

Signatures of Neutrino Mass Hierarchy in Supernova Neutrinos

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Outline

- 1) neutrino oscillations in matter & Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein effect**
- 2) process of supernova explosion**
- 3) neutrino detection channels in JUNO – Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory**
- 4) search for observables suitable to distinguish between different supernova models and/or neutrino mass hierarchies**

Neutrino oscillations in vacuum

flavor eigenstate basis: $|\nu_f\rangle \quad f = e, \mu, \tau$

$$|\nu_f\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{fi}^* |\nu_i\rangle$$

mass eigenstate basis: $|\nu_i\rangle \quad i = 1, 2, 3$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} c_{13}c_{12} & c_{13}s_{12} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -s_{23}s_{13}c_{12}e^{i\delta} - c_{23}s_{12} & -s_{23}s_{13}s_{12}e^{i\delta} + c_{23}c_{12} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ -c_{23}s_{13}c_{12}e^{i\delta} + s_{23}s_{12} & -c_{23}s_{13}s_{12}e^{i\delta} - s_{23}c_{12} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

$s_{ij} = \sin(\vartheta_{ij})$
 $c_{ij} = \cos(\vartheta_{ij})$

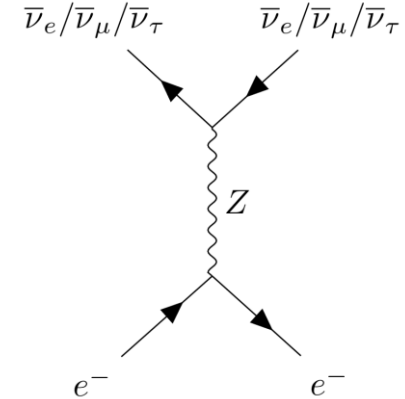
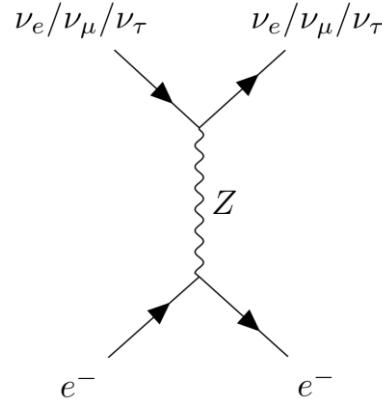
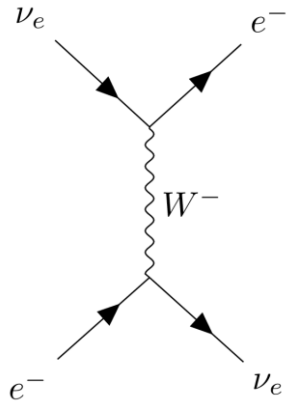
Schrödinger equation in mass eigenstate basis

$$i\hbar c \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \psi_3 \end{pmatrix} = H_{\text{mass}} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \psi_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad H_{\text{mass}} = \begin{pmatrix} E_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & E_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & E_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Schrödinger equation in flavor eigenstate basis

$$i\hbar c \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_e \\ \psi_\mu \\ \psi_\tau \end{pmatrix} = U H_{\text{mass}} U^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} \psi_e \\ \psi_\mu \\ \psi_\tau \end{pmatrix} \quad H_{\text{flavor}} = U H_{\text{mass}} U^\dagger$$

Neutrino oscillations in matter



Due to the charged-current interaction between ν_e , $\bar{\nu}_e$ and e^- in ordinary matter, an additional potential V adds to the hamiltonian.

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}G_F N_e (\hbar c)^3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

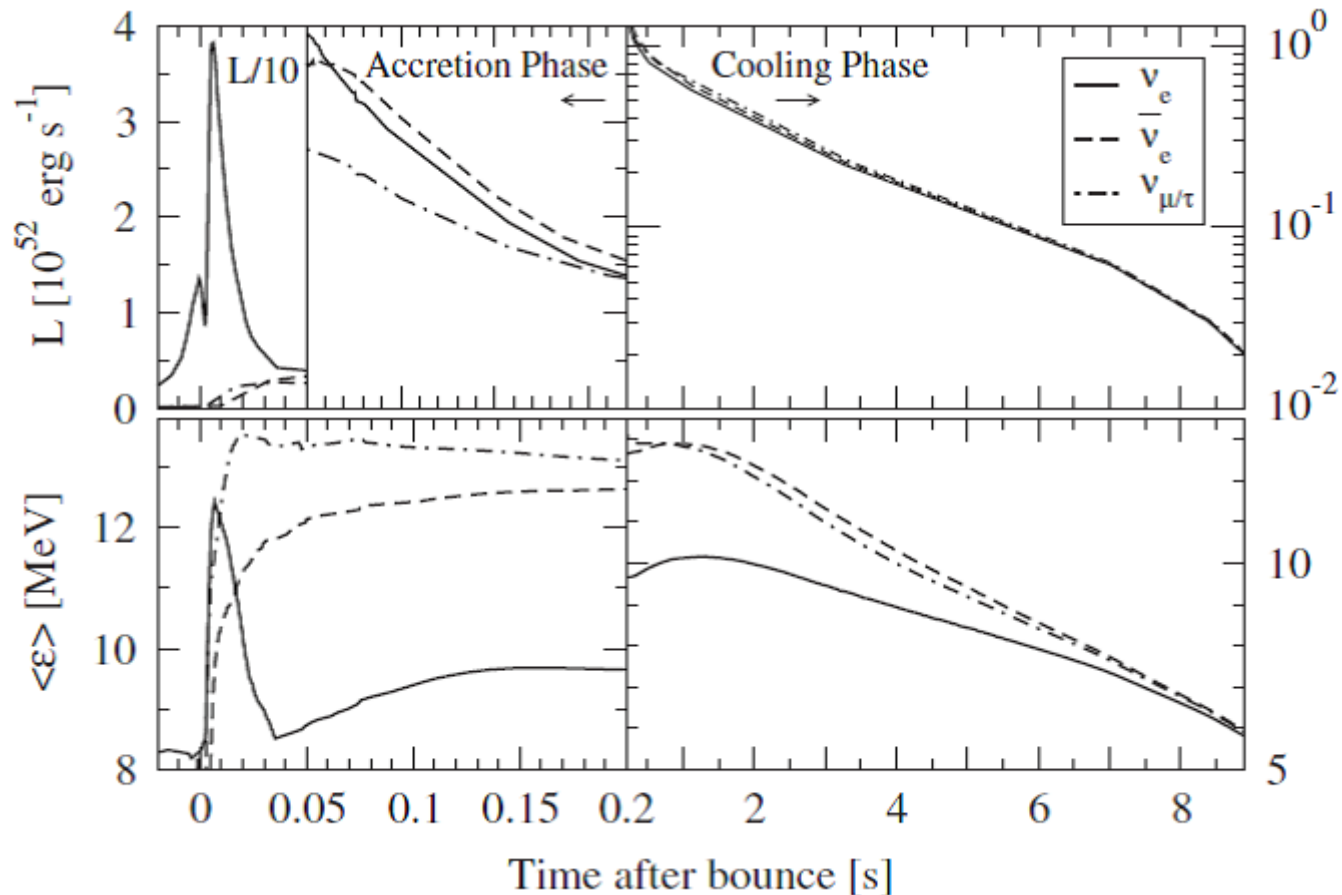
G_F Fermi constant
 N_e electron number density

Final hamiltonian in flavor eigenstate basis:

$$H_{\text{neutrino}} = UH_{\text{mass}}U^\dagger + V$$

$$H_{\text{antineutrino}} = UH_{\text{mass}}U^\dagger - V$$

Models of supernova explosion



An $8.8 M_{\odot}$ supernova simulation of neutrino luminosities and mean energies.

(L. Hudepohl et al., *Neutrino signal of electron-capture supernovae from core collapse to cooling*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 104 (2010) 251101)

Models of supernova explosion

Neutrino mean energies according to three representative SN models.

paper	$\langle E_{\nu_e} \rangle$ [MeV]	$\langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle$ [MeV]	$\langle E_{\nu_x} \rangle$ [MeV]
Fogli et al. (2007)	10	15	24
Lai et al (2016)	12	15	18
Hudepohl et al. (2010)	9,4	11,44	11,44

$\nu_x = \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau, \bar{\nu}_\mu$ or $\bar{\nu}_\tau$

typical ordering: $\langle E_{\nu_e} \rangle \leq \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle \leq \langle E_{\nu_x} \rangle$

(G. Fogli et al., *Collective neutrino flavor transitions in supernovae and the role of trajectory averaging*, J. Cosmol. Astropart. Phys. 12 (2007) 010)

(K.C. Lai et al., *Probing neutrino mass hierarchy by comparing the charged-current and neutral-current interaction rates of supernova neutrinos*, J. Cosmol. Astropart. Phys. 7 (2016) 039)

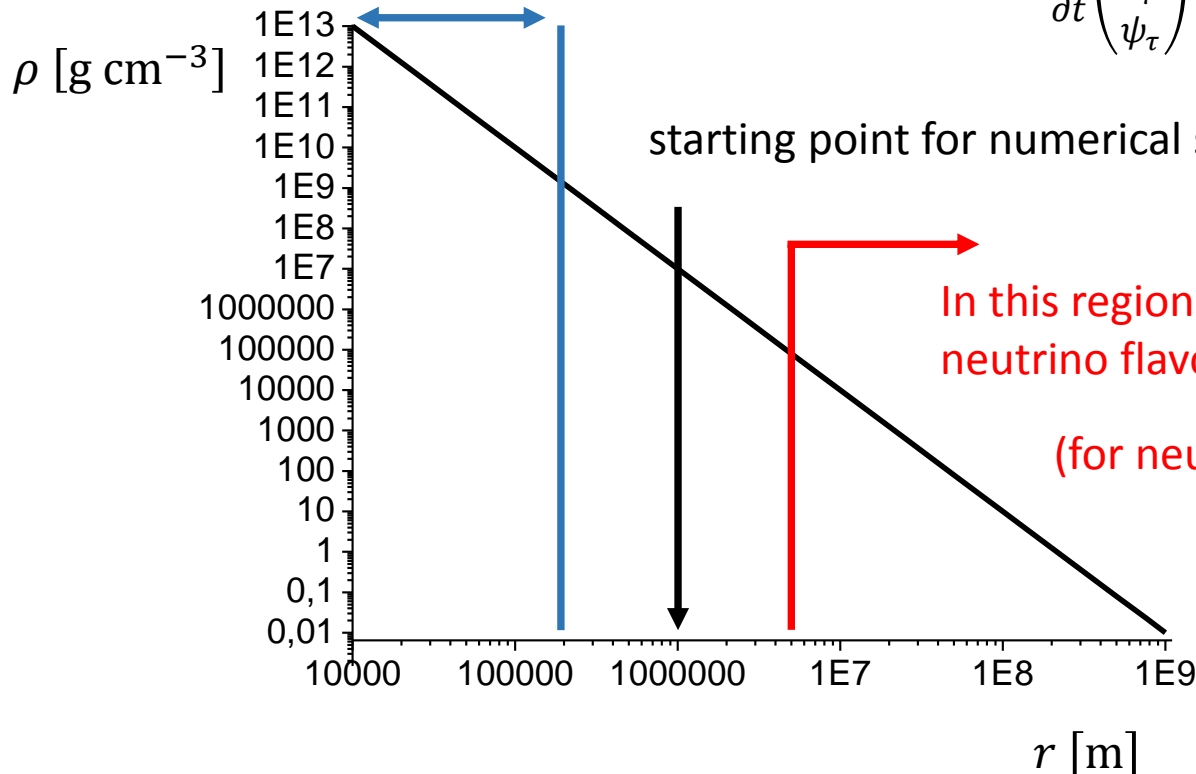
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Density profile of supernova & MSW effect

Typical density profile of supernova matter: $\rho(r) = 10^{13} \text{ g cm}^{-3} \left(\frac{10 \text{ km}}{r}\right)^3$

region of collective
neutrino oscillations

$$i\hbar c \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_e \\ \psi_\mu \\ \psi_\tau \end{pmatrix} = (UH_{\text{mass}}U^\dagger \pm V) \begin{pmatrix} \psi_e \\ \psi_\mu \\ \psi_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$



starting point for numerical solution of Schrödinger equation.

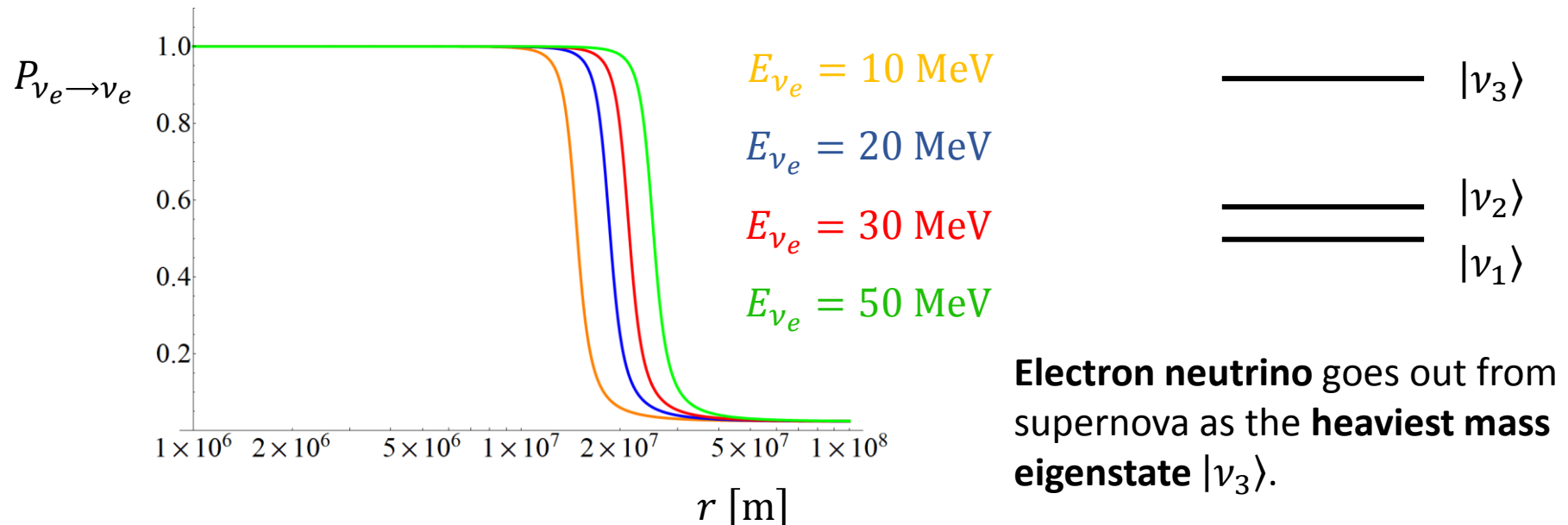
In this region occurs oscillation between
neutrino flavors due to MSW effect.

(for neutrino energies higher than 1 MeV)

**NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS
DEPEND ON MASS HIERARCHY**

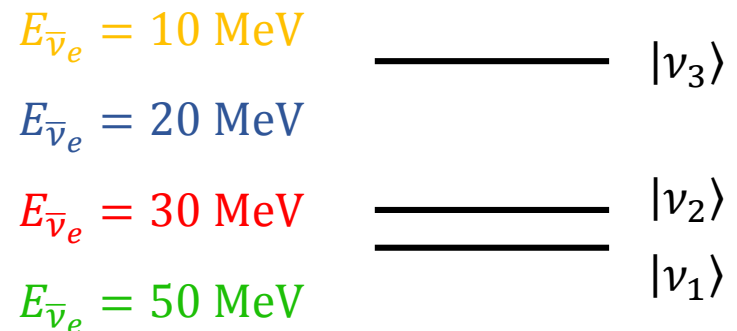
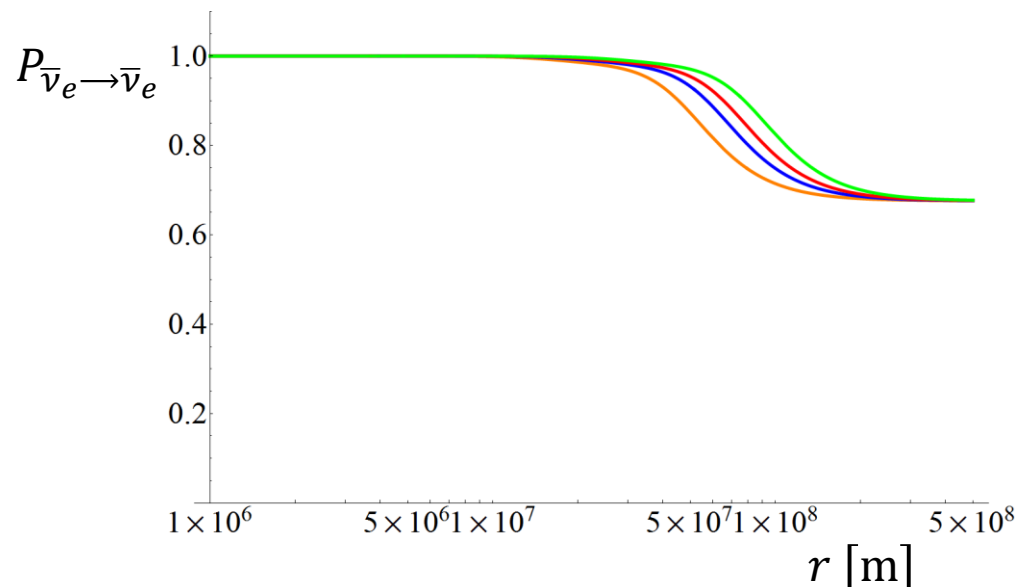
MSW effect: neutrinos & normal hierarchy

initial state	final state	probability	check sum	flavor content of the heaviest eigenstate $ \nu_3\rangle$
ν_e	ν_e	0,023		0,023
ν_e	ν_μ	0,427	1,001	0,427
ν_e	ν_τ	0,551		0,550
ν_μ	ν_e	0,513		
ν_μ	ν_μ	0,284	1,003	
ν_μ	ν_τ	0,206		
ν_τ	ν_e	0,464		
ν_τ	ν_μ	0,293	1,003	
ν_τ	ν_τ	0,246		



MSW effect: antineutrinos & normal hierarchy

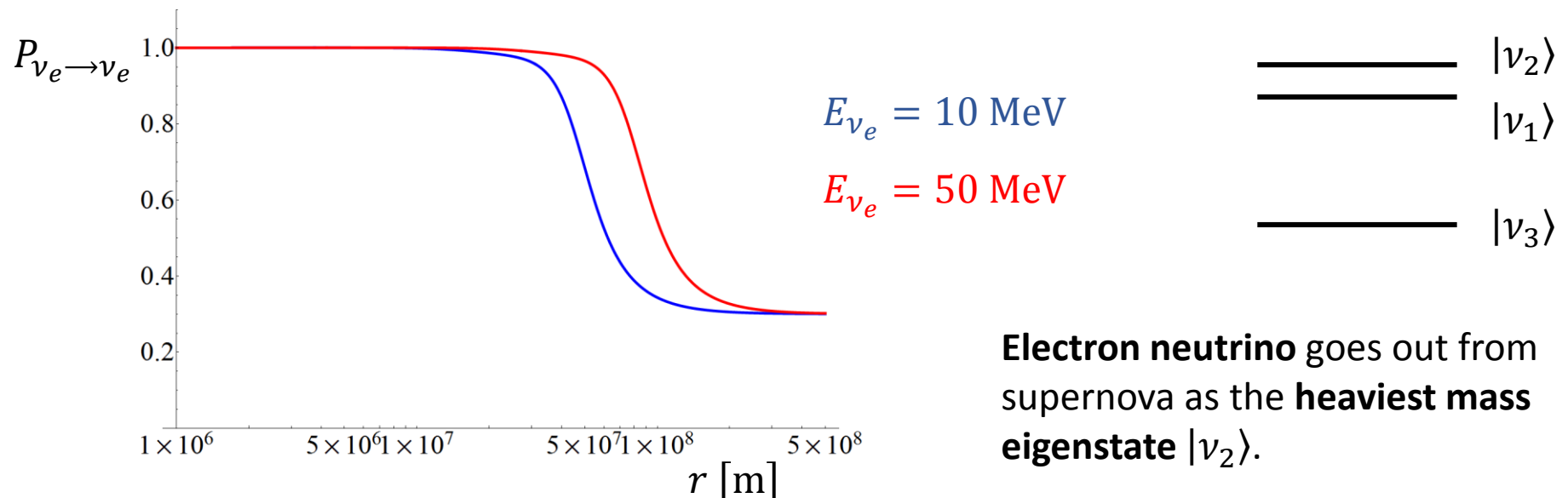
initial state	final state	probability	check sum	flavor content of the lightest eigenstate $ \nu_1\rangle$
$\bar{\nu}_e$	$\bar{\nu}_e$	0,676	0,099	0,676
$\bar{\nu}_e$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	0,250		0,251
$\bar{\nu}_e$	$\bar{\nu}_\tau$	0,073		0,074
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\bar{\nu}_e$	0,181	1,005	
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	0,370		
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\bar{\nu}_\tau$	0,454		
$\bar{\nu}_\tau$	$\bar{\nu}_e$	0,144	1,003	
$\bar{\nu}_\tau$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	0,383		
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Electron antineutrino goes out from supernova as the **lightest mass eigenstate** $|\nu_1\rangle$.

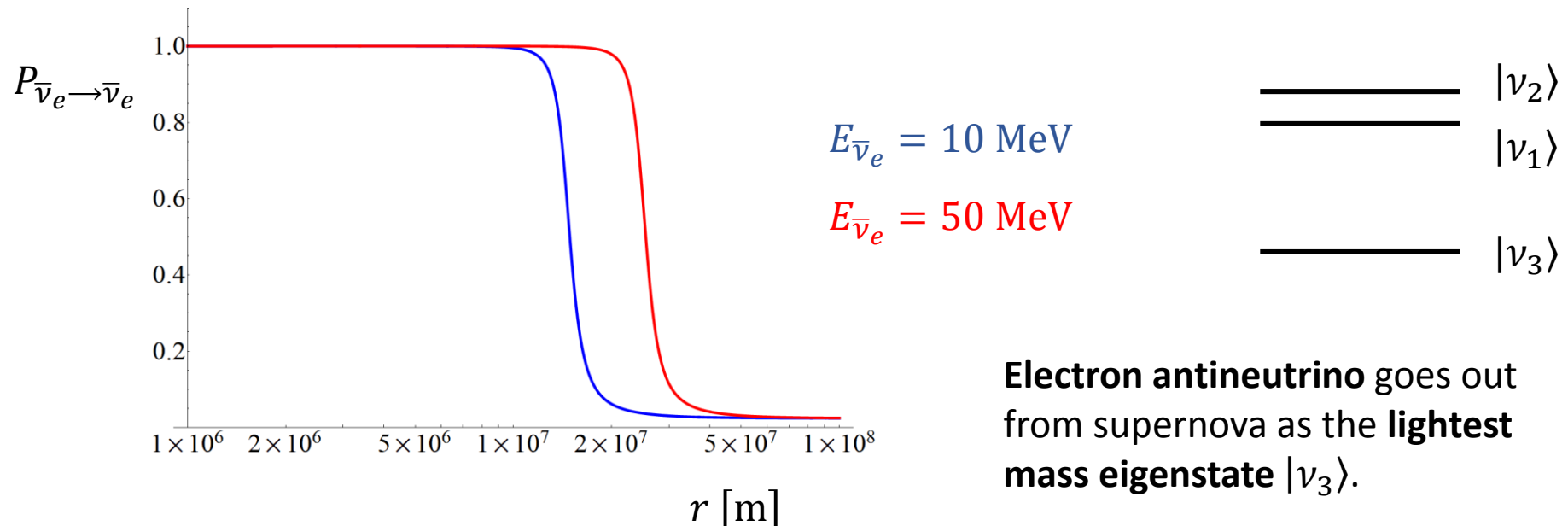
MSW effect: neutrinos & inverted hierarchy

initial state	final state	probability	check sum	flavor content of the heaviest eigenstate $ \nu_2\rangle$
ν_e	ν_e	0,301	1,000	0,301
ν_e	ν_μ	0,309		0,309
ν_e	ν_τ	0,390		0,390
ν_μ	ν_e	0,378	1,005	
ν_μ	ν_μ	0,339		
ν_μ	ν_τ	0,288		
ν_τ	ν_e	0,322	1,004	
ν_τ	ν_μ	0,356		
ν_τ	ν_τ	0,326		



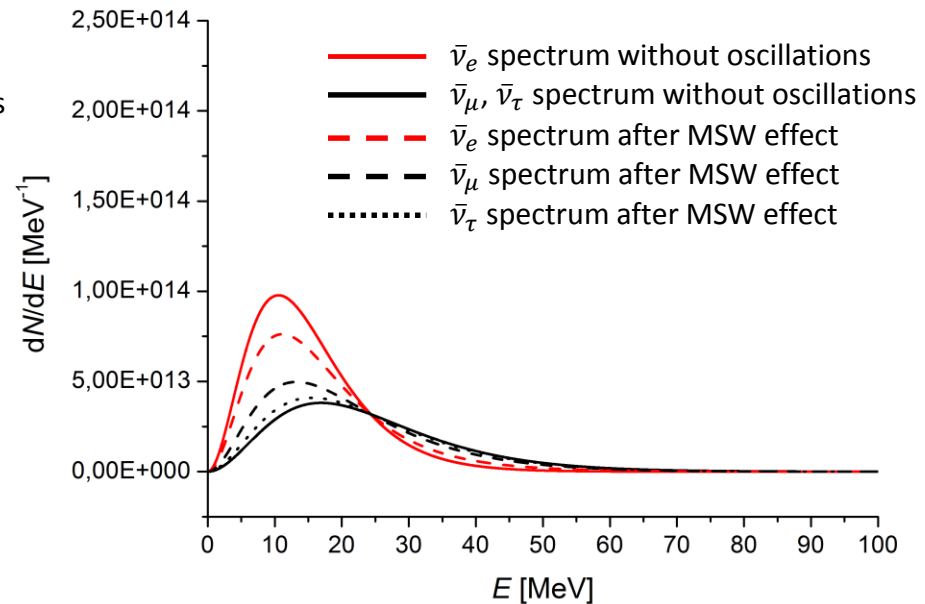
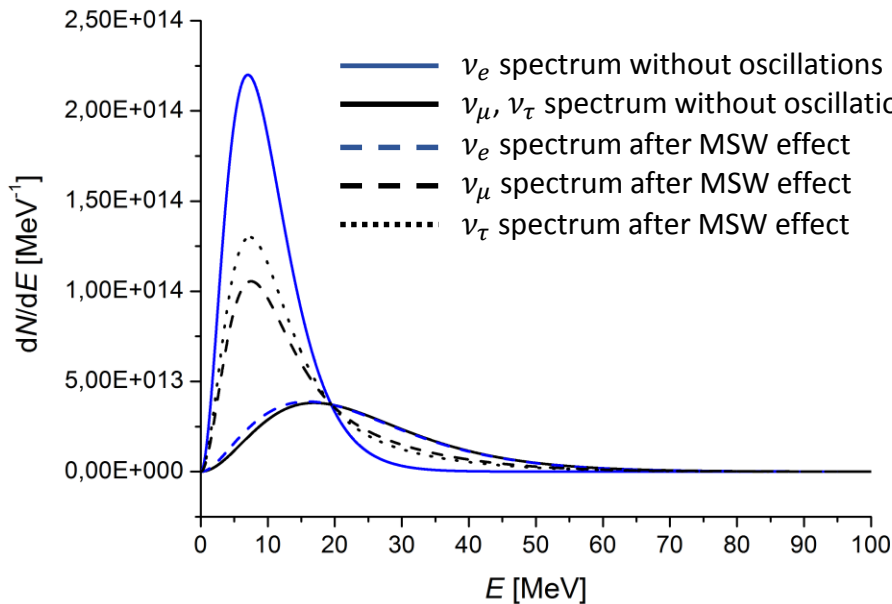
MSW effect: antineutrinos & inverted hierarchy

initial state	final state	probability	check sum	flavor content of the lightest eigenstate $ \nu_3\rangle$
$\bar{\nu}_e$	$\bar{\nu}_e$	0,024		0,024
$\bar{\nu}_e$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	0,445	1,002	0,444
$\bar{\nu}_e$	$\bar{\nu}_\tau$	0,533		0,532
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\bar{\nu}_e$	0,472		
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	0,282	1,002	
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\bar{\nu}_\tau$	0,248		
$\bar{\nu}_\tau$	$\bar{\nu}_e$	0,505		
$\bar{\nu}_\tau$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	0,277	1,004	
$\bar{\nu}_\tau$	$\bar{\nu}_\tau$	0,222		



Time-integrated anti/neutrino spectra before and after MSW effect

Normal hierarchy
$$j_\alpha(E) = \frac{L_\alpha}{4\pi R} \frac{2}{3\zeta(3)T_\alpha^3} \frac{E^2}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{E}{T_\alpha}\right)} \quad \langle E_\alpha \rangle = \frac{7\pi^4}{180\zeta(3)} T_\alpha$$



Initial mean energies:

$$\langle E_{\nu_e} \rangle = 10 \text{ MeV} \quad \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle = 15 \text{ MeV} \quad \langle E_{\nu_\mu} \rangle = \langle E_{\nu_\tau} \rangle = \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu} \rangle = \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_\tau} \rangle = 24 \text{ MeV}$$

total released energy: $E_{tot} = 3 \cdot 10^{46} \text{ J}$

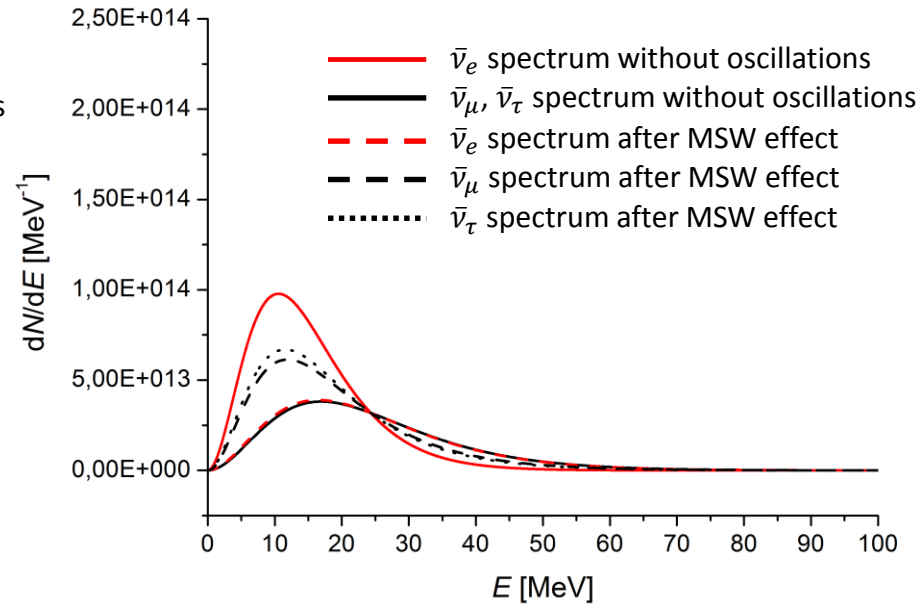
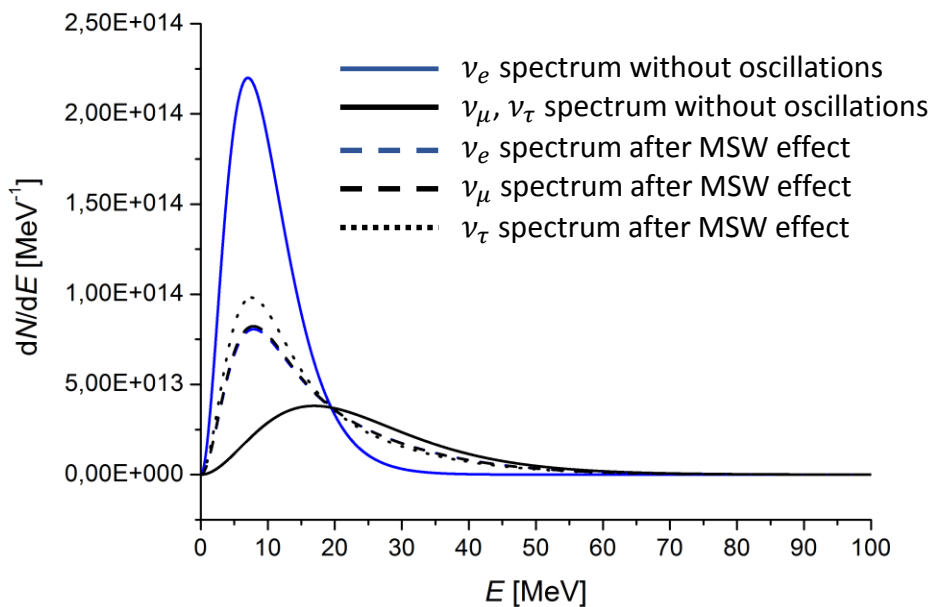
distance: $R = 10 \text{ kpc}$

$$L_\alpha = \frac{E_{tot}}{6\langle E_\alpha \rangle}$$

(equally distributed between neutrinos and antineutrinos of all flavors)

Time-integrated anti/neutrino spectra before and after MSW effect

Inverted hierarchy
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Detection of SN neutrinos in JUNO

The aim of this study is:

Investigation of the possibilities of JUNO experiment to determine fluxes and spectra of neutrinos coming from a supernova explosion

Detection of supernova neutrinos has the potential to supply information about:

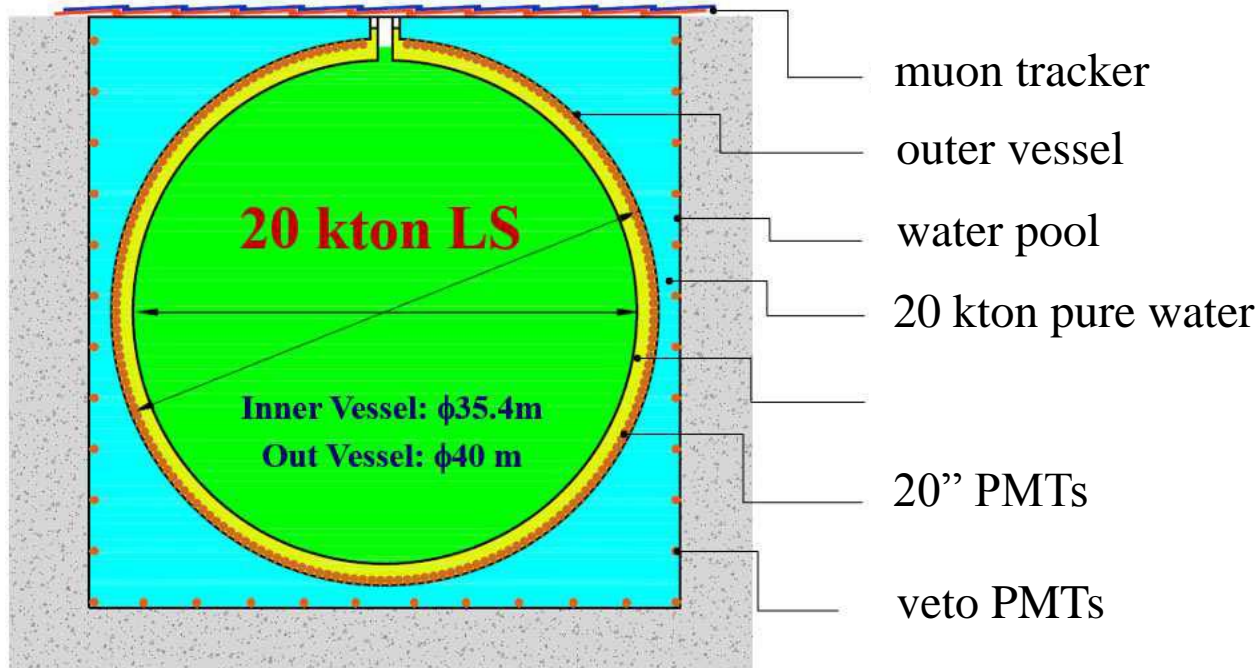
1) neutrino mass hierarchy

(neutrino flavor oscillations due to MSW effect are different in the case of normal and inverted hierarchy)

2) the process of supernova explosion

(especially if neutrino mass hierarchy is already known)

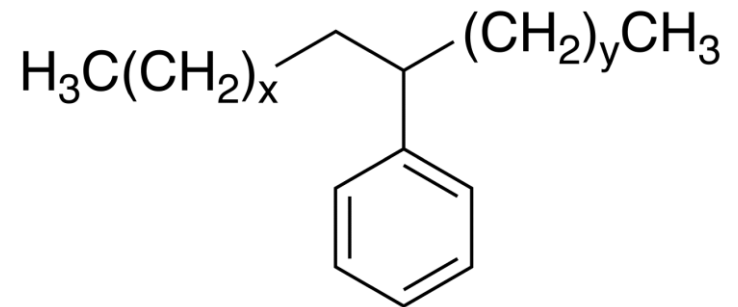
JUNO experiment



20 kton liquid scintillator: linear alkylbenzene

$1,5 \cdot 10^{33}$ target protons

$8,8 \cdot 10^{32}$ target ^{12}C nuclei



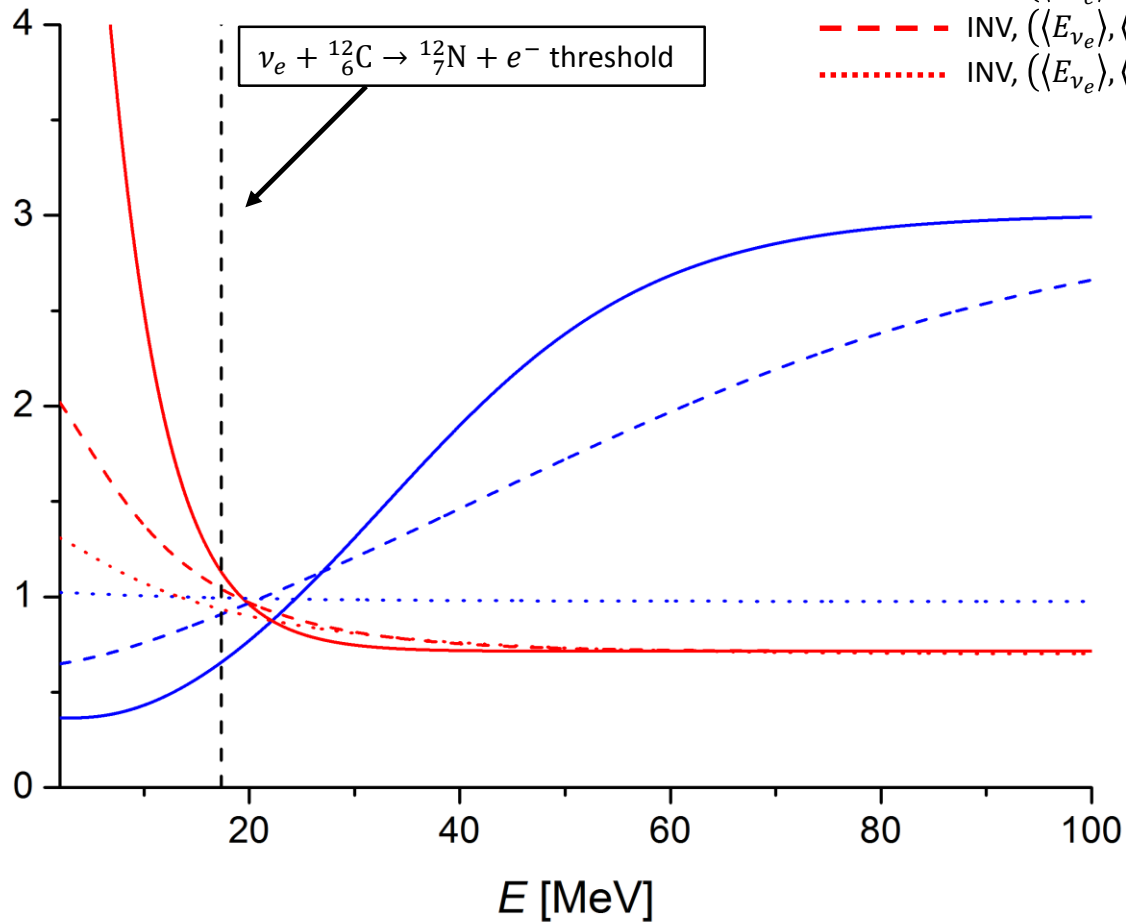
Detection channels in JUNO

channel	type	threshold [MeV]
$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$	CC	1,806
$\nu + p \rightarrow \nu + p$	NC	-
$\nu + e \rightarrow \nu + e$	ES	-
$\nu + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \nu + {}^{12}\text{C}^*$	NC	15,11
$\nu_e + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{12}\text{N}$	CC	17,35
$\bar{\nu}_e + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow e^+ + {}^{12}\text{B}$	CC	14,40

In this study we will focus on charged-current detection channels.

Ratio of ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ spectra coming to Earth

$$\left(\frac{dN_{\nu_e}(E)}{dE}\right)_{Earth} / \left(\frac{dN_{\bar{\nu}_e}(E)}{dE}\right)_{Earth}$$



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Relations between neutrino fluxes: NORMAL hierarchy

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$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dN_{\bar{\nu}_e}(E)}{dE}\right)_{Earth} &\cong \frac{2}{3}\left(\frac{dN_{\bar{\nu}_e}(E)}{dE}\right)_{initial} + \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{dN_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}(E)}{dE}\right)_{initial} + \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{dN_{\bar{\nu}_\tau}(E)}{dE}\right)_{initial} = \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\left(\frac{dN_{\bar{\nu}_e}(E)}{dE}\right)_{initial} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{dN_{\bar{\nu}_x}(E)}{dE}\right)_{initial} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{dN_{\nu_e}(E)}{dE}\right)_{Earth}}{\left(\frac{dN_{\bar{\nu}_e}(E)}{dE}\right)_{Earth}} \cong \frac{\left(\frac{dN_{\nu_x}(E)}{dE}\right)_{initial}}{\frac{2}{3}\left(\frac{dN_{\bar{\nu}_e}(E)}{dE}\right)_{initial} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{dN_{\bar{\nu}_x}(E)}{dE}\right)_{initial}}$$

Relations between neutrino fluxes: INVERTED hierarchy

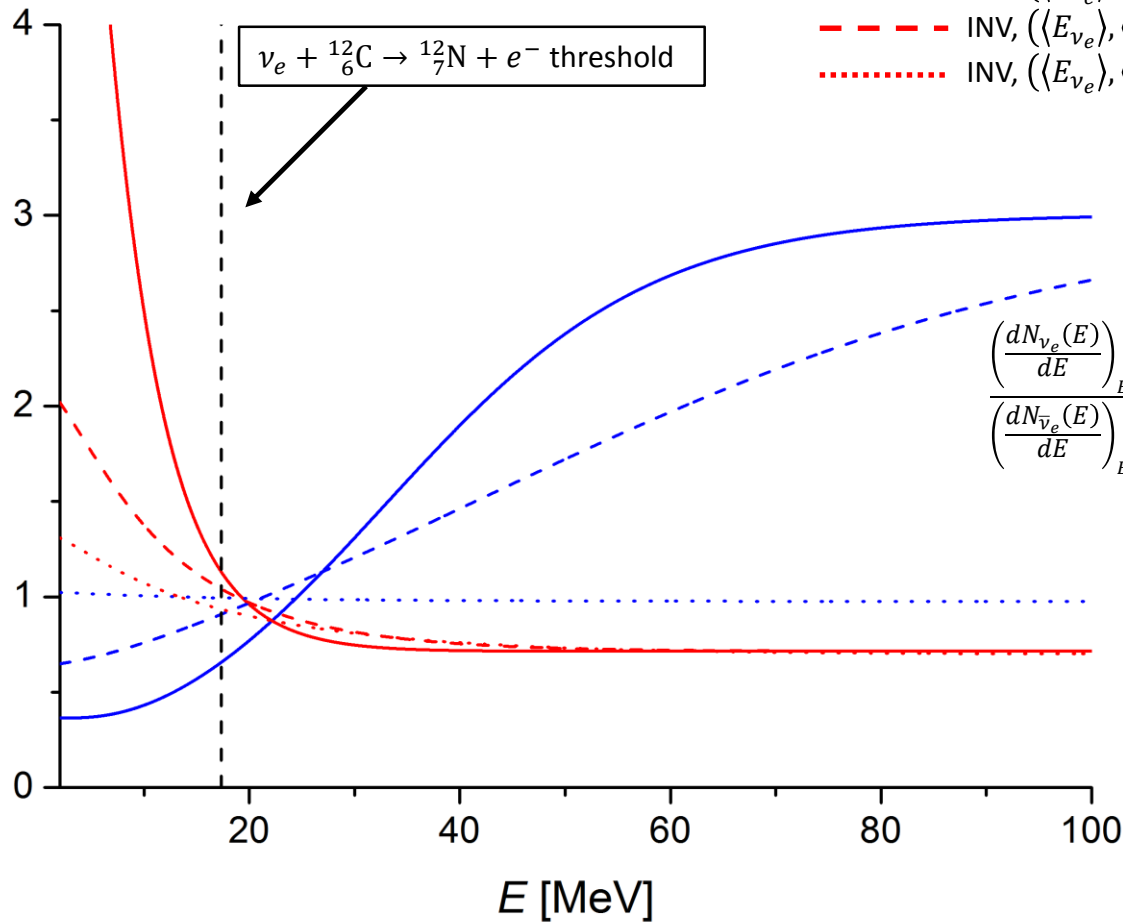
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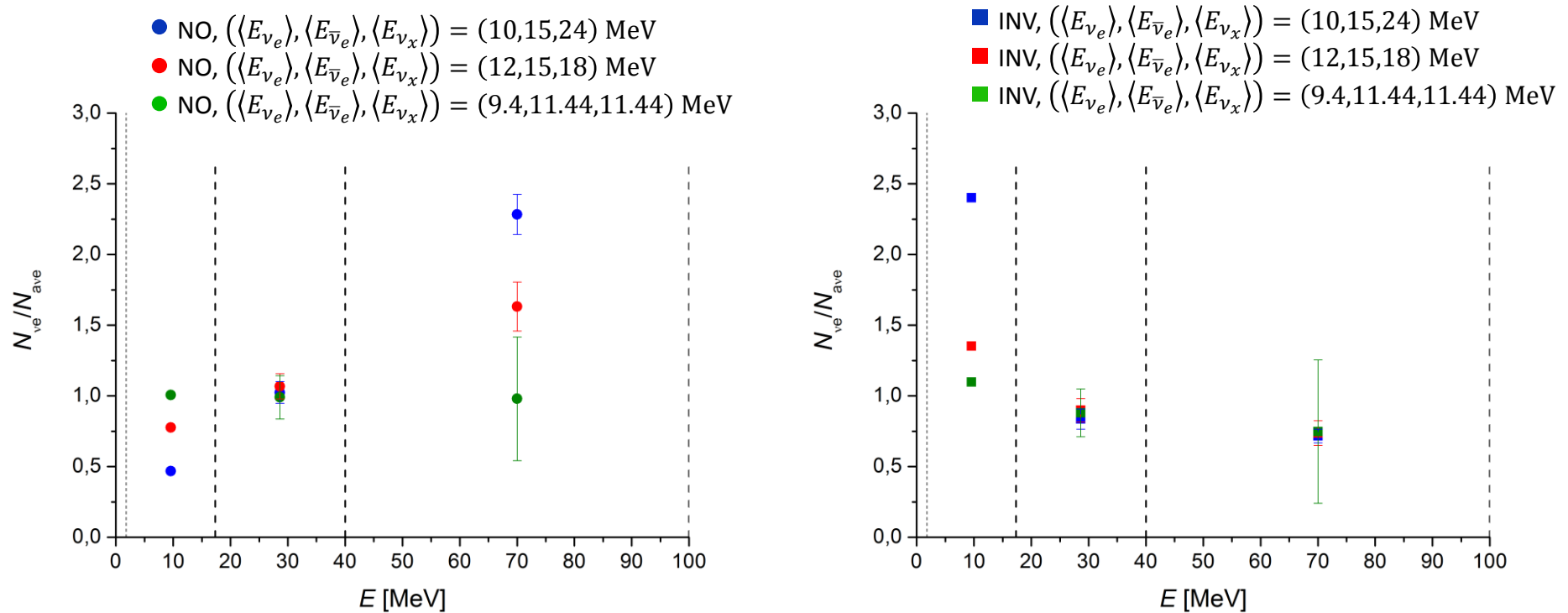
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INVERTED hierarchy:

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Ratio of total numbers of ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$

Ratio of numbers of ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ coming to Earth and having energy in one of the energy intervals marked by vertical dashed lines: 1,8 – 17,34 MeV, 17,34 – 40 MeV and 40 – 100 MeV



In the energy interval 17,34 – 40 MeV all SN models predict almost the same value $N_{\nu_e}/N_{\bar{\nu}_e}$ ratio regardless of neutrino mass hierarchy.

A value of $N_{\nu_e}/N_{\bar{\nu}_e}$ far from 1 in the energy interval 17,34 – 40 MeV would suggest that a physical process occurs during the SN collapse that is not included in current SN models.

Charged-current reactions on ^{12}C



$$E_{\nu_e}^{\text{thr}} = \frac{(m_{\text{N}} + m_e)^2 - m_{\text{C}}^2}{2m_{\text{C}}} = 17,35 \text{ MeV}$$



$$E_{\bar{\nu}_e}^{\text{thr}} = \frac{(m_{\text{B}} + m_e)^2 - m_{\text{C}}^2}{2m_{\text{C}}} = 14,40 \text{ MeV}$$

Atomic masses:

$$m_{\text{B}}^{\text{atom}} = 12,014352658 \text{ u}$$

$$m_{\text{C}}^{\text{atom}} = 12,000000000 \text{ u}$$

$$m_{\text{N}}^{\text{atom}} = 12,018613187 \text{ u}$$

$$1\text{u} = 931,494 \text{ MeV}$$

Nuclear masses:

$$m_{\text{B}} = m_{\text{B}}^{\text{atom}} - 5m_e = 11188,74 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{\text{C}} = m_{\text{C}}^{\text{atom}} - 6m_e = 11174,86 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{\text{N}} = m_{\text{N}}^{\text{atom}} - 7m_e = 11191,69 \text{ MeV}$$

Delayed beta decays

$${}^{12}_7\text{N} \rightarrow {}^{12}_6\text{C} + e^+ + \nu_e \quad \tau_{1/2}({}^{12}_7\text{N}) = 11,00 \text{ ms}$$

$$Q_{\beta^+} = m_{\text{N}} - m_{\text{C}} - m_e = 16,32 \text{ MeV}$$

$$T_e^{\text{max}} = \frac{m_{\text{N}}^2 + m_e^2 - m_{\text{C}}^2}{2m_{\text{N}}} - m_e = 16,30 \text{ MeV}$$

positron annihilation

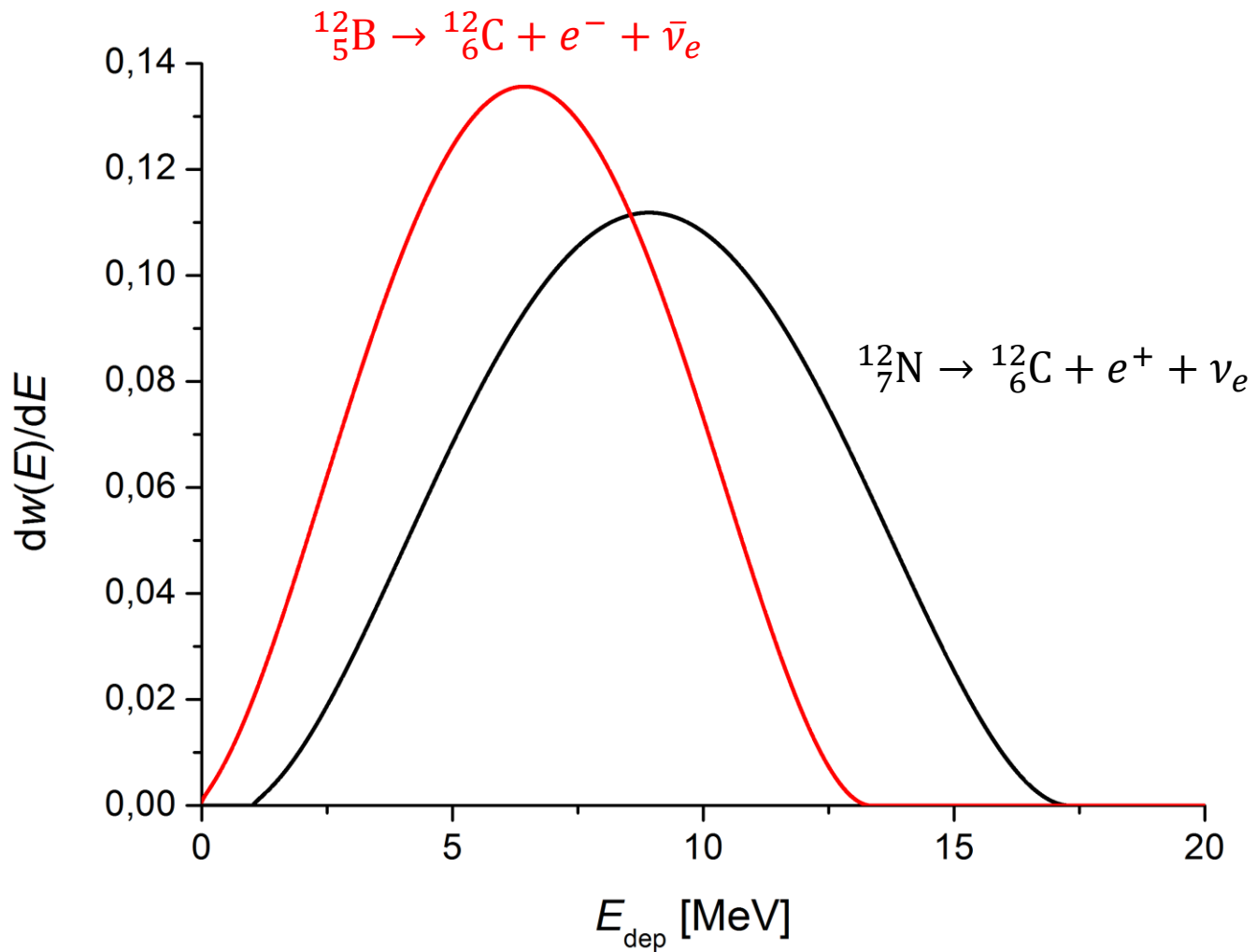
$$\Delta E = 1,022 \text{ MeV}$$

$${}^{12}_5\text{B} \rightarrow {}^{12}_6\text{C} + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e \quad \tau_{1/2}({}^{12}_5\text{B}) = 20,20 \text{ ms}$$

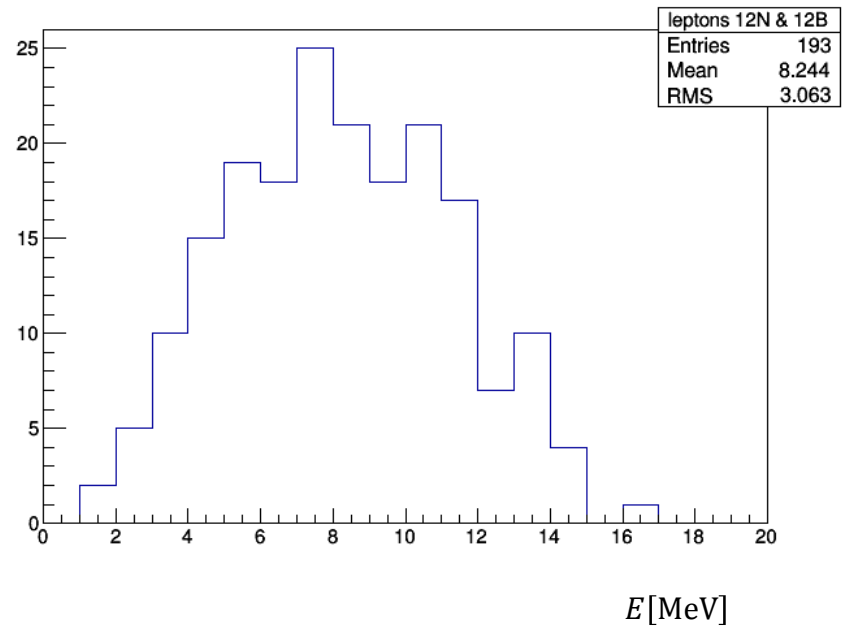
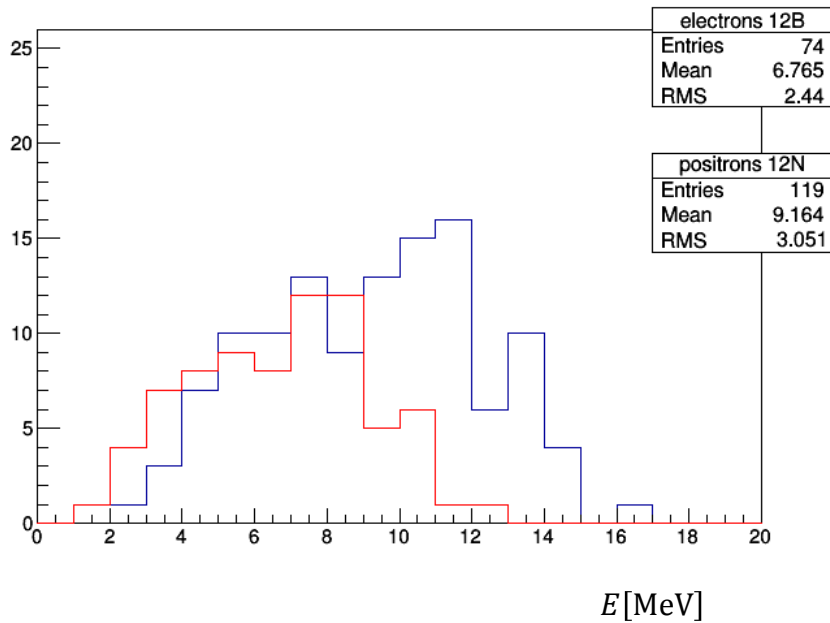
$$Q_{\beta^-} = m_{\text{B}} - m_{\text{C}} - m_e = 13,37 \text{ MeV}$$

$$T_e^{\text{max}} = \frac{m_{\text{B}}^2 + m_e^2 - m_{\text{C}}^2}{2m_{\text{B}}} - m_e = 13,36 \text{ MeV}$$

Distribution of deposited energy – delayed beta decays

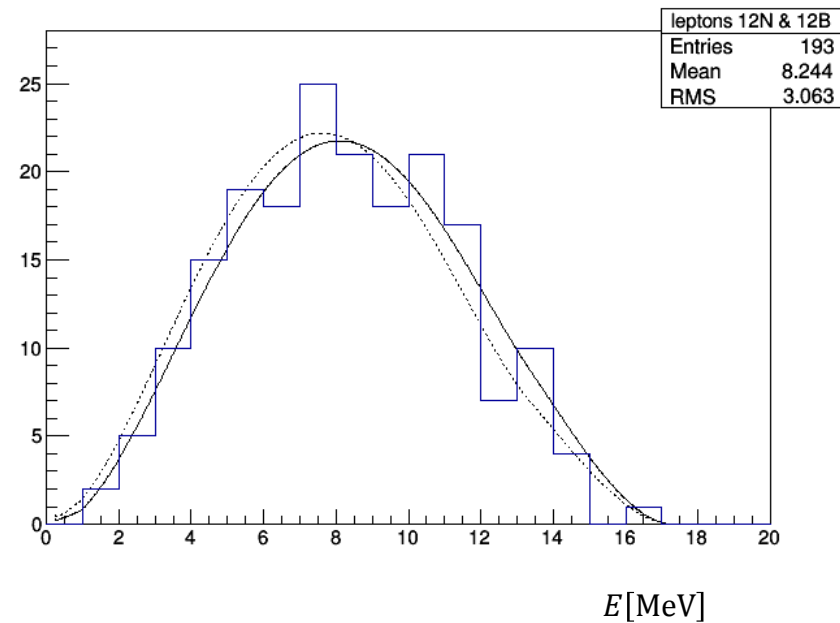
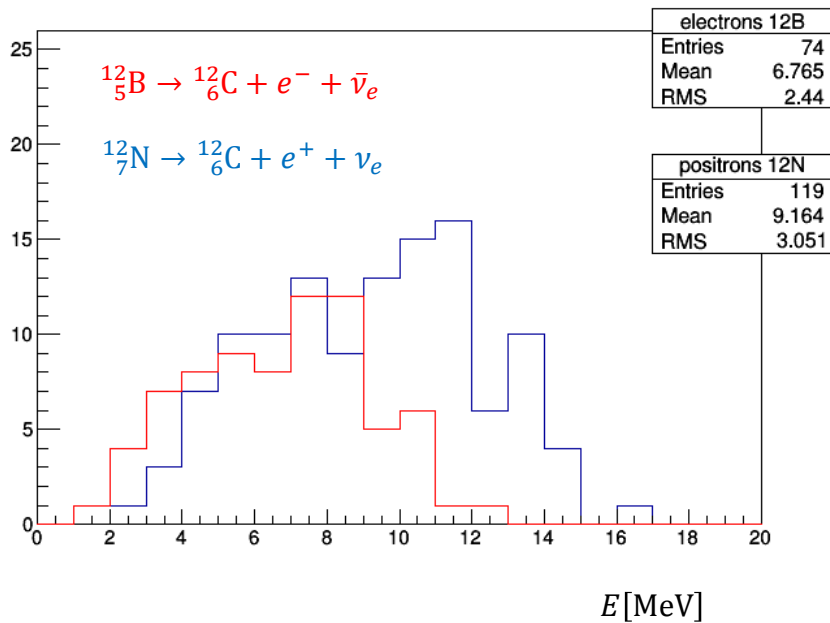


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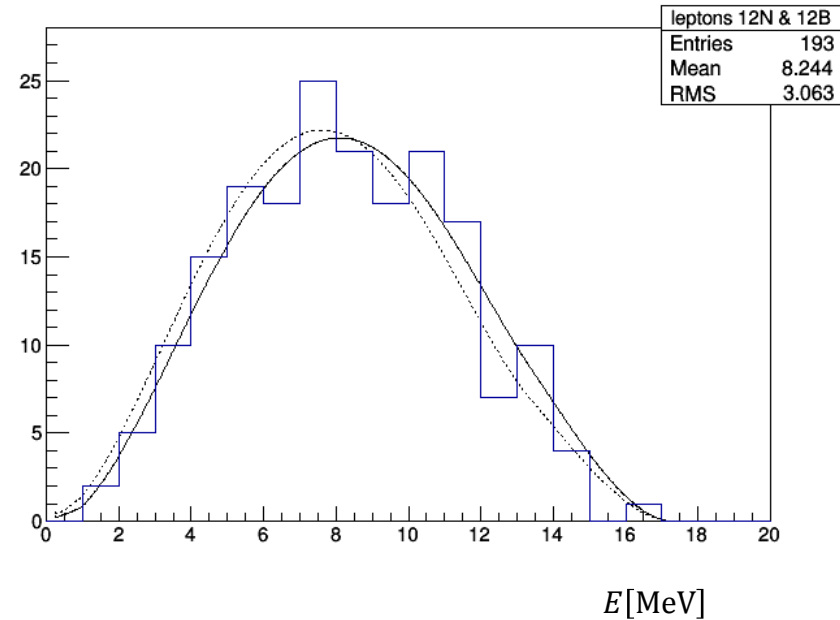
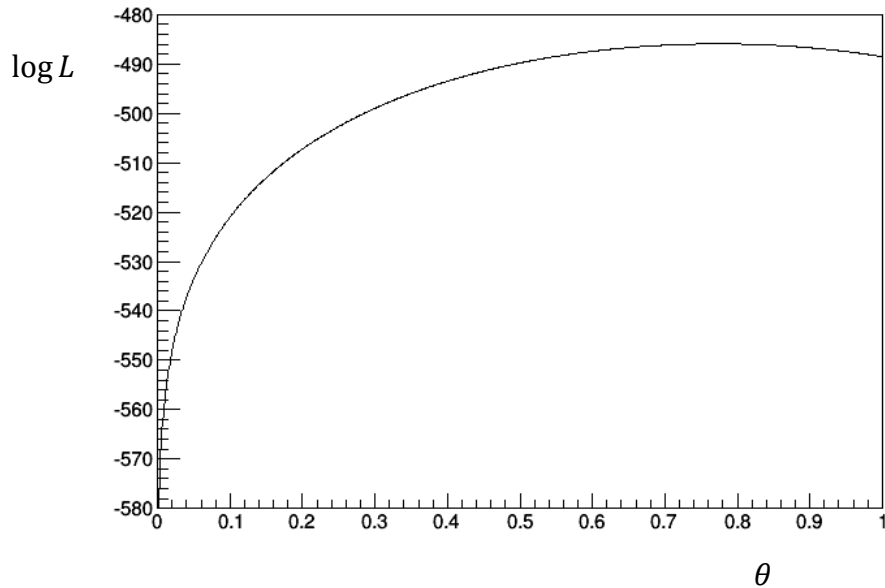
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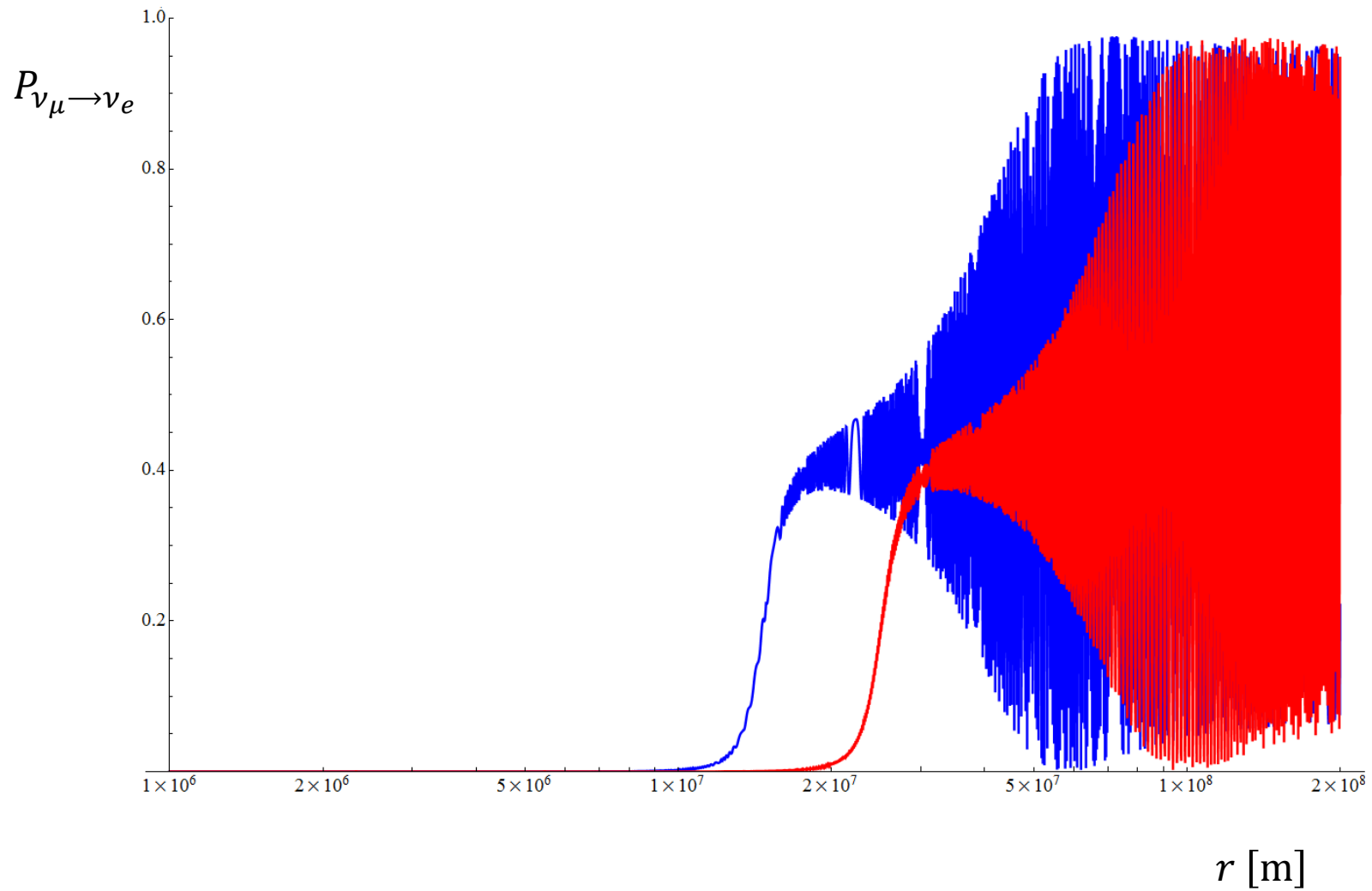
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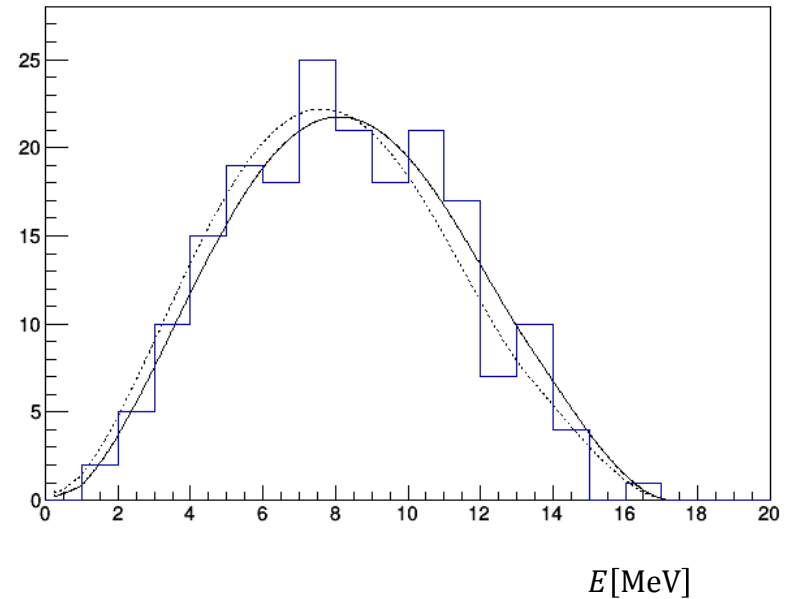
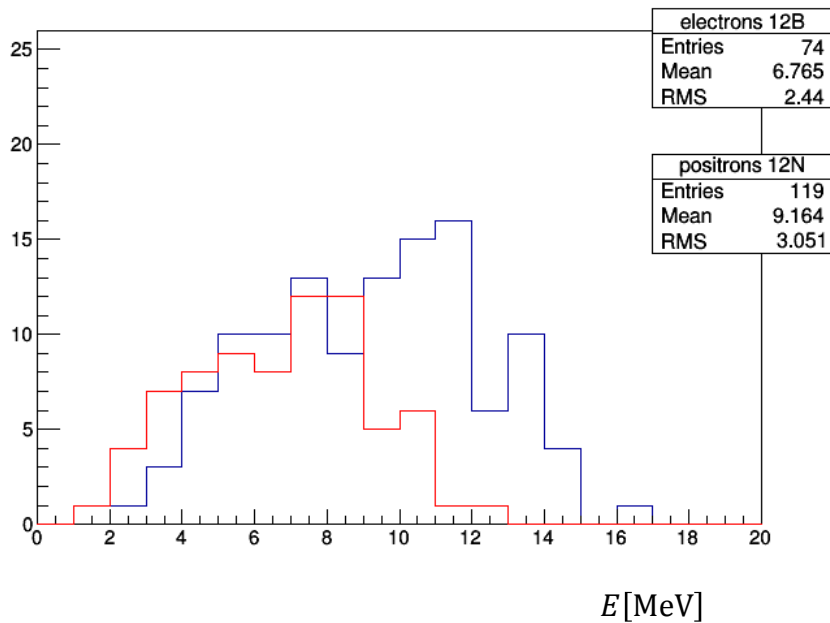
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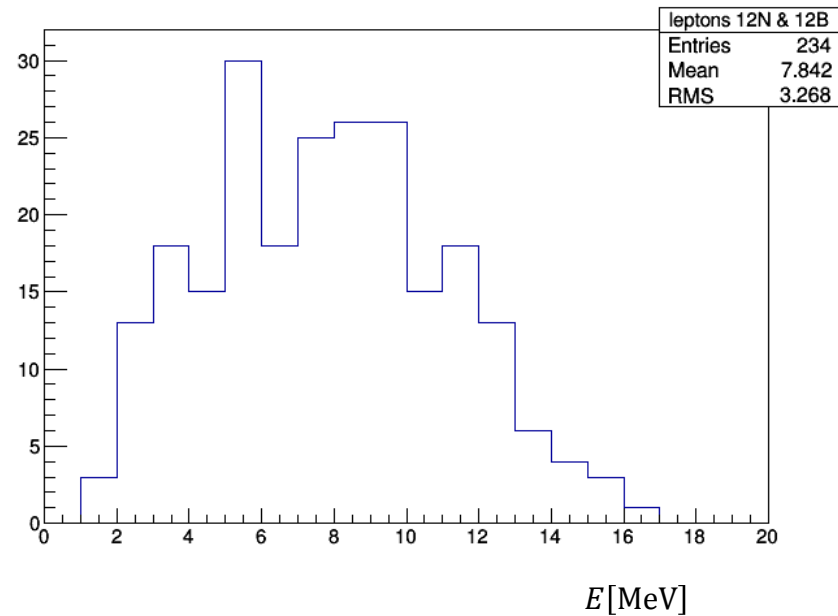
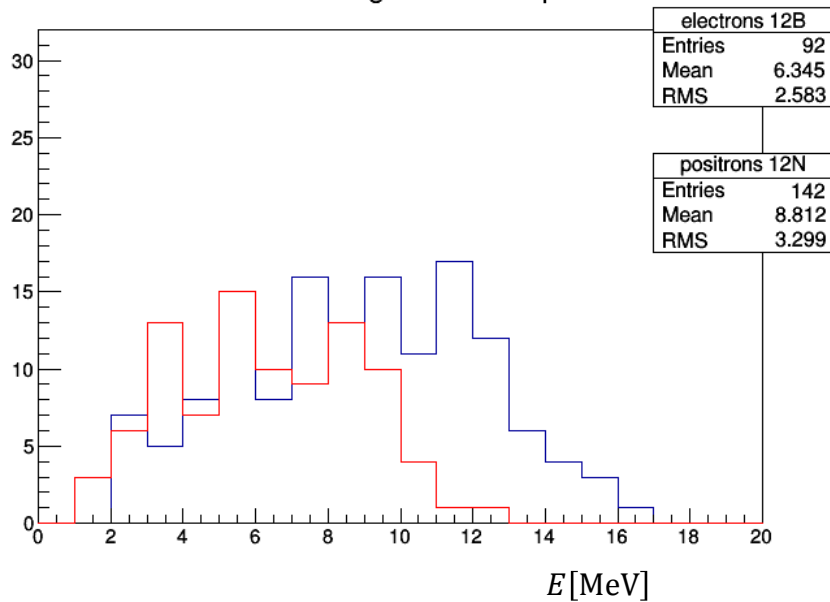


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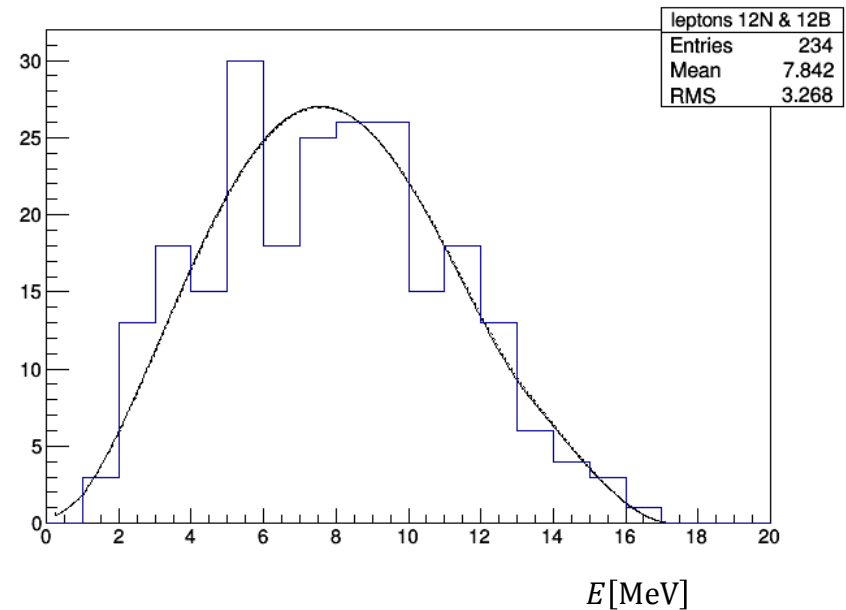
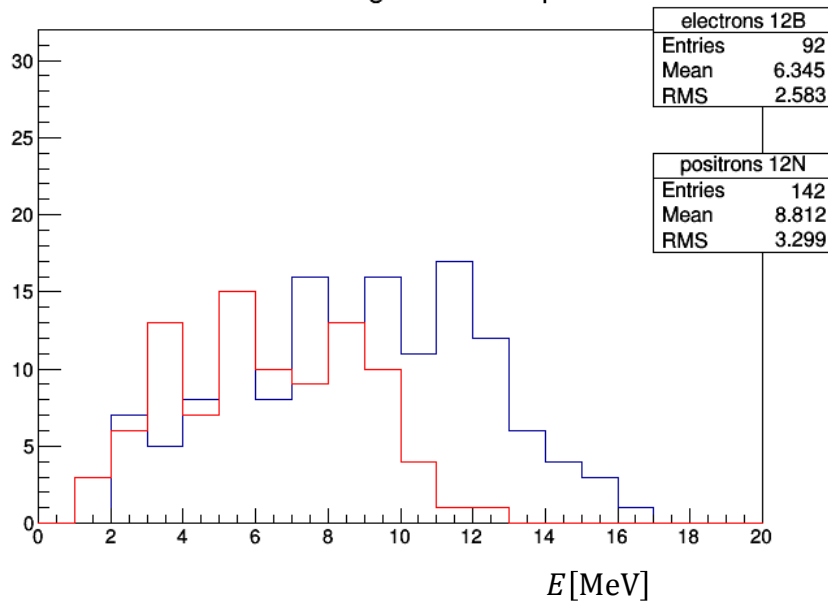
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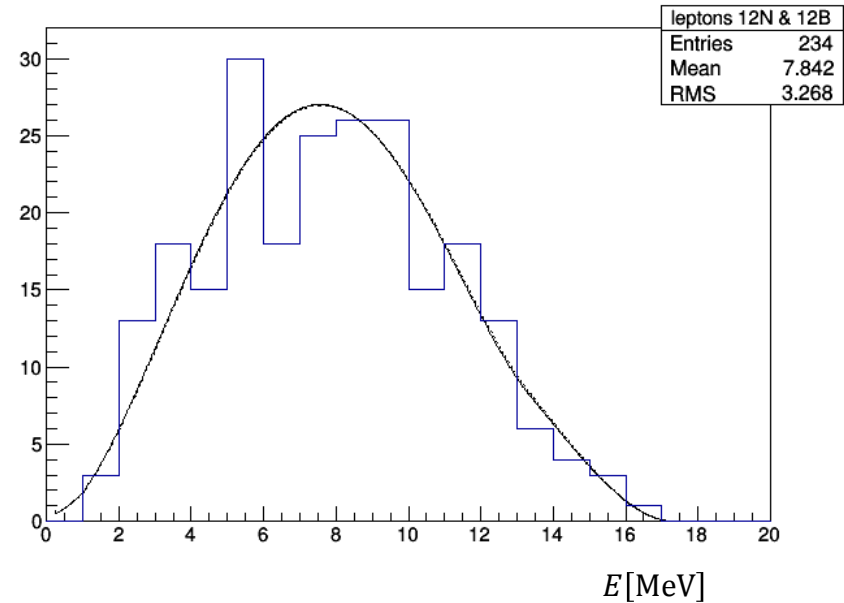
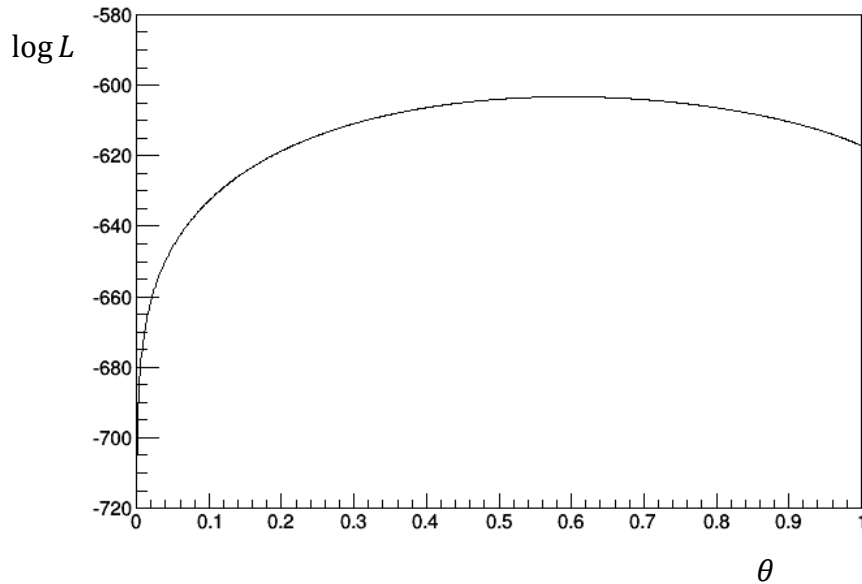
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