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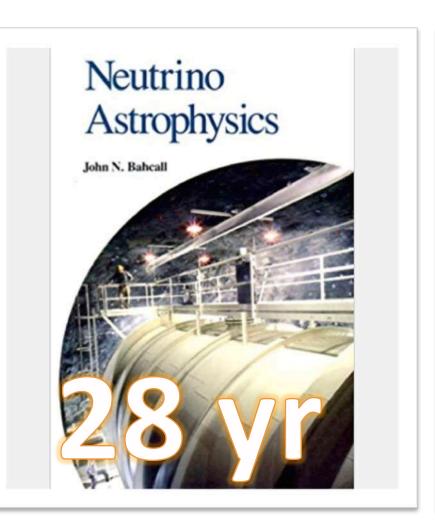
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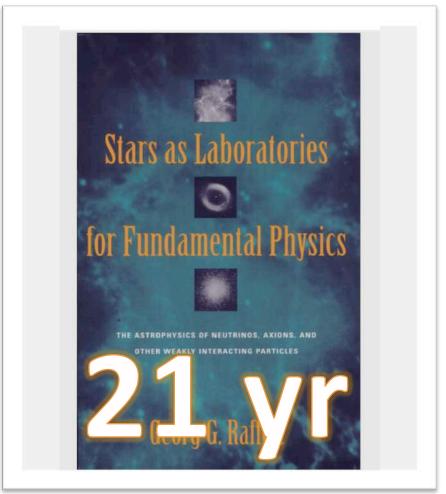
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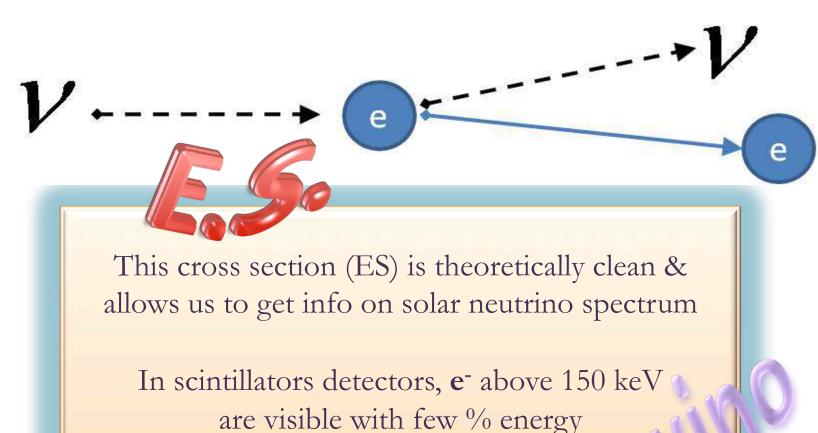
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This cross section (ES) is theoretically clean & allows us to get info on solar neutrino spectrum

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pp I	$p+p \rightarrow D+\beta^++\nu_e$	1442	420	BX
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pep	$p+p+e \rightarrow D+v_e$	1442	1442	BX
pp II	$^{3}\text{He} + ^{4}\text{He} \rightarrow ^{7}\text{Be} + \gamma$	1586	: <del>-</del> :	
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pp III	$^{7}\text{Be} + \text{p} \rightarrow {}^{8}\text{B} + \gamma$	137		
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	$^{8}\mathrm{Be^{*}} \rightarrow 2\alpha$	$E_x$	: <b>=</b> :	
hep (pp IV)	$^{3}$ He + p $\rightarrow \alpha + \beta^{+} + \nu_{e}$	19795	18773	SK? SNO?
CNO-I	$^{12}\text{C} + \text{p} \rightarrow ^{13}\text{N} + \gamma$	1943	(F)	
	$^{13}N \rightarrow ^{13}C + \beta^+ + \nu_e$	2221	1199	BX?
	$^{13}\text{C} + \text{p} \rightarrow ^{14}\text{N} + \gamma$	7551	( <del>=</del> )	
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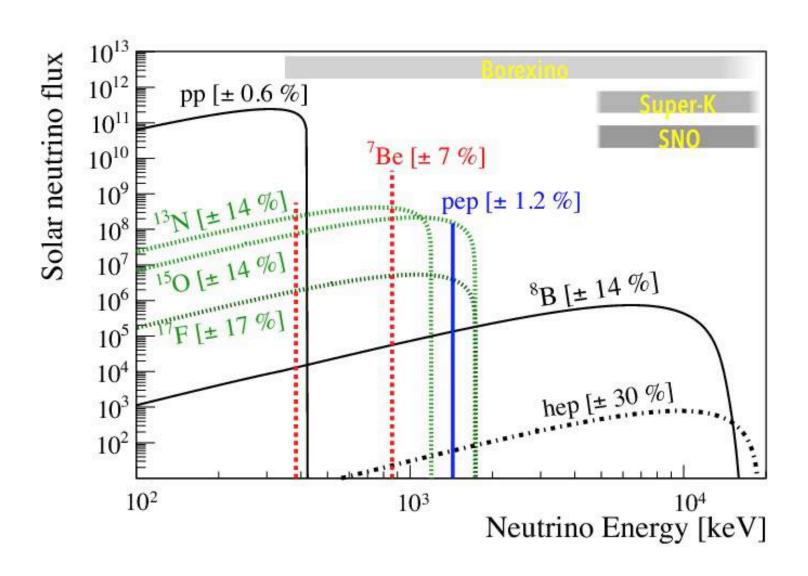
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pp III	$^{7}\text{Be} + \text{p} \rightarrow {}^{8}\text{B} + \gamma$	137	(#)	
	$^{8}\mathrm{B} \rightarrow {}^{8}\mathrm{Be^*} + \beta^{+} + \nu_{e}$	$18471 - E_x$	14600÷15100	SK SNO BX
	$^8\mathrm{Be}^* \to 2\alpha$	$E_x$	-	
hep (pp IV)	$^{3}$ He + p $\rightarrow \alpha + \beta^{+} + \nu_{e}$	19795	18773	SK? SNO?
CNO-I	$^{12}\text{C} + \text{p} \rightarrow ^{13}\text{N} + \gamma$	1943	(3)	
	$^{13}N \rightarrow ^{13}C + \beta^+ + \nu_e$	2221	1199	BX?
	$^{13}\text{C} + \text{p} \rightarrow ^{14}\text{N} + \gamma$	7551	(H)	
	$^{14}N+p \rightarrow ^{15}O+\gamma$	7297	128	
	$^{15}\text{O} \rightarrow ^{15}\text{N} + \beta^+ + \nu_e$	2754	1732	BX?
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SK and SNO probe 0.02% of SSM  $\checkmark$  flux

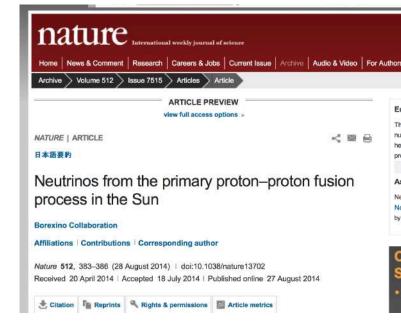
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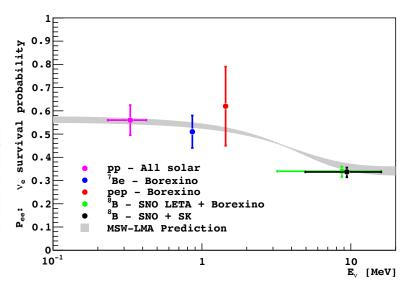
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	$^3$ He $+^3$ He $\rightarrow \alpha + 2$ p	12860	(94)	
pep	$p+p+e \rightarrow D+v_e$	1442	1442	BX
pp II	$^{3}\text{He} + ^{4}\text{He} \rightarrow ^{7}\text{Be} + \gamma$	1586	1 <del>4</del> 1	
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hep (pp IV)	$^{3}$ He + p $\rightarrow \alpha + \beta^{+} + \nu_{e}$	19795	18773	SK? SNO?
CNO-I	$^{12}\text{C} + \text{p} \rightarrow ^{13}\text{N} + \gamma$	1943	-	
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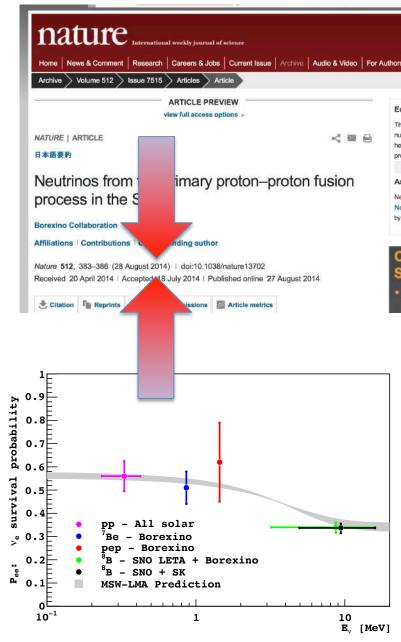
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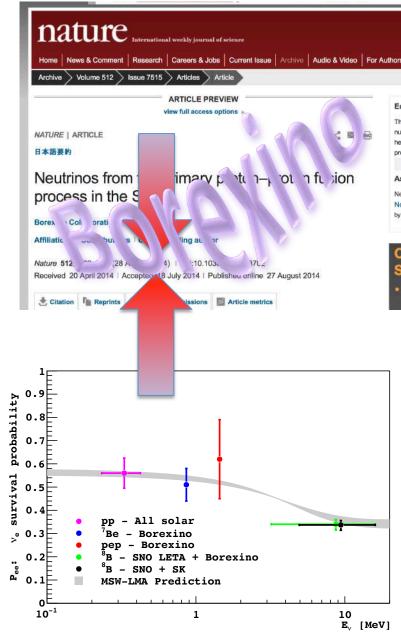
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pp III	$^{7}\text{Be} + \text{p} \rightarrow {}^{8}\text{B} + \gamma$	137	(=)	
7,70	$^{8}\mathrm{B} \rightarrow {}^{8}\mathrm{Be^*} + \beta^{+} + \nu_{e}$	$18471 - E_x$	14600÷15100	SK SNO BX
	$^8\mathrm{Be^*} \to 2\alpha$	$E_x$	-	
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	$^{13}\text{C} + \text{p} \rightarrow ^{14}\text{N} + \gamma$	7551	( <del>=</del> )	
	$^{14}N + p \rightarrow ^{15}O + \gamma$	7297	526	
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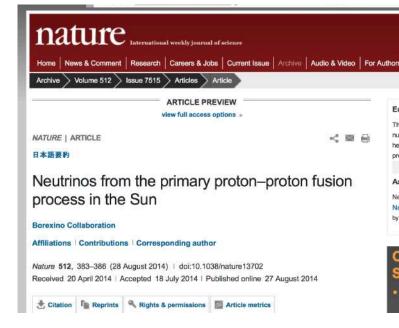
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	$^{3}$ He $+$ $^{3}$ He $\rightarrow \alpha + 2$ p	12860	(24)	
pep	$p+p+e \rightarrow D+v_e$	1442	1442	BX
pp II	$^{3}\text{He} + ^{4}\text{He} \rightarrow ^{7}\text{Be} + \gamma$	1586	19 <del>4</del> 1	
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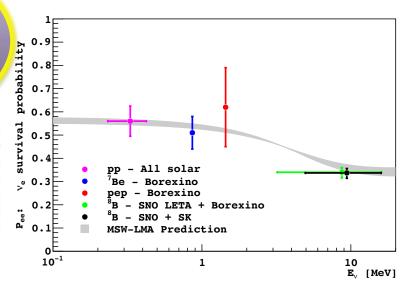
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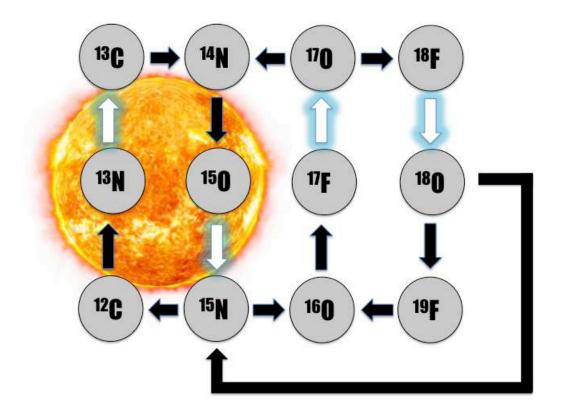


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	$^{3}\text{He} + ^{3}\text{He} \rightarrow \alpha + 2\text{p}$	12860	(=)	
pep	$p+p+e \rightarrow D+v_e$	1442	1442	BX
pp II	$^{3}\text{He} + ^{4}\text{He} \rightarrow ^{7}\text{Be} + \gamma$	1586	-	
	$^{7}$ Be $+e \rightarrow ^{7}$ Li $+v_{e}$	862, 384	862, 384	BX, (BX?)
	$^{7}\text{Li} + e \rightarrow 2\alpha$	17347	(4)	
pp III	7 <sub>Ro</sub>	101		
	$Be^* + \beta^+ + v_e$	$18471 - E_x$	14600÷1510	O BX
	$^{8}\mathrm{Be^{*}} \rightarrow 2\alpha$	$E_{x}$	.=	
p (pp IV)	$^{3}$ He + p $\rightarrow \alpha + \beta^{+} + \nu_{e}$	19795	18773	SK? SNO?
CNO-I	$^{12}C + p \rightarrow ^{13}N + \gamma$ $^{13}N \rightarrow ^{13}C + \beta^{+} + \nu_{e}$	1943	(#)	
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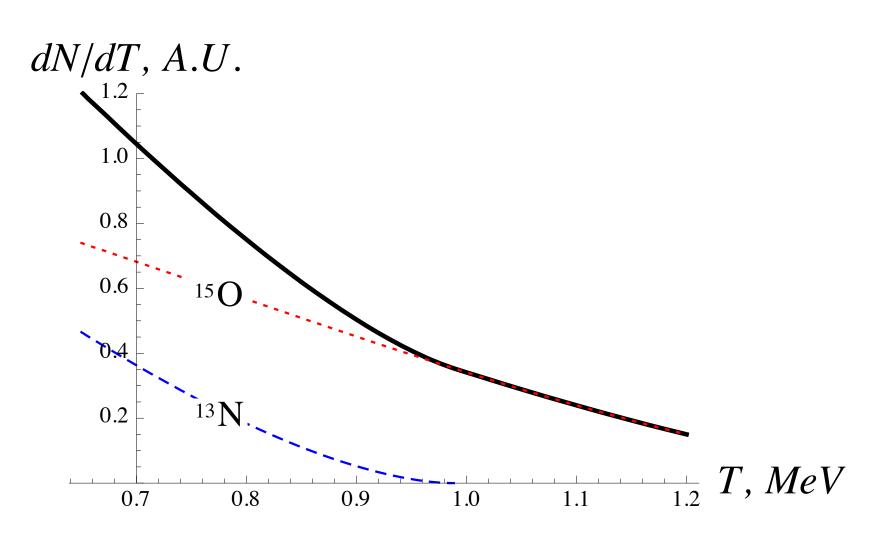


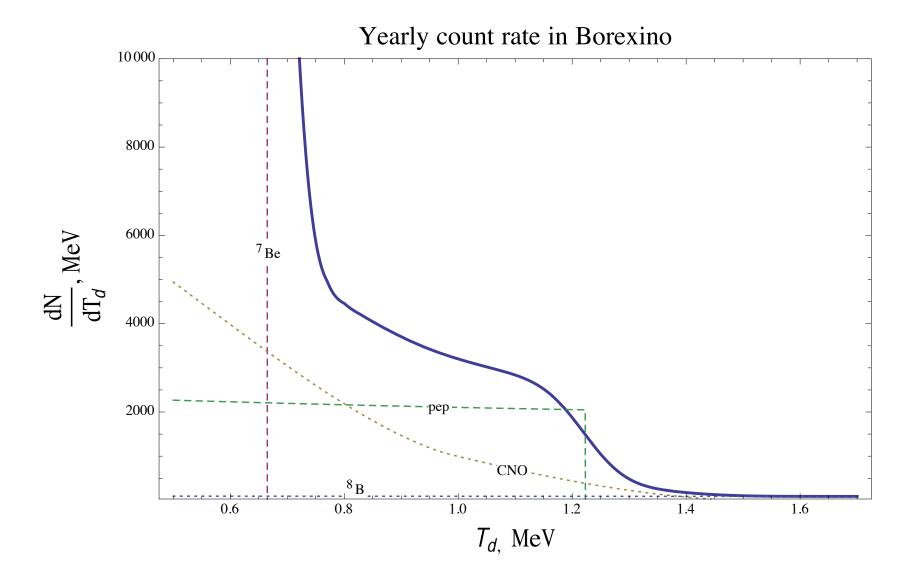


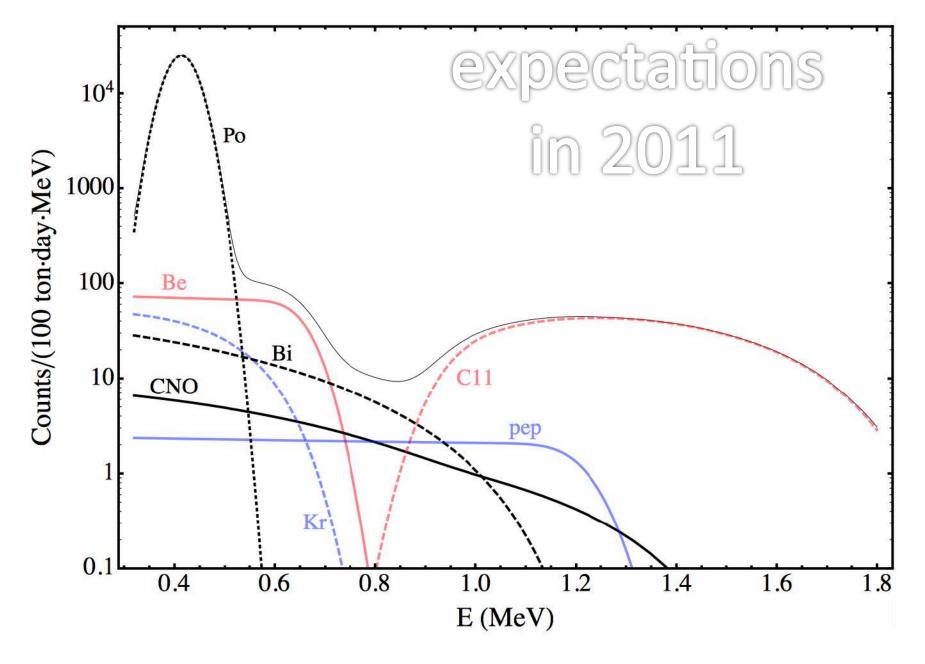
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The pp-cycle has been explored almost completely, excepting the hep branch. **The CNO cycle** instead, that is the main cycle of the most massive stars and should yield 1-2 % of the solar luminosity, **is not explored yet**. Its measurement may help us to fix the pending issues of SSM.

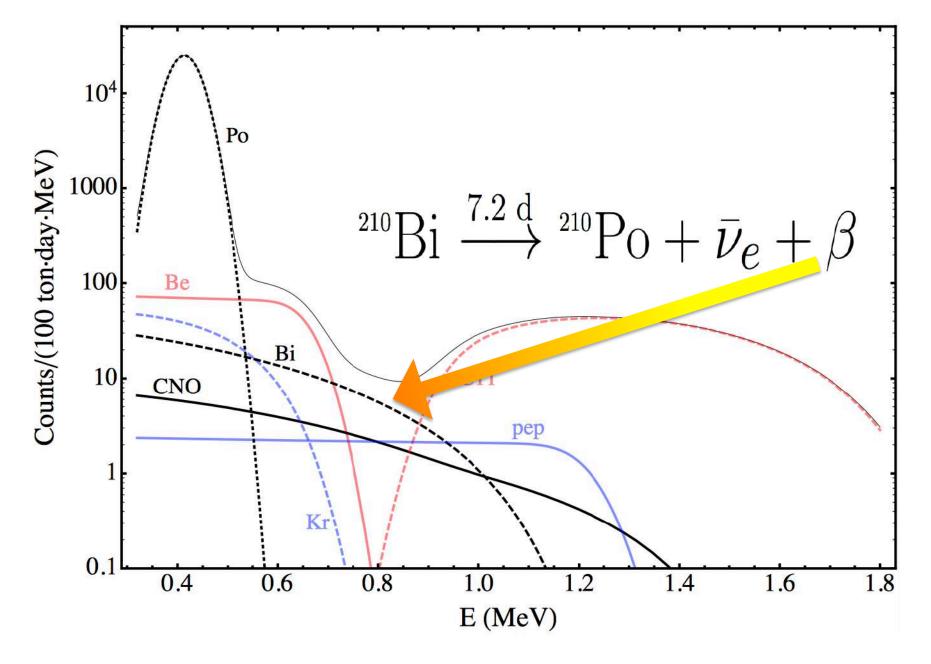
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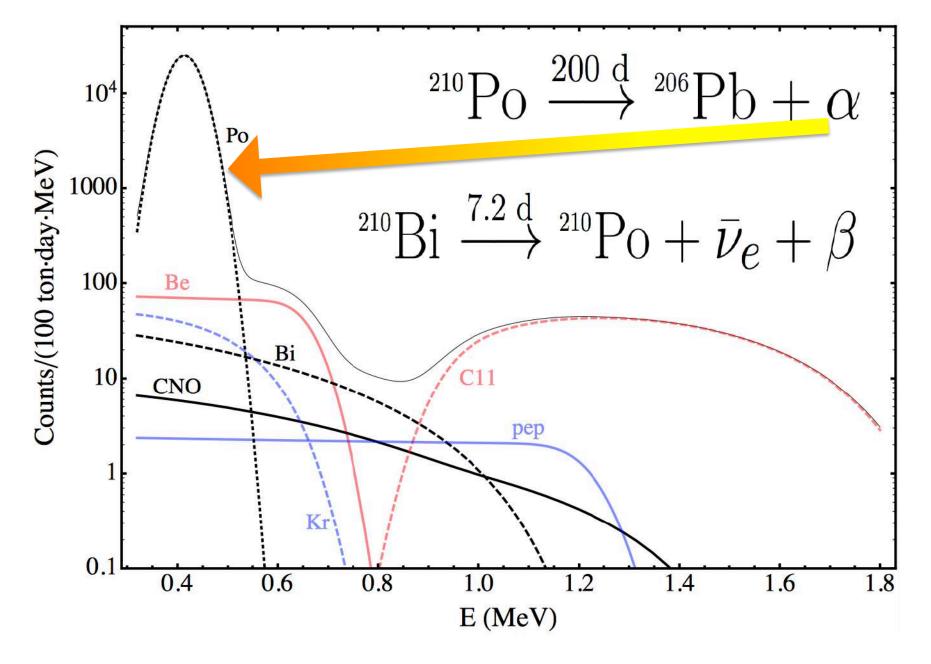




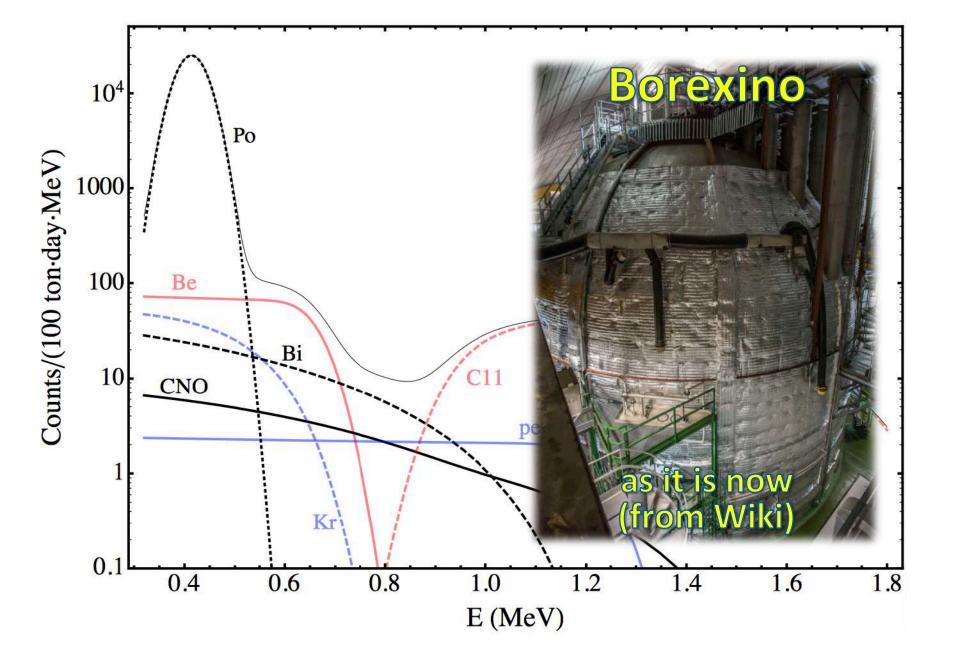
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New Spectral Analysis of Solar B Neutrino with the Borexino Detector

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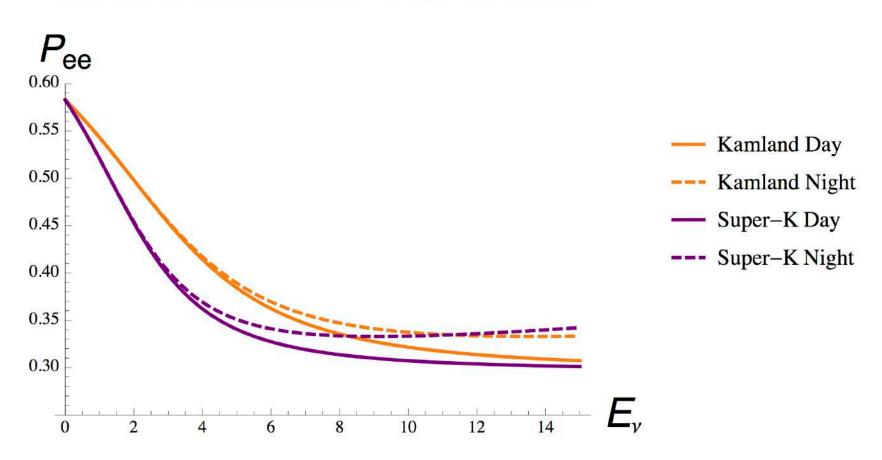
Borexino detector has statistical sensitivity to CNO and pep neutrinos when the dedicated analysis here developed is applied. Central values are 5.2±1.8×10<sup>6</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> and 1.31±0.35×10<sup>9</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>

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## The MSW Theory

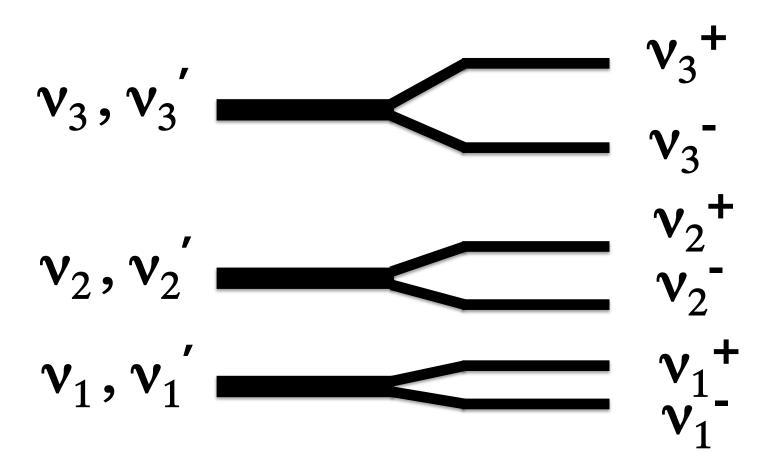
Effects of different  $\Delta m^2$  best-fit values



# Speculations on particle physics

- other light (sterile) neutrinos / shape, NC
- new oscillations on cosmic scales / low energy data
- neutrino decay / flavor structure
- neutrino magnetic moments / solar antinu
- non-standard interactions / new matter effect
- axions / energy loss
- WIMPs in the Sun / solar structure, HE neutrinos
- CPT violation / compare with nubar data
- ....

### New oscillations on cosmic scales



A motivated model for sterile neutrinos is the mirror model. Ordinary and mirror neutrinos mix and give rise to new oscillations. Potential source of ultra high energy neutrinos. In this model, dark matter can be accounted for in terms of mirror baryons. Not particularly favored, but not excluded, by a straightforward interpretation of SN1987A data.

## Other light neutrinos?

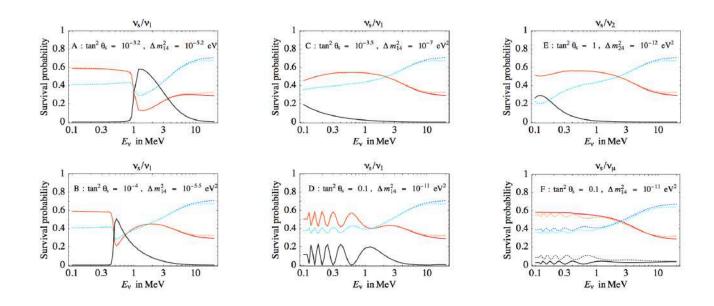


Figure 7: A few samples of still allowed sterile effects in solar neutrinos. We plot, as function of the neutrino energy,  $P(\nu_e \to \nu_e)$  (decreasing red curve),  $P(\nu_e \to \nu_{\mu,\tau})$  (increasing blue curve) and  $P(\nu_e \to \nu_s)$  (lower black curve). The continuous (dotted) curve are the values during day (night). The sample points  $A, \ldots$ , F are drawn in fig. 6 as dots.

### A I'll advert

A conference on Neutrinos, with special reference to Solar Neutrinos, will take place on next September.

Please come for the latest analyses and news -- CNO and much more!

You are all welcome to come and visit the Astroparticle physics center of LNGS, GSSI and L'Aquila U

### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN NEUTRINO PHYSICS AND ASTROPHYSICS

The Borexino Collaboration celebrates in L'Aquila (Italy) the 10° anniversary of data-taking SEPTEMBER 4-7, 2017 @ LNGS and GSSI



# Remarks for particle physicists

- The 1st remark is quite general: Whether we want it or not, **neutrino astronomy** is in our hands
- ➤ A definitive understanding of *how the Sun functions* was obtained only 3 years ago by Borexino @ Gran Sasso lab
- The same team is progressing with more goals ahead: We are on the verge of learning on CNO, surprises may occur
- Do not forget that such topics are of great interest for a very wide audience and not only Nobel 2002