

THEIA Overview

- Overall Vision
- Some physics motivation(s)
- Overview of detector
- Progress on many fronts

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THEIA Workshop, UC Davis 4/2018

Vision Statement (2017)

THEIA Collaboration Vision Statement

The goal of the THEIA collaboration is to perform a broad program of world-leading neutrino research including unprecedented sensitivity to neutrinoless double decay, a precision measurement of neutrino CP violation, and a high statistics measurement of the individual components of the solar neutrino flux. In addition, THEIA will measure the flux of diffuse supernova neutrinos, search for nucleon decay in relatively unexplored modes, make a precise measurement of the geoneutrino flux, and be able to discern the flux of individual neutrino flavors from a galactic supernova well beyond the sensitivity of current detectors.

The concept for the THEIA program includes use of the high-intensity neutrino beam generated at Fermilab's Long Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF) plus the design and construction of a 50-kiloton scale detector deep underground in the LBNF far site at the Sanford Underground Research Facility in South Dakota. Realization of this ambitious program will require significant extension of present-day liquid scintillator and water Cherenkov optical detector technology using novel target media, ultra-fast photosensors, and new concepts in machine learning, advanced image analysis, and large scale data handling. These key THEIA technologies have wide application in many other areas including medicine, engineering, chemistry, and commerce. Thus, the collaboration is strongly committed to educating a new generation of scientists and engineers in these key areas so important to society by emphasizing inclusion of students and young researchers in all stages of the THEIA research, development, design, and construction process.

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Broad Program of world-leading research:

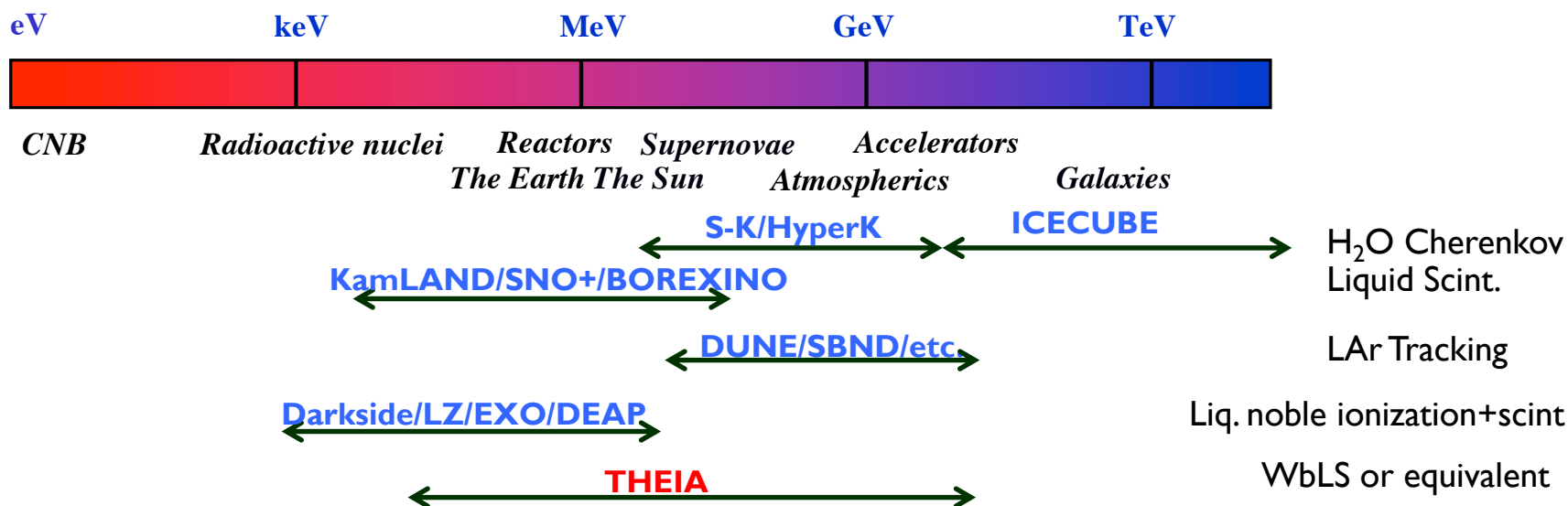
- Unprecedented sensitivity to $0\nu\beta\beta$ [beyond tonne-scale]
- Precision measurement of leptonic CP violation
- High-statistics measurements of solar neutrino flux components

And also:

- Diffuse supernova neutrinos
- Nucleon decay into relatively unexplored modes
- Supernova burst sensitivity with flavor separation

Most-favored location at LBNF: Depth and beam available

Physics Breadth Motivates Detector



New Technologies---

- Scintillator cocktails (including water-based)
- Fast photon detector timing
- High-efficiency photon detection
- Advanced reconstruction methods

Allow a rich low-energy program of neutrino physics
(+ complement the high-energy program)

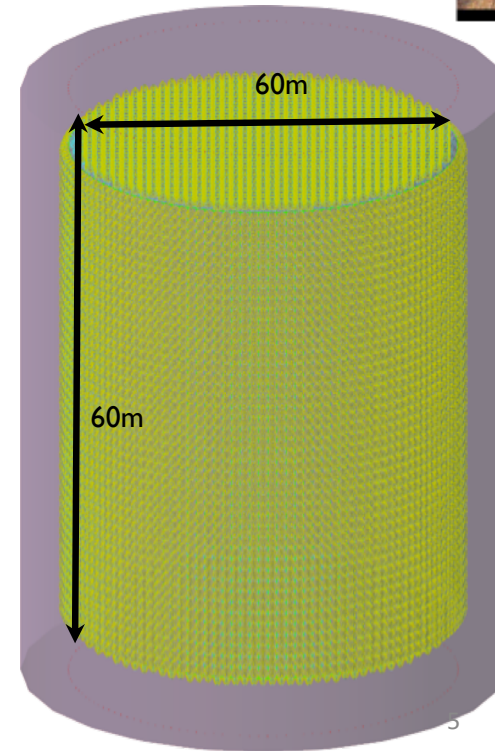
Theia Reference Design

Reference Design:

- 50-100 ktonnes WbLS (or equivalent)
- Cylindrical geometry
- Up to 80% coverage with photon sensors
- 4800 mwe underground
- Loading of various isotopes (Gd, Li, Te, Xe)
- Ability to deploy inner “bag”

“Forward-looking infrastructure”
would allow long-term, phased
program to accomplish full
physics range.

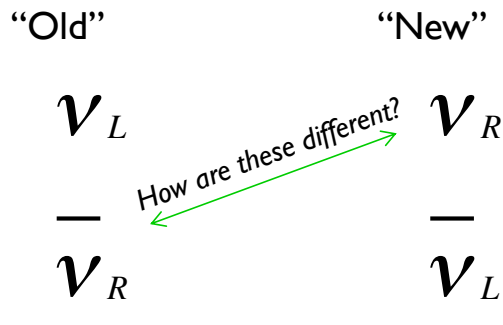
Gets around the “one number
problem” for neutrino experiments---
THEIA is a facility for many critical
neutrino measurements



$$0\nu\beta\beta$$

Are matter and antimatter fundamentally different?

If neutrinos are not Majorana, we have four neutrino states:



But what’s the physical difference between $\bar{\nu}_R$ and ν_R ?

They have:

Same charge (0)

Same mass

Same chirality

They differ only in their “anti”-ness...which is *not* a thing!

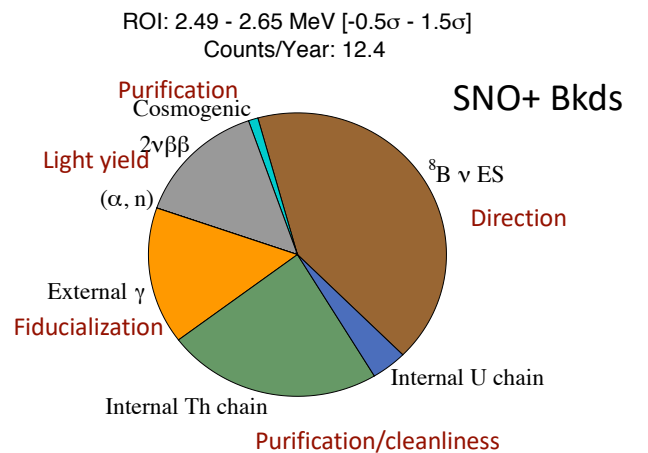
$$0\nu\beta\beta$$

Are matter and antimatter fundamentally different?

So Dirac neutrinos promote a global symmetry to a fundamental symmetry.

Meanwhile, Majorana neutrinos have a dimension-5 mass term---
Not even renormalizable (need a new mass-generating mechanism).

There is no “Standard” Model until this is settled.



$0\nu\beta\beta$

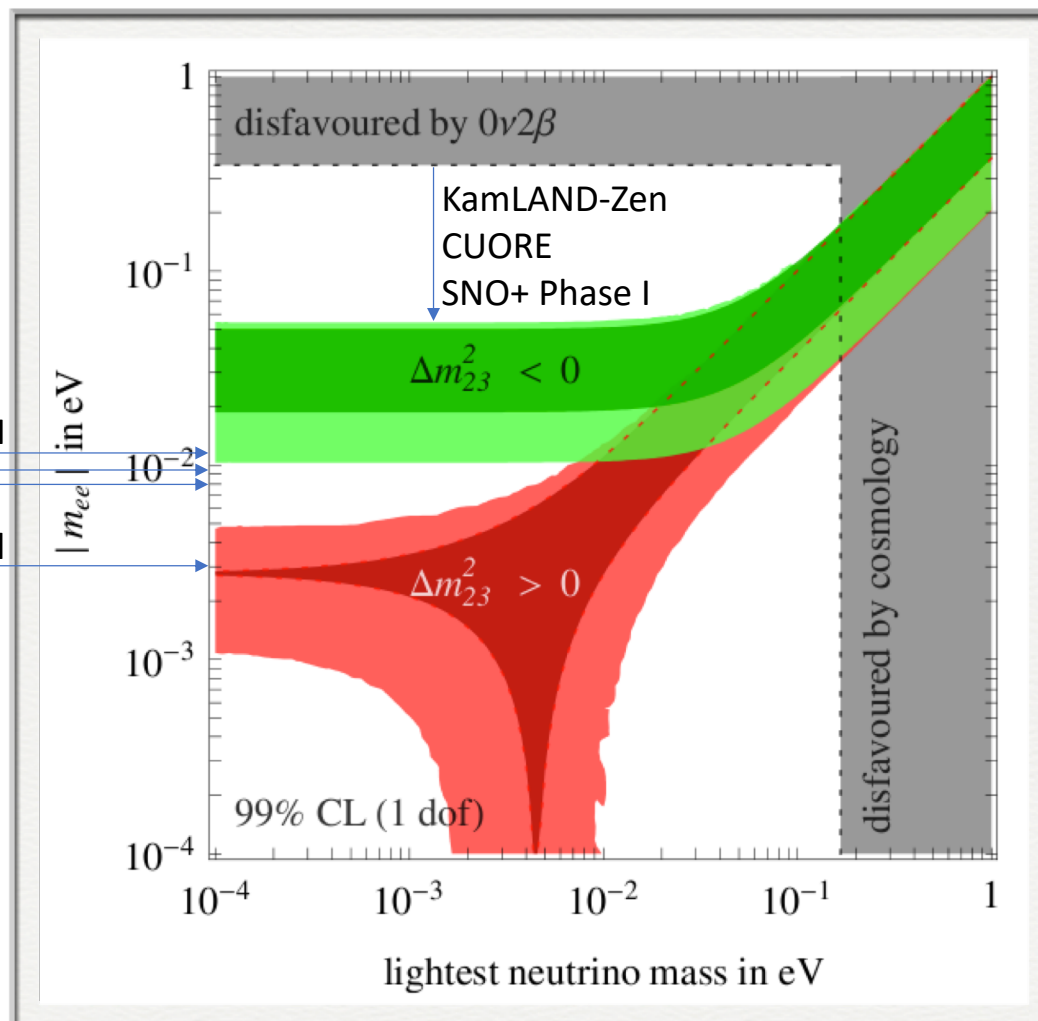
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nEXO

SNO+ Phase II

THEIA Goal

Getting below 5 meV will require > 10 tonnes of isotope, a small fiducial volume, and reduction of backgrounds though good resolution (2ν) and direction (^8B)



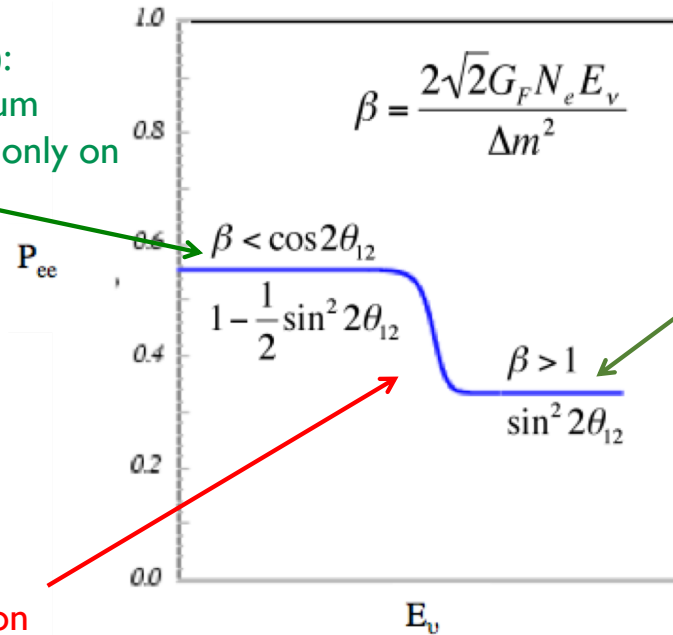
Solar Neutrinos

Important measurements still to make:

- Look for new physics in vacuum/matter transition region
- Understand solar system formation using...neutrinos?
- Look for new stellar energy generation/loss mechanisms
- Keep watching

Solar Neutrinos

Low energy (<1MeV):
Phase-averaged vacuum
oscillations; depends only on
 θ_{12}



'High' energy (>5MeV):
Matter-dominated conversion;
depends only on θ_{12}

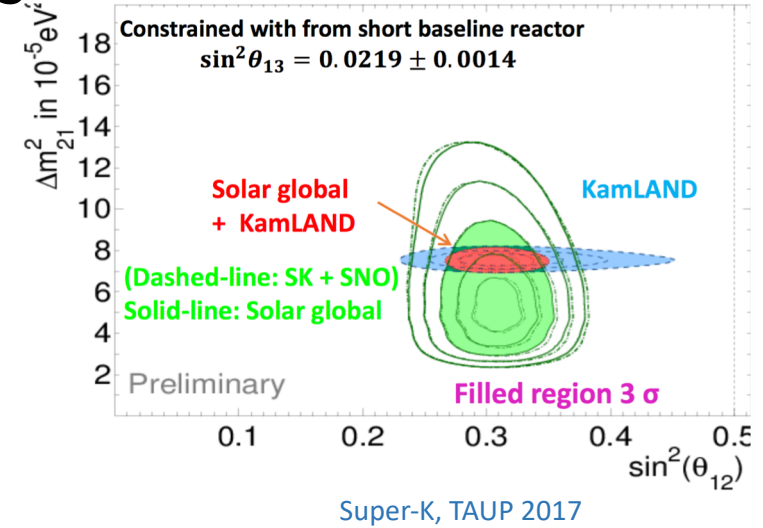
Transition region

Interferometry on top of interferometry...
Anything that distinguishes flavor or mass states
changes position and width of transition region

Solar Neutrinos

TABLE III. Comparison of survival probability fits to standard MSW-LMA. If the best fit remains at the MSW-LMA value for a model, a 90% confidence level upper limit (1 d.o.f.) on the model's parameters is given instead. $\Delta\chi^2$ is the difference between the model's best-fit point and the MSW-LMA best fit. The final column gives the largest confidence level at which MSW-LMA is excluded.

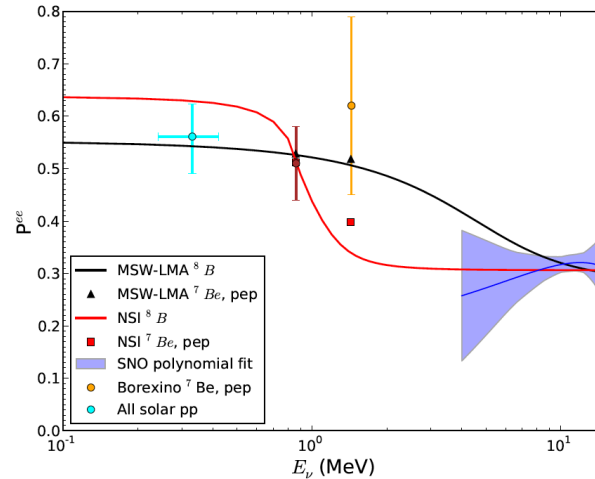
Model	Best fit	$\Delta\chi^2$	Additional d.o.f.	C.L.
MSW-LMA	$\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.462 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$, $\sin^2\theta_{12} = 0.301$, $\sin^2\theta_{13} = 0.0242$	0
MSW-LMA (AGSS09SF2)	$\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.469 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$, $\sin^2\theta_{12} = 0.304$, $\sin^2\theta_{13} = 0.0240$	2.8
NSI (ϵ_1 real, $\epsilon_2 = 0$)	$\epsilon_1 = -0.145$	-1.5	1	0.78
NSI ($\epsilon_2 = 0$)	$\epsilon_1 = -0.146 + 0.031i$	-1.5	2	0.53
NSI (ϵ_1 real)	$\epsilon_1 = 0.014$, $\epsilon_2 = 0.683$	-1.9	2	0.60
MaVaN neutrino density dependence	$m_{1,0} < 0.033 \text{ eV}$	0	1	0.0
MaVaN fermi density dependence	$\alpha_2 = 6.30 \times 10^{-5}$, $\alpha_3 = i2.00 \times 10^{-5}$	-3.3	2	0.81
Long-range scalar leptonic force	$k_S = 6.73 \times 10^{-45}$, $\lambda = 1.56R_\odot$, $m_{1,0} = 0 \text{ eV}$	-2.9	3	0.58
Long-range vector leptonic force	$k_V = 3.26 \times 10^{-54}$, $\lambda = 16.97R_\odot$	-1.8	2	0.59
Long-range tensor leptonic force	$k_T < 1.3 \times 10^{-61} \text{ eV}^{-1}$	0	2	0.0
Nonstandard solar model without flux constraint	$\delta_0 = 0.57$	-4.6	1	...



Bonventre, LaTorre,
et al, Phys. Rev. D 88
(2013) 053010

Best fit for
mass-varying
neutrinos

$\Delta\chi^2 = 3.3$
C.L. = 0.81



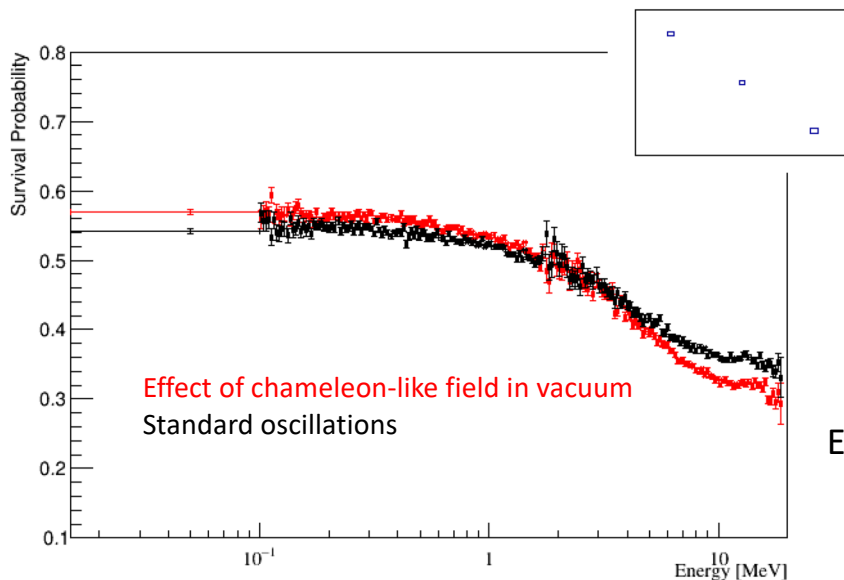
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effects entirely driven by
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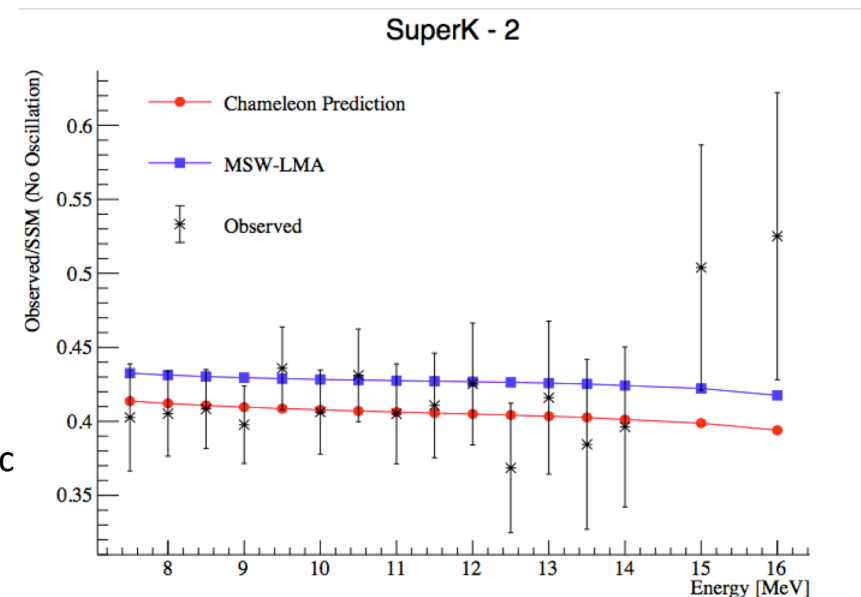
Or even...

“Chameleon”-like fields are screened in matter (including atmosphere)

Only solar neutrinos probe these potentials while traveling in vacuum



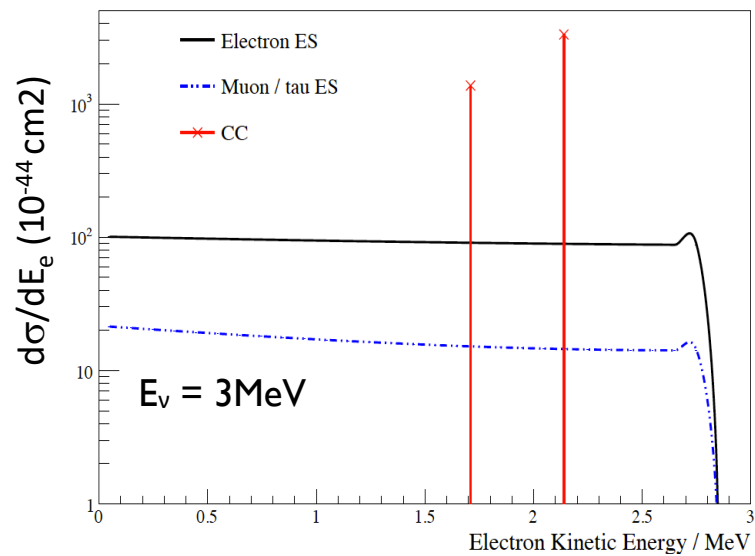
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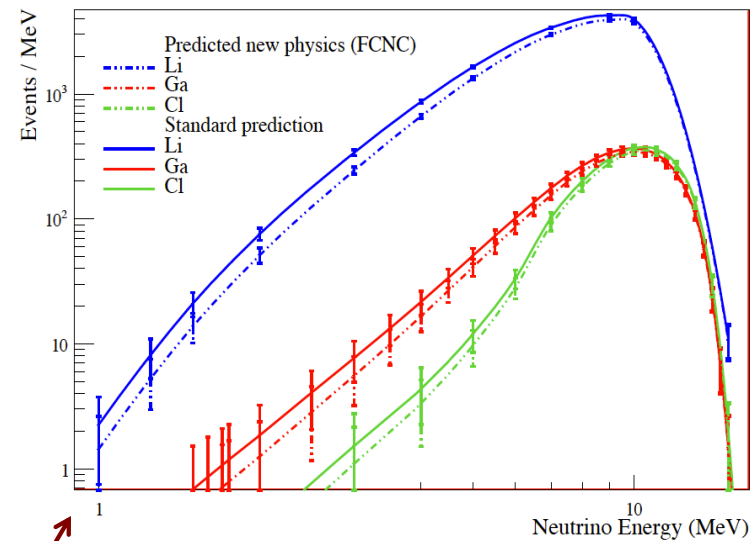
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“Salty water Cherenkov detectors” W.C. Haxton PRL 76 (1996) 10

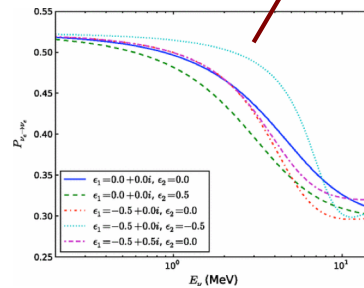
Loading with (e.g.) ^7Li provides CC cross section with narrow $d\sigma/dE$.



Makes models easy to distinguish

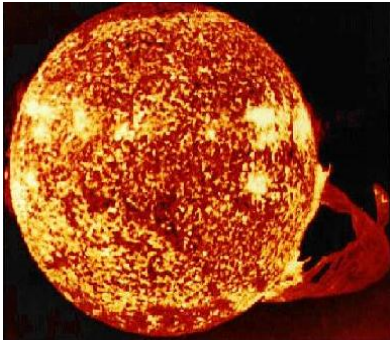


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Solar Neutrinos

The solar 'metallicity problem'



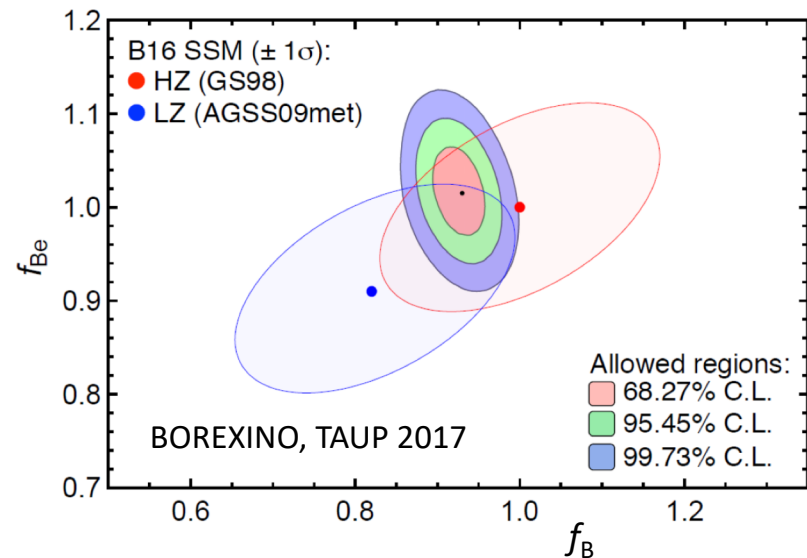
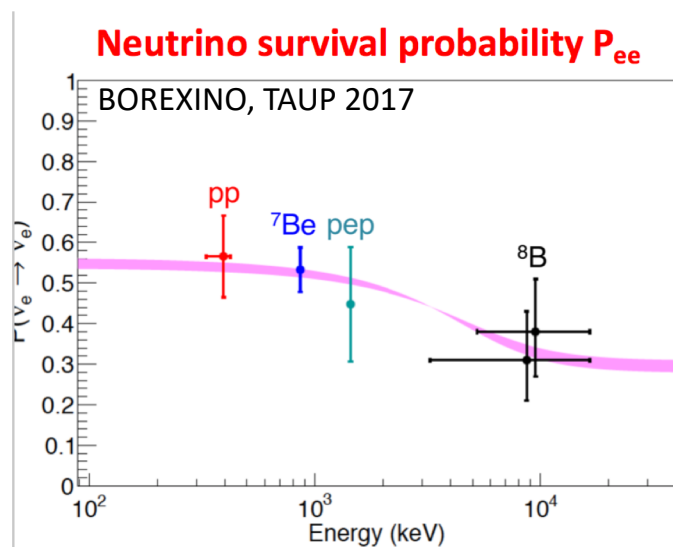
the ar. Only neutrinos, with their extremely small interaction cross sections, can enable us to see into the interior of a star and thus verify directly the hypothesis of nuclear energy generation in stars. ---John Bahcall, PR, (1964)

- Helioseismology convinced 'everyone' that SSM was correct
- Modern measurements of surface metallicity are lower than before
- Which makes SSM helioseismologic predictions wrong

But! CNO neutrinos tell us metallicity of solar core

→ Flux may differ by factor of 2 between old/new metallicity

(Maybe Jupiter and Saturn 'stole' metals from solar photosphere?
---Haxton and Serenelli, Astrophys.J. 687 (2008)



Solar Neutrinos

CNO

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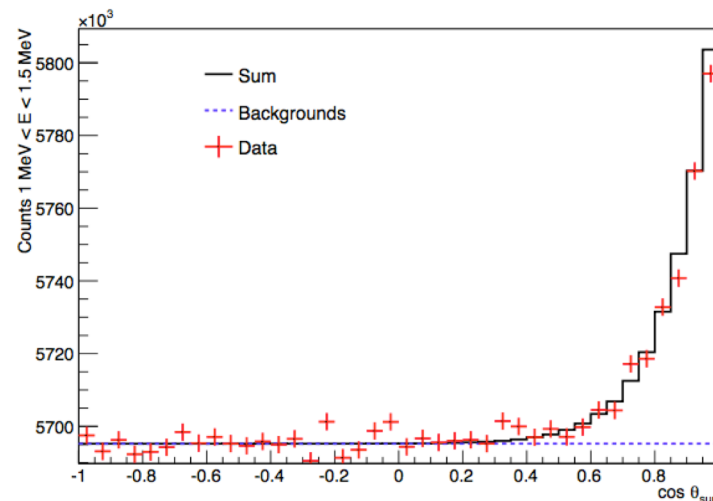
CNO Neutrino Grand Prix: The race to solve the solar metallicity problem

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As a final point, we note that it is possible that new technologies may allow the CNO flux to be measured by electron-recoil experiments sooner, in particular the development of experiments which can detect both scintillation and Cherenkov light, such as **THEIA** [52–54]. This would mean that the direction of the recoiling electrons could be measured in addition to their energies, which would break the degeneracy between solar neutrinos and background such as ^{210}Bi .

Sensitivity of a low threshold directional detector to CNO-cycle solar neutrinos

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Solar Neutrinos

Are all energy generation/loss mechanisms accounted for?

With luminosity constraint:

Exp. Uncs. Theory Uncs.

$$\phi(\text{pp})_{\text{measured}} = (1.02 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.01) \phi(\text{pp})_{\text{theory}}$$

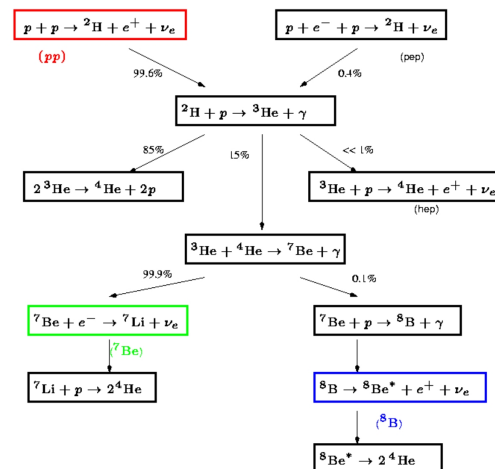
$$\phi(^8\text{B})_{\text{measured}} = (0.88 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.23) \phi(^8\text{B})_{\text{theory}}$$

$$\phi(^7\text{Be})_{\text{measured}} = (0.91^{+0.24}_{-0.62} \pm 0.11) \phi(^7\text{Be})_{\text{theory}}$$

Bahcall and Pinsonneault

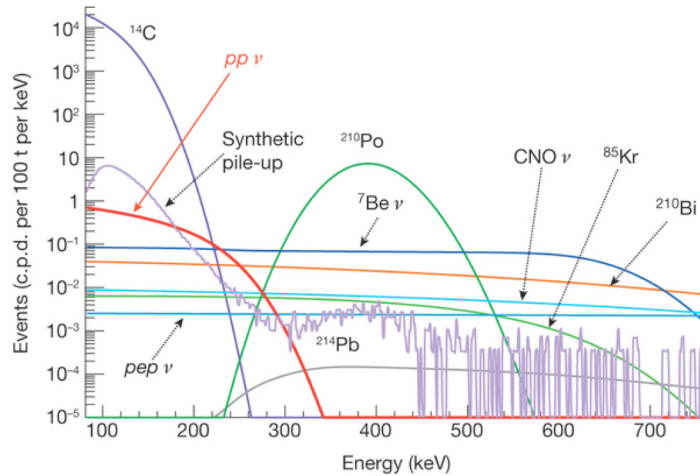
But without constraint: L_ν/L_\odot known only to 20-40%

→ 'Unitarity' test that integrates over a lot of new physics



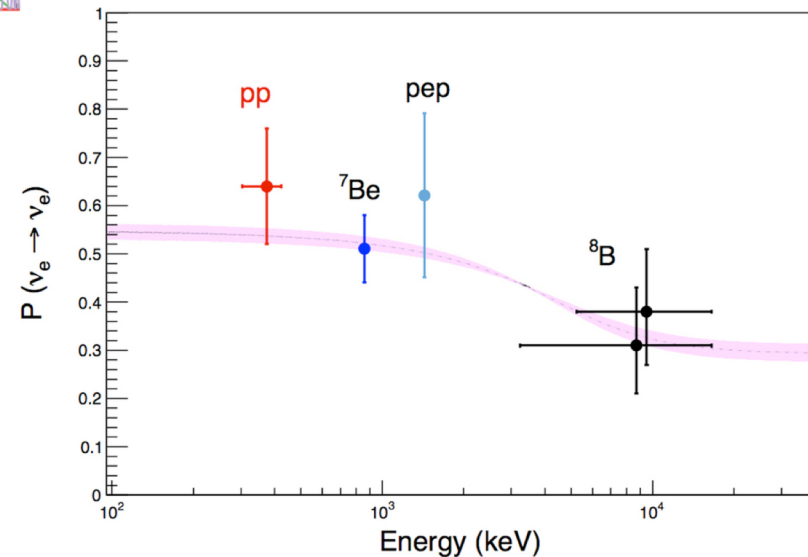
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BOREXINO spectacularly clean...first *exclusive* pp measurement!



Precision comparable to inclusive Ga experiments

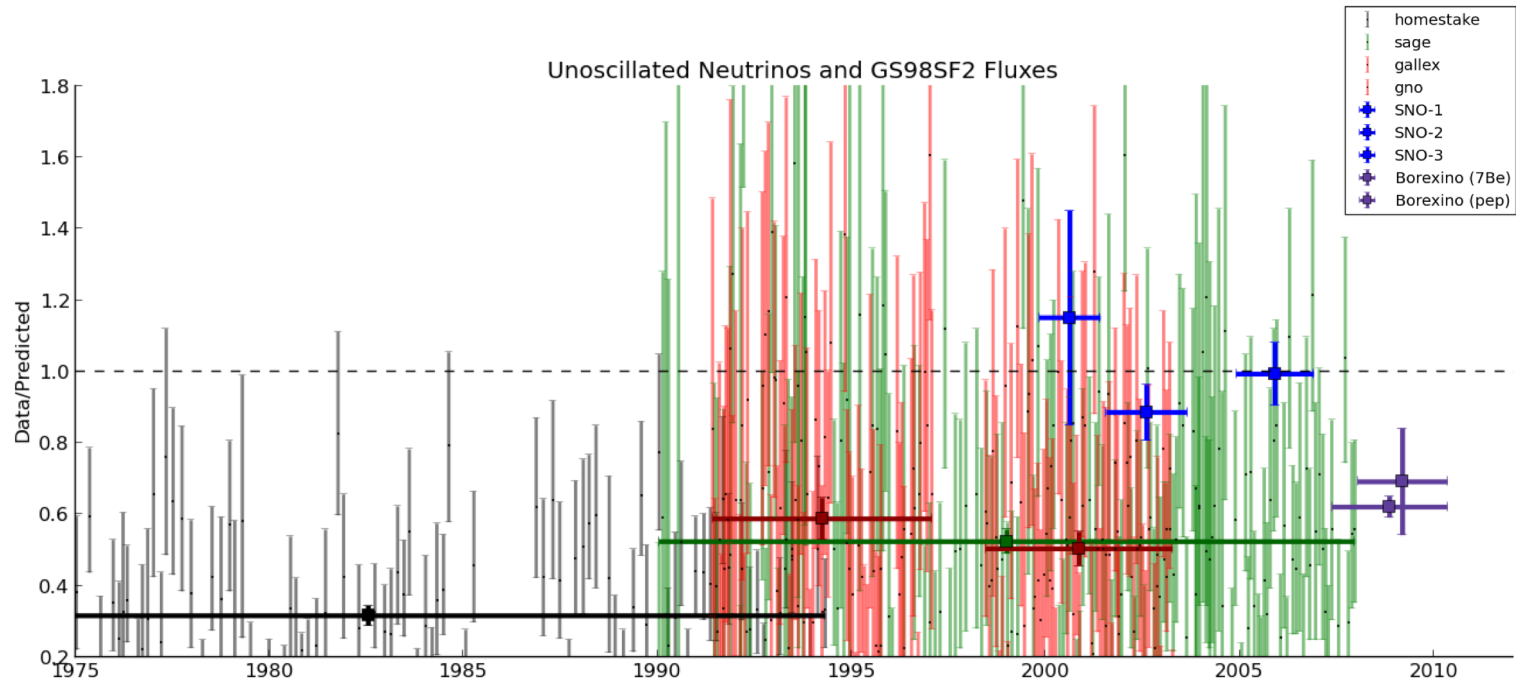
But far from what is needed for precision luminosity test.



Solar Neutrinos

The (Very) Recent History of the Solar Core

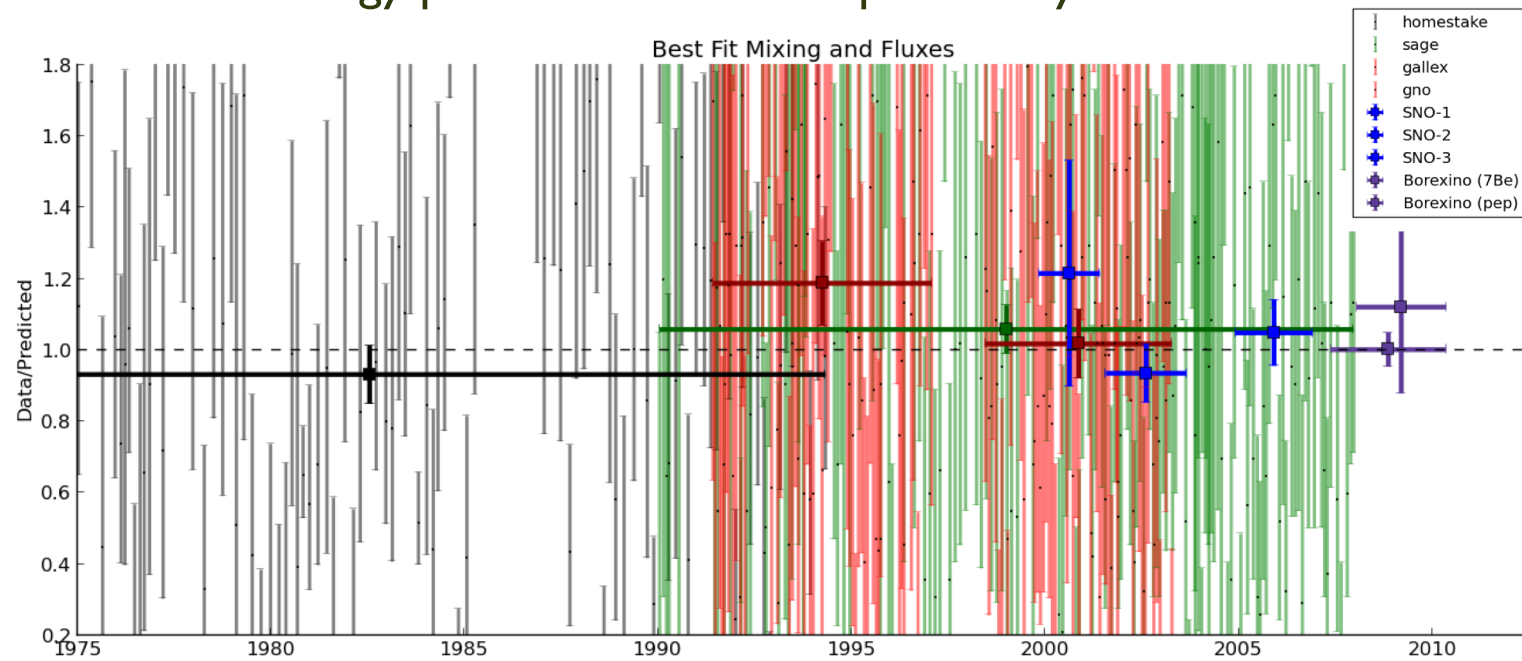
Without mixing correction, this is a history of the Solar Neutrino Problem



A. LaTorre

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Correcting for mixing angles, this is the stability of solar energy production over the past 45+ years.



A. LaTorre

Long Baseline Oscillations

Phenomenology is very rich:

$$P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu} = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2 \left(\frac{1.27 \Delta m^2 L}{E} \right)$$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = 4C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2 \sin^2 \Phi_{31} \\ + 8C_{13}^2 S_{12} S_{13} S_{23} (C_{12} C_{23} \cos \delta - S_{12} S_{13} S_{23}) \cos \Phi_{32} \cdot \sin \Phi_{31} \cdot \sin \Phi_{21}$$

CP violating term $\rightarrow -8C_{13}^2 C_{12} C_{23} S_{12} S_{13} S_{23} \sin \delta \sin \Phi_{32} \cdot \sin \Phi_{31} \cdot \sin \Phi_{21}$

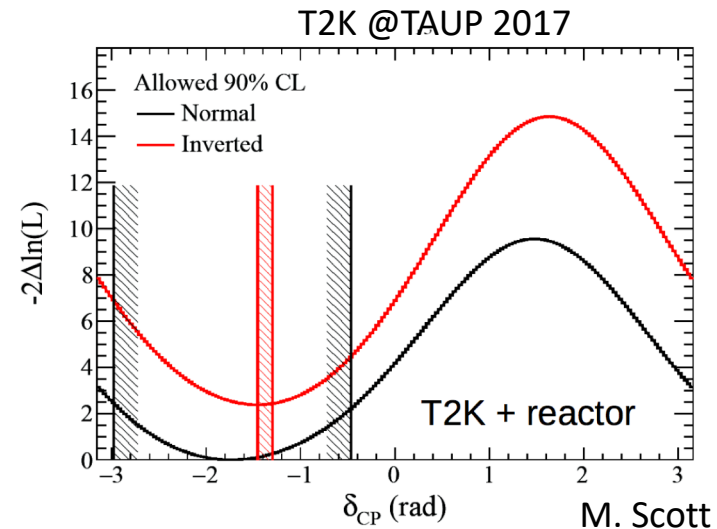
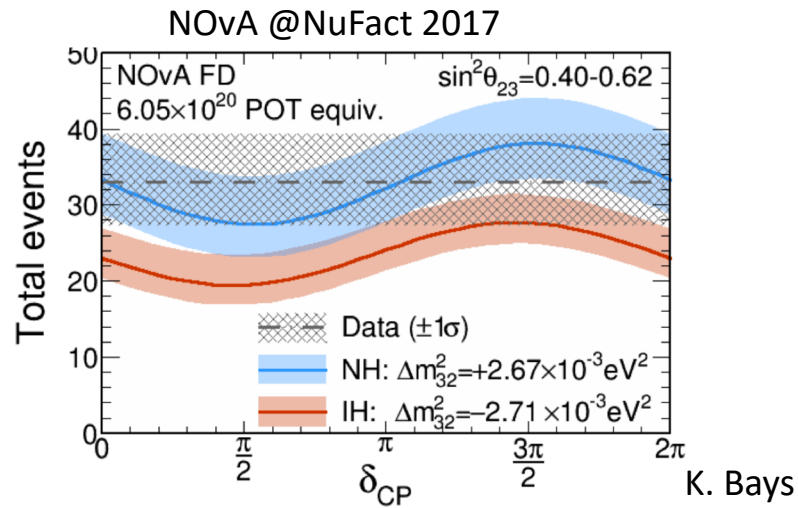
‘Solar term’ $\rightarrow +4S_{12}^2 C_{13}^2 (C_{12}^2 C_{23}^2 + S_{12}^2 S_{23}^2 S_{13}^2 - 2C_{12} C_{23} S_{12} S_{23} S_{13} \cos \delta) \sin^2 \Phi_{21}$

Matter term $\rightarrow -8C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2 (1 - 2S_{13}^2) \frac{aL}{4E_\nu} \cos \Phi_{32} \sin \Phi_{31}.$

$$\Phi_{ij} \equiv \Delta m_{ij}^2 L / 4E_\nu \quad c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}, s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$$

“All the neutrinos, all the time”

Long Baseline Oscillations



An “observation” of CP violation by neutrinos is perhaps not far away.

If $\delta=90^\circ$, it is probably very interesting!

If $\delta=78^\circ$, it is probably not so interesting!

Long Baseline Oscillations

Should we bother measuring δ ?

- “Models can be built...” and “arguments can be made” that connect δ to Majorana CP violation and leptogenesis.

$|\sin\theta_{13} \sin\delta| \gtrsim 0.11$ (Pascoli, Petcov, Riotto, Nuc. Phys. B 774, (2007))

- But we should remember that this

$$A_{CP} = \frac{P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) - P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)}{P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) + P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)} \simeq \frac{\Delta m_{12}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \cdot \frac{\sin 2\theta_{12}}{\sin\theta_{13}} \cdot \sin\delta$$

is a prediction of the 3-flavor model. δ can (in principle) be measured independently of A_{CP} using just the oscillation patterns. With such a measurement, we **predict** the oscillation probabilities for anti- ν_μ s into anti- ν_e s and ask:

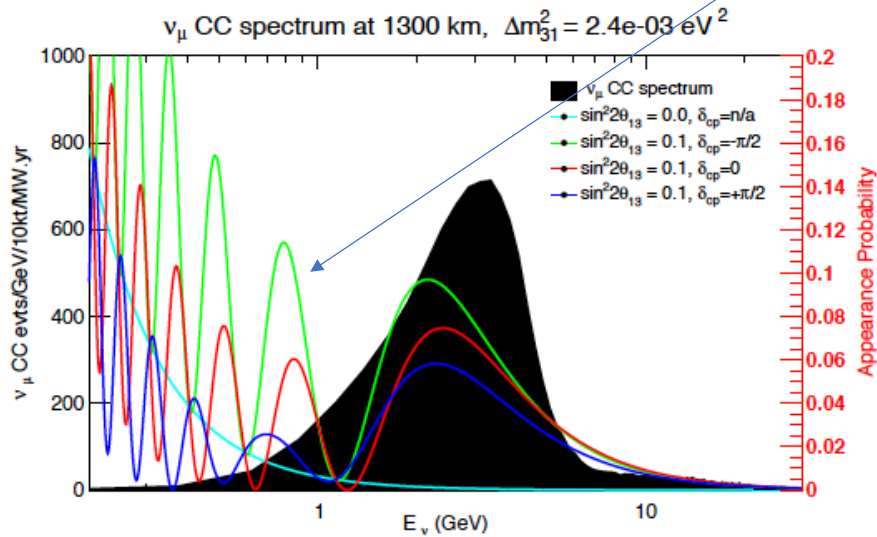
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Long Baseline Oscillations

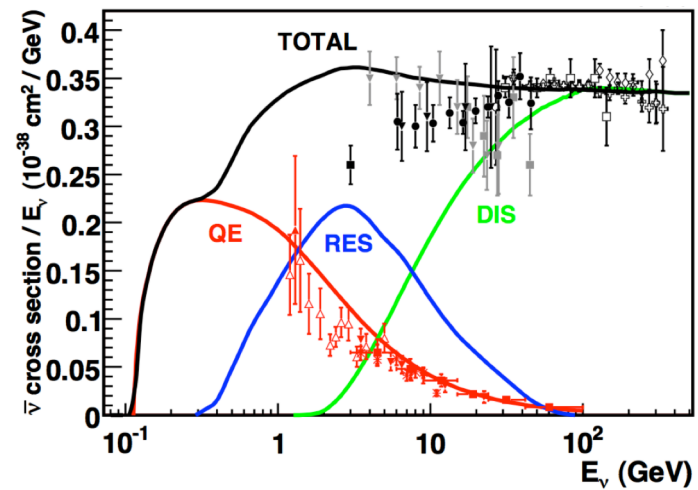
- Neutrinos don't just transform, they oscillate
- Coherent interactions with matter alter oscillation pattern
- Mixing parameters are universal
 - Neutrinos and antineutrinos have the same mixing parameters
 - And it doesn't matter how you measure them
- $\Delta m_{12}^2 + \Delta m_{23}^2 + \Delta m_{13}^2 = 0$
- For 3 light flavors, mixing matrix is unitary (but we should not suffer from unitarity envy)

Long Baseline Oscillations

“Smoking gun” of oscillations is second maximum



2nd Max sits where QE dominates---fewer uncertainties



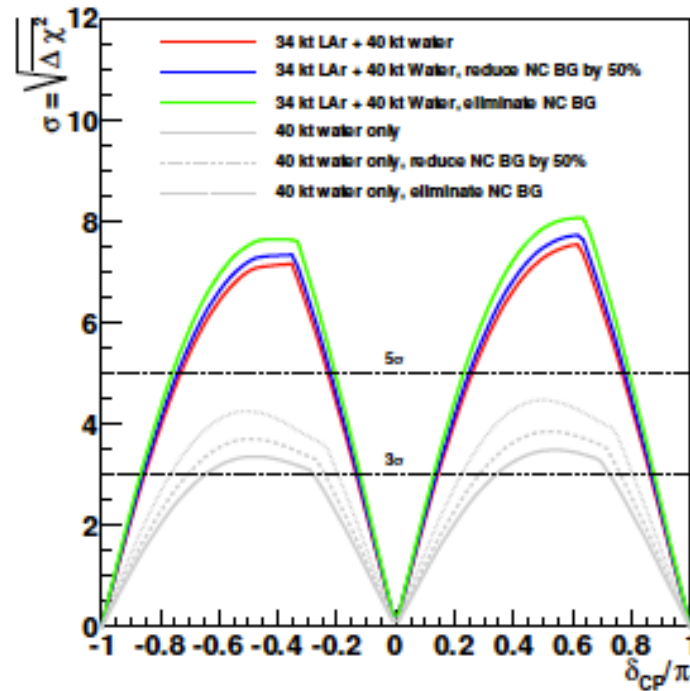
Even in “new” LNBF beam flux is low here, so detector needs to be big.

But also: resolution of LArTPC in this regime is ~20% (!)

Neutron tagging in Theia will help to constrain missing energy

Long Baseline Oscillations

CP Violation Sensitivity

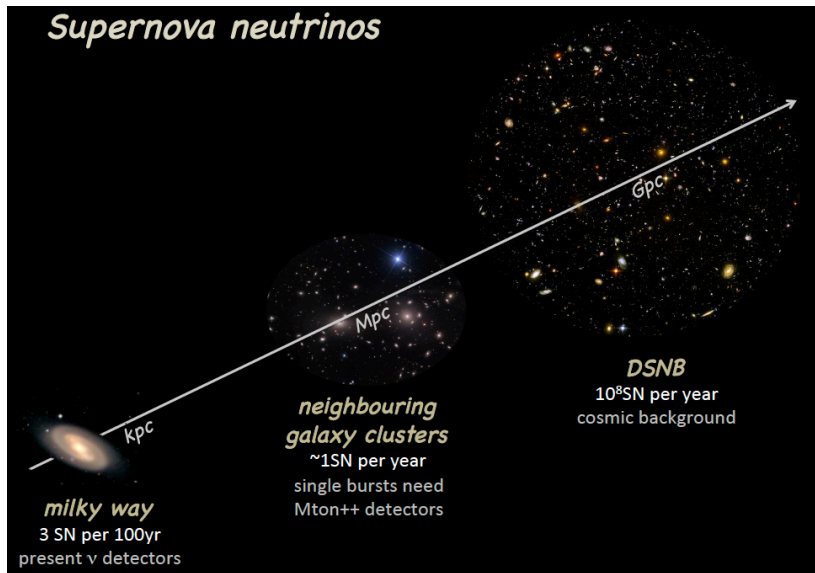


100 ktonne THEIA=40 ktonne LAr

IF scintillation light “doesn’t hurt”

E. Worcester

Diffuse Supernova (Anti)Neutrino Background

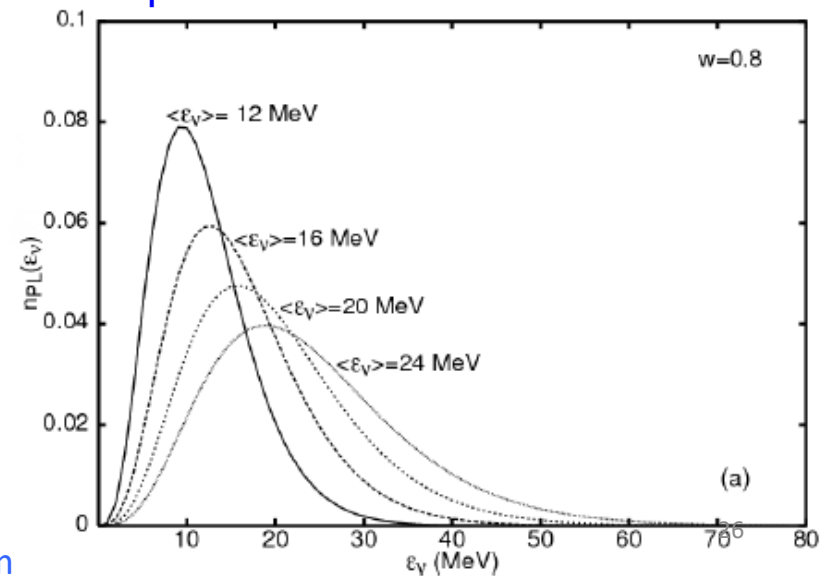


“Relics” from all supernovas since Big Bang are detectable.

About 1 event/10kt/year.

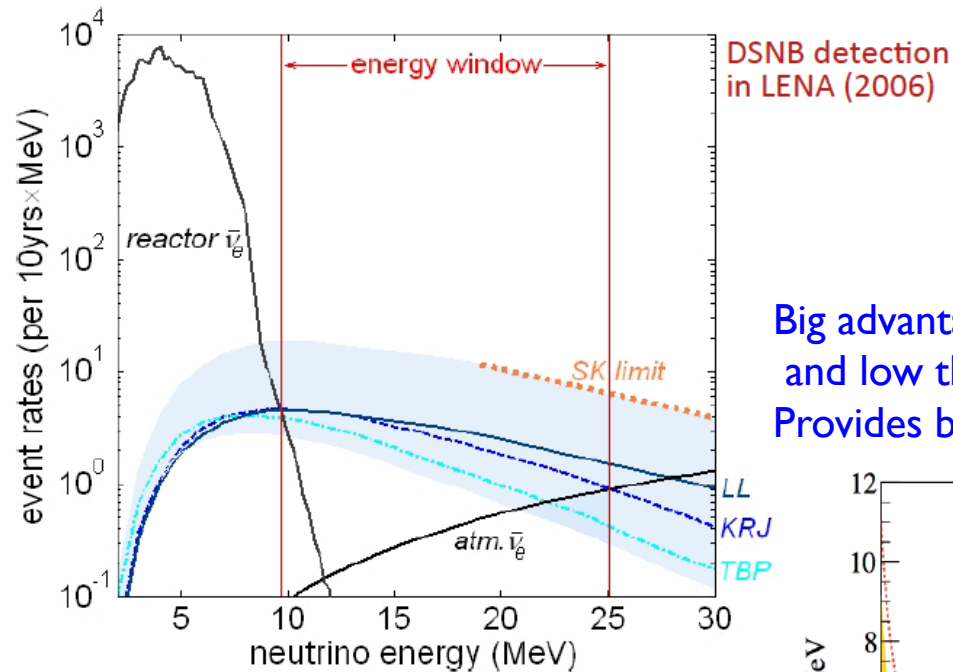
Why wait for a supernova burst?

Observed spectrum depends on supernova mechanism



M. Wurm

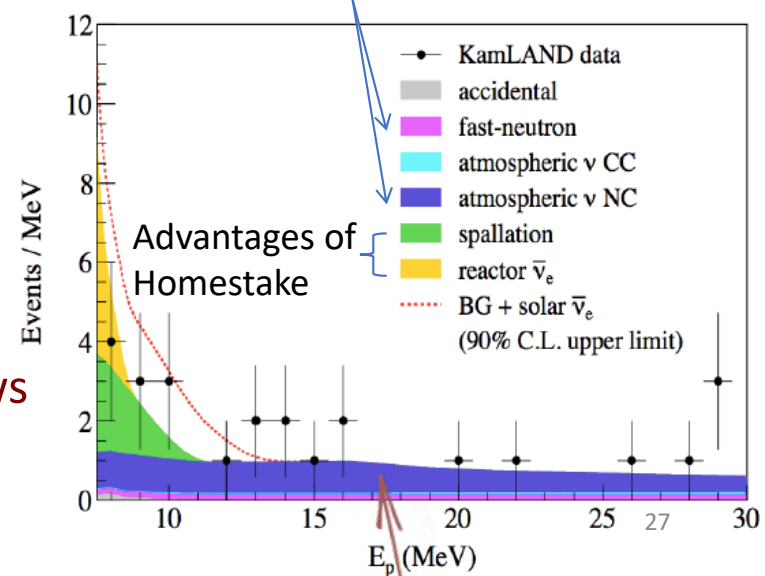
Diffuse Supernova (Anti)Neutrino Background



Big advantage of LS is “free” neutron tags
and low threshold---
Provides background rejection

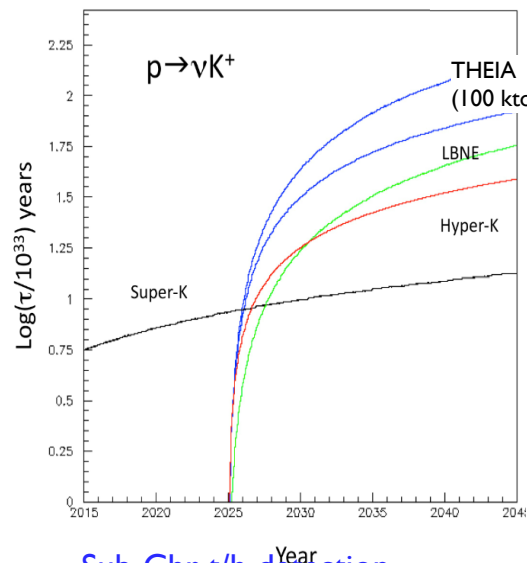
Pulse-shape discrimination also allows
rejection of non-electron events.

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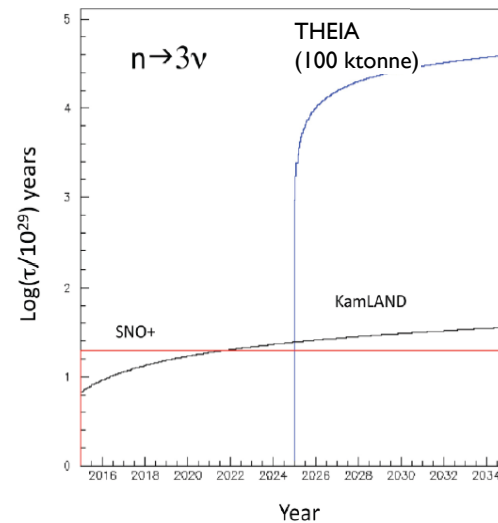


Nucleon Decay

Scintillation light allows observation of K^+ , as well as de-excitation γ s from “invisible” decay modes.



Sub-Chr t/h detection
 \Rightarrow Directly visible K^+
 A 50 ktonne THEIA+DUNE ~
 100 ktonnes



Deep, low threshold
 De-excitation γ s observable via Cher or Scint

R. Svoboda

For $p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$ mode, not likely to be competitive with Super-K/Hyper-K unless THEIA can be made > 200 ktonne

Broadening the Program

But requirements for various physics goals are in tension:

Scintillation Detectors:

- Limited in size because scintillator absorbs light
- Have high scattering making direction reconstruction (and high E physics) difficult
- Are expensive even if they could be made large

Water Detectors:

- No access to physics below Cherenkov threshold
- Low light yield makes resolution poor even at ~ 10 MeV, making low E physics impossible
- Are hard to make ultra-clean

We'd really like the best of both worlds.

Physics Requirements

But requirements for various physics goals are in tension:

Physics	Size	Cherenkov Priority	Scintillation Priority	Cleanliness Priority
$0\nu\beta\beta$	~few ktonne	Medium	Very high	Very High
Low E Solar vs (< 1 MeV)	~10 ktonne	High	Very high	Very High
High E Solar vs (> 1 MeV)	>50 ktonne	High	Low	High
Geo/reactor anti- ν s	~10 ktonne	Low	High	Medium
DSNB anti- ν s	>50 ktonne	Low	High	Medium
Long-baseline vs	> 50 ktonne	Very high	Low	Low
Nucleon decay (K^+ anti- ν)	> 100 ktonne	High	High	Low

- Low-energy physics wants a clean detector with a lot of light
- High-energy physics wants a big detector with direction/tracking/particle ID

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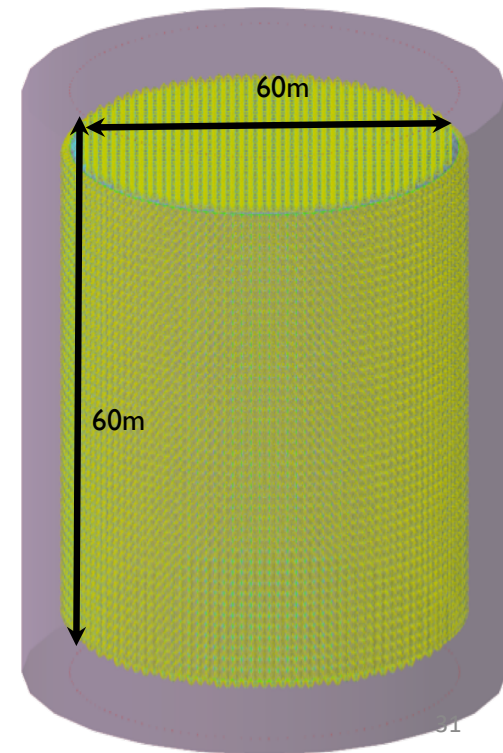
Most critical ingredient is distinguishing **Chertons** from **Scintons**

Cherenkov light gives us:

- Electron vs. muon PID (like T2K)
- Multi-ring rejection of NC π^0 s (like T2K)
- Rejection of ^8B ES background to $0\nu\beta\beta$ (or even $\beta\beta$ topology?)
- Discrimination of CNO from ^{210}Bi (Bonventre/Orebi Gann)
- Discrimination of CC solar (Li) from ES (Bonventre/Orebi Gann)

Scintillation light gives us:

- Energy resolution for $0\nu\beta\beta$ search (KamLAND, SNO+)
- Sensitivity to K^+ in nucleon decay (Svoboda)
- $\beta/\gamma/\alpha$ separation for $0\nu\beta\beta$ (Borexino, SNO+)
- Energy resolution for seeing MSW rise in ^8B solar (Borexino)
- Neutron sensitivity for geoneutrinos and DSNB (K, Borexino, LENA)



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Chertons from Scintons

Fortunately, many ways to do this!

- “Lean” scintillator cocktails (WbLS)
- Timing of photon sensors
- Scintillator time profile
- Angular distribution of Cherenkov light
- Photon spectral separation
- Polarization (?)

Cherenkov ID scales like

$$R_{s/c} \sim \frac{\gamma_C}{\gamma_S} \frac{t_{jitt}}{\tau_{scint}} \rho(\cos \alpha_C) R(\lambda)$$

t_{jitt} = transit time spread of PD

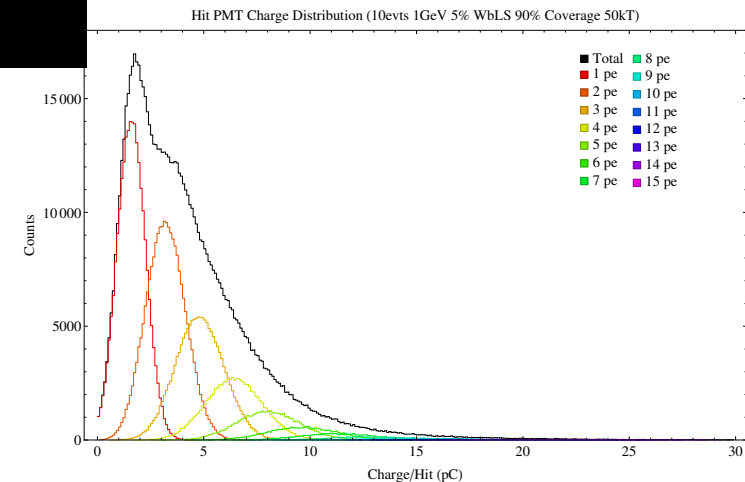
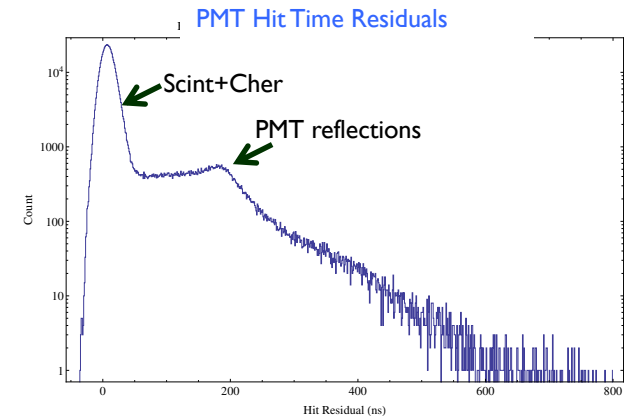
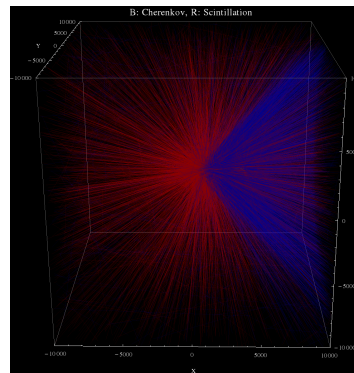
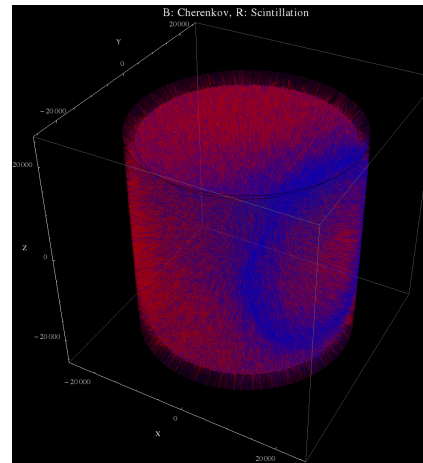
τ_{scint} = scintillation time constant

γ_C = number of Cherenkov photons

γ_S = number of scintillation photons

$\rho(\cos \alpha_C)$ = angular weighting function

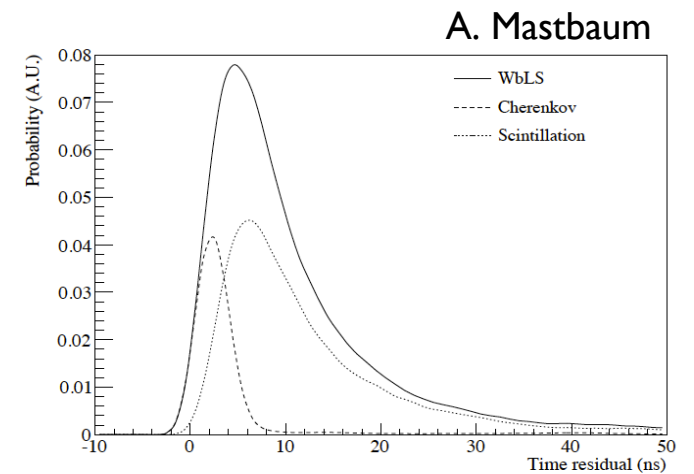
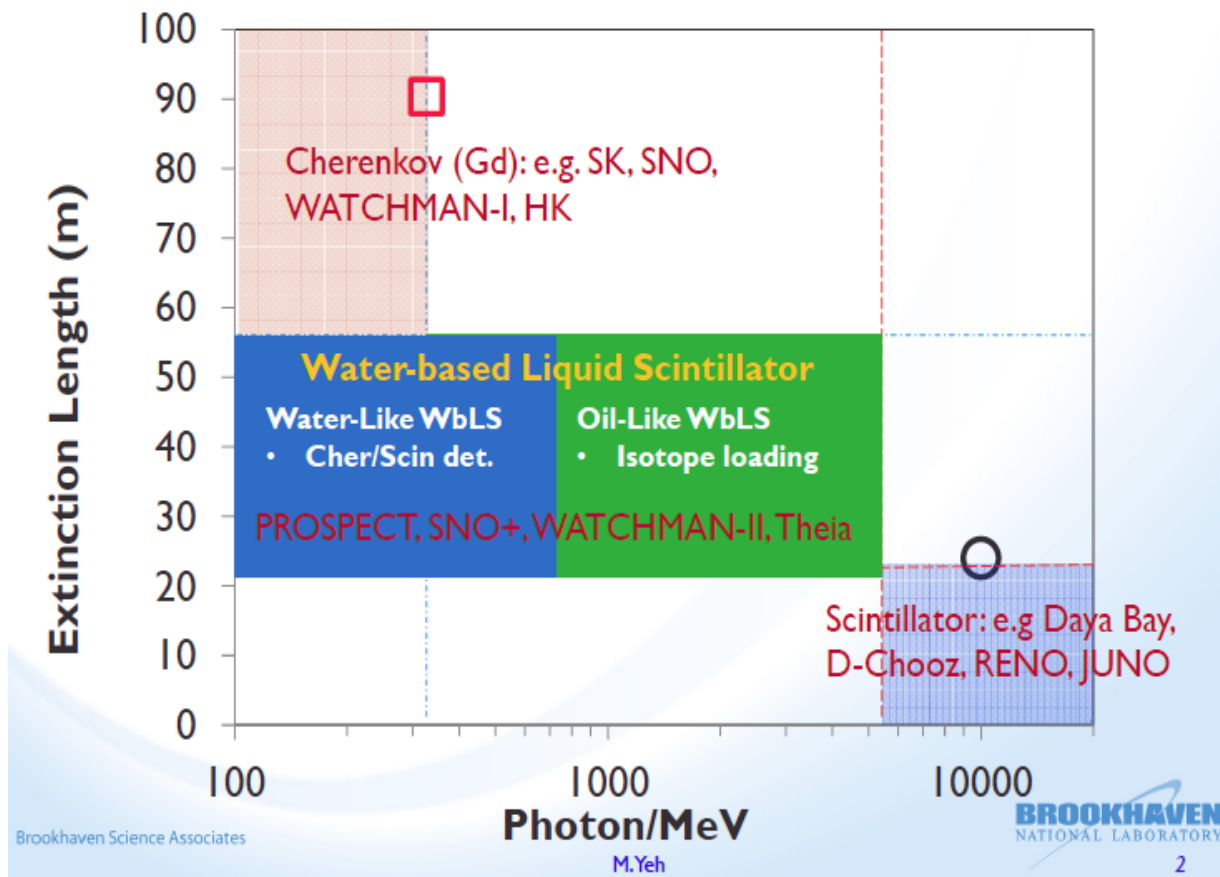
$R(\lambda)$ = spectral response function



B. Land (Berkeley)

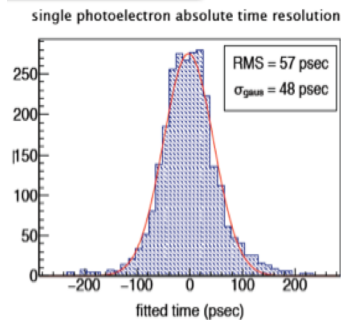
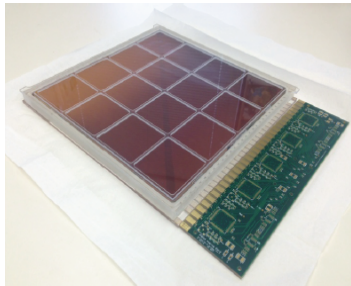
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“Lean” Scintillator Cocktails - γ_c/γ_s



Theia Photon Sensor Timing -- t_{jitt}

LAPPDs now exist in the wild...will be deployed in ANNIE



But even standard large-area PMTs are looking good

Characterization of the Hamamatsu 8" R5912-MOD
Photomultiplier Tube

Tanner Kaptanoglu^{a 1}

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NIMA 889 (2018)

More exotic: Gaseous
photon sensors
(Sebastian White)

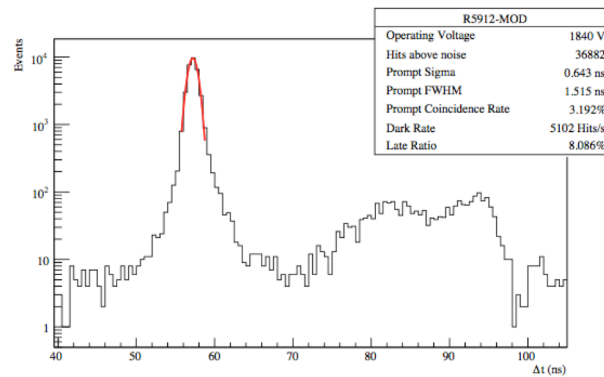


Figure 8: The transit time profile of the R5912-MOD. Shown in the statistics box is some important characteristic of the SPE time response. The Gaussian fit to the prompt light peak is shown in red.

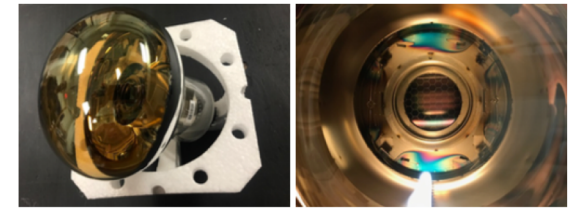
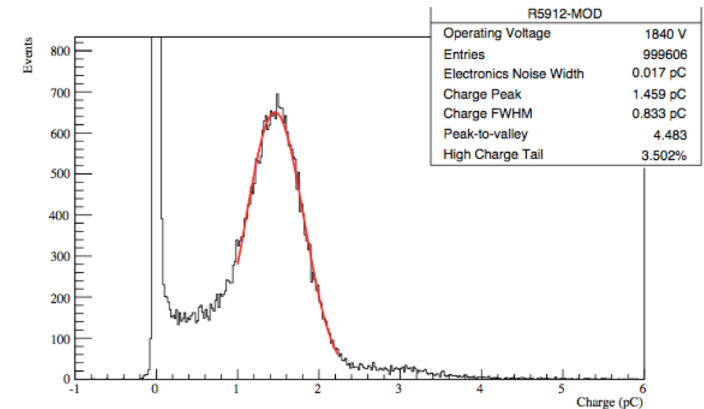


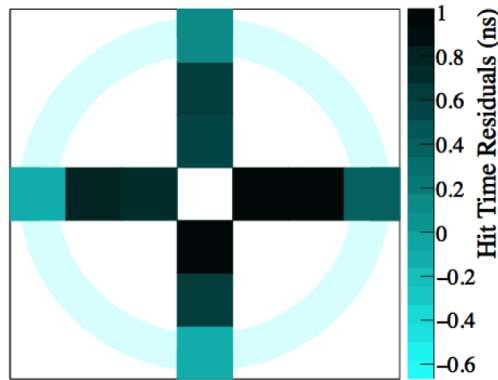
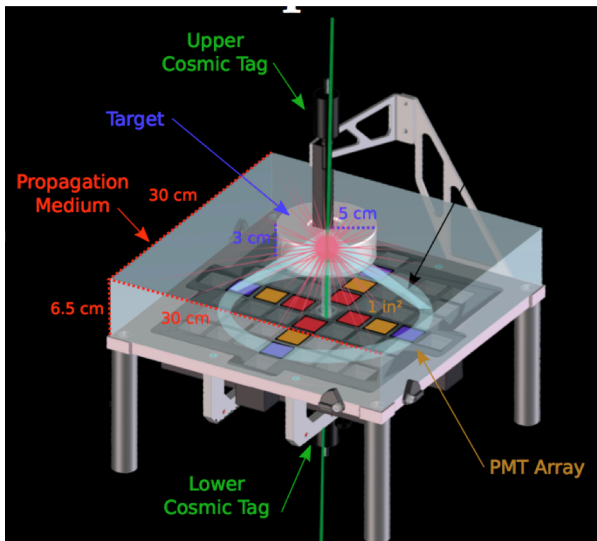
Figure 2: An image of the full R5912-MOD PMT (left) and a photo of the inside of the PMT (right).



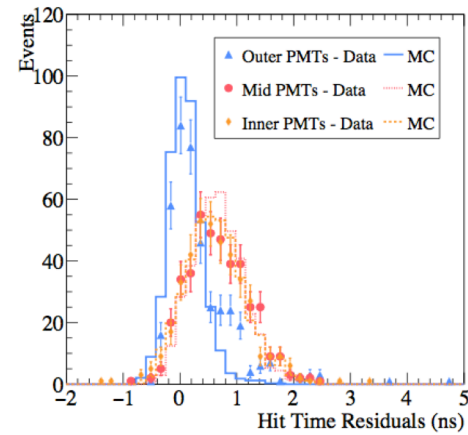
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Photon Sensor Timing-- t_{jitt}

CHESS at Berkeley demonstrates separation with ~ 200 ps timing



Typical ring candidate event



Theia Scintillator Time Profile-- τ_{scint}

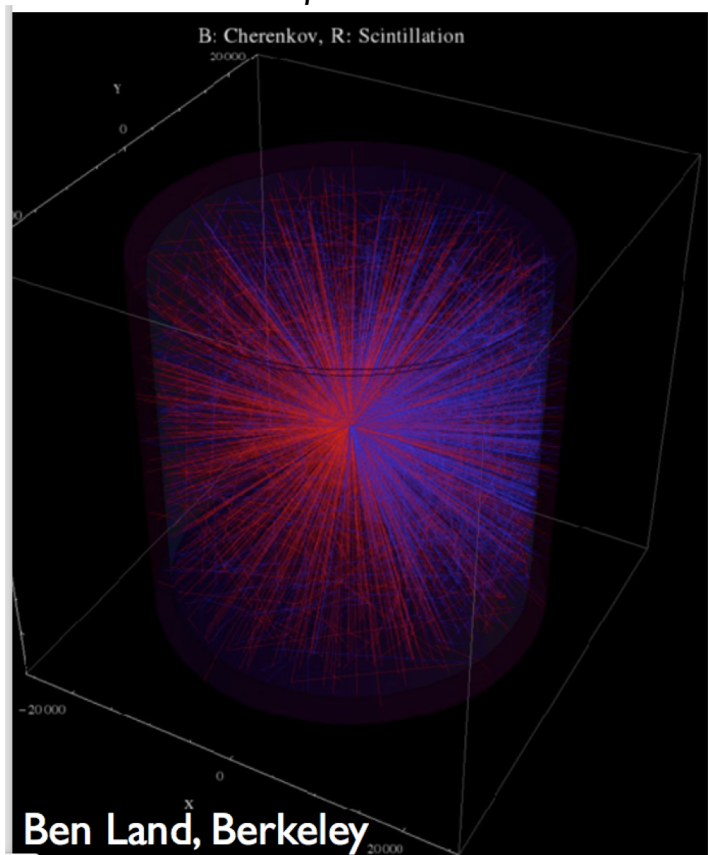
Some secondary fluors in place of PPO can have risetimes (τ_{scint}) as slow as 15 ns! (Biller, Dunger et al)

Challenge will be to ensure light yield and reconstruction resolution.

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Angular Distribution— $\rho(\cos\alpha, \lambda)\text{scint}$

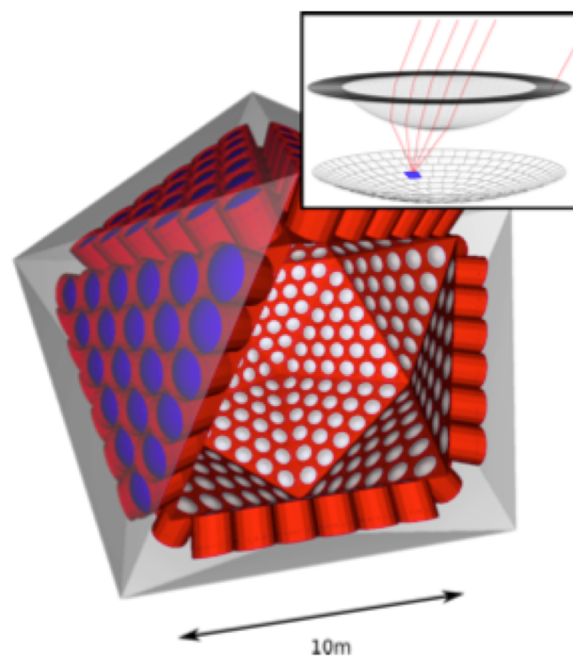
3 MeV β



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Distributed Imaging for Liquid Scintillation Detectors

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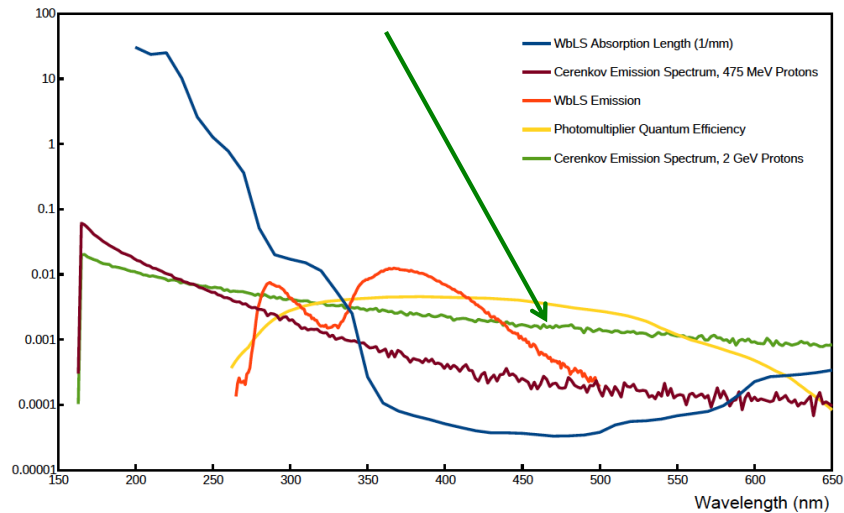


(not really a Cher/scint thing but very cool!)

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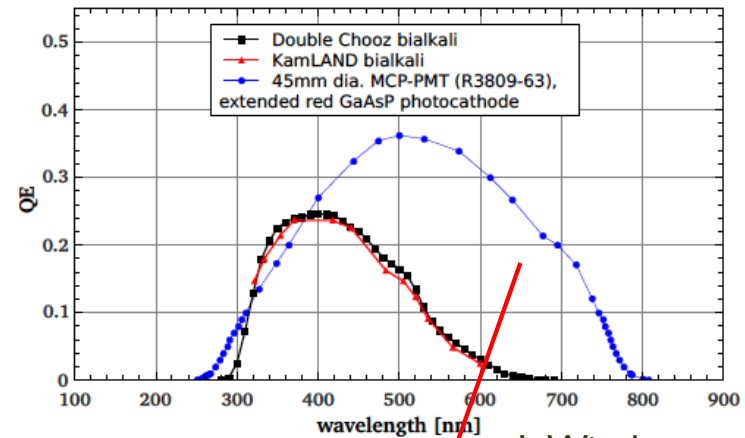
Spectral Separation— $R(\lambda)$

Cherenkov light extends beyond
scintillation emission and absorption

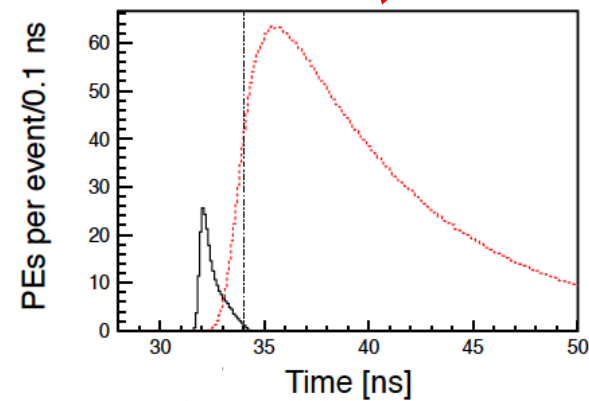


And red travels faster than blue...

Red-sensitive PMTs exist



L. Winslow

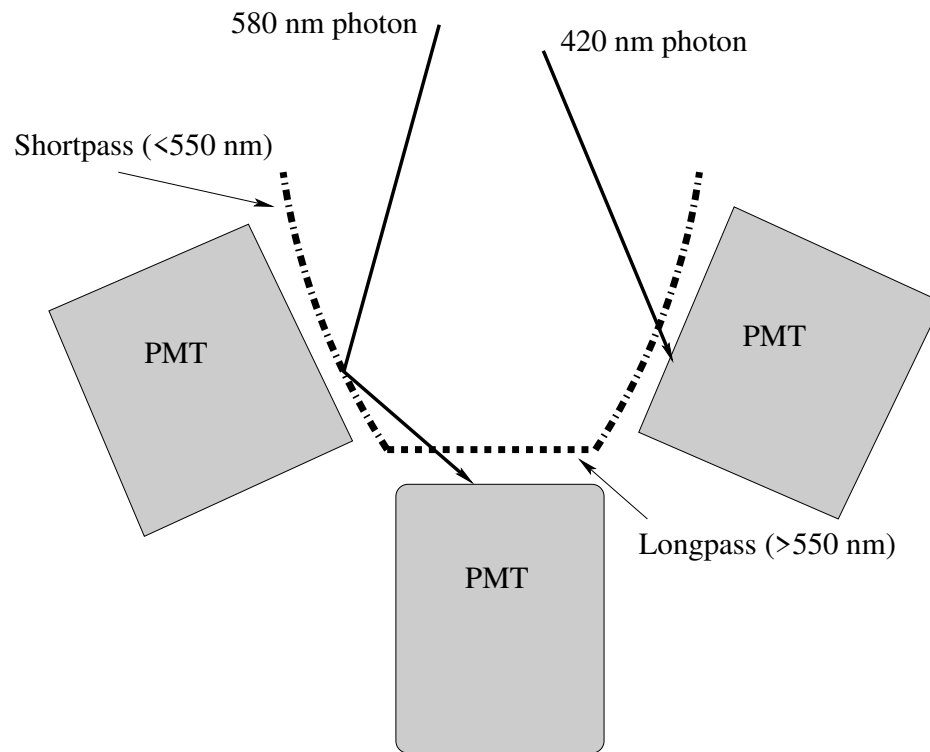


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Spectral Separation— $R(\lambda)$

Photon sorting by dichroic Winston cones (JRK)

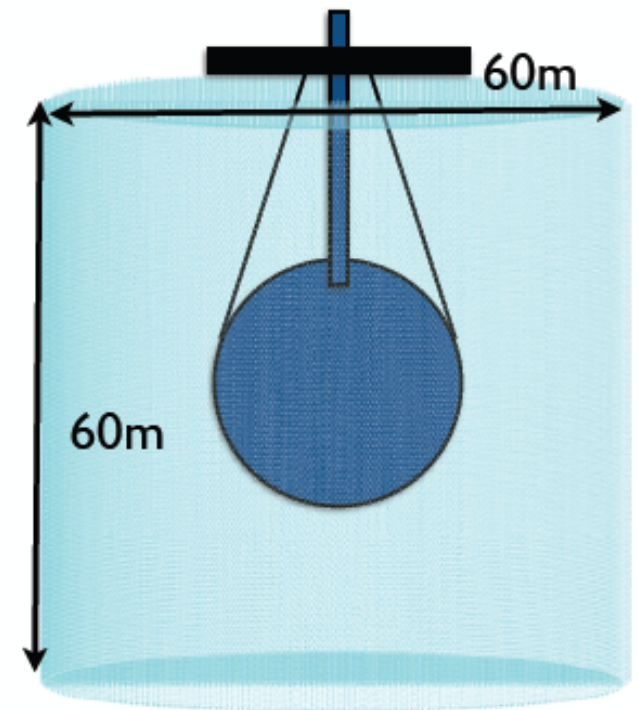
V. Rusu at FNAL: LDRD for graphene-based spectral photon detection



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Beyond Cher/Scint, we also need a “forward-looking infrastructure”:

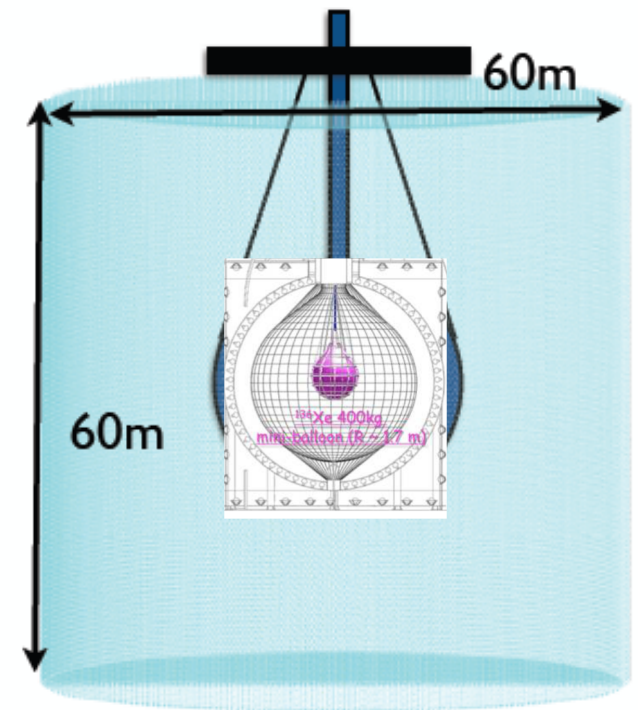
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Physics program covers 5 orders of magnitude in E_ν .

A possible phased program:

- I. Water-based LS+20% photon coverage
 - High-E solar, long-baseline vs, supernova burst
- II. Richer scintillator mix, 80% fast photon coverage, Li-loaded
 - Low E solar, MSW transition, DSNB, geo- ν
- III. Inner balloon, Te or Xe-loaded liquid scintillator
 - $0\nu\beta\beta$ with sensitivity toward normal hierarchy regime

It may actually make sense to skip right to Phase II

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Advanced Reconstruction

Reconstructing with both scintillation and Cherenkov light is not so easy
(cf. Tzanov and MiniBooNE)

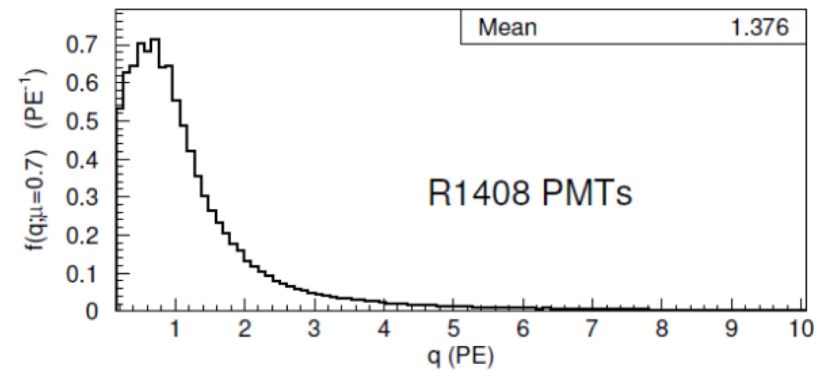
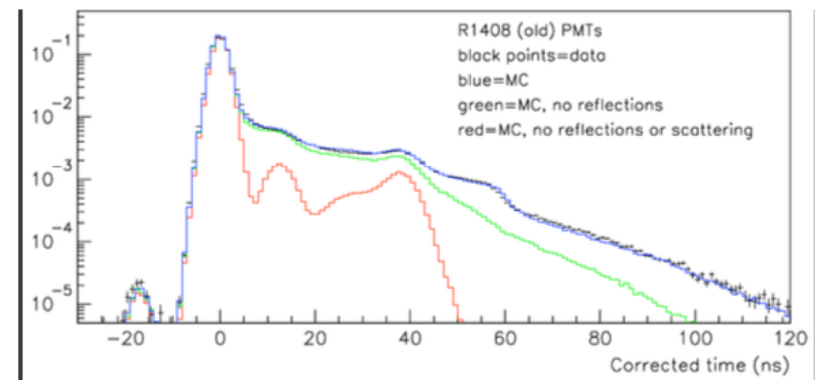
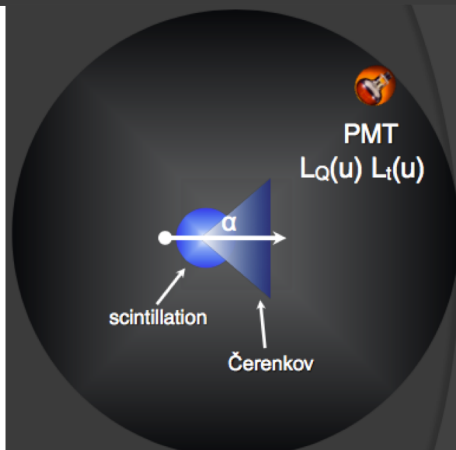
$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{unhit}}} \mathcal{P}_i(\text{unhit}; \mathbf{x}) \prod_{j=1}^{N_{\text{hit}}} \mathcal{P}_j(\text{hit}; \mathbf{x}) f(q_j; \mathbf{x}) f(t_j; \mathbf{x})$$

$$-\log(\mathcal{L})(\mathbf{x}) = F_q(\mathbf{x}) + F_t(\mathbf{x})$$

$$F_q(\mathbf{x}) = - \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{unhit}}} \log(\mathcal{P}_i(\text{unhit}; \mathbf{x})) - \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{hit}}} \log(\mathcal{P}_j(\text{hit}; \mathbf{x}) f(q_j; \mathbf{x})),$$

$$F_t(\mathbf{x}) = - \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{hit}}} \log(f(t_j; \mathbf{x})).$$

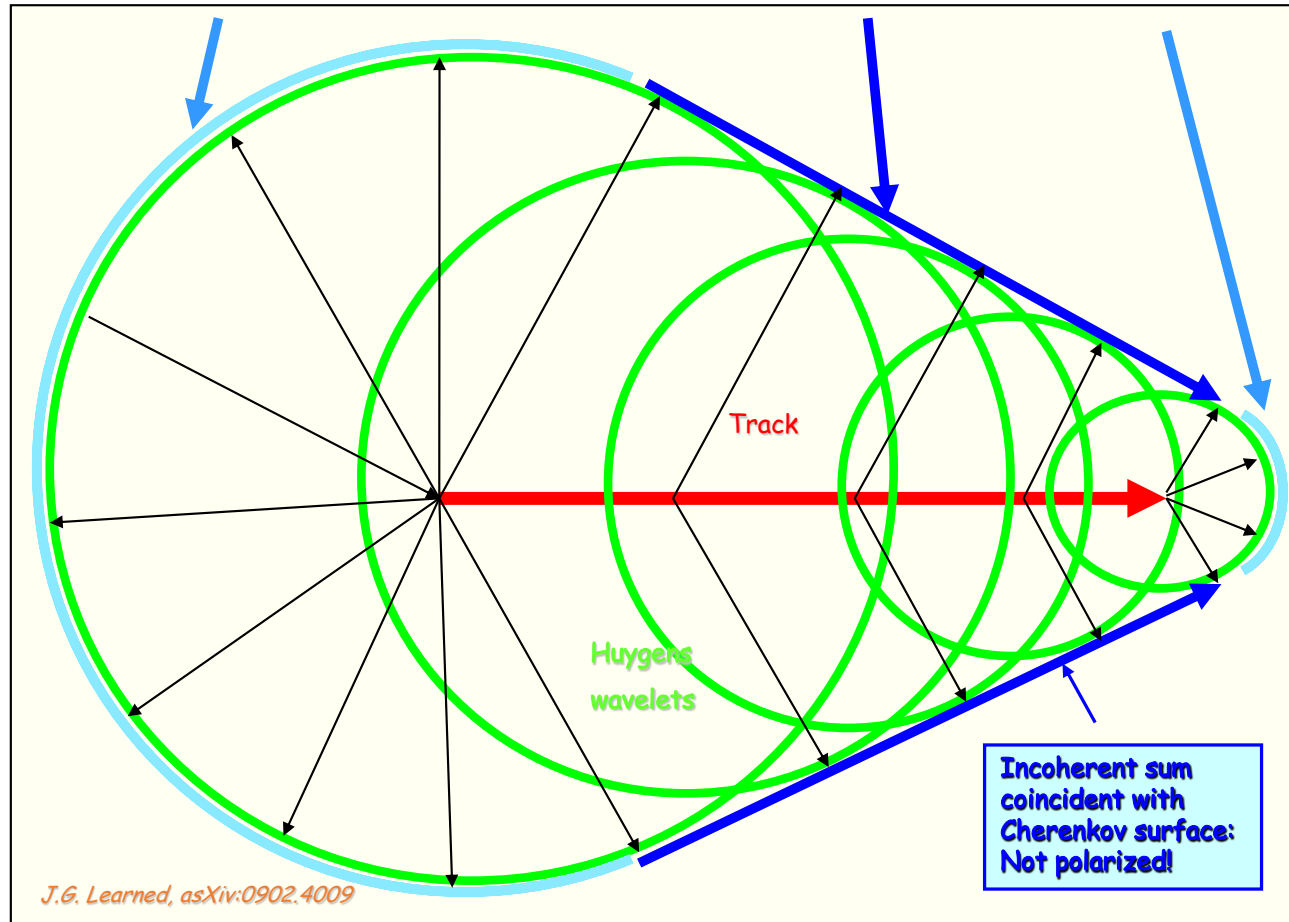
$$\mathcal{P}(\text{hit}; \mu(\mathbf{x})) = 1 - \mathcal{P}(\text{unhit}; \mu(\mathbf{x})) = 1 - e^{-\mu}.$$



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Advanced Reconstruction

There are more exotic
techniques that look good!

Snapshot of the Fermat Surface for a Single Muon-like Track



21 October 2016

John Learned at FROST, Mainz

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Even at low energies direction is possible:

- **For emitted isotropic light we have:**

$$\langle \vec{D} \rangle = \sum_i \vec{d}_i = \vec{0}$$

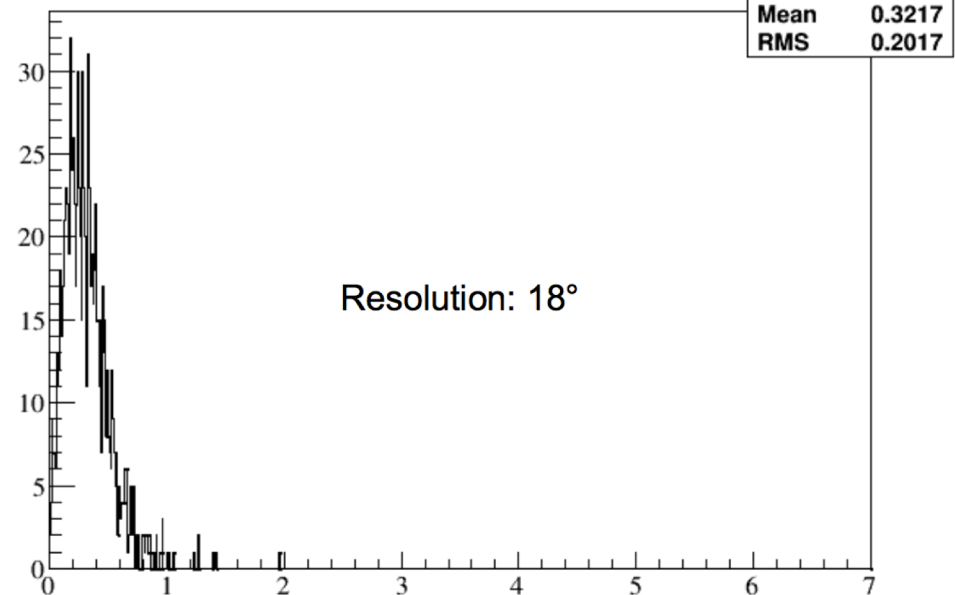
- **For emitted Cherenkov light we have:**

$$\langle \vec{D} \rangle = \sum_i \vec{d}_i = N_{Cher} \cdot \cos(\theta) \cdot \vec{P}$$

with:

- \vec{D} = total
- \vec{d}_i = single photon direction
- \vec{P} = direction of particle
- N_{Cher} = Number of Cherenkov photons

From full RAT-PAC simulation!

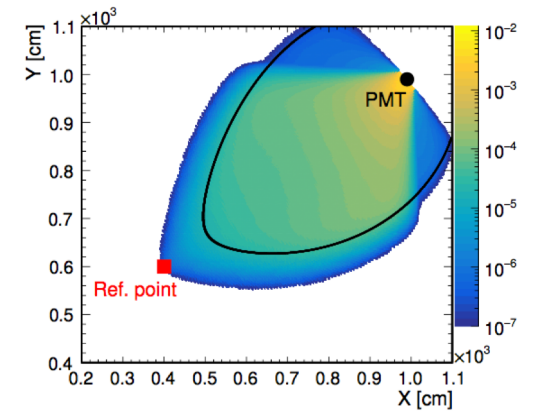
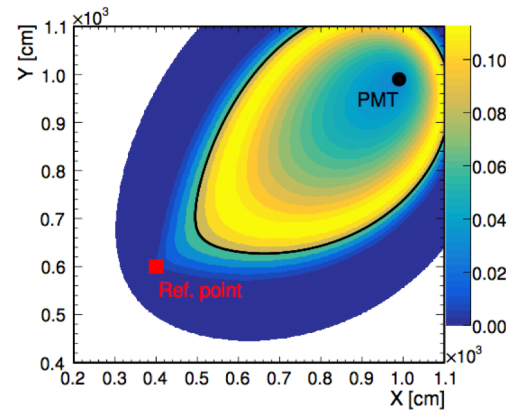
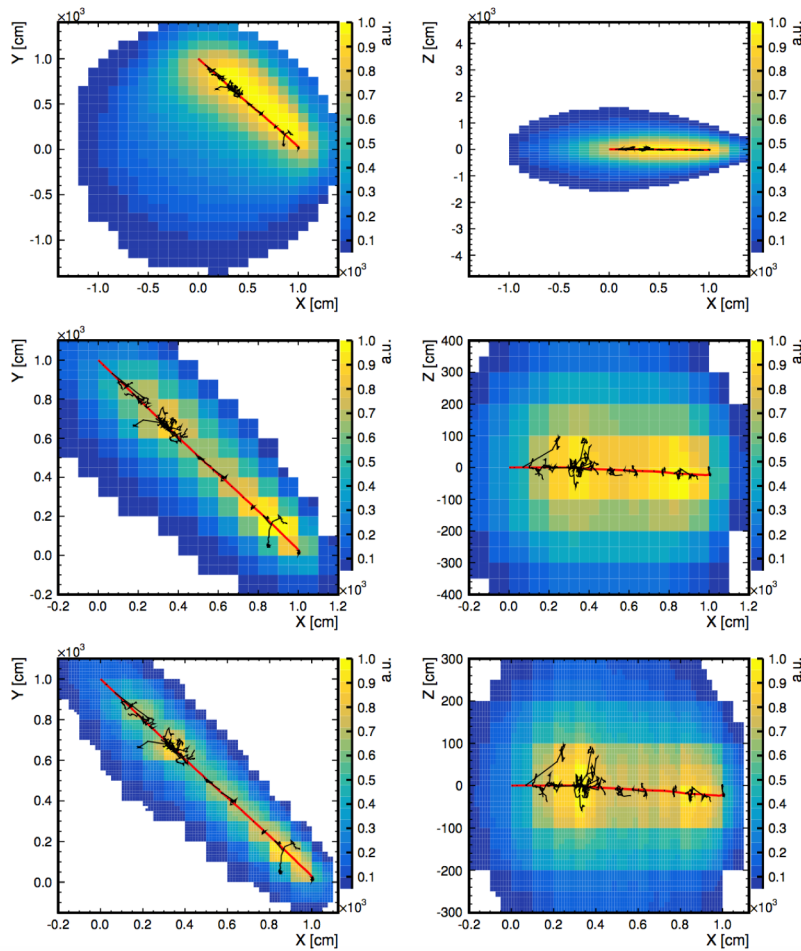


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Topological approach allows tracking even in all liquid scintillator



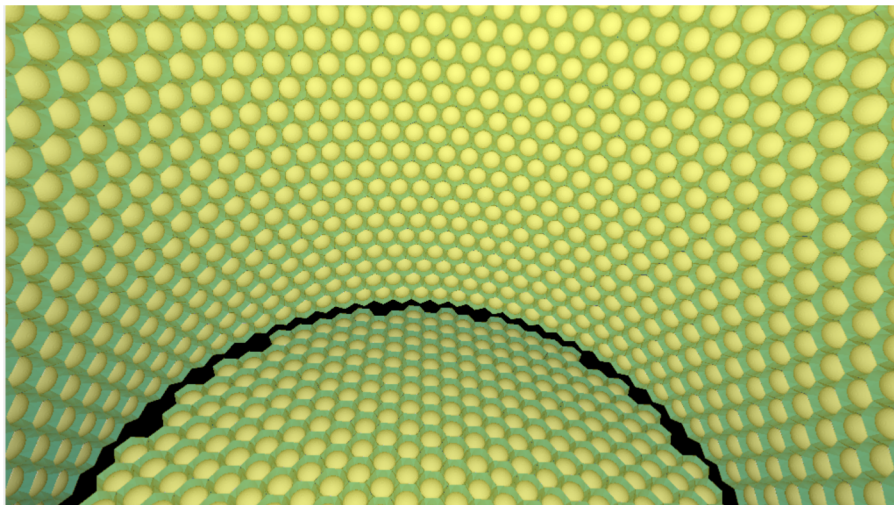
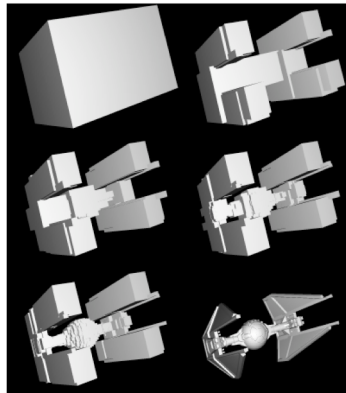
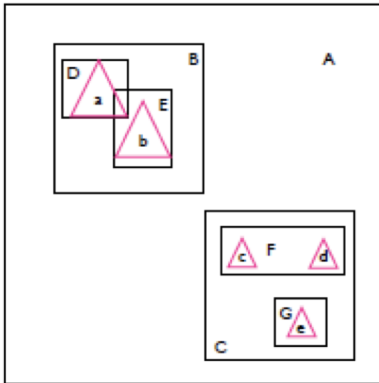
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Chroma?

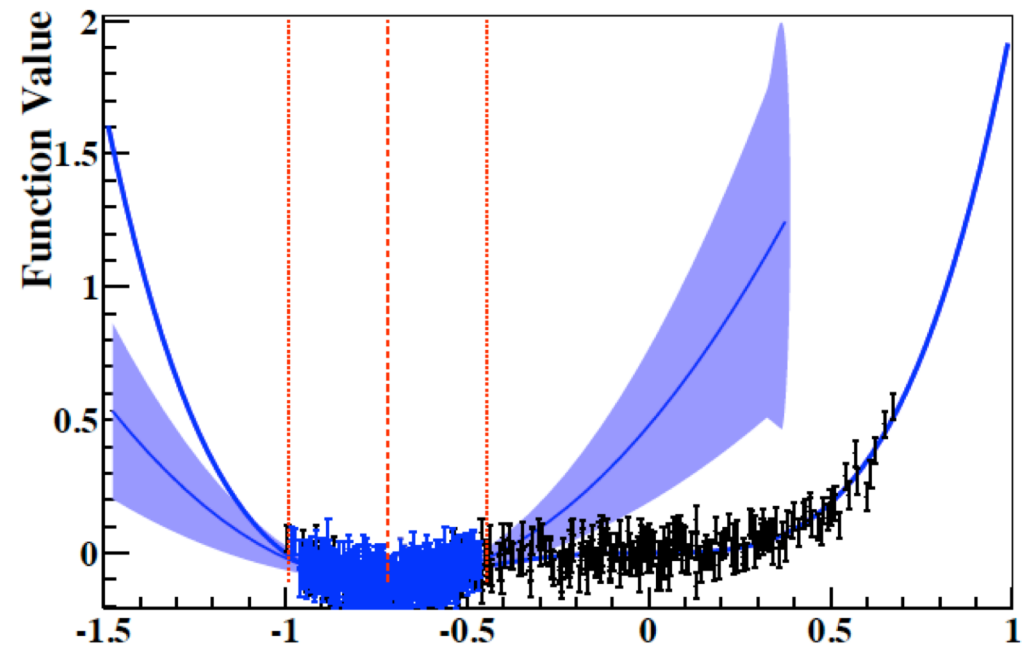
Ray tracing x200 faster than GEANT4

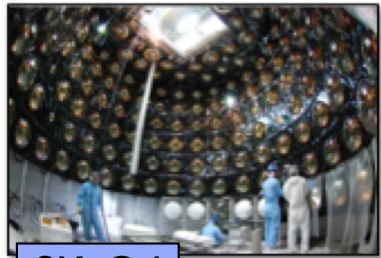


Use GPU-based ray tracer to generate PDFs

$$L(x, y, z, t, \vec{p}, ID) \sim \prod_{i=1}^{N_{PMT}} p_i(t_i^{res}, Q_i | x, y, z, t, \vec{p}, ID)$$

Combined with “fuzzy fitter”





SK-Gd

Gd loading and purification

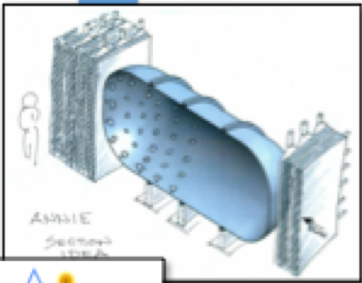


Water-based liquid scintillator



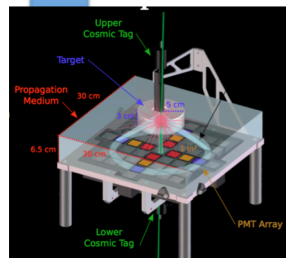
Te loading

Neutron yield, LAPPD deployment



R. Svoboda

Infrastructure, underwater integration



CHES

WbLS, Gd, LAPPD, HQE PMT, full integration prototype



WATCHMAN



Great progress!

- SNO+ running
- ANNIE running
- WATCHMAN/ AIT moving ahead
- SK-Gd happening
- CHES running
- JUNO progressing

Summary

- Theia physics program remains as compelling as ever
- Rapid progress on R&D but plenty yet to do
- Lots of creative ideas still moving ahead
- Great news on the “prototype” front (WM,ANNIE,SNO+, JUNO...)
- Need here to start thinking of firm plans and decisions