

# Low energy neutrino physics

(tens of MeV or subMeV)

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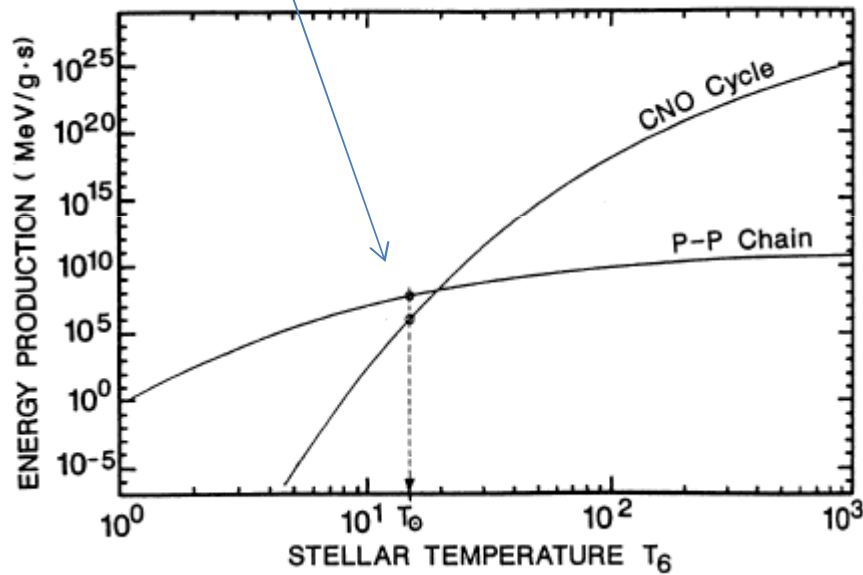
## Outline of the talk

- Solar neutrinos: in progress  
short review of the results  
perspectives
- Geo neutrinos: in progress  
results
- Supernova neutrinos: in the dreams  
perspectives
- Source experiments to search for sterile neutrinos: project started  
perspectives

# Fusion reactions in the Sun : the pp chain

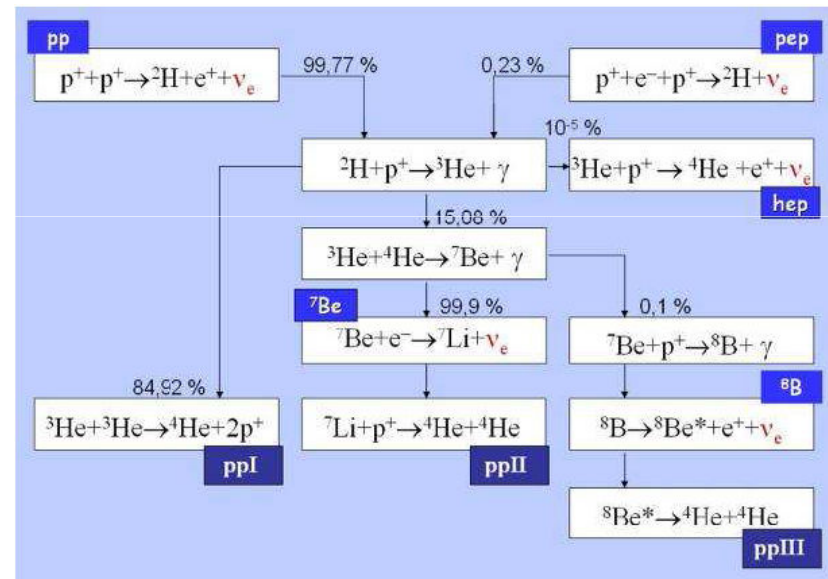
- Solar  $\nu$  studies began to prove that Sun shines by nuclear fusion reaction
- Sun is a source of pure  $\nu_e$
- Baseline  $10^8$  Km allows sensitivities to  $\Delta m^2$  up to  $10^{-10}$  eV<sup>2</sup>

$$T_{Sun} \approx 15 \cdot 10^6 K$$



Rolf C E and Rodney W S 1988 *Cauldrons in the Cosmos* (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press)

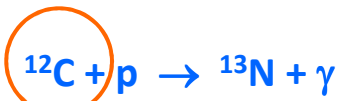
pp fusion chain: about 98% of the Sun energy



# Fusion reaction in the Sun : the CNO chain

Very important for stars with mass higher than the SUN

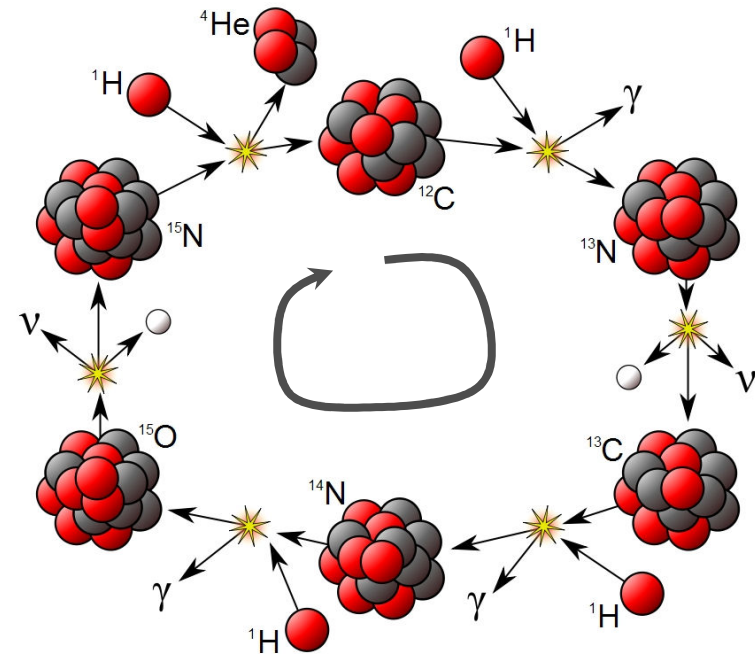
Main CNO cycle






$^{12}\text{C}$  : catalyst

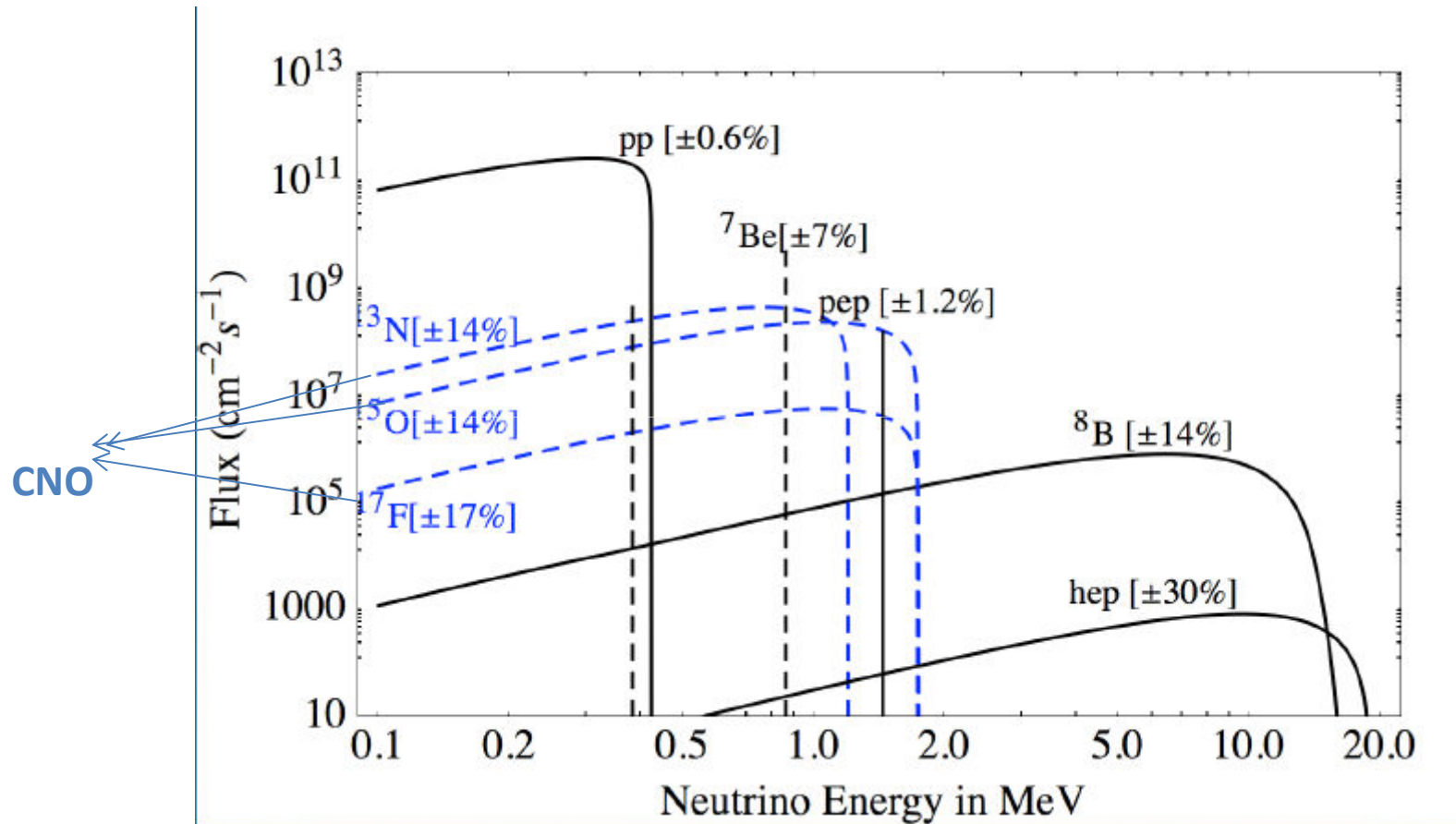
$\nu_N$

$\nu_O$



	Proton	$\gamma$	Gamma Ray
	Neutron	$\nu$	Neutrino
	Positron		

# Solar Neutrino energy spectrum at Earth



A. Serenelli et al., *Astroph. J.* 7432 2011

# Solar Neutrinos flux predictions

Present predictions

Past predictions

Source	Flux [cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ] SSM-GS98	Flux [cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ] SSM-AGSS09	Flux [cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ] SSM-GS98-2004
pp	5.98(1±0.006)×10 <sup>10</sup>	6.03(1±0.006)×10 <sup>10</sup>	5.94(1±0.01)×10 <sup>10</sup>
pep	1.44(1±0.012)×10 <sup>8</sup>	1.47(1±0.012)×10 <sup>8</sup>	1.40(1±0.02)×10 <sup>8</sup>
<sup>7</sup> Be	5.00(1±0.07)×10 <sup>9</sup>	4.56(1±0.07)×10 <sup>9</sup>	4.86(1±0.12)×10 <sup>9</sup>
<sup>8</sup> B	5.58(1±0.13)×10 <sup>6</sup>	4.59(1±0.13)×10 <sup>6</sup>	5.79(1±0.23)×10 <sup>6</sup>
<sup>13</sup> N	2.96(1±0.15)×10 <sup>8</sup>	2.17(1±0.15)×10 <sup>8</sup>	5.71(1±0.36)×10 <sup>8</sup>
<sup>15</sup> O	2.23(1±0.16)×10 <sup>8</sup>	1.56(1±0.16)×10 <sup>8</sup>	5.03(1±0.41)×10 <sup>8</sup>
<sup>17</sup> F	5.52(1±0.18)×10 <sup>6</sup>	3.40(1±0.16)×10 <sup>6</sup>	5.91(1±0.44)×10 <sup>6</sup>
<b>Total CNO:</b>	<b>5.24×10<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>3.76×10<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>10.8×10<sup>8</sup></b>

CNO

High metallicity

Low metallicity

Present predictions:  
High and Low metallicity

$\nu$	Diff. %
pp	0.8
pep	2.1
<sup>7</sup> Be	8.8
<sup>8</sup> B	17.7
<sup>13</sup> N	26.7
<sup>15</sup> O	30.0
<sup>17</sup> F	38.4

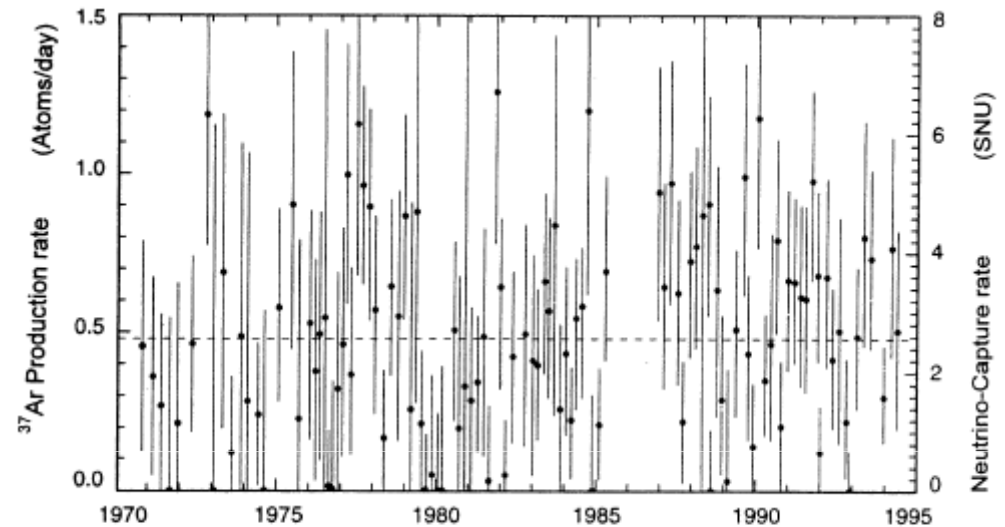
Developments since 2004

- Reduction of CNO due to new values of cross section <sup>14</sup>N(p,g)<sup>15</sup>O
- Better accuracy of <sup>3</sup>He(<sup>4</sup>He,γ)<sup>7</sup>Be cross section
- New opacity calculations
- New surface elements abundance based on 3D models

## The history began a long time ago.....

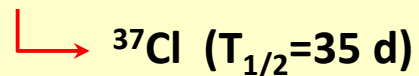
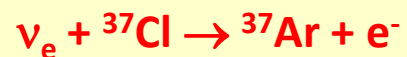
- The chlorine experiment: 1970.....
- Radiochemical experiment
- No spectral information
- Goal: prove that Sun shines thanks to fusion processes

B.T.Cleveland et al., Ap. J. 496 (1998) 505



**Homestake mine (South Dakota)**

**600 tons of  $C_2Cl_4$**



814 KeV: no pp detection

About 1/3 of the expected rate was measured

## The solar neutrino problem and its solution

exp	years	reaction	thresh old	Solar sensitivity	method	result
Chlorine	1968 - 1994	$\nu_e + {}^{37}\text{Cl} = e^- + {}^{37}\text{Ar}$	0.814 MeV	8B , pep, 7Be	radiochemical 615 tons	$R(\text{exp}/\text{SSM})=0.34\pm 0.03$
Galex-GNO	1991-2003	$\nu_e + {}^{71}\text{Ga} = e^- + {}^{71}\text{Ge}$	0.233	8B , pep, 7Be,pp	radiochemical 30.3 t	$R(\text{exp}/\text{SSM})= 0.58\pm 0.05$
SAGE	1990-	$\nu_e + {}^{71}\text{Ga} = e^- + {}^{71}\text{Ge}$	0.233	8B , pep, 7Be,pp	radiochemical 50 t	$0.59\pm 0.06$
Kamiokande (SuperKamiokande still running)	1987-1995	$\nu_x + e^- = \nu_x + e^-$	7.5 ... 3.5	8B	Cerenkov light 2.14 Kt water (22.4 Kt)	$0.46\pm 0.02$
SNO	1999 2006 (moving to SNO+)	$\nu_e + d = e^- + p + p$ (CC) $\nu_e + d = \nu_x + p + n$ (NC) $\nu_e + e^- = \nu_x + e^-$ (ES)	5 3.5	8B	1Kt D <sub>2</sub> O Cerenkov	8B flux consistent with SSM!! Solar neutrino problem solved
Kamland (reactor antinu)	2002 -	Anti- $\nu_e + p = n + e^-$			Liquid scintillator	Reactor antinu L/E sensitive to solar region
Borexino	2007-	$\nu_x + e^- = \nu_x + e^-$	0.2	8B , pep, 7Be,pp	Liquid scintillator	7Be,pp,8B



# Now we know that $\nu$ oscillate: move the focus to low energy solar $\nu$ spectroscopy

- Evidence of  $\nu$  oscillations and massive neutrinos
- Interaction of neutrinos with matter complicate the oscillation scenario
- Important for solar (and supernova) neutrinos MSW
- Year 2002: SNO results with NC
  - Nobel Prize for R. Davis (chlorine exp.) and Koshiba
  - Kamland results

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & \sin \theta_{13} e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{13} e^{-i\delta} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \theta_{12} \quad \Delta m_{1,2}^2$$

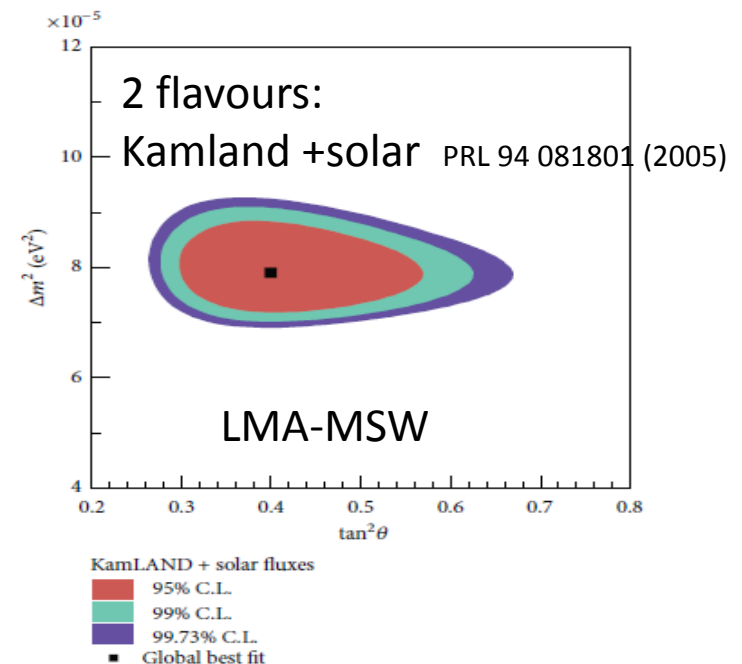
Solar  $\nu$  mainly influenced by

Data combination	$\Delta m_{21}^2$	$\tan^2 \theta_{12}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$
KamLAND	$7.54^{+0.19}_{-0.18}$	$0.481^{+0.092}_{-0.080}$	$0.010^{+0.033}_{-0.034}$
KamLAND + solar	$7.53^{+0.19}_{-0.18}$	$0.437^{+0.029}_{-0.026}$	$0.023^{+0.015}_{-0.015}$
KamLAND + solar + $\theta_{13}$	$7.53^{+0.18}_{-0.18}$	$0.436^{+0.029}_{-0.025}$	$0.023^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$

arxiv 1303.4667v1 (2013) Kamland Coll.

Solar neutrino measurements now:

- understand details of the oscillation model
- provide input for solar models
- **Borexino : very low energy solar  $\nu$  spectroscopy**



**Scintillator:**

270 t PC+PPO (1.5 g/l)  
in a 150 μm thick  
inner nylon vessel (R = 4.25 m)

**Buffer region:**

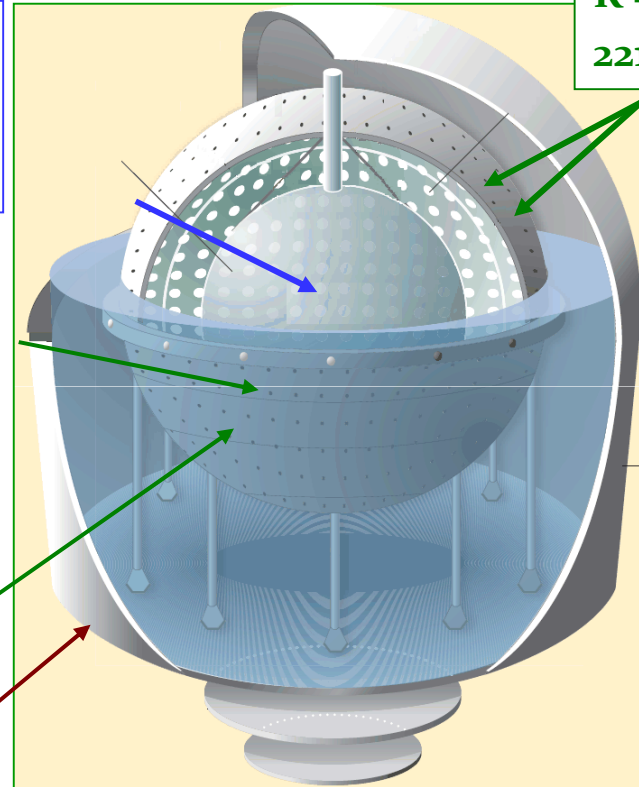
PC+DMP quencher  
4.25 m < R < 6.75 m

**Outer nylon vessel:**

R = 5.50 m  
(<sup>222</sup>Rn barrier)

**Water Tank:**

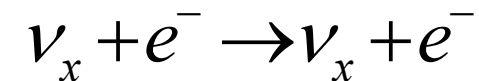
γ and n shield  
μ water Č detector  
208 PMTs in water



**Stainless Steel Sphere:**

R = 6.75 m  
2212 PMTs

ν detection:  
elastic scattering on electrons

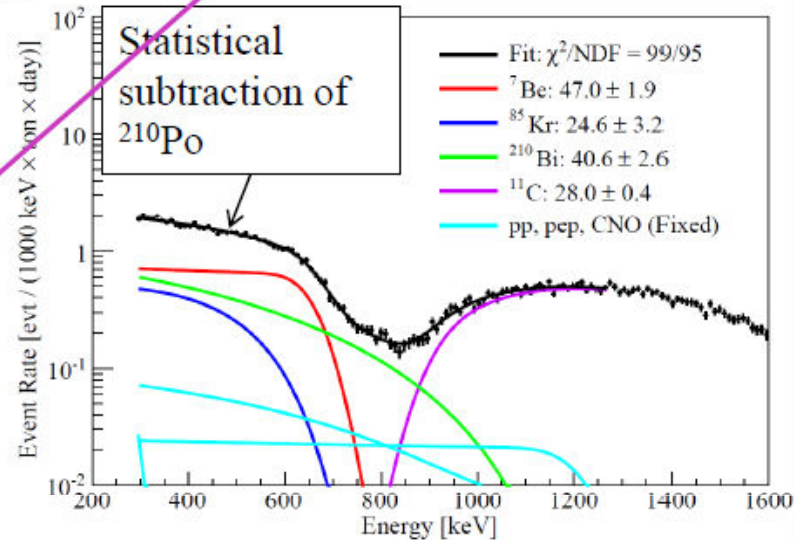
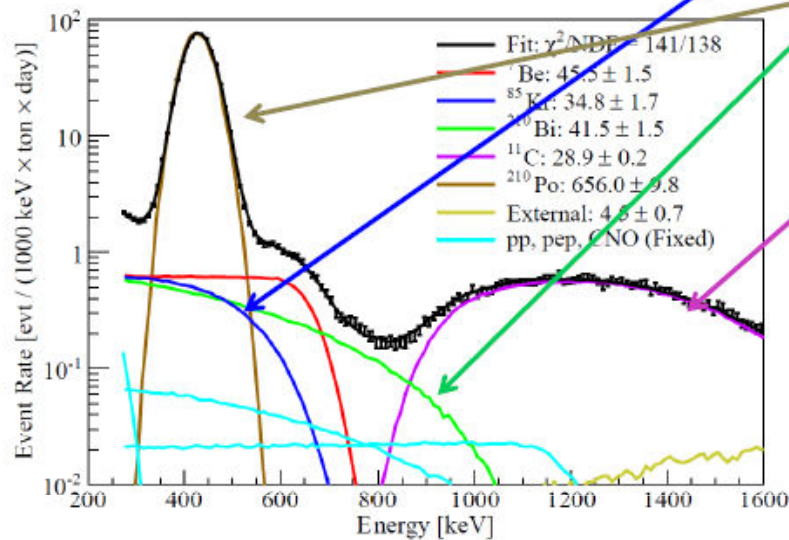


- ≈500 phe/MeV (electron equivalent)
- Energy resolution 4.5%
- Space resolution 10 cm @1MeV
- “wall less” Fiducial Volume
- Pulse shape capability
- Calibration in situ with radioactive sources
- Accurate Monte Carlo modeling of the energy and time response function
- No signature except the spectral shape
- Needed extremely low background

**The smallest radioactive background in the world:  
9-10 orders of magnitude smaller than the every-day environment**

# $^7\text{Be}$ (0.862 MeV) solar flux from Borexino

- Residual background components ( $^{85}\text{Kr}$ ,  $^{210}\text{Bi}$ ,  $^{210}\text{Po}$ ,  $^{11}\text{C}$ );



$$R_{7\text{Be}} = 46.0 \pm 1.5 \text{ (stat)}_{-1.6}^{+1.5} \text{ (syst)} \text{ cpd} / 100t$$

$$R_{\text{no oscillation}} = 74.0 \pm 5.2 \text{ cpd} / 100t$$

- $\nu_e$  flux reduction 0.62 +/- 0.05
- $\nu_e$  survival probability 0.51 +/- 0.07 @0.862MeV

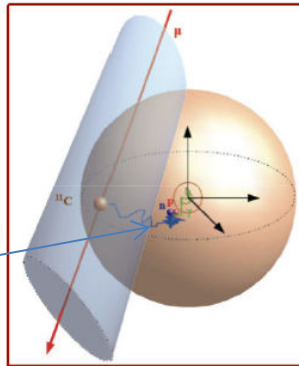
- Search for a day night effect:
- not expected for  $^7\text{Be}$  in the LMA-MSW model
- Large effect expected in the "LOW" solution (excluded by solar exp+Kamland)

$$A_{DN} = \frac{N - D}{(N + D) / 2} = 0.001 \pm 0.012 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.007 \text{ (sys)}$$

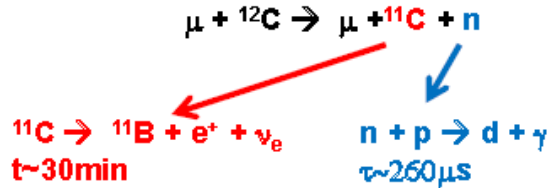
G. Bellini et al., Borexino Collaboration +C Pena Garay, Phys. Lett. B707 (2012) 22.  
G. Bellini et al., Borexino Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 107 (2011) 141362.

# pep (1.44 MeV) solar flux measurement and CNO limits in Borexino

Interaction point and  $^{11}\text{C}$  production point



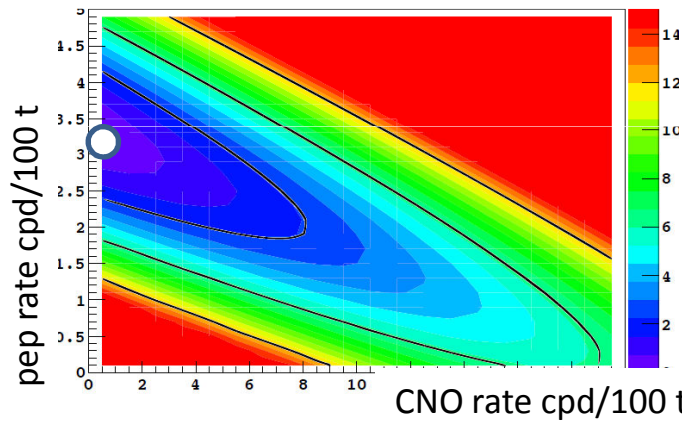
Position of the  $\gamma$



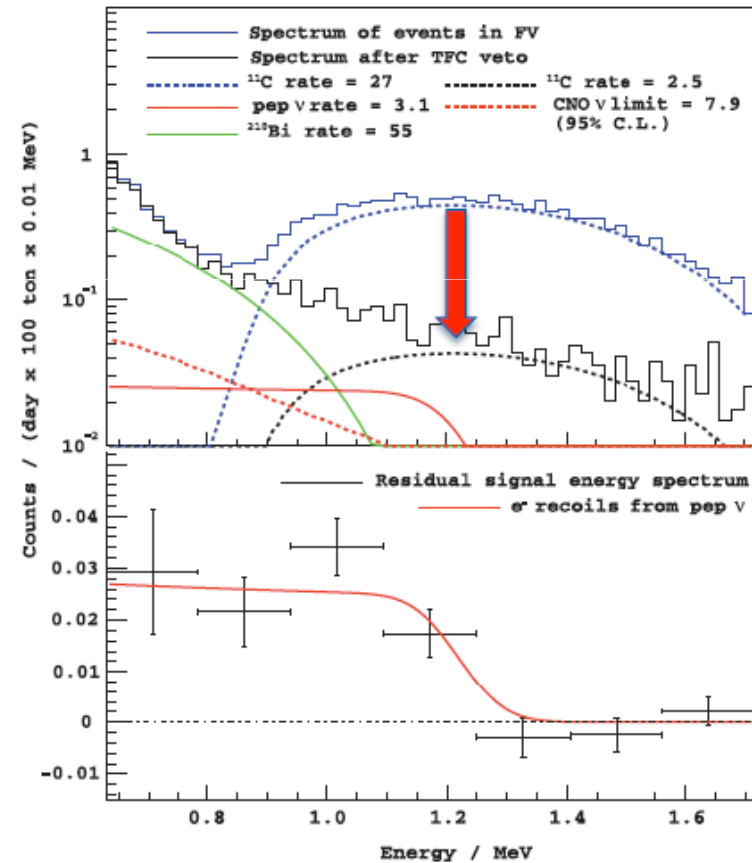
- n capture on H:  $\gamma$  2.2 MeV  $\tau=246 \mu\text{s}$
- Space and time Veto
- Residual exposure 48.5%

G. Bellini et al., Borexino Coll., Phys. Rev. Lett. 108 (2012) 051302

$\Delta\chi^2$  profile for fixed pep and CNO rates

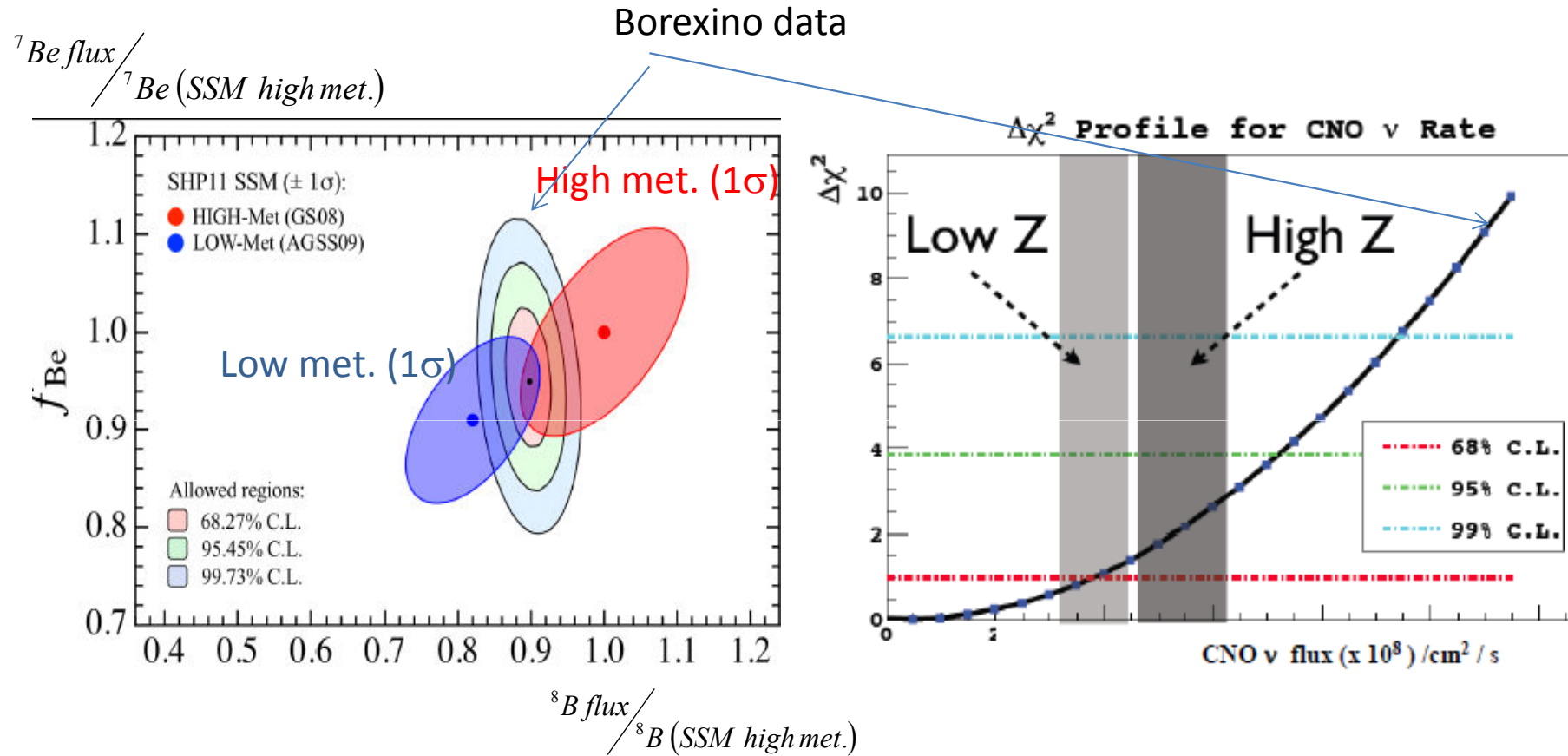


$\nu$	Interaction Rate (cpd/100t)	DATA/SSM (high metallicity)
	Counts/(days 100 t)	ratio
pep	$3.1 \pm 0.6$ (stat) $\pm 0.3$ (sys)	$1.1 \pm 0.2$
CNO	$< 7.9$	$< 1.5$



Best limit on CNO- not yet enough to select solar models....

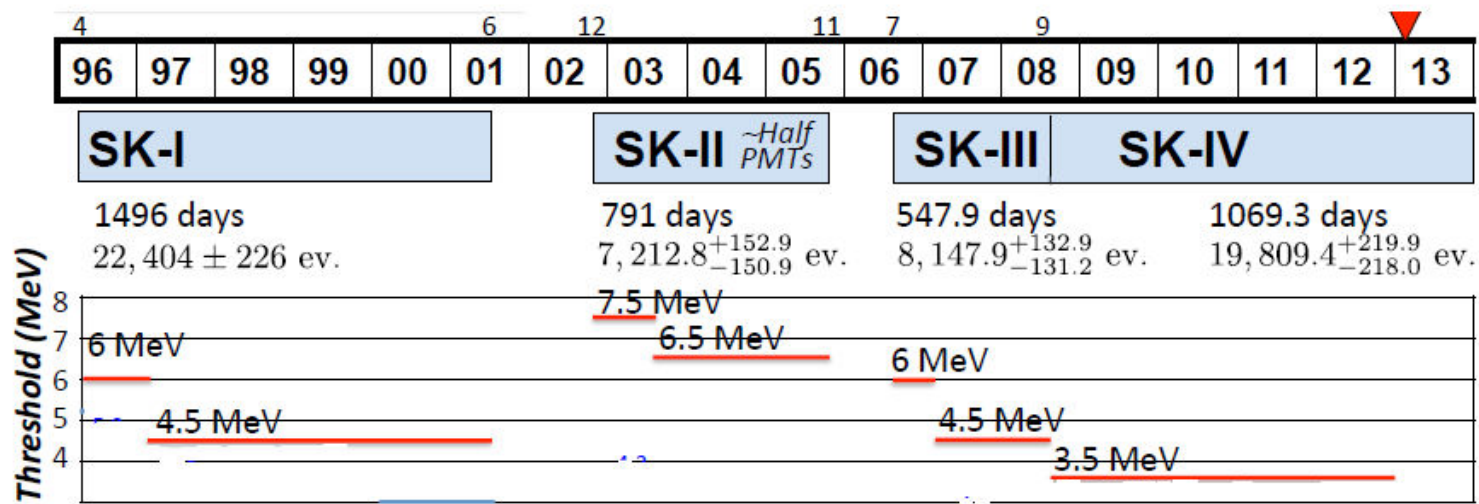
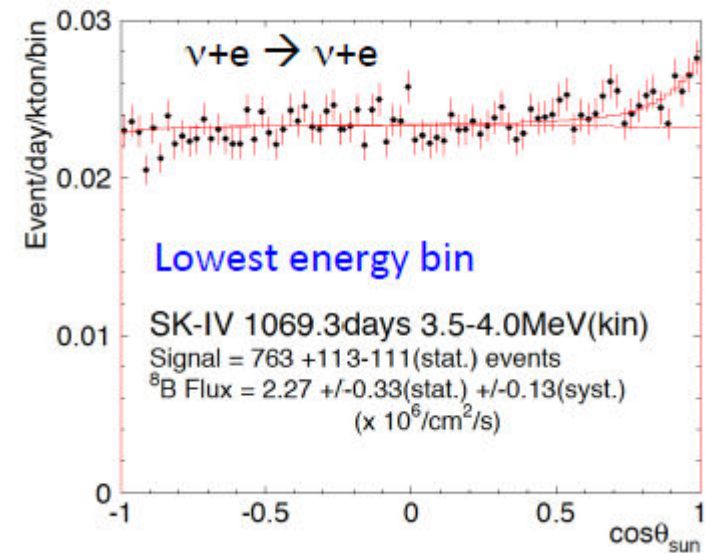
# Can we discriminate between solar models ??



# Solar $^8\text{B}$ : (Kamiokande) and SuperKamiokande

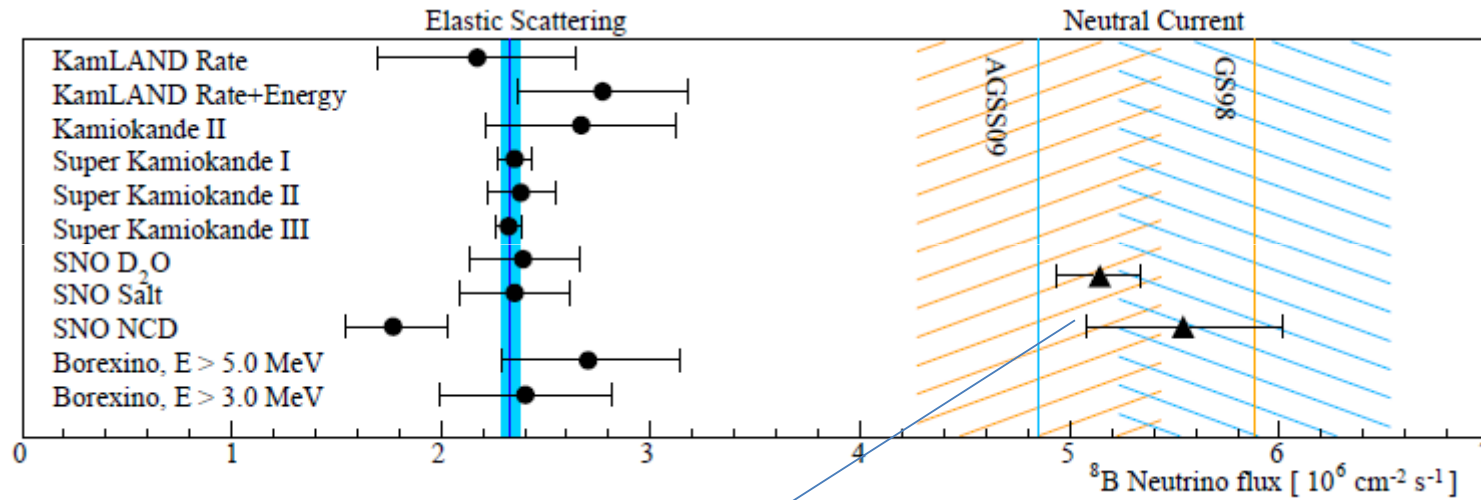
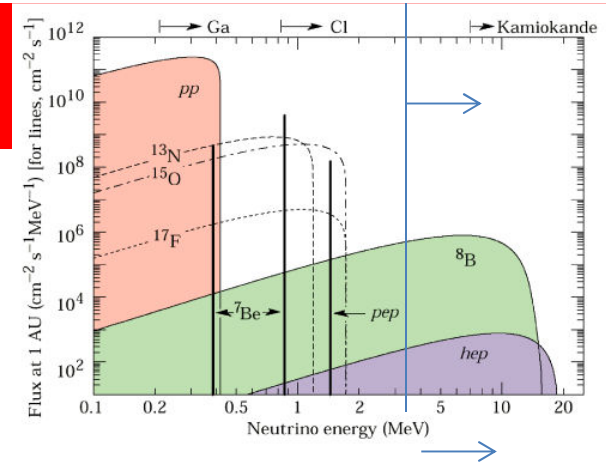
$$\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-.$$

- Total 3904 days
  - 57,574.1 solar neutrino events
- Analysis threshold: down to 3.5 MeV
  - Possible to 3.0 MeV in near future
- Fiducial volume
  - 22.5 kt (> 5.0 MeV)
  - 13.3 kt (4.5-5.0 MeV)
  - 8.8 kt (3.5-4.5 MeV)



Adapted from Y. Suzuki Neutrino telescopes March 2013

# $^8\text{B}$ solar neutrinos

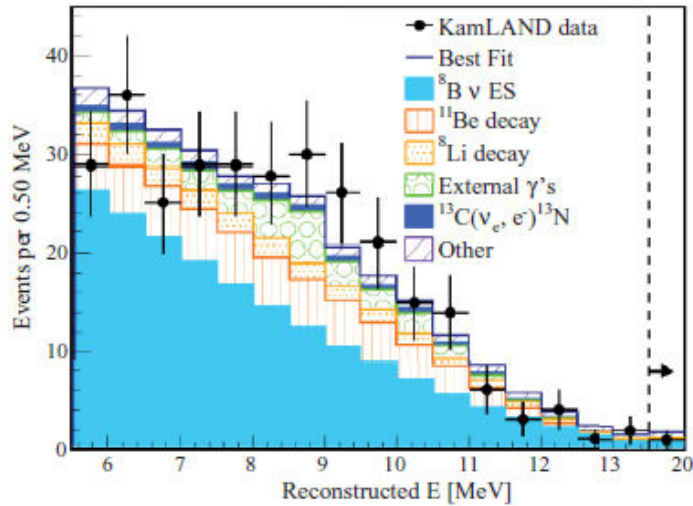


SNO has provided the absolute  $^8\text{B}$  flux

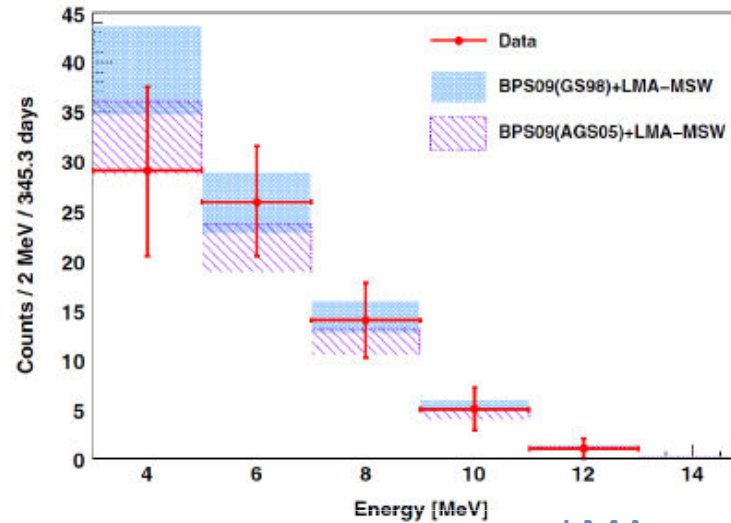
Figure from PRC 84, 035804 (2011)  
Kamland coll.

# $^8\text{B}$ solar neutrinos

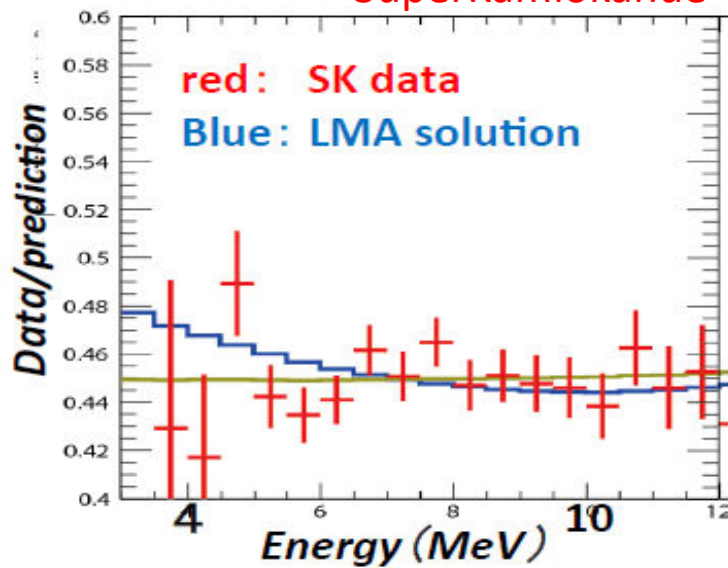
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Borexino (3MeV threshold) G. Bellini et al. PRD 82 033006 (2010)

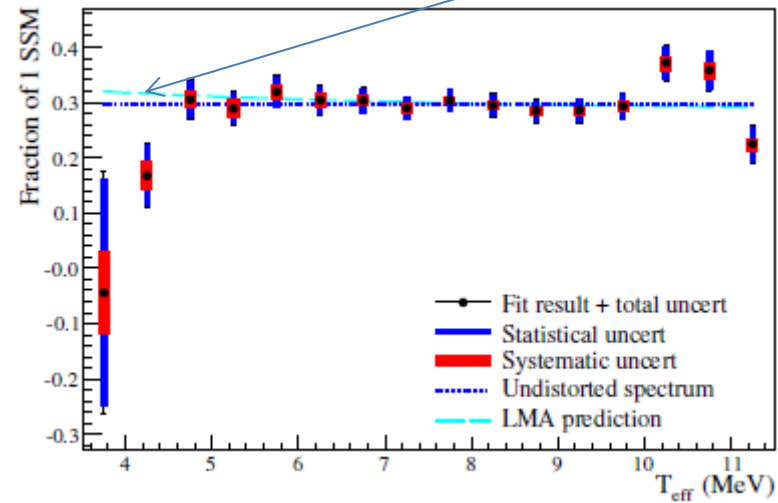


SuperKamiokande



Super K. Suzuki@Neutrino Telescopes Venice 2013

SNO CC events LMA prediction

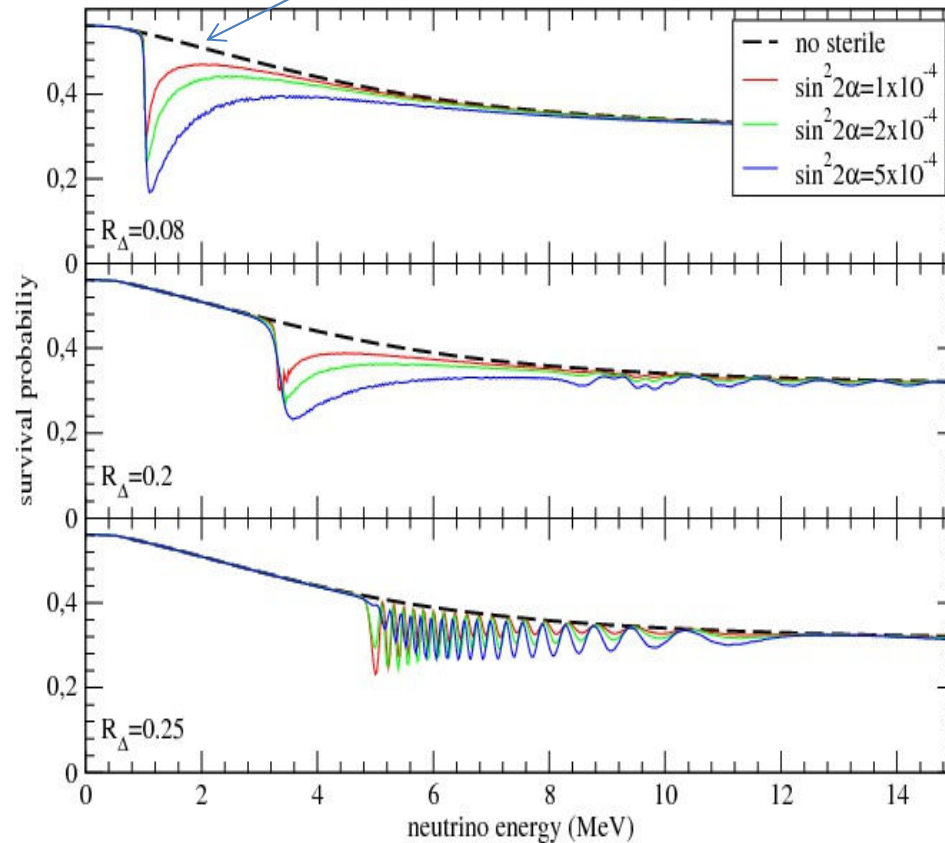


arxiv 1109.0763 SNO LETA 3.5 MeV threshold



## Solar $^8\text{B}$ : the Up-turn???

LMA survival probability



- lower the threshold as much as possible
- Hints for new physics??
- Background issues
- Statistics
- SuperKamiokande can see the effect

arxiv 1012.5627v2 (2011)

Assuming the luminosity constraint

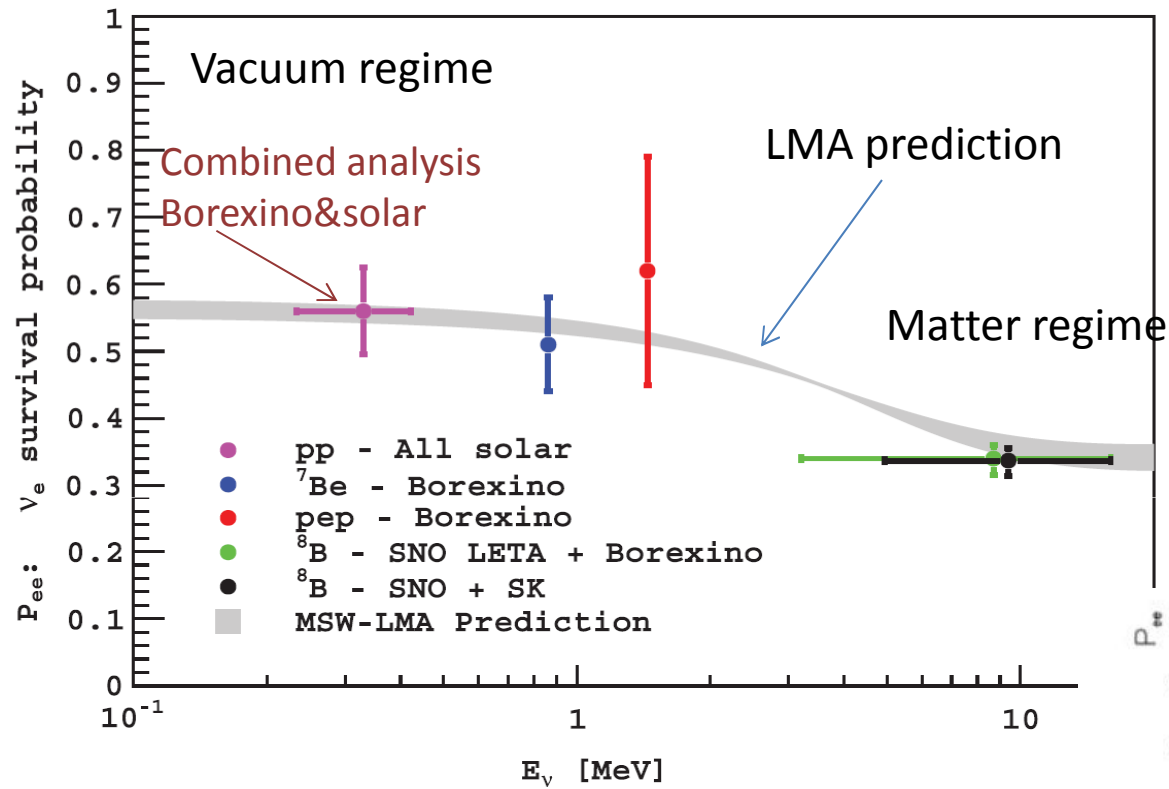
# Solar Neutrino fluxes: observations vs predictions

Source	Flux [cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ] SSM-GS98	Flux [cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ] SSM-AGSS09	Flux [cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ] Data
pp	5.98(1±0.006)×10 <sup>10</sup>	6.03(1±0.006)×10 <sup>10</sup>	6.06(1 <sup>+0.003</sup> <sub>-0.01</sub> )×10 <sup>10</sup>
pep	1.44(1±0.012)×10 <sup>8</sup>	1.47(1±0.012)×10 <sup>8</sup>	1.60(1±0.19)×10 <sup>8</sup>
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<sup>13</sup> N	2.96(1±0.15)×10 <sup>8</sup>	3.76(1±0.15)×10 <sup>8</sup>	<6.7×10 <sup>8</sup>
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CNO	5.24×10 <sup>8</sup>	3.76×10 <sup>8</sup>	<7.7×10 <sup>8</sup> (2σ)

Without the luminosity constraint:  
φ<sub>pp</sub> determined with 15% uncertainty

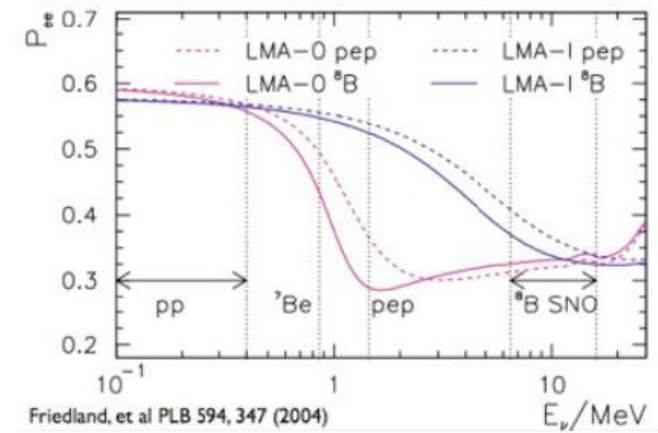
upper limit smaller  
than 2004 prediction!

# Electron neutrinos survival probability



$P_{ee}$  as expected from  $\nu$  oscillation +Matter effect (LMA-MSW)

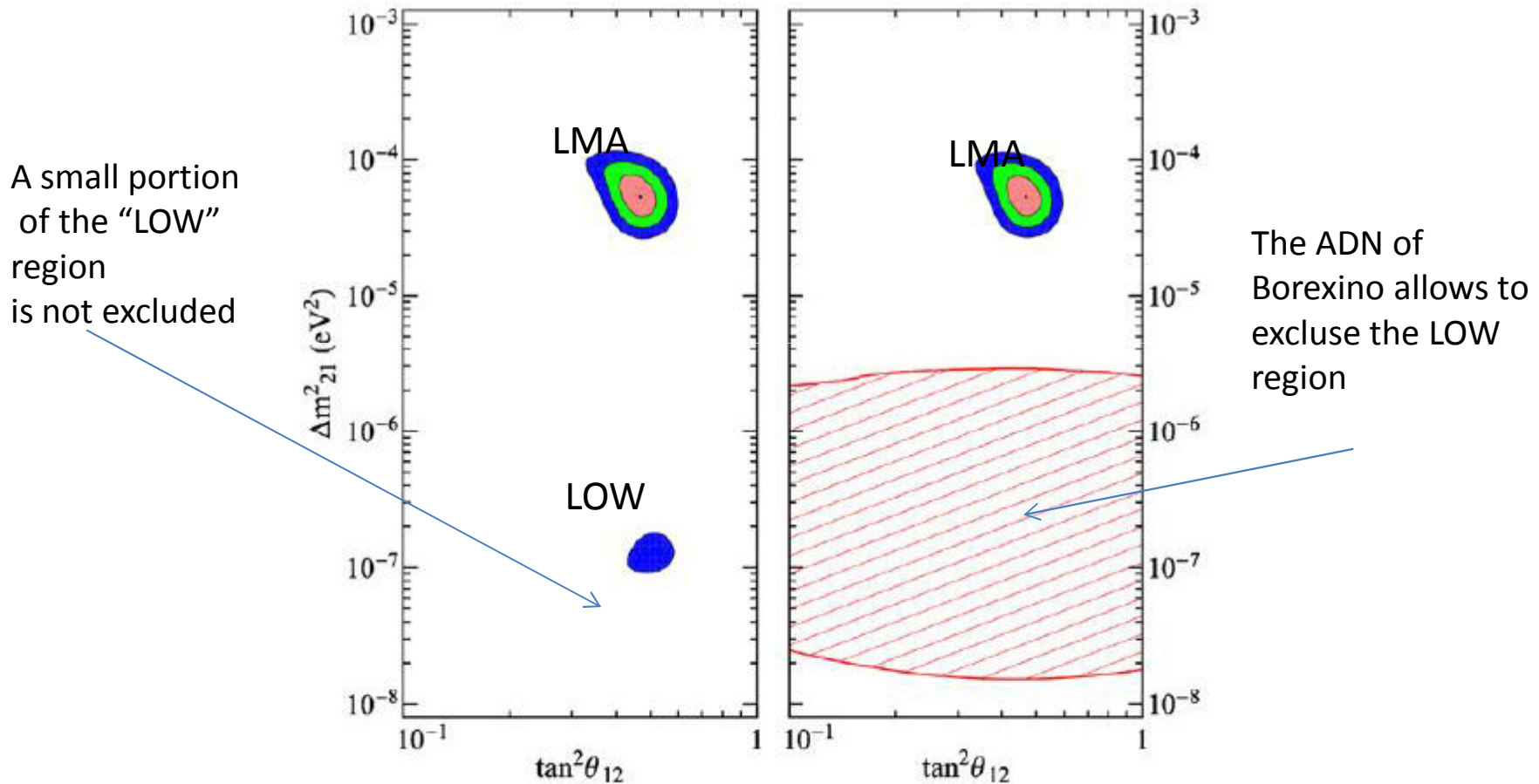
Not standard  $\nu$  interactions



# Solar $\nu$ alone (without the reactor anti- $\nu$ of Kamland) select LMA

- All solar exp.
- without Borexino
- without Kamland

All solar exp.  
including Borexino



Strong confirmation of the LMA solution  
without using anti- $\nu$  data (and without assuming CPT)

G. Bellini et al., Borexino Coll. +C Pena Garay, Phys. Lett. B707 (2012) 22.

## What next on solar neutrinos???

- Direct measurement of pp neutrino spectrum: test Sun luminosity
- High precision pep: Non Standard Interactions (NSI), test LMA with accuracy
- Measure CNO : solar and stellar models
- $^8\text{B}$  up-turn: reduce the threshold (non standard interactions, sterile neutrinos...)
- Improve  $^7\text{Be}$  measurement (and calculation) (solar models)

## What next ? Borexino Phase II

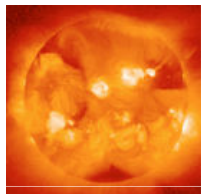
After the purification of the scintillator

- 1) Krypton: strongly reduced: consistent with zero cpd/100t from spectral fit
- 2)  $^{210}\text{Bi}$  : from  $\sim 70$  cpd/100tons to 20 cpd/100tons) ;
- 3)  $^{238}\text{U}$  (from  $^{214}\text{Bi-Po}$  tagging)  $< 9.7 \cdot 10^{-19}$  g/g at 95% C.L.
- 4)  $^{232}\text{Th}$   $< 2.9 \cdot 10^{-18}$  g/g at 95% C.L.
- 5)  $^{210}\text{Po}$
- 6) It may be possible to estimate the  $^{210}\text{Bi}$  content from  $^{210}\text{Po}$  evolution in time;
- 7) pp, higher precision pep and  $^7\text{Be}$ , toward CNO: are in the wish list of Borexino

## What next ? SNO+

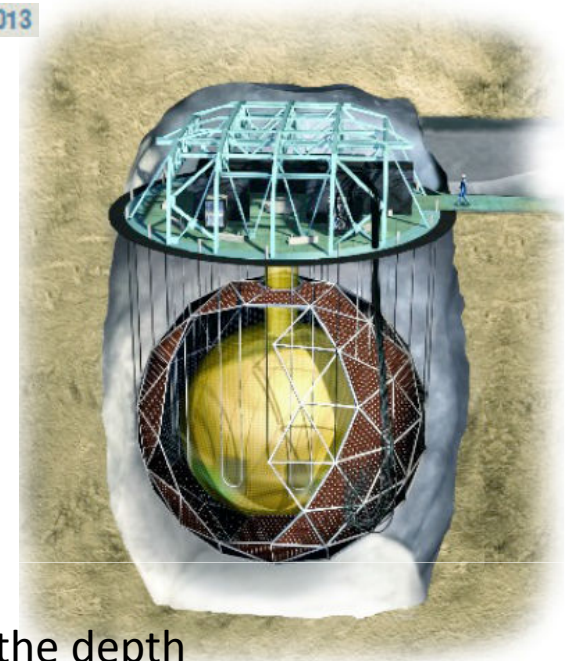
SJM PEETERS, RENO50, JUNE 2013

- Fill SNO with liquid scintillator
- 780 tonnes LAB+PPO
- 9000 PMTS
- Water shield by Ultra Pure Water
- Wide physics program



Assuming the Borexino background level

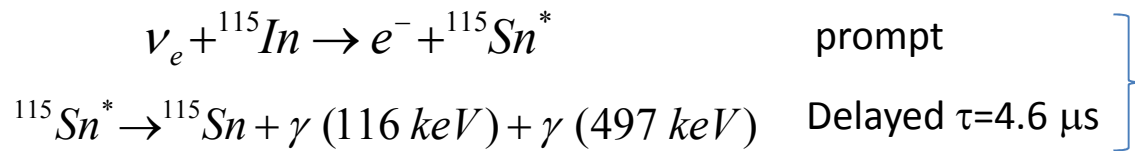
	1 year	2 yrs
pep	9.1%	6.5%
$^8\text{B}$	7.5%	5.4%
$^7\text{Be}$	4%	2.8%
pp	a few %?	
CNO	15%?	



Reduced  $^{11}\text{C}$  background due to the depth  
 $10^4 \mu/\text{day}$ @Borexino  
 $70 \mu/\text{day}$ @SNO+  
 .....The worse enemy is  $^{210}\text{Bi}$

- Begin scintillator filling: early 2014
- Check Background
- Priority is  $\beta\beta$  decay (add  $^{130}\text{Te}$  to scintillator)

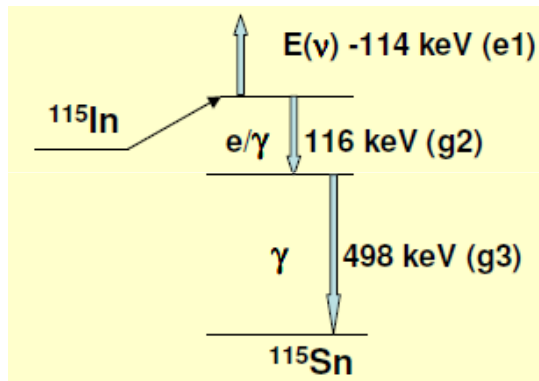
# What next ? LENS Indium based liquid scintillator



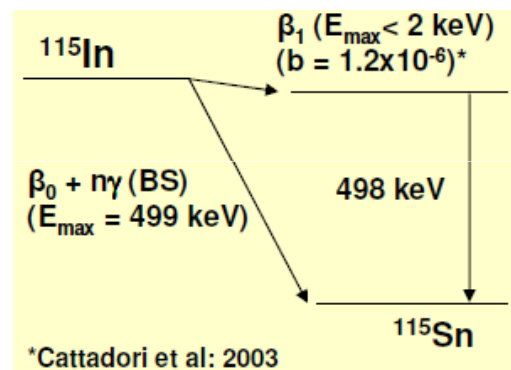
R. Raghavan, Phys.. Rev. Lett. 37, 259 (1976)

Clean signature of  $\nu_e$  events  
(In pure LS the spectral shape is the only signature)

Q= 114 keV sensitivity to pp ,  ${}^7\text{Be}$ , pep, CNO, 8B  
Clean spectral measurement:  $E_\nu = e^- - 114\text{keV}$



Signal



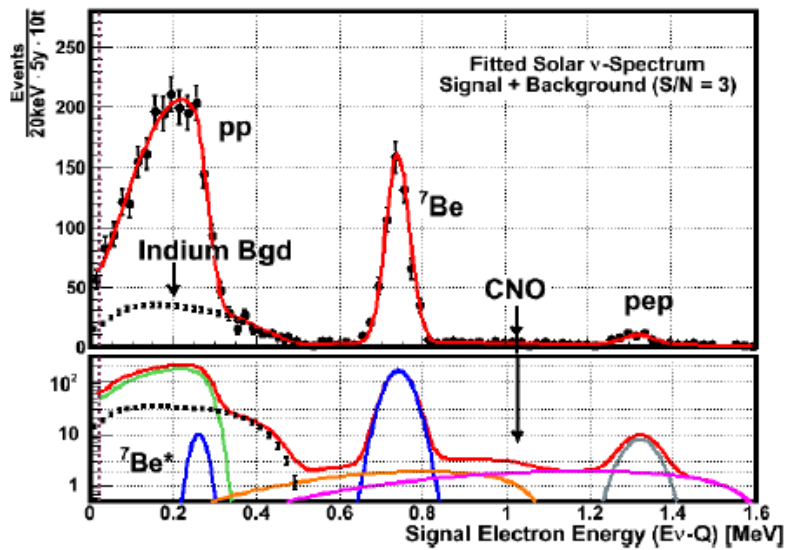
Background



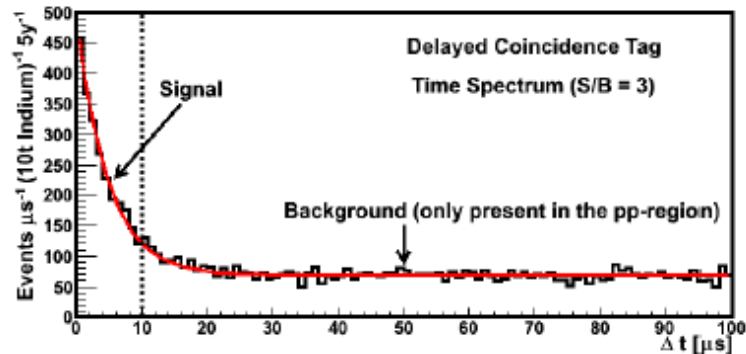
Random coincidences of  $\beta$  decay of  ${}^{115}\text{In}$  (In activity  $\approx 0.25 \text{ Bq/g}$ )  
Important only for pp  
10 t In: 400 pp/year  
8 10<sup>13</sup> decays/year

3D segmentation of the detector: Lattice with teflon reflectors, PMTS at the end  
Space and time cuts

# What next ? LENS Indium based liquid scintillator



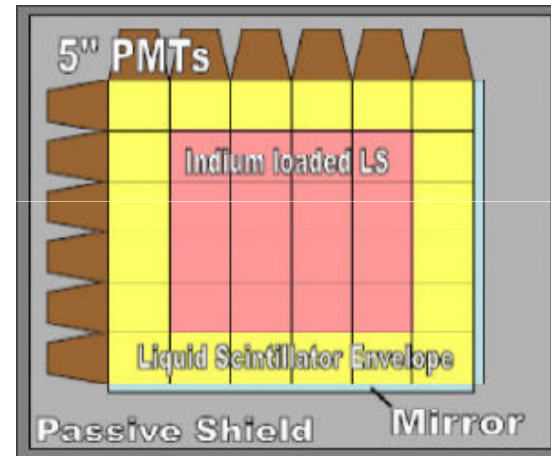
Simulated spectrum; 5 years,  
10 tons of Indium loading in LS



C. Grieb et al., PhysRevD 75 0903006 (2007)

- 8% In can be loaded in LS
- 9000 g/MeV (about 75 % of clean LS)
- Att. Length 8m
- Time stability > year

Detector prototype under test in the Kimbalton mine (Virginia):  
6X6X6 lattice  
130 liters LS (microLens)

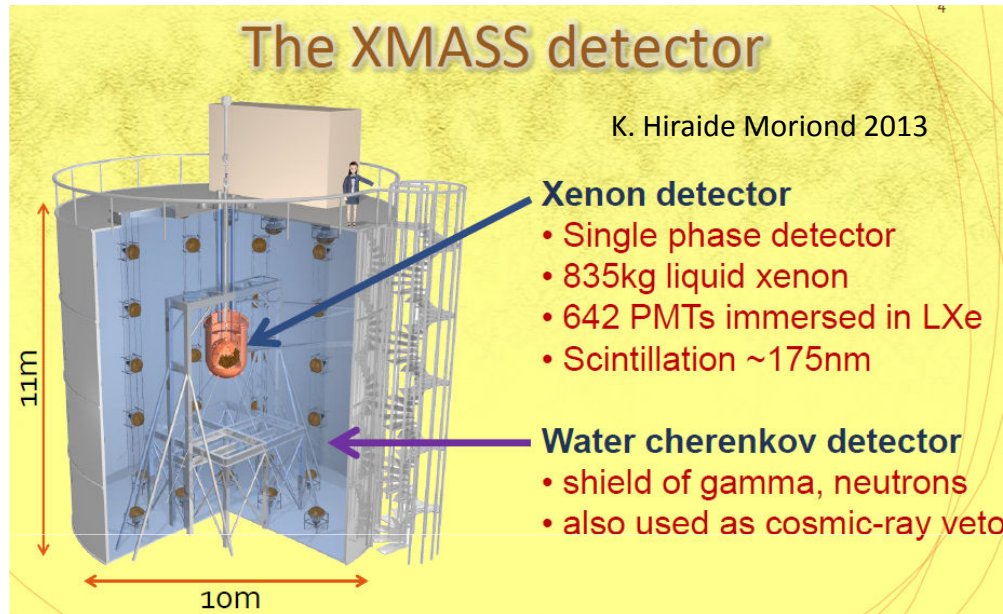


## LENS expected performances

Cell Size mm	Cube size m	Pe yield /MeV	Det Eff %	pp-ν /t In/y	Bgd /t In/y	S/N	M (In)* ton	M (InLS) ton	PMT
75	4	1000	64%	40	13	3	10	125	13300 (3")
125	5	950	40%	26	9	2.9	15.3	190	6250 (5")



# What next? Cryogenic Xenon, Neon (noble liquid) scintillators for low en. solar spectroscopy

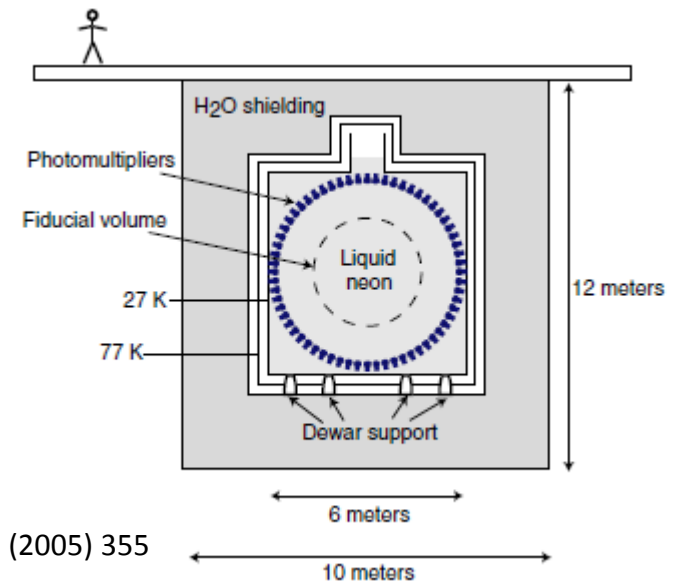


- First run performed
- Detector upgrading
- Resume data taking in summer 2013
- Current focus: Dark matter
- Long term goal: solar neutrinos

arxiv 1301.2815v1 (2013)

CLEAN  
conceptual design  
100t liquid neon

Small prototype running at SNOLAB  
arxiv 1111:3260v2 (2012)



Astroparticle Physics 22 (2005) 355  
M. Kinsey et al.,

## What next? LENA

Liquid scintillator and PMT: scaling up (X 150) Borexino keeping its performances  
(or doing even better)

### Egg shaped cavern

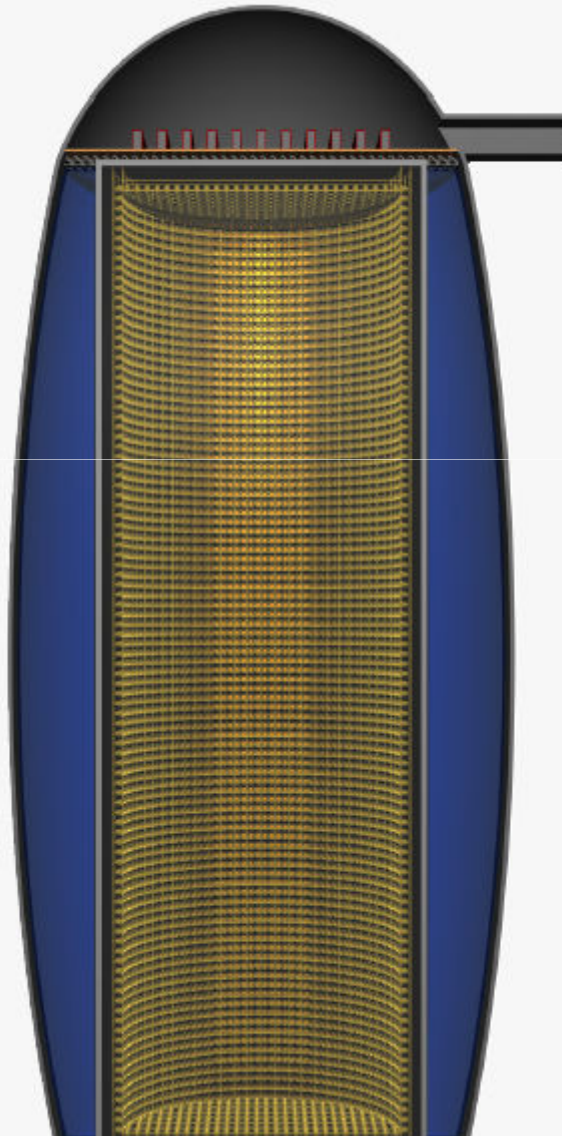
- $\updownarrow$  115 m
- $\varnothing > 36$  m

### Detector Tank

- concrete wall
- cylindrical –  
 $\updownarrow = 100$  m  
 $\varnothing = 32$  m
- 29600 12" PMTs

### Target

- 50 kt scintillator



### Electronics hall

- 15 m high
- top muon veto

### Water-filled cavern

- 4000 8" PMTs
- veto for inclined muon tracks
- shielding for fast neutrons

# Antineutrinos from the Earth: geov

## •Detected by Kamland and Borexino

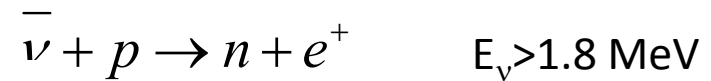
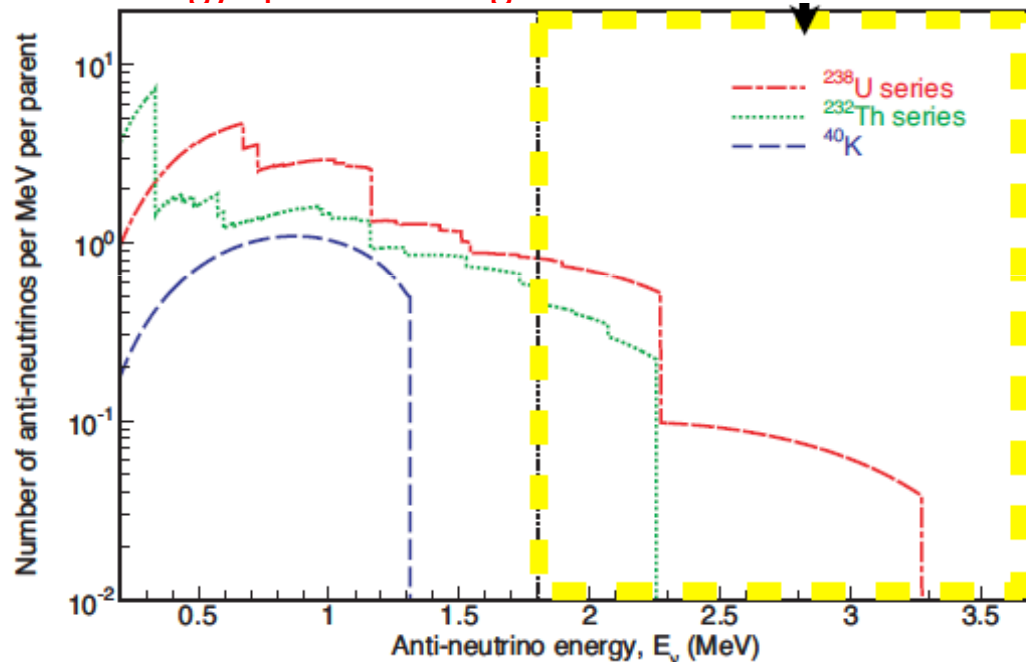
G. Bellini et al., (Borexino Coll.) Phys. Lett. B 687 (2010) 299; Phys Lett B 722 4 (2013) 295 Borexino Coll.

T. Araki et al., (Kamland Coll.) Nature 436 (2005) 499;

A. Gando et al. (Kamland Coll.) Nature Geoscience 4 (2011) 57 ; arxiv 1303.4667v1 (2013) Kamland Coll.

See Neutrino Geoscience (Takayama) 2013

### Energy spectrum of geov :

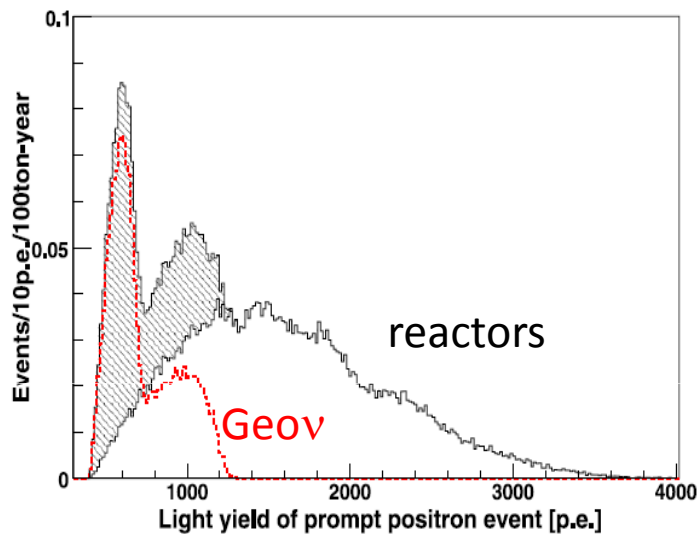


- “prompt signal”  
e+: energy loss + annihilation  
(2  $\gamma$  511 KeV each)
- “delayed signal”  
n capture after thermalization 2.2  $\gamma$

- Low flux: 3 order of magnitude less than  $^7\text{Be}$  solar  $\nu$ !
- Geov: they probe the U,Th content of the Earth (no K)
- Multidisciplinary research: particle physics&geophysics

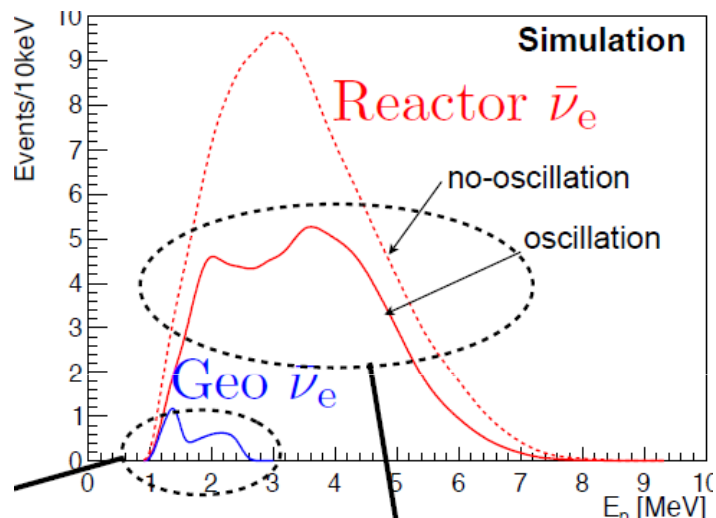
# geov and reactors

Simulation for Borexino



1MeV  $\approx$  500 p.e.

Simulation for Kamland



- Reactors antineutrinos are a source of background
- Lower effect in Borexino (there are not near reactors)
- Borexino has also lower background (accidental,  $\alpha n \dots$ )  $^{13}\text{C} (^{210}\text{Po } \alpha, n) ^{16}\text{O}$
- But larger target mass in Kamland 300t/1000t before the FV cuts

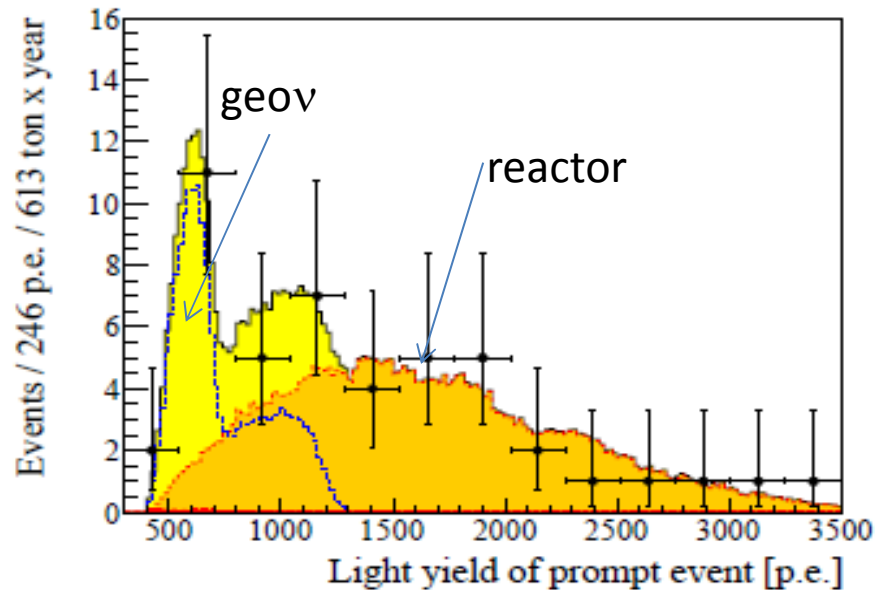
# Borexino geov results

Exposure: 613 ton year ( $3.69 \cdot 10^{31}$  proton year)

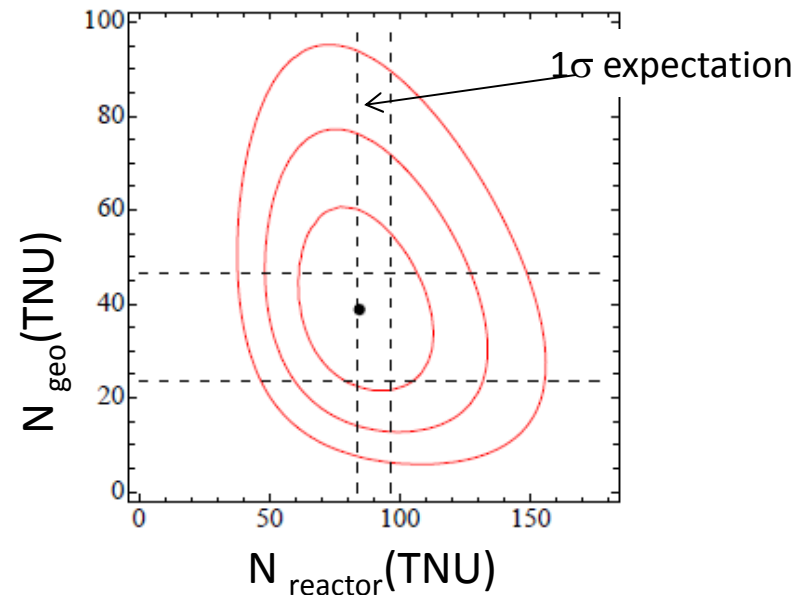
TNU=1ev/ (y  $10^{32}$  protons)

$N_{\text{reactor}}$ Expected with osc.	$N_{\text{reactor}}$ Expected no osc.	Others back.	$N_{\text{geo}}$ measured	$N_{\text{reactor}}$ measured	$N_{\text{geo}}$ measured	$N_{\text{reactor}}$ measured
events	Events	events	events	events	TNU	TNU
$33.3 \pm 2.4$	$60.4 \pm 2.4$	$0.70 \pm 0.18$	$14.3 \pm 4.4$	$31.2_{-6.1}^{+7}$	$38.8 \pm 12.0$	$84.5^{+19.3}_{-16.9}$

Unbinned likelihood fit

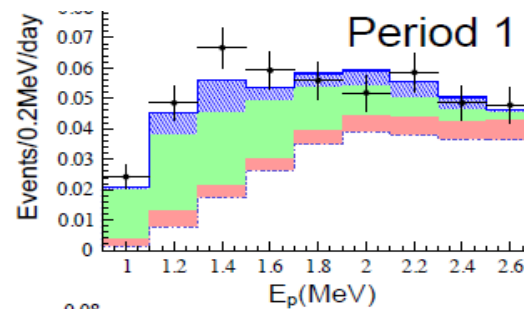
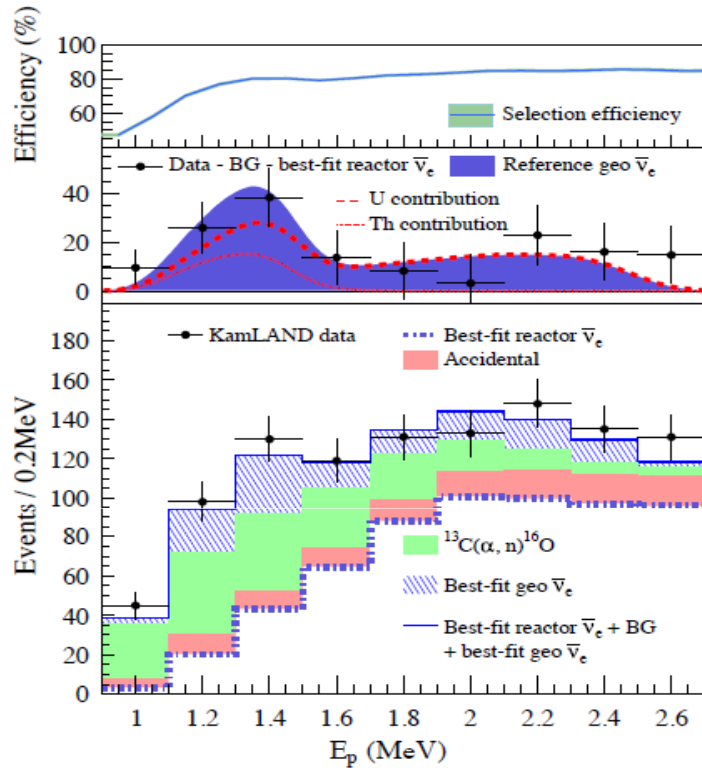


No geov signal: rejected at  $4.5 \sigma$  C.L.

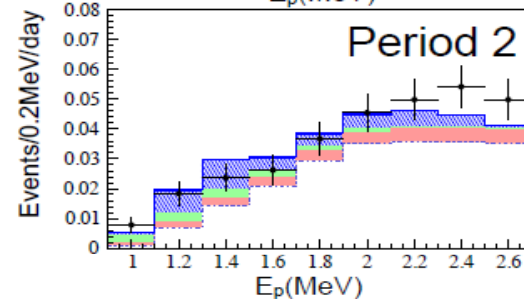


# Kamland geov results

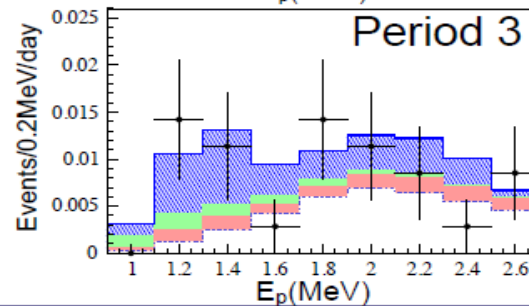
Exposure:  $(5.98 \cdot 10^{31} \text{ proton year})$



2002-2007



During and after  
scintillator purification  
 $\alpha n$  background reduced  
Cross section measured



After the installation  
on the Xe ballon

Background studied during the reactor off period after the Earthquake (from March 2011)

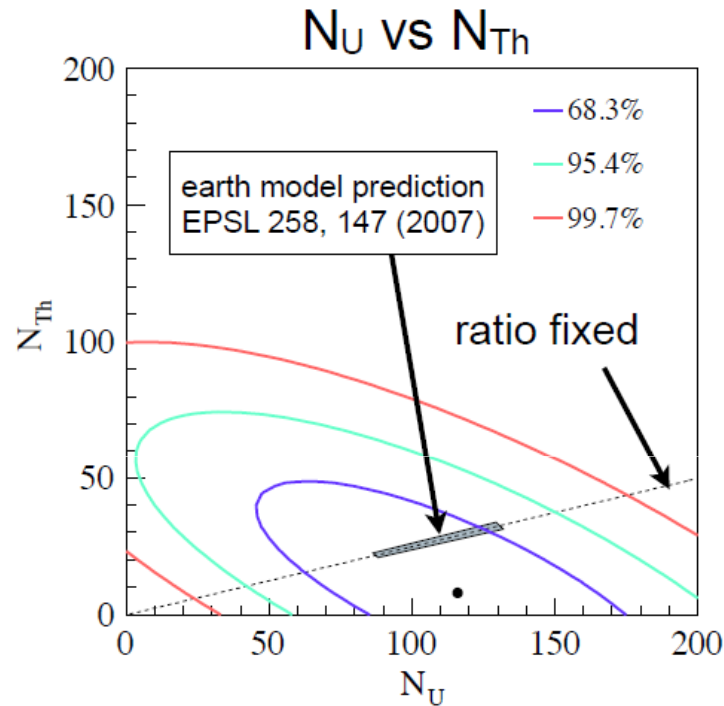
Best fit :  $N(\text{U+Th}) \ 116^{+28}_{-27} \quad 31.1 \pm 7.3 \ \text{TNU}$

Flux :  $3.4^{+0.8}_{-0.8} \times 10^6 \ \text{cm}^{-2} \ \text{s}^{-1}$

H. Watanabe Neutrino Geoscience 2013

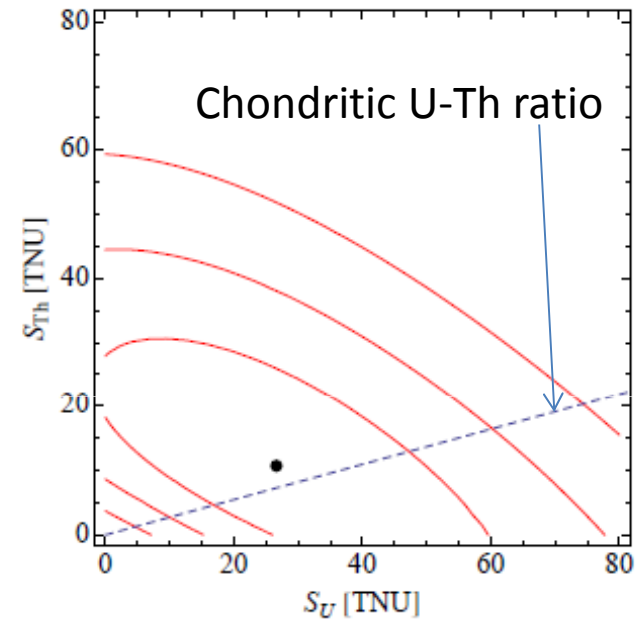
# Try to find the contribution of U and Th

Kamland



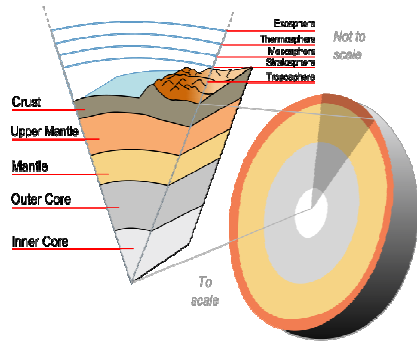
**k** Best fit  
 $S(^{238}\text{U}) = 116$  events  
 $S(^{232}\text{Th}) = 8$  events

Borexino



Best fit  
 $S(^{238}\text{U}) = 26.5 \pm 19.5$  TNU  
 $S(^{232}\text{Th}) = 10.6 \pm 12.7$  TNU

# Geov: implications about Earth models



For each element (U,Th) the expected geov signal  $S$  in one site on the Earth's surface is the sum of 3 contributions

$$S_{\text{Expected}} = S_{\text{LOCAL}} + S_{\text{Rest Of Crust}} + S_{\text{Mantle}}$$

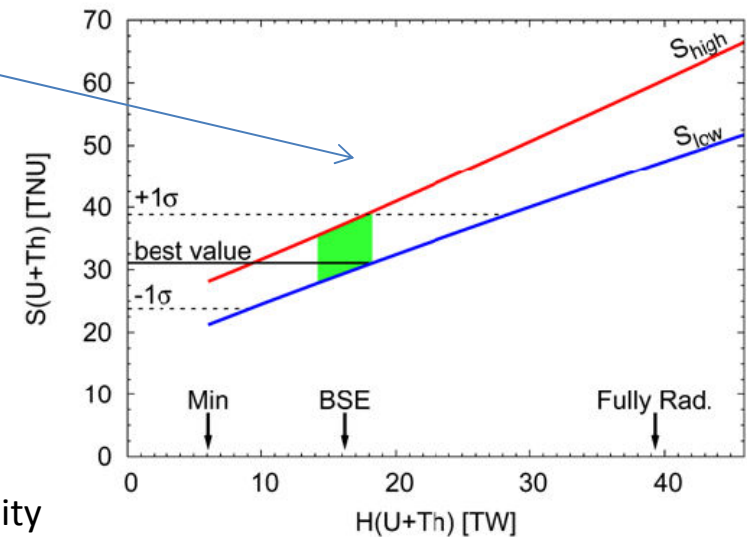
$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$S_{\text{Mantle}} = S_{\text{Measured}} - (S_{\text{LOCAL}} + S_{\text{Rest Of Crust}})$$

It depends on local geology

We are interested in **the Mantle** contribution which is related to the U,Th mass (or radiogenic heat) in a model dependent way (red and blue plot)

	LOC (TNU)	ROC (TNU)	DATA (TNU)	MANTLE (TNU)	U+Th (TW)
Kamland	17.7±1.4	7.3±1.4	31.1±7.3	6.1±7.6	13±9
Borexino	9.7±1.3	13.7 ±2.5	38.8±12.0	15.4±12.3	23±14



- Data not yet precise enough to select Earth models
- New multidisciplinary area, large interest from the geo- community

Adapted from F. Mantovani , Neutrino Geoscience 2013



## Geov: perspectives

SNO+ expected 28-38 events/year (Fiorentini et al,2005)  
(50-67 TNU)

LENA about  $10^3$  events/year !!!

(Hano Hano: 10 Kt liquid scintillator movable and placed in the deep ocean  
60-100 events/year )

## SUPERNOVA neutrinos

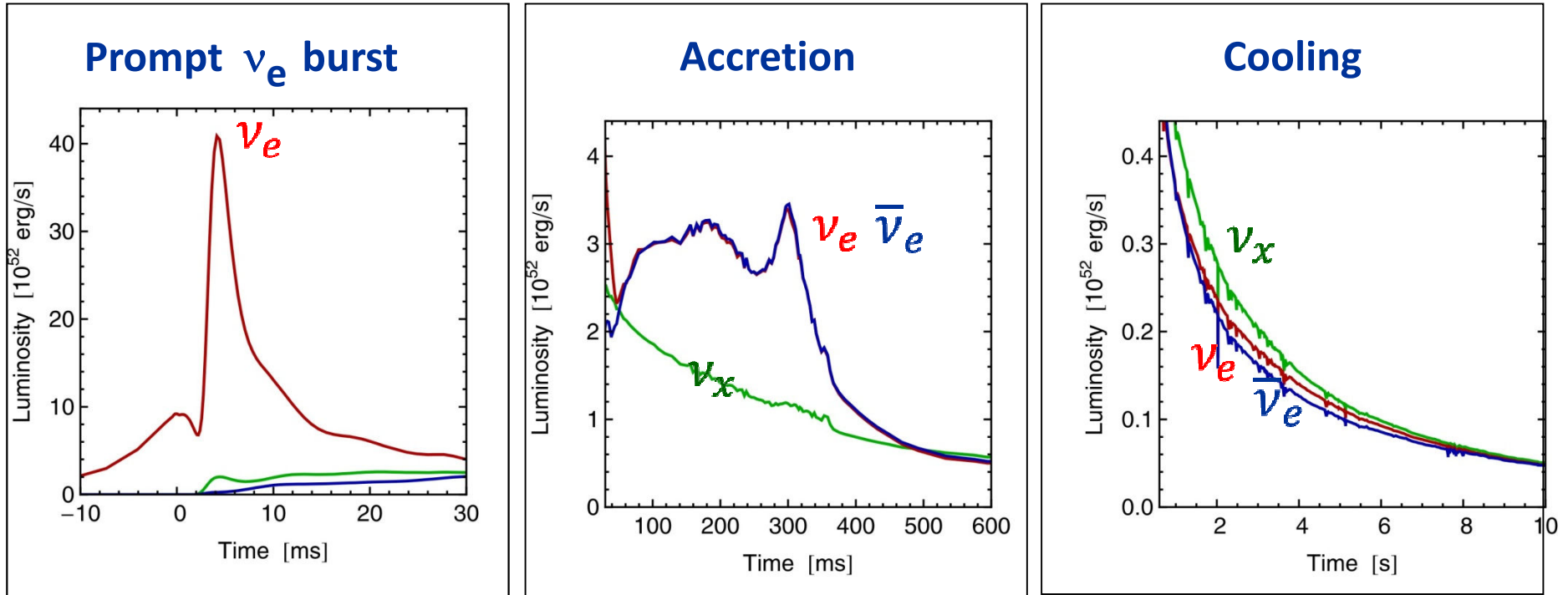
- About 20 events from SN1987A detected by Kamiokandell, IMB (water Cerenkov)+ Baksan, LSD (scintillators)
- Supernova rate: few/100 years
- Not negligible probability now
- Present and planned neutrino detectors may see order of magnitudes more events than the SN1987A

- Many models
- Stellar physics
- MSW
- Neutrino-neutrino interactions – collective flavour oscillations
- Special signature in the emitted neutrino spectra
- Complicated link between shape of the original  $\nu$  flux and oscillations
- Signature in the shape of the spectra reaching the detectors
- Light curves: time evolution of the detected neutrino signals
- Earth matter effect

} Effect sensitive to the mass hierarchy

S. Choubey et al. arXiv:1008.0308 (2010) with many references  
Dighe, Smirnov arXiv: 9907423v2 (1999)

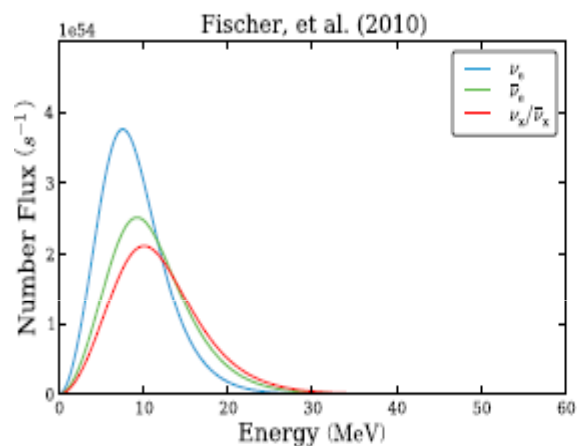
# SUPERNOVA neutrinos: example of time evolution of n luminosity



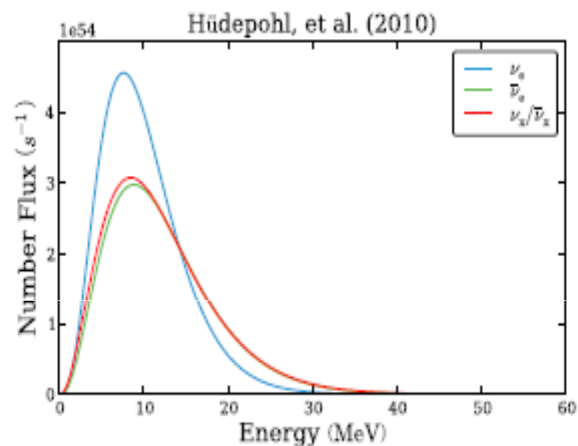
Fisher et al.,2010 [arxiv:0908.1871]

# SUPERNOVA neutrinos: several differences in models

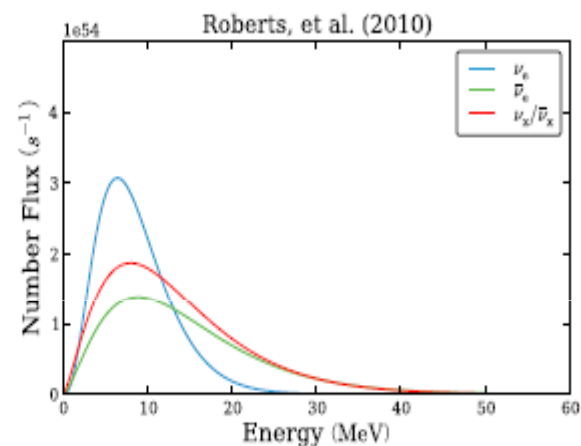
## 2s post core bounce



Fischer, et al. (2010)  
Classic energy hierarchy  
Symmetric late time spectra



Hüdepohl, et al. (2010)  
Anomalously hot  $\bar{\nu}'_e$ s.  
Symmetric late time spectra



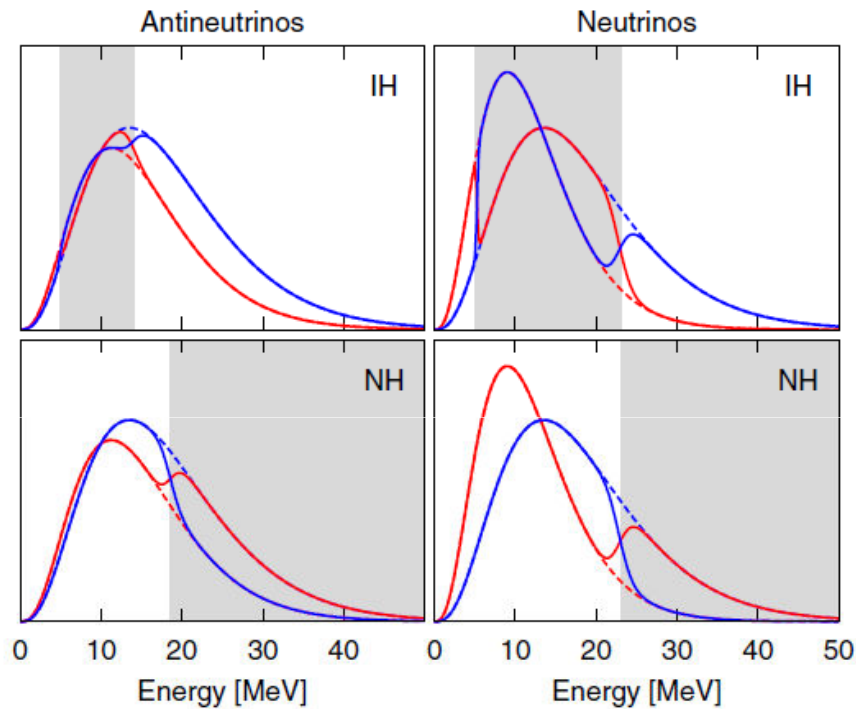
Roberts, et al. (2012)  
Anomalously hot  $\bar{\nu}'_e$ s.  
Asymmetric late time spectra

Adapted from H. Duan, JJ Cherry "Aspen Winter Workshop" Feb 2013

# SUPERNOVA neutrinos: complicated dynamics due to collective effects

B. Dasgupta et al.  
PRL 103 051105 (2009)

$\nu_e$   $\nu_x$



MSW complicates the picture  
signatures in the final spectra  
depend on model details  
Neutrino physics + Astrophysics

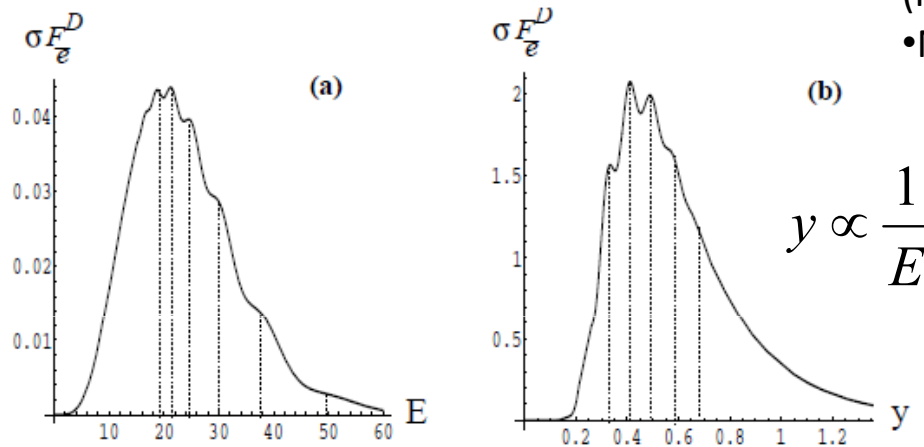
S. Choubey et al. arXiv:1008.0308 (2010)

FIG. 1 (color online). SN neutrino spectra before (dashed lines) and after (solid lines) collective oscillations, but before possible Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein conversions. The panels are for  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$ , each time for IH and NH. Light gray (red) lines  $e$  flavor, dark gray (blue)  $x$  flavor. Shaded regions mark swap intervals.

# SUPERNOVA neutrinos: Earth matter effect and spectral modulation

A.S. Dighe et al. arXiv:0304 150 v2

- Peaks are equally spaced
- In the  $y$  variable
- Specific frequency (not related to the original spectrum)
- Need high resolution (liquid scintillators)



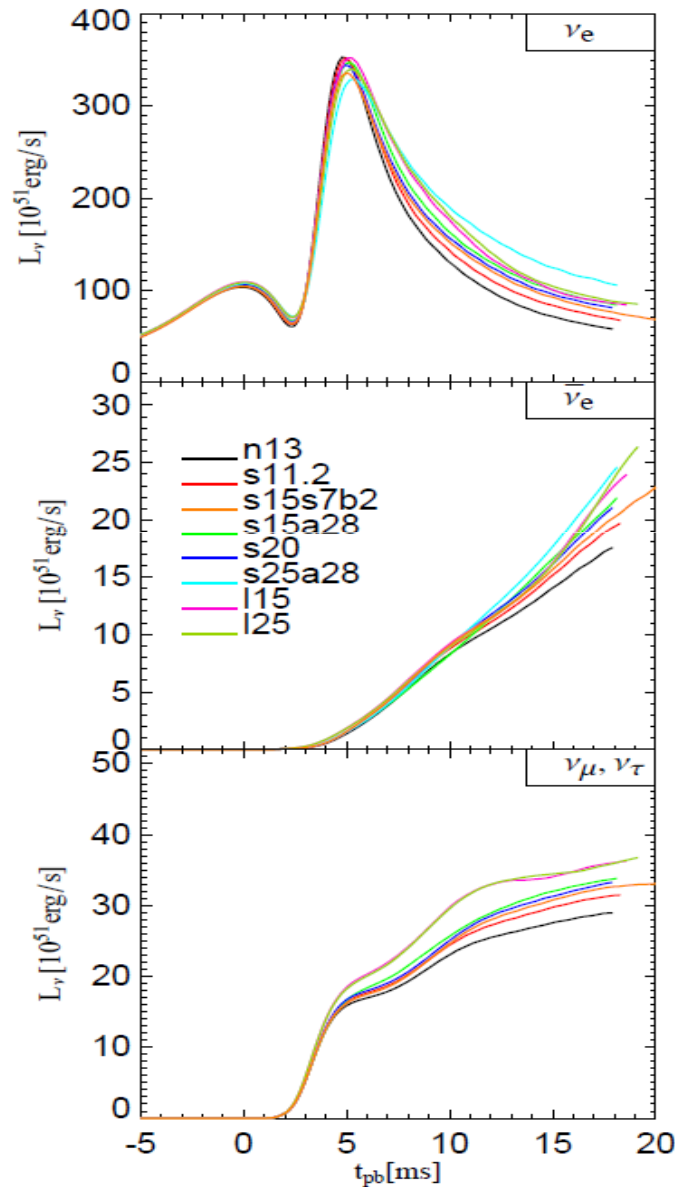
**Figure 1.** The energy spectrum (a) and the inverse-energy spectrum (b) of  $\sigma F_e^D$ . The fluxes are normalized such that the area under each curve is unity. For all the examples in this paper, we use the primary neutrino flux parameters  $\alpha_{\bar{\nu}_e} = \alpha_{\bar{\nu}_x} = 3.0$ ,  $\langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle = 15$  MeV,  $\langle E_{\bar{\nu}_x} \rangle = 18$  MeV,  $\Phi_{\bar{\nu}_e}^0 / \Phi_{\bar{\nu}_x}^0 = 0.8$ , which are realistic for the fluxes during the cooling phase. For the mixing parameters, we use  $\Delta m_{21}^2 = 6$  (in  $10^{-5}$  eV<sup>2</sup>) and  $\sin^2(2\theta_{12}) = 0.9$ . The distance travelled through the Earth is  $L = 6$  (in 1000 km) unless otherwise specified.

Difficulties due to the low energy and degeneration of new models discussed in

E. Boriello et hep-ph 1207.5049v2

Modulation in the anti-neutrino spectrum means NH but collective effects complicates the picture

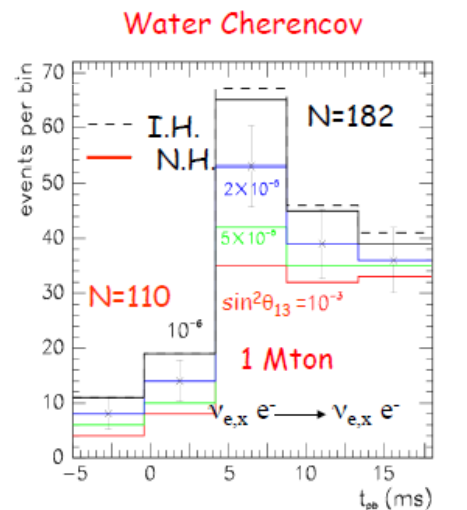
# SUPERNOVA neutrinos: time structure of the first (20 ms) $\nu_e$ burst



Non observation of the peak in the  $\nu_e$  channel identifies NH

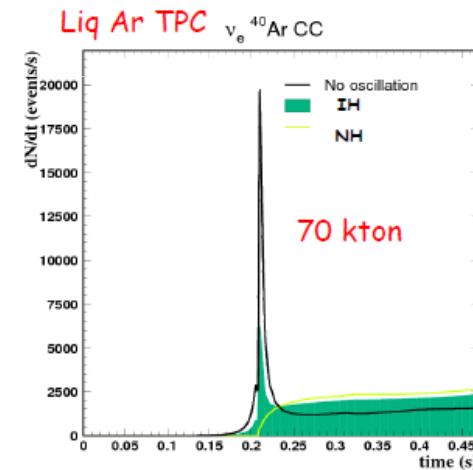
Presence of the peak not very sensitive to details of Stellar modeling

Possible detection in future detectors..



[M.Kachelriess & R. Tomas, hep-ph/0412082]

- The peak is not seen →
- The peak is seen →



[I.Gil-Botella & A.Rubbia, hep-ph/0307244]

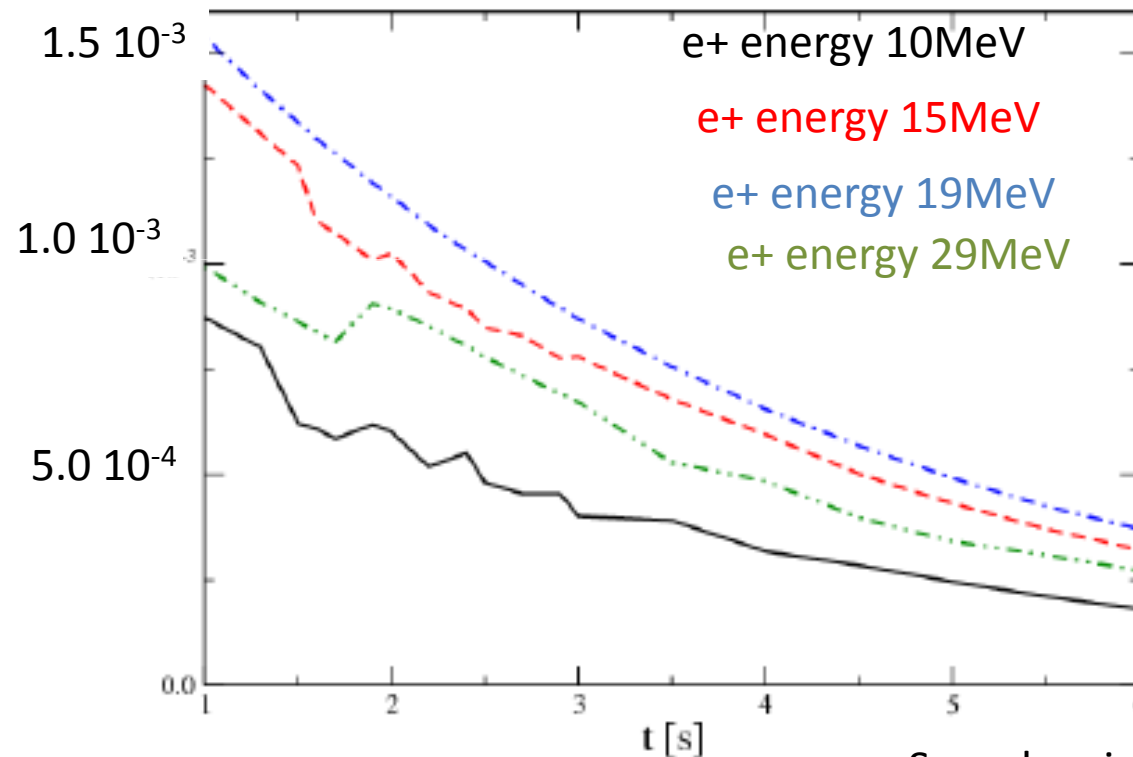
The hierarchy is **normal**

The hierarchy is **inverted**

# SUPERNOVA neutrinos: time structures at late times

- $e^+$  events/(MeV s ton) vs time as detected in inverse beta decay  $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$
- Neutrinos in the cooling phase including shock waves and  $\nu\nu$  interactions

J. Gava et al., PRL 103 (071101) (2009)



NH: exponential shape  
 IH : structures in the spectrum of anti- $\nu_e$

Superkamiokande could see the effect



## SUPERNOVA neutrinos: several channels in present and future detectors

Inverse beta decay	$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$	1.8 MeV threshold, high cross section Clean signature if n can be detected (Liquid scint., Gd in water at Superk)
Elastic scatt.	$\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-$	All flavour, directionality, no energy threshold
CC reactions on nuclei	$\nu_e + (N, Z) \rightarrow (N-1, Z+1) + e^-$ $\bar{\nu}_e + (N, Z) \rightarrow (N+1, Z-1) + e^+$	E threshold, signature (daughter in excited states)
vp elastic scattering	$\nu + p \rightarrow \nu + p$	Low recoil energy Ok for scintillators (many free protons) Sensitive to $\nu_x$
$\nu$ Nucleus elastic scattering		Low recoil energy Possible in cryogenic noble liquid scintillators

## SUPERNOVA neutrinos: expected number of events

Take this as example:  
many variations from model to model

Detector	Type	Mass (kt)	Location	Events	Live period
Baksan	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n</sub>	0.33	Caucasus	50	1980-present
LVD	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n</sub>	1	Italy	300	1992-present
Super-Kamiokande	H <sub>2</sub> O	32	Japan	7,000	1996-present
KamLAND	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n</sub>	1	Japan	300	2002-present
MiniBooNE*	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n</sub>	0.7	USA	200	2002-present
Borexino	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n</sub>	0.3	Italy	100	2005-present
IceCube	Long string	0.6/PMT	South Pole	N/A	2007-present
Icarus	Ar	0.6	Italy	60	Near future
HALO	Pb	0.08	Canada	30	Near future
SNO+	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n</sub>	0.8	Canada	300	Near future
MicroBooNE*	Ar	0.17	USA	17	Near future
NO $\nu$ A*	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n</sub>	15	USA	4,000	Near future
LBNE liquid argon	Ar	34	USA	3,000	Future
LBNE water Cherenkov	H <sub>2</sub> O	200	USA	44,000	Proposed
MEMPHYS	H <sub>2</sub> O	440	Europe	88,000	Future
Hyper-Kamiokande	H <sub>2</sub> O	540	Japan	110,000	Future
LENA	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n</sub>	50	Europe	15,000	Future
GLACIER	Ar	100	Europe	9,000	Future

SuperK: mainly  $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$

→ Addition of Gd in water:  
project well advanced!!

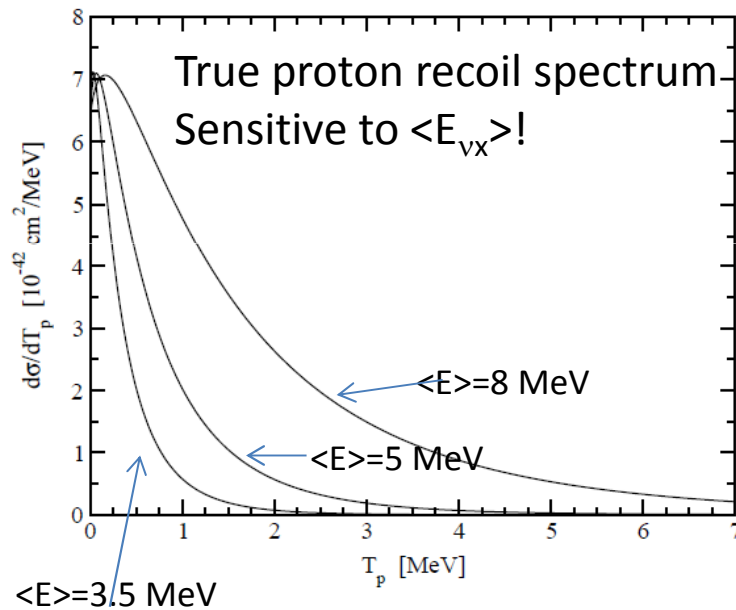
K. Scholberg arxiv 1205.6003v1 (2012)

# SUPERNOVA neutrinos: $\nu p$ elastic scattering in low background liquid scintillators

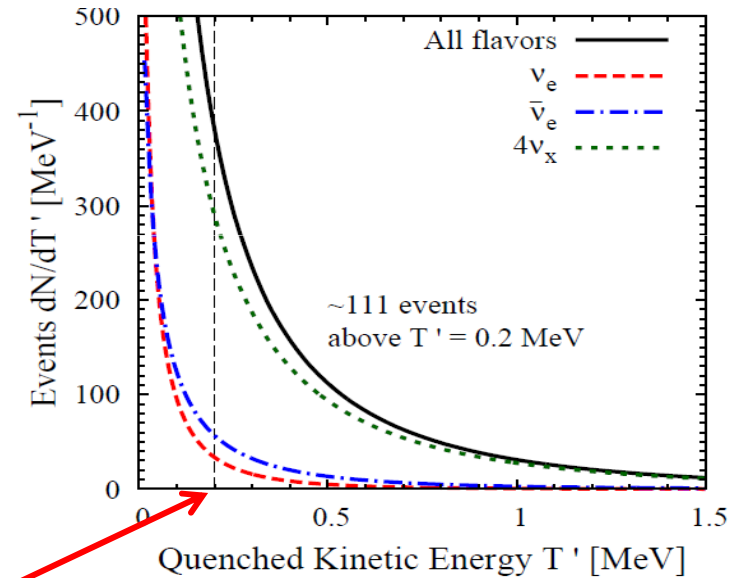
B. Dasgupta, J. Beacom arxiv 1103.2768 (2011)  
 J. Beacom et al., arxiv 0205220 (2002)

- Superkamiokande will mainly measure anti- $\nu_e$
- $\nu_e$ : the best detector is probably liquid argon
- $\nu p$  scattering important for measuring the spectrum of  $\nu_\mu$ ,  $\nu_\tau$  and antineutrinos (all  $\nu_x$ )

$$\frac{dN}{dT_p}(T_p) = C \int_{(E_\nu)_{min}}^{\infty} dE_\nu f(E_\nu) \frac{d\sigma}{dT_p}(E_\nu, T_p)$$



Expected recoil spectrum including quenching (SNO+ taken as example)



200 KeV energy threshold

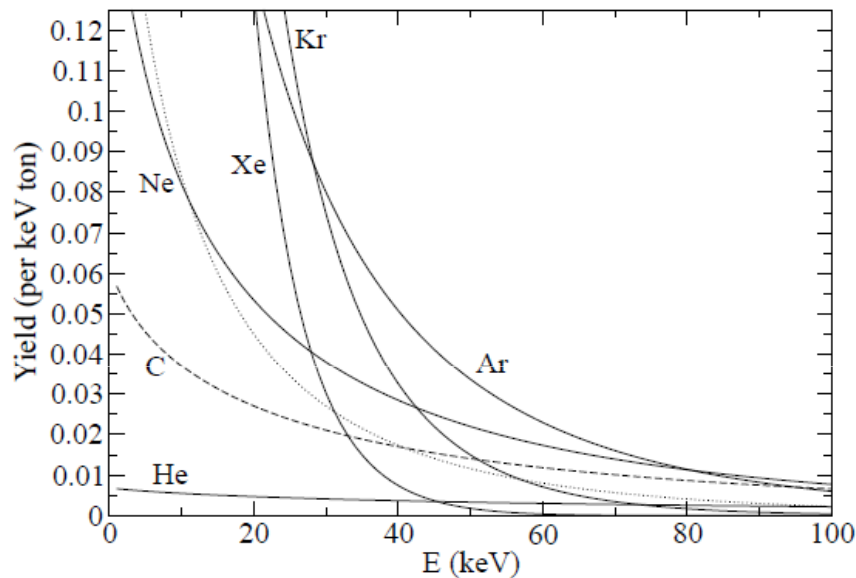
111 events @ SNO+  
 27 @ Borexino  
 66 @ Kamland  
 $>10^3$  @ LENA

Low background technologies developed for solar  $\nu$  make detectors powerful for Supernova ....

# SUPERNOVA neutrinos: $\nu$ nucleus elastic scattering

C.J.Horowitz et al, arxiv 03002071 (2003)

Recoil energy spectrum of some nucleus:  
 $\langle E_{\nu x} \rangle = 8 \text{ MeV}$



Events/tons for a supernova at 10Kpc

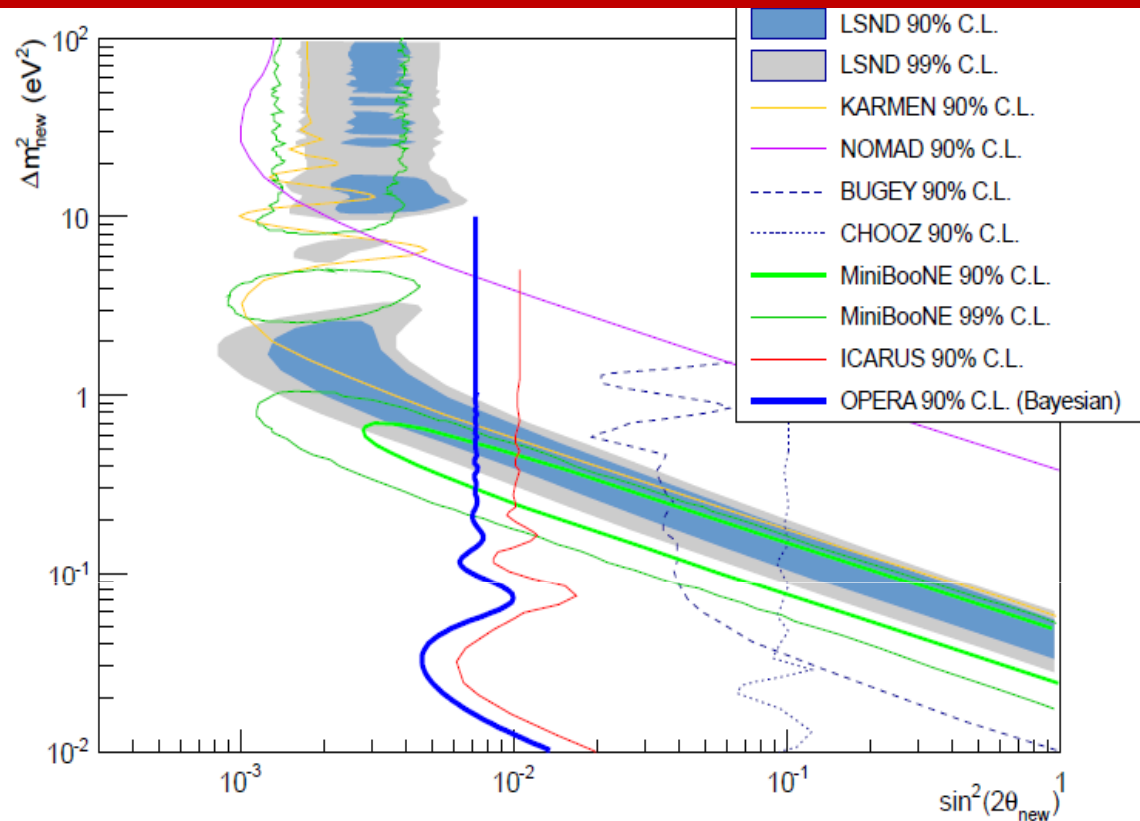
**Table I: Yield.**

Target	Y	Y > 5 keV	Y > 10 keV	Y > 25 keV	Y > 50 keV	$\langle E \rangle$ (keV)
$^4\text{He}$	0.85	0.82	0.79	0.72	0.62	240
$^{12}\text{C}$	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.6	1.1	83
$^{20}\text{Ne}$	4.0	3.3	2.9	2.0	1.2	46
$^{28}\text{Si}$	5.5	4.2	3.4	2.1	1.1	31
$^{40}\text{Ar}$	9.4	6.6	5.0	2.5	0.99	21
$^{76}\text{Ge}$	18.6	9.6	5.8	1.7	0.30	9.5
$^{84}\text{Kr}$	19.8	9.5	5.5	1.4	0.20	8.4
$^{114}\text{Cd}$	26.3	9.7	4.6	0.70	0.041	5.7
$^{130}\text{Te}$	31.8	10.1	4.3	0.47	0.014	4.8
$^{132}\text{Xe}$	31.1	9.8	4.1	0.43	0.012	4.8
$^{208}\text{Pb}$	47.5	7.3	1.7	0.022	0.001	2.6

Few hundreds events expected in CLEAN 100t

- Detection channel relevant for Cryogenic Detectors like Xmass and CLEAN
- WIMP (Ar, Xe...) detectors should have background low enough
- We need large mass

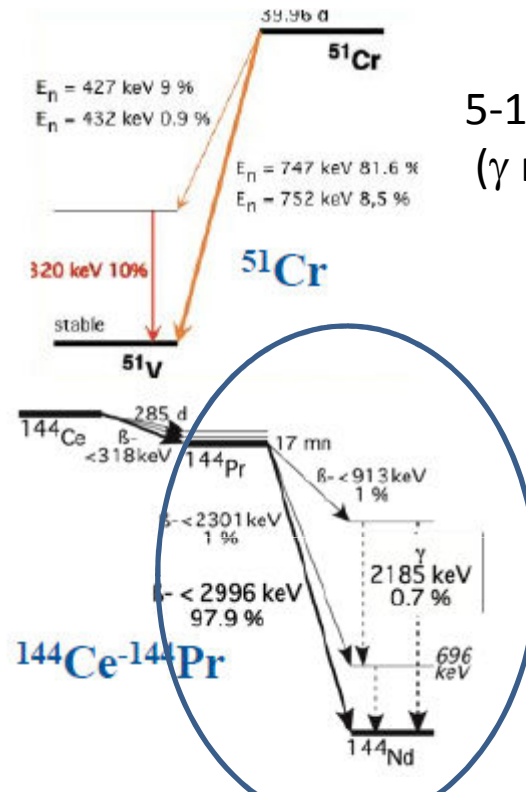
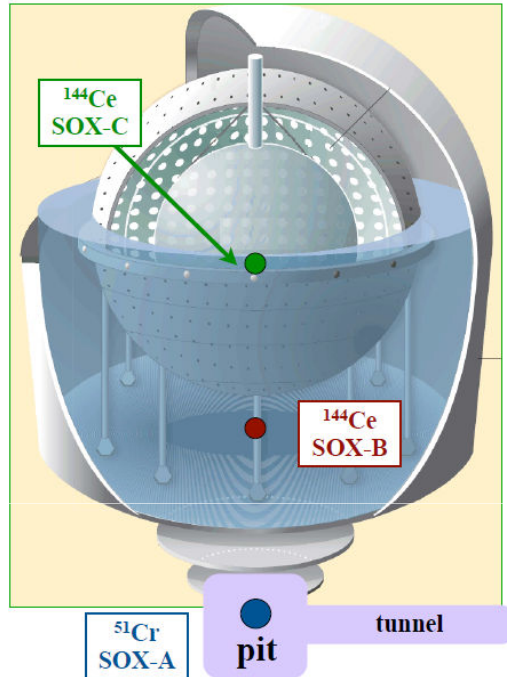
# $\nu$ or anti $\nu$ sources in the low energy scintillator detectors to probe sterile neutrinos



Plot taken from arxiv 1303.353 (2013) (Opera collaboration)

- LSND +MiniBoone
- Reactor anomaly  
(flux measured at 100m too low)
- Gallium anomaly  
(low rate measured by Gallium and Sage when exposed to  $\nu$  source low)

# SOX (Source Oscillation Experiment) in Borexino



arxiv 1304.7721 (2013) Borexino Coll.  
 arxiv 1107.2335 (2011) M. Cribier et al.

5-10 MCi , external  $\nu$  sources  
 ( $\gamma$  rays forbid to put it inside)

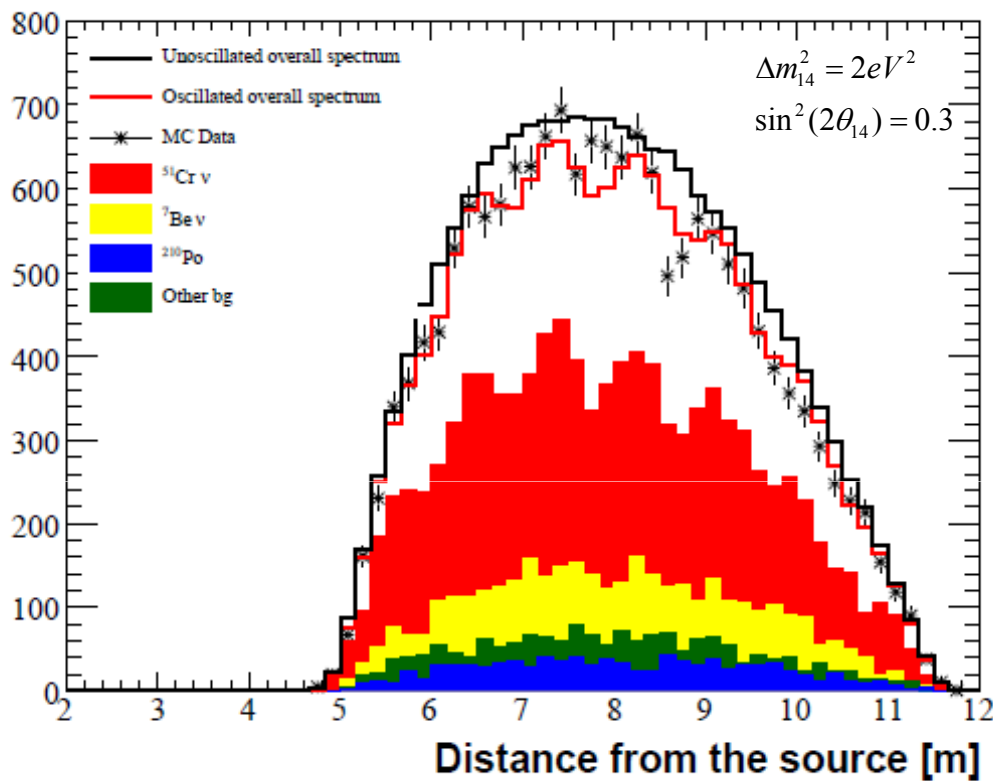
- Similar considerations apply for sources in Kamland or SNO+
- SOX is funded and it started

50-100 kCi  
 Internal, anti  $\nu$

Source	Production	$T$ (days)	Decay mode	Energy [MeV]	Mass [kg/MCi]	Heat [W/kCi]
$^{51}\text{Cr}$ $\nu_e$	Neutron irradiation of $^{50}\text{Cr}$ in reactor $\Phi_n \approx 5 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	40	EC $\gamma$ 320 keV (10%)	0.746	0.011	0.19
$^{144}\text{Ce}-^{144}\text{Pr}$ $\bar{\nu}_e$	Chemical extraction from spent nuclear fuel	411	$\beta^-$	<2.9975	0.314	7.6

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<sup>51</sup>Cr external



$$P_{ee} = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{14} \sin^2 \frac{1.27\Delta m_{41}^2 (eV^2)L(m)}{E(MeV)}$$

$$\Delta m_{14}^2 \approx eV^2$$

$$E \approx MeV$$

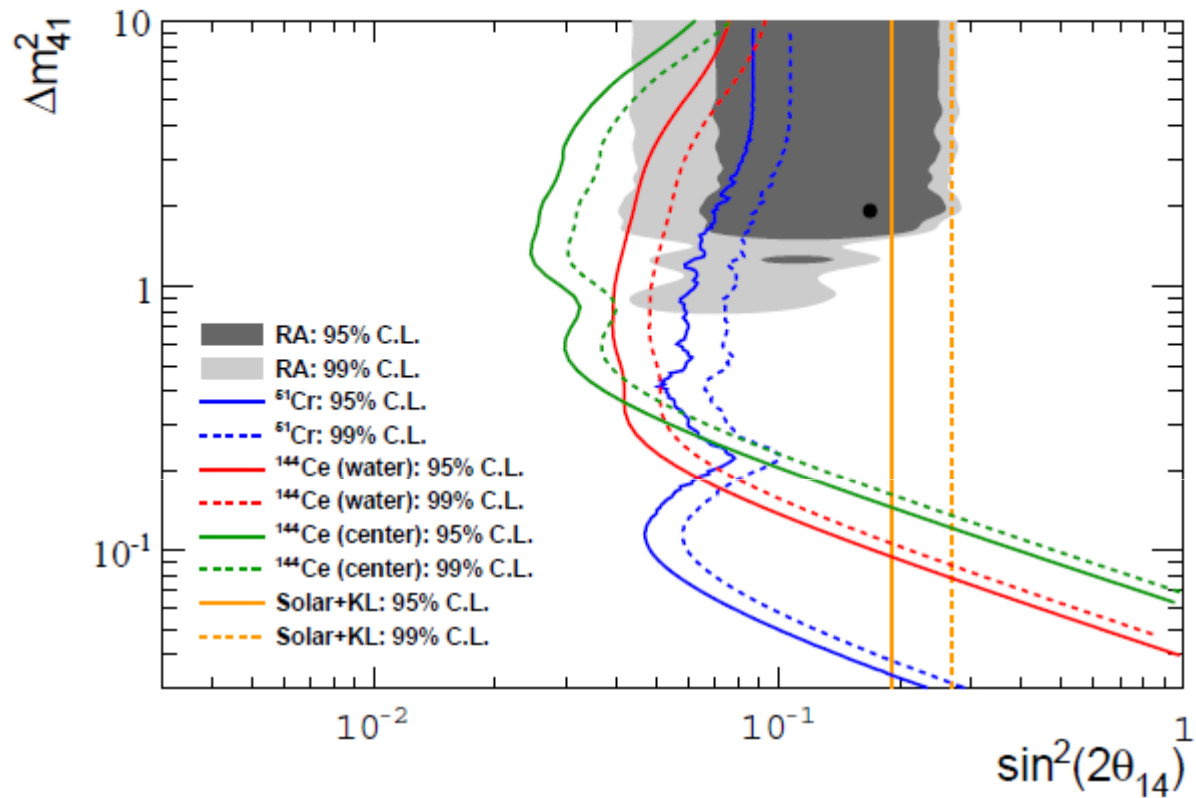
$$L \approx m$$

Space resolution 15cm

Source external

- 1) Disappearance
- 2) Oscillations: rate vs distance from the source

# SOX (Source Oscillation Experiment) sensitivity



10 MCi (370 PBq)  $^{51}\text{Cr}$     few months (the source decays)  
 75kCi (2.3 PBq)  $^{144}\text{Ce}$     1.5 years



## Conclusions

- Solar neutrinos entered in the spectroscopy phase
- Interest for solar models (CNO)
- Verification of the oscillation physics (pep for Pee and NSI, Upturn of 8B)
- Direct pp measurement expected
  
- Geoneutrinos have been detected : more data are necessary to constrain Earth models
  
- Low background detectors developed for solar physics have great potential for Supernova
- Understanding details of supernova physics demands next generation detectors (high statistics)
- Supernova neutrinos are very rich of informations about astrophysics and neutrino properties
  
- $\nu$  or anti  $\nu$  sources close or inside Borexino (or Kamland or similar detectors) can probe all the parameter space of the “Reactor anomaly” clarifying the issue of sterile neutrinos