ionization with altitude, others an increase.

The Discovery of Cosmic Rays

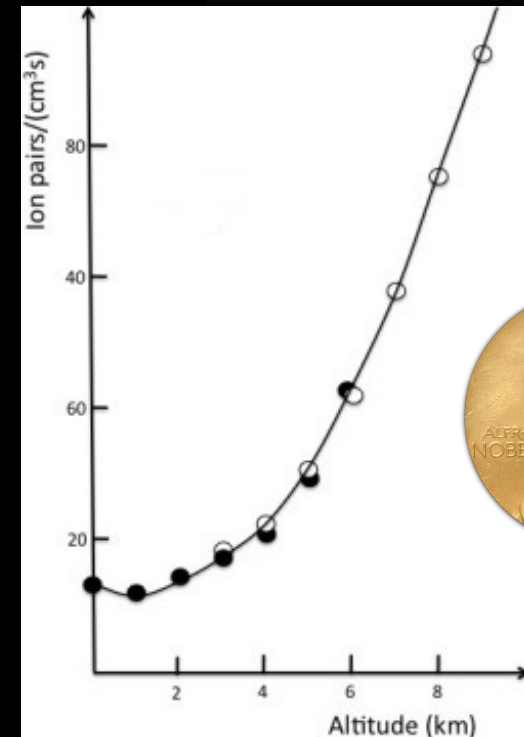
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- The level of radiation decreased up to an altitude of about 1 km, but above that the level increased considerably, with the radiation detected at 5 km being about twice that at sea level.

Conclusion: there was radiation penetrating the atmosphere from outer space.



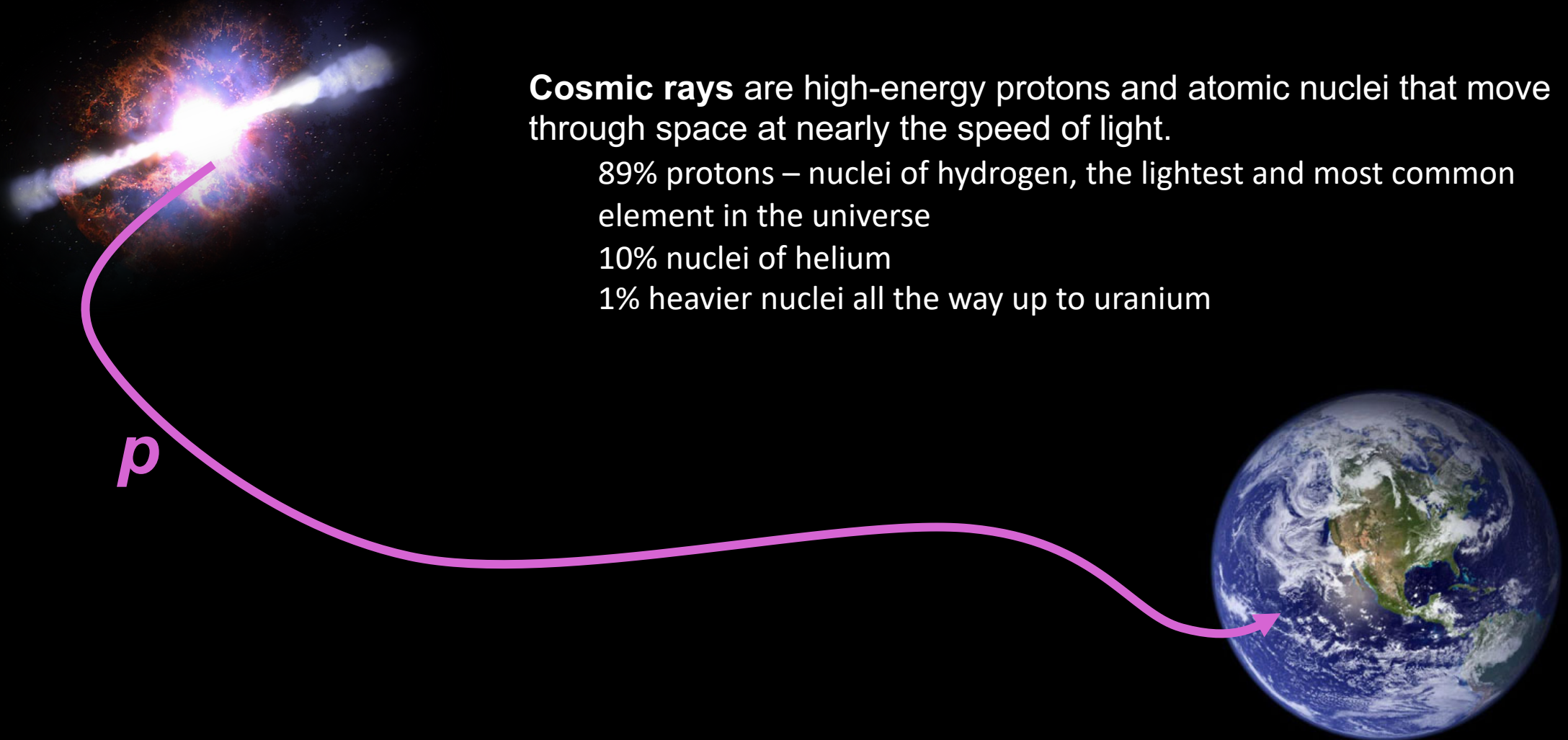
What are Cosmic Rays?

Cosmic rays are high-energy protons and atomic nuclei that move through space at nearly the speed of light.

89% protons – nuclei of hydrogen, the lightest and most common element in the universe

10% nuclei of helium

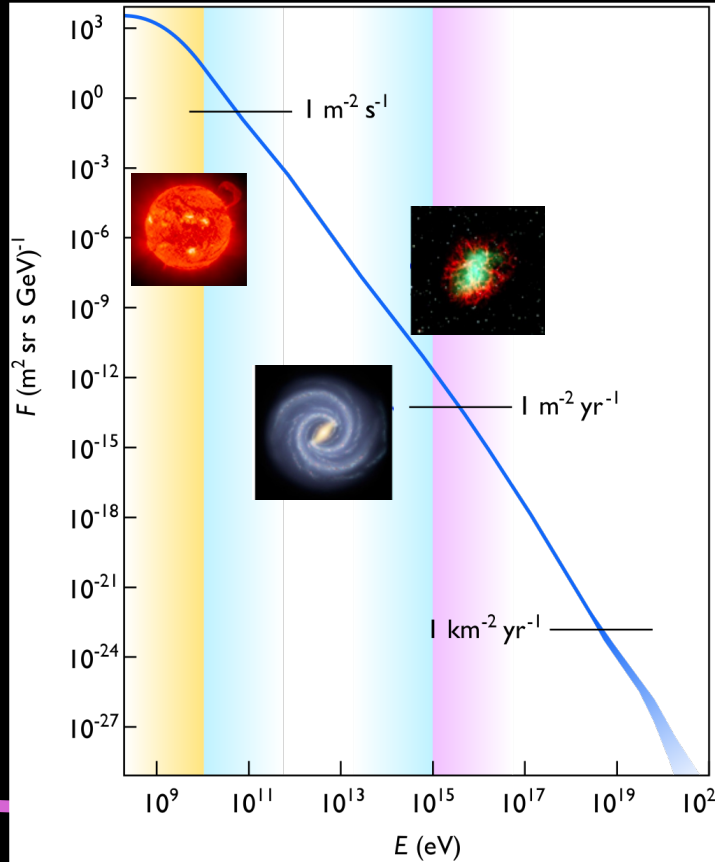
1% heavier nuclei all the way up to uranium



What are Cosmic Rays?



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They originate from the sun, from outside of the solar system in our own galaxy, and from distant galaxies.

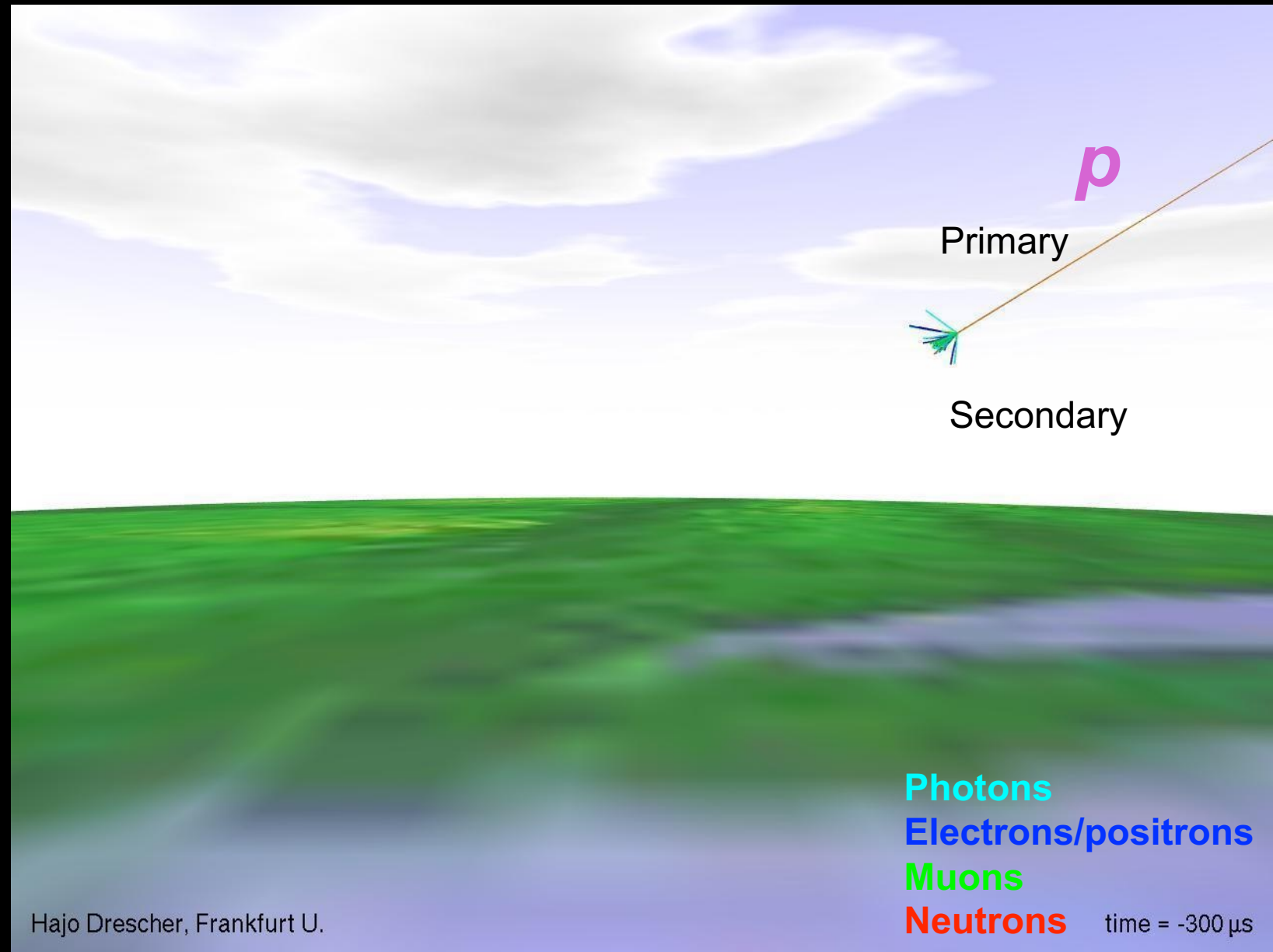
They are deflected by galactic magnetic fields (because they are charged).

What are Cosmic Rays?

- When these rays enter our atmosphere they hit oxygen and nitrogen molecules, creating secondary particles.

Creates mainly pions, π

- They interact with other molecules
- Or decay into muons and neutrinos



Primary

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Secondary

Photons
Electrons/positrons
Muons
Neutrons

time = -300 μ s

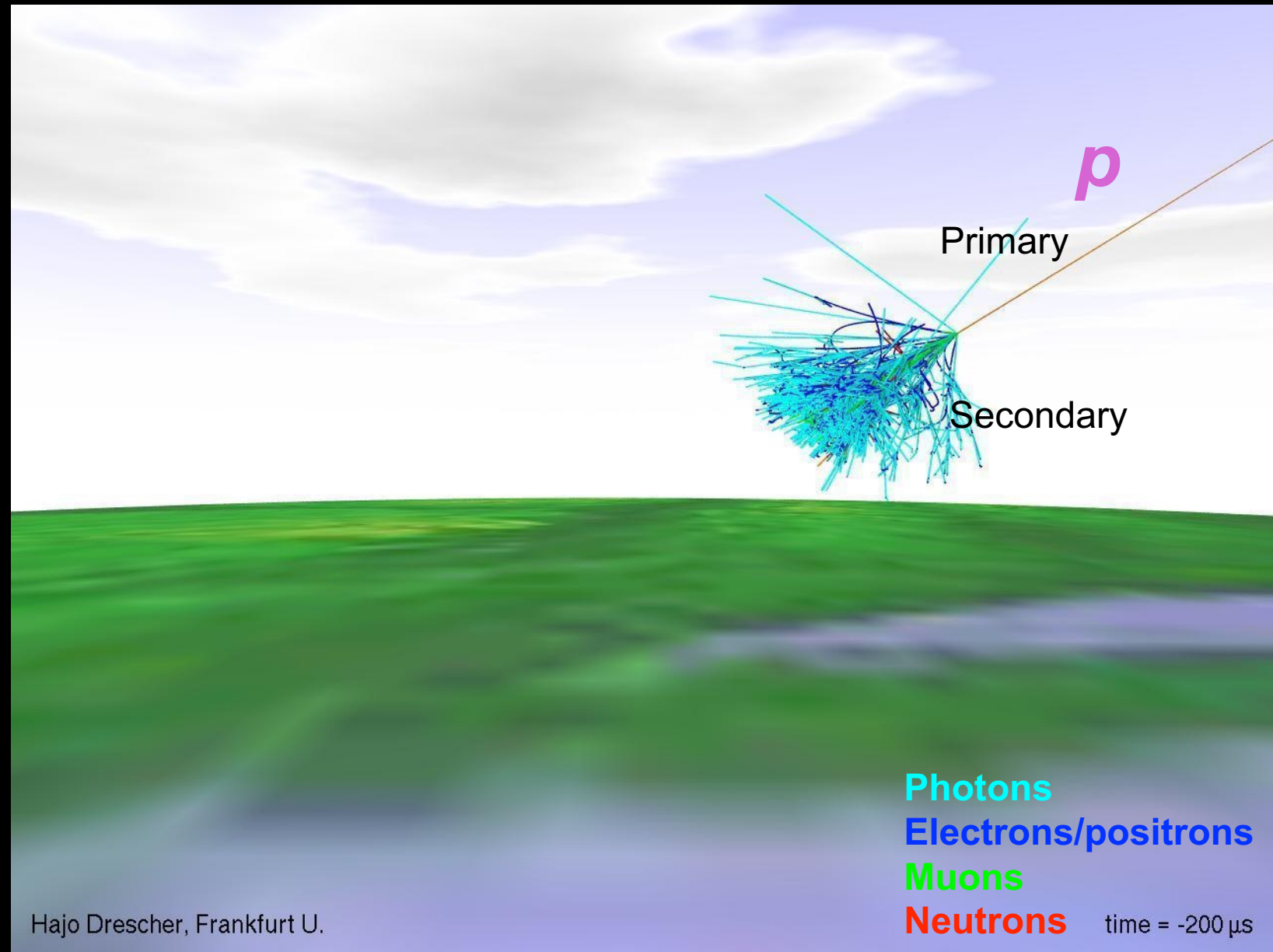
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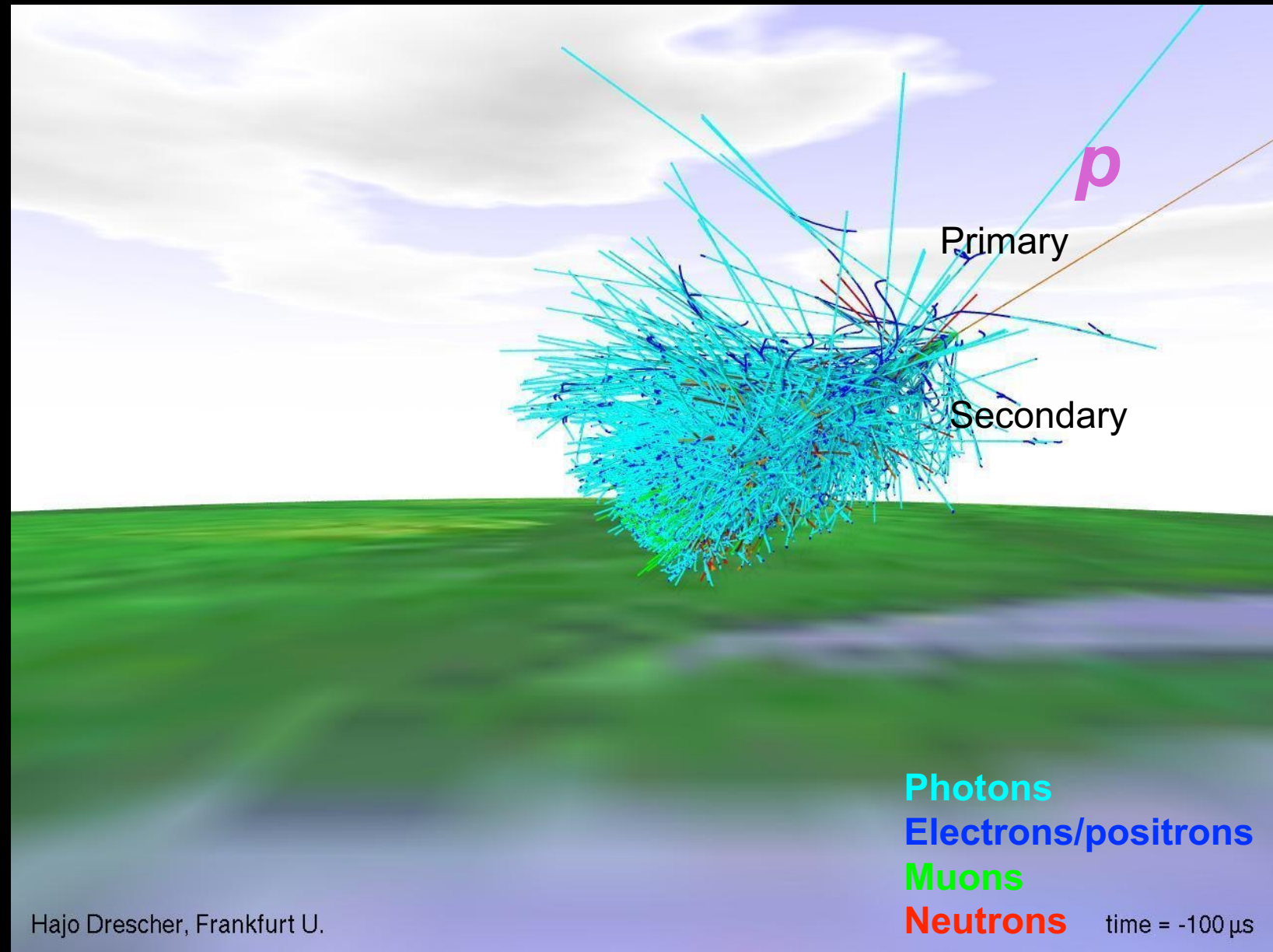
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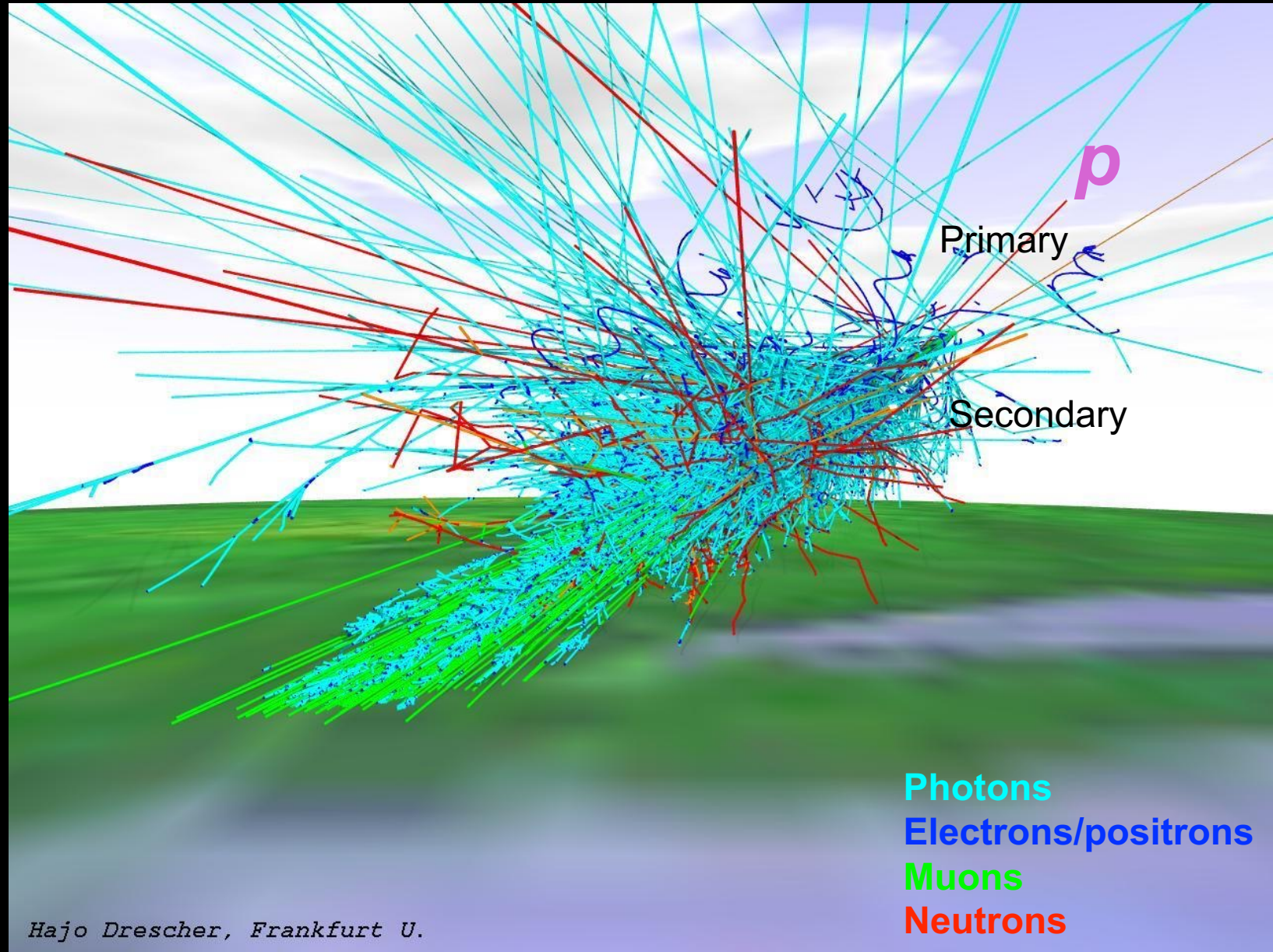


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Being 207 times heavier than electrons, muons are much less subject to the Bremsstrahlung effect which is the main source of deceleration for electrons and positrons of similar energy.

➔ Cosmic muons travel far and easily reach the Earth's surface



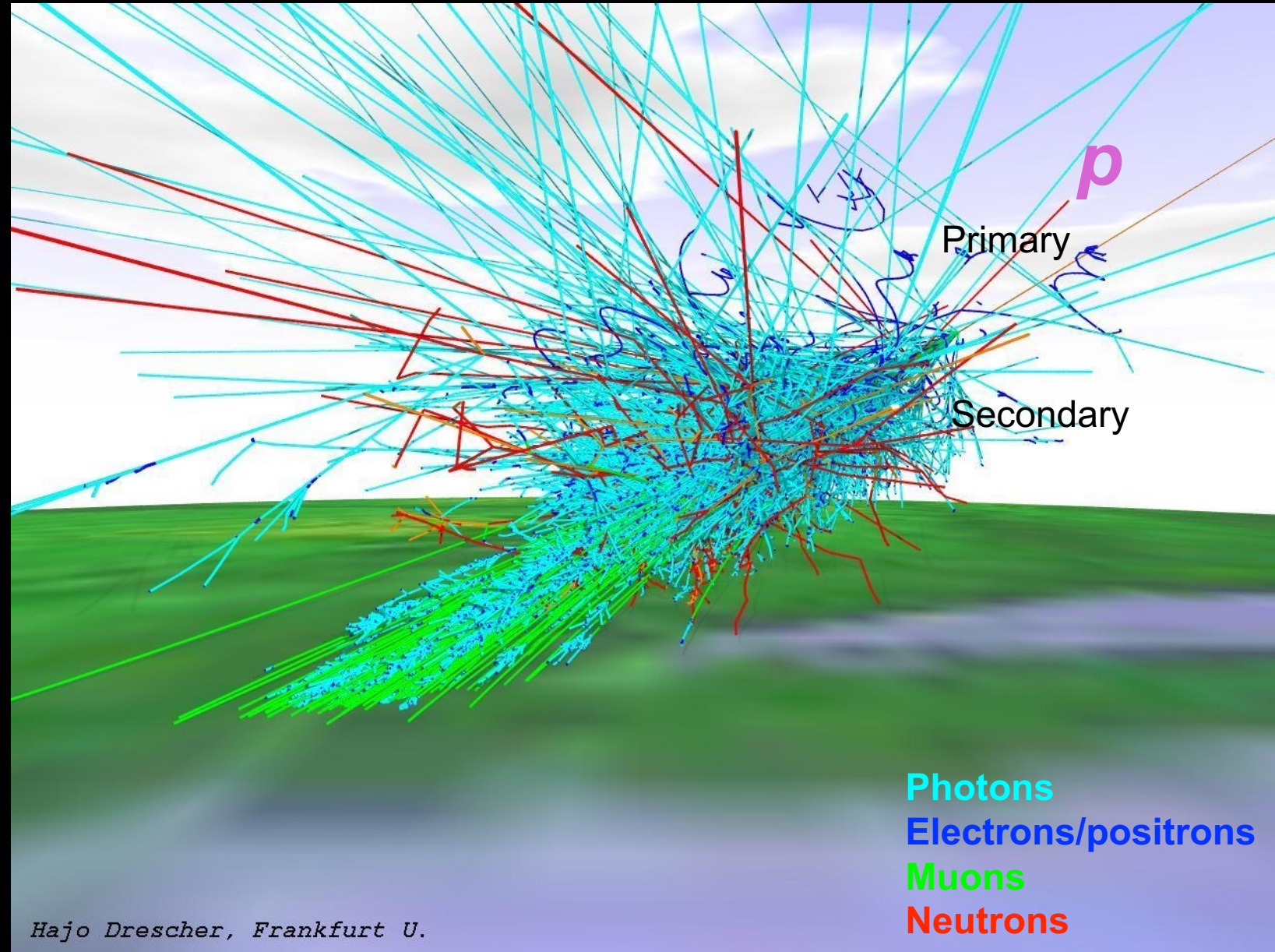
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From the 1930s to the 1950s, before man-made particle accelerators reached very high energies, cosmic rays served as a source of particles for high energy physics investigations, and led to the discovery of subatomic particles.

1932 – discovery of the positron (the antielectron), the first particle of antimatter to be observed.

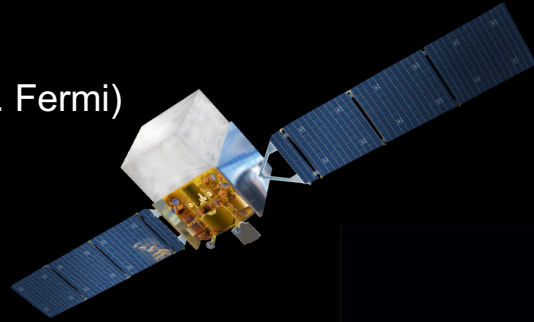
1937 – the muon.

1947 – the pion and the kaon.



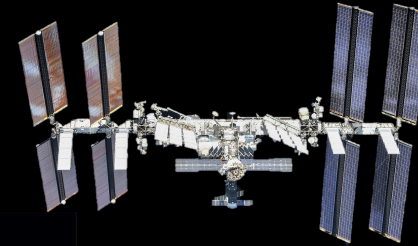
How to detect cosmic rays?

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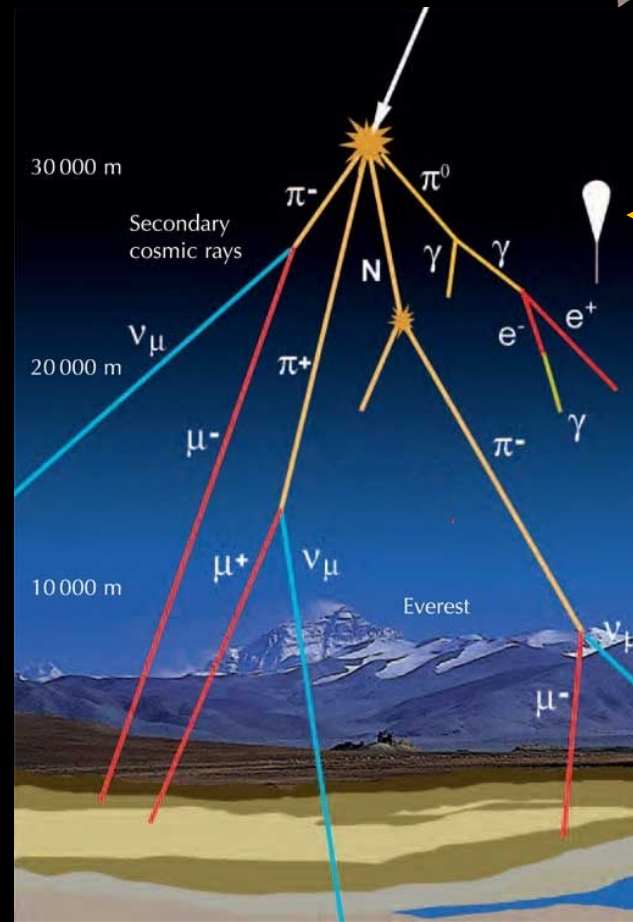


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direct detection above atmosphere

Limitations: size of the detector



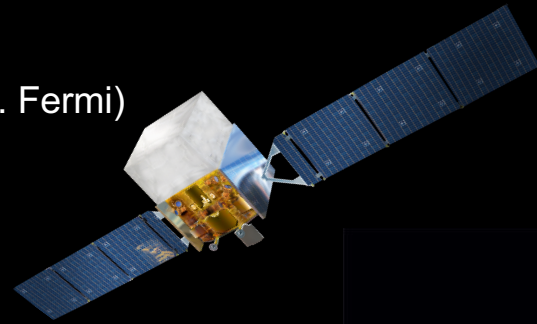
AMS experiment on the
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High altitude balloons

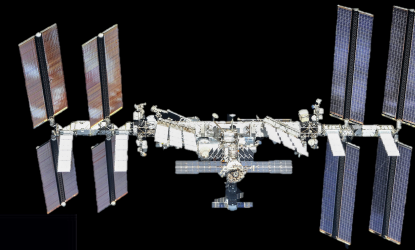
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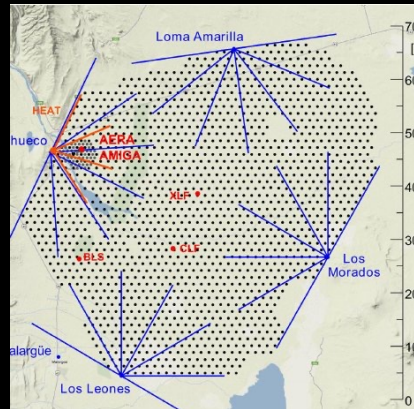


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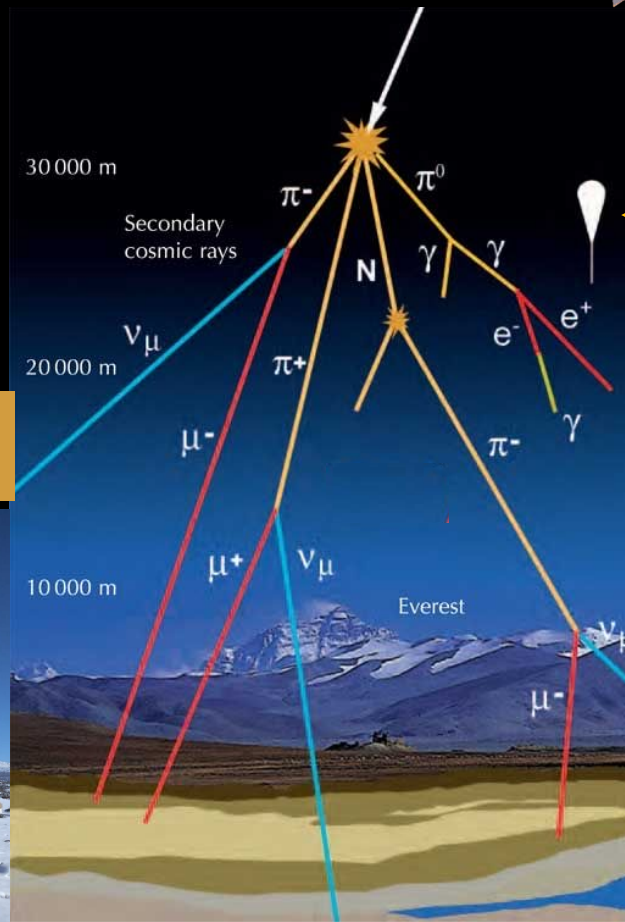
At energies above a few 100 GeV:
low rate requires large surface

**Pierre Auger Observatory,
Argentina**

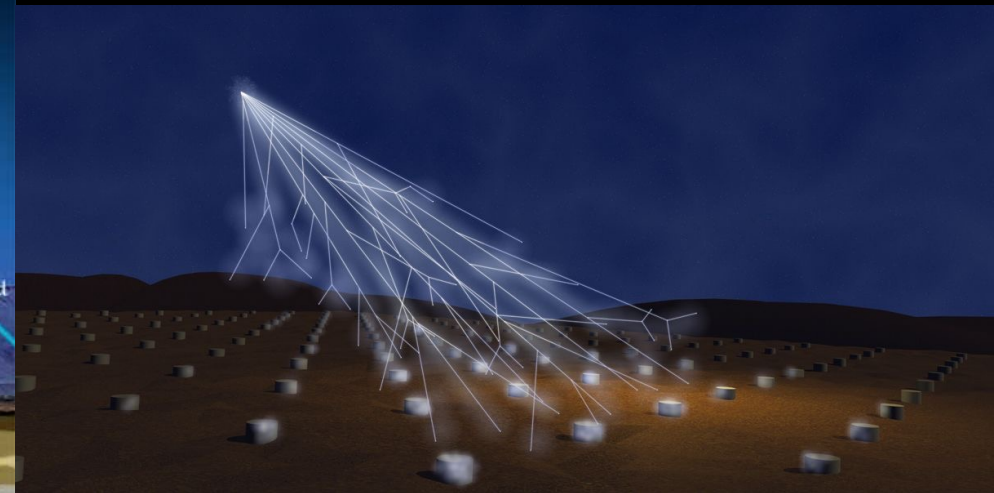
Array of 1660 detector stations
spread over an area of 3000
km² at an altitude of 1400 m



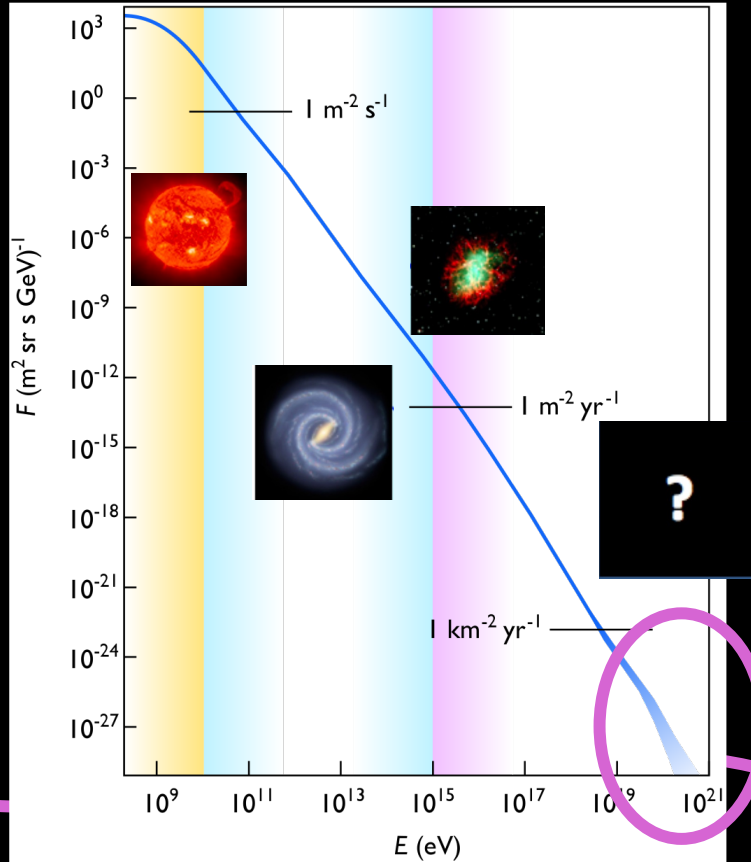
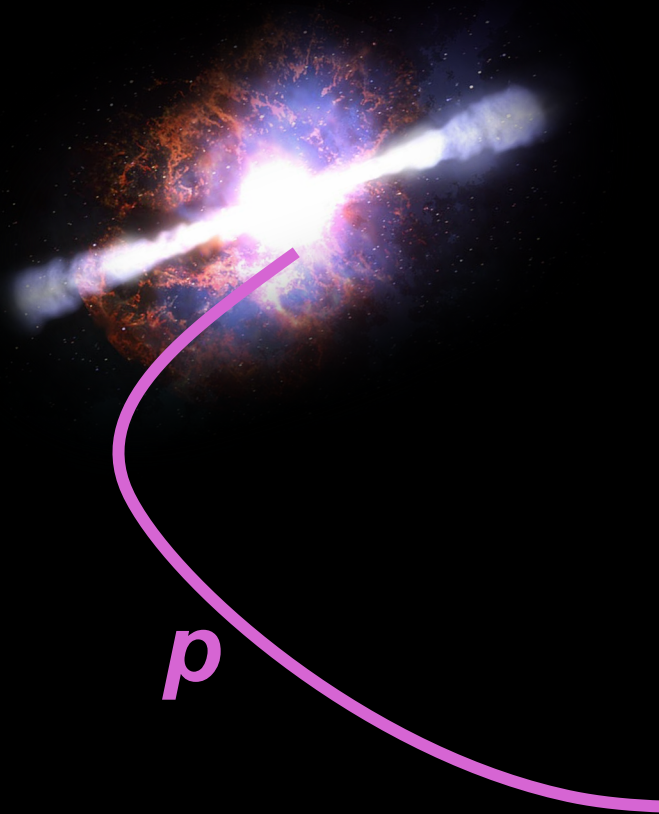
Detection of charged
particles via the Cherenkov
light they create in purified
water.



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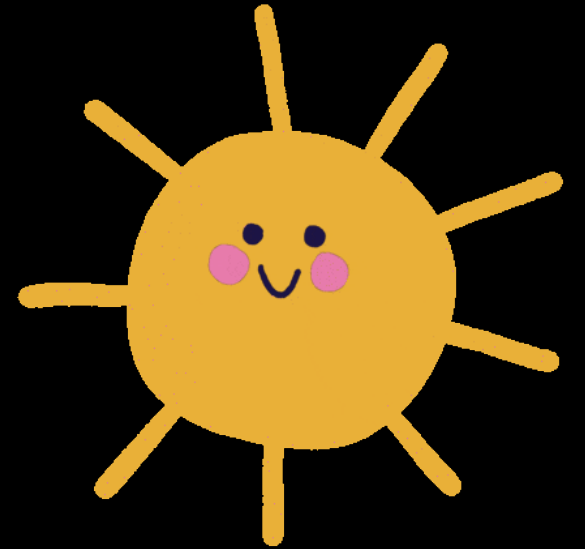
Since their discovery, the main focus of cosmic ray research has been trying to find out:

- where do cosmic rays originate?
- how do they get accelerated to such high velocities?
- what role do they play in the dynamics of the Galaxy?
- what does their composition tell us about matter from outside the solar system?



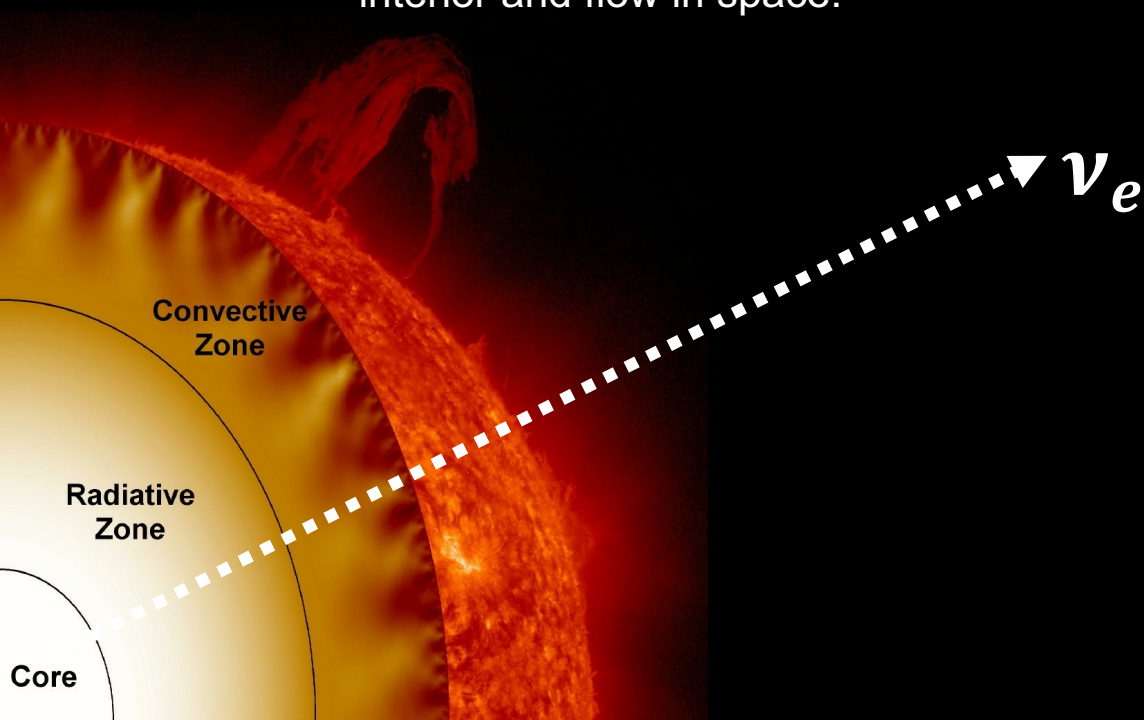
**But, while some people
were trying to figure out
Cosmic Rays...**

**Other people were
trying to figure out the
Sun**



The Sun is a Source of Neutrinos!

- Electron neutrinos with energy of the order of 1 MeV are produced in the thermonuclear fusion reactions in the solar core.
 - Hans Bethe (1930's): first solar model based on nuclear reactions
 - John Bahcall (1960's): increasingly detailed solar model calculations of the solar neutrino fluxes
- Since neutrino interactions with matter is extremely weak, practically all the neutrinos produced in the core of the Sun pass undisturbed through the solar interior and flow in space.



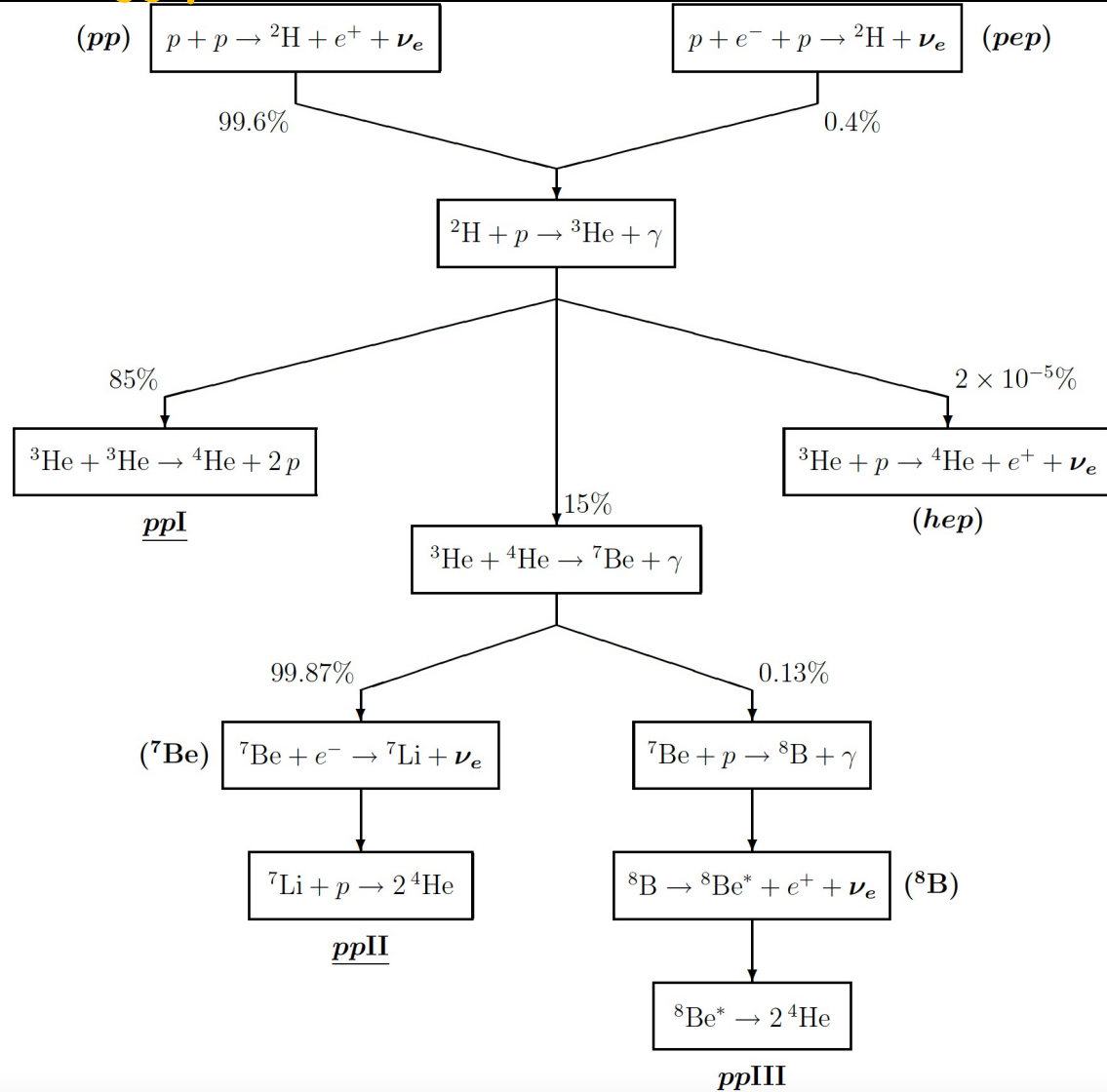
Only neutrinos, with their extremely small interaction cross-sections, can enable us to see into the interior of a star, and thus verify directly the hypothesis of nuclear energy generation in stars.

John N. Bahcall

The Sun is powered by two groups of thermonuclear reactions:

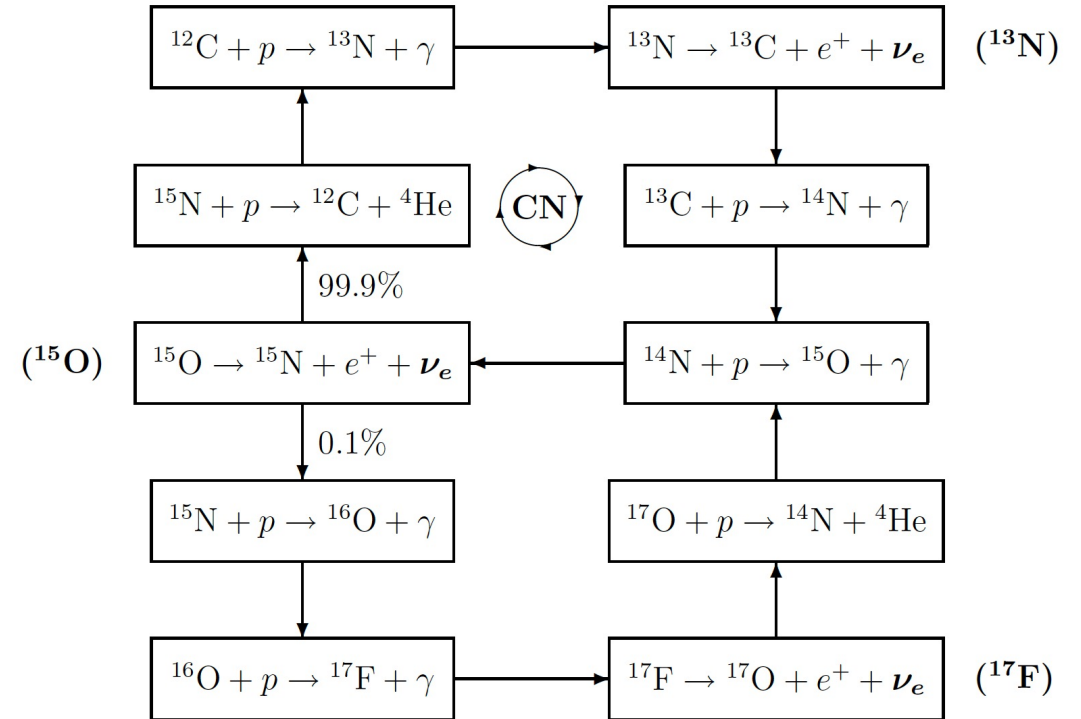
Dominates the energy production

pp chain

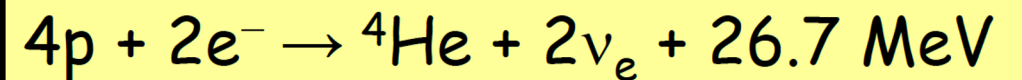


CNO cycle

More important in stars bigger than the Sun

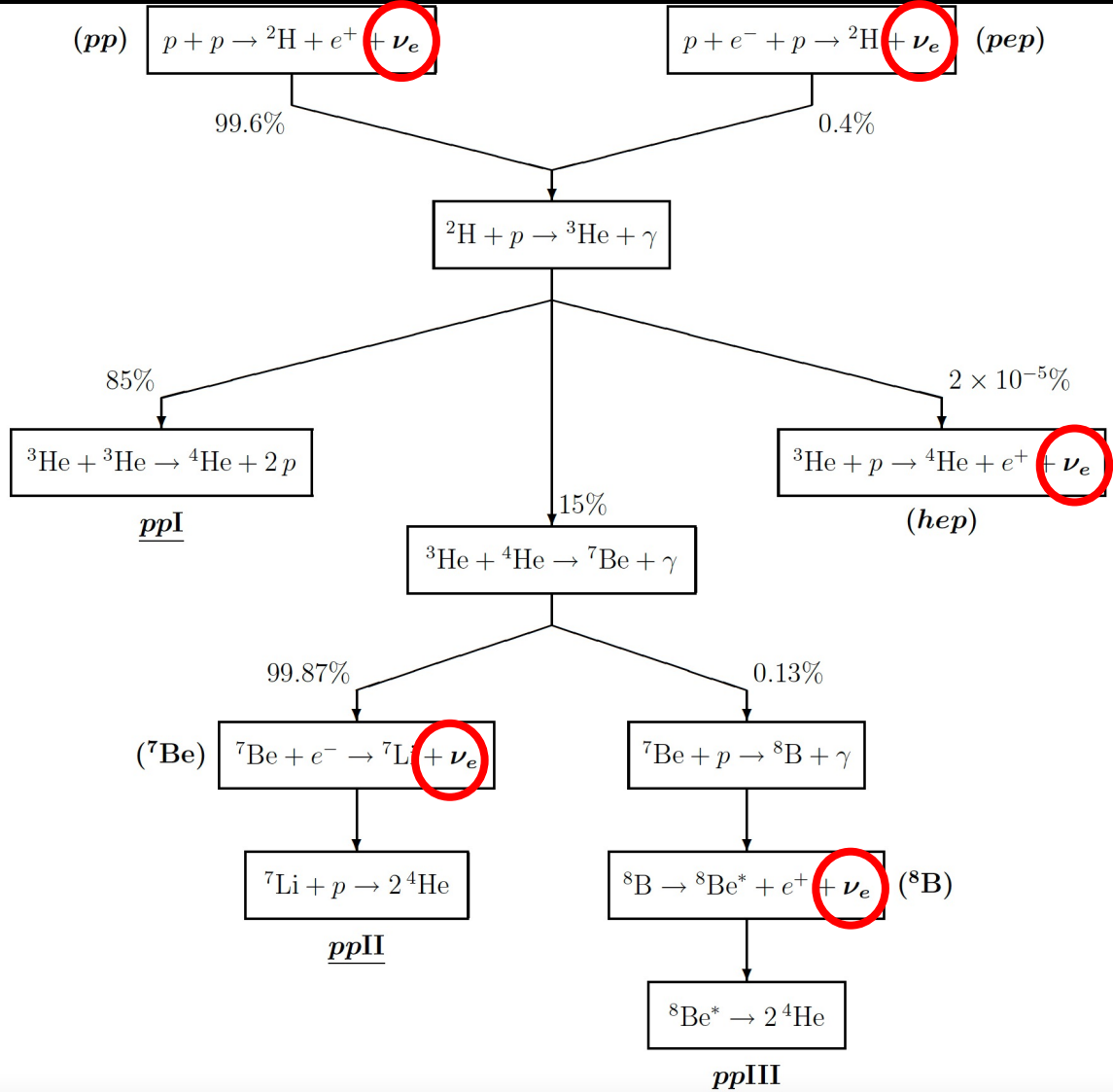


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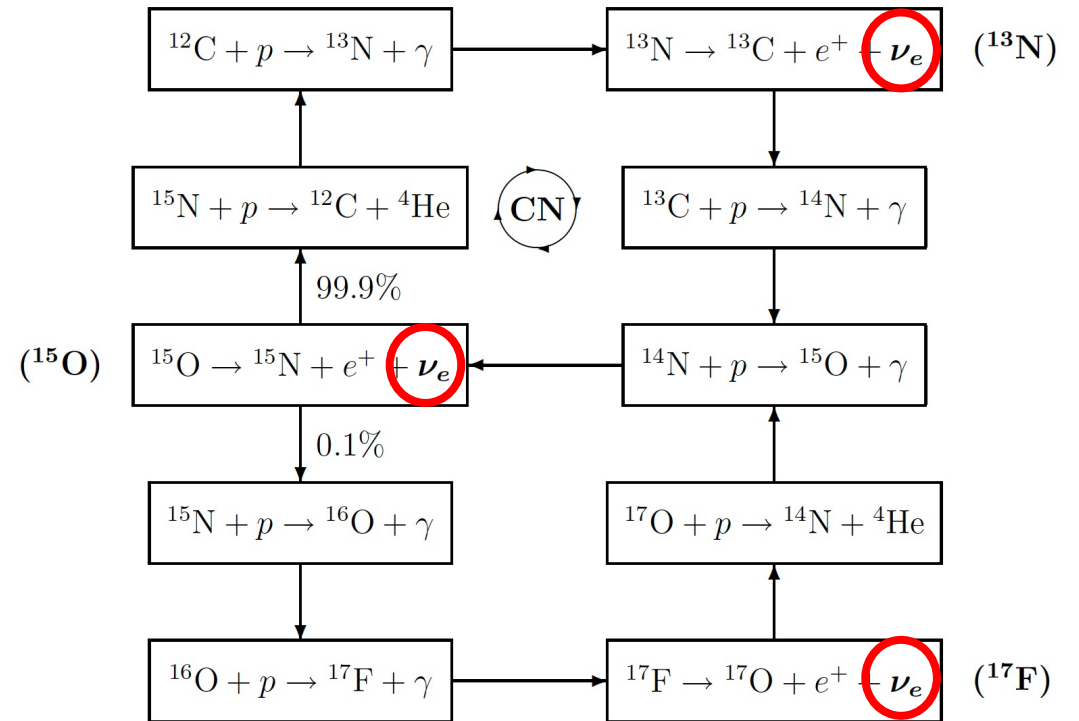


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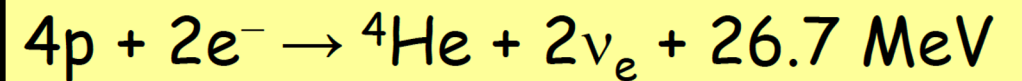
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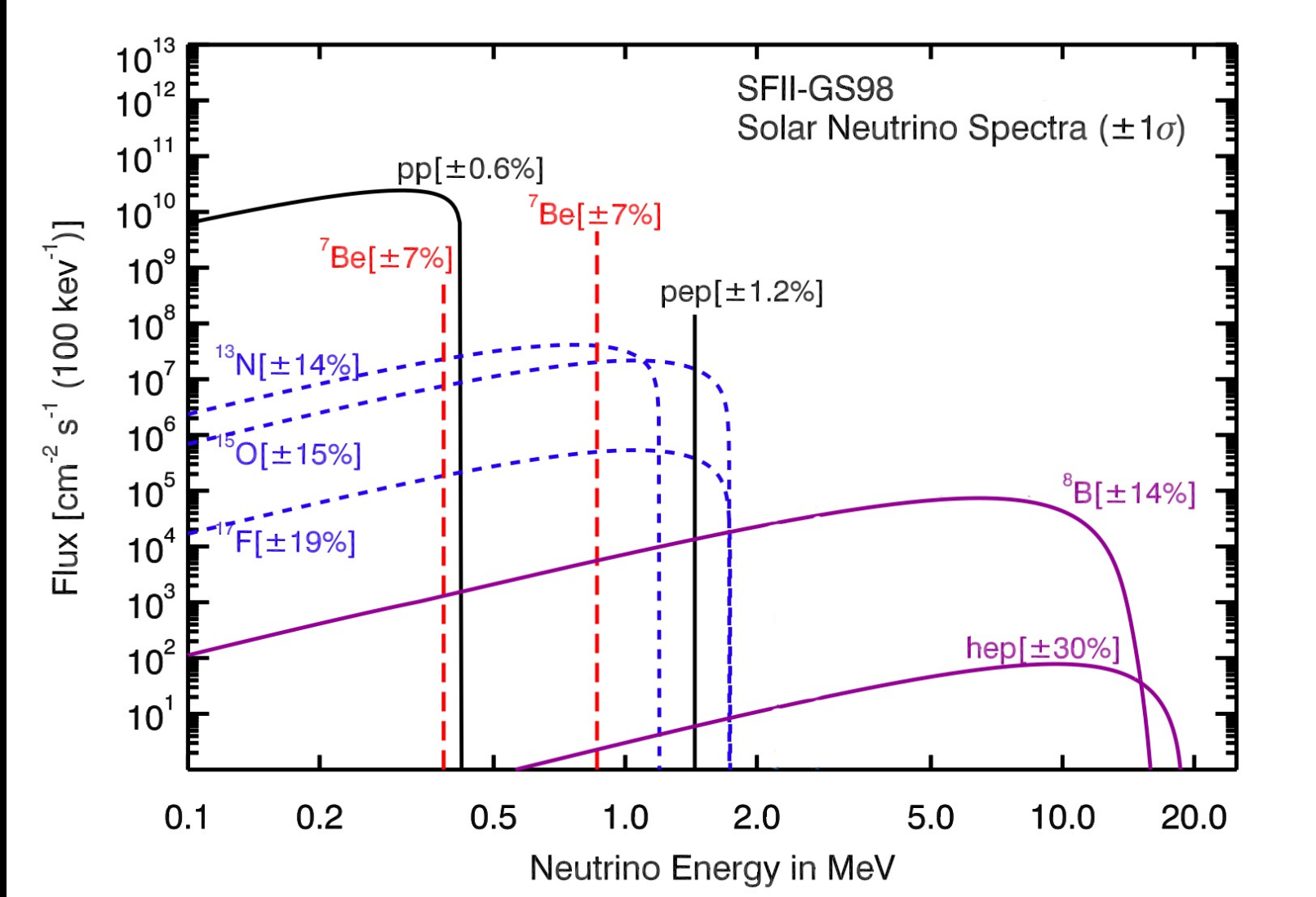


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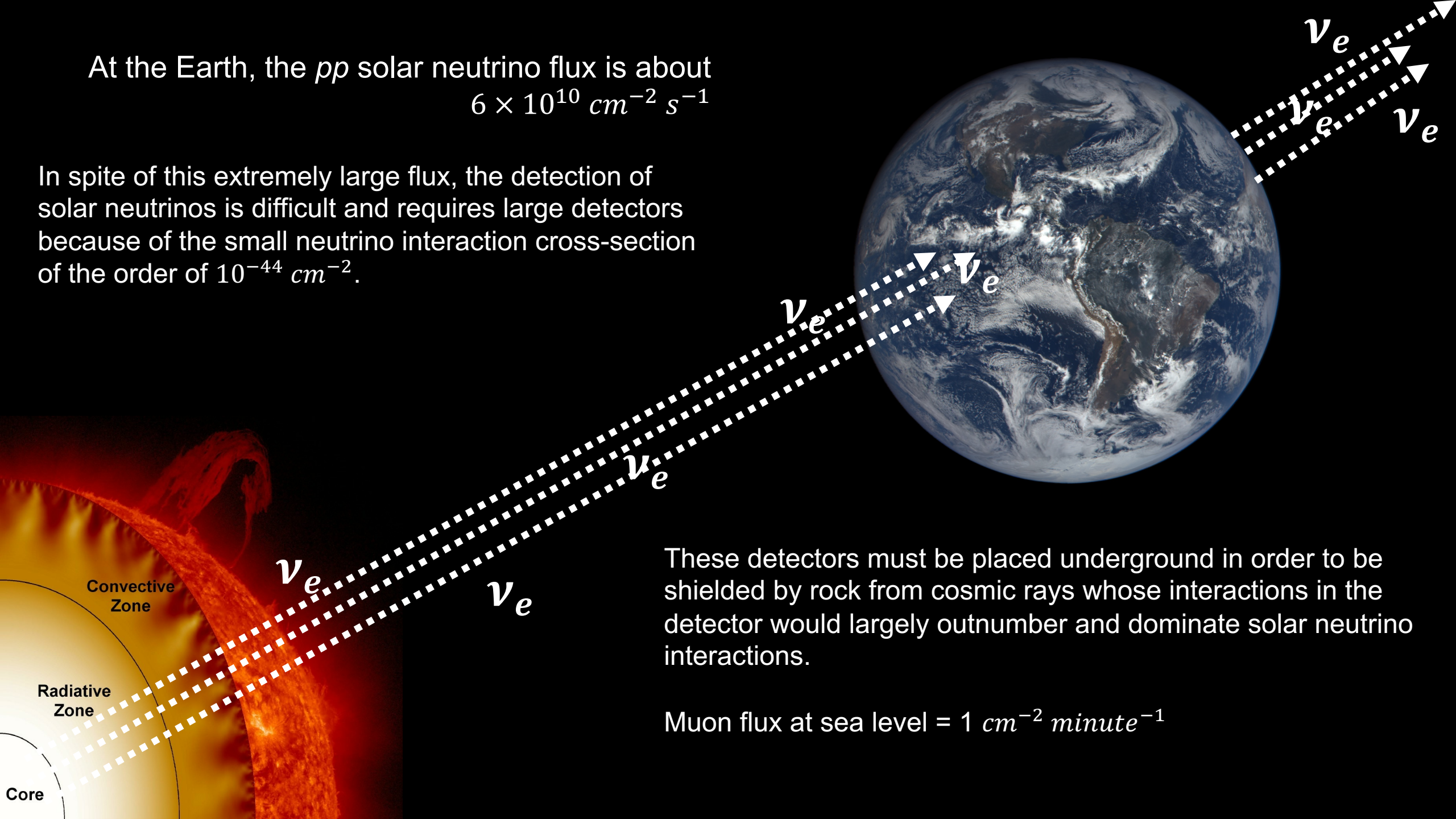




The detailed calculation of the solar neutrino fluxes has been done based on the Standard Solar Model (SSM). The SSM describes the structure and evolution of the Sun based on a variety of inputs such as the mass, luminosity, radius, surface temperature, age, and surface elemental abundances. In addition, the knowledge of the absolute nuclear reaction cross sections for the relevant fusion reactions and the radiative opacities are necessary.

At the Earth, the pp solar neutrino flux is about
 $6 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

In spite of this extremely large flux, the detection of solar neutrinos is difficult and requires large detectors because of the small neutrino interaction cross-section of the order of 10^{-44} cm^{-2} .



These detectors must be placed underground in order to be shielded by rock from cosmic rays whose interactions in the detector would largely outnumber and dominate solar neutrino interactions.

Muon flux at sea level = $1 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ minute}^{-1}$

People who want to
detect solar neutrinos

Cosmic rays just existing



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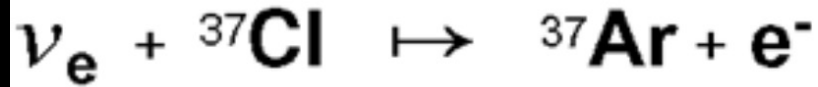
Solution:
Go inside a mine



First detection of Solar Neutrinos

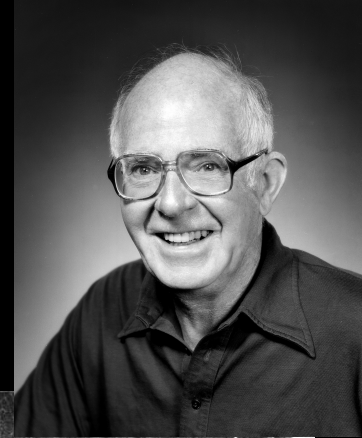
Homestake Experiment

- Proposed in the 70s by Ray Davis
- Radiochemical experiment looking for the Pontecorvo-Alvarez inverse beta-decay Cl-Ar reaction:



Neutrino energy threshold $E_\nu = 0.814$ MeV
Sensitive to ${}^8\text{B}$ and ${}^7\text{Be}$ solar neutrinos

- Expose large quantities of Chlorine
- Chemically extract the Argon
- Count the radioactive decays of ${}^{37}\text{Ar}$

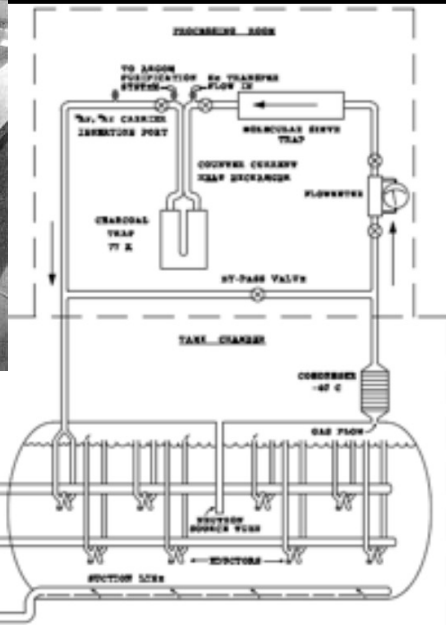


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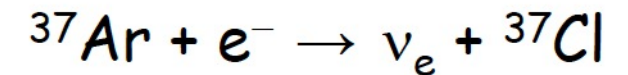
Homestake Experiment



- Homestake mine (USA), 1478 m deep
- Used 600 tons of CCl₄ (cleaning liquid)
- Flush the Argon out of the tanks using helium, every two to three months (efficiency of 95%)



The extracted Argon is measured in a counter

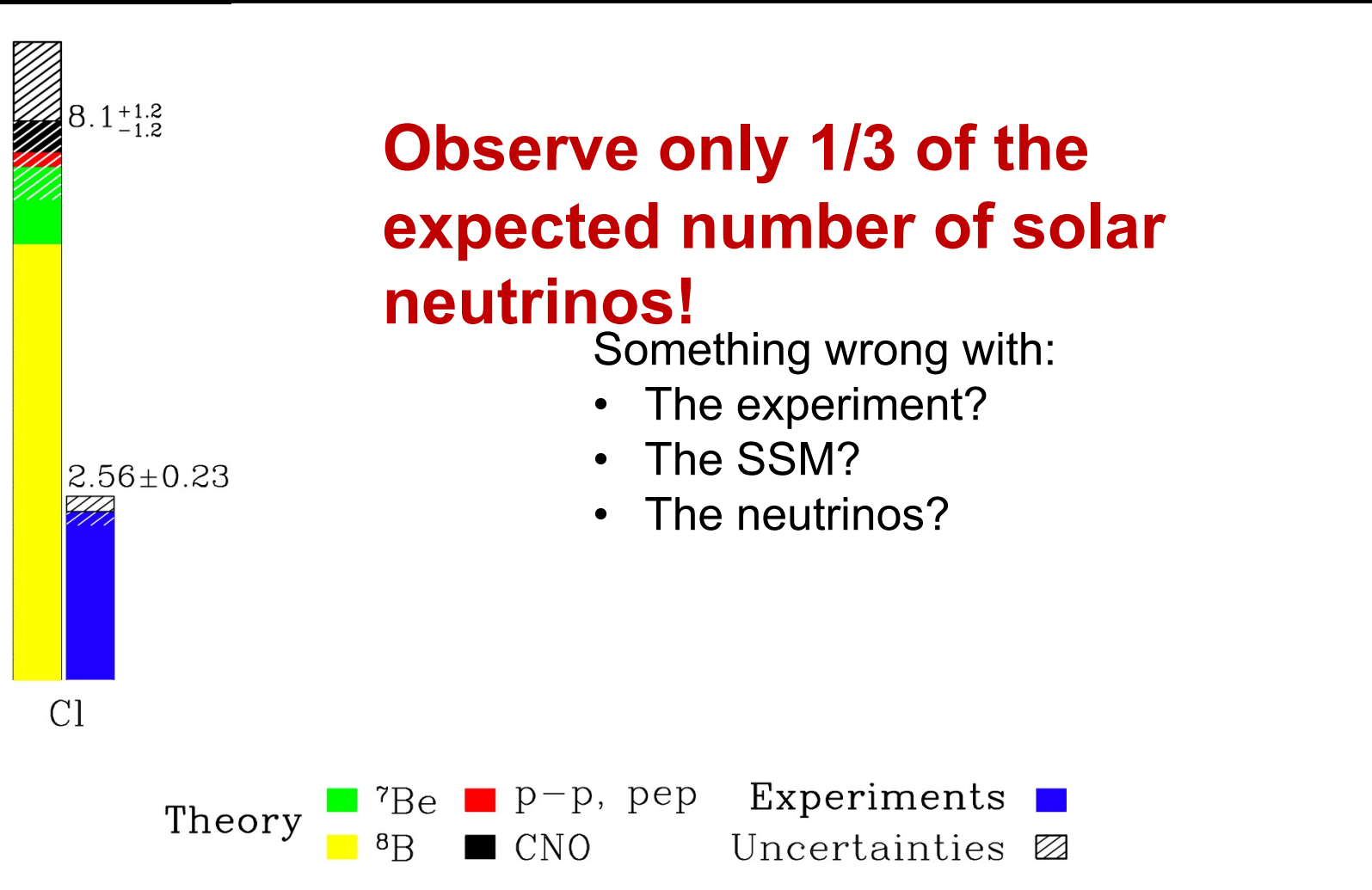


$$(T_{1/2} = 35\text{d})$$

Acquired data for 24 years!

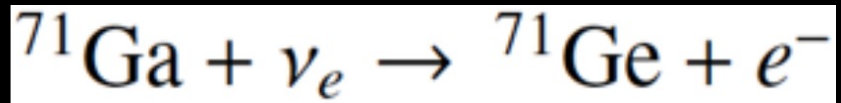
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Homestake Experiment Results

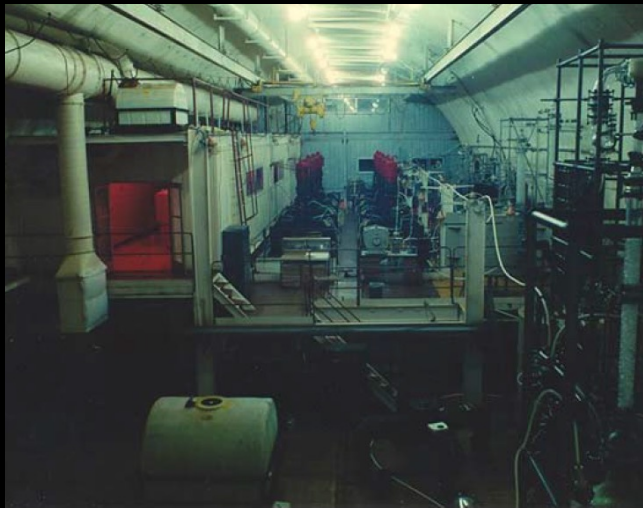


Gallium Experiments

- Similar to Homestake, but using the Gallium reaction



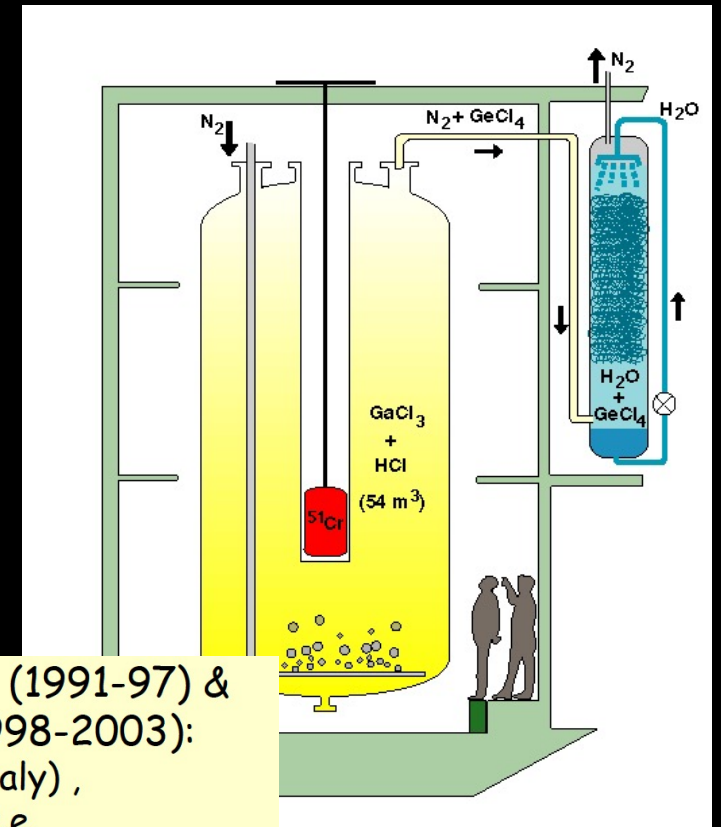
Neutrino energy threshold $E_\nu = 0.233$ MeV
Sensitive to ${}^8\text{B}$, ${}^7\text{Be}$ and high energy pp solar neutrinos



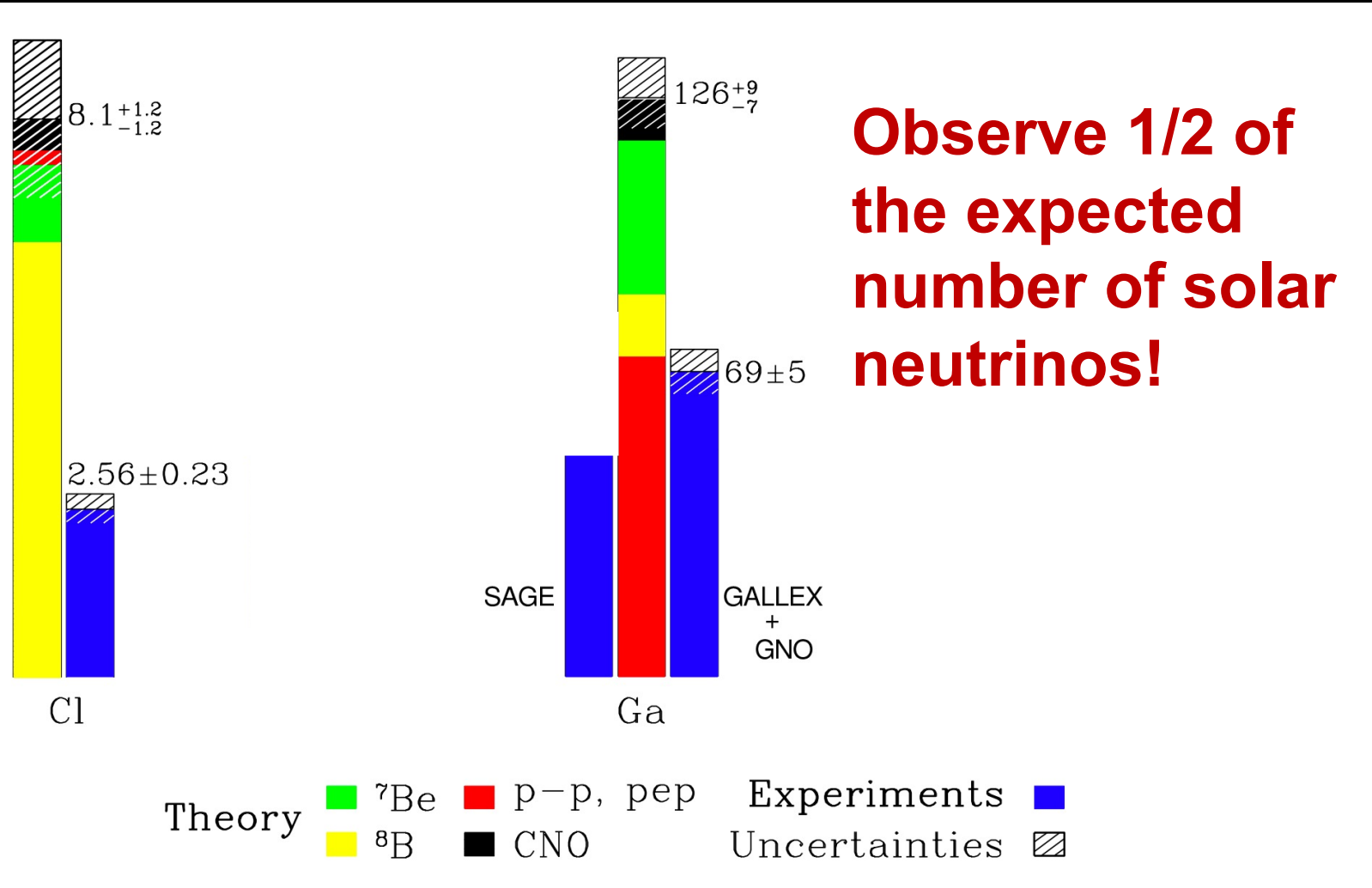
SAGE (1991-93):
Baksan (Russia)
4800 m.w.e.
60 tons of gallium
(metal Ga target)

**GALLEX (1991-97) &
GNO (1998-2003):**
LNGS (Italy),
3200 m.w.e.
30 tons of gallium
(water solution of GaCl_3)

SAGE uses metallic gallium (which becomes a liquid at just above room temperature), while GALLEX uses gallium in a liquid-chloride form. The different forms of the gallium are susceptible to very different types of backgrounds, and thus the two experiments provide a check for each other.

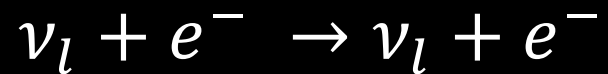


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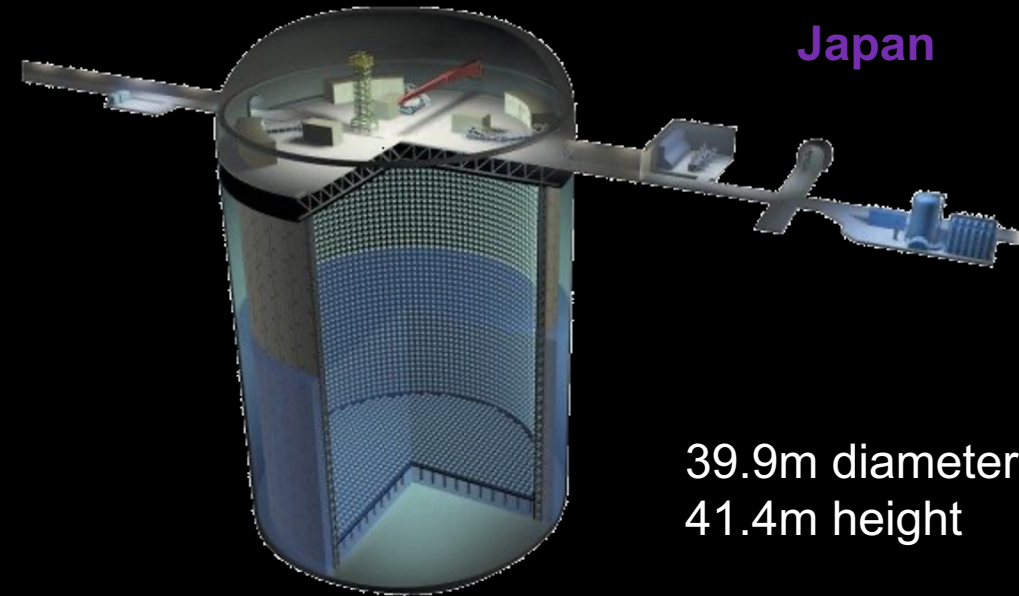


Water Cherenkov Detectors

- 1987 Kamiokande
- 1997 Super-Kamiokande
 - Several phases
- Detects neutrino-electron scatterings

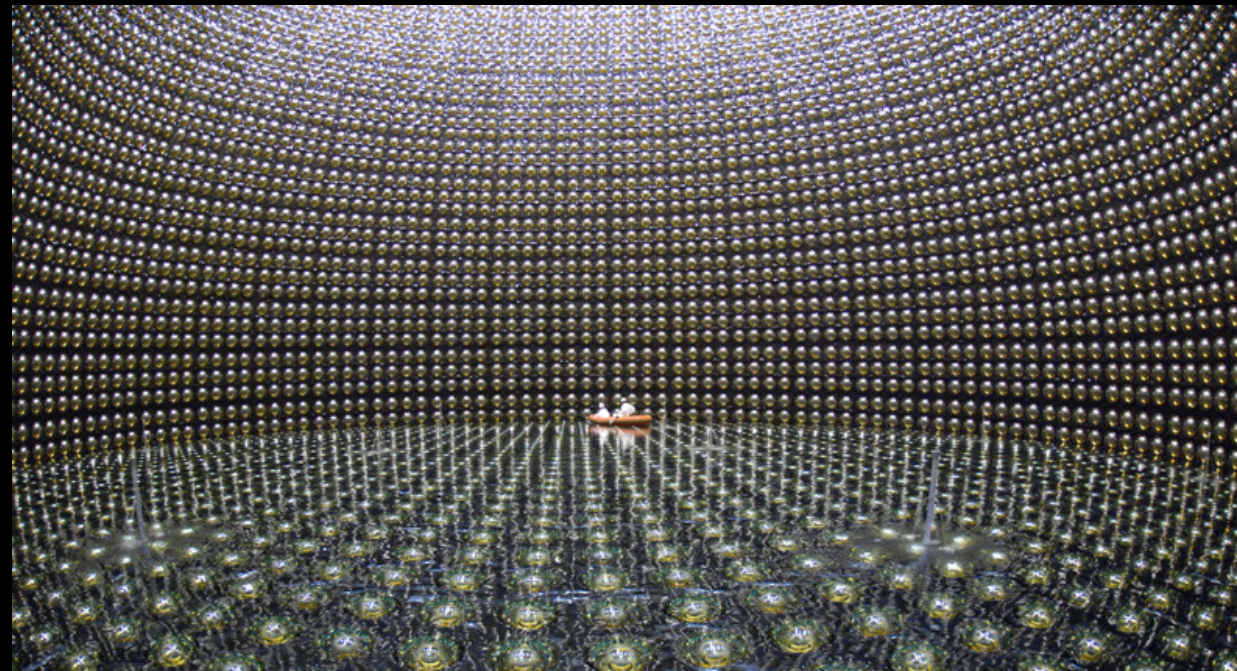


- Sensitive to all neutrino flavours, but mainly ν_e



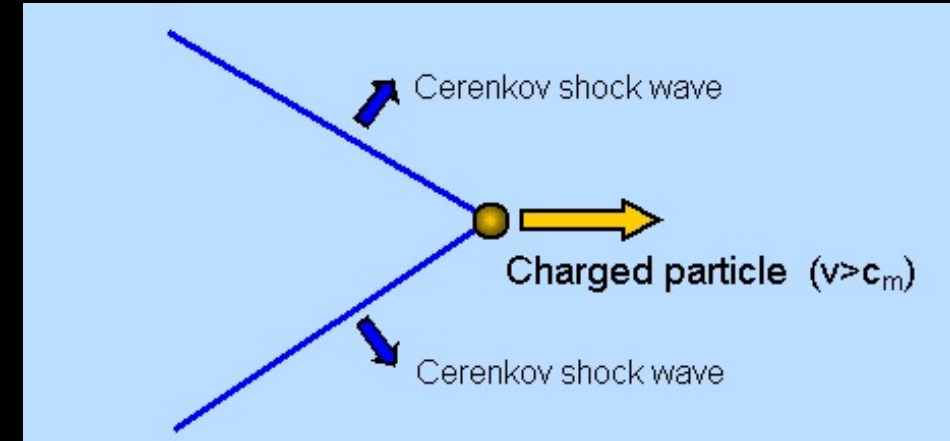
39.9m diameter
41.4m height

11000 photomultipliers
50000 tons of water



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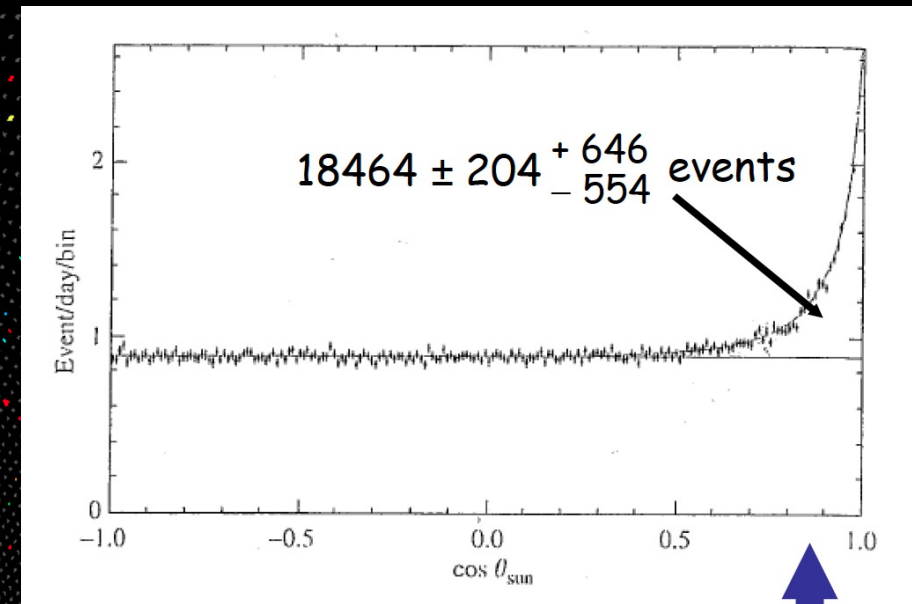
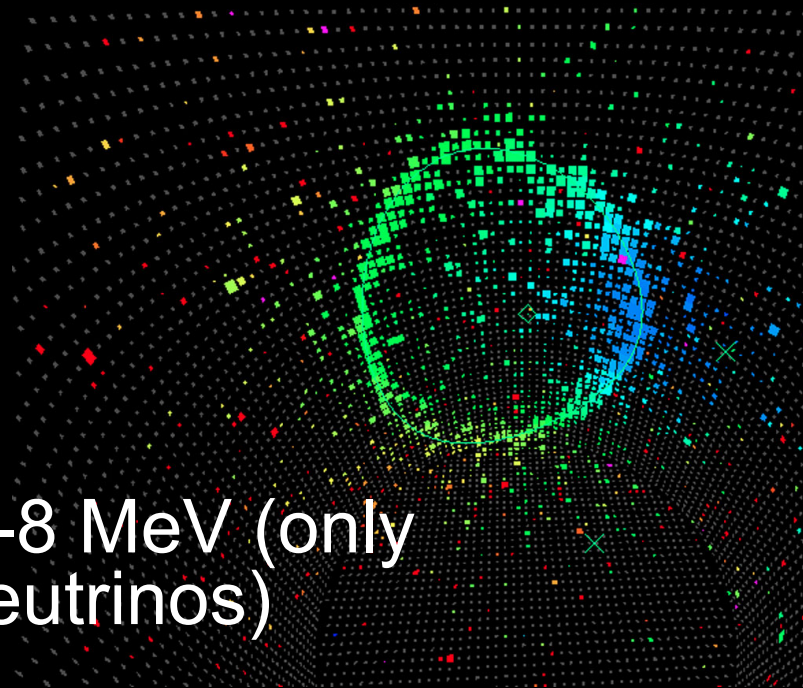
- The scattered electrons produce Cherenkov radiation



Cherenkov radiation is electromagnetic radiation emitted when a charged particle passes through a dielectric medium at a speed greater than the phase velocity of light in that medium

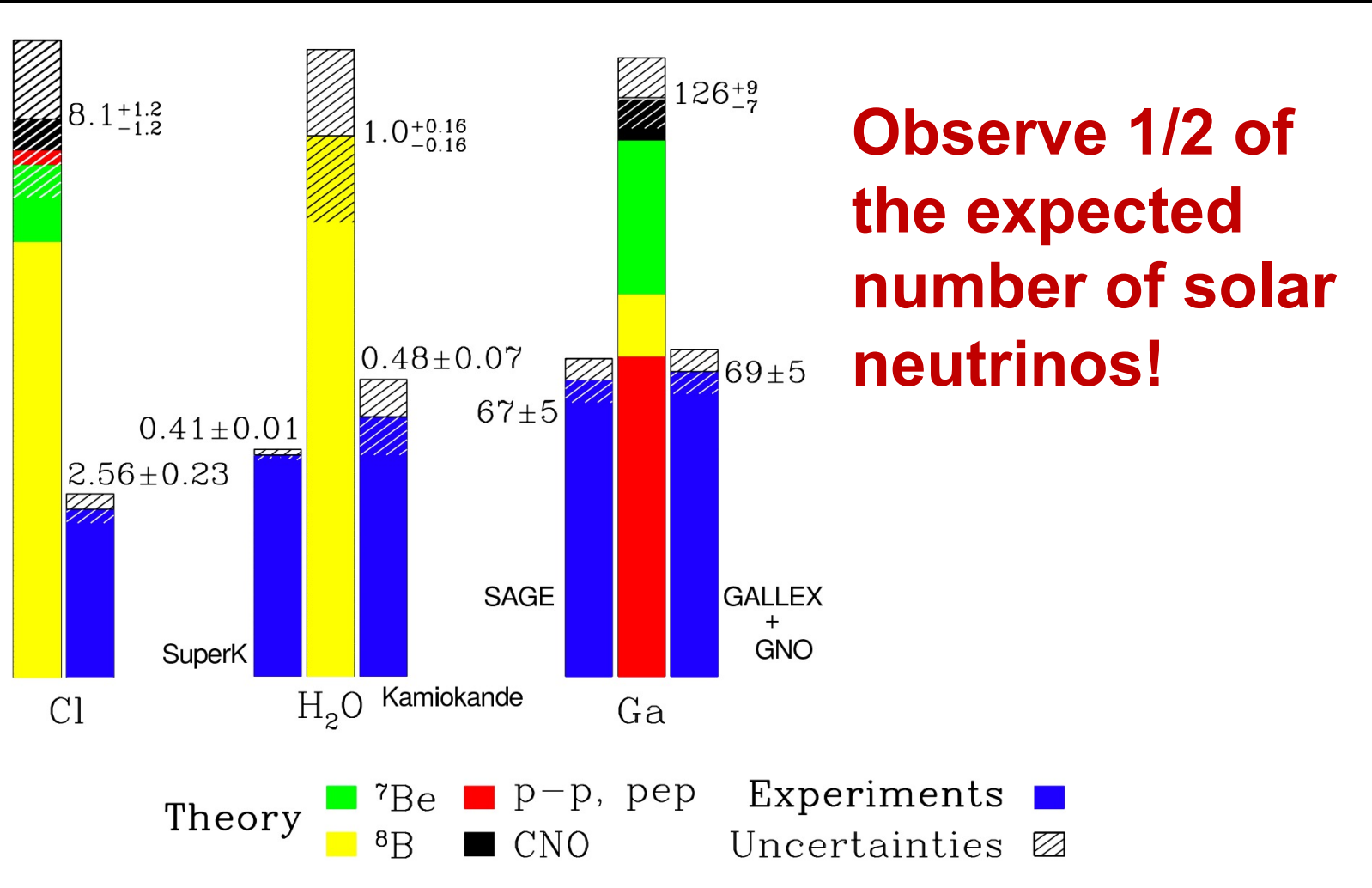
- Allow to know:
 - Directionality
 - Arrival Time
 - Energy

- High threshold 5-8 MeV (only sensitive to ^8B neutrinos)



They could see the events along the direction of the Sun – they are solar ν

Water Cherenkov Detectors



The Solar Neutrino Problem

Are we not measuring all the neutrinos from the Sun?
What happens to them on the way to Earth?

Exorcising Ghosts
In pursuit of the missing solar neutrinos

Andrew Hime

After thirty years of hints that electron neutrinos slip in and out of existence, new solar-neutrino experiments may finally catch them in the act.

If neutrinos have mass, then the three separate particles known as the electron neutrino, the muon neutrino, and the tau neutrino may not be separate at all, but may mix and transform into one another. In this illustration, a large fraction of the electron neutrinos produced in the core of the sun change their identity before they reach the surface (blue curve). They reappear either as muon and/or tau neutrinos (red and yellow curves, respectively).

Neutrinos Oscillate

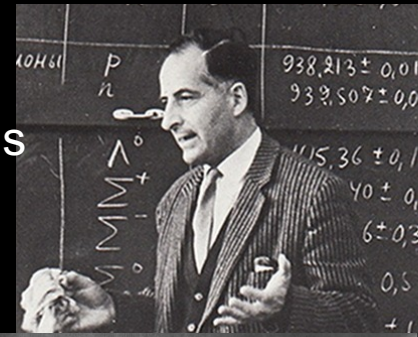
Three flavours of Neutrinos

ν_e

ν_μ

ν_τ

B. Pontecorvo
 $\nu - \bar{\nu}$ oscillations



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1911-1970

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1929-2005

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Are a linear combination of three neutrino mass states

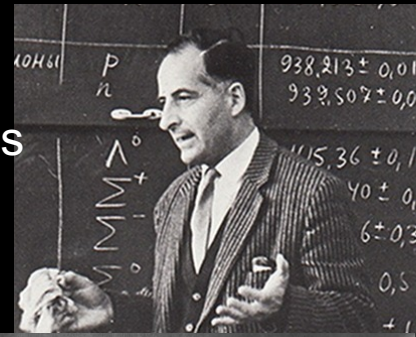
$$\nu_1 \quad \nu_2 \quad \nu_3$$

$$\nu_e = a\nu_1 + b\nu_2 + c\nu_3$$

$$\nu_\mu = d\nu_1 + e\nu_2 + f\nu_3$$

$$\nu_\tau = g\nu_1 + h\nu_2 + i\nu_3$$

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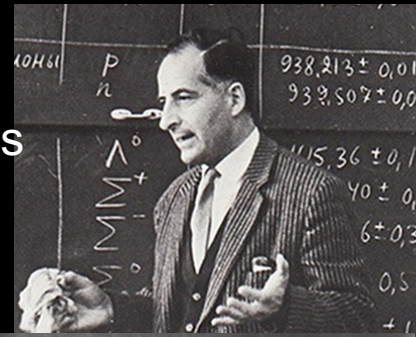
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The PMNS Matrix

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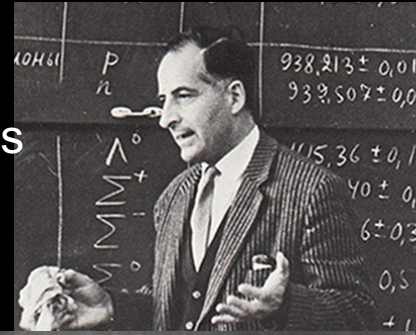
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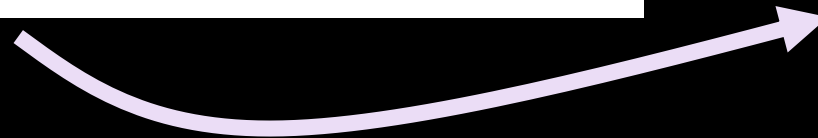
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{13}c_{12} & c_{13}s_{12} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -c_{23}s_{12} - s_{13}s_{23}c_{12}e^{i\delta} & c_{23}c_{12} - s_{13}s_{23}s_{12}e^{i\delta} & c_{13}s_{23} \\ s_{23}s_{12} - s_{13}c_{23}c_{12}e^{i\delta} & -s_{23}c_{12} - s_{13}c_{23}s_{12}e^{i\delta} & c_{13}c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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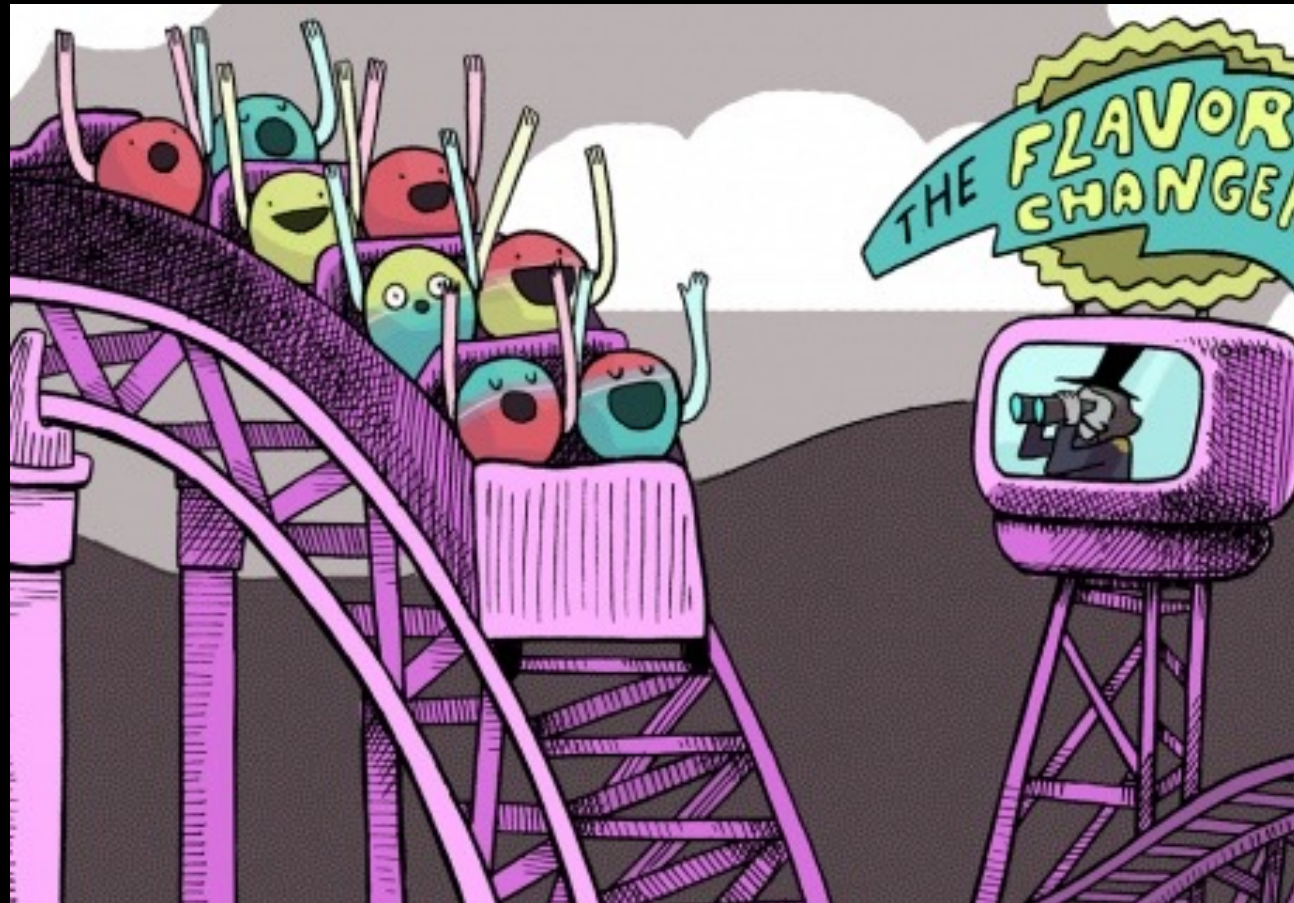
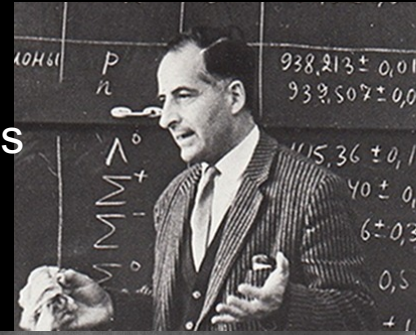
(that looks more like this)



Neutrinos Oscillate

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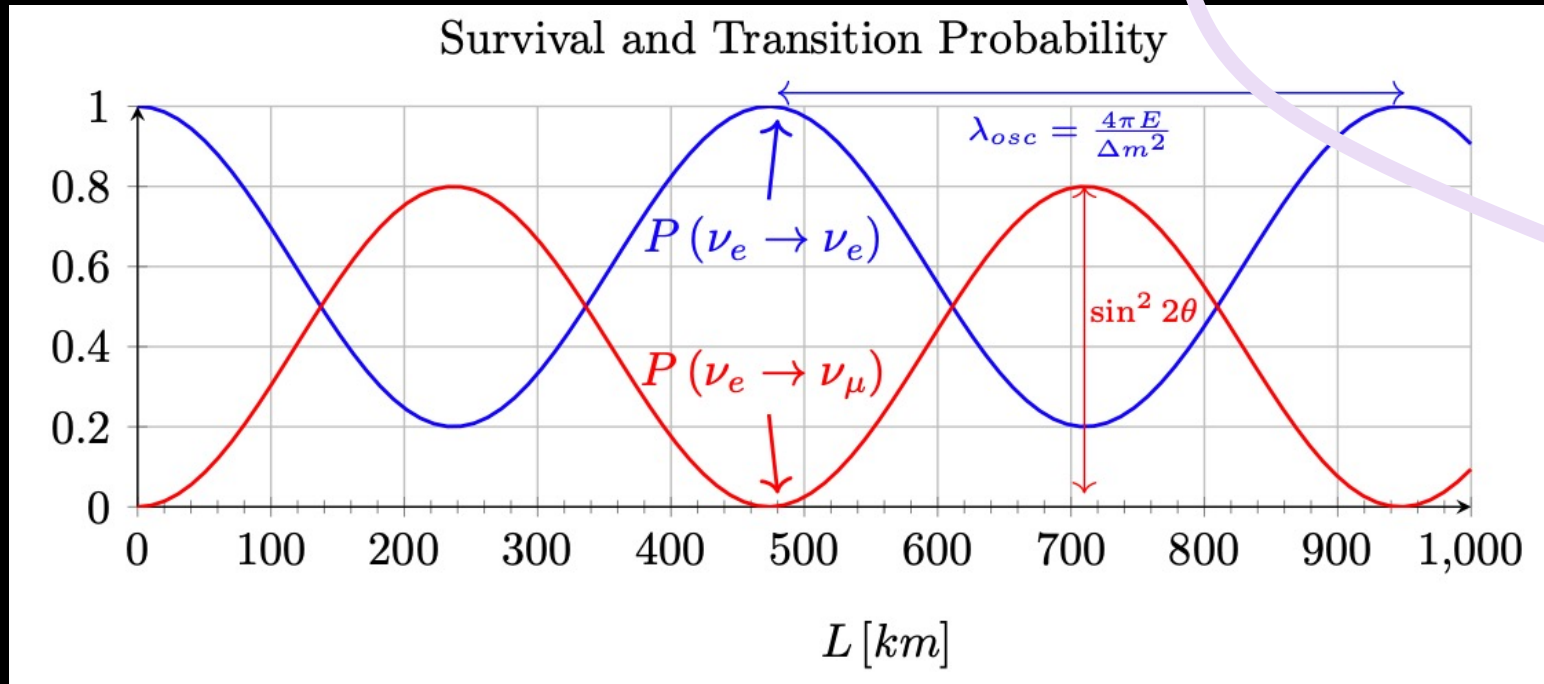
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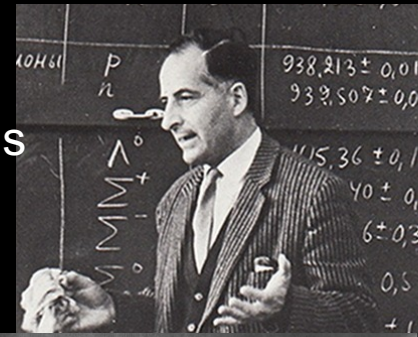
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Two neutrino case:

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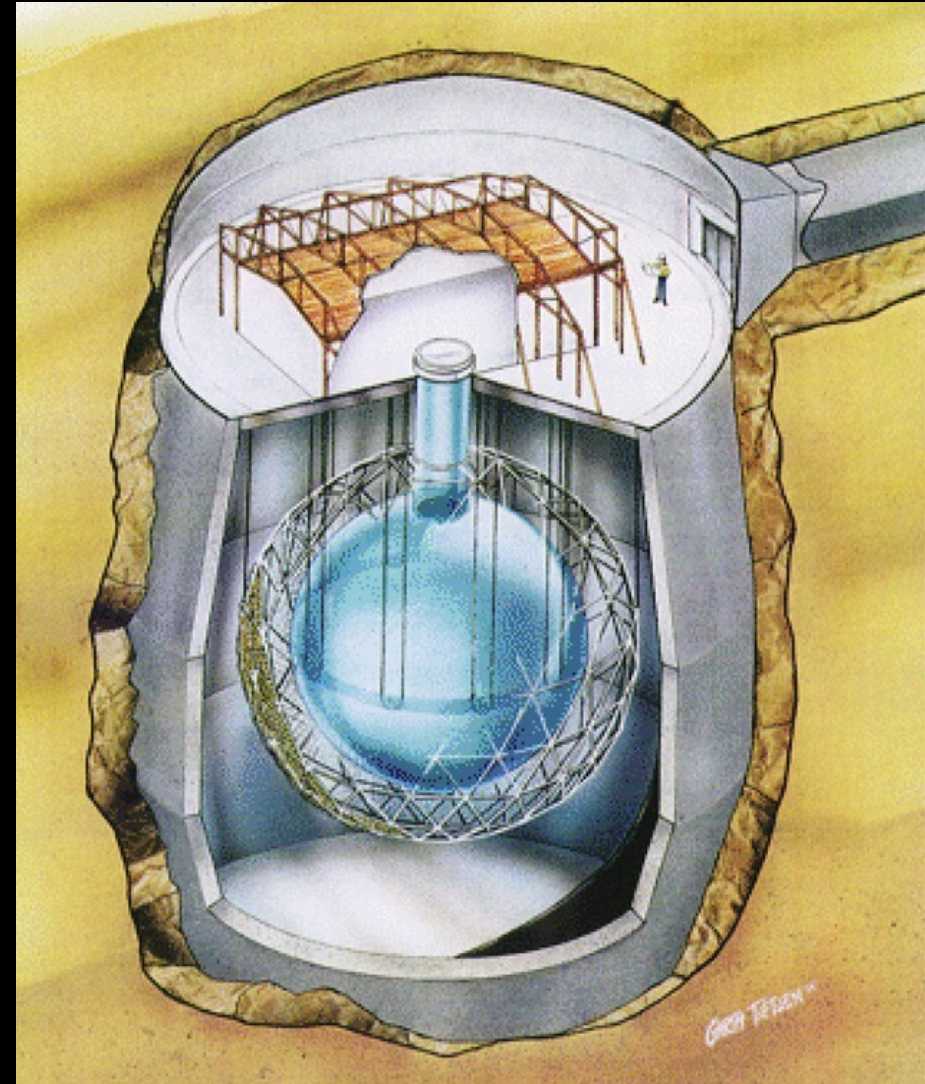
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$m_2^2 - m_1^2$

SNO – Sudbury Neutrino Observatory

- 1000 tonnes of Heavy Water (D_2O)
 - Inside a 12 m diameter acrylic sphere
- Seen by 9500 PMTs
- Volume outside the acrylic vessel (AV) filled with water
- 2 km underground inside a Nickel mine in Canada

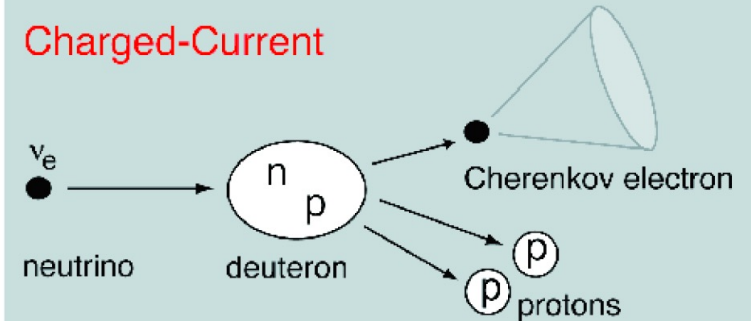


Neutrino Reactions in SNO

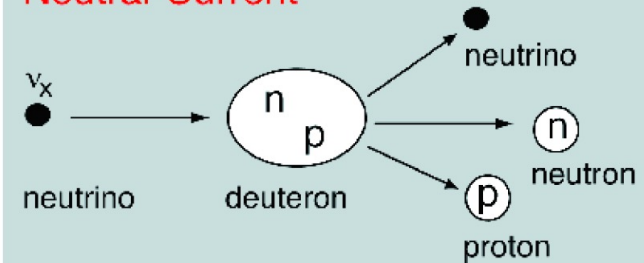
- $\nu_e + d \rightarrow p + p + e^-$
 - Signal: Cherenkov light from electron
 - Only sensitive to ν_e
 - Measured ν_e flux
- $\nu_l + d \rightarrow \nu_l + p + n$
 - Signal: neutron capture (6.25 MeV γ) and Cherenkov light from electrons scattered by the γ
 - Measured total neutrino flux
- $\nu_l + e^- \rightarrow \nu_l + e^-$
 - Signal: Cherenkov light from electron
 - Mainly sensitive to ν_e , some ν_μ and ν_τ

Neutrino Reactions on Deuterium

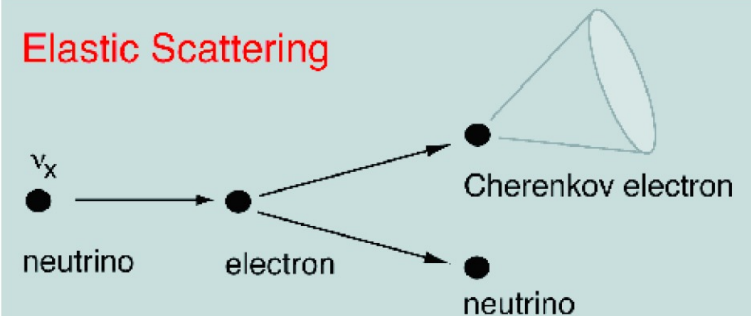
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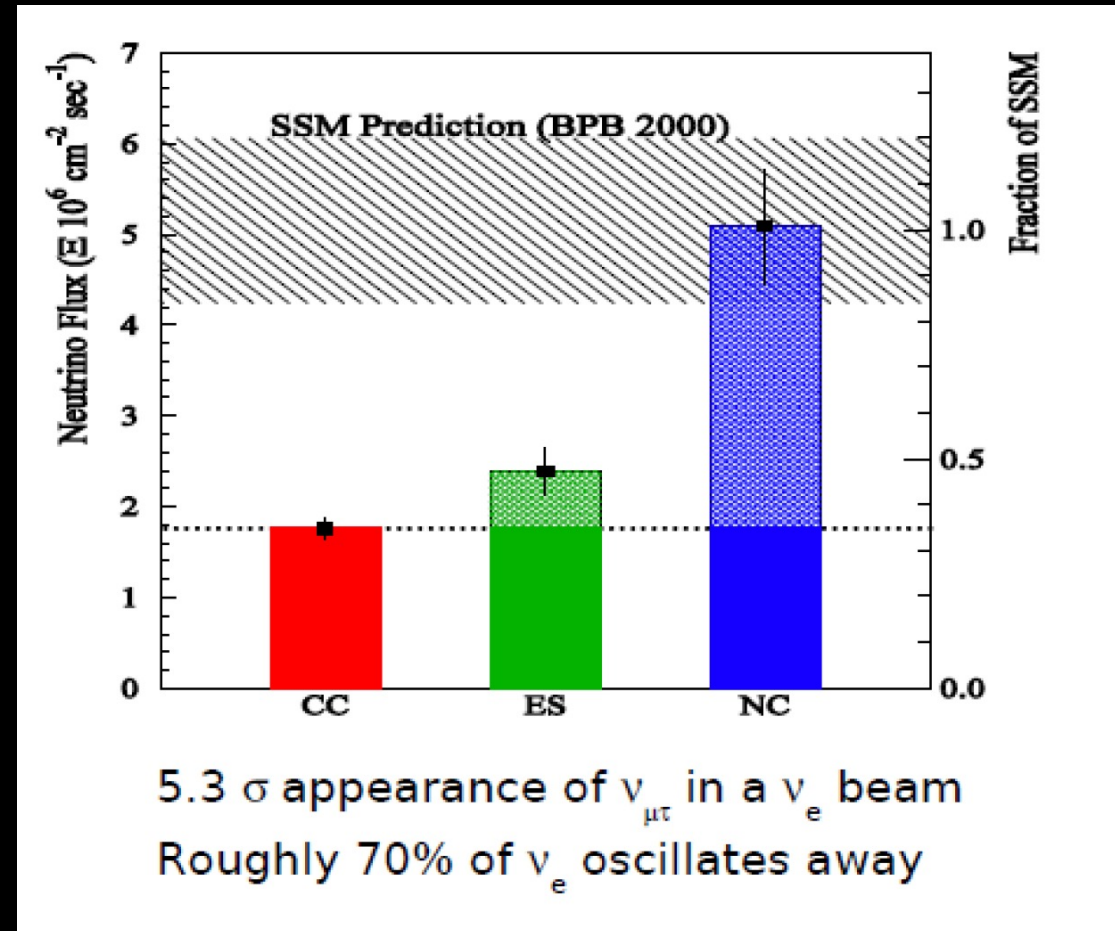
Neutral-Current



Elastic Scattering

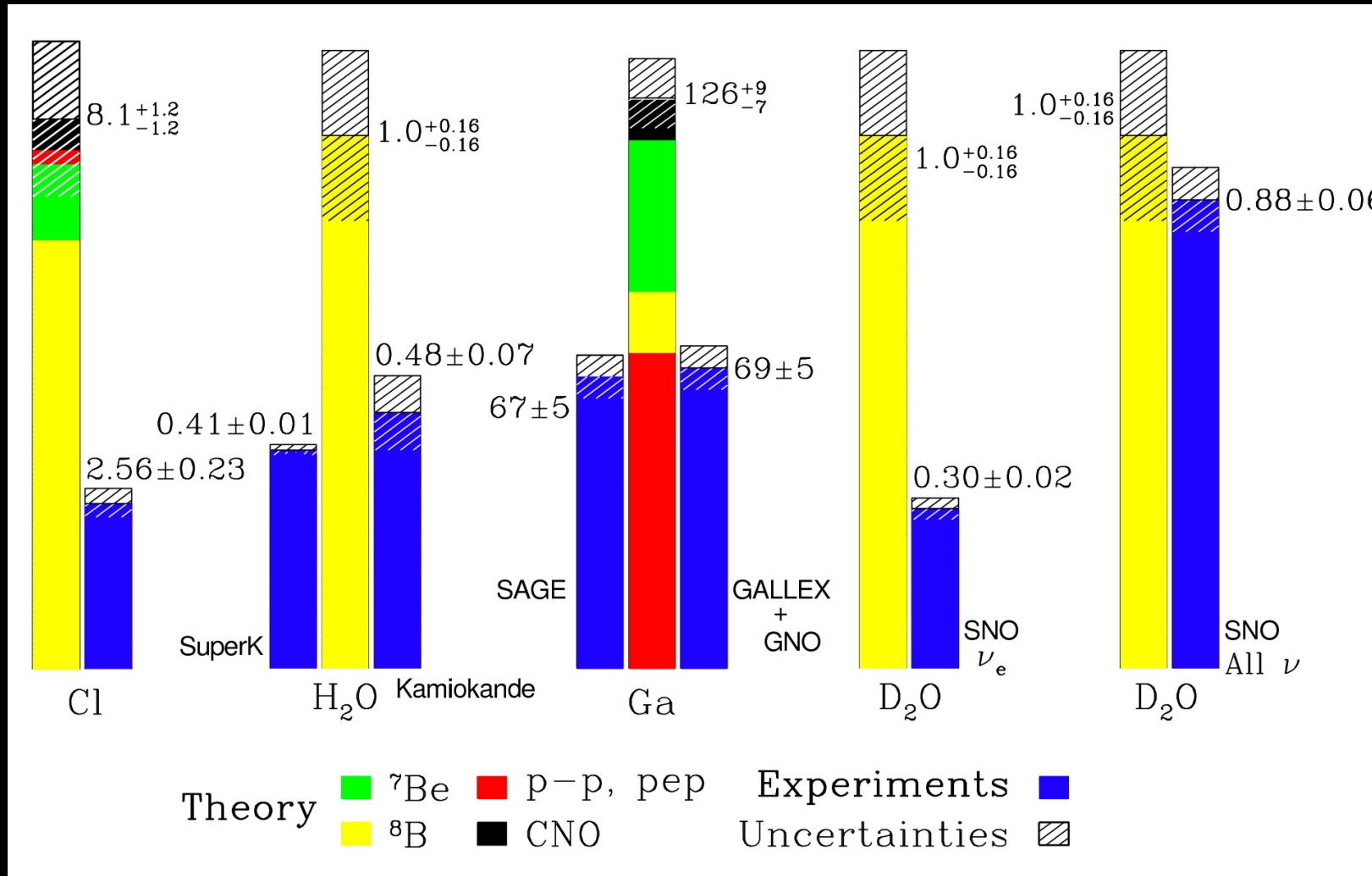


SNO Results



- Clear evidence for a flux of ν_{μ} and/or ν_{τ} from the sun
- Total neutrino flux is consistent with expectation from SSM
- Clear evidence of $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}$ and/or $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$ neutrino transitions

The Solar Neutrino Problem is Solved!



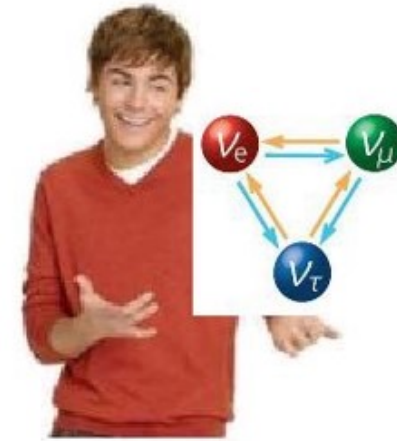
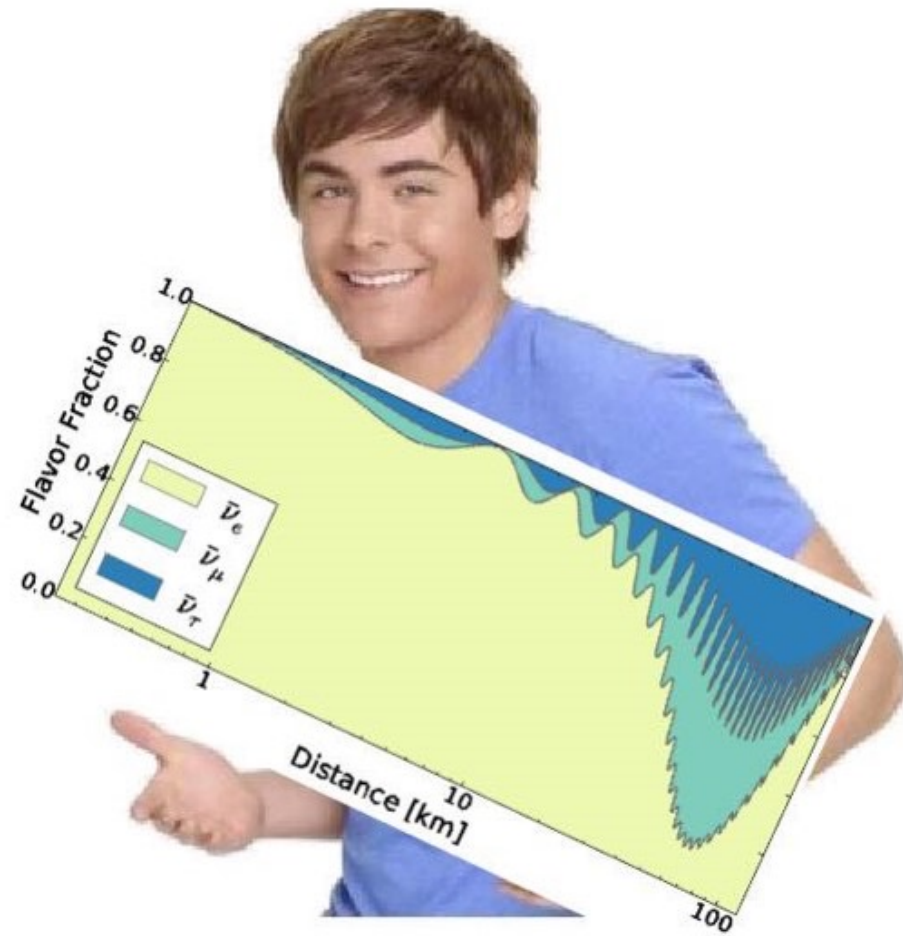
Neutrino Oscillations Discovered!



“...the research group in Canada led by Arthur B. McDonald could demonstrate that the neutrinos from the Sun were not disappearing on their way to Earth. Instead they were captured with a different identity when arriving to the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory.”

“...Takaaki Kajita presented the discovery that neutrinos from the atmosphere switch between two identities on their way to the Super-Kamiokande detector in Japan.”

when your parents ask where all your
electron neutrinos went

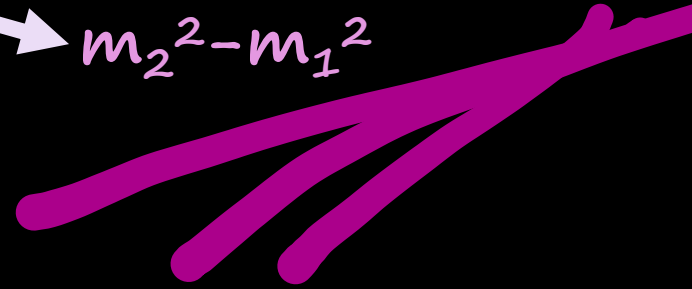
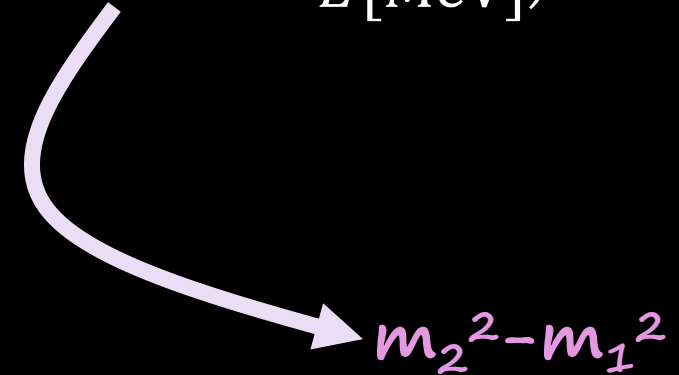


A young man in a blue shirt is holding a sign with the PMNS matrix equation:

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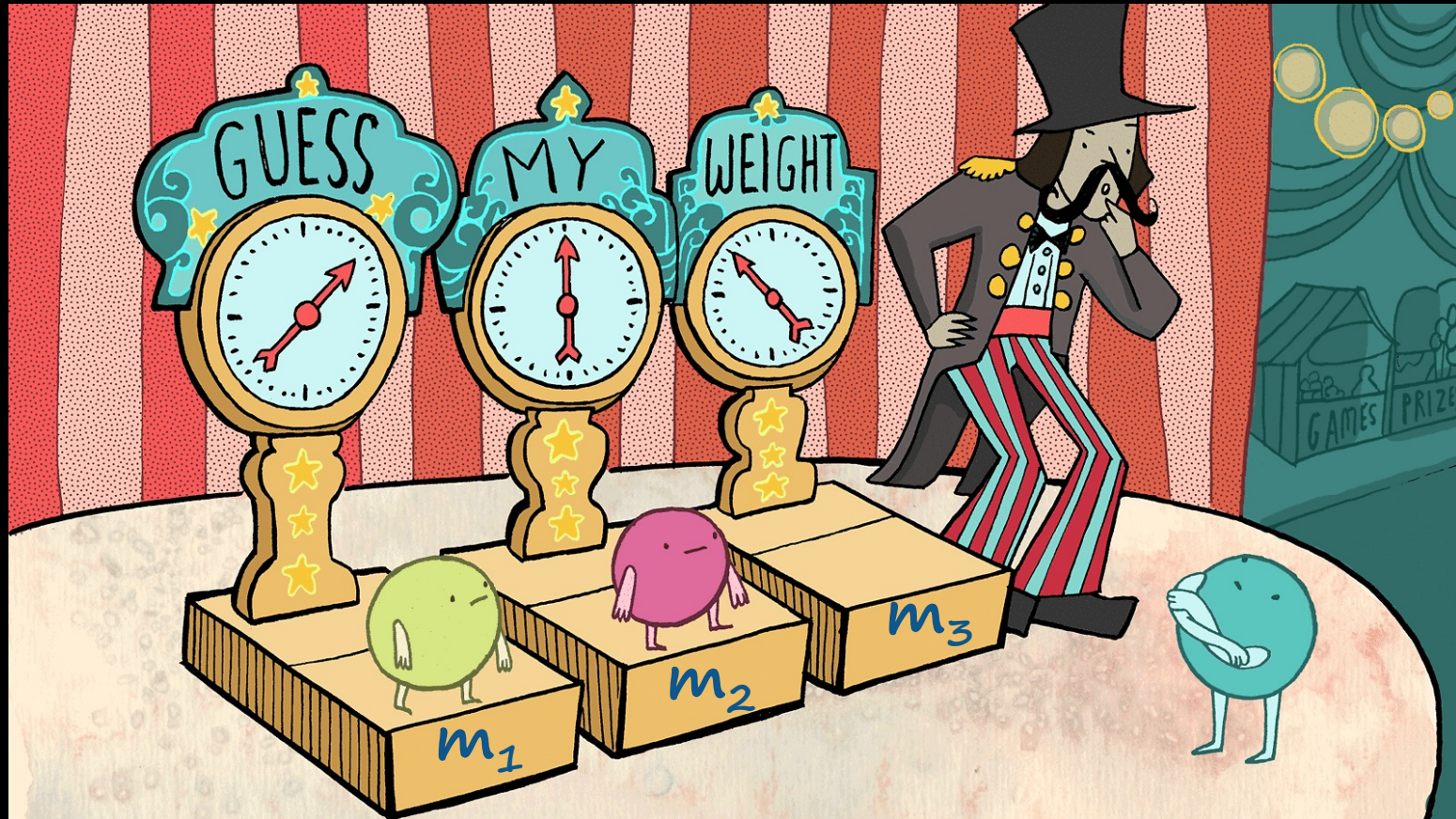
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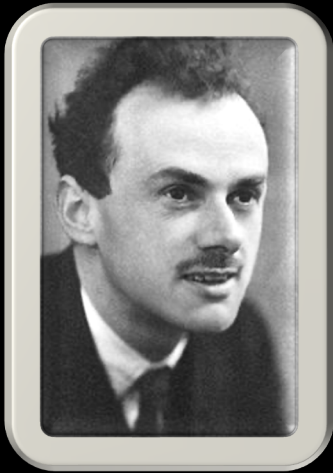
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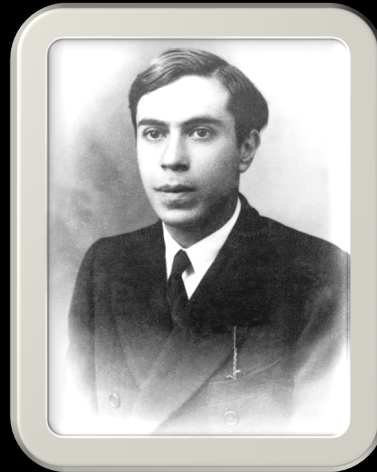


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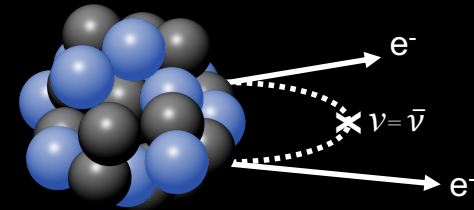
- What is the value of the mass?
- Where do Neutrino masses come from?



Dirac Neutrinos
Lepton number conservation
Neutrino \neq anti-neutrino



Majorana Neutrinos
Lepton number violation
Neutrino = anti-neutrino

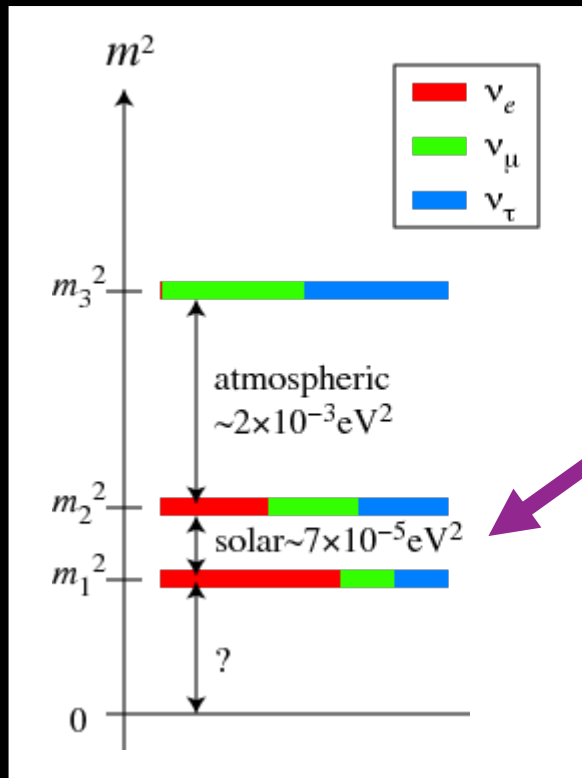


Search for neutrinoless double beta decay

- SNO+
- nEXO
- Majorana/Legend

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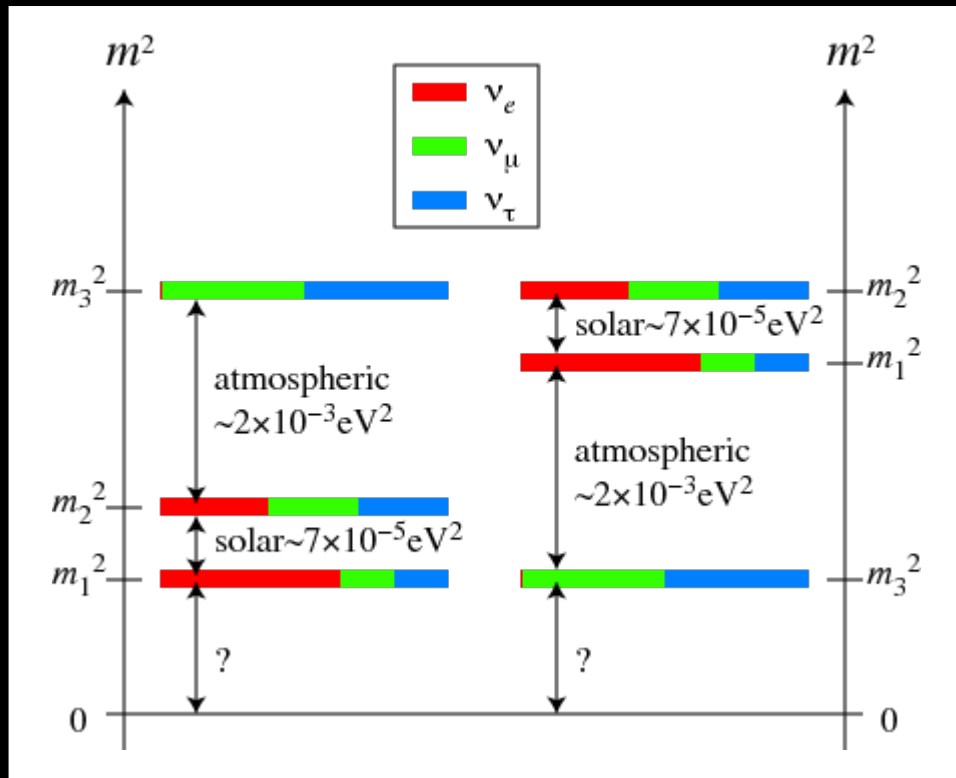
- How are the masses ordered?



Solar experiments have fixed the order between m_1 and m_2

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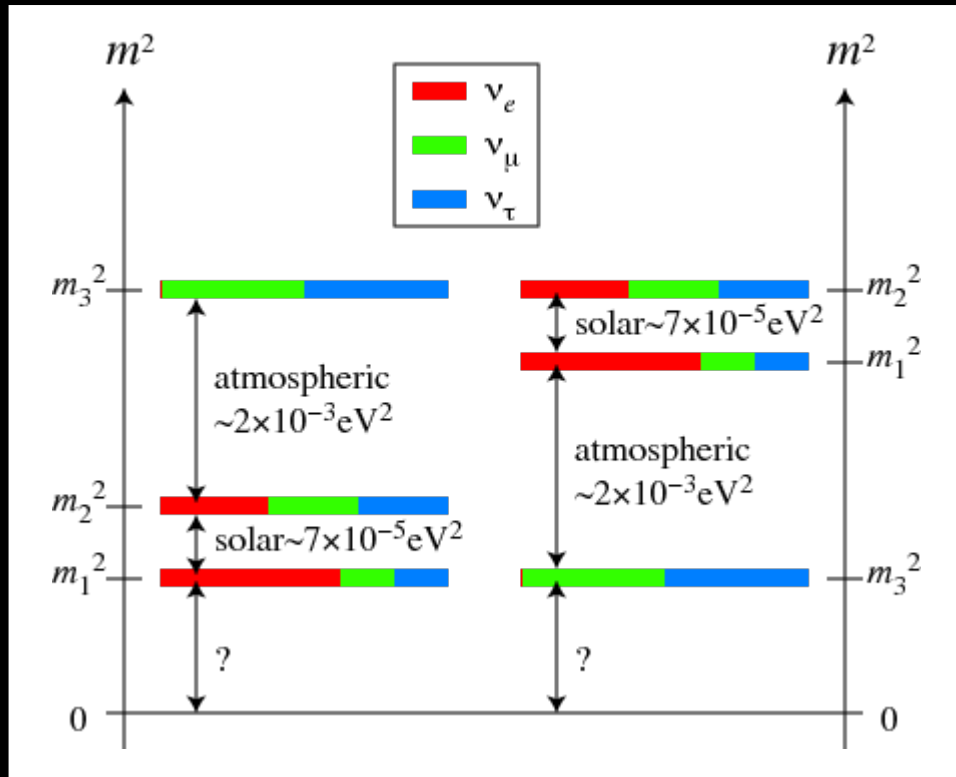
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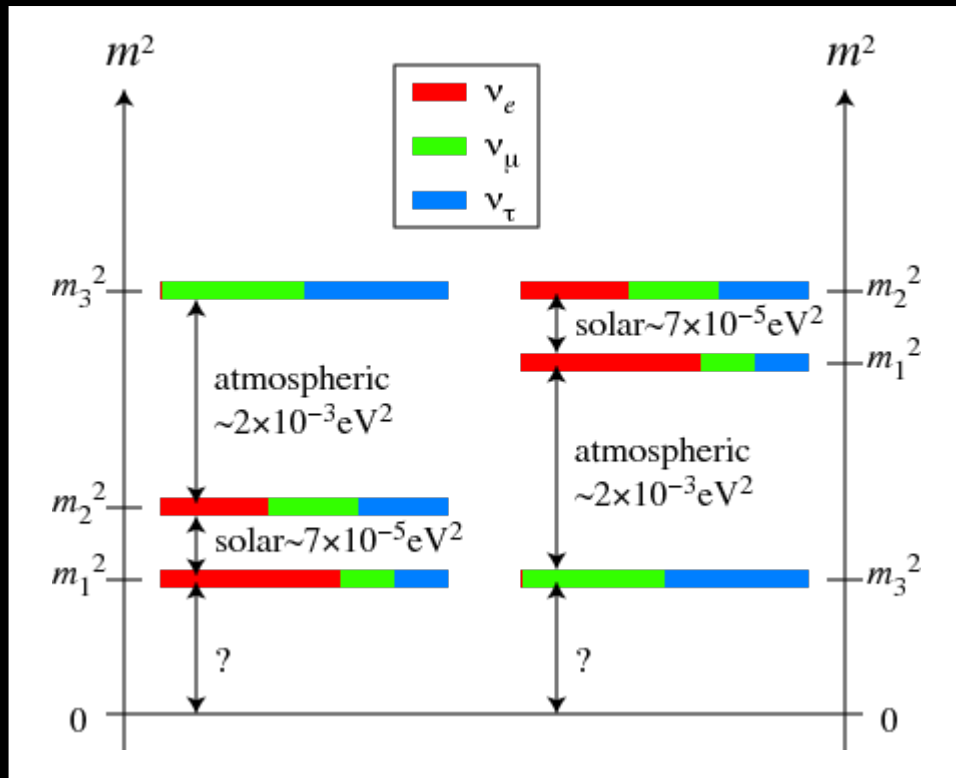
study of differences between neutrino and antineutrino oscillations



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In summary...

- Astroparticle physics is the study of fundamental particles travelling through space, particularly those that reach the Earth.
 - Neutrinos
 - Cosmic Rays
 - Gamma Rays
- Use them to answer fundamental questions about our universe.
 - And with the era of multi-messenger physics, research in this field is getting more and more exciting!
- During the workshop you will learn about some of the best, world-renowned experiments in astroparticle physics trying to solve the mysteries of the universe!

A night sky photograph featuring the Milky Way galaxy. The galaxy's band of stars and dust is visible, curving across the frame from the upper left towards the lower right. The background is a deep, dark blue, densely populated with individual stars of varying brightness. The overall scene is a vast, starry expanse.

Thank you!