

**HQL2012**

**Summary of the Neutrino Physics session**

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**Prague**

14:30 Recent Results on Solar Neutrinos

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**Presenter(s):** RANUCCI, Gioacchino (*Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare*)

**Location:** Prague

SUN

14:55 Observation of nonzero  $\theta_{13}$  at reactor antineutrino experiments

The Daya Bay Reactor Neutrino Experiment has measured a non-zero value for the neutrino mixing angle  $\theta_{13}$  with a significance of 5.2 standard deviations in 55 days of data. Six antineutrino detectors deployed in two near (flux-weighted baseline 470... [Show full description](#)

**Presenter(s):** BAND, Henry (*University of Wisconsin*)

**Location:** Prague

REACTORS

15:25 Long baseline neutrino disappearance

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**Presenter(s):** NICHOL, Ryan James

**Location:** Prague

ACCELERATORS

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**Presenter(s):** ZAVATARELLI, sandra (*INFN Genova Italy*)

**Location:** Prague

EARTH

16:40 Developments on double beta decay search

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**Presenter(s):** CREMONESI, Oliviero (*INFN*)

**Location:** Prague

DIRAC or MAJORANA?

17:05 Searches for high energy neutrinos

Searches for high energy neutrinos

**Presenter(s):** BRUNNER, Juergen (*CPPM*)

**Location:** Prague

COSMOS

17:30 Possible existence of sterile neutrinos

Possible existence of sterile neutrinos

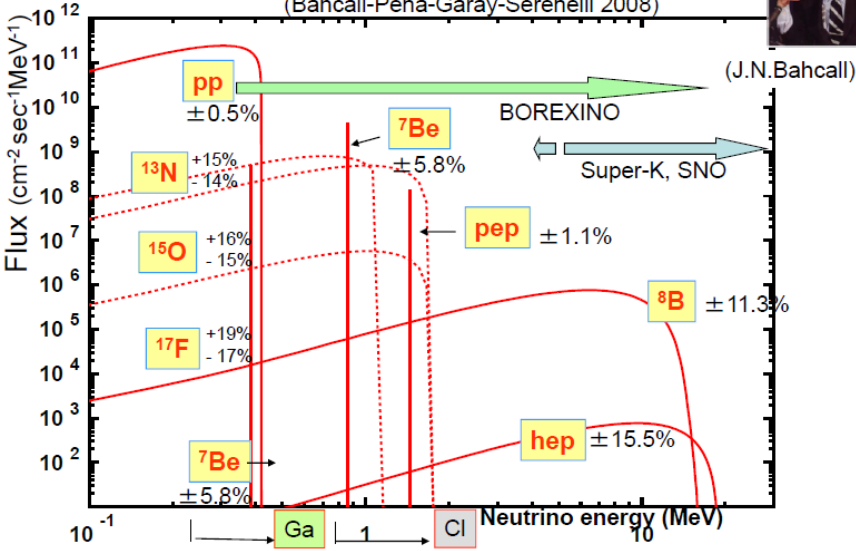
**Presenter(s):** LINK, Jonathan (*Virginia Tech*)

**Location:** Prague

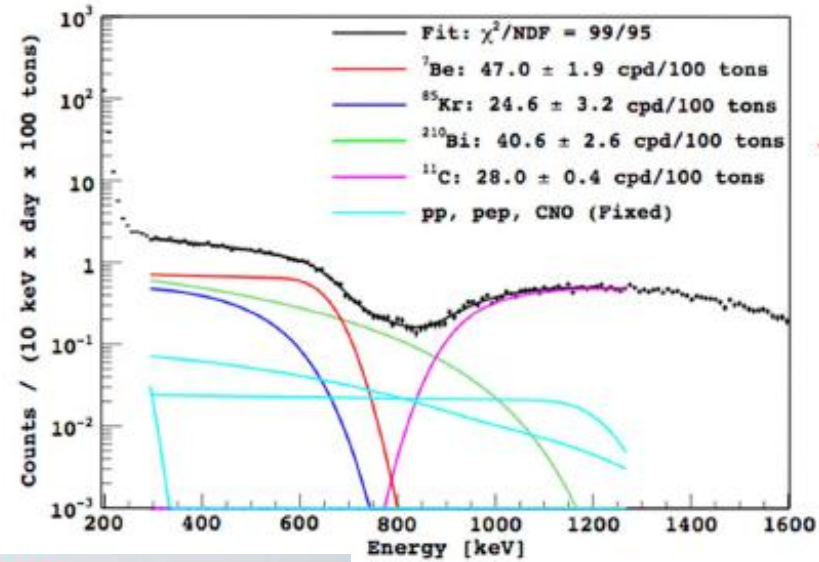
MORE THAN 3 NEUTRINOS?

# Recent results on solar neutrinos

Solar neutrino spectrum  
predicted by the Standard Solar Model (SSM)  
(Bahcall-Pena-Garay-Serenelli 2008)

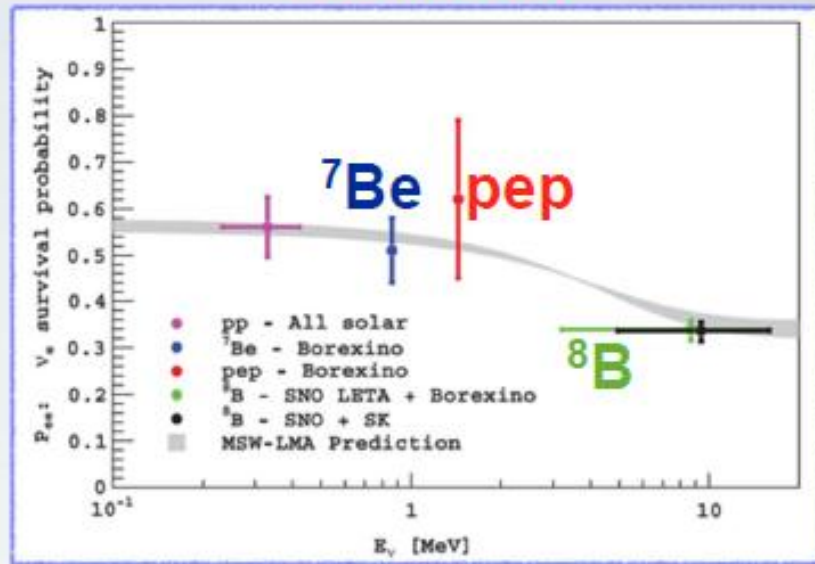


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$$1 - \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(2\theta_{12})$$

Borexino 2012

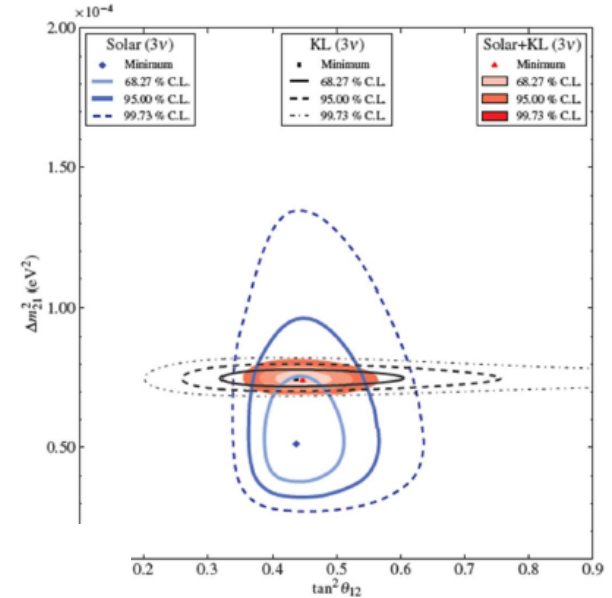


$$\sin^2(\theta_{12})$$

# Joint oscillation analysis of solar and KamLAND anti- $\nu$ data

Epilogue:  
precise  
determination  
of the  
oscillation  
parameters

arXiv:1109.0763



Analysis	$\tan^2 \theta_{12}$	$\Delta m_{21}^2 [\text{eV}^2]$	$\sin^2 \theta_{13} (\times 10^{-2})$
Solar	$0.436^{+0.048}_{-0.036}$	$5.13^{+1.49}_{-0.98} \times 10^{-5}$	$< 5.8$ (95% C.L.)
Solar+KL	$0.446^{+0.030}_{-0.029}$	$7.41^{+0.21}_{-0.19} \times 10^{-5}$	$2.5^{+1.8}_{-1.5} \longrightarrow < 5.3$ (95% C.L.)

In agreement with  
DayaBay and Reno  
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Solar neutrino investigation has been of paramount importance in assessing the phenomenon of **neutrino oscillation**

The plenty of data stemming from radiochemical, water Cerenkov and scintillation experiments have pinpointed with high accuracy the values of the oscillation parameters

The recent Borexino data allowed to study  $\nu$  oscillations in the previously untested low energy vacuum-like regime, further validating the currently favored **MSW-LMA** oscillation paradigm

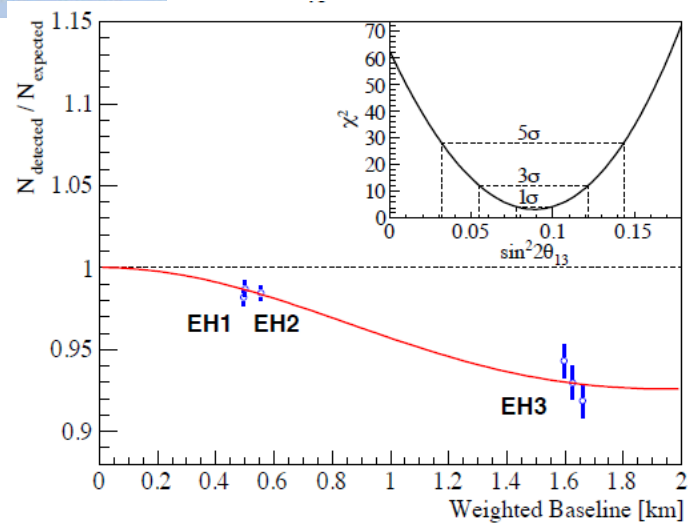
The study of neutrino oscillation through solar neutrinos is surely one of the more successful chapters of contemporary particle physics

# Observation of Nonzero $\theta_{13}$ at Reactor Antineutrino Experiments

## Daya Bay

Reactor power    Det masses  
NEAR    FAR

Daya Bay	17.4 GW	60 t	60 t
Double Chooz	9.4 GW	-	10 t
RENO	16.2 GW	16 t	16 t



Uses standard  $\chi^2$  approach.

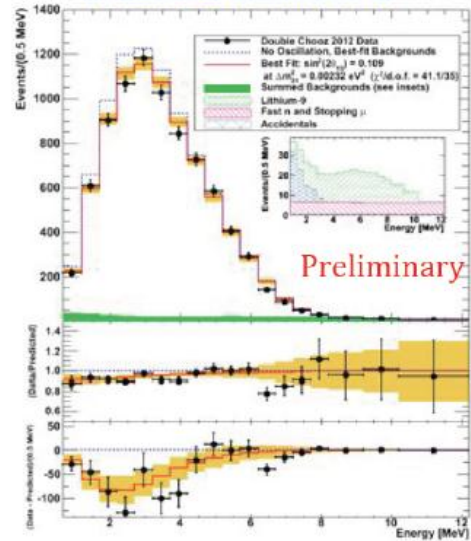
Far vs. near relative measurement.  
[Absolute rate is not constrained.]

**Most precise measurement of  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  to date.**

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.089 \pm 0.010 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.005 \text{ (syst)}$

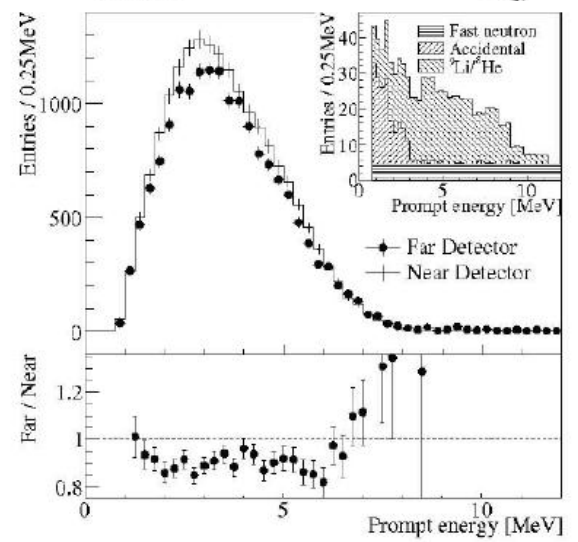
## Double Chooz update

M. Ishitsuka Neutrino 2012

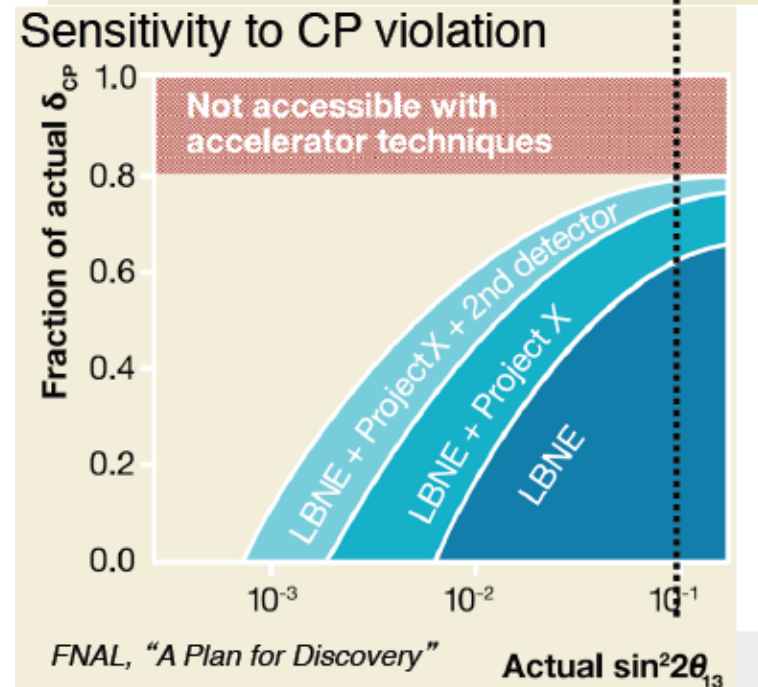
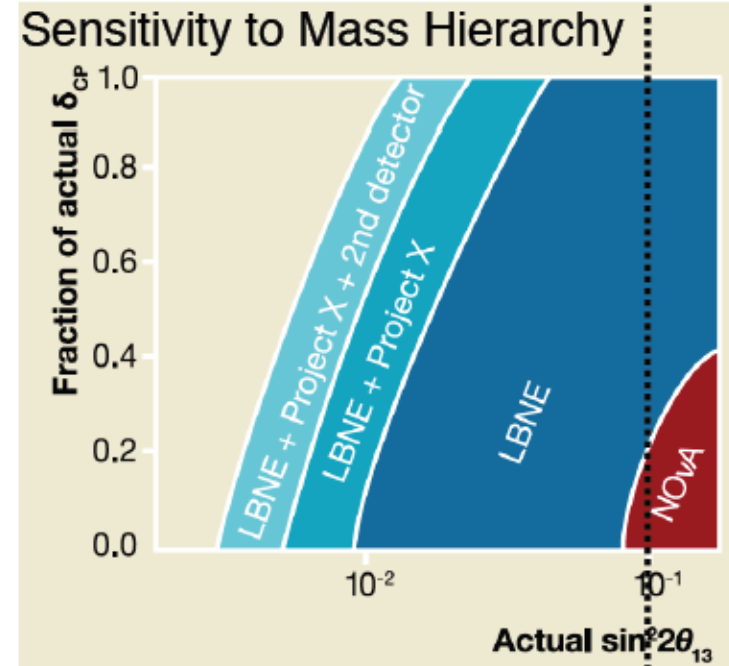
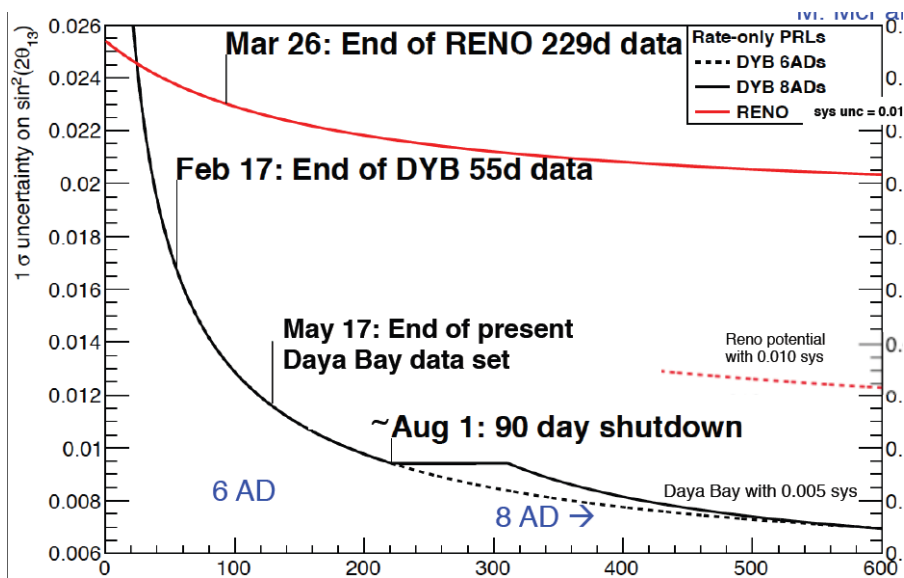
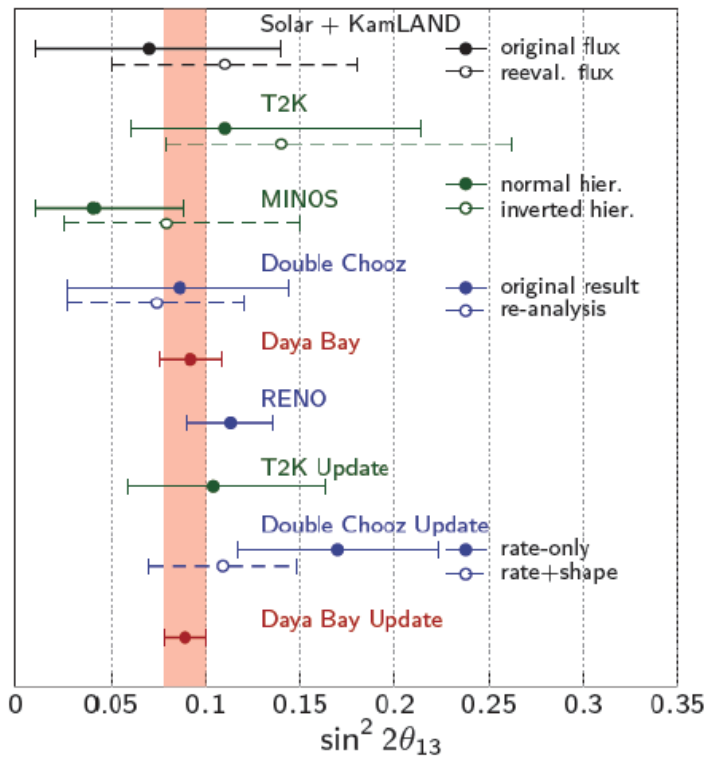


Rate only:  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.170 \pm 0.035 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.040 \text{ (syst)}$   
 Rate+Shape:  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.109 \pm 0.030 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.025 \text{ (syst)}$

## Reno



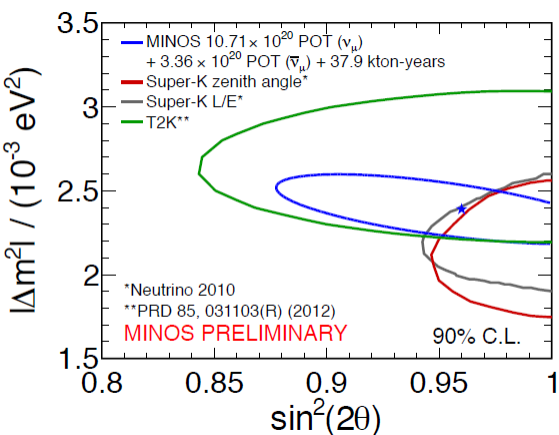
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.113 \pm 0.013 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.019 \text{ (syst.)}$





# Long Baseline Neutrino Oscillation Experiments

## Muon (anti) neutrino disappearance:

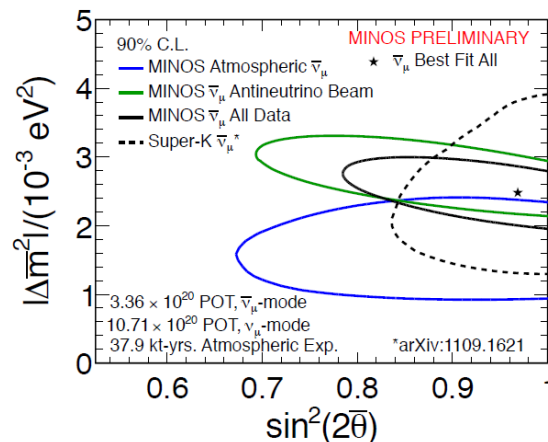


New MINOS neutrino oscillation parameters:

$$\Delta m^2 = 2.39^{+0.09}_{-0.10} \times 10^{-3} eV^2$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta) = 0.96^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta) > 0.90 \text{ at } 90\% \text{ C.L.}$$



New MINOS antineutrino oscillation parameters:

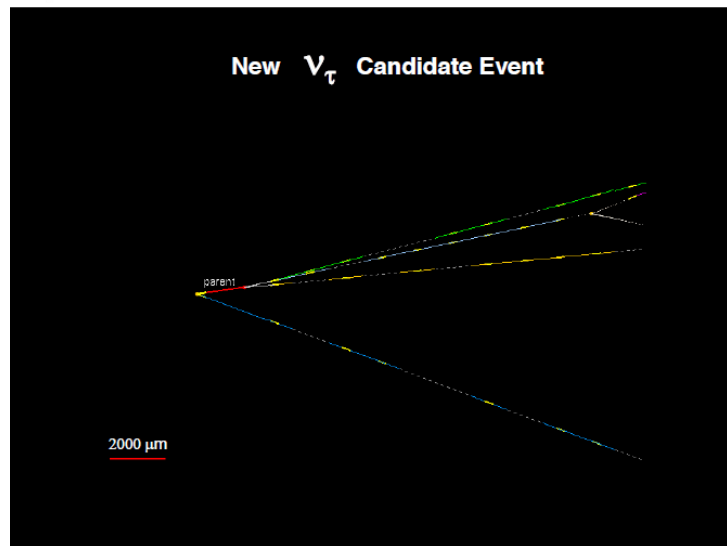
$$|\Delta \bar{m}^2| = 2.48^{+0.22}_{-0.27} \times 10^{-3} eV^2$$

$$\sin^2(2\bar{\theta}) = 0.97^{+0.03}_{-0.08}$$

$$\sin^2(2\bar{\theta}) > 0.83 \text{ at } 90\% \text{ C.L.}$$

## Tau neutrino appearance:

New OPERA Tau Candidate Event



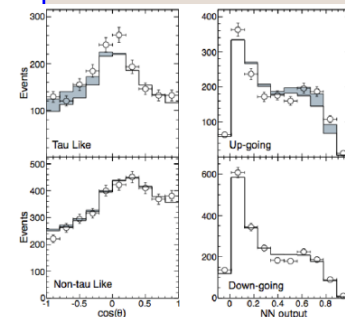
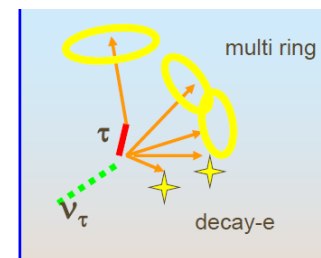
Observation of tau neutrino appearance is a missing piece in the standard oscillation picture.

Out of 4126 events analysed OPERA expects:  
0.2 background events  
2.1 tau events

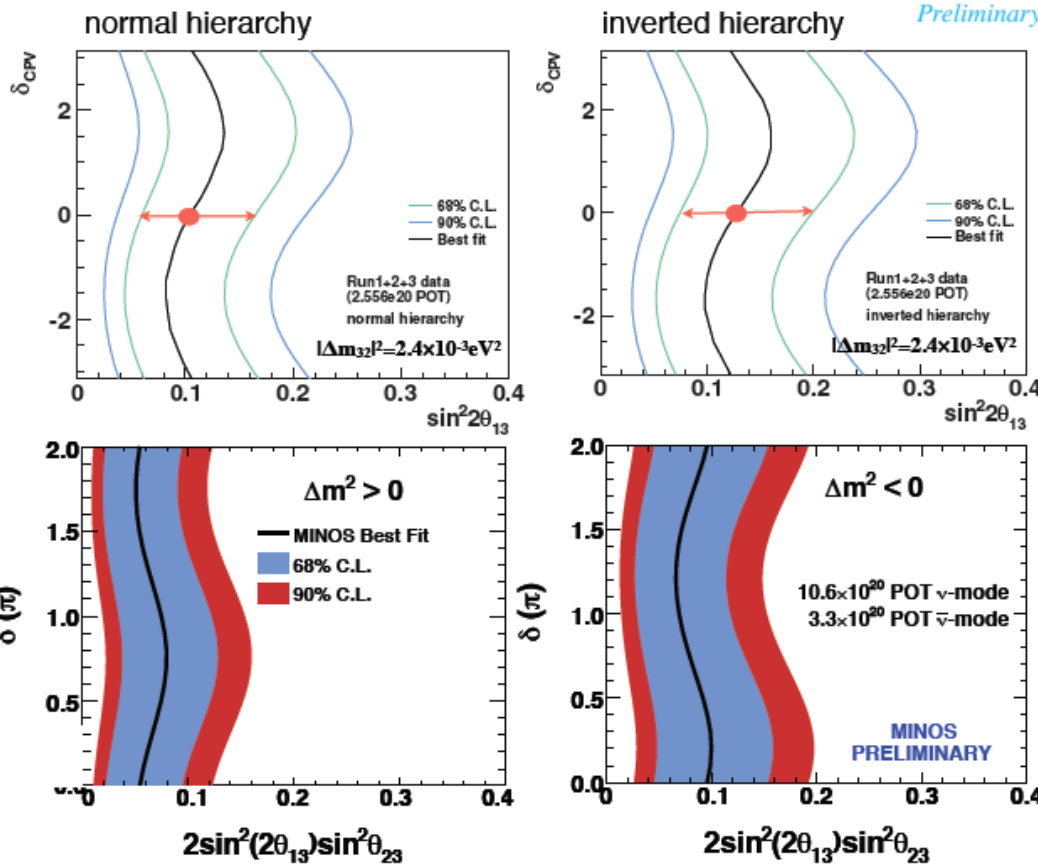
Observe:  
2 tau candidates

Super-Kamiokande Tau Appearance

- Super-Kamiokande searched for tau neutrino appearance in the atmospheric sample
- No event-by-event identification, use statistical separation
- They observe excess of tau-like events
- $3.8\sigma$  deviation from null hypothesis
- $180 \pm 44.3(\text{stat.}) + 17.8/-15.2(\text{sys.})$



# Measurement of Theta13 via electron neutrino appearance:



T2K:  
Normal  
 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.104^{+0.060}_{-0.045} @ \delta_{CP} = \pi$

Inverted  
 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.128^{+0.070}_{-0.055} @ \delta_{CP} = 0$

MINOS:  
Normal  
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.053$   
 $0.01 < \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.12$

Inverted  
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.094$   
 $0.03 < \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.19$

for  $\delta_{CP} = 0, \sin^2(2\theta_{23}) = 1$

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- We have entered the age of precision neutrino physics

Fractional  $1\sigma$  accuracy [defined as  $1/6$  of  $\pm 3\sigma$  range]

$\delta m^2$	$\sin^2\theta_{12}$	$\sin^2\theta_{13}$	$\sin^2\theta_{23}$	$\Delta m^2$	From G. Fogli @Neutrino2012
2.6%	5.4%	13%	13%	3.5%	

- Long baseline neutrino experiments have started to test the mass hierarchy and CP-violating phase

- Next generation of neutrino experiments will be CP violation searches

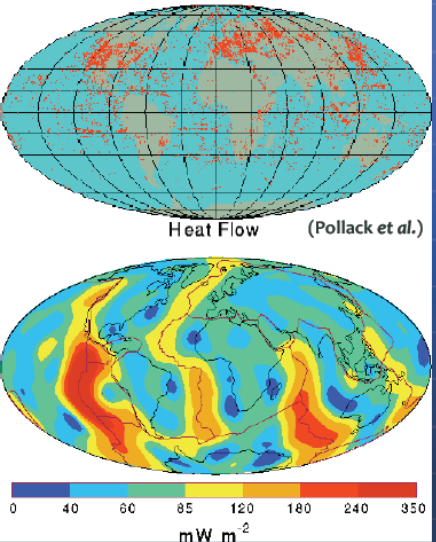


# The study of geo-neutrinos

## Earth surface heat flux



### Bore-hole measurements



Conductive heat flow :  $\sim 60 \text{ mW/m}^2$

From bore-hole temperature gradients

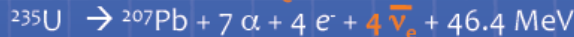
Total surface heat flux:

- $(31 \pm 1)$  TW (Hofmeister & Criss 2005)
- $(46 \pm 3)$  TW (Jaupart et al 2007)
- $(47 \pm 2)$  TW (Davies and Davies 2010)

(same data, different analysis)

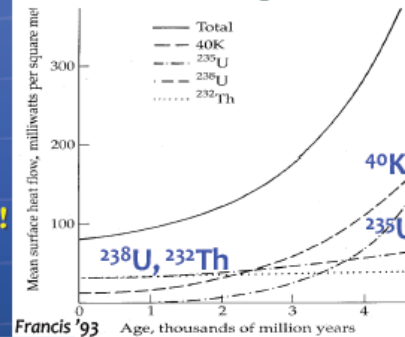
Systematic errors:  
Different assumption  
of fluids in the zone

## The Earth shines in anti- $\nu$ ( $\Phi_{\nu} \sim 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )



✓ Released heat and anti-neutrinos flux in a well fixed ratio!

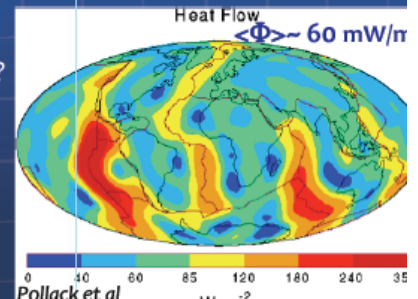
### Contribution changed in time!



Francis '93

### Open questions:

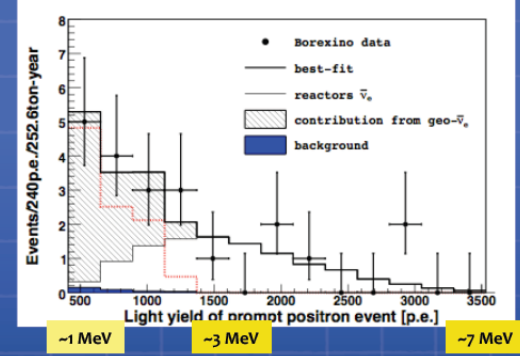
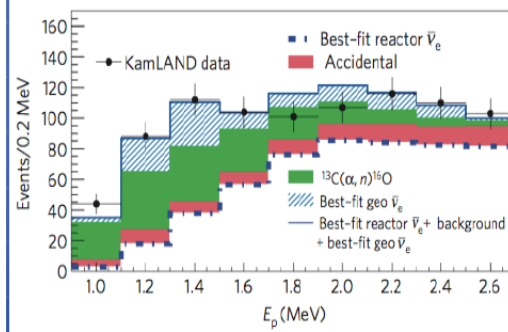
- What is *radiogenic contribution* to the Earth energy budget?
- What is *the distribution* of the radiogenic elements?
  - How much in the *crust* and how much in the *mantle*?
  - *Core composition*: energy source driving the geo-dynamo?  $^{40}\text{K}$ ? Geo-reactor (Herndon 2001)?
- Are the standard geochemical models (BSE) correct?



Pollack et al

# KamLAND (2002 – 2009)

# Borexino (2007 – 2009)



Period	Mar 02- Nov. 09
Tot. Ev. [gv e.w.]	841
Reactors ev.	485 ± 27
$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n)^{16}\text{O}$	165 ± 18
Geo-ν ev.	111 <sup>+45</sup> <sub>-43</sub>
Accidental ev.	80 ± 0.1

Period	Dec.07 – Dec.09
Tot ev [full sp.]	21
Reactors ev.	10.7 <sup>+4.3</sup> <sub>-3.4</sub>
Geo-n ev.	9.9 <sup>+4.1</sup> <sub>-3.4</sub>
Background ev.	0.4 ± 0.05

A. Gando et al., Nature Geoscience 1205 (2011).  
HQL 2012, Prague

G. Bellini et al., PLB 687 (2010) 299-304.

Sandra Zavatarelli, INFN Genova Italy

- ✓ A new interdisciplinary field is born;
- ✓ Collaboration among geologists and physicists is a must;
- ✓ The geo-neutrinos have already been successfully detected;
- ✓ The combined results from different experimental sites have stronger impact → multi-site measurements are crucial!
- ✓ The first geologically significant results are starting to appear;
- ✓ New measurements (now in Japan the reactors are off!) and the new generation experiments are needed for geologically highly significant results....

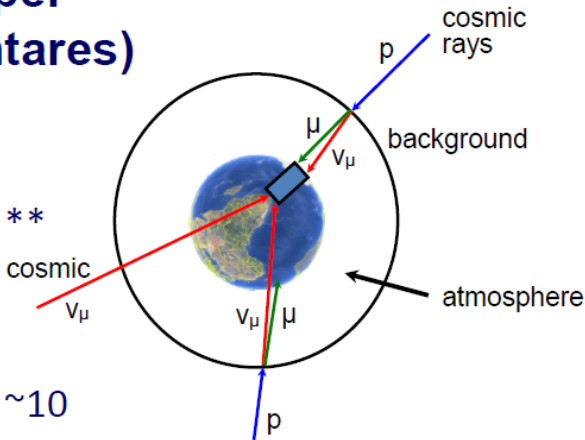
# High Energy Neutrinos

## Muon tracks in the detector

### • Muons detected per year (IceCube/Antares)

- Atmospheric  $\mu$  \*  
 $7 \times 10^{10} / 7 \times 10^8$
- Atmospheric  $\nu \rightarrow \mu$  \*\*  
 $8 \times 10^4 / 2 \times 10^3$
- cosmic  $\nu \rightarrow \mu \sim 10$

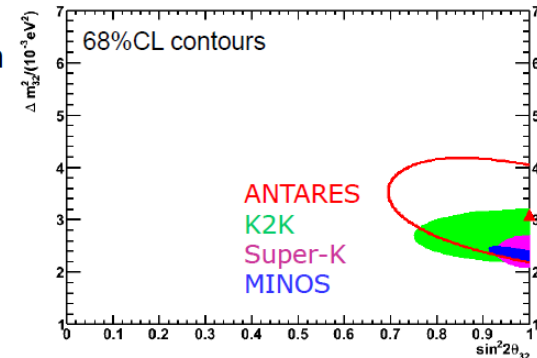
- \* 2000/20 per second
- \*\* 1 every 6 min/5h



## Neutrino Oscillations in ANTARES : Result

First measurement of oscillation parameters with high energy neutrino telescope

Refined measurement expected from DeepCore



Assuming maximal mixing:  $\Delta m^2 = (3.1 \pm 0.9) 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

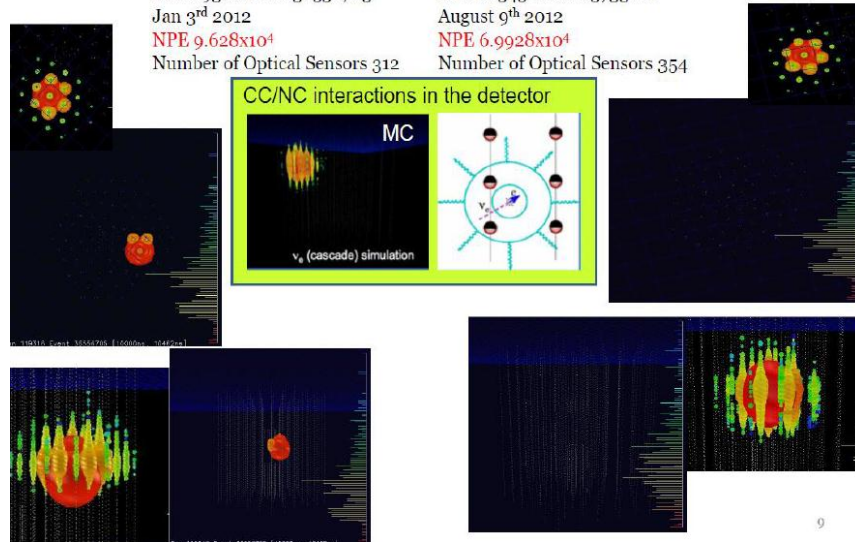
Submitted to PLB ( [arXiv:1206.0645v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/1206.0645v1) [hep-ex] )

## Searches for cosmogenic neutrinos

Two events passed the selection criteria v-2012 Kyoto

Run119316-Event36556705  
Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012  
NPE  $9.628 \times 10^4$   
Number of Optical Sensors 312

Run118545-Event63733662  
August 9<sup>th</sup> 2012  
NPE  $6.9928 \times 10^4$   
Number of Optical Sensors 354



## Searches for GRB neutrinos

GRB could be signs of CR production. If protons are accelerated and interacts they produce  $\pi^0$  and charged pions,  $\pi^0$  decays to gamma, charged pions to neutrinos. Therefore neutrino are searched in coincidences with GRB:

- Combined (IC40, IC59) search results
  - Expect 8.4 events, see 0  $\rightarrow$  0.27 Guetta et al prediction
- **Where are the neutrinos?**  $\rightarrow$  Nature Paper
- **Do we already rule out GRB as The CR source?**

- IceCube and Antares are producing lots of interesting results
  - Astrophysics
  - Particle physics
- IceCube is opening the era of  $\text{km}^3$  physics
- ANTARES most sensitive for Galactic sources
- Realistic models start to be challenged
- First high energetic astrophysical neutrino observation might be around the corner



# Developments on double beta decay search



Neutrinoless double beta decay ( $0\nu\beta\beta$ )



is particularly intriguing for its implications in particle Physics

- **Lepton Number** non conservation
- **Majorana nature** of  $\nu$
- **Measurement of absolute  $\nu$  mass scale**
- **Determination of neutrino mass hierarchy**
- **CP violation** measure in the leptonic sector

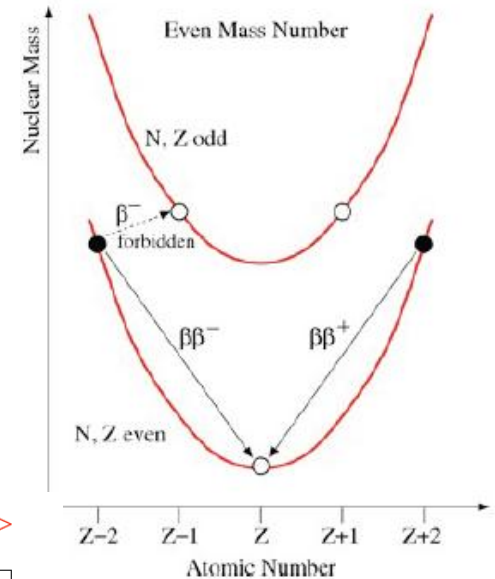
$$\tau_{0\nu}^{-1} = G_{0\nu}(Q, Z) |M^{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_{ee} \rangle$$

$$\langle m_{ee} \rangle = \sum_k U_{ek}^2 m_k$$

PHASE SPACE FACTOR
NME
EFFECTIVE MAJORANA MASS

$$= c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 m_1 + s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 e^{i\alpha} m_2 + s_{13}^2 e^{i\beta} m_3$$

NEUTRINO MASS EIGENVALUES
NEUTRINO MIXING MATRIX



Heidelberg –Moscow (HM) (stopped in May 2003)

dominated DBD scenario over a decade. **claim of evidence!!**

NEMO3

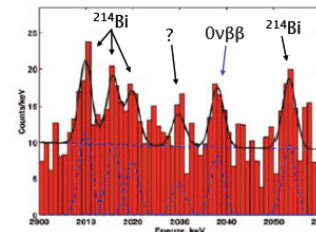
intermediate generation experiment capable to study different isotopes

CUORICINO (stopped in June 2008)

intermediate generation experiment based on the bolometric technique

First claim in January 2002 (Klapdor-Kleingrothaus HV et al. hep-ph/0201231) with a statistics of 55 kg y and a 2.2-3.1 statistical significance → strong criticism

Claim confirmed in 2004 with the addition of a significant (~1/4) new statistics and improved in the following years



1990 - 2003 data, all 5 detectors exposure = 71.7 kgxy

$$T_{1/2} = 1.2 \times 10^{25} \text{ years}$$

$$\langle m \rangle = 0.44 \text{ eV}$$

H.V.Klapdor-Kleingrothaus et al., Phys. Lett. B 586 (2004) 198

**1995-2003 data new re-analysis:  
SSE selection by MC & ANN**

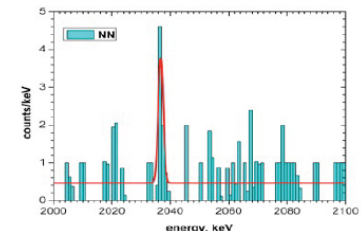
**6.4 $\sigma$  signal**

**7.05  $\pm$  1.11 events**

**2.23 $^{+0.44}_{-0.31}$   $10^{25}$  years / 0.32 $\pm$ 0.03 eV**

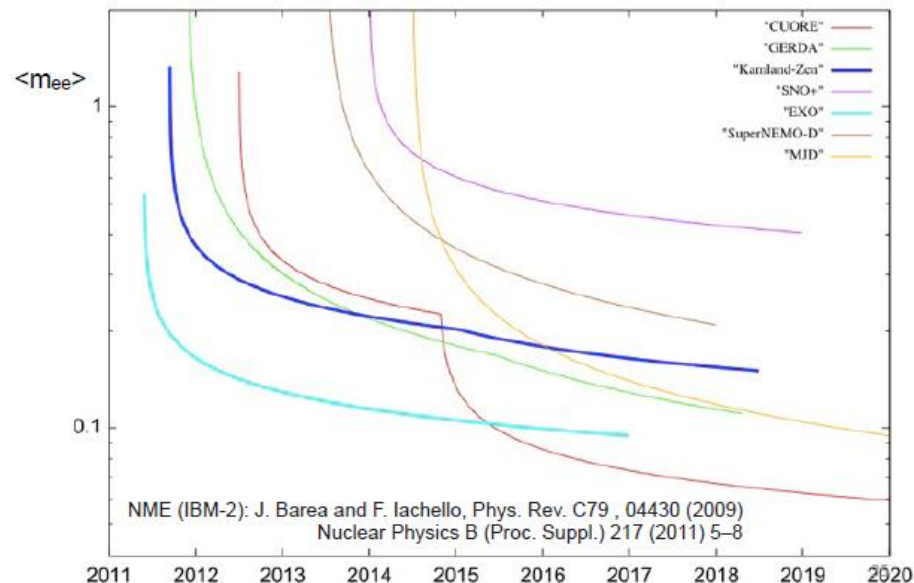
H.V.Klapdor-Kleingrothaus et al., Phys. Scr. T127 (2006) 40-42

all future experiment will certainly have to cope with this result

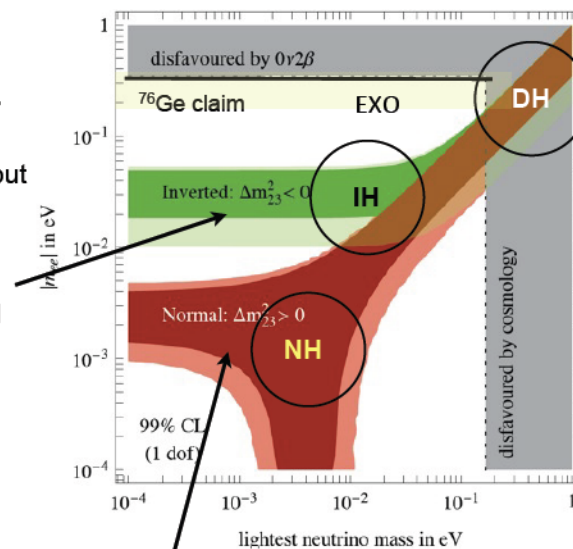


Nucleus	Detector	EXP	Material	kg y	$\tau_{1/2}$ Limit (y) (90% CL)
<sup>76</sup> Ge	Ge diode	IGEX/HDM*	Ge	~ 47.7	> 1.6-1.9 x 10 <sup>25</sup>
<sup>82</sup> Se	Tracking	NEMO3	Se	4.5	> 3.2 x 10 <sup>23</sup>
<sup>100</sup> Mo	Tracking	NEMO3	Mo	31.5	> 1.0 x 10 <sup>24</sup>
<sup>96</sup> Zr	Tracking	NEMO3	Zr	0.03	> 9.2 x 10 <sup>21</sup>
<sup>150</sup> Nd	Tracking	NEMO3	Nd	0.1	> 1.8 x 10 <sup>21</sup>
<sup>128</sup> Te	Bolometer	Cuoricino	TeO <sub>2</sub>		> 1.1 x 10 <sup>23</sup>
<sup>130</sup> Te	Bolometer	Cuoricino	TeO <sub>2</sub>	19.75	> 2.8 x 10 <sup>24</sup>
<sup>136</sup> Xe	Xe scint	DAMA	L Xe	~ 4.5	> 1.2 x 10 <sup>24</sup>
<sup>116</sup> Cd		Solotvina			> 1.7 x 10 <sup>23</sup>
<sup>48</sup> Ca					> 1.4 x 10 <sup>22</sup>
<sup>160</sup> Gd					> 1.3 x 10 <sup>21</sup>

Experiment	Nucleus	Mass	Technique	Location	Date
Current experiments (funded, construction, running)					
GERDA I/II	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	15/35	ionization	LNGS	2011/13
Majorana	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	30	ionization	SUSEL	2014
EXO200	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	200	liquid TPC	WIPP	2011
Cuore0/Cuore	$^{130}\text{Te}$	10/200	bolometer	LNGS	2012/14
Kamland-Zen	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	400	liquid scintillator	Kamioka	2011
SNO+	$^{150}\text{Nd}$	44	liquid scintillator	Sudbury	2014
R&D (funding, prototyping)					
NEXT	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	100	gas TPC	Canfranc	2013+
Candles III	$^{48}\text{Ca}$	0.35	scintillating crystals	Oto Cosmo	2011
MOON	$^{82}\text{Se}/^{150}\text{Nd}$				
DCBA	$^{150}\text{Nd}$	32	tracking		
Cobra	$^{116}\text{Cd}$		solid TPC	LNGS	
SuperNEMO	$^{82}\text{Se}$	7/100-200	track/calorimeter	Modane	2014/?
XMASS	$^{136}\text{Xe}$		liquid scintillator	Kamioka	
Lucifer	$^{82}\text{Se}$	17.6	scintillating bolometer	LNGS	2014



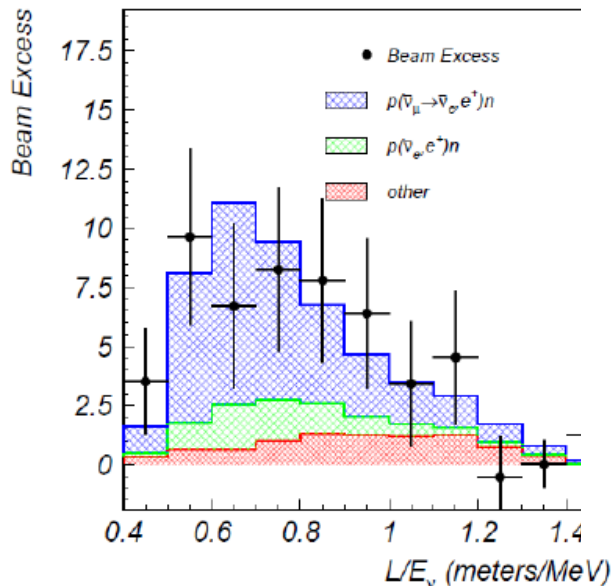
- $0\nu\beta\beta$  searches have still a very strong scientific motivation: lepton number violation, Majorana nature and properties (mass) of  $\nu$
- NME calculations: better understanding but still discrepancies  $\sim 2$  in calculations
- Present generation experiments look for large masses ( $\sim 100$  kg) good energy resolutions and low background to sound the IH region in a variety of DBD nuclei
- Three of them (GERDA, EXO-200 and Kamland-Zen) have already started data taking and have just provided exciting results while CUORE is in an advanced phase of construction.
- Claim for evidence in  $^{76}\text{Ge}$  with  $\langle m_{ee} \rangle \sim 0.3$  eV (DH) ( $6\sigma$ ) will be soon scrutinized.
- A number of 10-50 kg projects aim at understanding backgrounds origin and demonstrating the feasibility of high sensitivity "zero background" next generation experiment to sound the NH region in the next 5-10 years.
- Their results will determine the best isotope and technique for future experiments





# Light Sterile Neutrinos: The Evidence

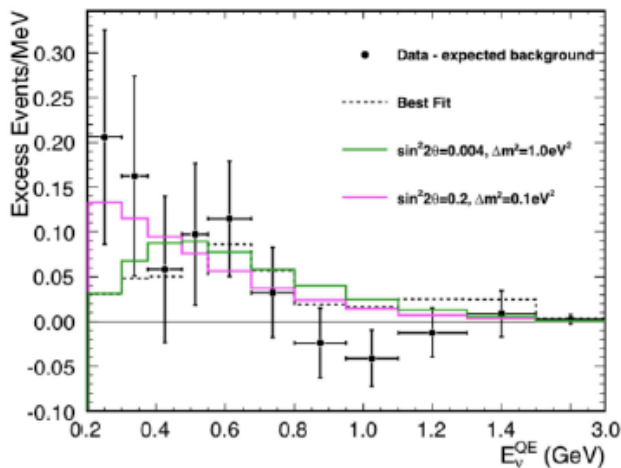
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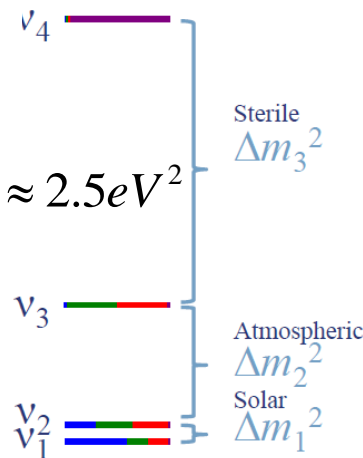
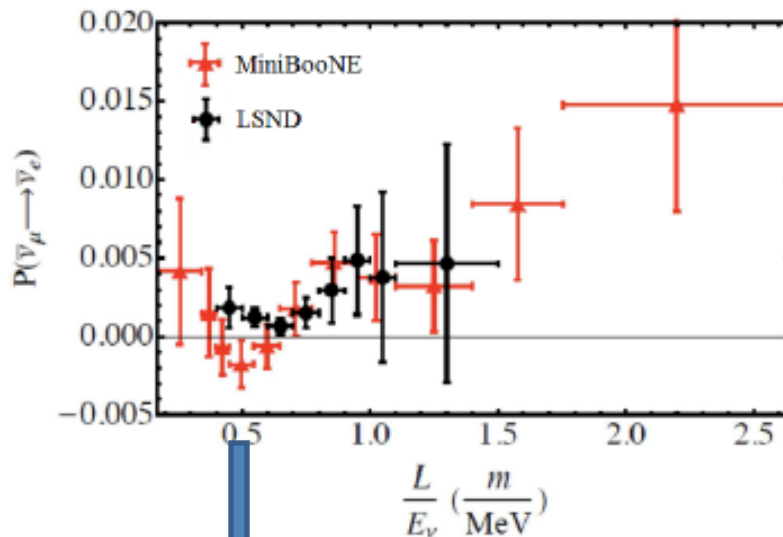
Event Excess:  $32.2 \pm 9.4 \pm 2.3$

$$1.267 \Delta m^2 \frac{0.5m}{\text{MeV}} = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \Delta m^2 = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{1}{0.5 \cdot 1.267} \approx 2.5 \text{eV}^2$$

## MiniBooNE $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$



Event Excess:  $54.9 \pm 17.4 \pm 16.3$



# Gallium Anomaly

The solar radiochemical detectors GALLEX and SAGE used intense EC sources ( $^{51}\text{Cr}$  and  $^{37}\text{Ar}$ ) to “calibrate” the  $\nu_e\text{Ga}$  cross section.

The average ratio of measurement to theory is

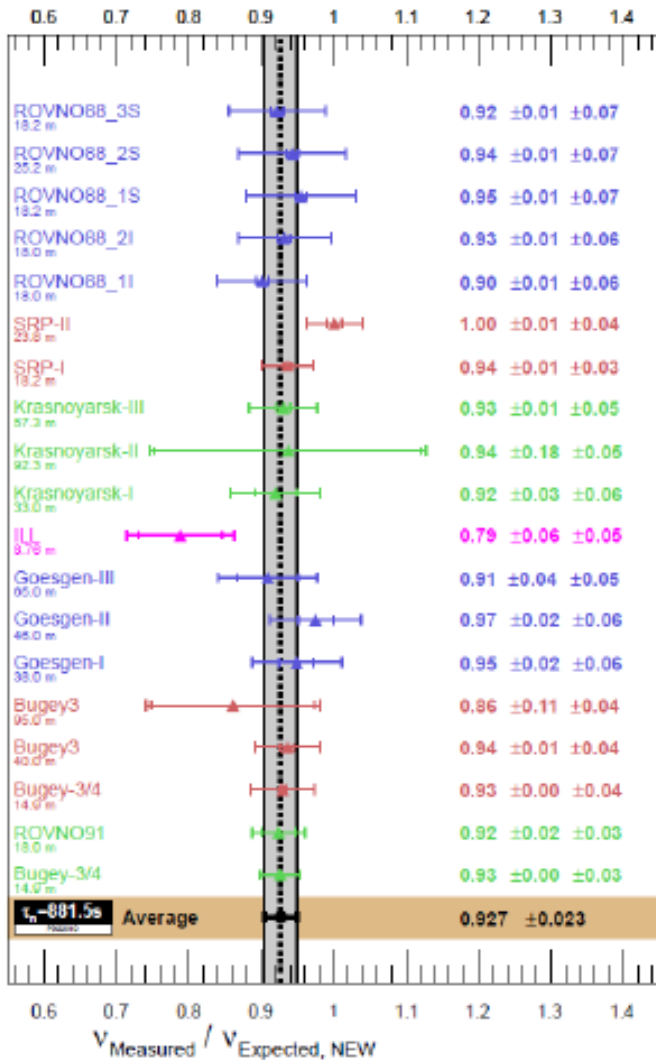
$$R=0.86\pm 0.05 \text{ (Bahcall)}$$

Or

$$R=0.76^{+0.09}_{-0.08} \text{ (Haxton)}$$

The deficit *may* be due to sterile neutrino oscillations.

## Reactor Anomaly



## Cosmology and the Number of Neutrinos

- The preferred 4 light neutrinos are actually light degrees of freedom: they don't have to be neutrinos, an axion would work as well.
- BBN disfavors 5 neutrinos, while fits to all of the particle data seem to require 5 neutrinos.
  - There is a great deal of interest in sterile neutrinos lately
    - Workshop on Beyond Three Family Neutrino Oscillations*, LNGS, April 2011
    - Short-Baseline Neutrino Workshop*, Fermilab, May 2011
    - Sterile Neutrinos at the Crossroads Workshop*, Virginia Tech, Sept. 2011
    - Future Short Baseline Neutrino Experiments – Needs & Options*, Fermilab, March 2012
    - Light Sterile Neutrinos: A White Paper*, arXiv:1204.5379, April 2012
  - There are many hints of sterile neutrinos in particle physics:
    - LSND, MiniBooNE  $\bar{\nu}$ , Gallium, Reactor Flux
  - There are many null or ambiguous results as well:
    - KARMEN, Bugey, MiniBooNE  $\nu$ , Accelerator Disappearance
  - There are several proposals/concepts for new, hopefully definitive tests of the  $\Delta m \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$  sterile neutrino hypothesis.