

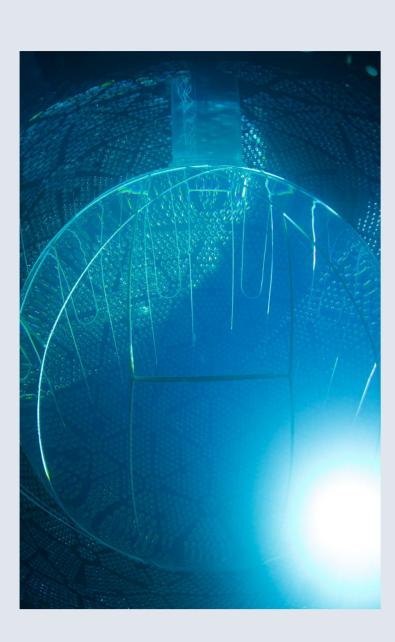
# Measuring Solar Neutrino Oscillations in the SNO+ Detector



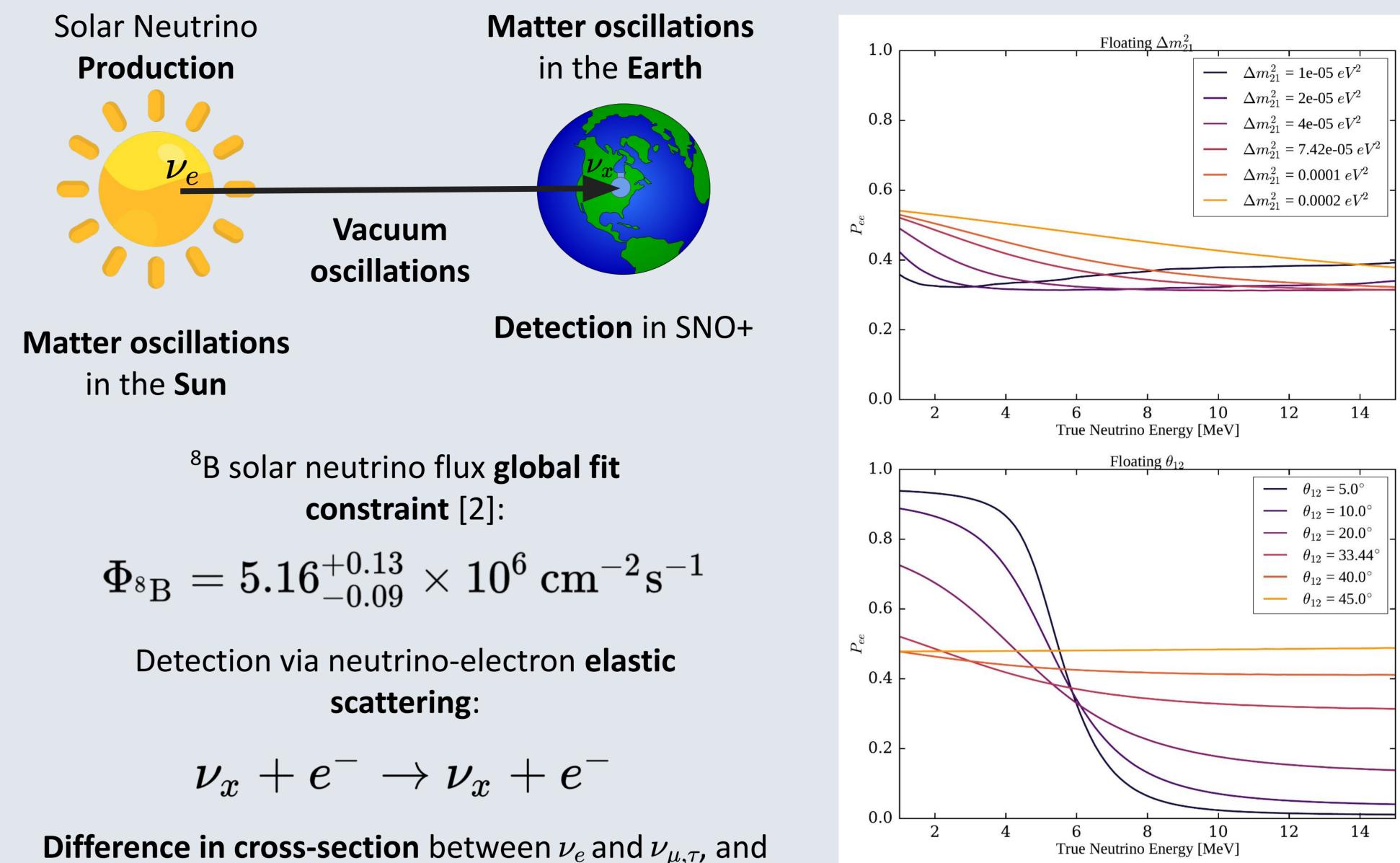
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## The SNO+ Experiment

- A 780 tonne, multi-purpose liquid scintillator neutrino experiment [1]
- See poster by Ana Sofia Inácio, Will Parker & Ben Tam for **more details**



# **Detection of Solar Neutrinos in Scintillator**



### Data & Method

- 80.6 days of livetime (after cuts) of data used between 17<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- **Cuts** applied to triggered events:

20 second muon & high-NHit veto

Data cleaning cuts

**Reconstructed energy** in range 2.5-14.0 MeV

**Reconstructed radius** < 5.0 m (removes external backgrounds)

Removal of **coincidence** pair events (BiPo-212/214) and  $(\alpha, n)$ 

BiPo-212/214 in-window coincidence decay removal via classifier

**External background** removal via classifier

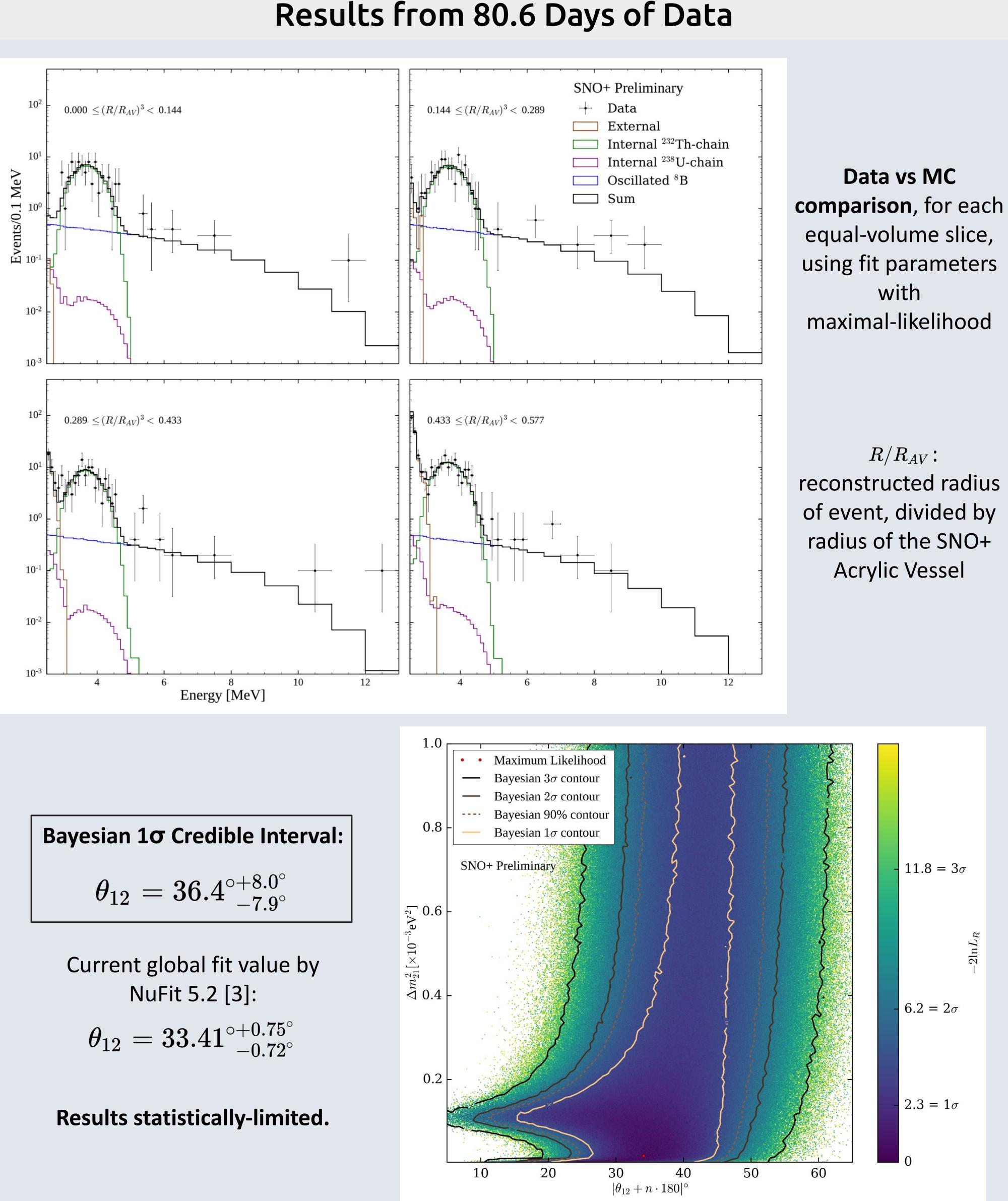
• Data & MC binned in **2D**: reconstructed energy & radius

$$\Phi_{^8{
m B}} = 5.16^{+0.13}_{-0.09} imes 10^6 \ {
m cm}^{-2} {
m s}^{-1}$$

$$u_x + e^- o 
u_x + e^-$$

**Difference in cross-section** between  $\nu_e$  and  $\nu_{\mu,\tau}$ , and **correlation** between  $\nu$  and scattered  $e^-$  energies, allows for measurement of solar neutrino oscillations

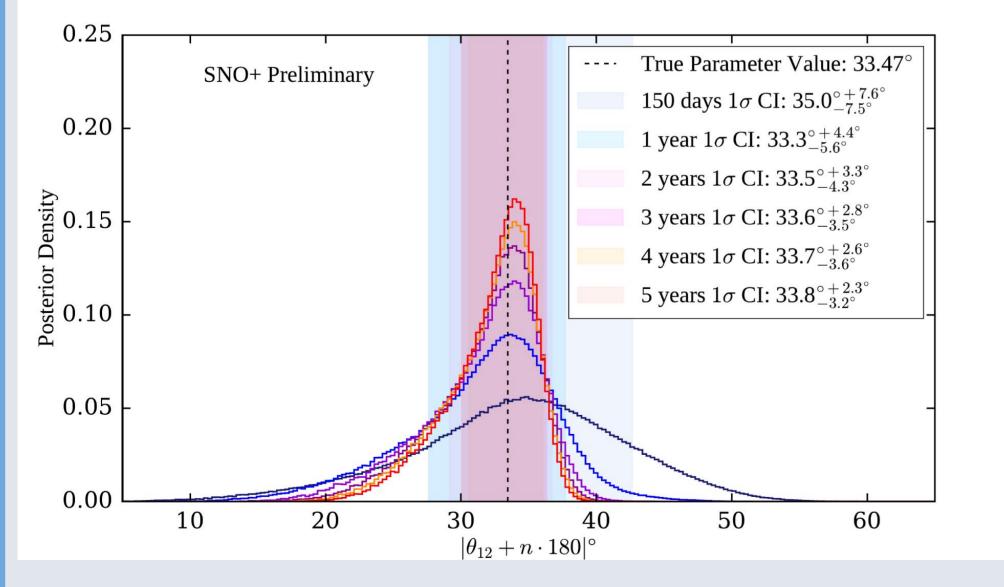
<sup>8</sup>B solar neutrino **survival probabilities**, versus true neutrino energy for various solar neutrino oscillation parameters



- MC fit to data using a **binned maximum** likelihood test statistic, via Markov-Chain Monte Carlo
- Fit floats  $\theta_{12}$ ,  $\Delta m_{21}^2$ ,  $\Phi_{8B}$ , background rates, and energy scale systematic, according to various constraints

#### **Future Sensitivity**

- Asimov fake datasets generated from MC, at a variety of livetimes between 150 days and 5 years
- Background rates (generally) set by data fit results; same analysis approach used



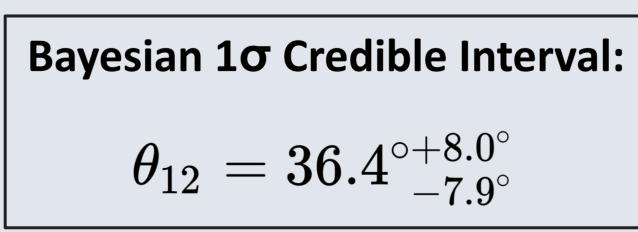
• Factor of two improvement in precision of  $\theta_{12}$  expected in 2 years of livetime • Further improvements possible from e.g. expanding fiducial volume, combined fit with reactor antineutrino oscillations

#### References

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[3] Esteban, I. et al, "The fate of hints: updated global analysis of three-flavor neutrino oscillations", JHEP (2020); also NuFIT 5.2 (2022), www.nu-fit.org



$$heta_{12}=33.41^{\circ+0.75^\circ}_{\phantom{0}-0.72^\circ}$$