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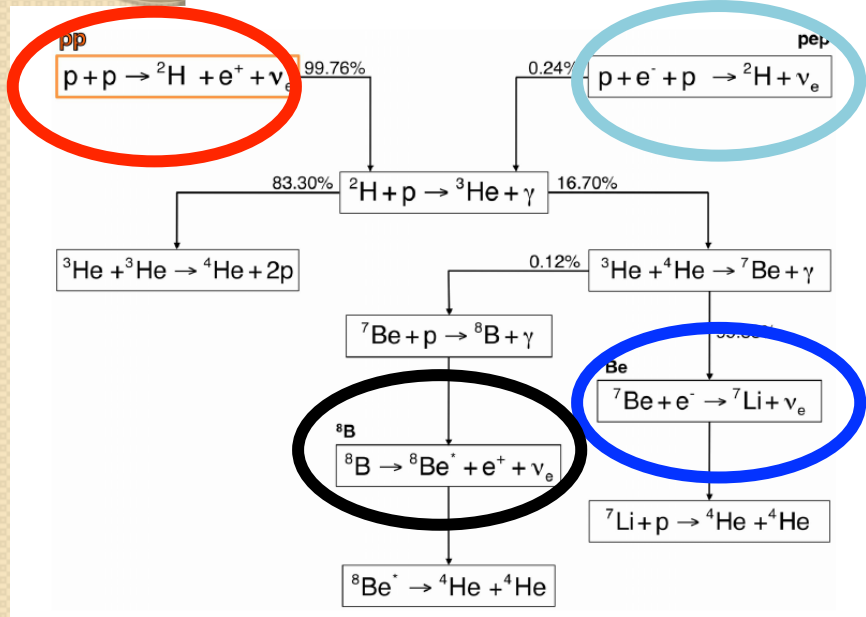
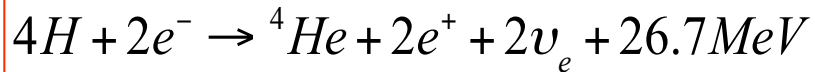
Borexino Latest Solar Neutrino Results



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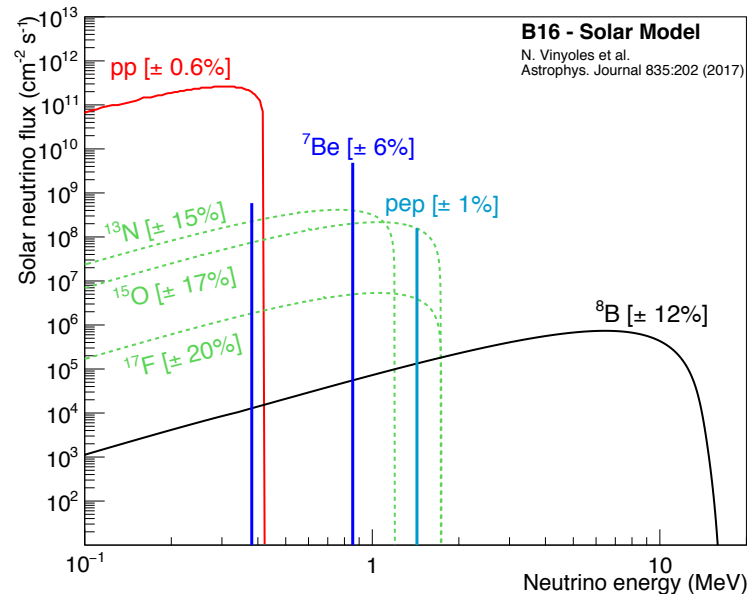
Nuclear fusion in the Sun: the pp chain



~99% of the Sun energy

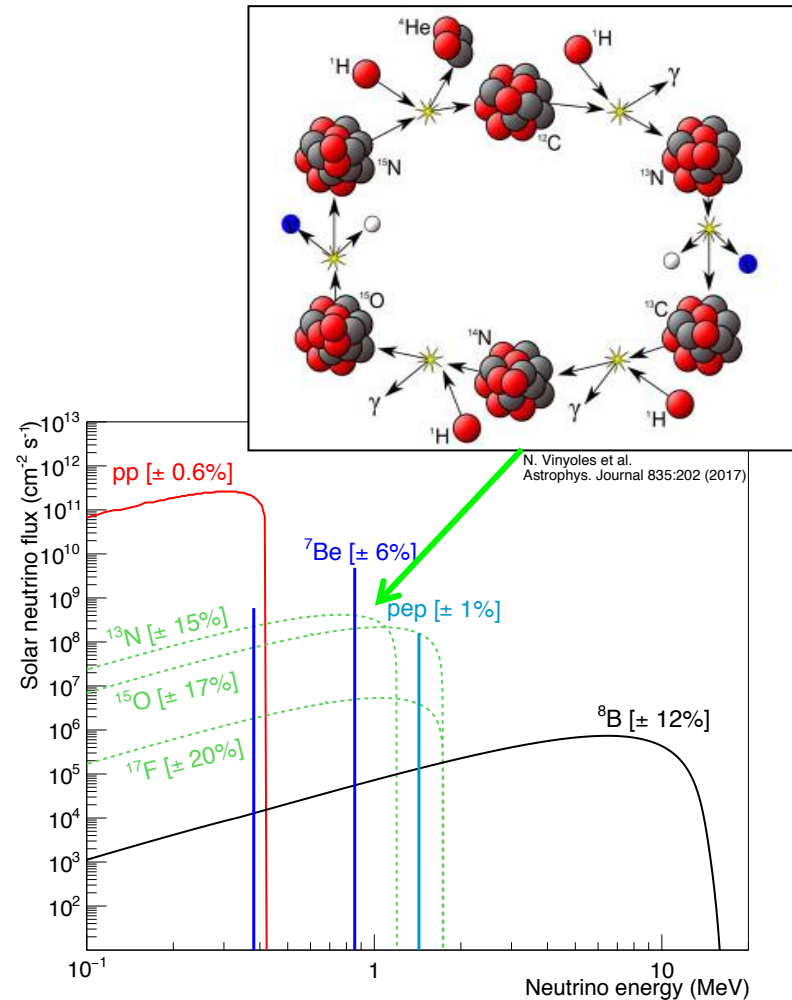
Neutrino species are labeled after the reaction in which it is emitted:

- **pp-neutrinos**
- **pep-neutrinos**
- **${}^7\text{Be}$ -neutrinos**
- **${}^8\text{B}$ -neutrinos**



The CNO cycle

- C, N, and O act as catalyzers of the same net reaction
- The CNO cycle has a strong temperature dependence
- It becomes dominant for stars heavier than the Sun
- In the Sun only about 1-2% of Energy is produced by CNO cycle
- The 3 neutrino species (^{13}N , ^{15}O , ^{17}F) emitted by the CNO cycle reactions have never been observed so far.



Why measure solar neutrinos?

Astrophysics

Original motivation of the first experiments on solar ν was to test Standard Solar Model (SSM)

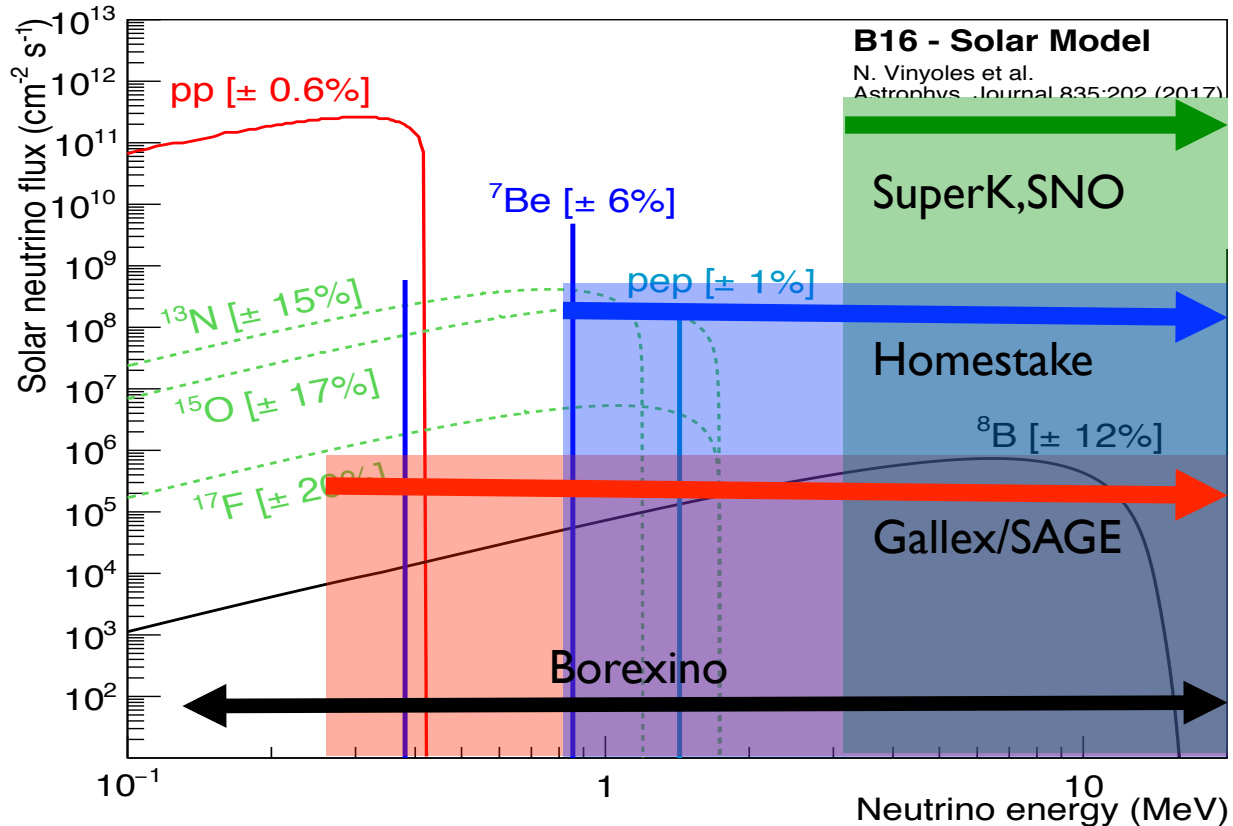
Study of the details
of ν flux

Solar neutrino
problem

Particle physics

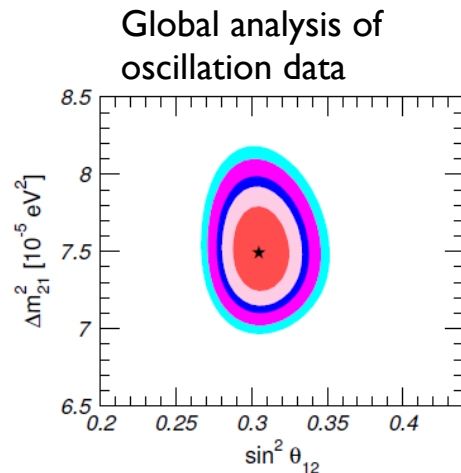
Solar ν experiments played a major role in the discovery of oscillations

Solar neutrino detectors



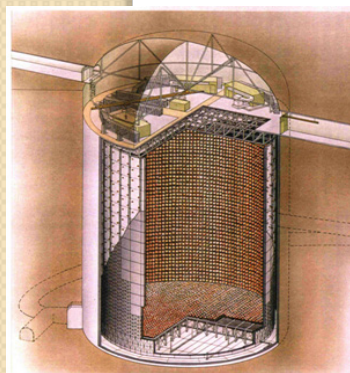
We learned a lot...

- Confirmation of the basic energy production mechanism in the Sun
- Solar Neutrino Problem was solved:
 - Evidence of ν oscillations
 - Interaction of ν with matter MSW



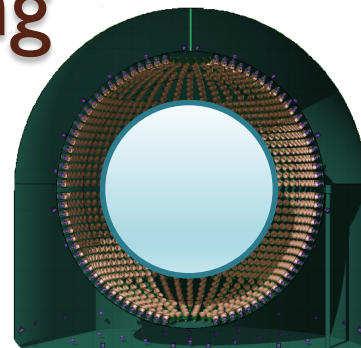
I. Esteban et al, JHEP 01 (2017).

...but we are still measuring



Water Cherenkov:
Super-Kamiokande

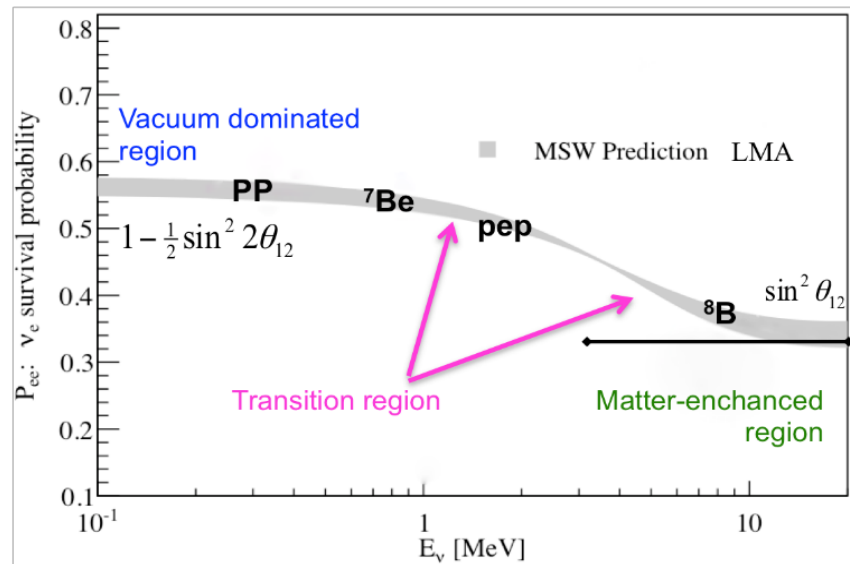
Liquid scintillator:
Borexino



Why still measure solar neutrinos? (1/2)

I. Particle Physics interest: confirm LMA-MSW

- P_{ee} should show a Vacuum-to-Matter transition
- Non Standard Interactions could modify P_{ee} in the transition region
- Precise flux measurements of single spectral components
- Measure ${}^8\text{B}$ with low threshold
- Have good accuracy for the lowest ${}^8\text{B}$ energy bin

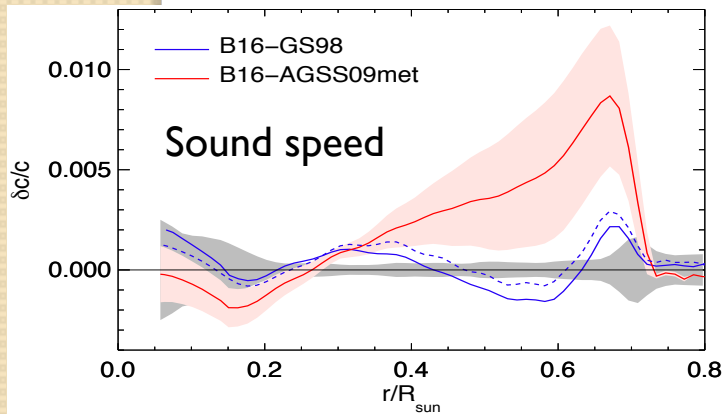


$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \cos 2\theta + \sqrt{2} G_F N_e & \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \sin 2\theta \\ \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \sin 2\theta & \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

Why still measure solar neutrinos? (2/2)

2. Astrophysics interest: the metallicity puzzle

- Since 2001: a new 3D analysis of spectroscopic data from photosphere indicates lower values of surface solar metallicity (LZ)
- But solar models reproducing these new LZ values **disagree with helioseismology data**



ν flux	GS98 (HZ)	AGSS09met (LZ)	$\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	Δ
pp	5.98 (1 ± 0.006)	6.03 (1 ± 0.005)	$\times 10^{10}$	+0.8%
pep	1.44 (1 ± 0.01)	1.46 (1 ± 0.009)	$\times 10^8$	+1.4%
^7Be	4.93 (1 ± 0.06)	4.50 (1 ± 0.06)	$\times 10^9$	-8.7%
^8B	5.46 (1 ± 0.12)	4.50 (1 ± 0.12)	$\times 10^6$	-18%
^{13}N	2.78 (1 ± 0.15)	2.04 (1 ± 0.14)	$\times 10^8$	-27%
^{15}O	2.05 (1 ± 0.17)	1.44 (1 ± 0.16)	$\times 10^8$	-24%

Solar ν fluxes are potentially sensitive to the Sun metallicity



The Borexino Detector

Scintillator:

278 t PC+PPO (1.4 g/l)

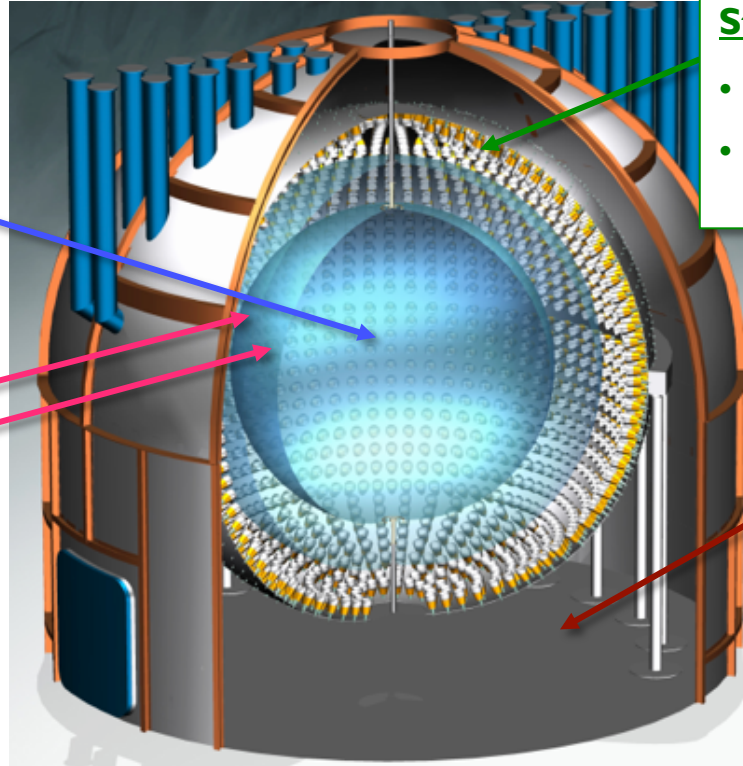
Nylon vessels:

(125 μm thick)

Inner r: 4.25 m

Outer r: 5.50 m

(radon barrier)



Stainless Steel Sphere:

- 2212 PMTs
- $\sim 1000 \text{ m}^3$ buffer of pc+dmp (light quenched)

Water Tank:

γ and n shield

μ water \checkmark detector

208 PMTs in water

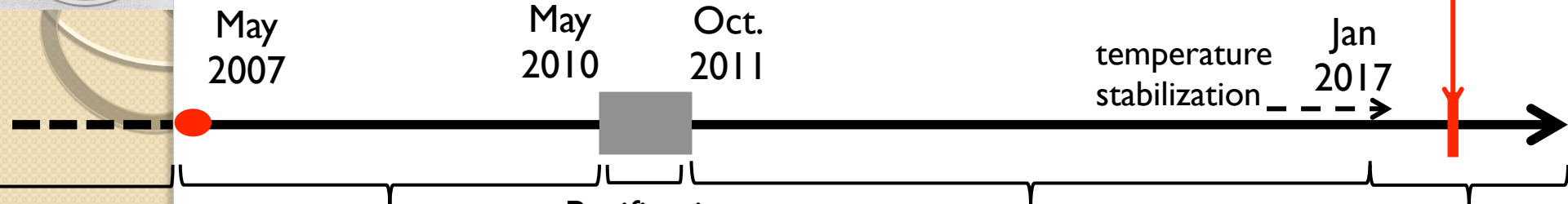
2100 m^3

3800m w.e. of rock shielding



Borexino data taking campaign

now



Preparation

Phase I

Purification

Phase 2 Solar neutrinos

CNO Campaign

Solar neutrinos

- ${}^7\text{Be}$ ν : 1st observation + precise measurement (5%); Day/Night asymmetry;
- pep ν : 1st observation;
- ${}^8\text{B}$ ν with low threshold;
- CNO ν : best limit;

6 cycles of water extraction

- pp ν : 1st observation (Nature 2014)
- seasonal modulation of ${}^7\text{Be}$ ν (Astr.Phys. 92 (2017) 21)

• **Comprehensive measurement of pp-chain solar neutrinos: Nature 562, 505–510 (2018)**

• more details pp, ${}^7\text{Be}$, pep: arXiv:1707.09279

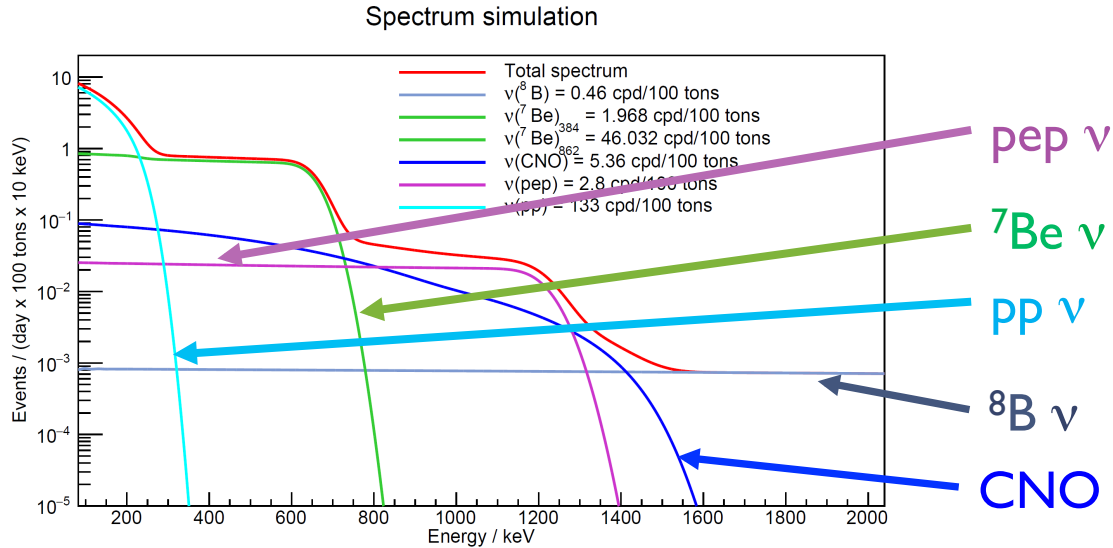
• more details ${}^8\text{B}$: arXiv:1709.00756

nature
NEW!



Borexino's solar neutrino signals

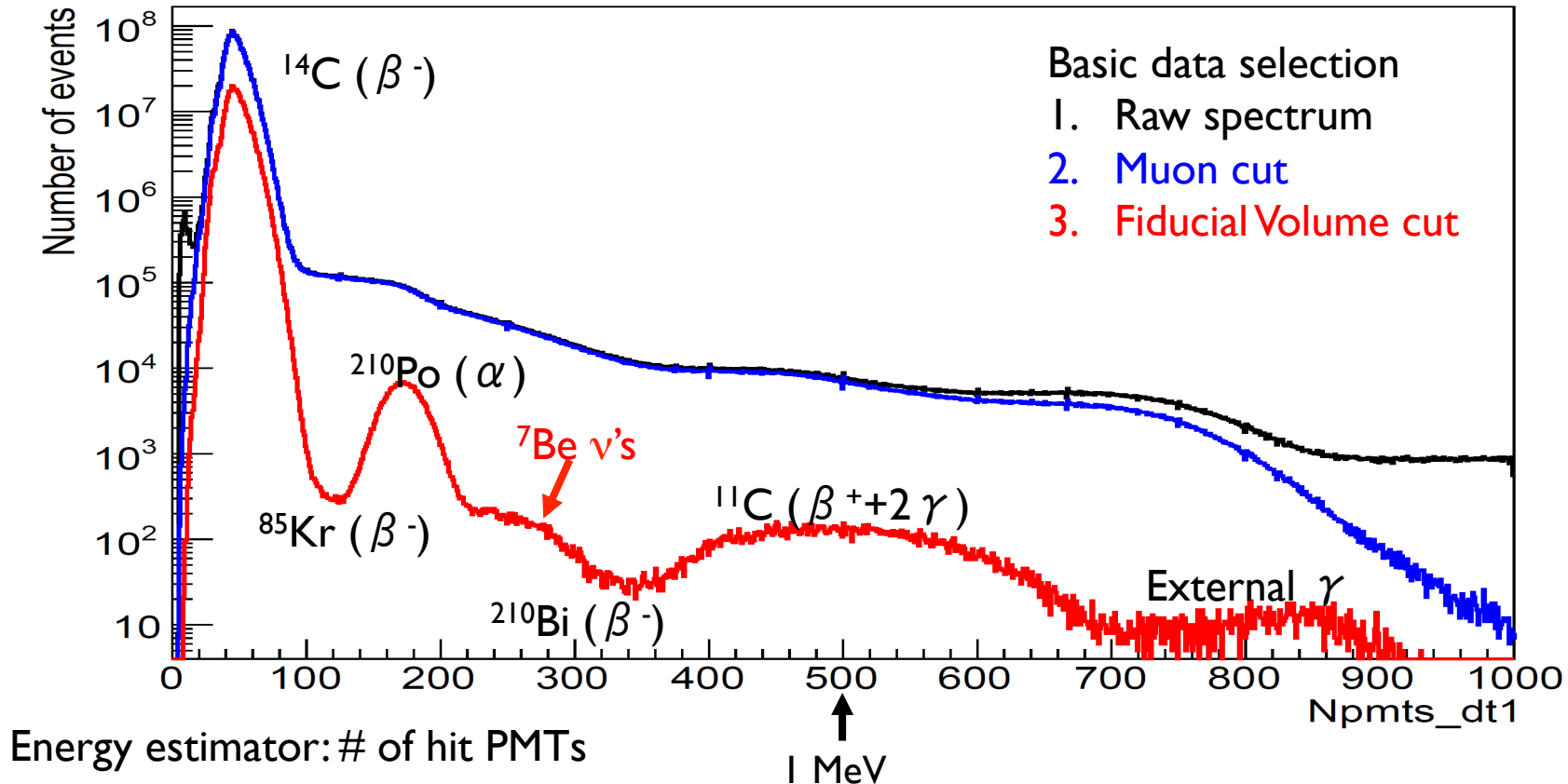
Elastic scattering on electrons



So, what we see is only the energy carried away by the electron,
NOT the total neutrino energy



The Borexino Energy spectrum





Borexino performance

For each scintillation event Borexino records

Number of collected photons
[photoelectron yield ~ 500 p.e./MeV]



Energy

$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} \sim \frac{5\%}{\sqrt{E}}$$

Time of arrival each photons



Position

$$\frac{\sigma(x)}{x} \sim \frac{10\text{cm}}{\sqrt{E}}$$

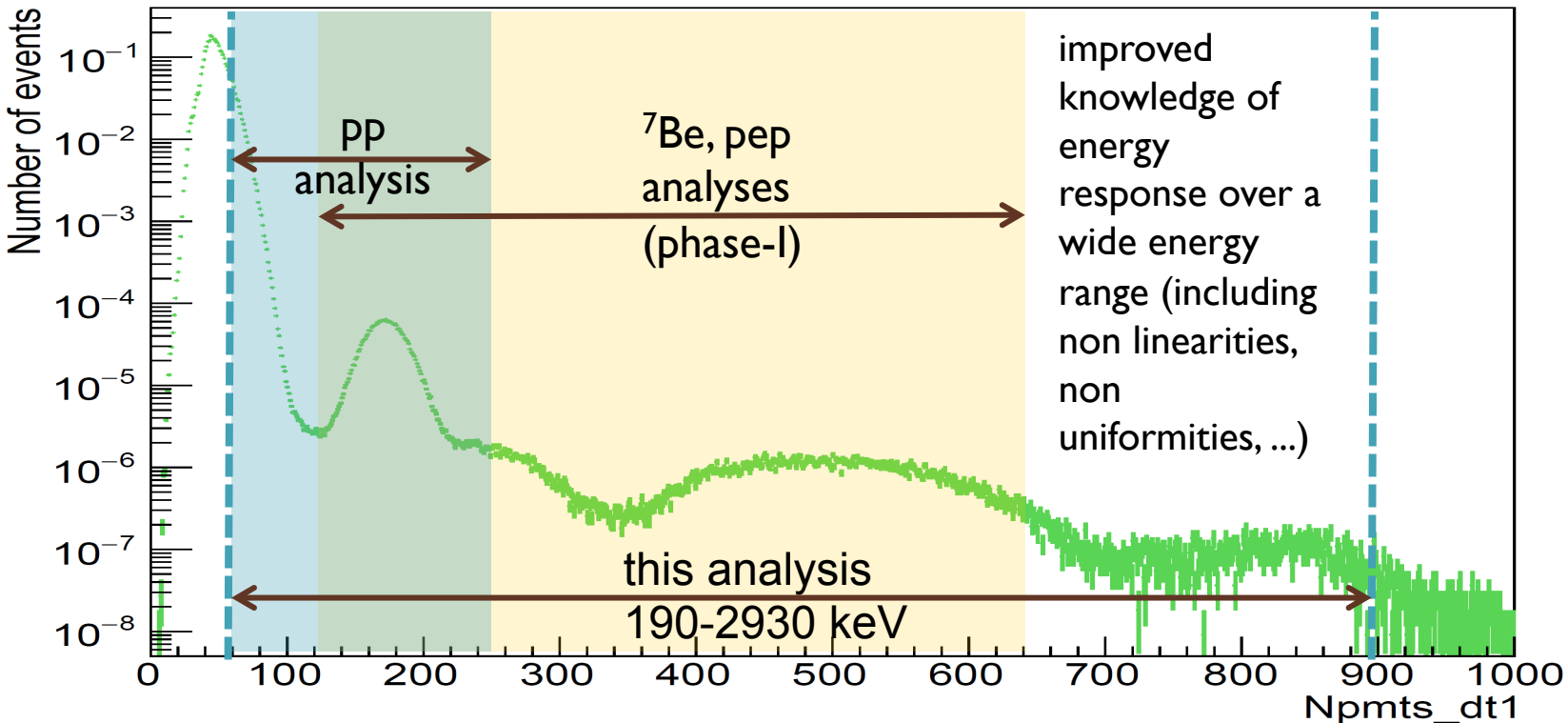


Pulse-shape discrimination

$$\alpha, \beta^-, \beta^+$$



New wide energy range analysis

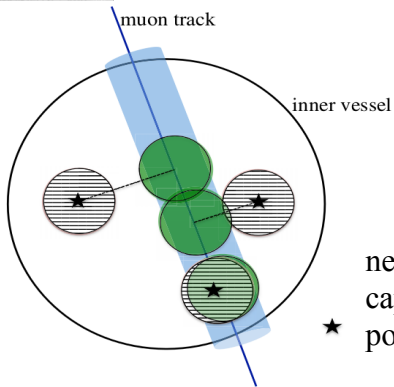


Data-set: Dec 14th 2011- May 21st 2016

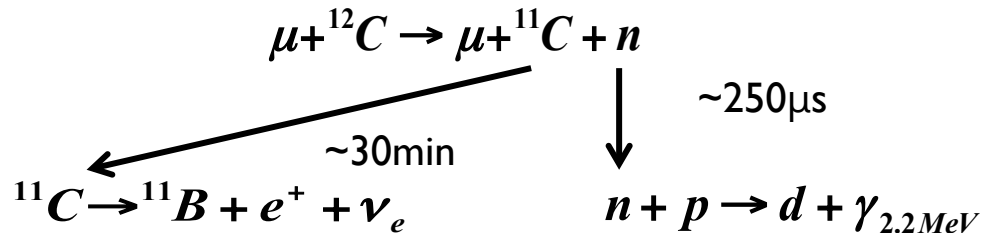
Total exposure: 1291.51 days x 71.3 tons



Fight ^{11}C : Three-Fold Coincidence (TFC)



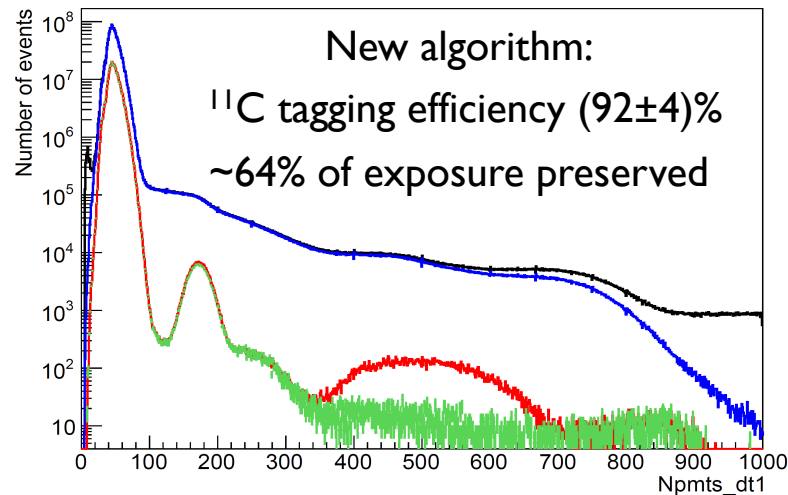
^{11}C rate
(28.5 ± 0.5)
cpd/100t



The **likelihood** that an event is ^{11}C is computed from:

1. Space-time distance to the μ -track
2. Space-time distance to the neutron and to the neutron-projection on the track
3. neutron multiplicity
4. Muon dE/dx

(in phase-I we used a hard-cut based algorithm)



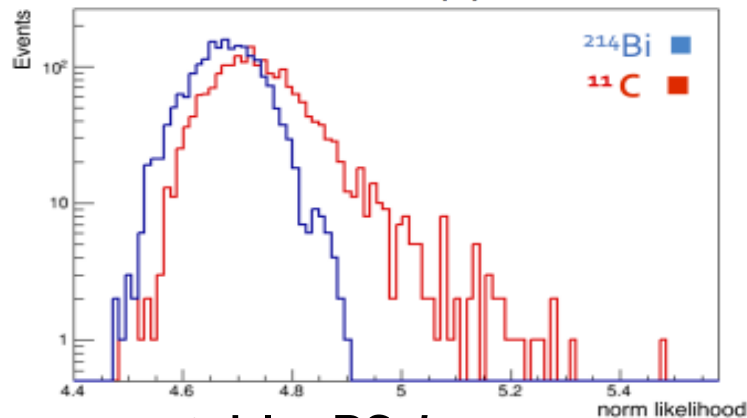
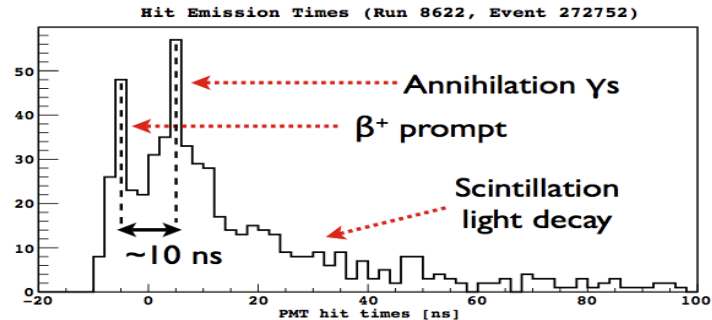


Fight ^{11}C : Pulse Shape Discrimination

^{11}C decays β^+ !

The scintillation time profile is different for e^- and e^+ for two reasons:

1. in 50% of the case e^+ annihilation is delayed by ortho-positronium formation ($t \sim 3\text{ns}$)
2. e^+ energy deposit is not point-like because of the two annihilation gammas



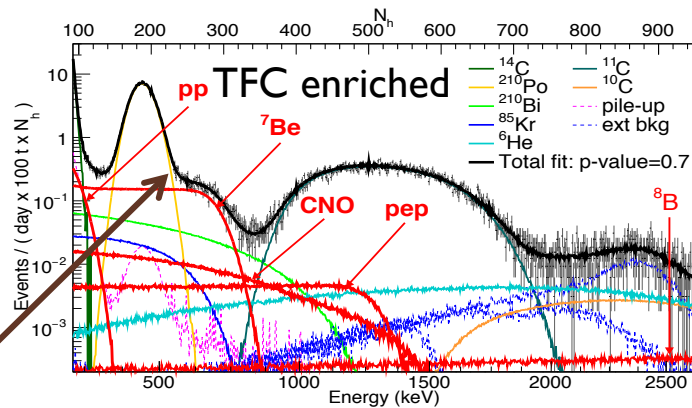
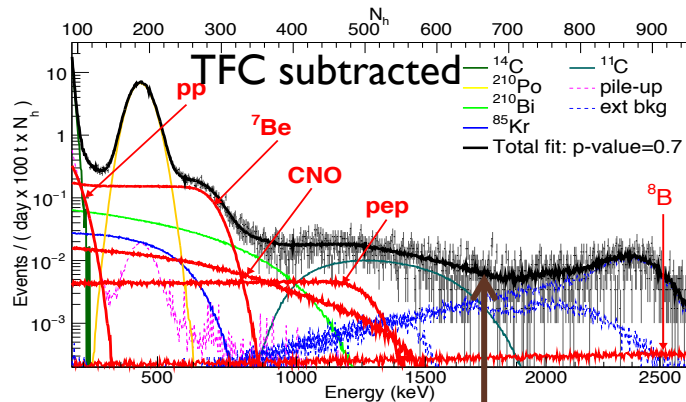
Identified a new pulse-shape variable: $\text{PS-}L_{\text{PR}}$

[the normalized output likelihood of the position reconstruction algorithm]

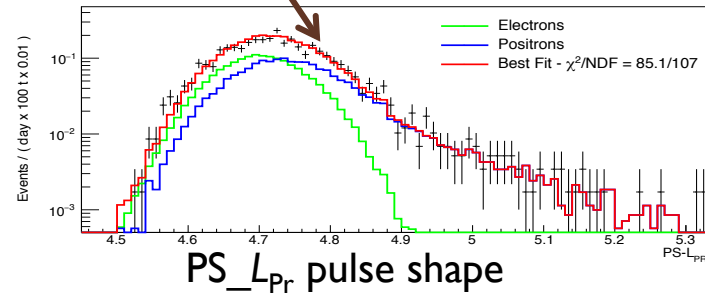
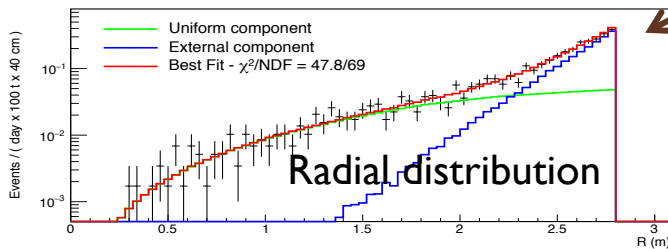


Multivariate fit

Maximize a binned likelihood through a multivariate approach



$$L(\vartheta) = L_{sub}(\vartheta) \cdot L_{tag}(\vartheta) \cdot L_{rad}(\vartheta) \cdot L_{PS-L_{pr}}(\vartheta)$$





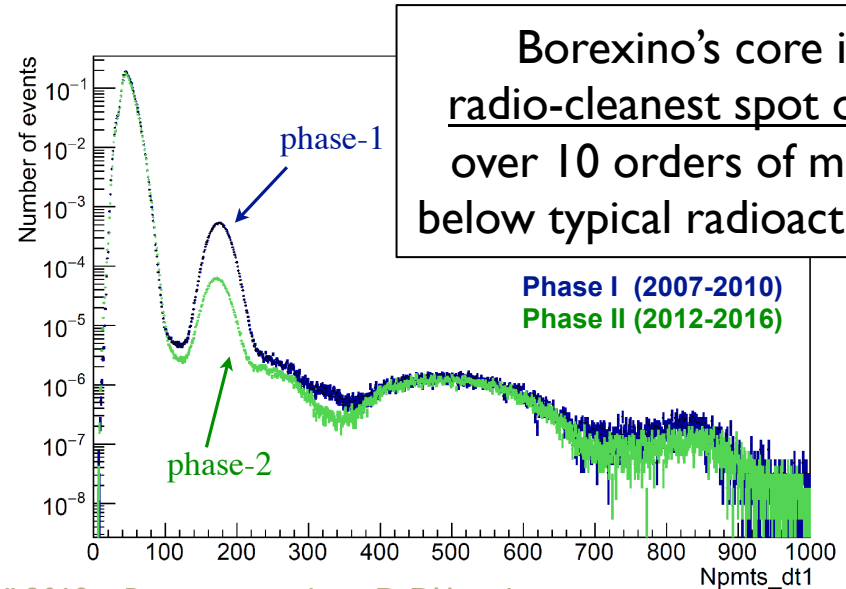
Borexino Phase-II backgrounds

^{39}Ar , ^{40}K below detection limit

Background species	Rate (cpd/100t)
^{14}C (Bq/100t)	40.0 ± 2.0
^{85}Kr	6.8 ± 1.8
^{210}Bi	17.5 ± 1.9
^{11}C	26.8 ± 0.2
^{210}Po	260.0 ± 3.0
Ext ^{40}K	1.0 ± 0.6
Ext ^{214}Bi	1.9 ± 0.3
Ext ^{208}Tl	3.3 ± 0.1

factor 4.6 reduction with respect to Phase-I

factor 2.3 reduction with respect to Phase-I



Borexino's core is the radio-cleanest spot on Earth:
 over 10 orders of magnitude below typical radioactivity levels

^{238}U (from $^{214}\text{Bi-Po}$) $< 9.4 \cdot 10^{-20}$ g/g 95% C.L.

^{232}Th (from $^{212}\text{Bi-Po}$) $< 5.7 \cdot 10^{-19}$ g/g 95% C.L.



Whole energy range fit results

Rates	Borexino results (cpd/100t)	expected HZ cpd/100t	expected LZ cpd/100t	Uncertainty reduction
pp	$134 \pm 10^{+6}_{-10}$	131.0 ± 2.4	132.1 ± 2.4	0.78
${}^7\text{Be}(862+384 \text{ keV})$	$48.3 \pm 1.1^{+0.4}_{-0.7}$	47.8 ± 2.9	43.7 ± 2.6	0.57
pep (HZ-CNO)	$2.43 \pm 0.36^{+0.15}_{-0.22}$	2.74 ± 0.05	2.78 ± 0.05	0.61
pep (LZ-CNO)	$2.65 \pm 0.36^{+0.15}_{-0.24}$	2.74 ± 0.05	2.78 ± 0.05	

Fluxes	Borexino results ($\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)	expected HZ ($\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)	expected LZ ($\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)
pp	$(6.1 \pm 0.5^{+0.3}_{-0.5}) 10^{10}$	$5.98 (1 \pm 0.006) 10^{10}$	$6.03 (1 \pm 0.005) 10^{10}$
${}^7\text{Be}(862+384 \text{ keV})$	$(4.99 \pm 0.13^{+0.07}_{-0.10}) 10^9$	$4.93 (1 \pm 0.06) 10^9$	$4.50 (1 \pm 0.06) 10^9$
pep (HZ-CNO)	$(1.27 \pm 0.19^{+0.08}_{-0.12}) 10^8$	$1.44 (1 \pm 0.009) 10^8$	$1.46 (1 \pm 0.009) 10^8$
pep (LZ-CNO)	$(1.39 \pm 0.19^{+0.08}_{-0.13}) 10^8$	$1.44 (1 \pm 0.009) 10^8$	$1.46 (1 \pm 0.009) 10^8$

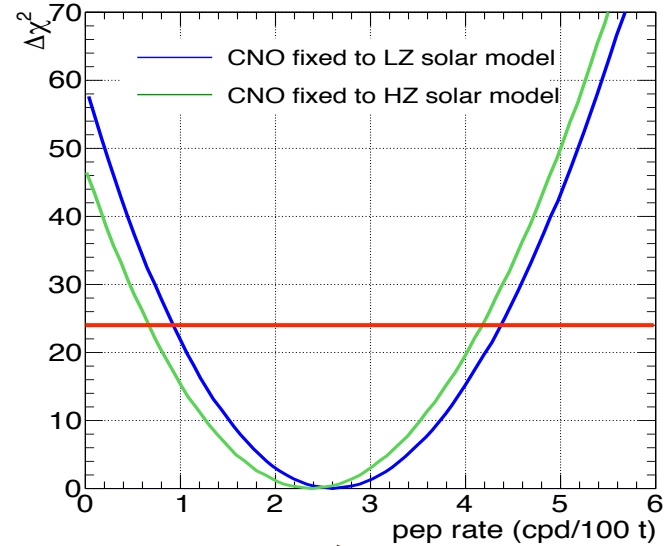
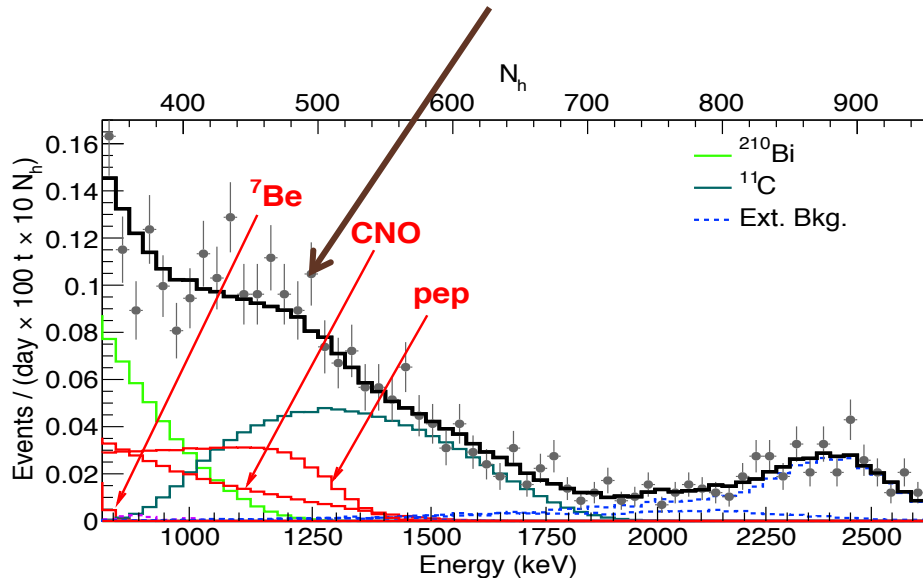
↑
(compared
to our
previous
results)

Nature 562, 505–510 (2018)



Evidence of pep ν signal

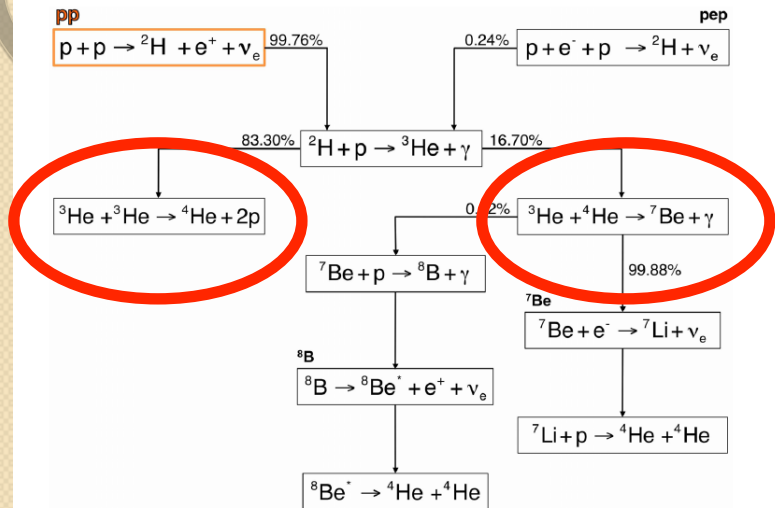
Applying more stringent cuts on FV and on the pulse-shape variable $PS_{L_{PR}}$ we can actually see the pep n shoulder!



5 σ evidence of pep signal (including systematic errors)



A probe of solar fusion



From Borexino new flux measurements:

$$R = 0.18 \pm 0.02$$

- The competition between pp-I and pp-II branches of the pp chain is given by the ratio:

$$R \equiv \frac{\langle {}^3\text{He} + {}^4\text{He} \rangle}{\langle {}^3\text{He} + {}^3\text{He} \rangle} = \frac{2 \Phi({}^7\text{Be})}{\Phi(pp) - \Phi({}^7\text{Be})}$$

- From the pp and ${}^7\text{Be}$ fluxes it is possible to determine the ratio R
- An important experimental test of the solar fusion
- Theoretical predictions:

$$R(\text{HZ}) = 0.18 \pm 0.01$$

$$R(\text{LZ}) = 0.16 \pm 0.01$$



Updated ^8B neutrino flux

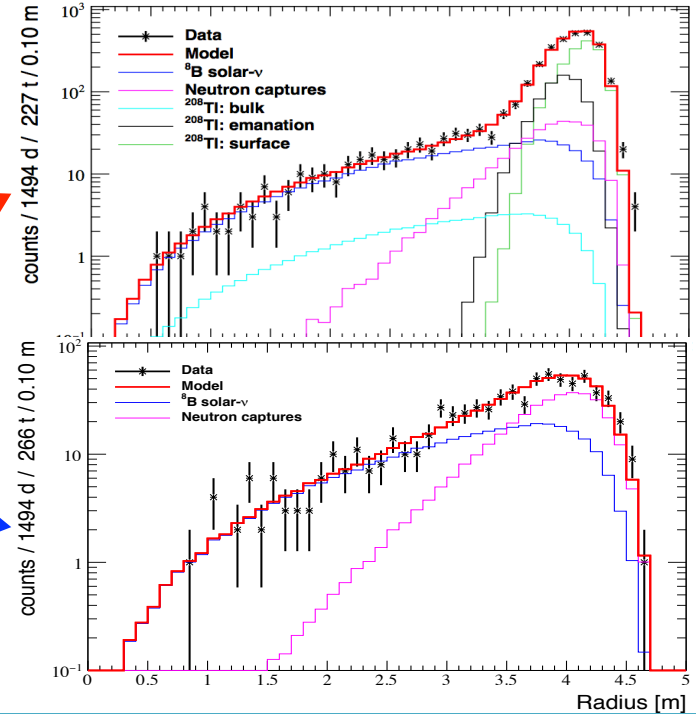
- Enlarged FV (most of scintillator)
- Data of Phase I+II: 2008 → 2016
- Exposure: 1.5 kt y
- Fit of radial distributions in two energy ranges:

LE: 3.2-6 MeV_{kin}
Mean ν energy: 7.9 MeV
HE: 6-17 MeV_{kin}
Mean ν energy: 9.9 MeV

$$R_{LE} = 0.133^{+0.013}_{-0.013} (stat) \ ^{+0.003}_{-0.003} (syst) \text{ cpd}/100 \text{ t},$$

$$R_{HE} = 0.087^{+0.010}_{-0.008} (stat) \ ^{+0.005}_{-0.005} (syst) \text{ cpd}/100 \text{ t},$$

$$R_{LE+HE} = 0.220^{+0.016}_{-0.015} (stat) \ ^{+0.006}_{-0.006} (syst) \text{ cpd}/100 \text{ t}.$$



SuperKamiokande	$2.345 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.036 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
Previous Bx	$2.4 \pm 0.4 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
This measurement	$2.55 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.07 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



Implications for solar metallicity

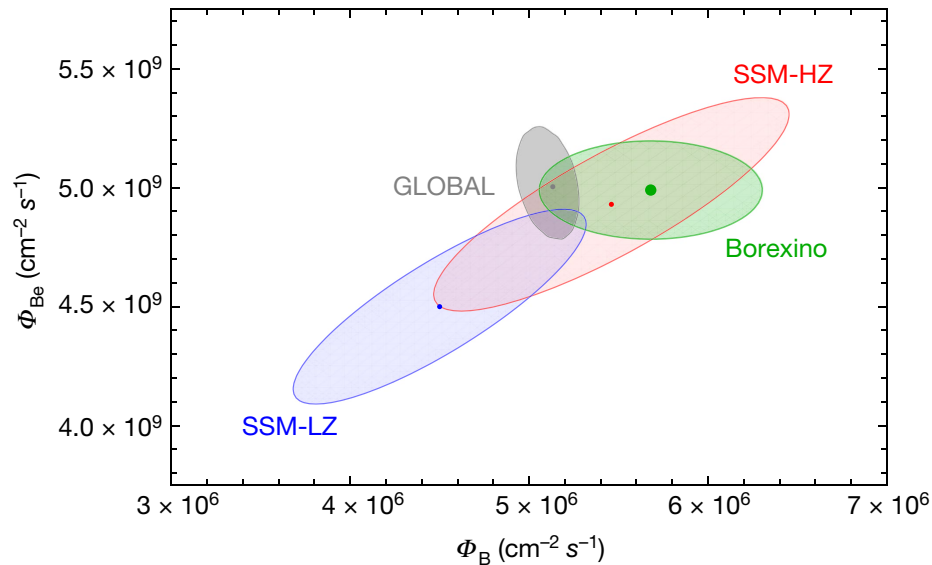
Global fit of all solar, Kamland reactors, and new Borexino results



$$f_{\text{Be}} = \frac{\Phi(\text{Be})}{\Phi(\text{Be})_{\text{HZ}}} = 1.01 \pm 0.03$$

$$f_B = \frac{\Phi(\text{B})}{\Phi(\text{B})_{\text{HZ}}} = 0.93 \pm 0.02$$

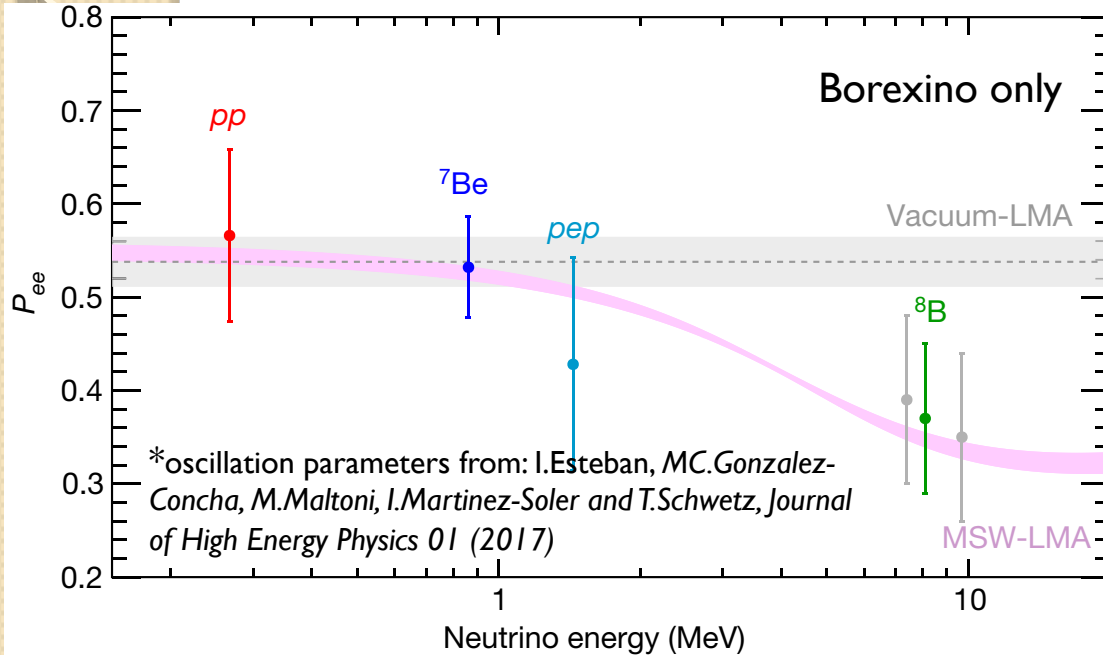
“Hint” towards High Metallicity?
LZ disfavoured at 96.6% C.L.
(BX only)



- Note: only 1σ theoretical uncertainty in the plot
- Important to reduce the theoretical uncertainty



Survival probability meas. by Borexino



(assuming HZ-SSM)

- $P_{ee}(pp)=0.57\pm 0.09$
- $P_{ee}(^7\text{Be}, 862\text{keV})=0.53\pm 0.05$
- $P_{ee}(pep)=0.43\pm 0.11$
- $P_{ee}(^8\text{B}, 8.7\text{MeV})=0.37\pm 0.08$

The whole pp-chain is measured by the same experiment!



Beyond solar neutrinos

- Neutrino magnetic moment, PR D96 (2017) 091103
- Geo-neutrinos, PR D 92, 031101(R) (2015)
- Correlation with GRB, Astropart. Phys. 86 (2017) 11
- Correlation with GW, Astrophys. J. 850 (2017) 21
- SuperNova neutrinos
- Muons and cosmic backgrounds



NEW! 10y update
arXiv:1808.04207
(will appear on JCAP these days)



10yr muon modulation analysis

16th May 2007 – 16th May 2017

$$I_{\mu}(t) = I_{\mu}^0 + \delta I_{\mu} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}(t - t_0)\right)$$

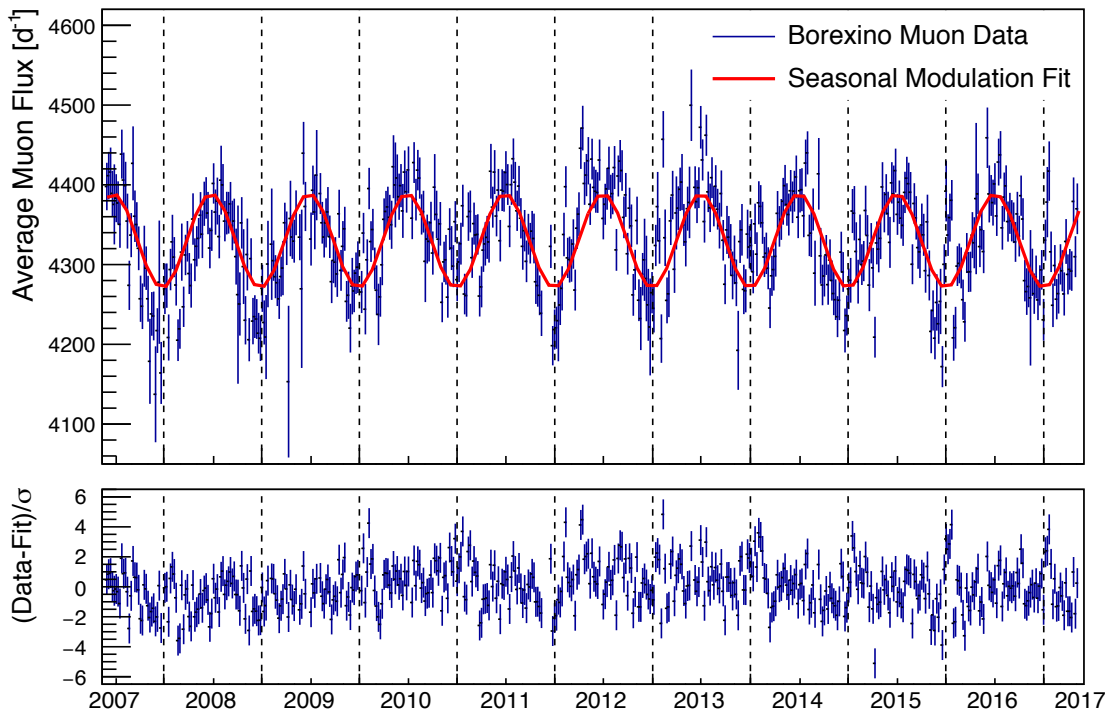
$$T = (366.3 \pm 0.6) \text{ d}$$

$$t_0 = (174.8 \pm 3.8) \text{ d.}$$

↖ June 25th

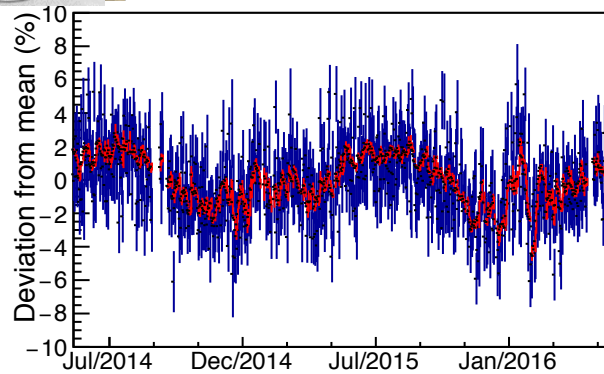
$$\delta I_{\mu} = (58.9 \pm 1.9) \text{ d}^{-1} = (1.36 \pm 0.04)\%$$

[check the paper for neutron modulation]



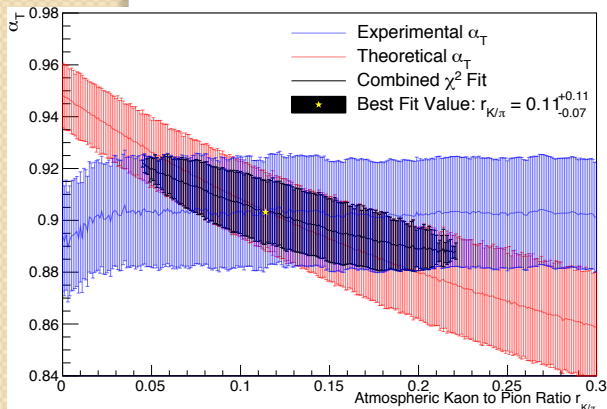
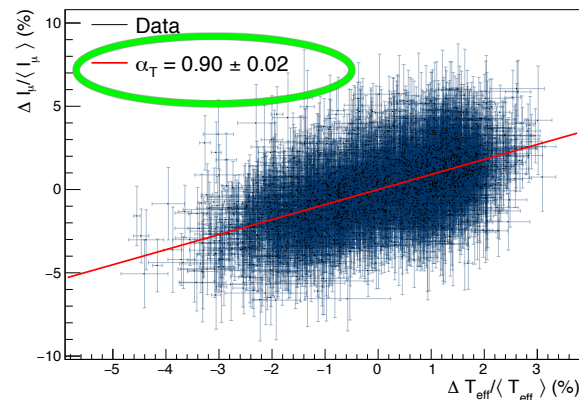


10yr muon modulation analysis



Modulation in agreement with atmospheric data.

Error halved on correlation parameter,

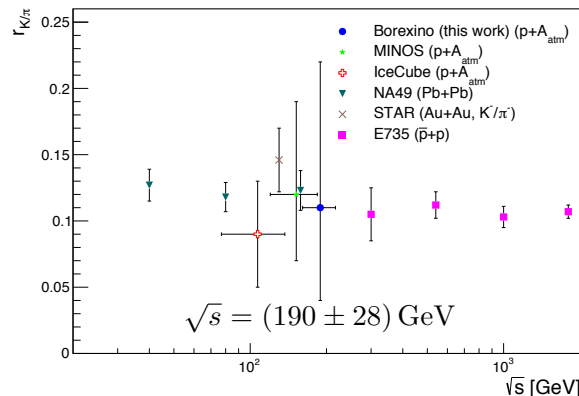


allows to measure kaon-to-pion ratio...

$$r_{K/\pi} = 0.11^{+0.11}_{-0.07}$$

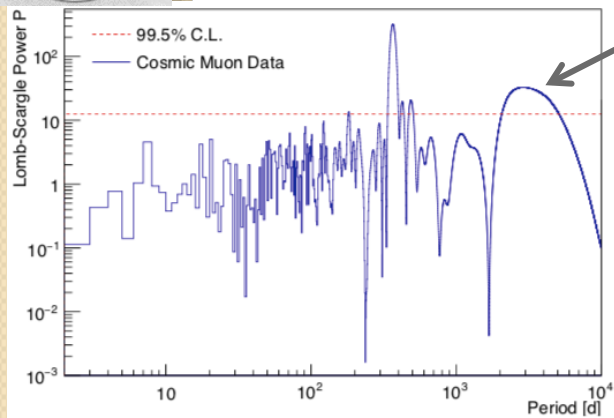
$$r_{K/\pi} = 0.149 \pm 0.06$$

...and compare it with existing measurements

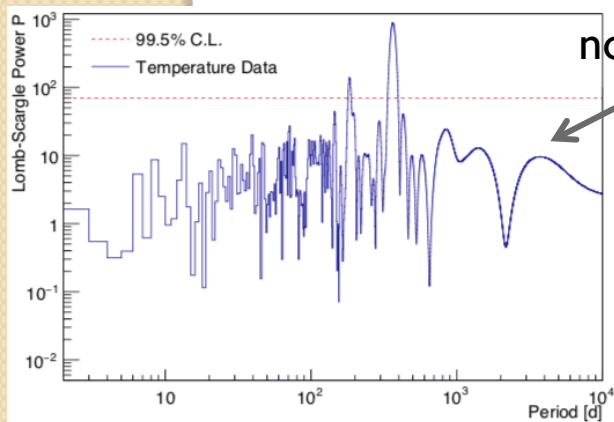




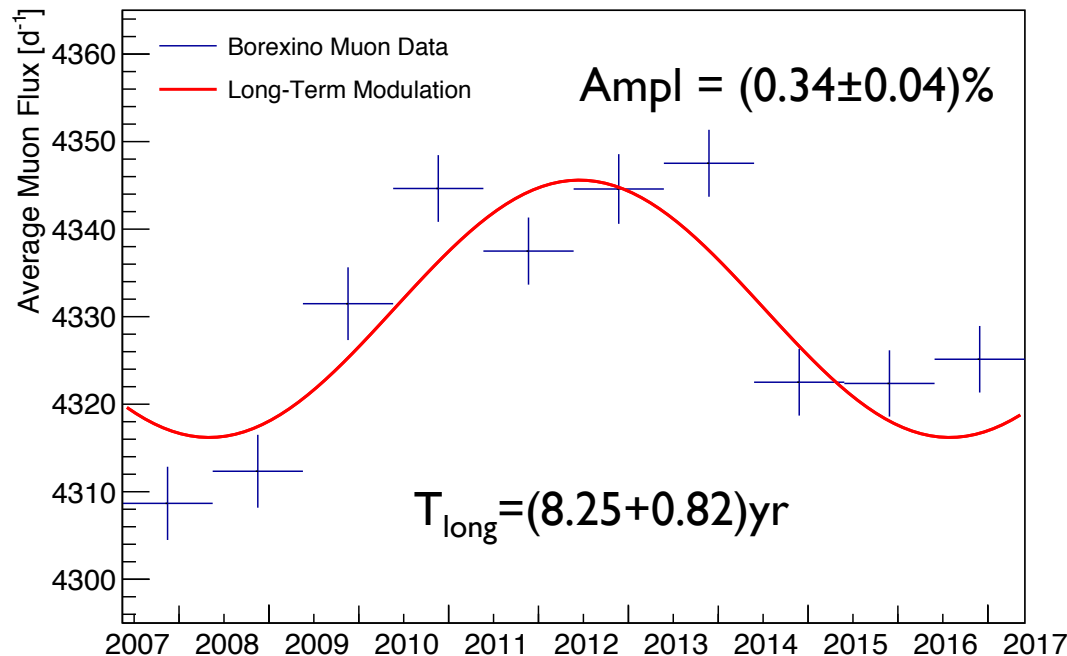
10yr muon modulation analysis



muon flux only



not in T!

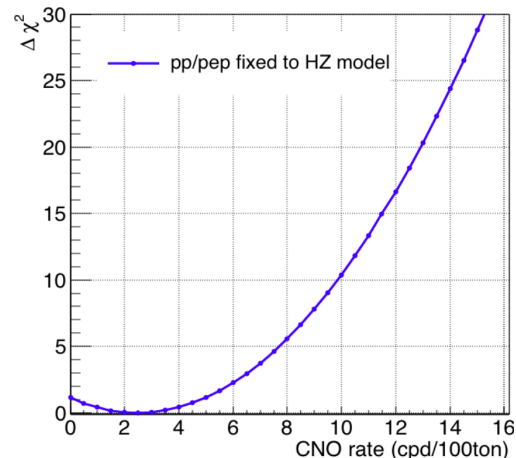


[check the paper for a speculative investigation on a possible correlation with the solar cycle]

What about measuring CNO?

- with this analysis we has set limits

	Borexino result	Expected HZ	Expected LZ
CNO ν	< 8.1 95%C.L cpd/100t ν	4.91 \pm 0.56 cpd/100t	3.62 \pm 0.37 cpd/100t



- but can we make an actual observation?
- see next talk by Davide Basilico



Conclusions

- We are approaching 12 years of Borexino running with:
 - Unprecedented backgrounds
 - A thorough calibration-tuned MC effort
 - A new wide range multivariate fit strategy
- Borexino alone has performed the full spectroscopy of pp-chain neutrinos
 - ${}^7\text{Be}$ flux at 2.5% uncertainty (stat+sys)
 - 5σ evidence of pep neutrinos
 - test of Sun's nuclear processes and its long term stability
- Stay tuned for more results!

Thank you for your attention!



ADDITIONAL MATERIAL



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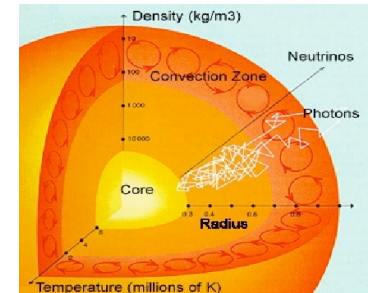
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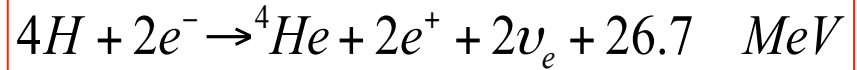
The Standard Solar Model(s): SSM

- Most recent Standard Solar Model (SSM) is named B16
 - N.Vinyoles et al., *Astroph. Journ.* 835 (2017) 202
 - previous version was SFII (2011)
- Model the evolution of the star from formation until now $4.57 \cdot 10^9$ y
 - assume equilibrium between gravitation and pressure
- Input:
 - Solar Luminosity and Radius
 - Homogeneous mixture of H, He and “heavy” elements: $X_{ini}, Y_{ini}, Z_{ini}$
 - α_{MLT} : parameter entering in the description of the convection
 - Cross sections for nuclear reactions (S factors)
 - Opacity
- Observables:
 - Helioseismology
 - Solar Neutrinos



Solar neutrinos on Earth

- Neutrino rate emitted by the Sun: $N_\nu = 1.8 \cdot 10^{38} \text{ v/s}$
- only electron flavor neutrinos are produced in the Sun
- How many do reach the Earth?



2 neutrinos
produced per reaction

Luminosity of the Sun:
 $3.846 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ Watt}$

$$\Phi_{\nu_e} \simeq \frac{1}{4\pi D_\odot^2} \frac{2L_\odot}{(Q - \langle E_\nu \rangle)} = 6 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Distance Earth-Sun:
 $\sim 1.5 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ m}$

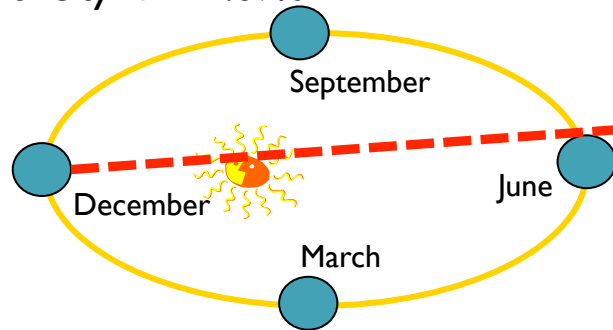
Energy released
in the reaction:
 $\sim 26.7 \text{ MeV}$

Energy carried away by ν :
 $\sim 0.3 \text{ MeV}$



Seasonal Modulation

Expected yearly modulation due to Earth's orbit eccentricity $\epsilon = 1.67\%$



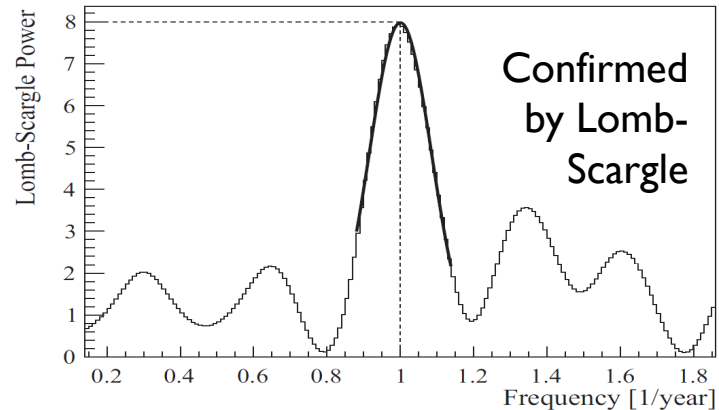
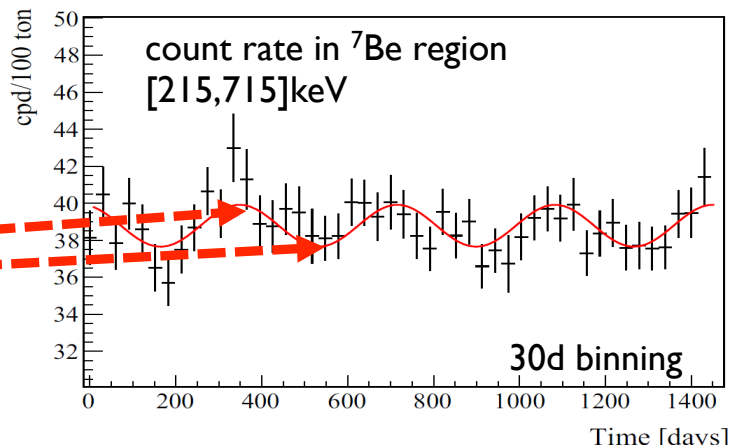
$$R(t) = R_0 + \bar{R} \left[1 + \epsilon \cos \frac{2\pi}{T} (t - \phi) \right]^2$$

Eccentricity $\epsilon = (1.74 \pm 0.45)\%$

Period $T = (367 \pm 10)$ days

Phase $\Phi = (-18 \pm 24)$ days

Borexino does indeed observe neutrinos from the Sun!





Fit strategy

Maximize a binned likelihood through a multivariate approach

$$L(\vartheta) = \underbrace{L_{sub}(\vartheta) \cdot L_{tag}(\vartheta)}_{\text{Energy}} \cdot L_{rad}(\vartheta) \cdot L_{PS-L_{pr}}(\vartheta)$$

Radial distr. (ext. gammas) \nearrow
Pulse shape (^{11}C) \nearrow

Monte Carlo

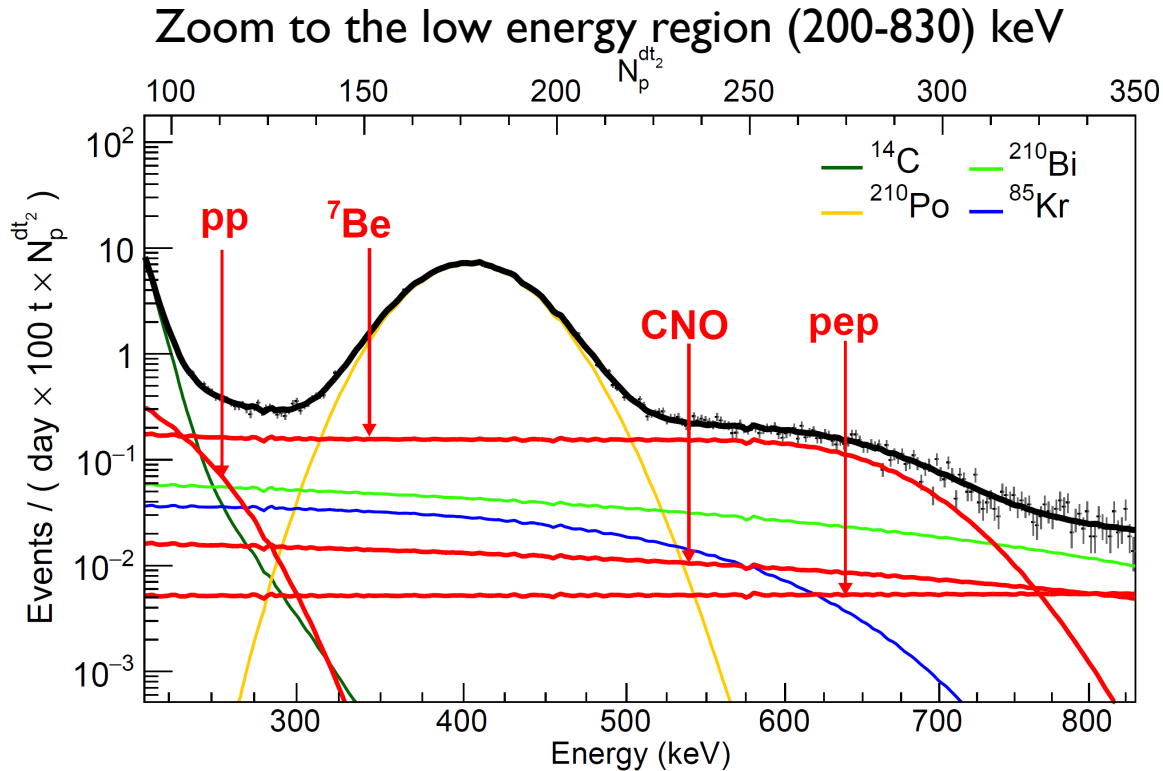
- Full simulation of energy loss, detector geometry, optical photons (scintill. & Cherenkov), PMTs & electronics response.
- Tuned with calibration data \rightarrow sub% accuracy (Astrop. Phys. 97 (2018) 136 -159)
- Included known time variations of the detector (vessel shape, PMT status)
- Only free parameters:
 - solar ν and background rate

Analytical

- Analytical model to link E to N_{pmt} , N_{hits} , N_{pe} (including scintillation and Cherenkov light)
- Models the E resolution
- Free fit parameters:
 - solar ν and background rate
 - 6 model parameters: Light Yield, 2 resolution param., position & width of ^{210}Po peak, start of the ^{11}C spectrum
- Possibility to describe unknown time variations



Example using the analytical fit



Energy estimator: npmts_dt2



Sources of systematic errors

Two methods to take into account pile-up:

- Effects of non perfect modelling of the detector response;
- Uncertainty on theoretical input spectra (^{210}Bi)

^{85}Kr constrained to be $<7.5\text{cpd}/100\text{t}$ (95% C.L.) from Kr-Rb delayed coincidences

Source of uncertainty	pp		^7Be		pep	
	-%	+%	-%	+%	-%	+%
Fit method (analytical/MC)	-1.2	1.2	-0.2	0.2	-4.0	4.0
Choice of energy estimator	-2.5	2.5	-0.1	0.1	-2.4	2.4
Pile-up modeling	-2.5	0.5	0	0	0	0
Fit range and binning	-3.0	3.0	-0.1	0.1	1.0	1.0
Fit models (see text)	-4.5	0.5	-1.0	0.2	-6.8	2.8
Inclusion of ^{85}Kr constraint	-2.2	2.2	0	0.4	-3.2	0
Live Time	-0.05	0.05	-0.05	0.05	-0.05	0.05
Scintillator density	-0.05	0.05	-0.05	0.05	-0.05	0.05
Fiducial volume	-1.1	0.6	-1.1	0.6	-1.1	0.6
Total systematics (%)	-7.1	4.7	-1.5	0.8	-9.0	5.6

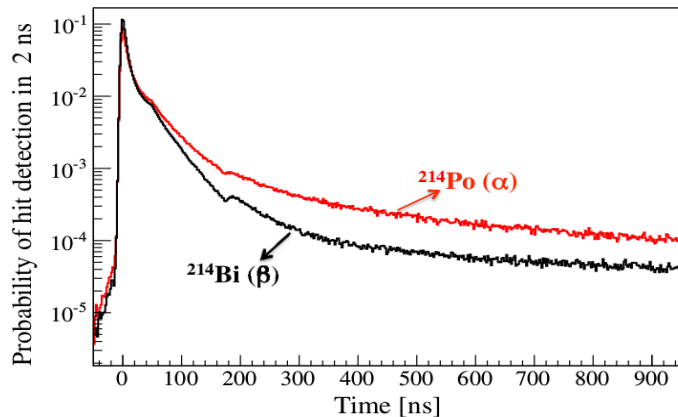


Improvement of the new analysis

	Phase I	Phase II	Uncertainty reduction $\frac{\text{Phase II}}{\text{Phase I}}$
pp	$144 \pm 13 \pm 10$	$134 \pm 10^{+6}_{-10}$	0.78
${}^7\text{Be}(862\text{keV})$	$46.0 \pm 1.5^{+1.6}_{-1.5}$	$46.3 \pm 1.1^{+0.4}_{-0.7}$	0.57
pep	$3.1 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.3$	(HZ) $2.43 \pm 0.36^{+0.15}_{-0.22}$ (LZ) $2.65 \pm 0.36^{+0.15}_{-0.24}$	0.61

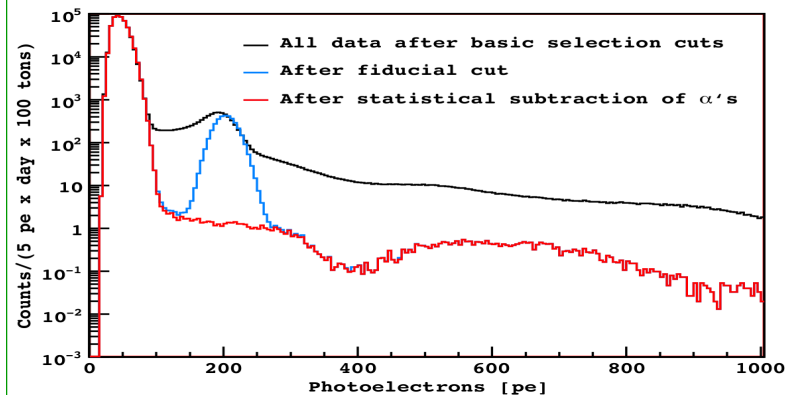
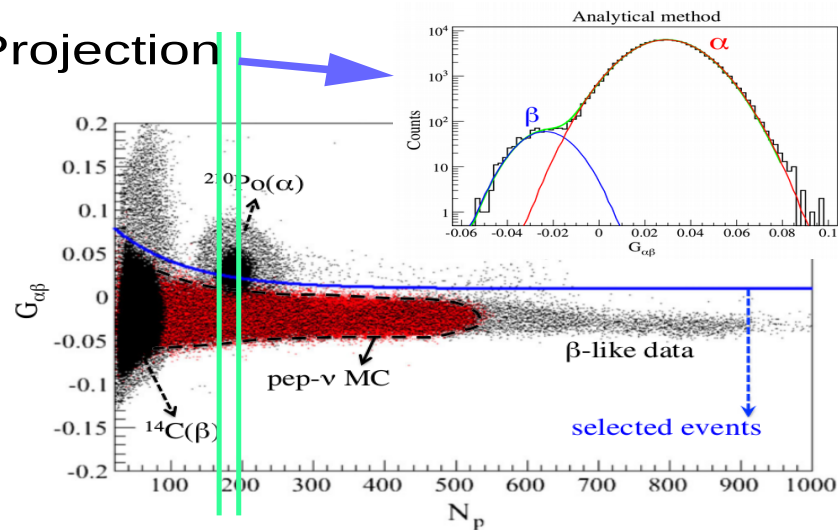


PSD (α/β)



- ✧ Bin-by-bin statistical subtraction
- ✧ Formerly based on Gatti filter
- ✧ Now improving with Multi-Layer-Perceptron algorithm

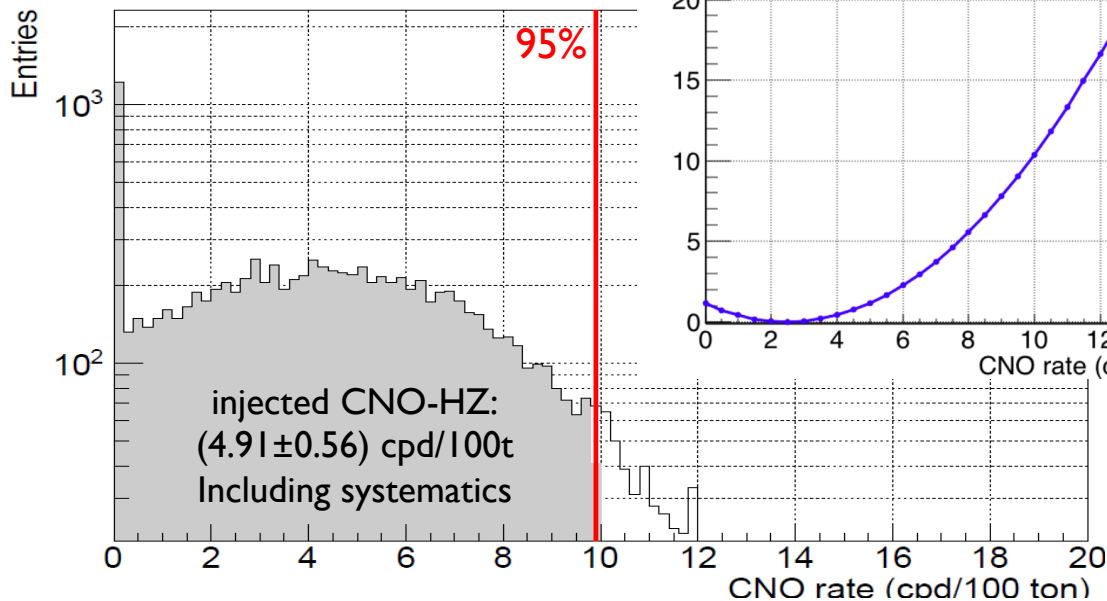
Projection





Limits on CNO ν

- Problem: CNO is highly correlated to pep and ^{210}Bi background
- Strategy: constrain the ratio pp/pep to 47.7 ± 1.2
 - Include oscillations LMA-MSW
- Toy MC study of the sensitivity: 95% CL is
 - 9 cpd/100t for LZ
 - 10 cpd/100t for HZ
- Previous limit (Phase I):
 - 7.9 cpd/100t (but with pep fixed!)

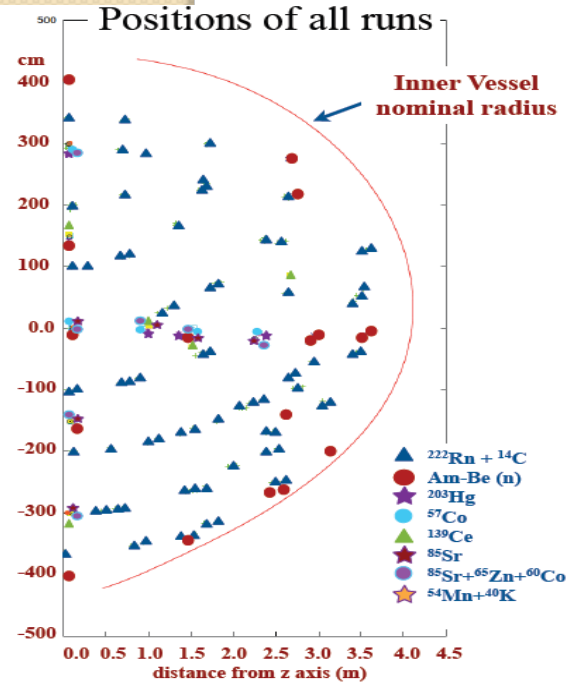
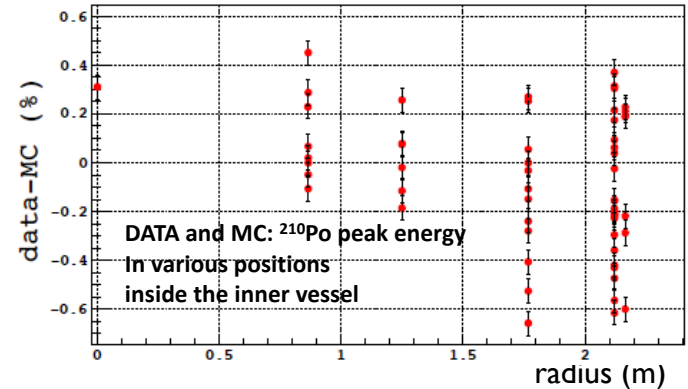
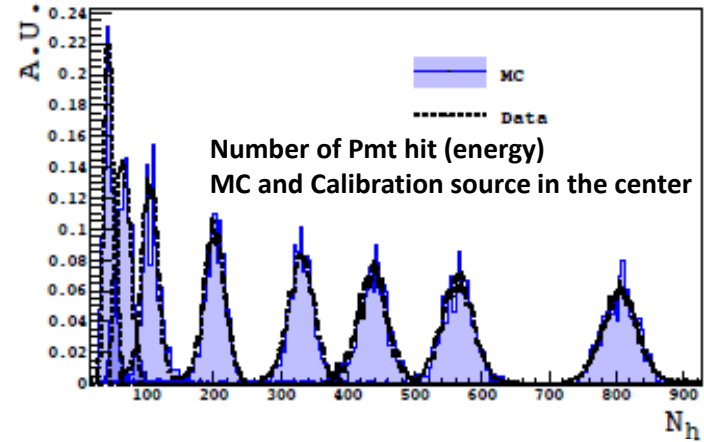


	Borexino result	Expected HZ	Expected LZ
CNO ν	< 8.1 95% C.L cpd/100t ν	4.91 ± 0.56 cpd/100t	3.62 ± 0.37 cpd/100t



Calibration and Monte Carlo

- 2008-2011: 4 internal + 1 external calibration campaigns
- Rn, neutrons, several gammas
- 184 locations covering the whole Inner Vessel
- Tuning MC for position, energy and PSD



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Experimental site



Abruzzo, Italy
120 km from Rome

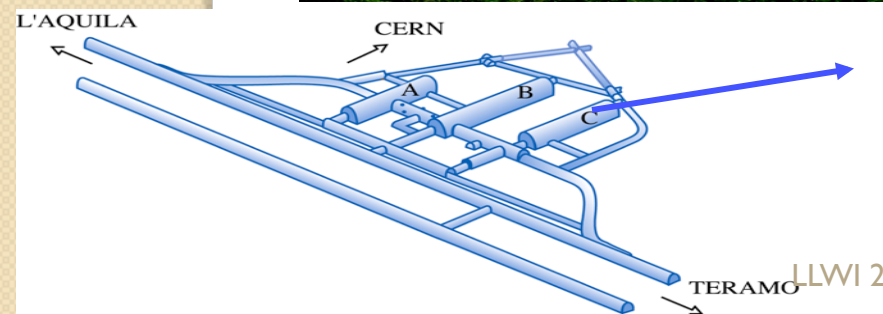
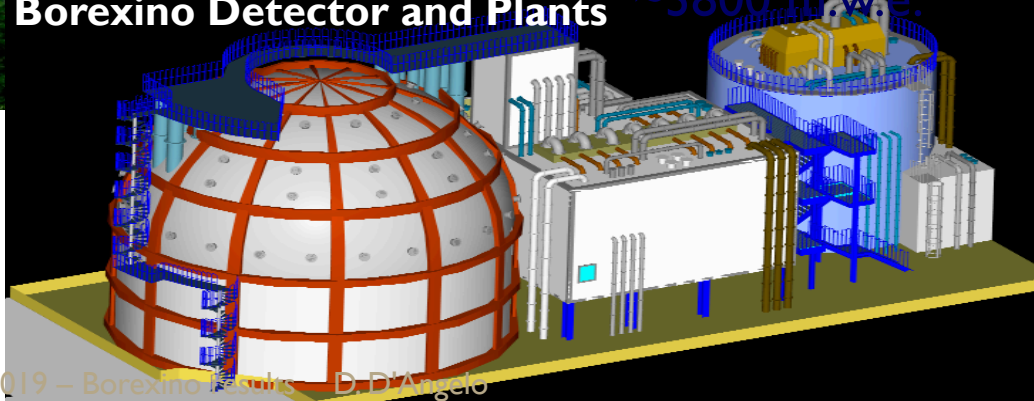
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1400m of rock
shielding



Borexino Detector and Plants

~3800 m.w.e.



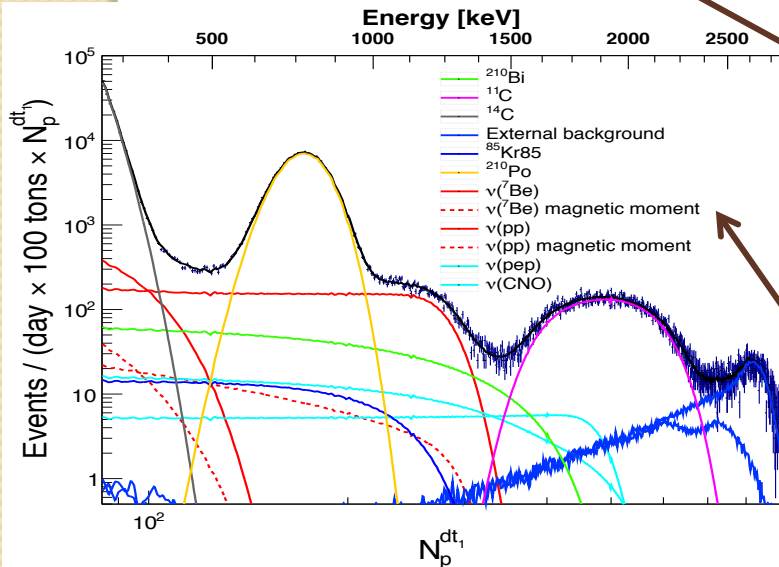


Limit on Neutrino Magnetic Moment

As neutrinos are massive, they can also have a MM
 An EW term could show up in ν -e scattering

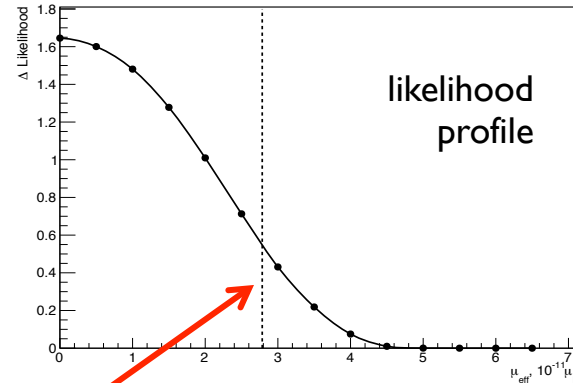
$$\frac{d\sigma_{EM}}{dT_e}(T_e, E_\nu) = \pi r_0^2 \mu_{eff}^2 \left(\frac{1}{T_e} - \frac{1}{E_\nu} \right)$$

[effective as it refers to the admixture of mass eigenstates reaching Earth]



low energy ν are sensitive (${}^7\text{Be}$, pp)

Fit with different values of μ_{eff}



$\mu_{eff} < 2.8 \times 10^{-11} \mu_B$ at 90% C.L.
 about 2x lower than phase-best limit for μ_{eff}