

Miscellaneous topics...

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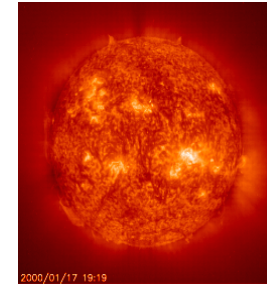


Lecture Plan

Lecture #1: Neutrino Mass and Oscillations



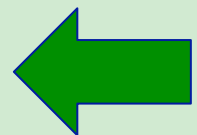
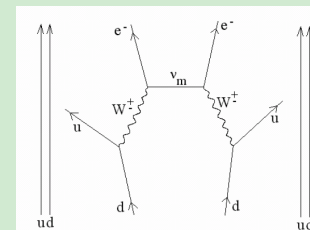
Lecture #2: Solar Neutrinos



Lecture #3: Supernova Neutrinos



Lecture #4: Miscellaneous topics



Part I: **Neutrino Physics at the SNS**

Part II: **Absolute neutrino Mass**

Part III: **Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay**

Part I Outline

Low-energy cross sections overview:
physics motivation

The SNS as a neutrino source

Cross-section experiments at the SNS

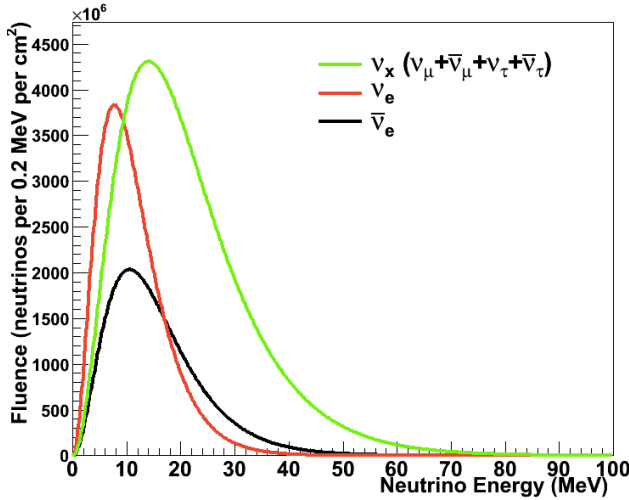
→ Focus on the COHERENT experiment

Work underway and prospects

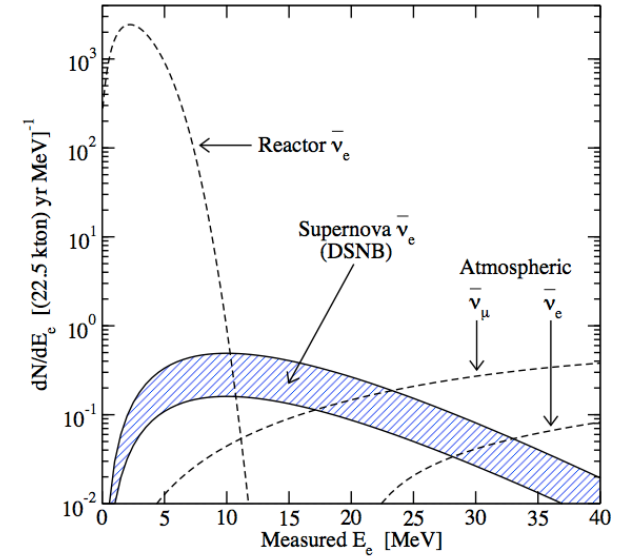
Neutrino Cross-Section Experiments at the Spallation Neutron Source



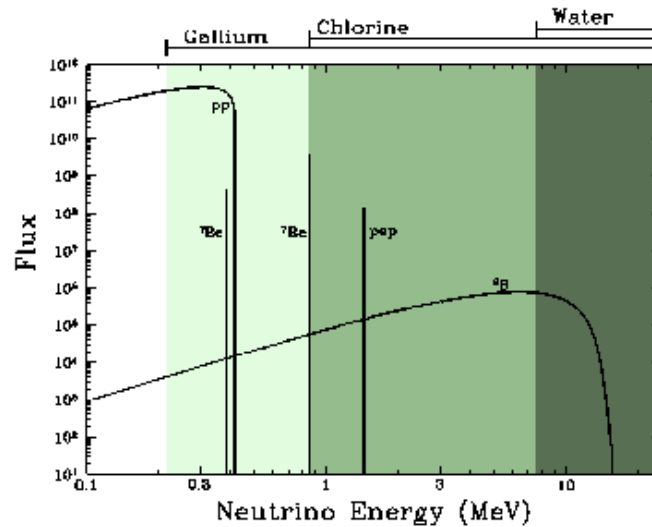
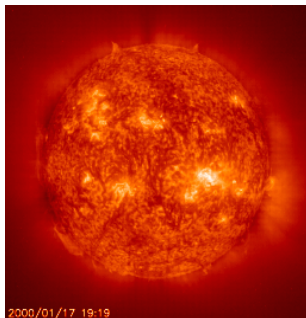
Neutrino interactions in the few-100 MeV range are relevant for:



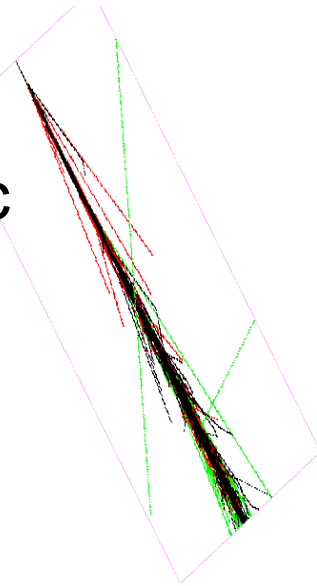
supernova neutrinos,
burst &
relic



solar
neutrinos

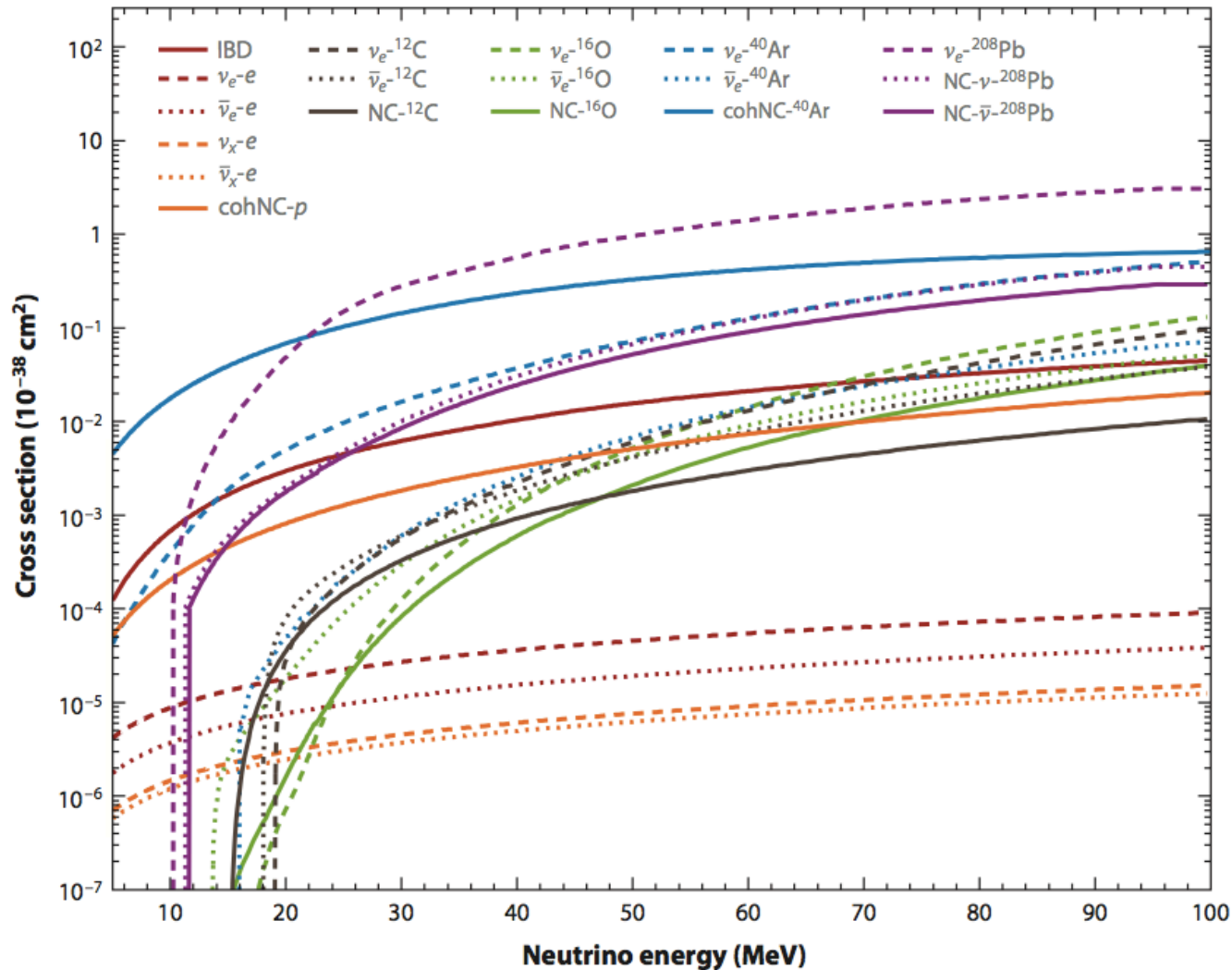


low energy
atmospheric
neutrinos



Physics: oscillation, SM tests,
astrophysics

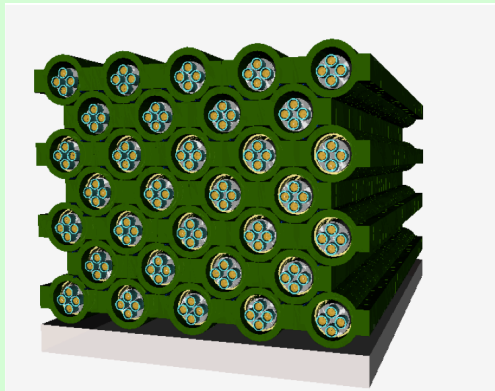
Cross-sections in this energy range



IBD and ES on electrons well understood... but
so far only ^{12}C is the *only* heavy nucleus with ν interaction
cross sections well ($\sim 10\%$) measured in the tens of MeV regime

Supernova-neutrino-relevant cross sections to understand in this energy range

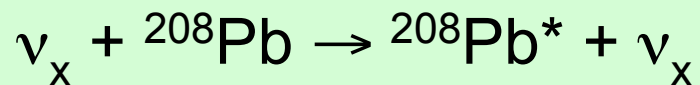
Lead



HALO
at
SNOLAB

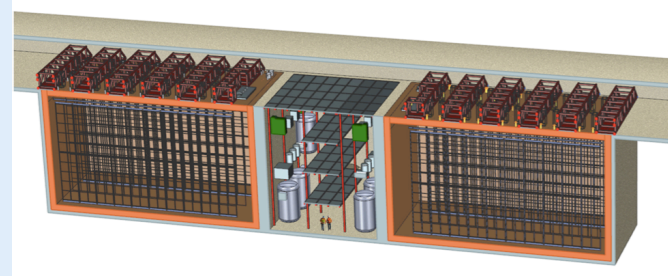


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1n, 2n emission

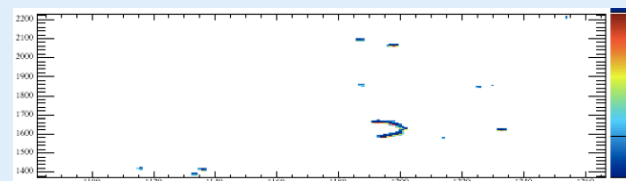


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1n, 2n, γ emission

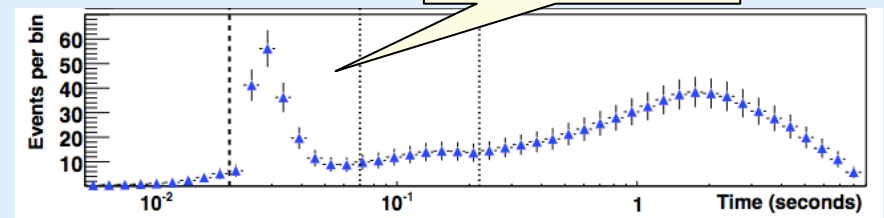
Argon



LBNE



Neutronization
burst visible

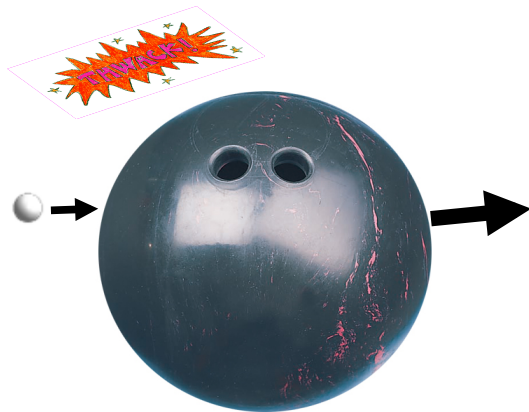
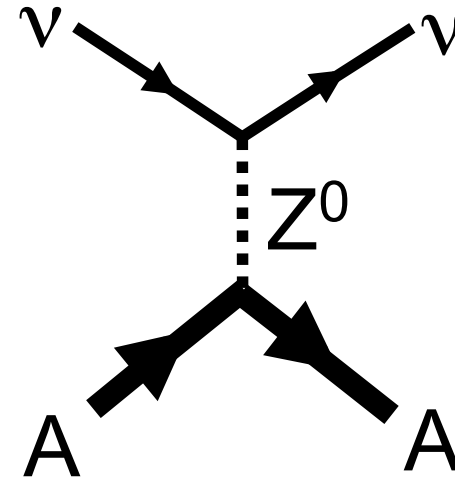


also: oxygen, iron, carbon,...

Coherent elastic neutral current neutrino-nucleus scattering (CENNS)



A neutrino smacks a nucleus via exchange of a Z , and the nucleus recoils; coherent up to $E_\nu \sim 50$ MeV

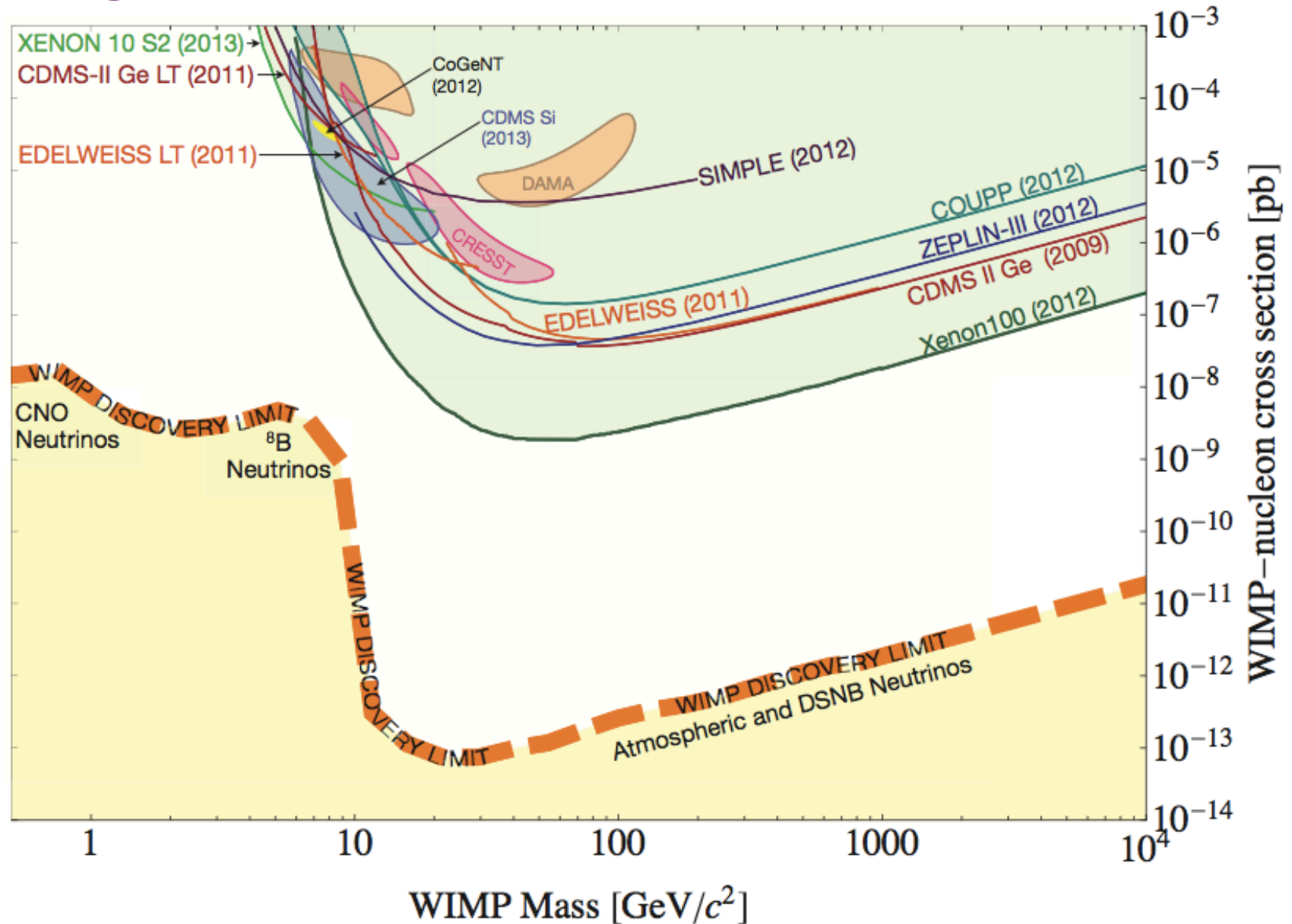


- Important in SN processes & detection
- Well-calculable cross-section in SM: SM test, probe of neutrino NSI
- Possible applications (reactor monitoring)

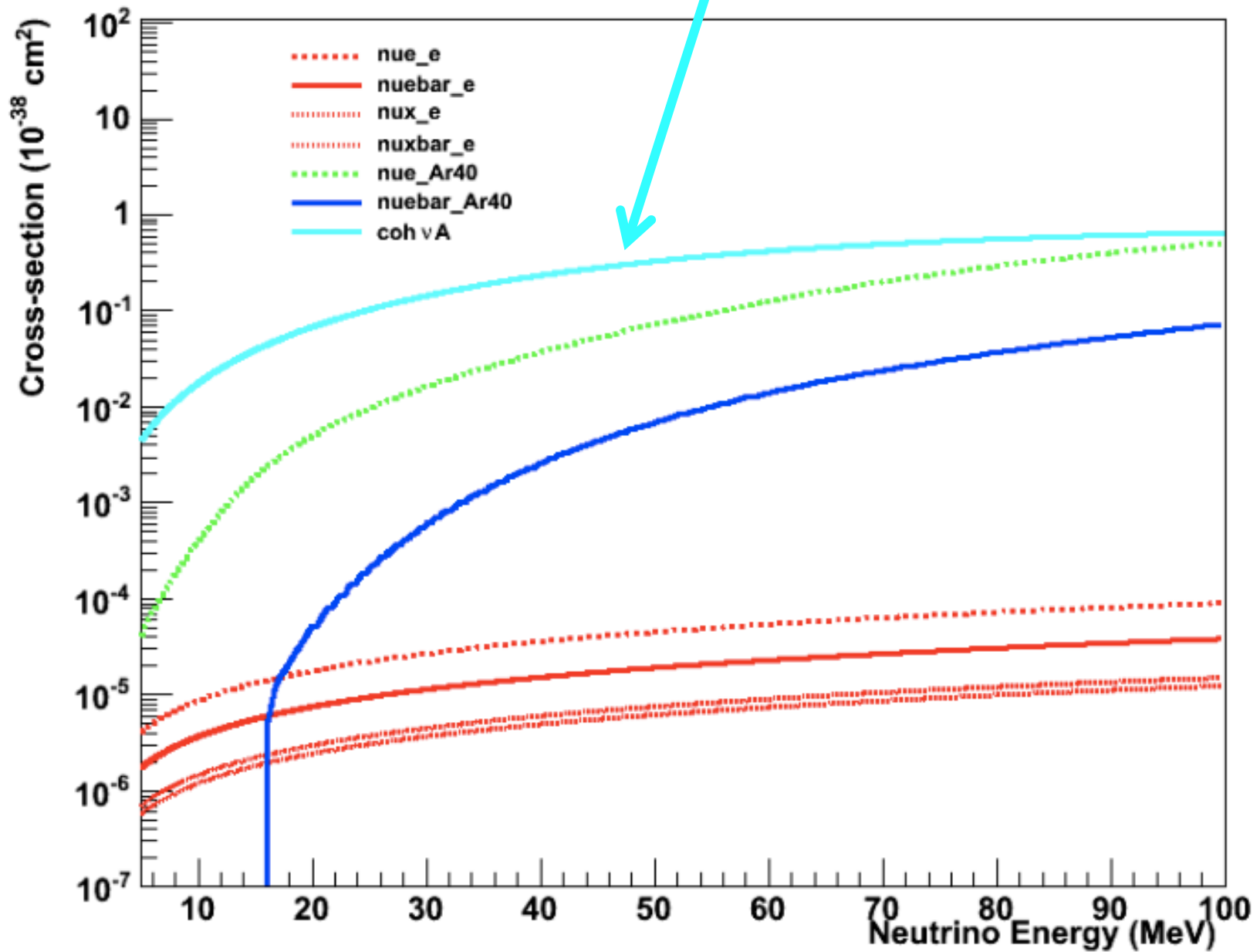
A. Drukier & L. Stodolsky, PRD 30:2295 (1984)
Horowitz et al. , PRD 68:023005 (2003) astro-ph/0302071

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{G^2}{4\pi^2} k^2 (1 + \cos \theta) \frac{(N - (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) Z)^2}{4} F^2(Q^2)$$

CENNS from natural neutrinos creates ultimate background for direct DM search experiments



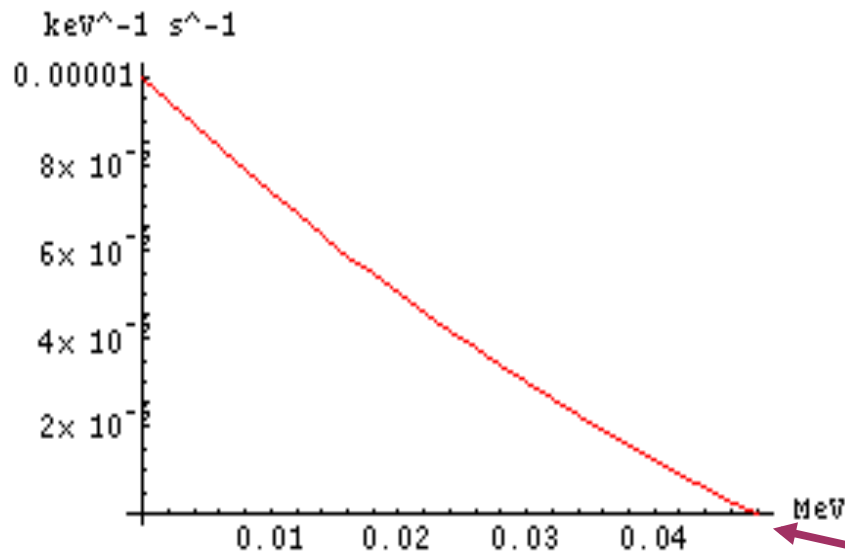
The cross-section is *large*



But CENNS has never been observed...

Why not?

Nuclear recoil energy spectrum for 30 MeV ν



Max recoil energy is $2E_\nu^2/M$
(48 keV for Ar)

Recoil energies are tiny!

Most neutrino detectors (water, gas, scintillator) have thresholds of at least $\sim \text{MeV}$:
so these interactions are hard to see...

→ but WIMP detectors developed over the last \sim decade are sensitive

Physics reach for CENNS experiments

Basically, any deviation from SM x-scattering is interesting...

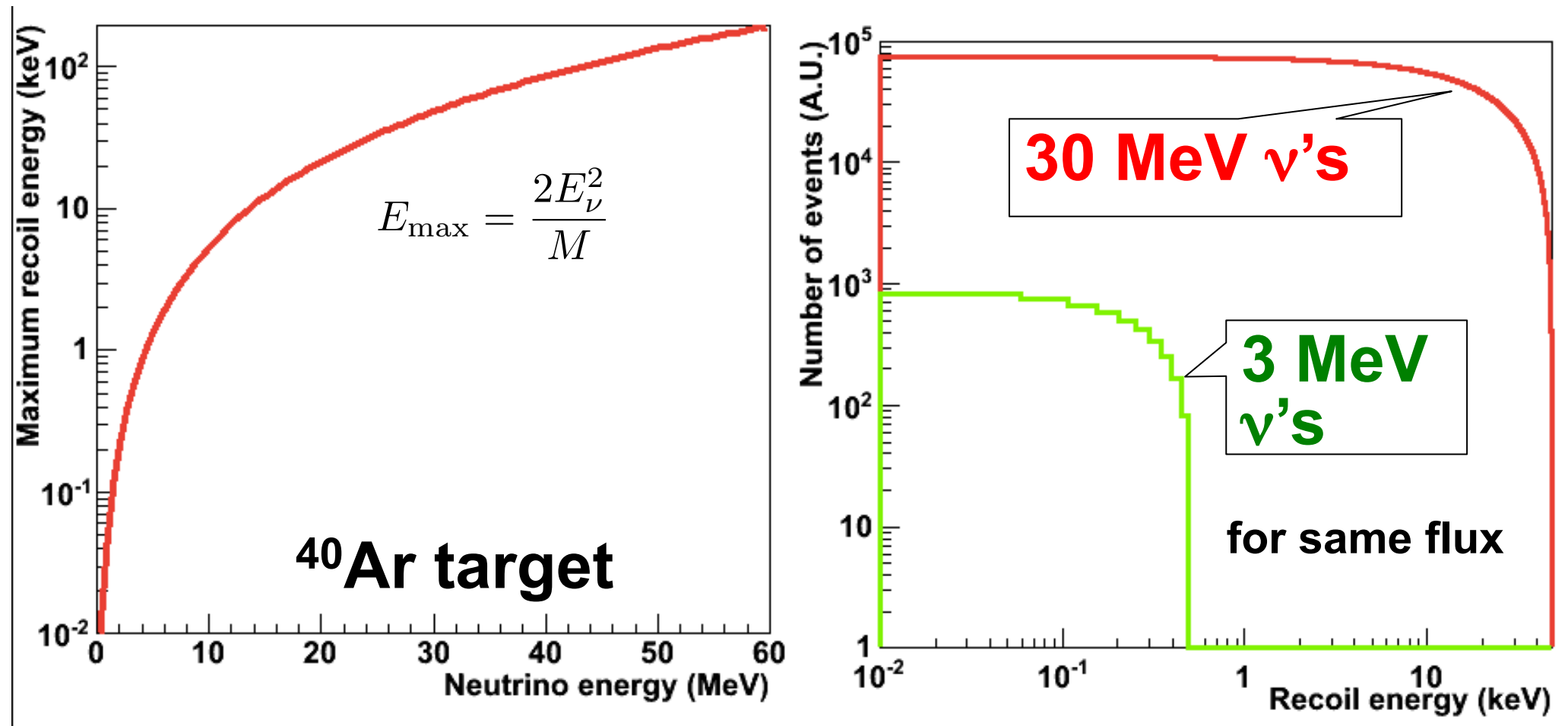
- **Standard Model weak mixing angle:**
could measure to $\sim 5\%$ (new channel)
- **Non Standard Interactions (NSI) of neutrinos:**
could significantly improve constraints
- **(Neutrino magnetic moment):**
hard, but conceivable; need low energy sensitivity
- **(Sterile oscillations):**
hard, but also conceivable

At a level of experimental precision better than that on the nuclear form factors:

- **Neutron form factor:**
hard but conceivable; need good energy resolution,
control of systematics

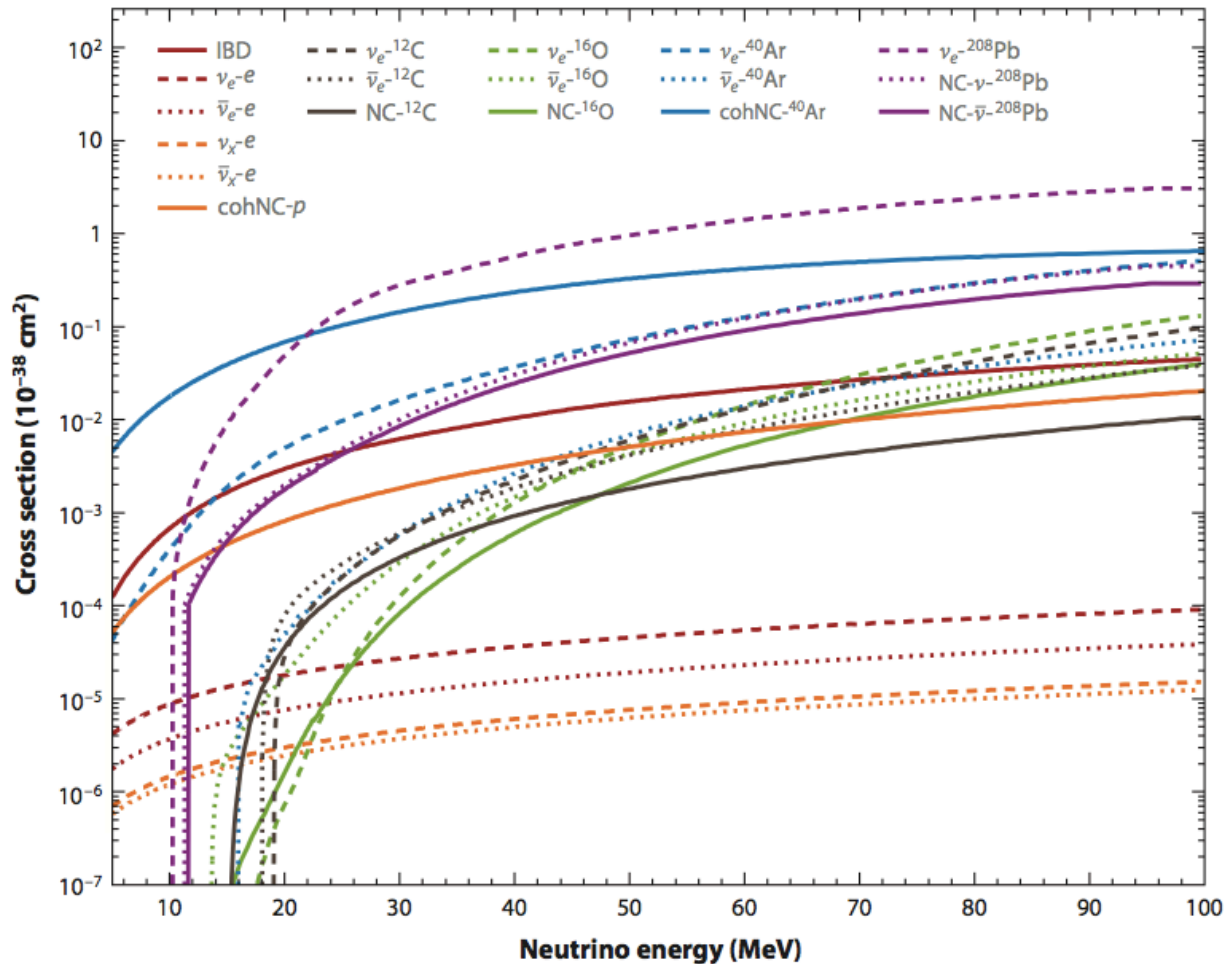
What do you want to detect CENNS?

High-energy neutrinos, because both cross-section and maximum recoil energy increase with neutrino energy



... but...

... neutrino energy should not be *too high*...



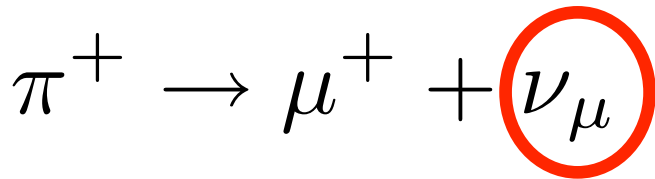
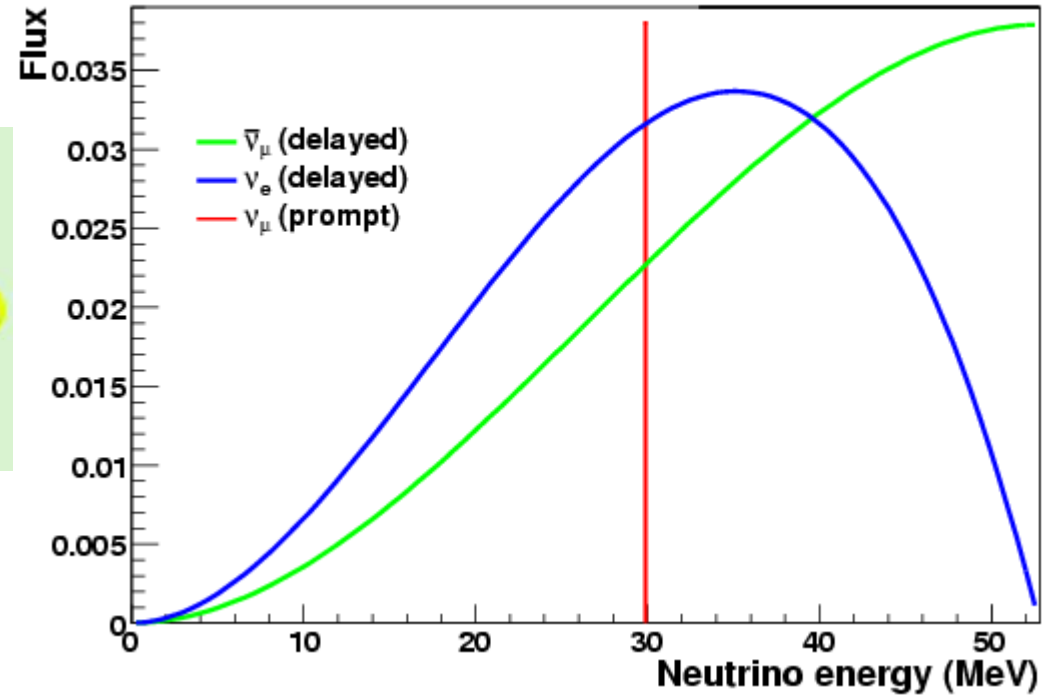
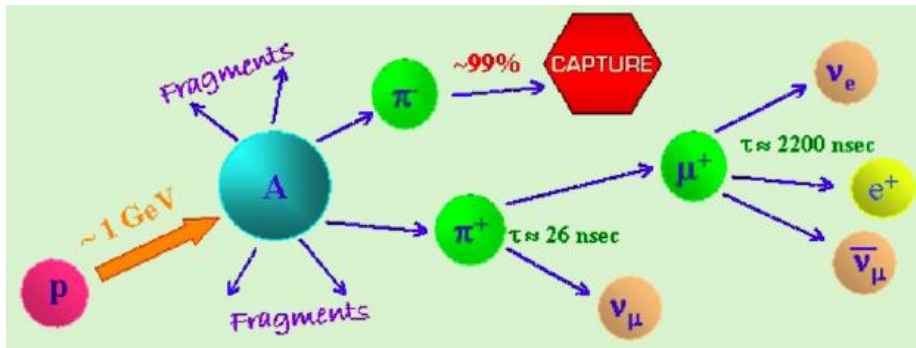
CC, NC
QE & nQE
coherent
elastic

The coherent cross-section flattens, but
inelastic cross-section increases
(eventually start to scatter off *nucleons*)

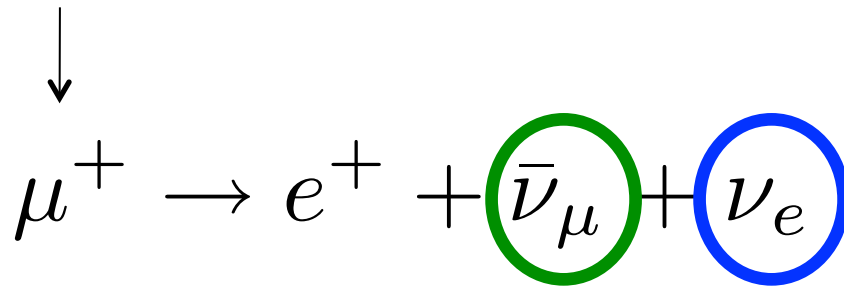
→ want $E_\nu \sim 50$ MeV to satisfy

$$Q \lesssim \frac{1}{R}$$

Stopped-Pion (DAR) Neutrinos

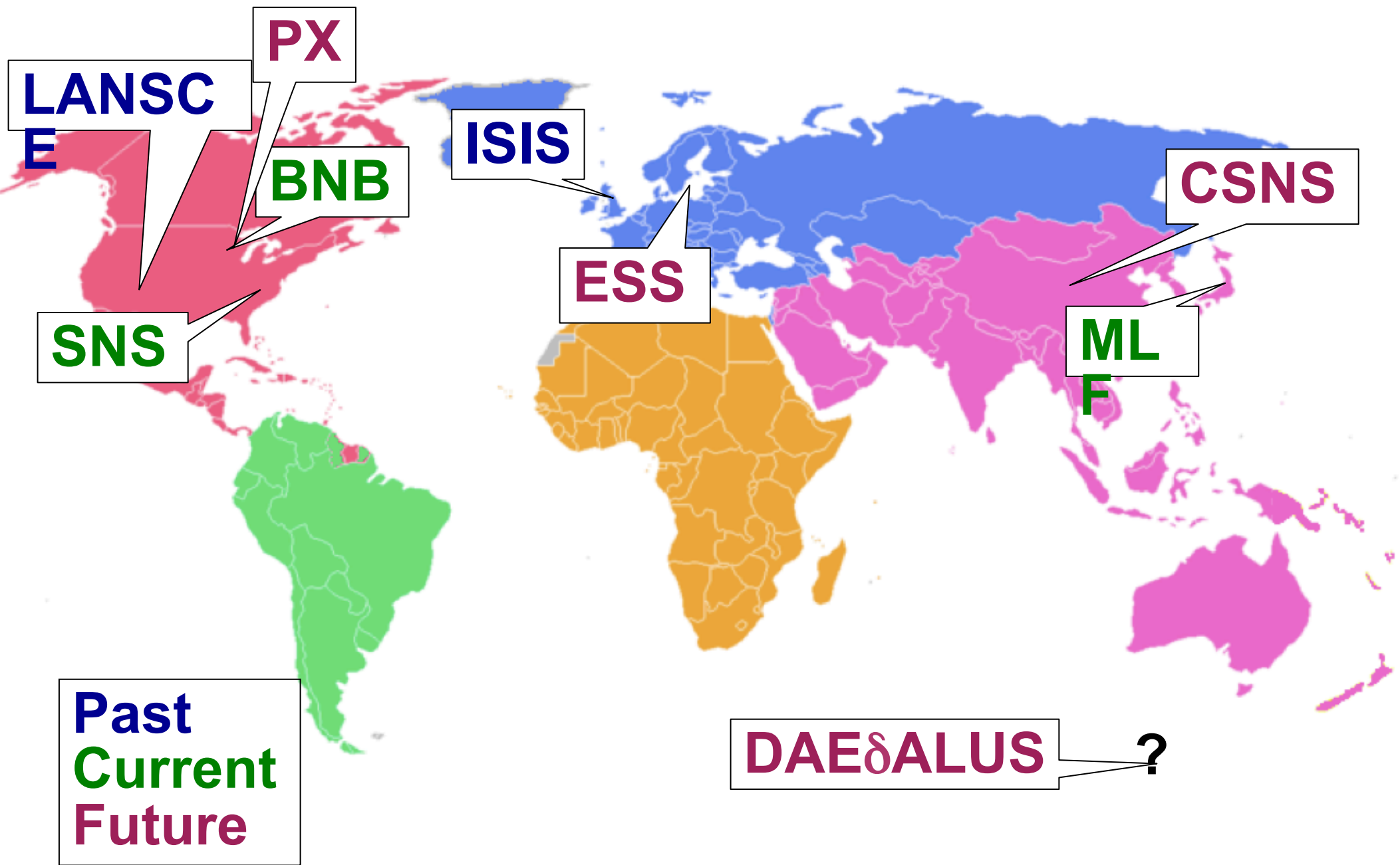


2-body decay: monochromatic 29.9 MeV ν_μ
PROMPT

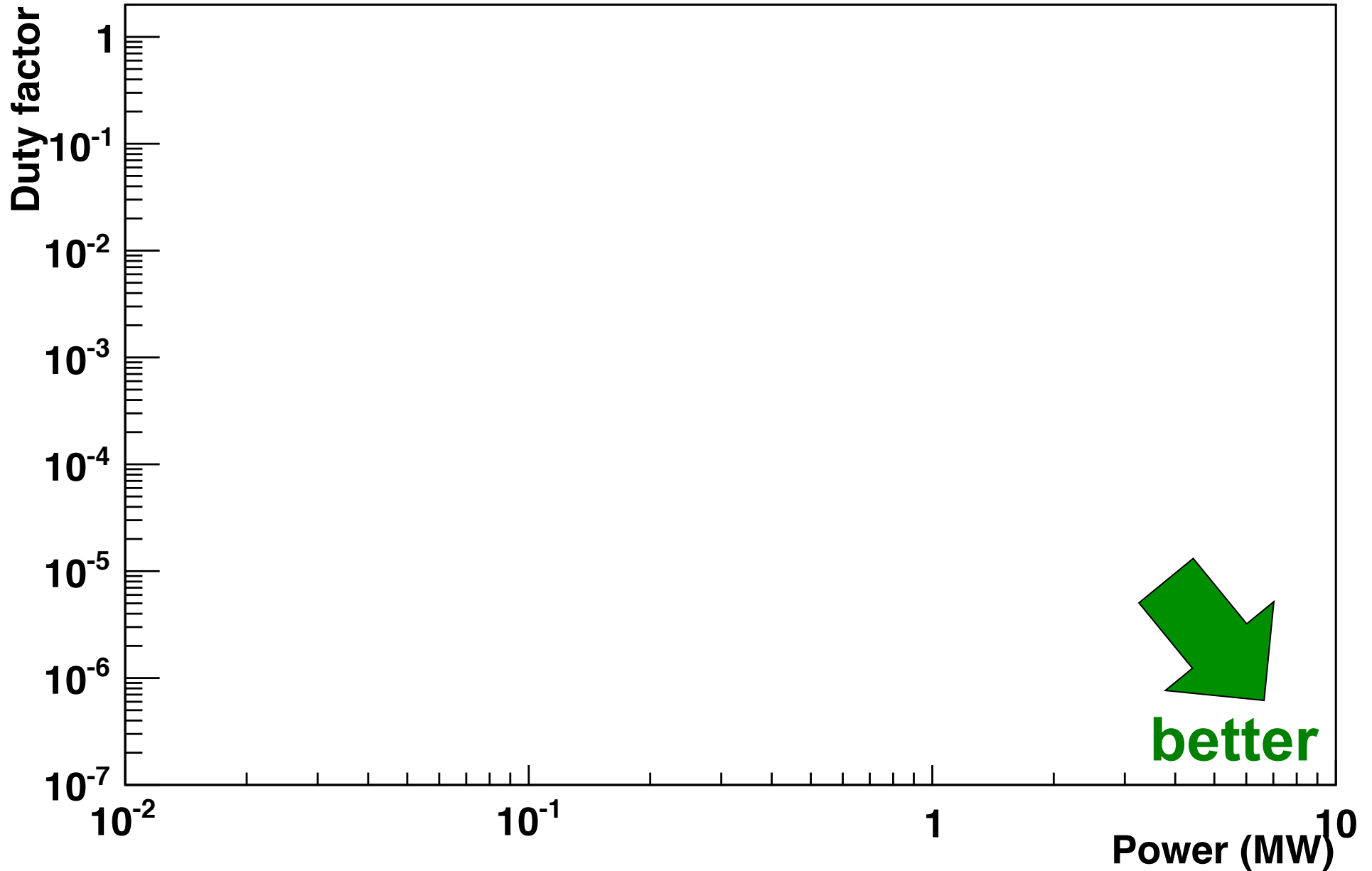


3-body decay: range of energies
between 0 and $m_\mu/2$
DELAYED ($2.2 \mu\text{s}$)

Stopped-Pion Sources Worldwide

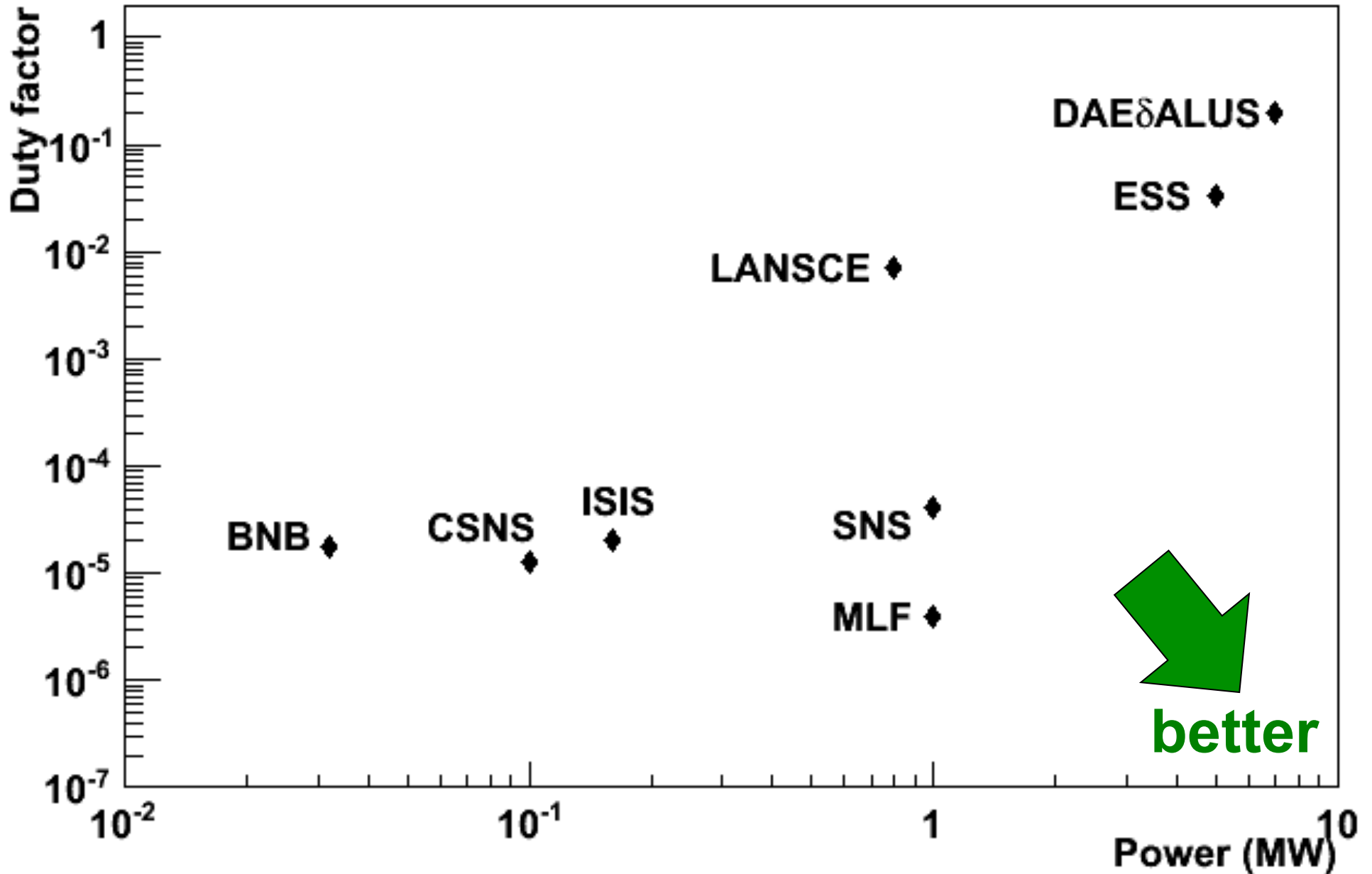


Flux \propto power: want bigger!
Duty factor: want smaller!



Flux \propto power

Duty factor = T*rate (◆)

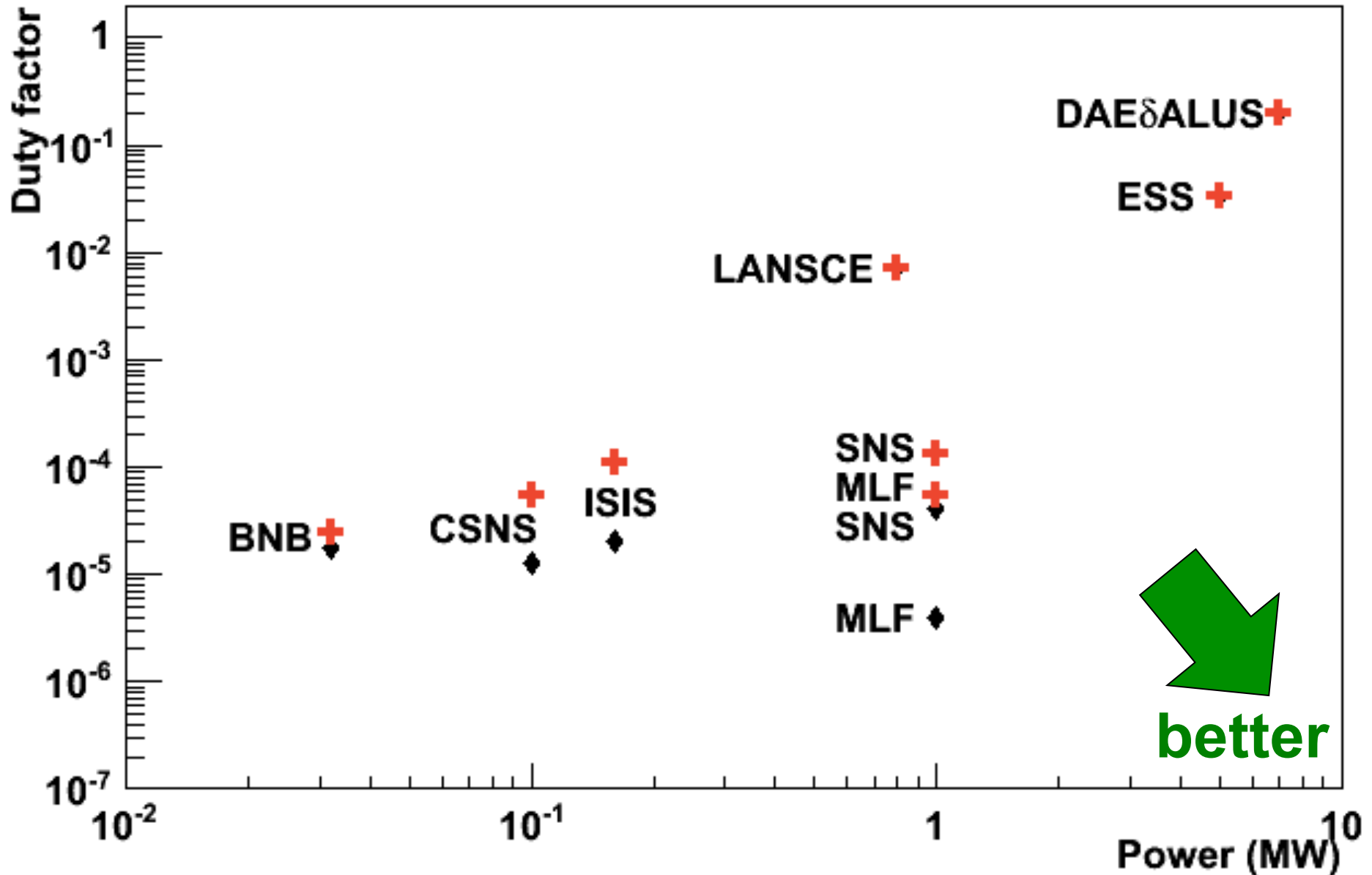




Flux \propto power

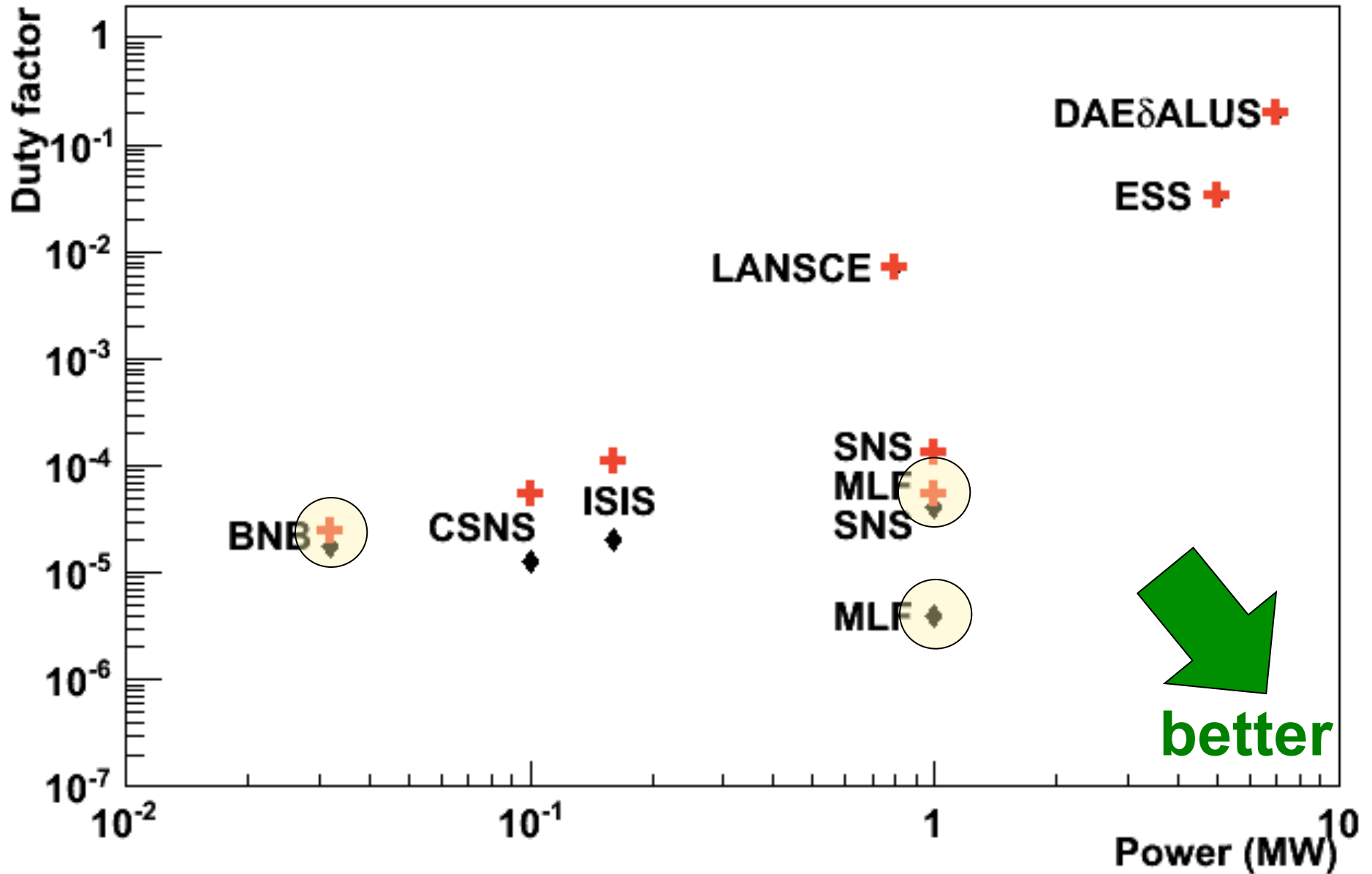
Duty factor = $T \cdot \text{rate}$ (◆)



= $\max(T, 2.2 \mu\text{s}) \cdot \text{rate}$ (+ for μdk ν 's)

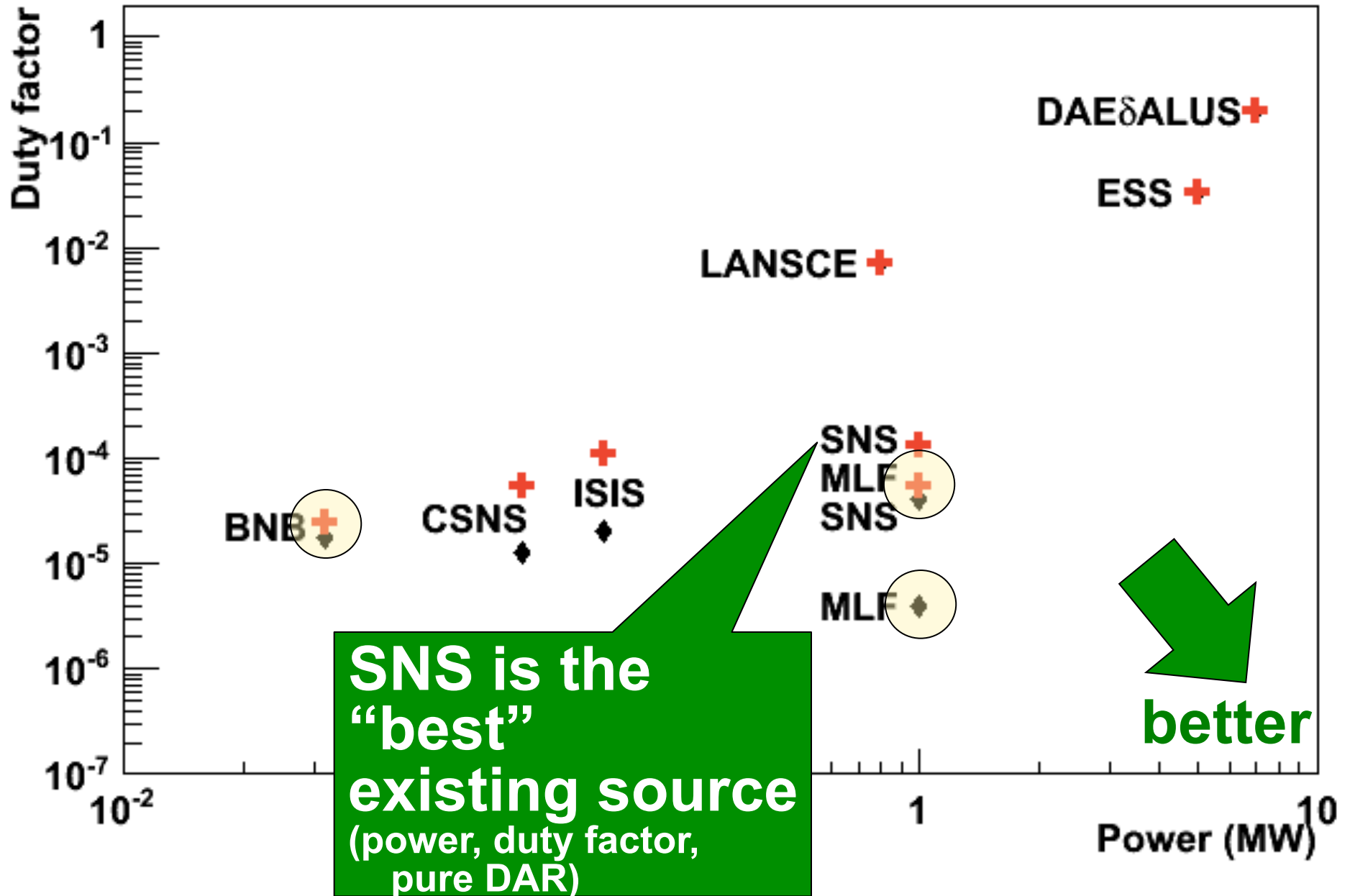
it doesn't help that much to be faster than μdk timescale



Flux \propto power,  high energy protons (non-DAR contamination)
 Duty factor = $T \cdot \text{rate}$ ()
 = $\max(T, 2.2 \mu\text{s}) \cdot \text{rate}$ (+ for $\mu\text{dk } \nu$'s)



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 Duty factor = T*rate ()
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Prospects at the SNS: Free Neutrinos!

Proton beam energy – 0.9 - 1.3 GeV

Intensity - $9.6 \cdot 10^{15}$ protons/sec

Pulse duration - 380ns(FWHM)

Repetition rate - 60Hz

Total power – 0.9 – 1.3 MW

Liquid Mercury target



SNS-Spallation Neutrino Source

Oak Ridge, TN

Y. Efremenko

These are *not* crummy
old cast-off neutrinos...

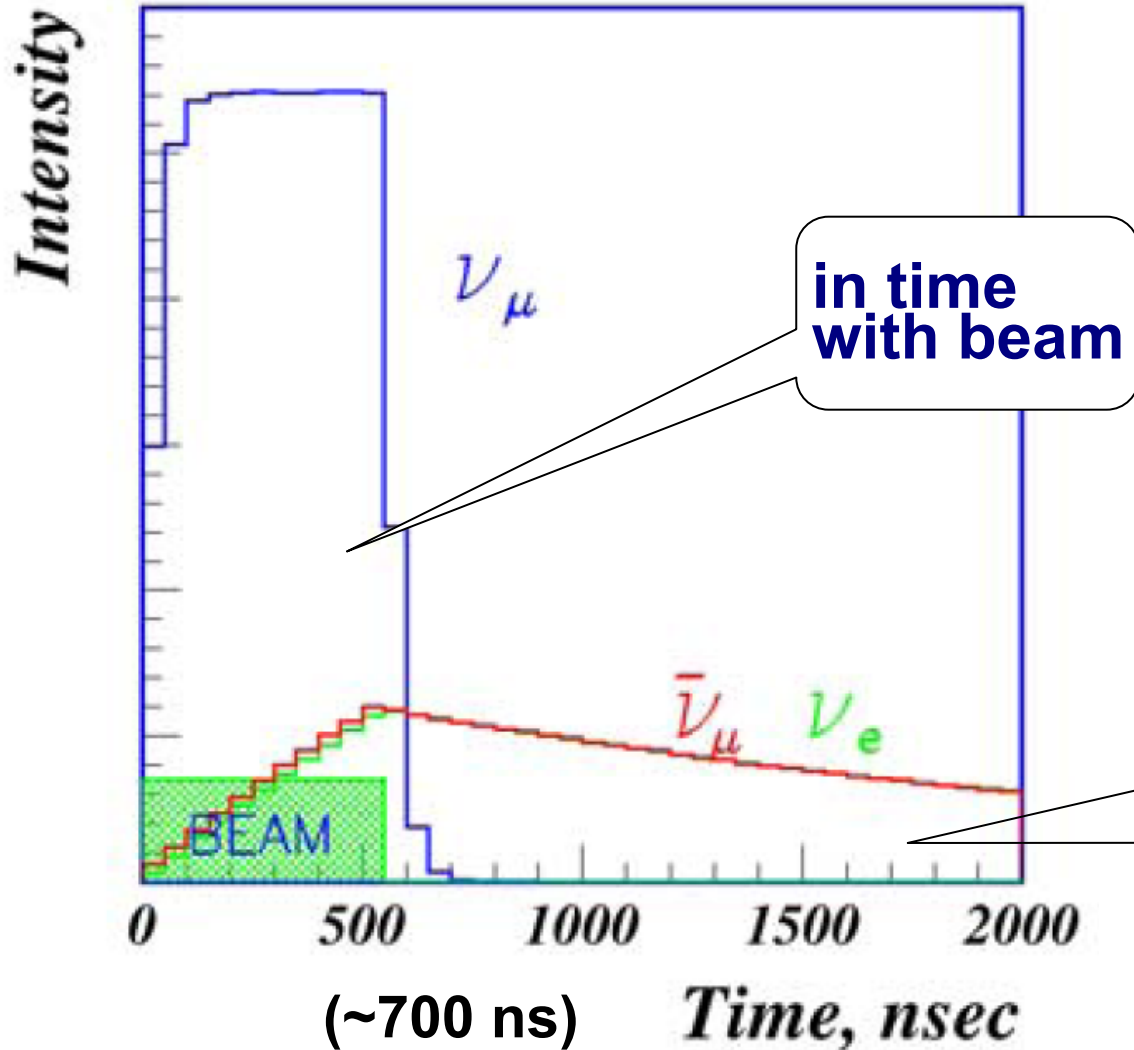


They are of the
highest quality!

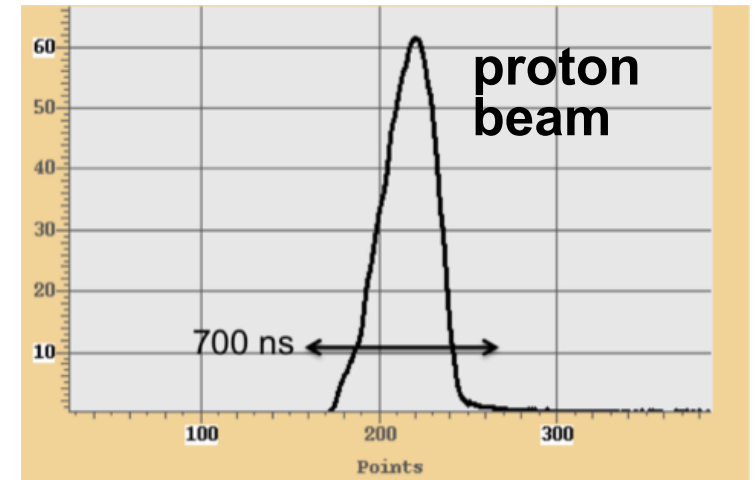


Time structure of the SNS source

F. Avignone and Y. Efremenko, J. Phys. G: 29 (2003) 2615-2628



60 Hz pulsed source



delayed on μ decay timescale (2.2 μ s)

Background rejection factor \sim few $\times 10^{-4}$

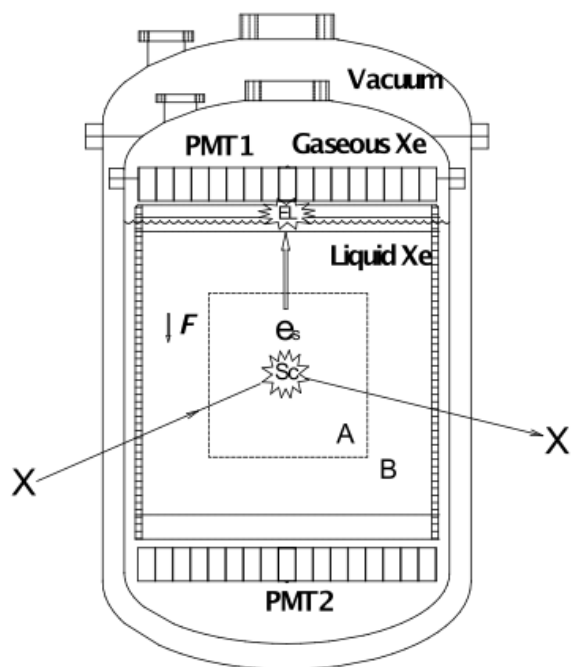
Neutrino flux: few times 10^7 /s/cm² at 20 m

~ 0.13 per flavor per proton

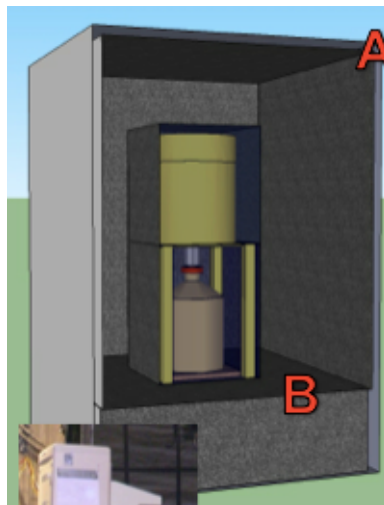
Newly-formed COHERENT collaboration

Three possible technologies under consideration for short-term deployment

Two-phase LXe

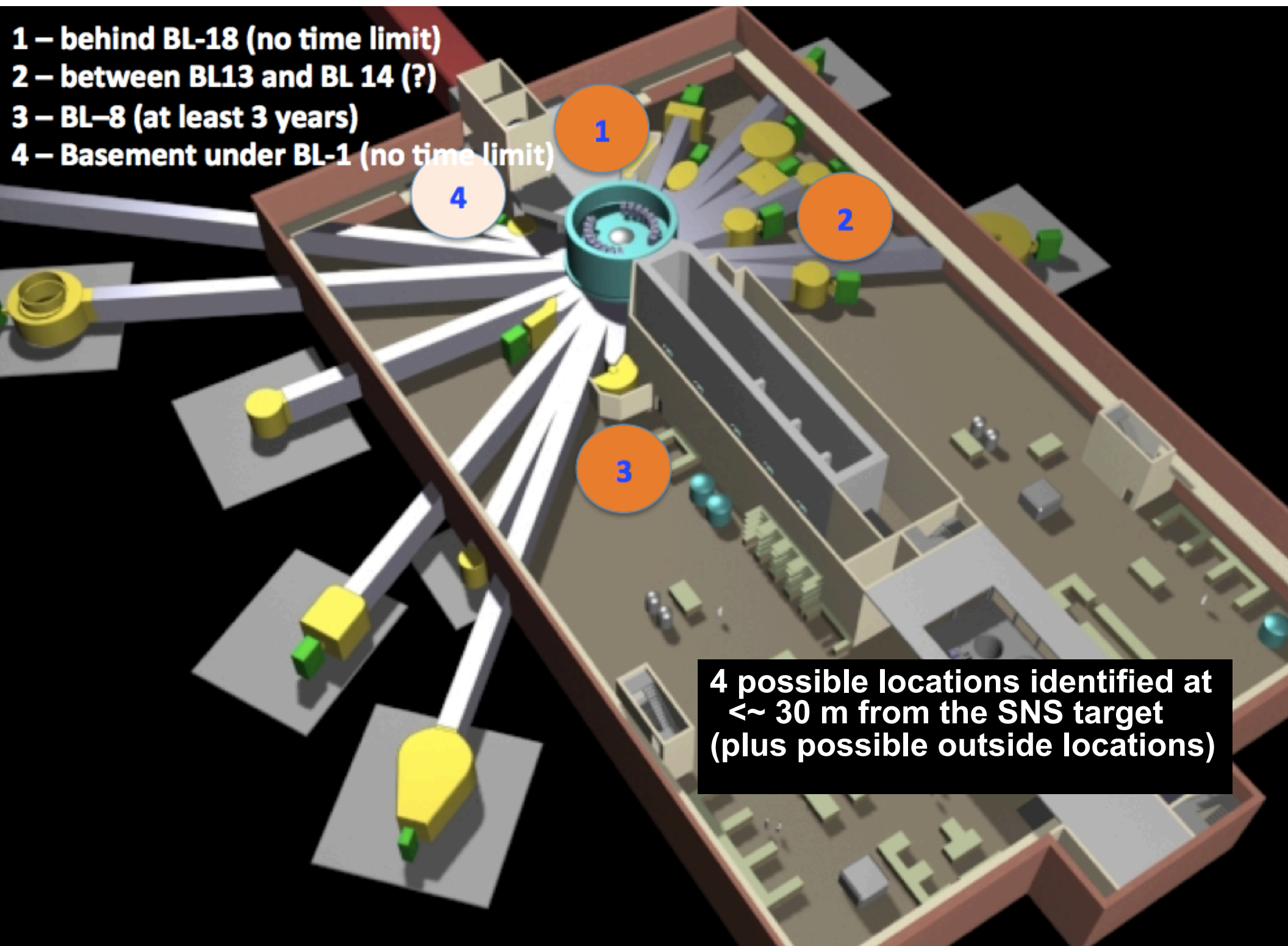


CsI



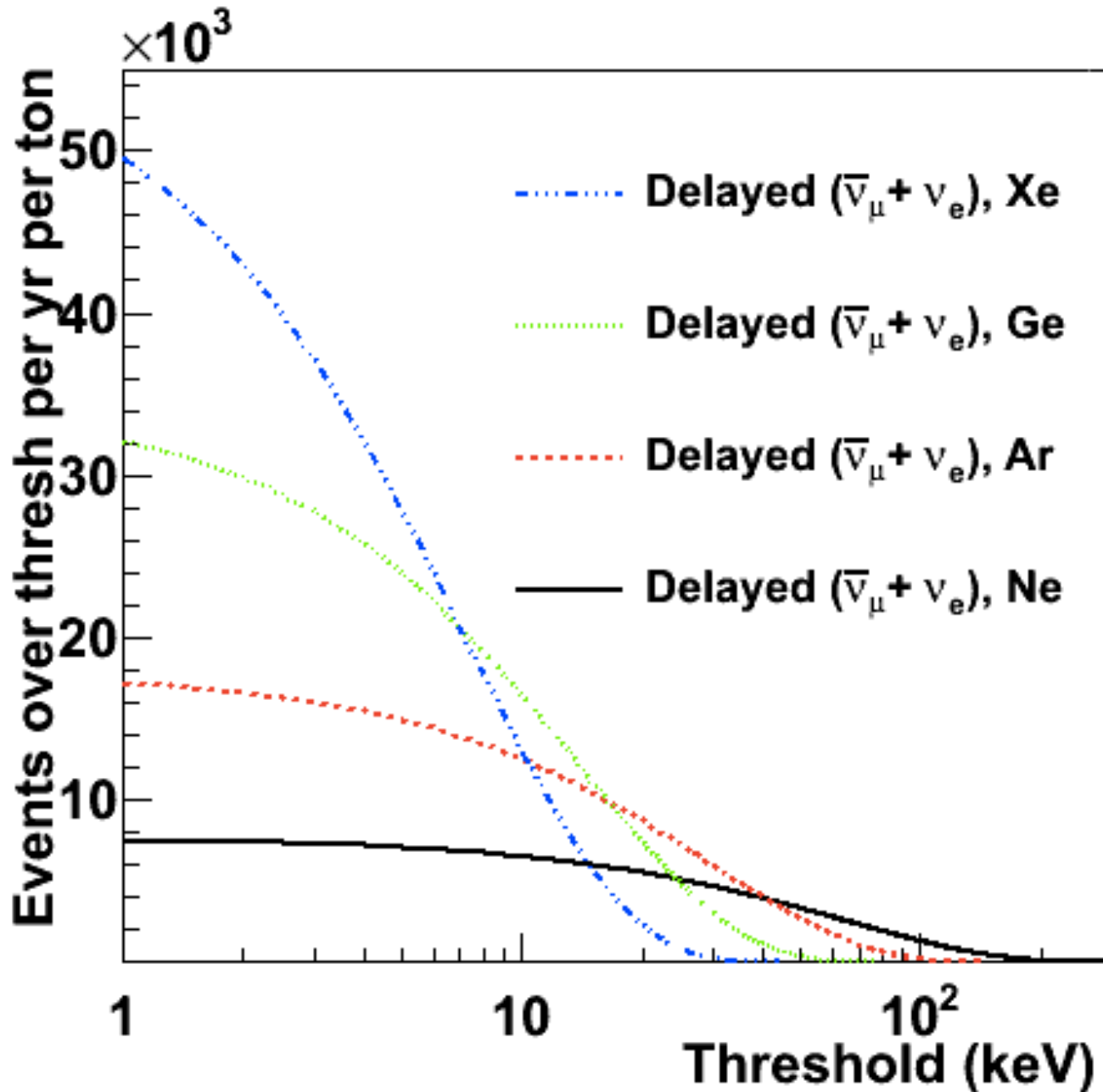
HPGe PPC

- 1 – behind BL-18 (no time limit)**
- 2 – between BL13 and BL 14 (?)**
- 3 – BL-8 (at least 3 years)**
- 4 – Basement under BL-1 (no time limit)**



**4 possible locations identified at
<~ 30 m from the SNS target
(plus possible outside locations)**

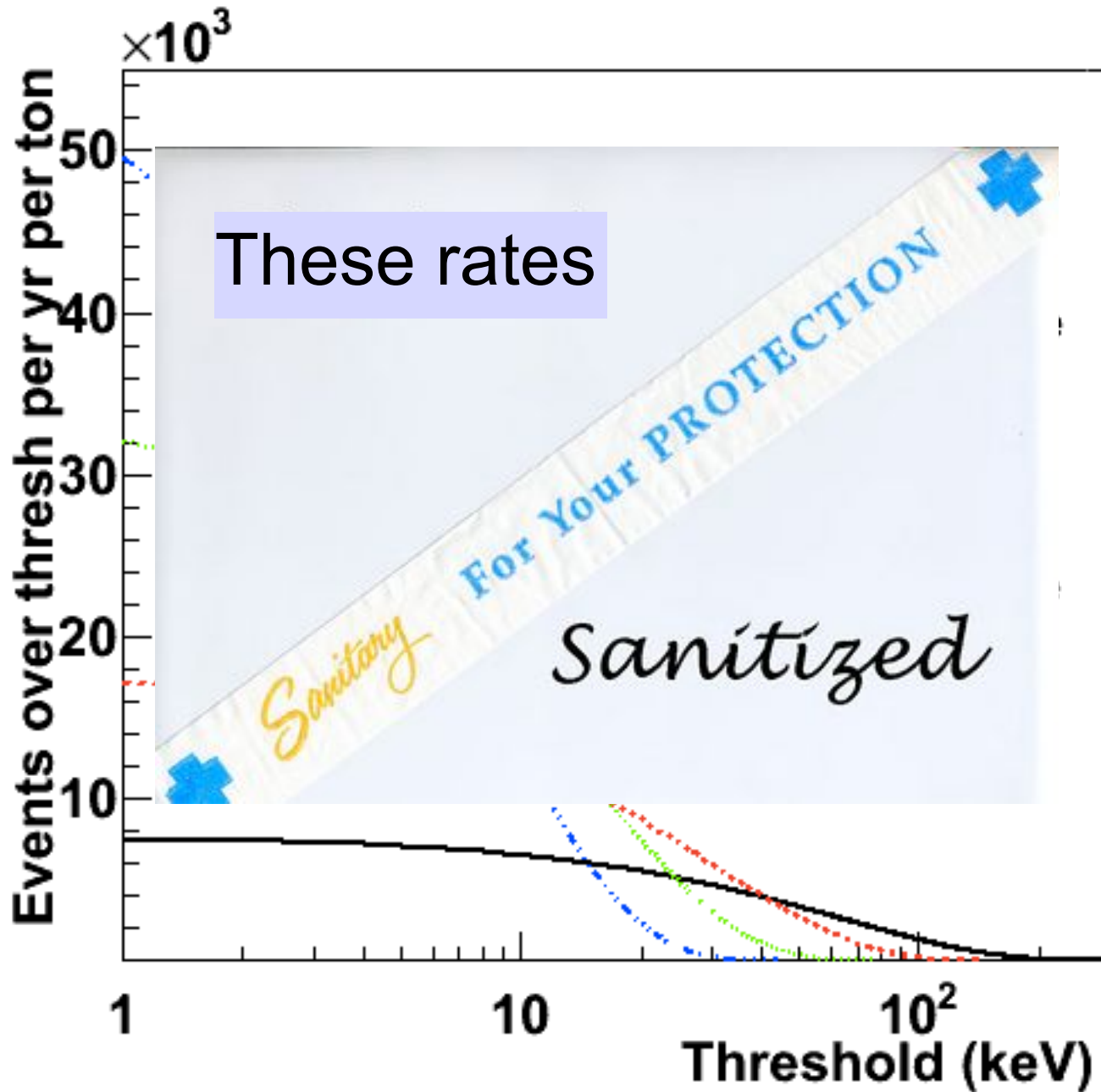
Integrated SNS CENNS yield for various targets



20 m

Lighter nucleus
⇒ expect fewer
interactions,
but more at
higher energy

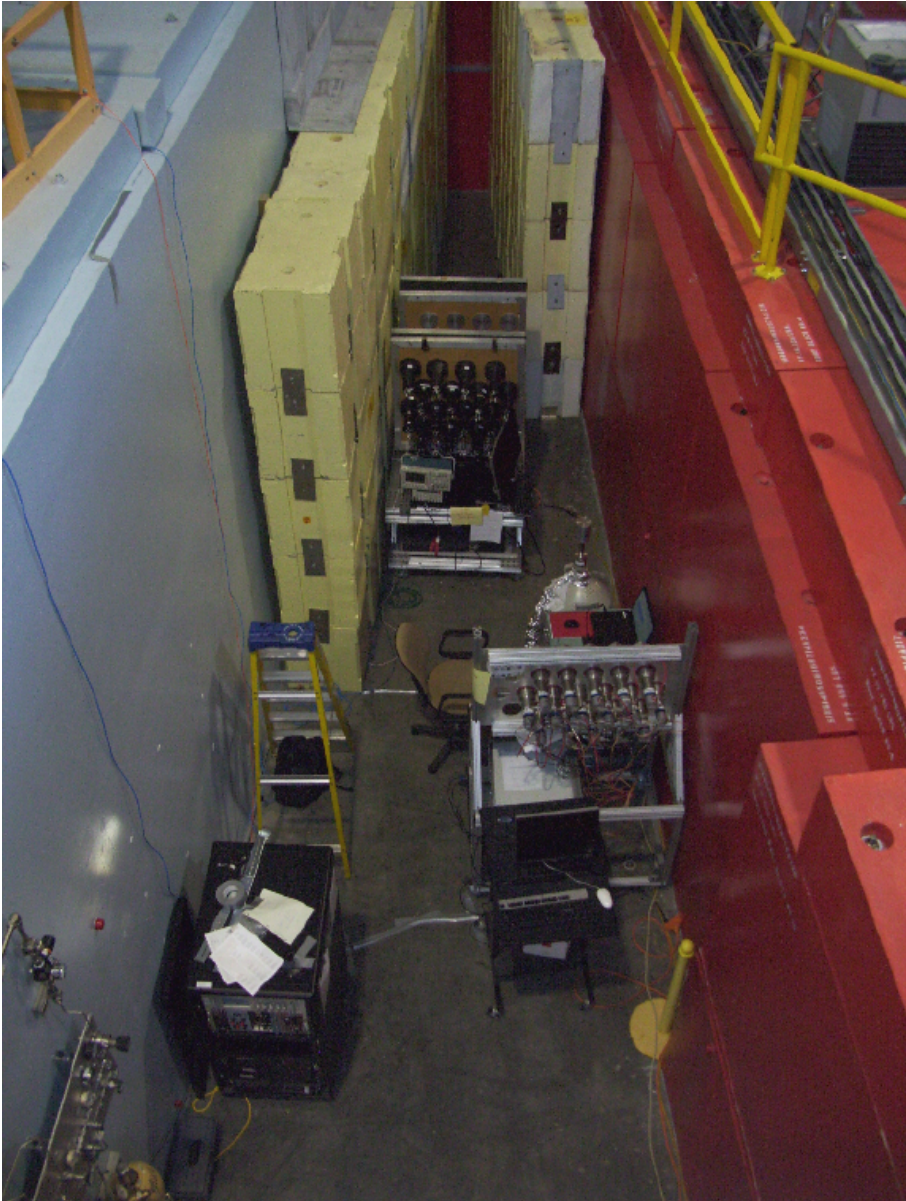
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20 m

→ Neutron background is a serious concern...

Neutron background measurements underway inside the SNS target building: so far sites 2, 4



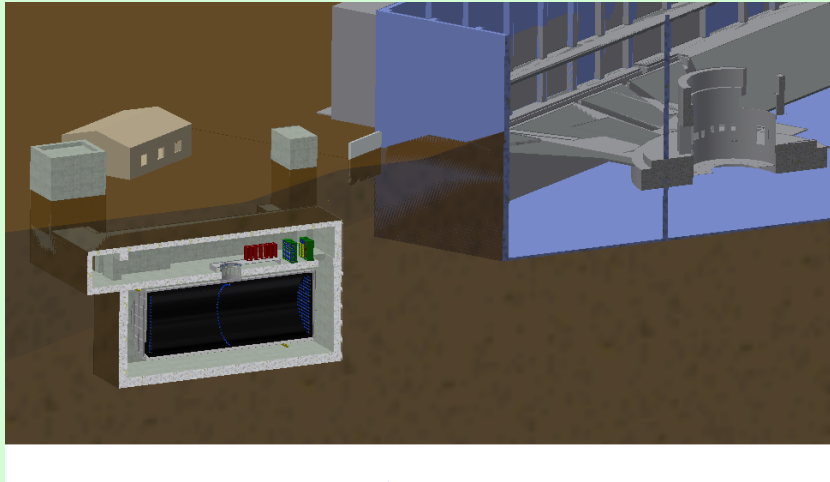
- Scintillator array (ORNL)
- Neutron scatter camera (Sandia)
- BEGe (LBNL)

Data under analysis... preliminary results show site 4 is promising

Proposal planned for fall

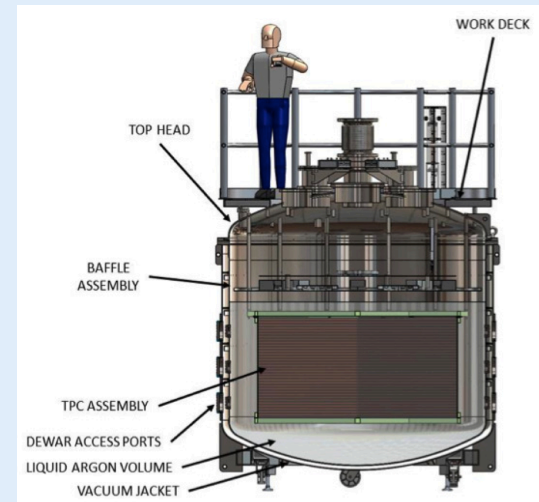
Other neutrino experiments proposed for the SNS

OscSNS



- 800-ton, 10-m long scintillator detector @ 60 m
- primary goal is direct test of LSND anomaly
- cross sections on ^{12}C also possible

CAPTAIN



- 5-ton LArTPC
- SN-relevant cross sections on argon
- current run plan is far off-axis @FNAL BNB before SNS

Common concerns with COHERENT (flux, background)

More information

Comprehensive white paper on neutrino physics opportunities at the SNS

arXiv.org > hep-ex > arXiv:1211.5199

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High Energy Physics - Experiment

Opportunities for Neutrino Physics at the Spallation Neutron Source: A White Paper

A. Bolozdynya, F. Cavanna, Y. Efremenko, G. T. Garvey, V. Gudkov, A. Hatzikoutelis, W. R. Hix, W. C. Louis, J. M. Link, D. M. Markoff, G. B. Mills, K. Patton, H. Ray, K. Scholberg, R. G. Van de Water, C. Virtue, D. H. White, S. Yen, J. Yoo

(Submitted on 22 Nov 2012)

Snowmass white paper on CENNS measurements

arXiv.org > hep-ex > arXiv:1310.0125

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Coherent Scattering Investigations at the Spallation Neutron Source: a Snowmass White Paper

D. Akimov, A. Bernstein, P. Barbeau, P. Barton, A. Bolozdynya, B. Cabrera-Palmer, F. Cavanna, V. Cianciolo, J. Collar, R.J. Cooper, D. Dean, Y. Efremenko, A. Etenko, N. Fields, M. Foxe, E. Figueroa-Feliciano, N. Fomin, F. Gallmeier, I. Garishvili, M. Gerling, M. Green, G. Greene, A. Hatzikoutelis, R. Henning, R. Hix, D. Hogan, D. Hornback, I. Jovanovic, T. Hossbach, E. Iverson, S.R. Klein, A. Khromov, J. Link, W. Louis, W. Lu, C. Mauger, P. Marleau, D. Markoff, R.D. Martin, P. Mueller, J. Newby, J. Orrell, C. O'Shaughnessy, S. Pentilla, K. Patton, A.W. Poon, D. Radford, D. Reyna, H. Ray, K. Scholberg, V. Sosnovtsev, R. Tayloe, K. Vetter, C. Virtue, J. Wilkerson, J. Yoo, C.H. Yu

“CSI” is now “COHERENT”

Summary: Part I

Cross sections on nuclei in the few tens-of-MeV regime
are very poorly understood
... measurements especially relevant for SN neutrinos

CENNS also never
before measured, and
now within reach with
WIMP detector
technology

Stopped-pion neutrinos
offer opportunities for
these measurements



The SNS is the current “best” facility

Background measurements for COHERENT underway;
multiple detector technologies under consideration

Part II Outline

Determining absolute neutrino mass

(Cosmology)

Kinematic experiments

MAC-E Filter Spectrometers

Bolometers

Project 8

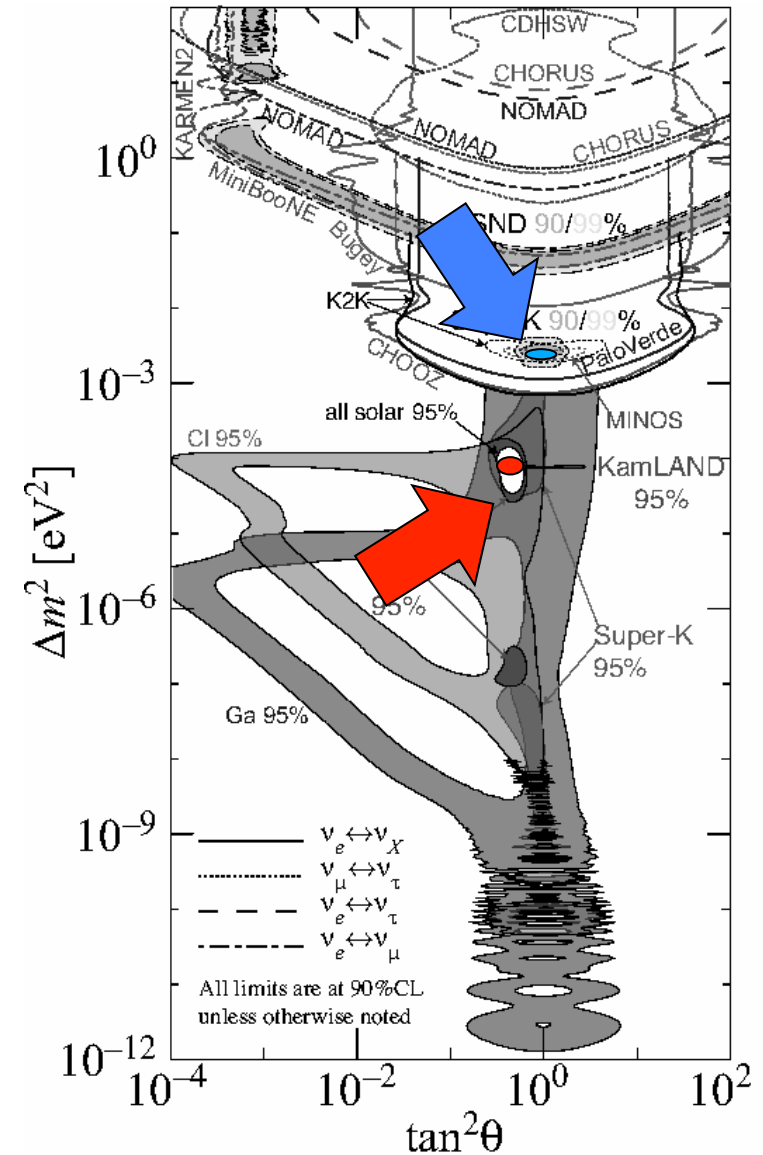
Prospects

From oscillations (in the 3-flavor picture)
we know there are at least two non-zero mass
states

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

$$P(\nu_f \rightarrow \nu_g) = \delta_{fg} - 4 \sum_{i>j} \Re(U_{fi}^* U_{gi} U_{fj} U_{gj}^*) \sin^2(1.27 \Delta m_{ij}^2 L/E) \\ \pm 2 \sum_{i>j} \Im(U_{fi}^* U_{gi} U_{fj} U_{gj}^*) \sin(2.54 \Delta m_{ij}^2 L/E)$$

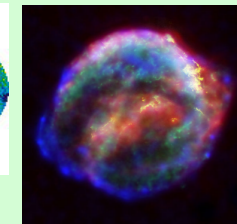
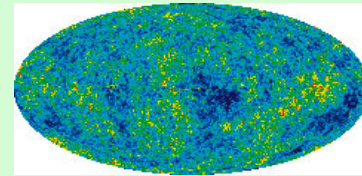
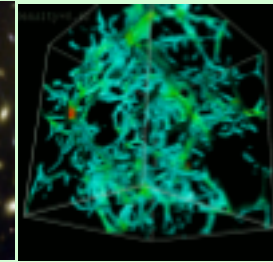
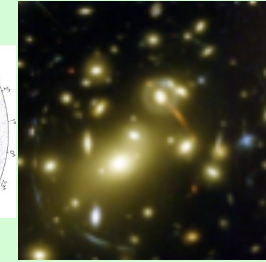
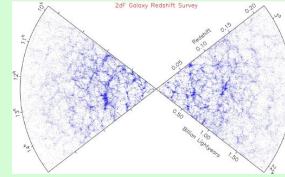
Recall: oscillations
inform only about
mass ***differences***...
what about absolute
mass scale?



Cosmology: information on absolute neutrino mass

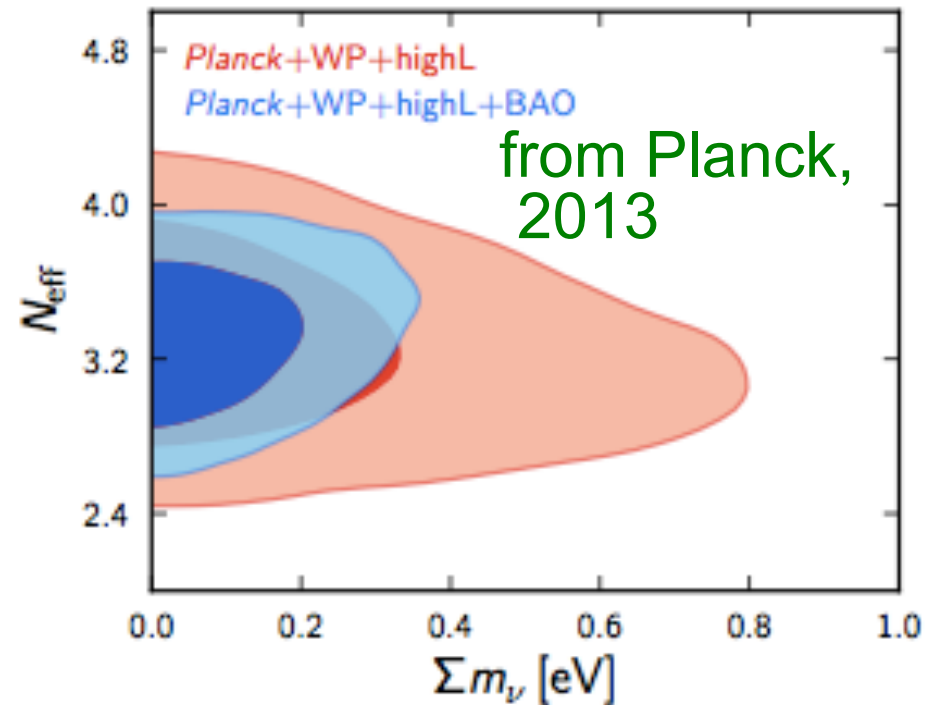
Fits to cosmological data:
CMB, large scale structure,
high Z supernovae,
weak lensing,...

(model-dependent)

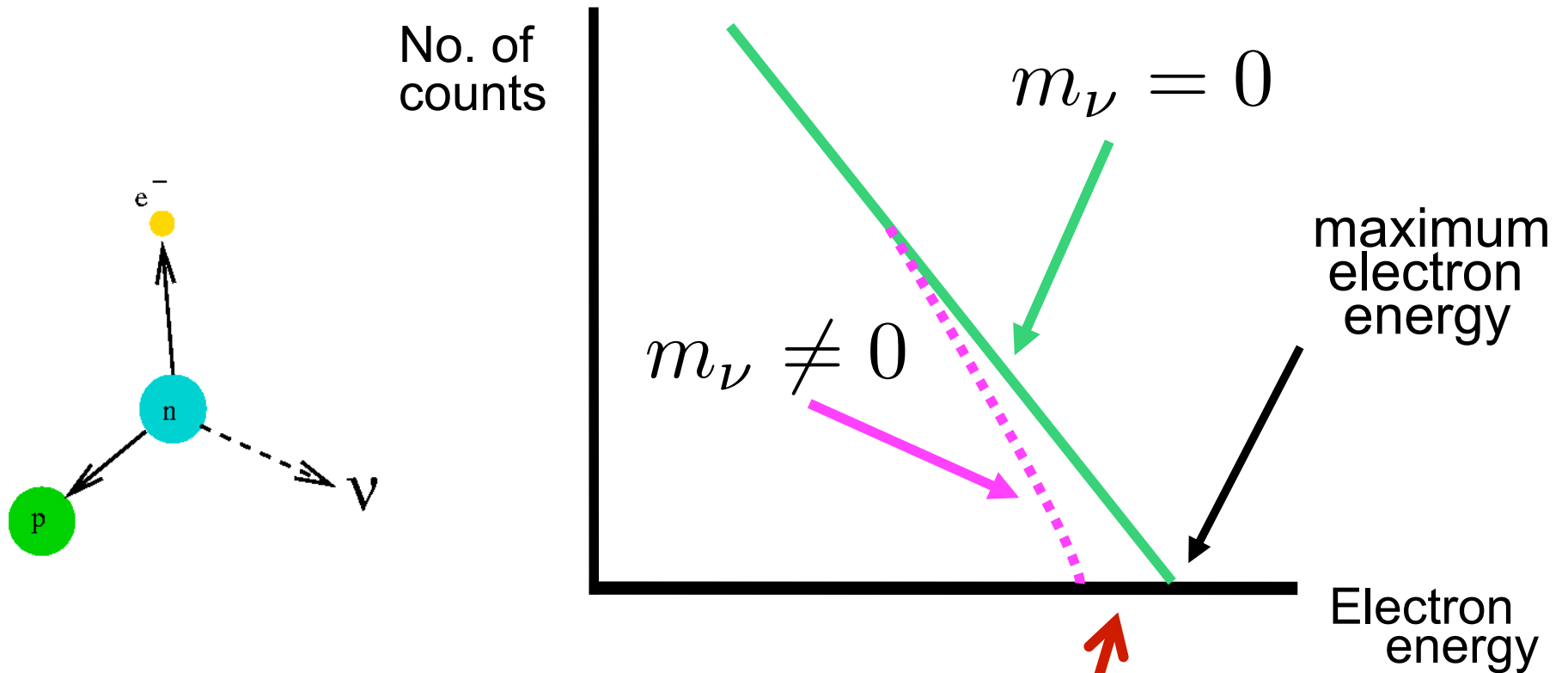


Information
on **sum** of
neutrino masses

$$\sum m_i < \sim 0.6 \text{ eV}$$

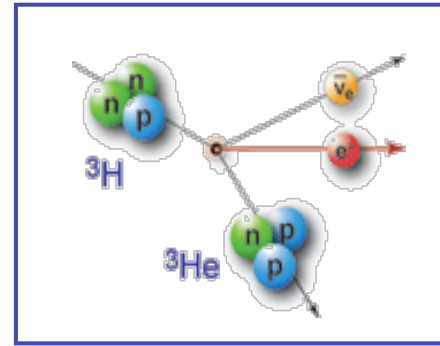


Kinematic experiments for absolute neutrino mass



Look for distortion of β -decay spectrum near endpoint

Tritium beta spectrum, including flavor mixing



$$\frac{dN}{dT} = \frac{G_F \cos \theta_C}{2\pi^3} |M_{\text{nuc}}|^2 F(Z, T) (T + m) (T^2 + 2mT)^{1/2} (T_0 - T) \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 [(T_0 - T)^2 - m_i^2]^{1/2}$$

$$m_i^2 = \Delta m_{i0}^2 + m_0^2$$

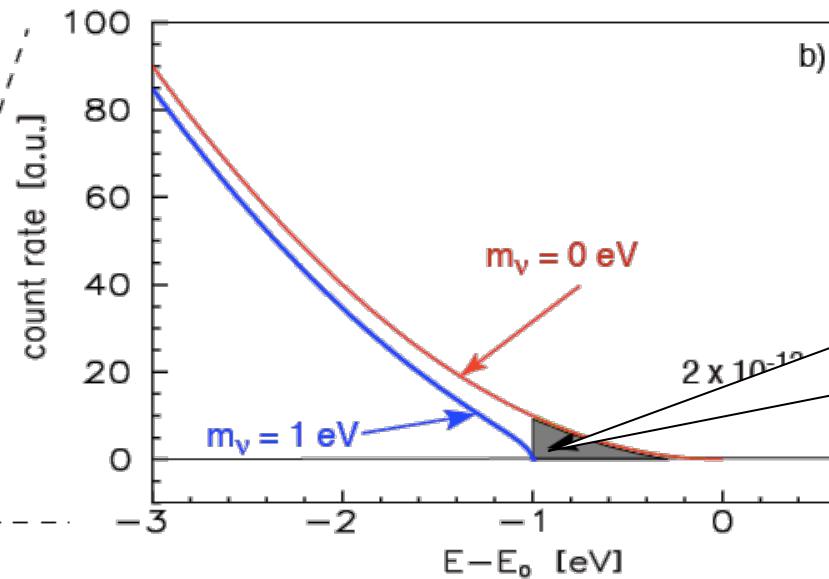
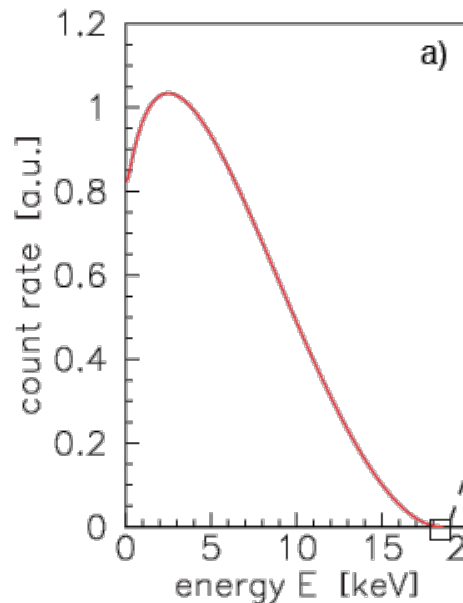
from oscillations

mass scale

flavor mixing

neutrino masses

T: electron kinetic energy

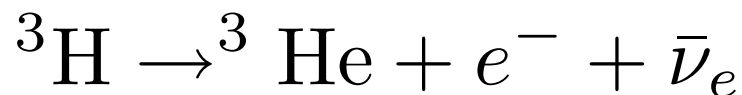
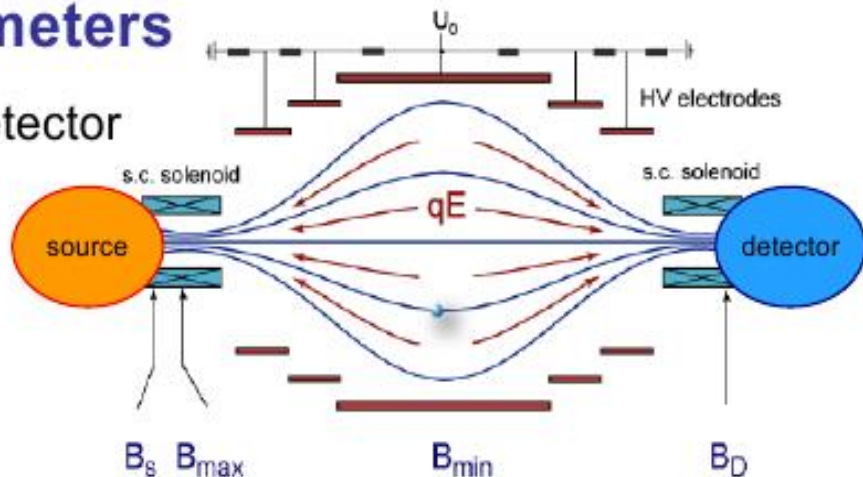


tiny fraction of the decays!

Experimental approaches: aiming for sub-eV sensitivity

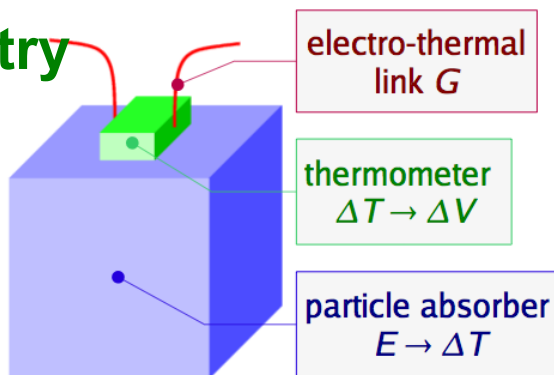
Spectrometers

Source \neq Detector



18.6 keV endpoint

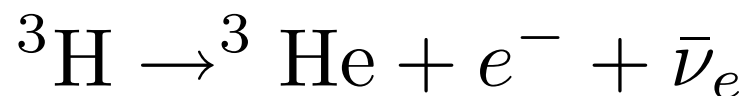
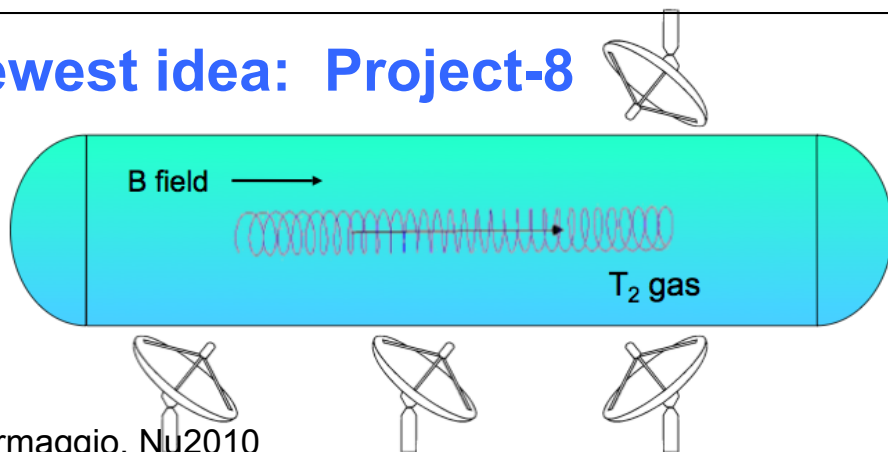
Thermal calorimetry



2.5 keV endpoint
MARE

A. Nucciotti, Nu2010

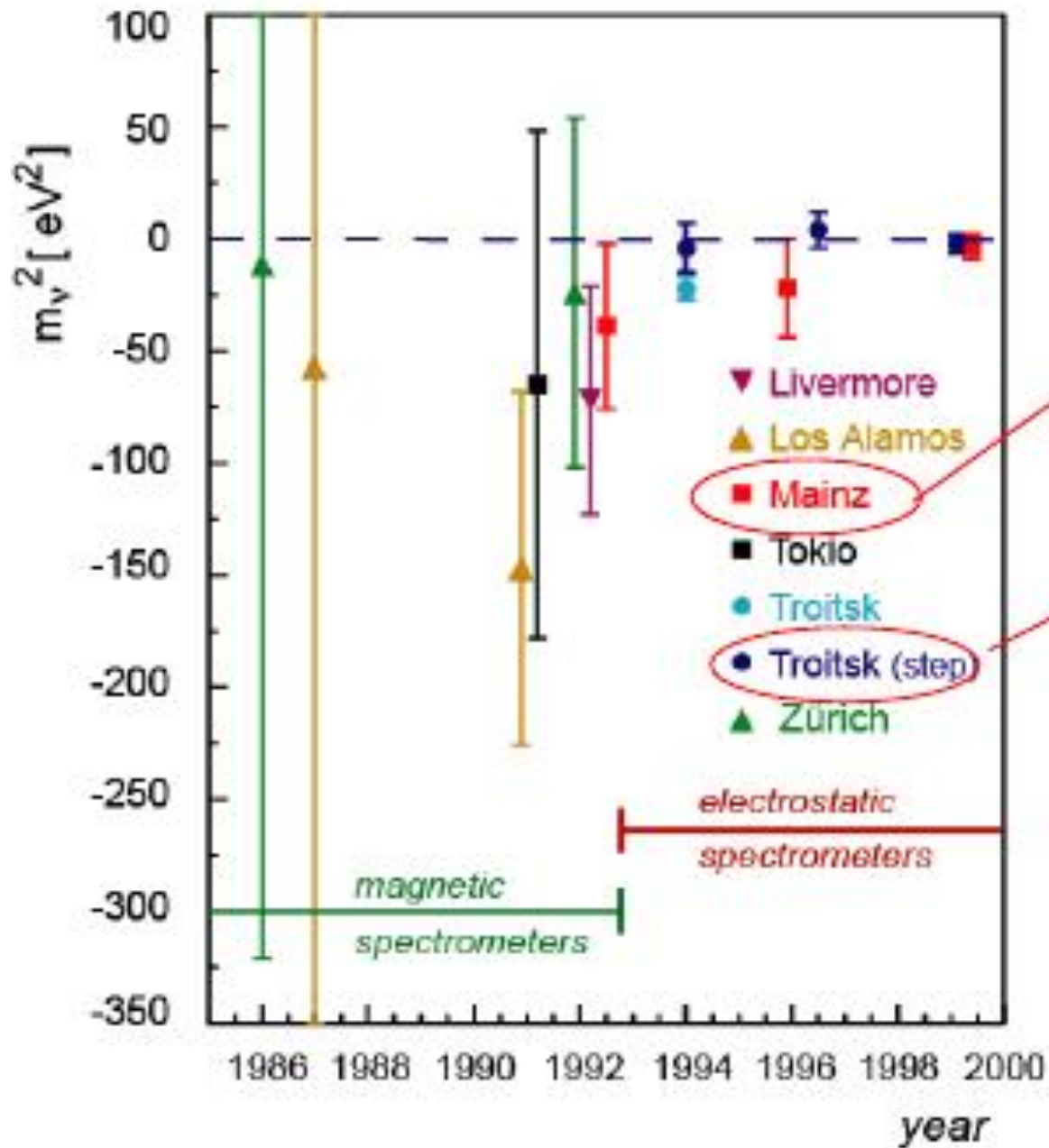
Newest idea: Project-8



Measure energy via
cyclotron frequency

J. Formaggio, Nu2010

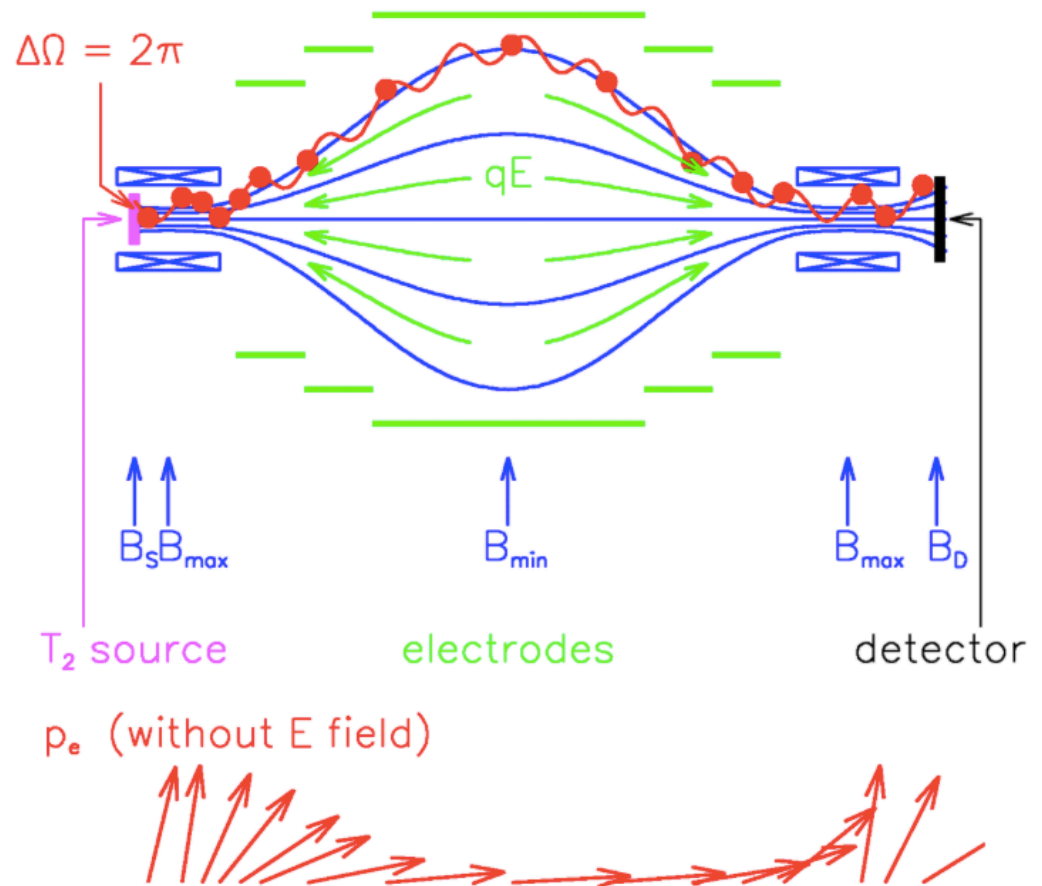
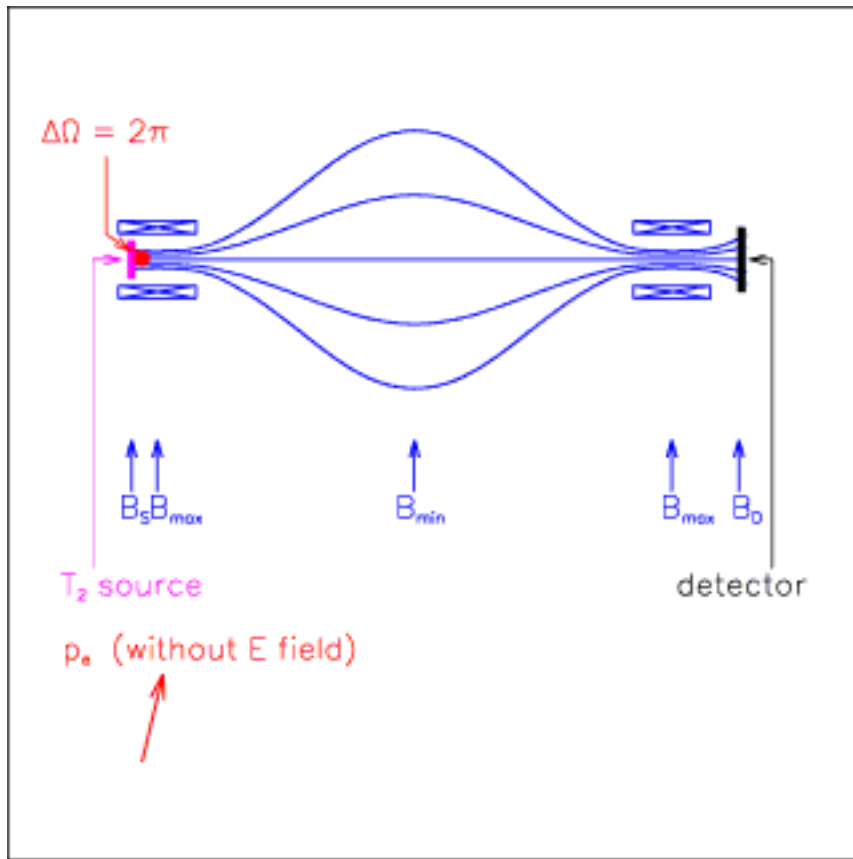
History of ^3H β -decay experiments



Best limits so far from Mainz and Troitsk spectrometers

MAC-E Filter

(Magnetic Adiabatic Collimation with Electrostatic Filter)

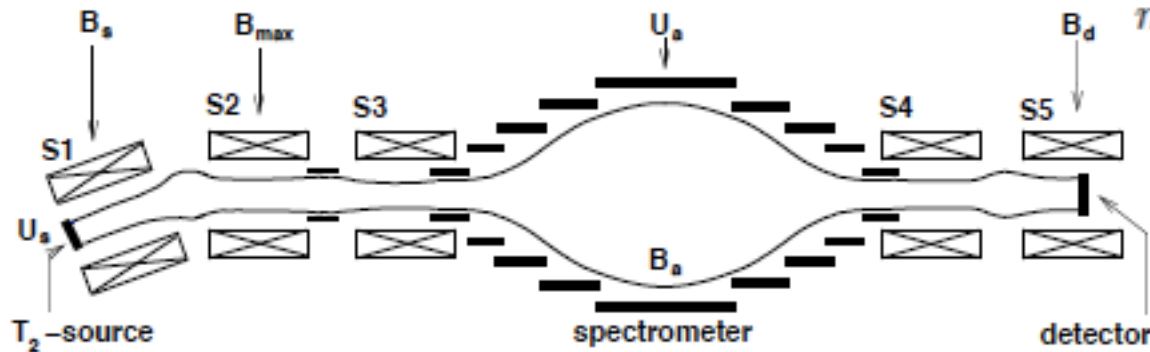


- electrons from T_2 gas guided to low-field region, where electrostatic field filters out low-energy electrons
- need thin source to avoid energy loss by scattering → need large area

CURRENT STATUS OF DIRECT MASS MEASUREMENT

Mainz: solid T₂, MAC-E filter

C. Kraus et al., Eur. Phys. J. C40, 447 (2005)

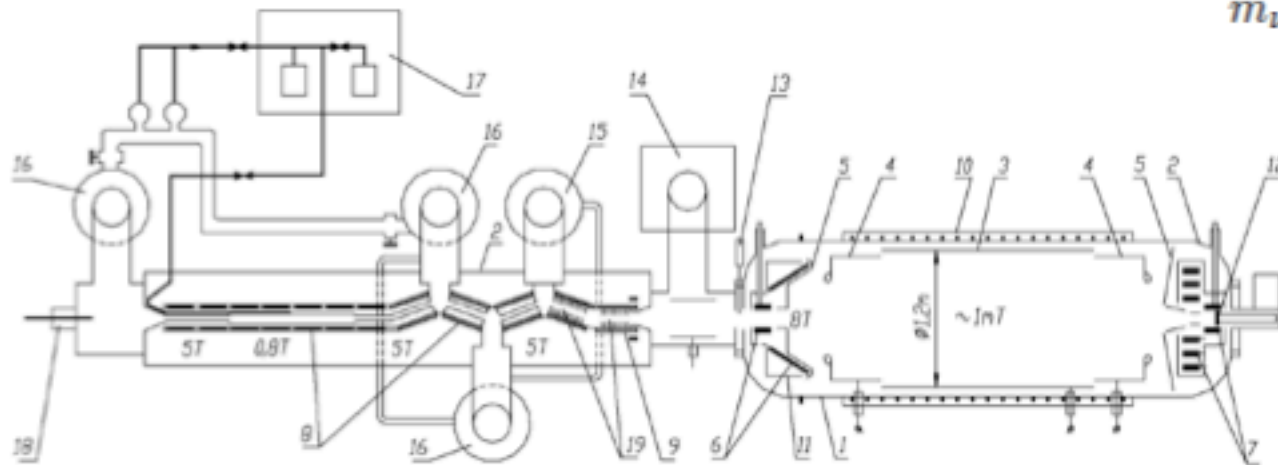


$$m^2(\nu_e) = (-0.6 \pm 2.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 2.1_{\text{syst}})$$

$$m(\nu_e) < 2.3 \text{ eV}/c^2 \quad (95\% \text{ C.L.})$$

Troitsk: gaseous T₂, MAC-E filter

V. Aseev et al., PRD in press (2011)



$$m_\nu^2 = -0.67 \pm 1.89_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.68_{\text{syst}}$$

$$m_\nu < 2.05 \text{ eV}, \quad 95\% \text{ C.L.}$$

Together: ...
 $m_\nu < 1.8 \text{ eV}$
 (95% CL)

H. Robertson

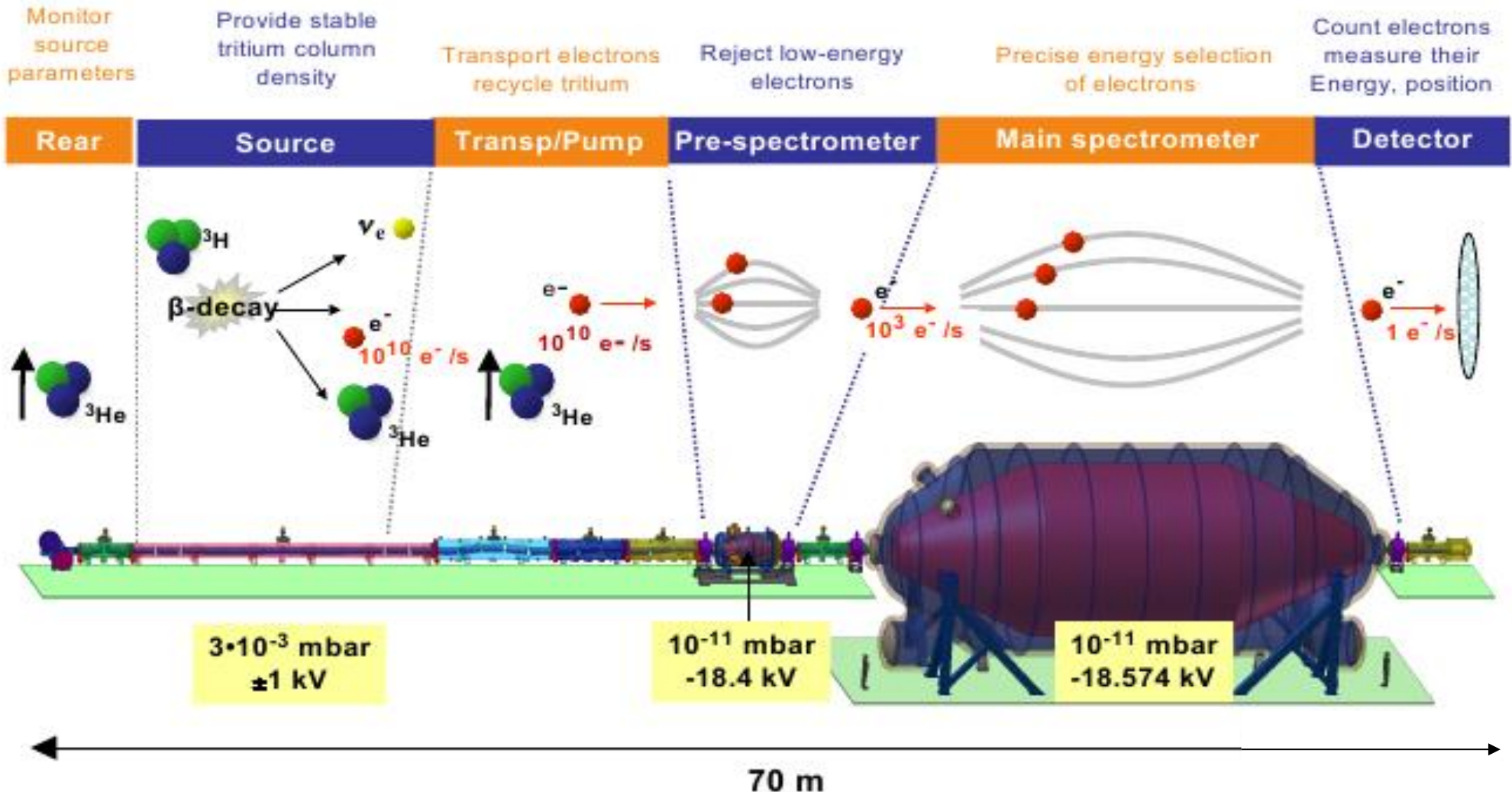
Next plans for *sub-eV* kinematic measurements:

KATRIN in Karlsruhe, Germany

~ 75 m long with
40 superconducting solenoids

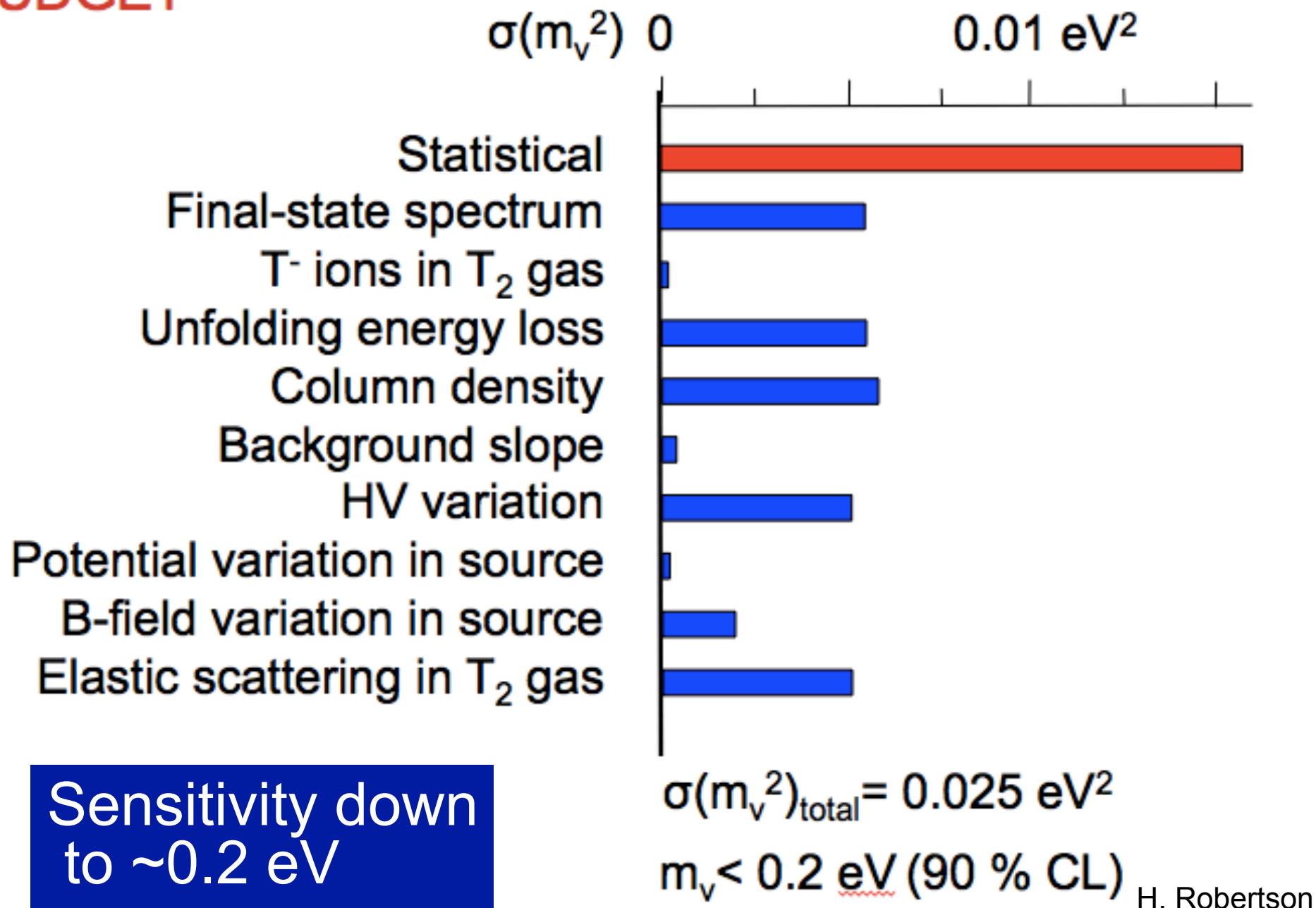


KATRIN- concept and components



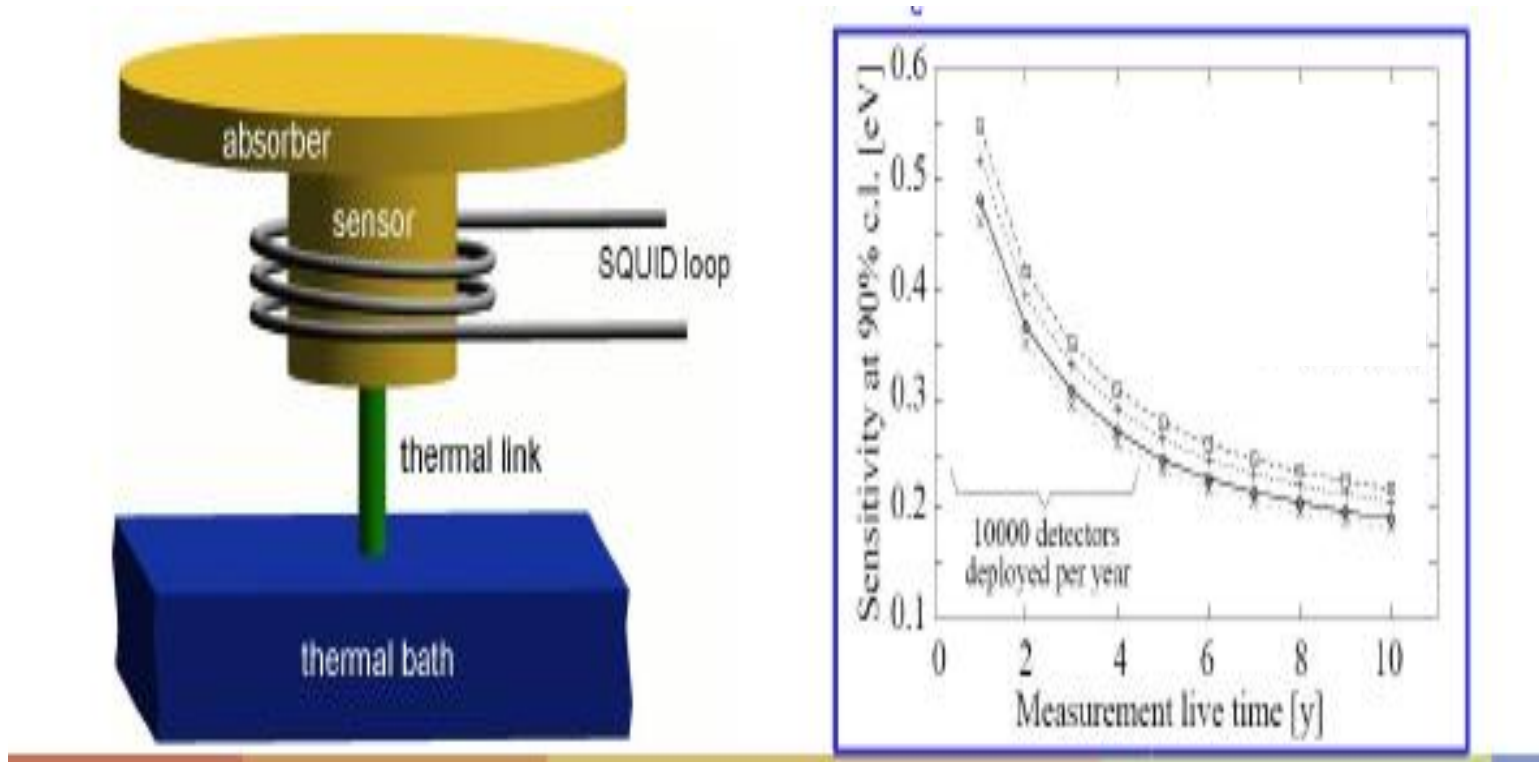


KATRIN'S UNCERTAINTY BUDGET



Another experimental approach: **bolometers**

MARE: Microcalorimeter Arrays for a Rhenium Experiment

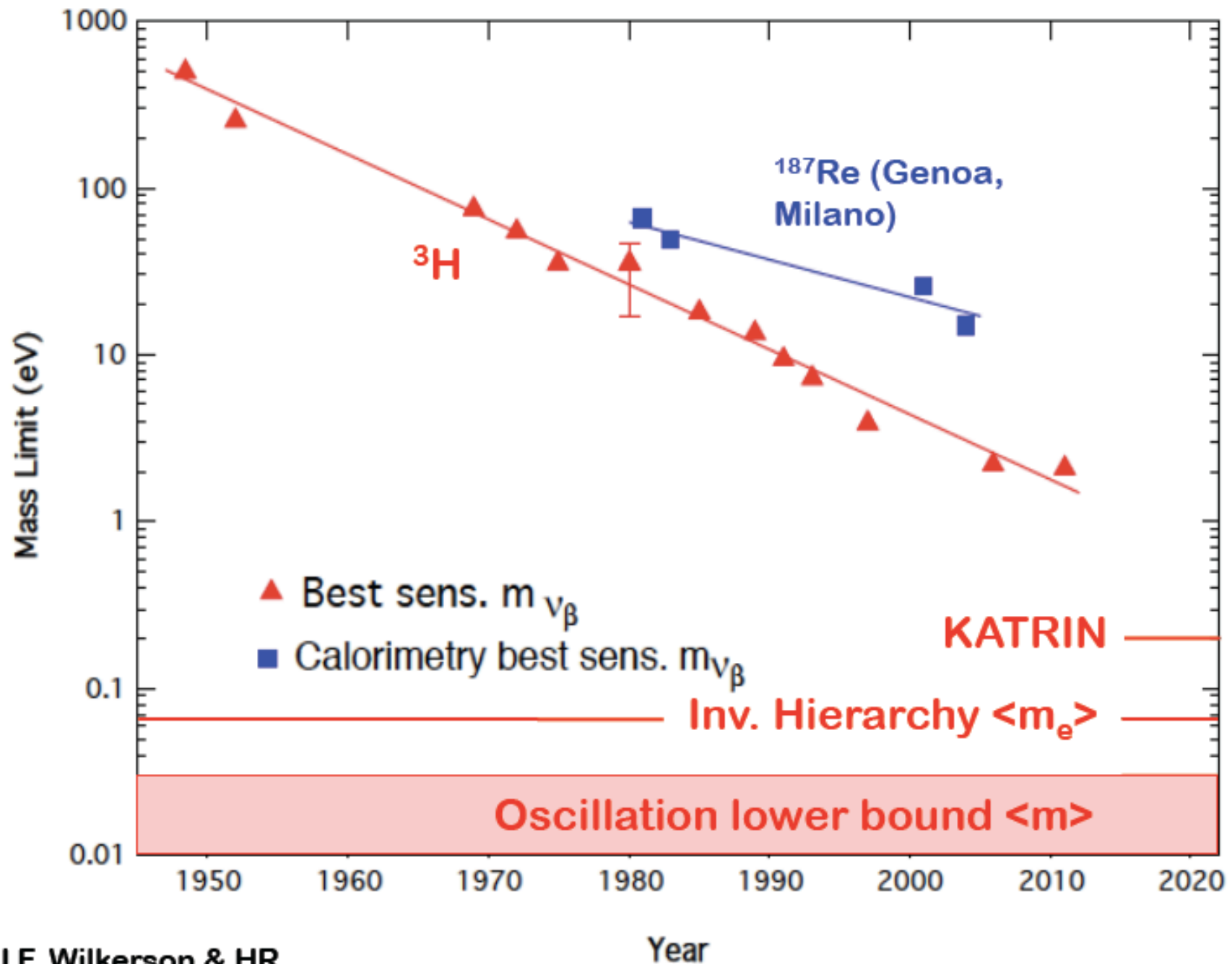


No thin-source requirement and lower energy sources possible...

fraction in endpoint region scales as $(m_\nu/E_0)^3$

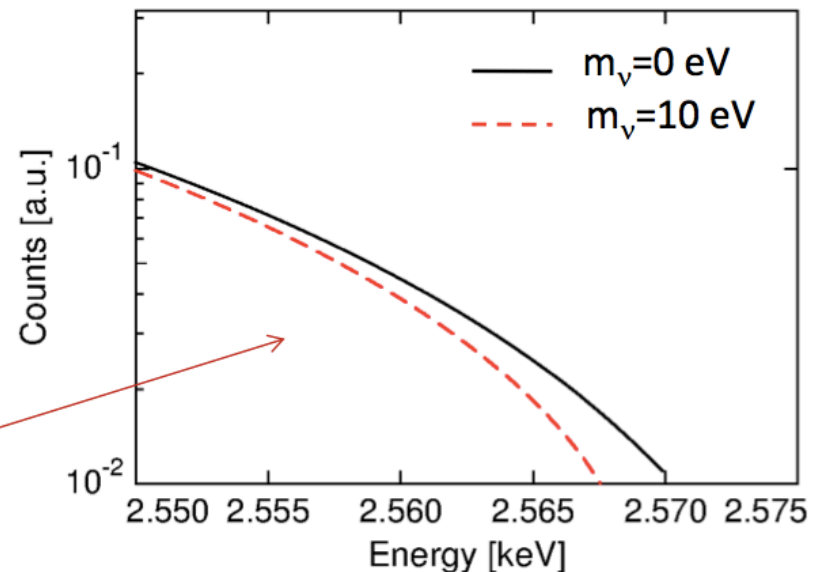
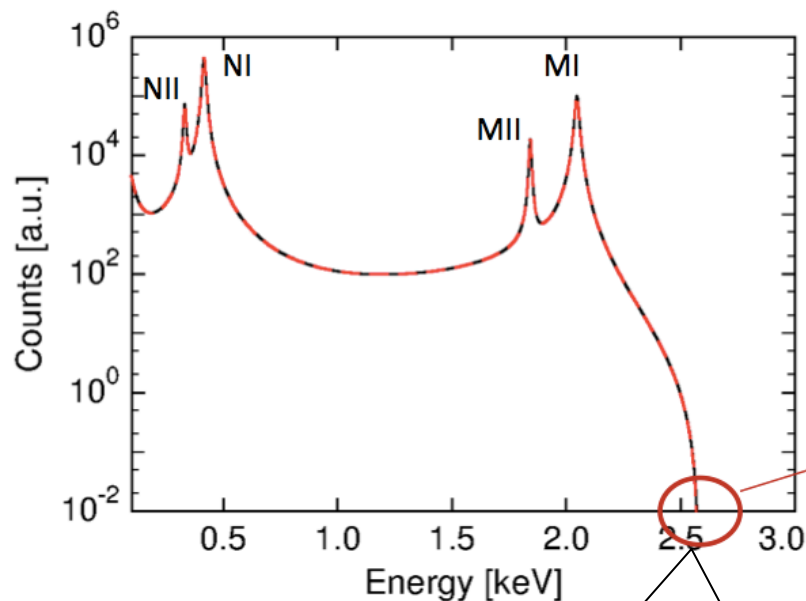
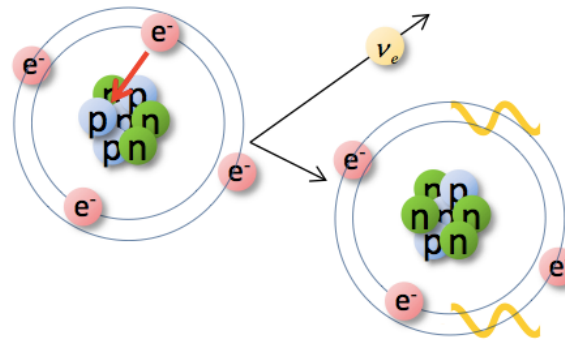
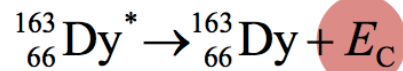
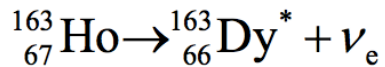
... but ^{187}Re has long half-life, and these are hard to scale up

Neutrino mass limits from beta decay



A new fad: holmium

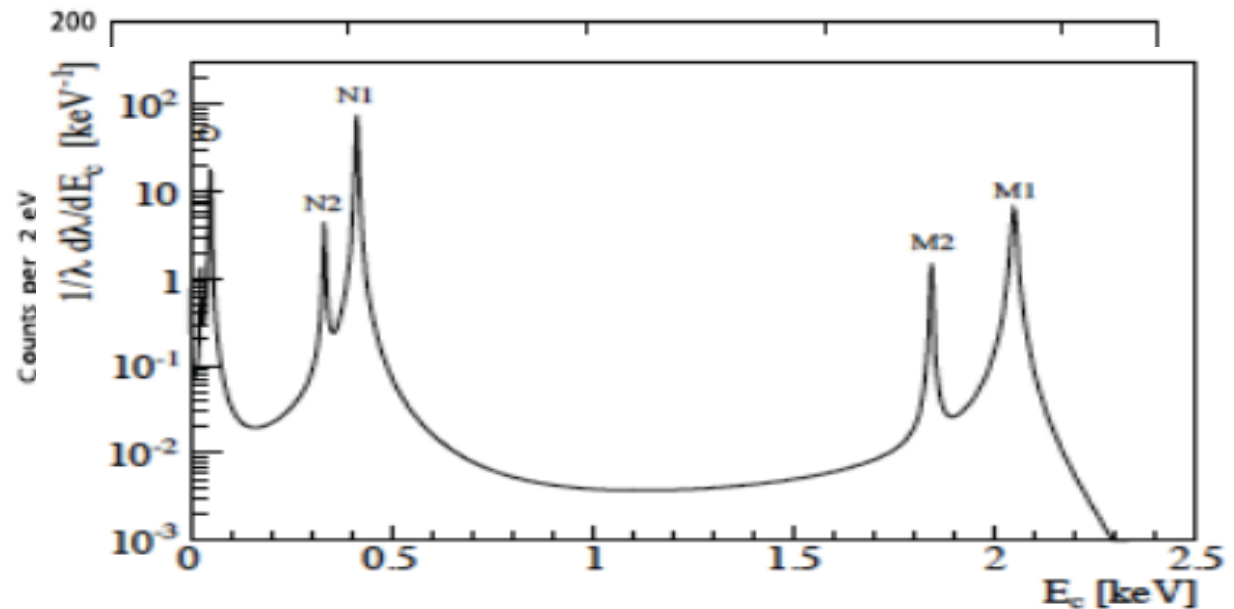
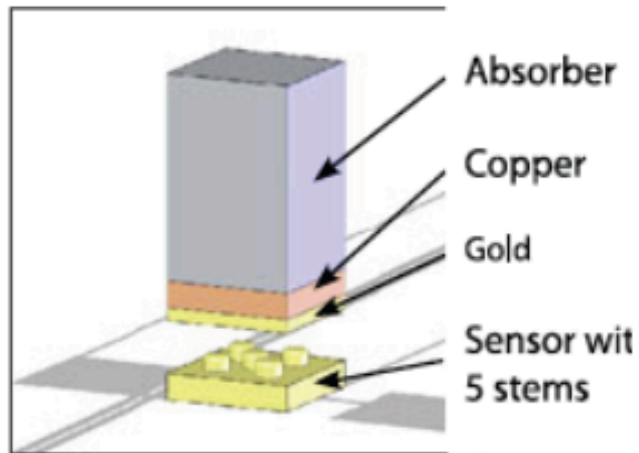
electron capture decay



Deexcitation spectrum is affected by neutrino mass

Holmium prospects

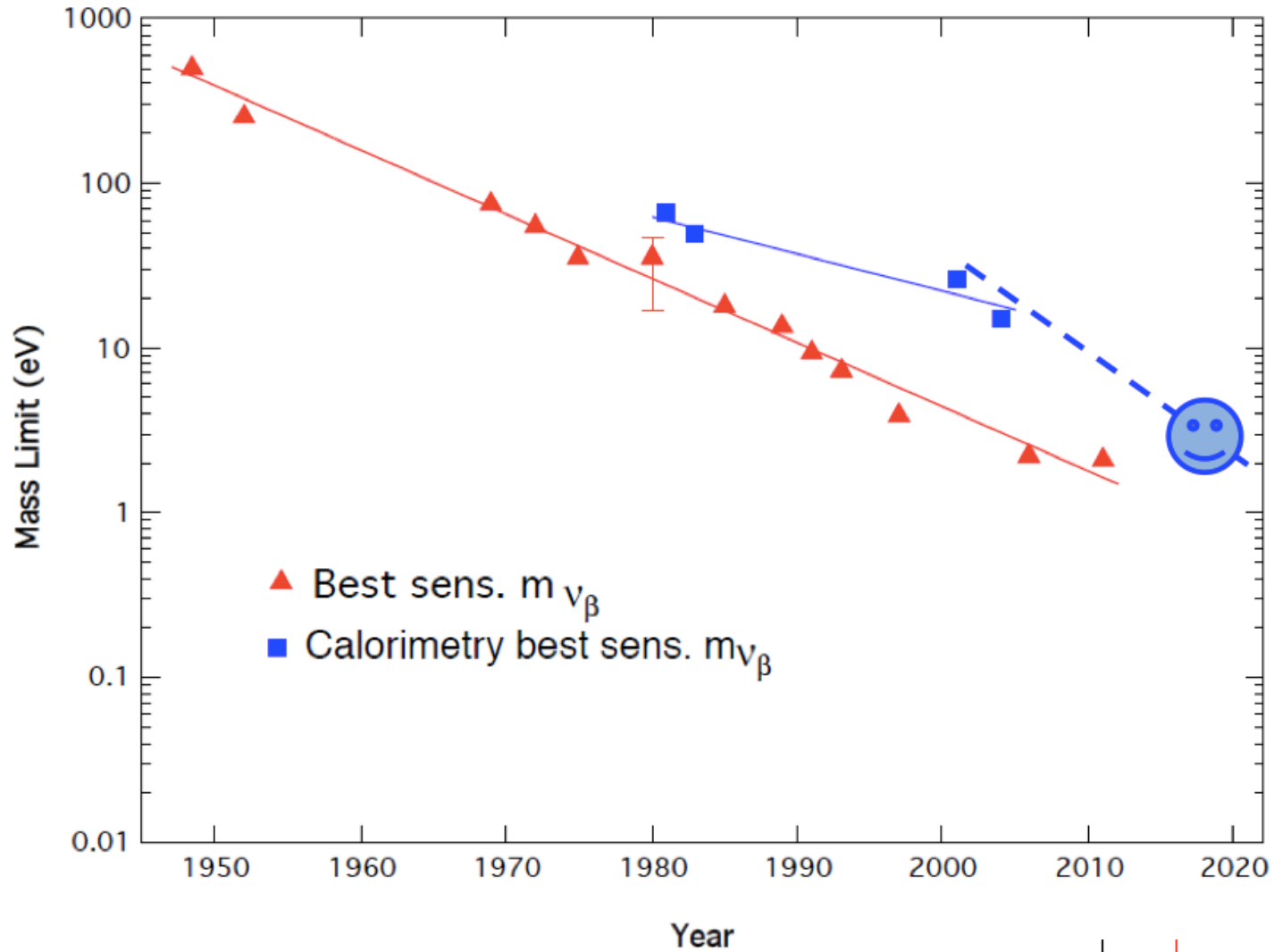
- Using low-temperature Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters to study both Re and ^{163}Ho .
 - should be able to achieve ultimate resolution ~ 2 eV and rise-times of 90 ns



- report $Q_{EC} = 2.80 \pm 0.16$ keV
- shapes of N and M lines not entirely understood

Challenges: detector performance, purity of sources, background, systematics...

But proponents are optimistic...



New idea:
use cyclotron radiation to measure spectrum

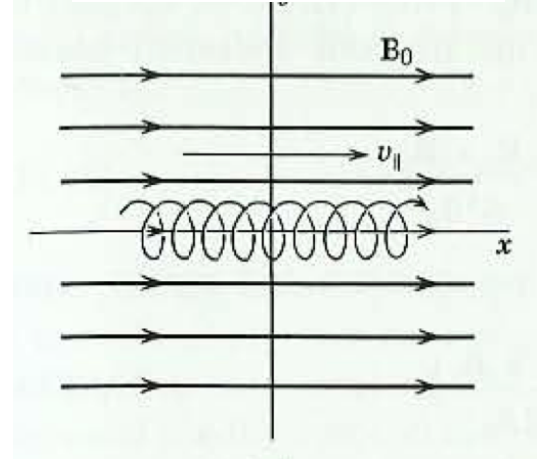
(B. Monreal and J. Formaggio, PRD 80:051301, 2009)

PROJECT 8

$$\omega = \frac{qB}{\gamma m} \equiv \frac{\omega_c}{\gamma}$$

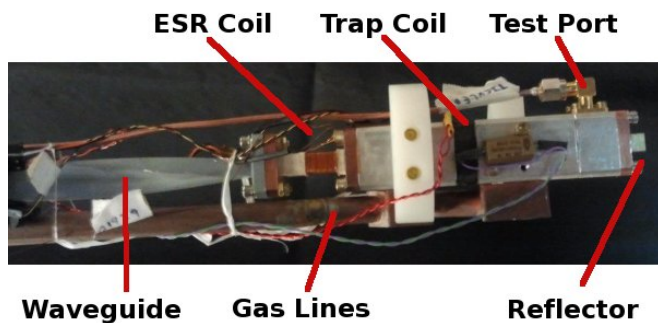
measured frequency maps to electron energy

$$\omega_c = 1.758820150(44) \times 10^{11} \text{ rad/s/T}$$



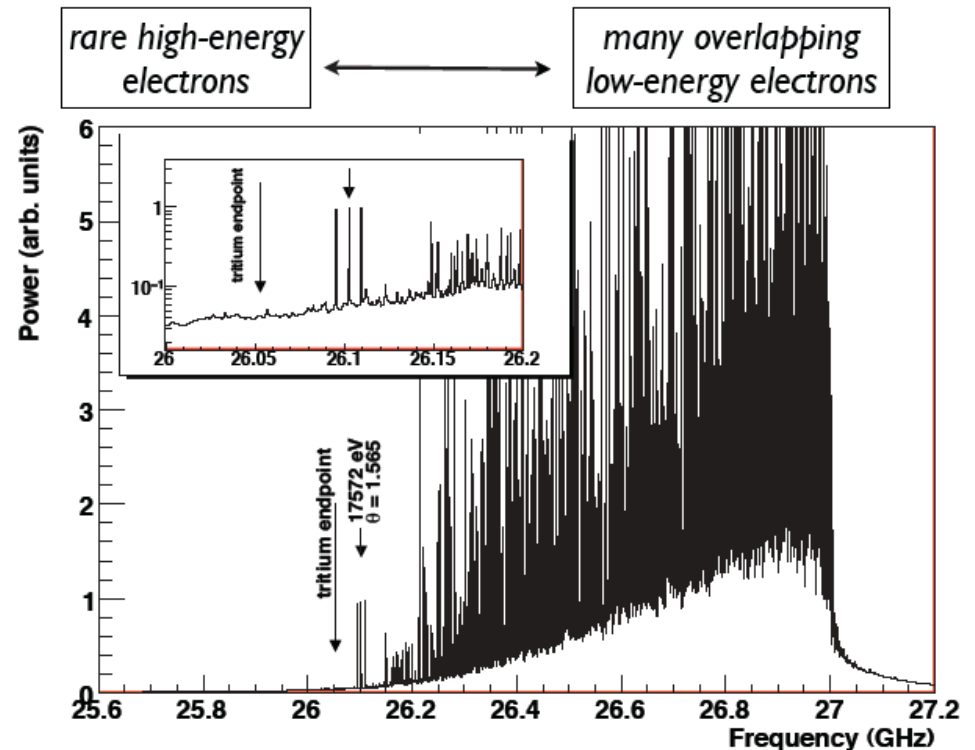
Avoid the limiting systematics of the MAC-E filter technique for tritium decays

... R&D underway



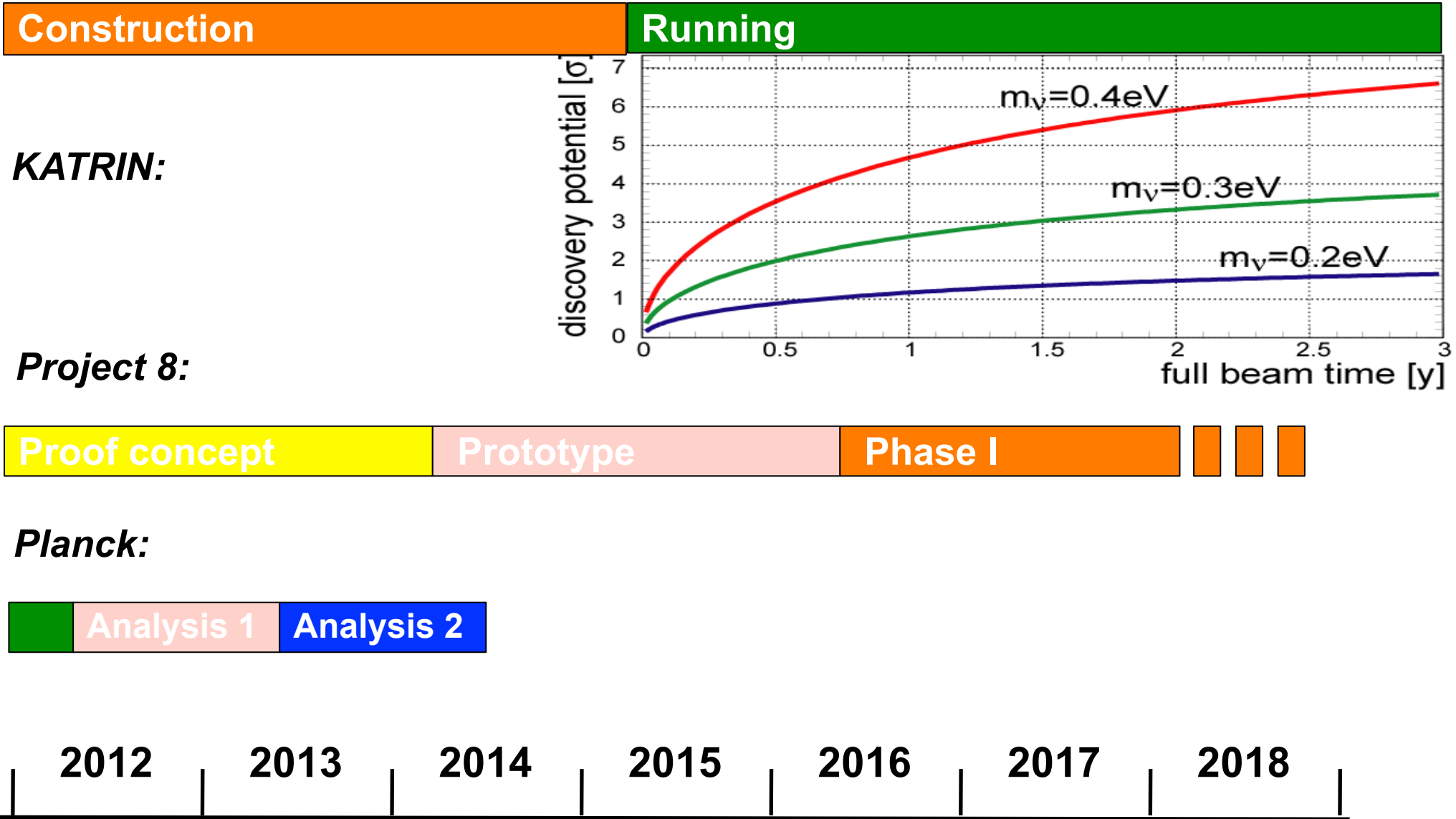
25.5-GHz waveguide cell

H. Robertson

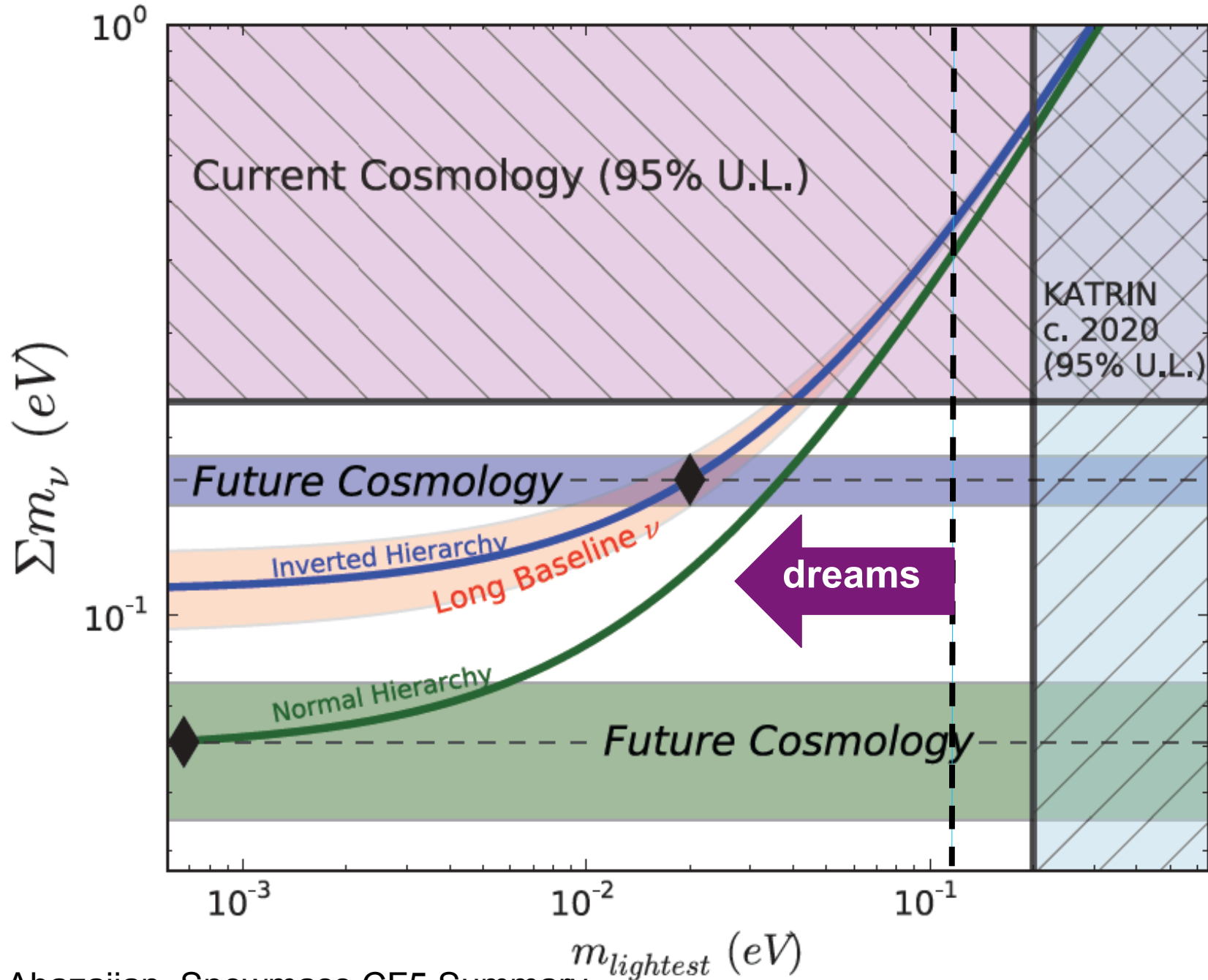


100,000 tritium decays in 30μs

Neutrino mass: some milestones



Where we can get to for direct neutrino mass measurements in the reasonably near future....



Summary: Part II

Cosmology (sum of neutrino masses) will improve by ~ 1 order of magnitude

Reasonable prospects to get to ~ 0.2 eV from Katrin by the end of the decade

Several ideas to go beyond...

Part III Outline

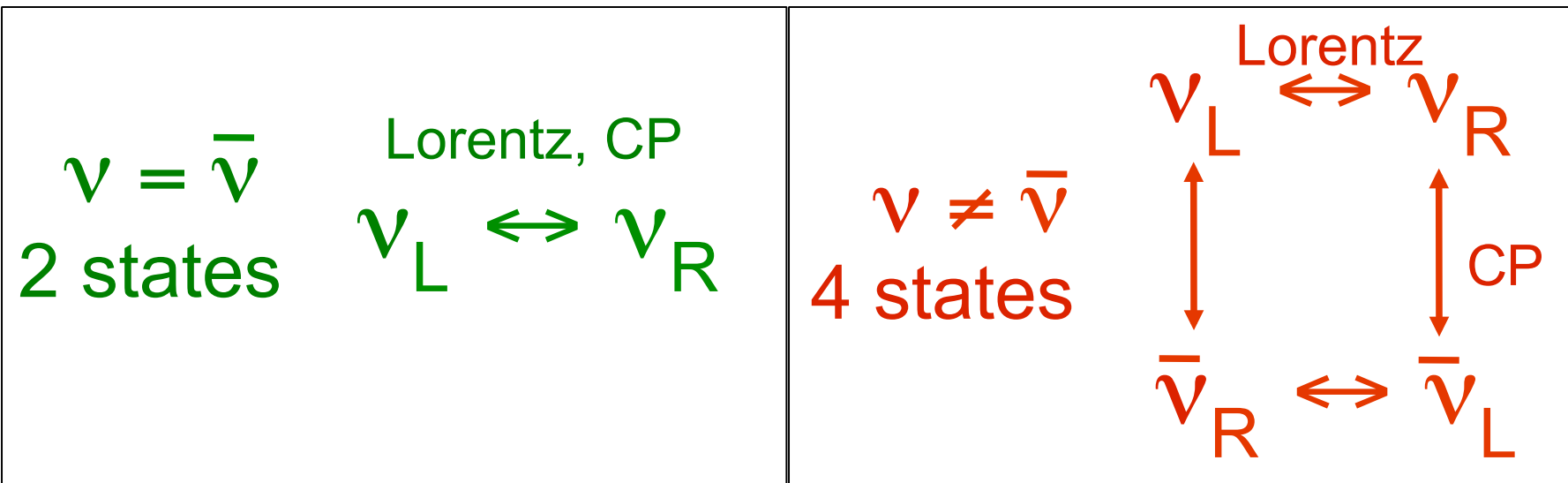
Neutrinoless double beta decay

Experimental issues

Selected current results

Future experiments

Are neutrinos Majorana or Dirac?

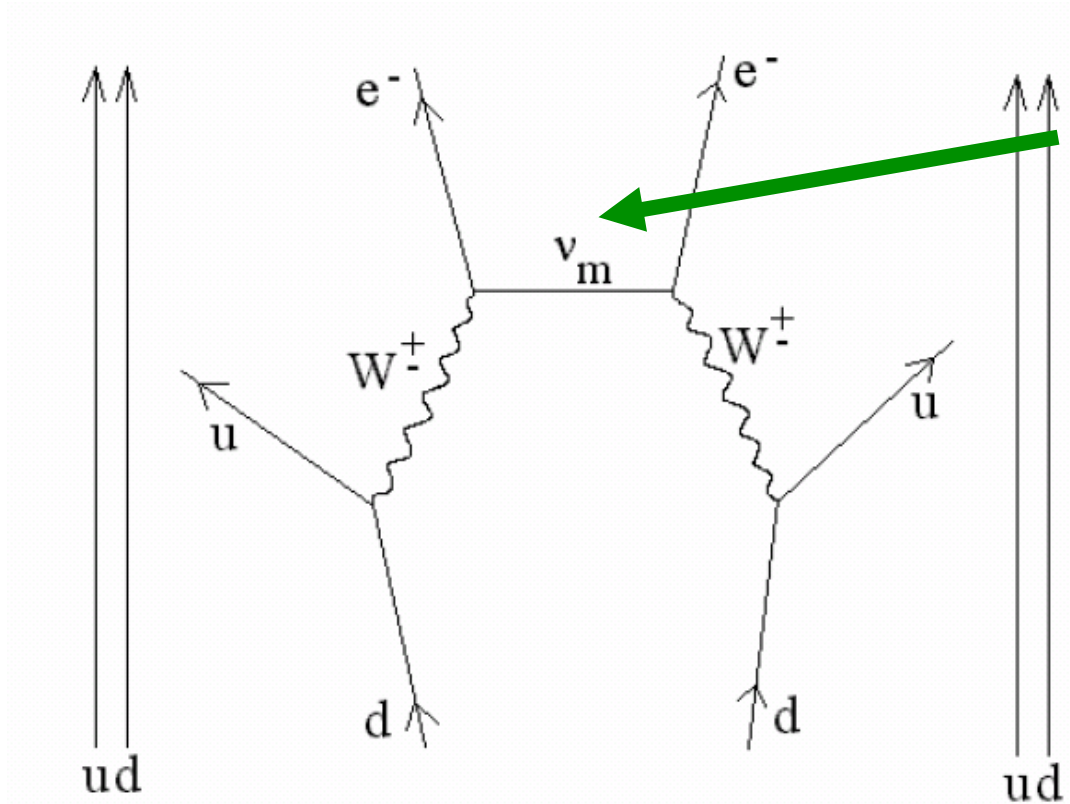


Essential for ν mass understanding....

$$\mathcal{L}_m \sim m_D [\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \dots] + [m_L \bar{\psi}_L^c \psi_L + m_R \bar{\psi}_R^c \psi_R + h.c.]$$

e.g. "see-saw" mechanism \Rightarrow Majorana ν
 ... may be helpful for leptogenesis...

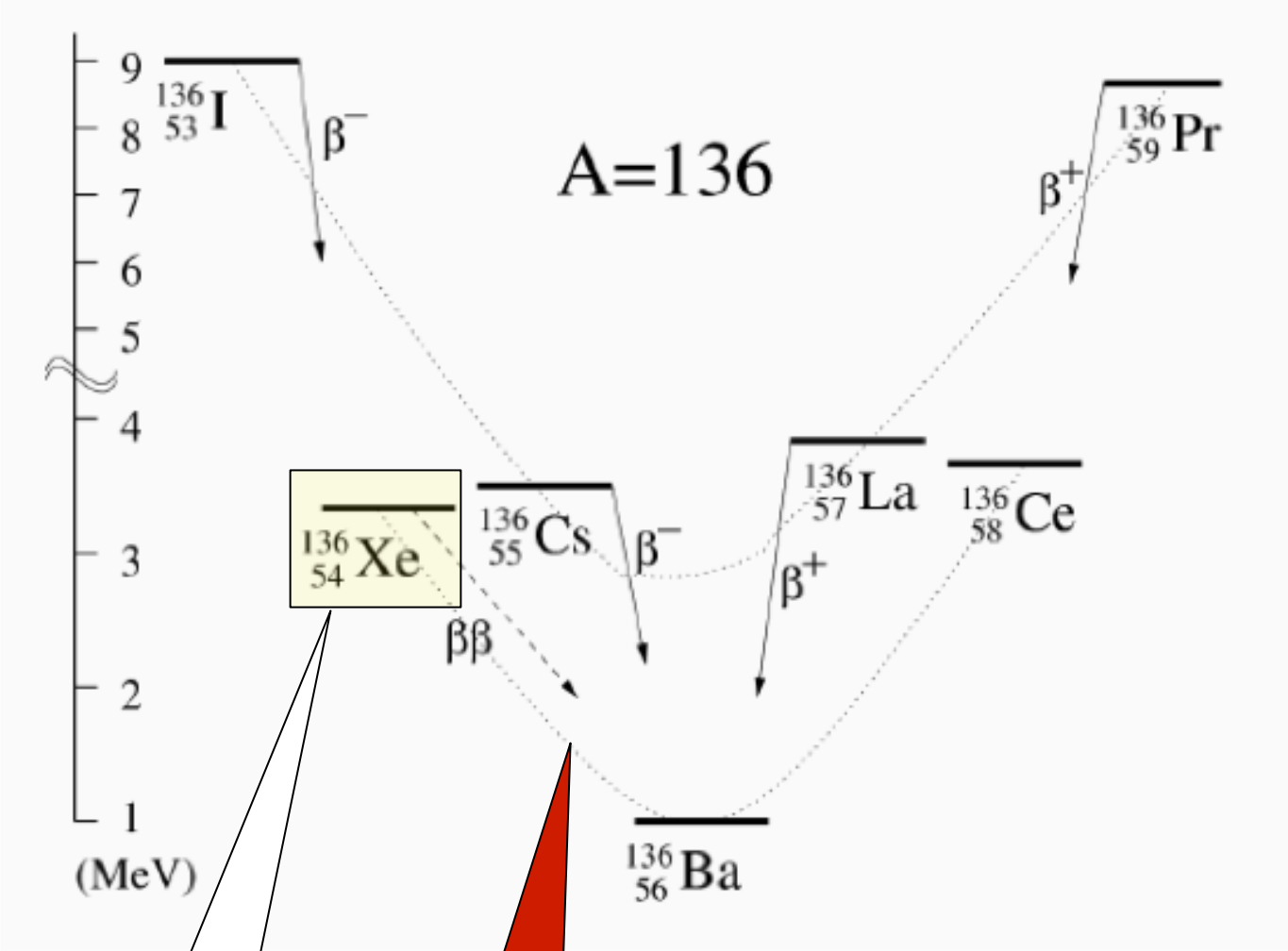
Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay



Only possible
for Majorana ν

Look at nuclides for which this is energetically possible and which cannot α , 1β decay

For example:



Stable against ordinary β^- decay

But can decay via $\beta^- \beta^-$

Candidate nuclei with $Q > 2$ MeV

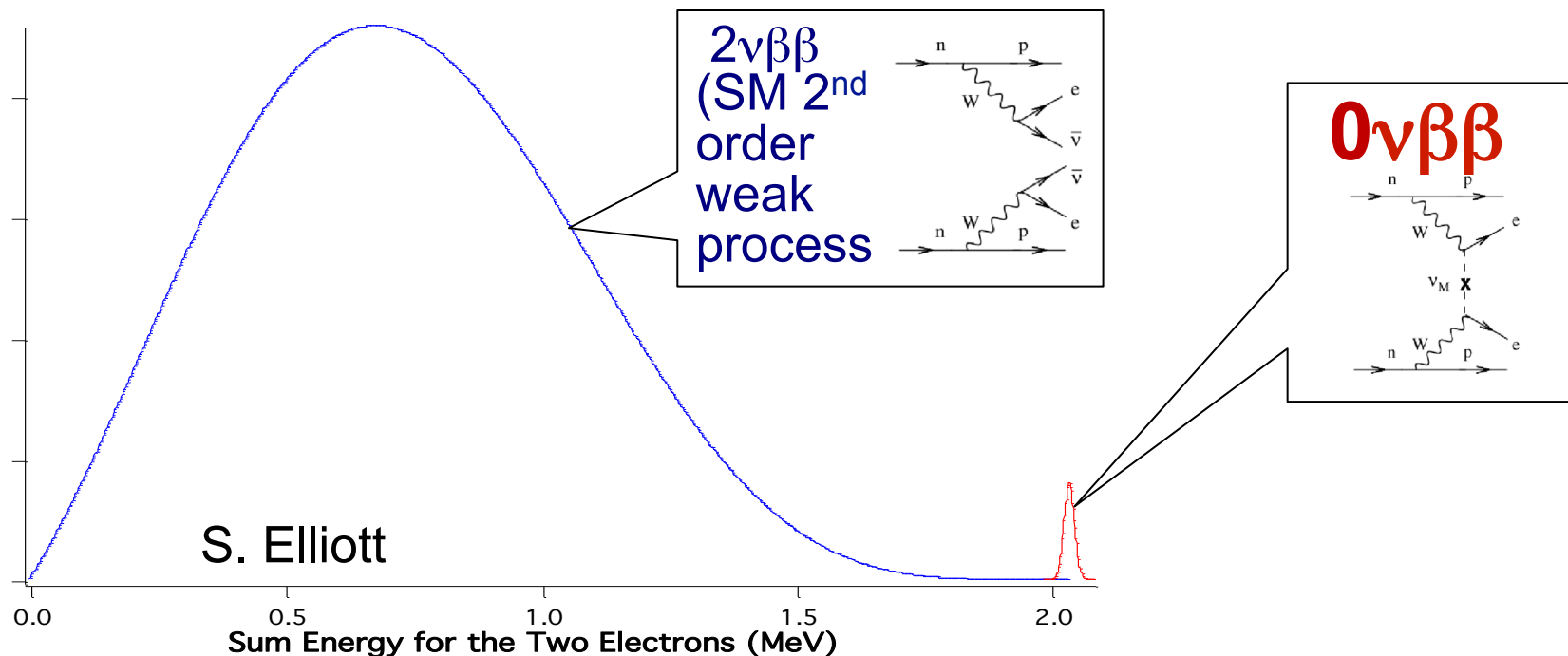
| Candidate | Q (MeV) | Abund. (%) |
|---|------------|---------------|
| $^{48}\text{Ca} \rightarrow ^{48}\text{Ti}$ | 4.271 | 0.187 |
| $^{76}\text{Ge} \rightarrow ^{76}\text{Se}$ | 2.040 | 7.8 |
| $^{82}\text{Se} \rightarrow ^{82}\text{Kr}$ | 2.995 | 9.2 |
| $^{96}\text{Zr} \rightarrow ^{96}\text{Mo}$ | 3.350 | 2.8 |
| $^{100}\text{Mo} \rightarrow ^{100}\text{Ru}$ | 3.034 | 9.6 |
| $^{110}\text{Pd} \rightarrow ^{110}\text{Cd}$ | 2.013 | 11.8 |
| $^{116}\text{Cd} \rightarrow ^{116}\text{Sn}$ | 2.802 | 7.5 |
| $^{124}\text{Sn} \rightarrow ^{124}\text{Te}$ | 2.228 | 5.64 |
| $^{130}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{130}\text{Xe}$ | 2.533 | 34.5 |
| $^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{136}\text{Ba}$ | 2.479 | 8.9 |
| $^{150}\text{Nd} \rightarrow ^{150}\text{Sm}$ | 3.367 | 5.6 |

G. Gratta

want large
Q value!

want high natural
abundance!

Experimental strategy: look for peak in the two-electron spectrum corresponding to neutrinoless final state



Require ultra-clean, high resolution detectors

Observed half-life:

$$(T_{1/2,0\nu\beta\beta})^{-1} = G_{0\nu} |M_{0\nu}|^2 \langle M_{\text{eff}} \rangle^2, \text{ where } \langle M_{\text{eff}} \rangle^2 = |\sum U_{ei}^2 M_i|^2$$

phase space

matrix element

effective mass

Experimental sensitivity

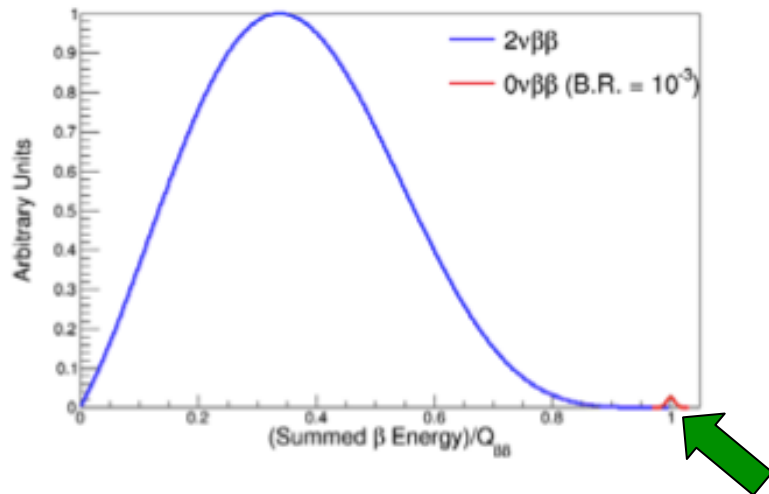
$$T_{1/2} > \frac{\ln 2 \cdot \varepsilon \cdot N_{source} \cdot T}{UL(B(T) \cdot \Delta E)}$$

ε : detection efficiency

N_{source} : number of isotope nuclei

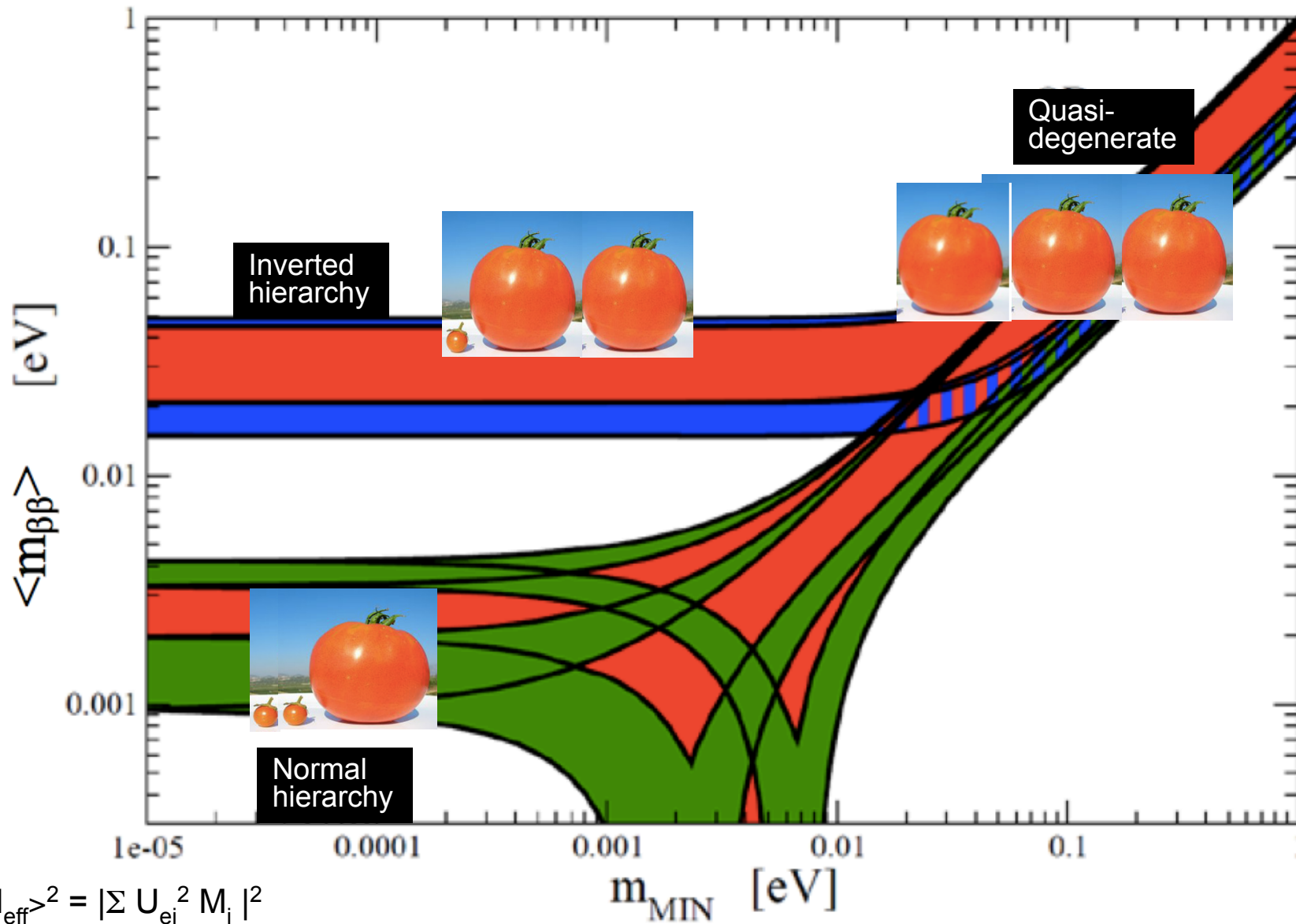
T : observation time

$UL(B(T) \Delta E)$: upper limit for expectation
of B background events in ROI of width ΔE



It's all about reducing
background
in the Region of Interest

The NLDBD T-Shirt Plot



If neutrinos are Majorana, experimental results must fall in the shaded regions
 Extent of the regions determined by uncertainties on mixing matrix elements
 and Majorana phases

A controversial claim:

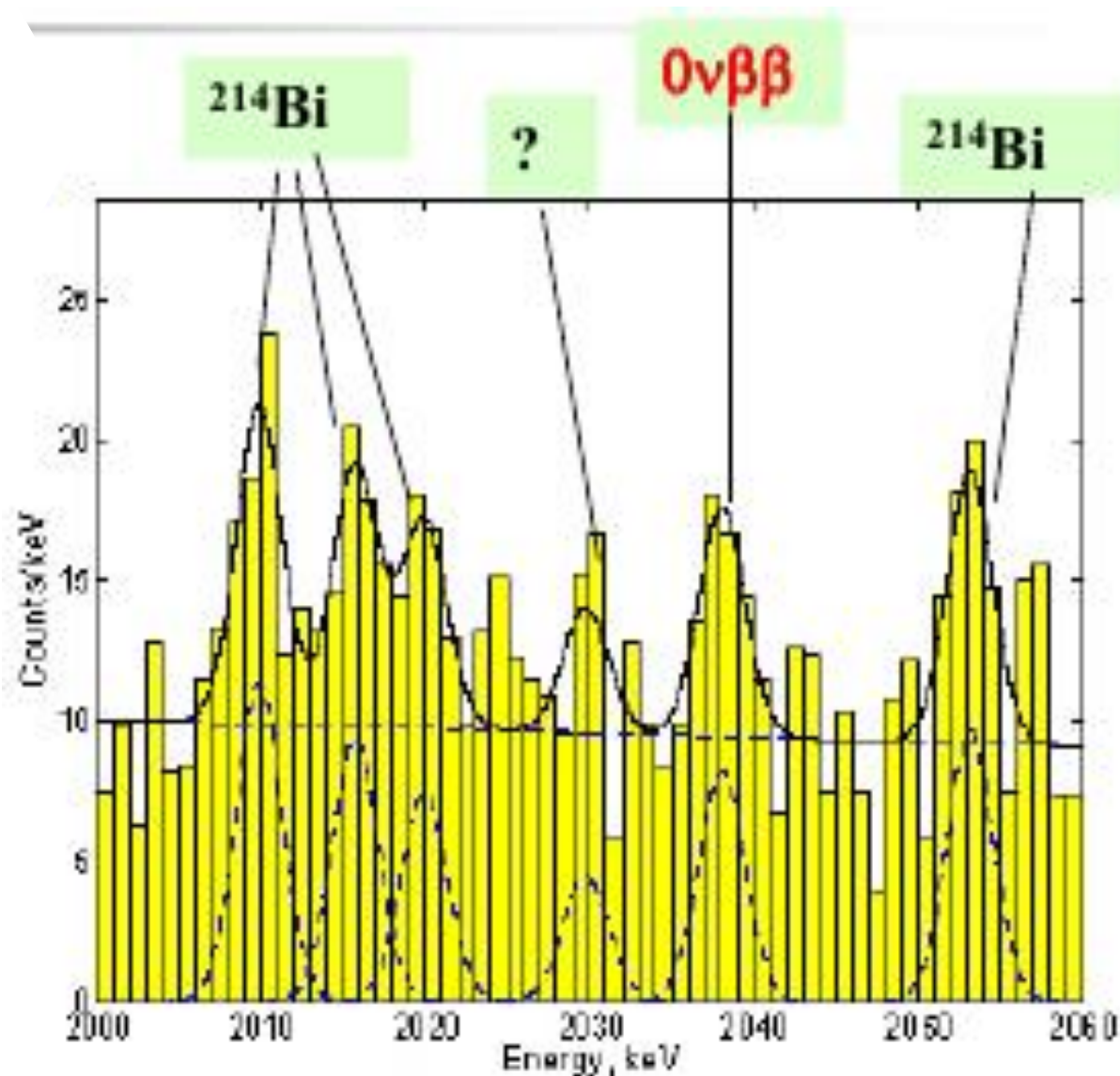
Heidelberg-Moscow experiment

Klapdor-Kleingrothaus et al.

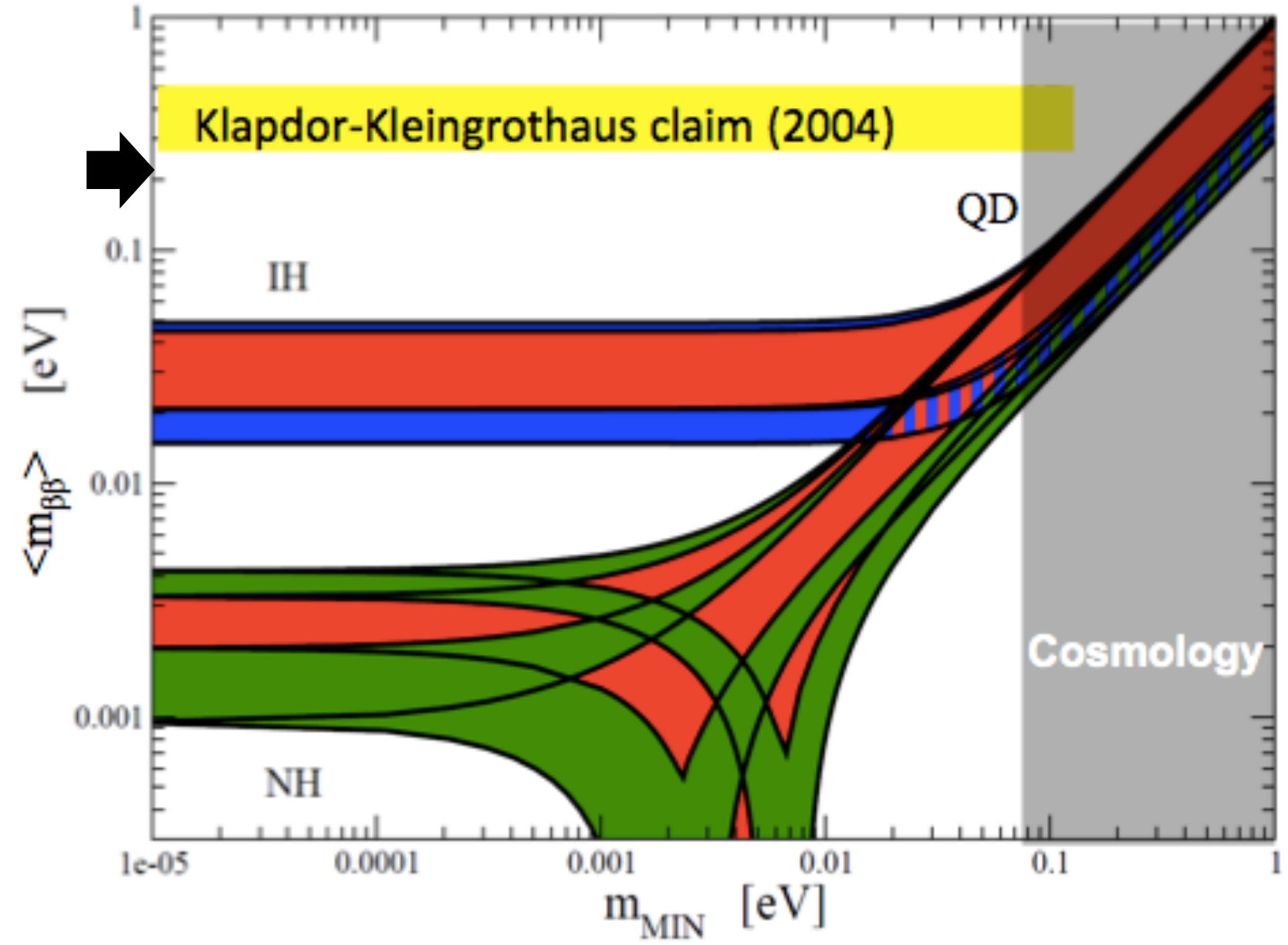
NIM A522, 371 (2004)

Ge crystal, 70 kg-years

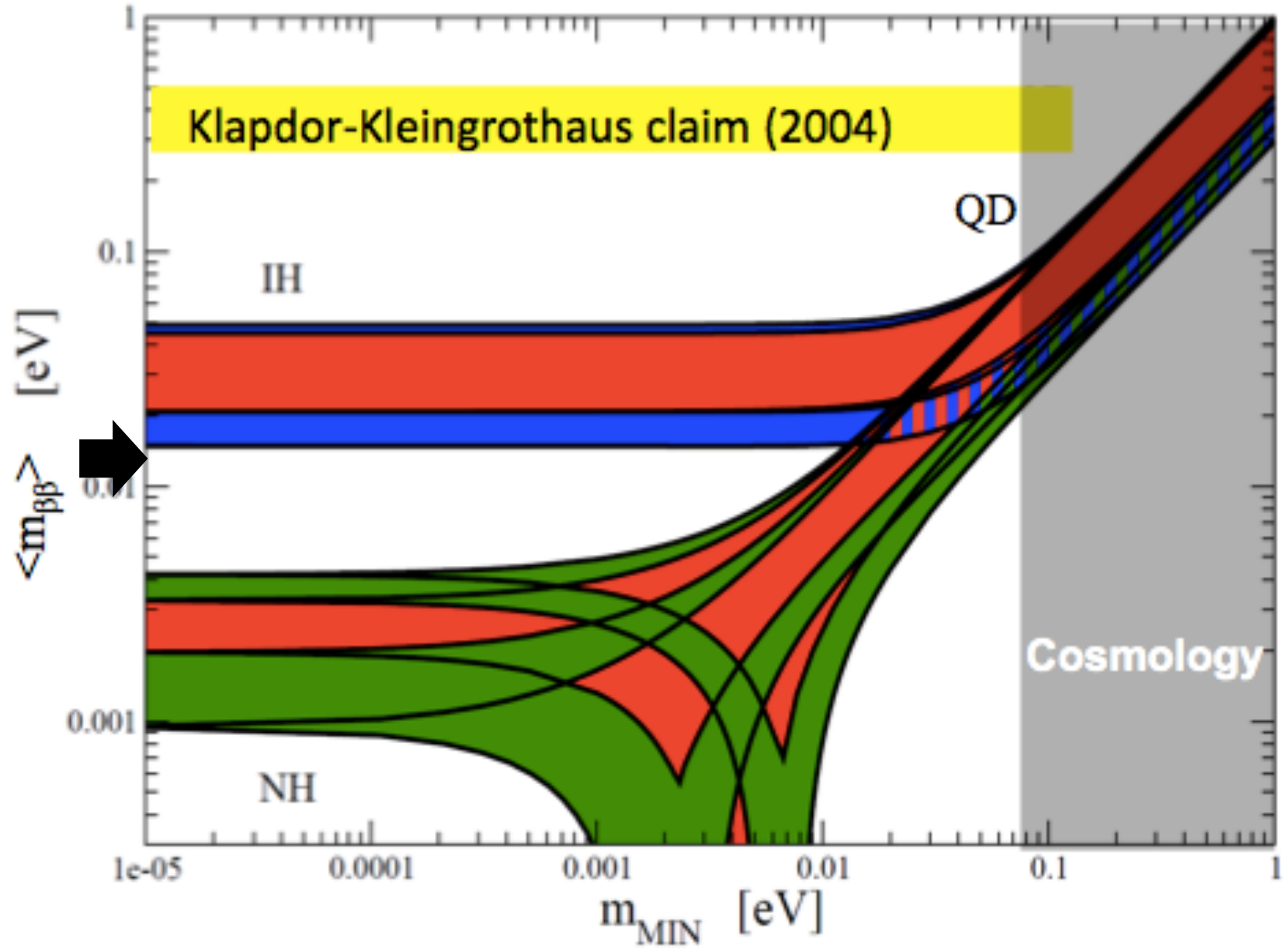
Claim $\langle m_{\text{eff}} \rangle = 440 \text{ meV}$



Over the last decade the NLDBD experimental goal has been to attain sensitivity better than this claim...

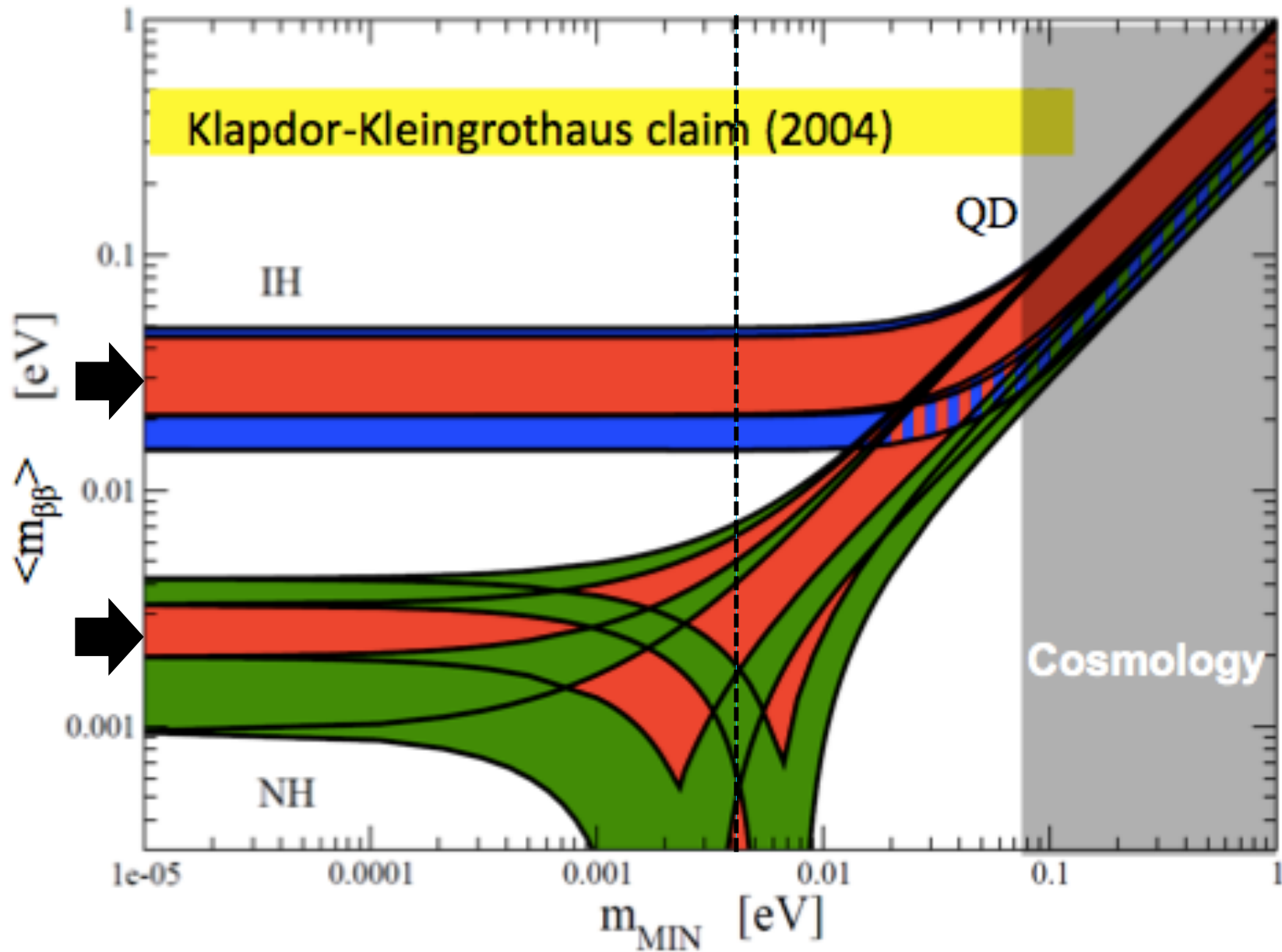


New goal, however, is to get below the inverted hierarchy region

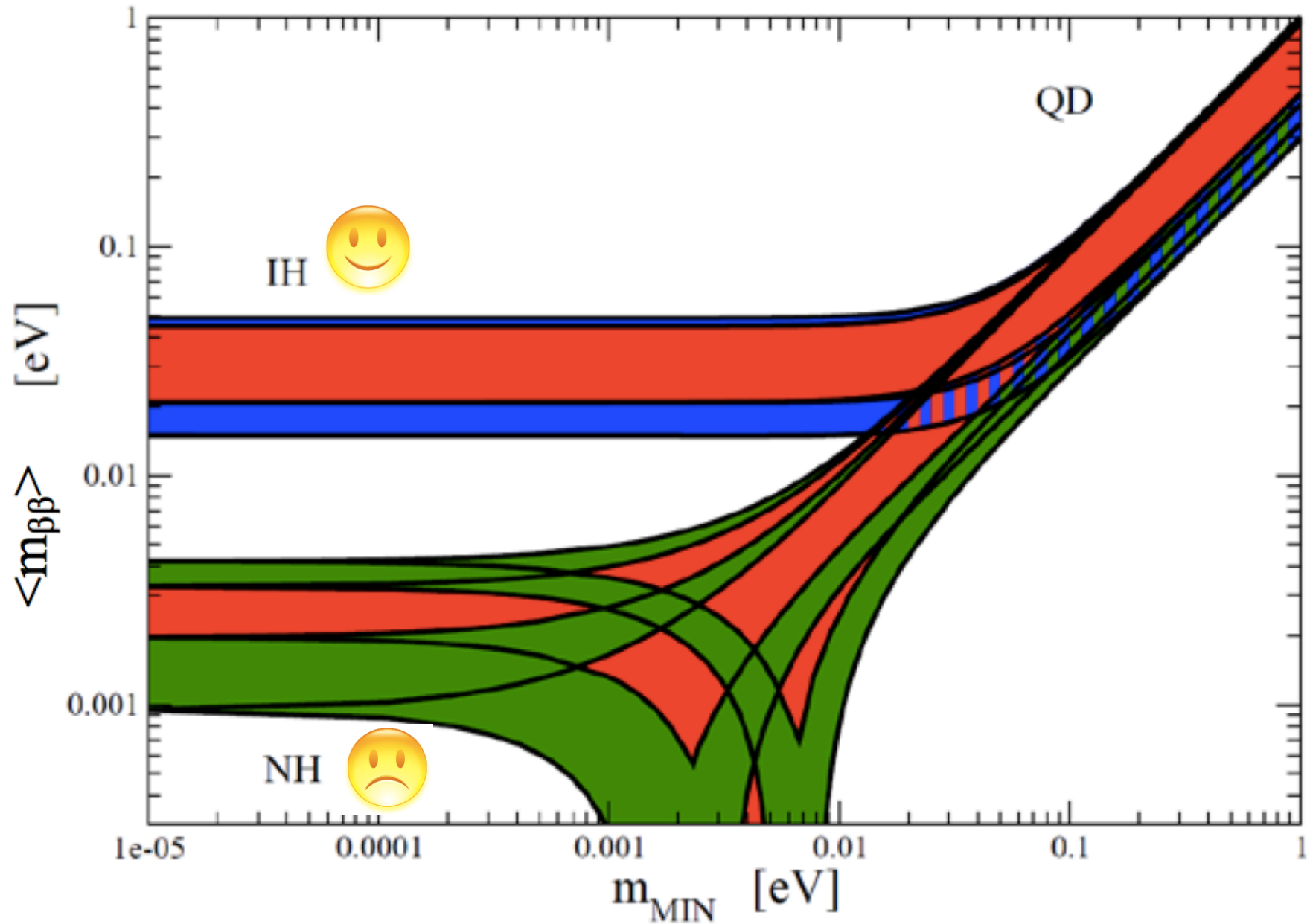


Comments:

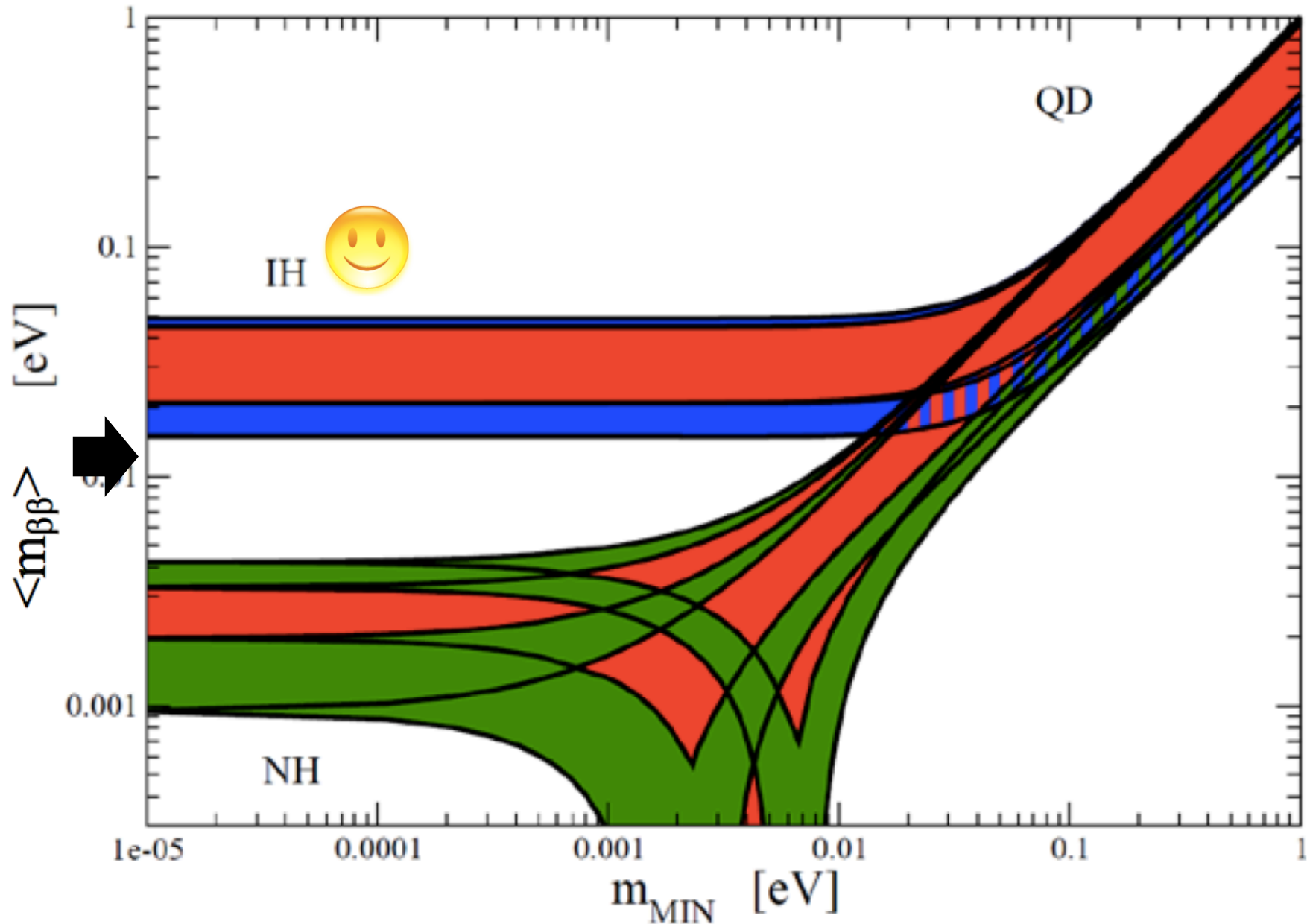
if you measure a NLDBD signal, in either IH or NH region, and direct mass limit is sufficiently low (not likely in near future) then in principle you determine the hierarchy....



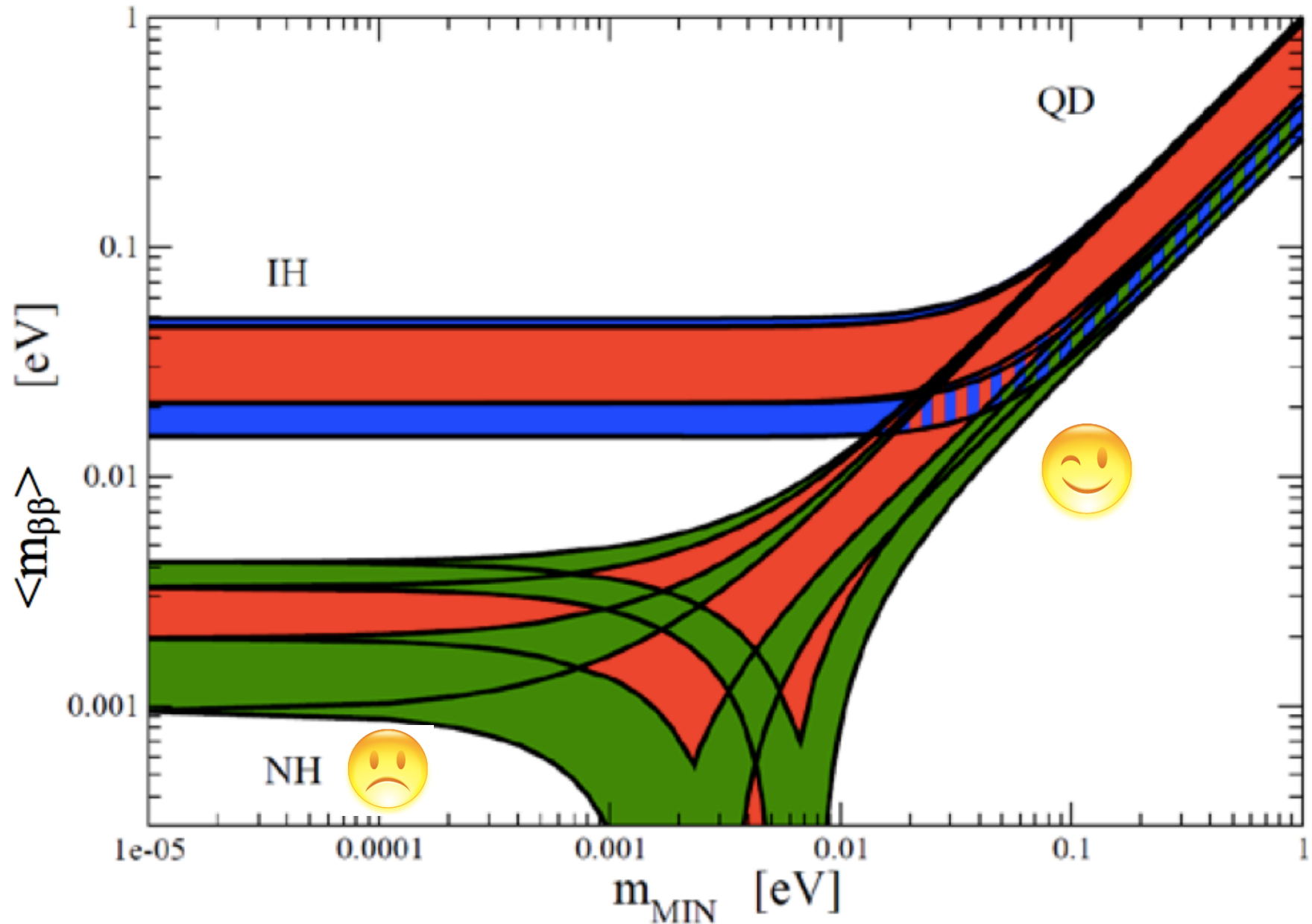
... but much more likely is that the the hierarchy is determined *first* by long-baseline experiments...



... and if you know independently the hierarchy to be inverted, *and* you measure a limit below IH region, then you know (assuming Nature is not diabolical) that neutrinos are not Majorana!



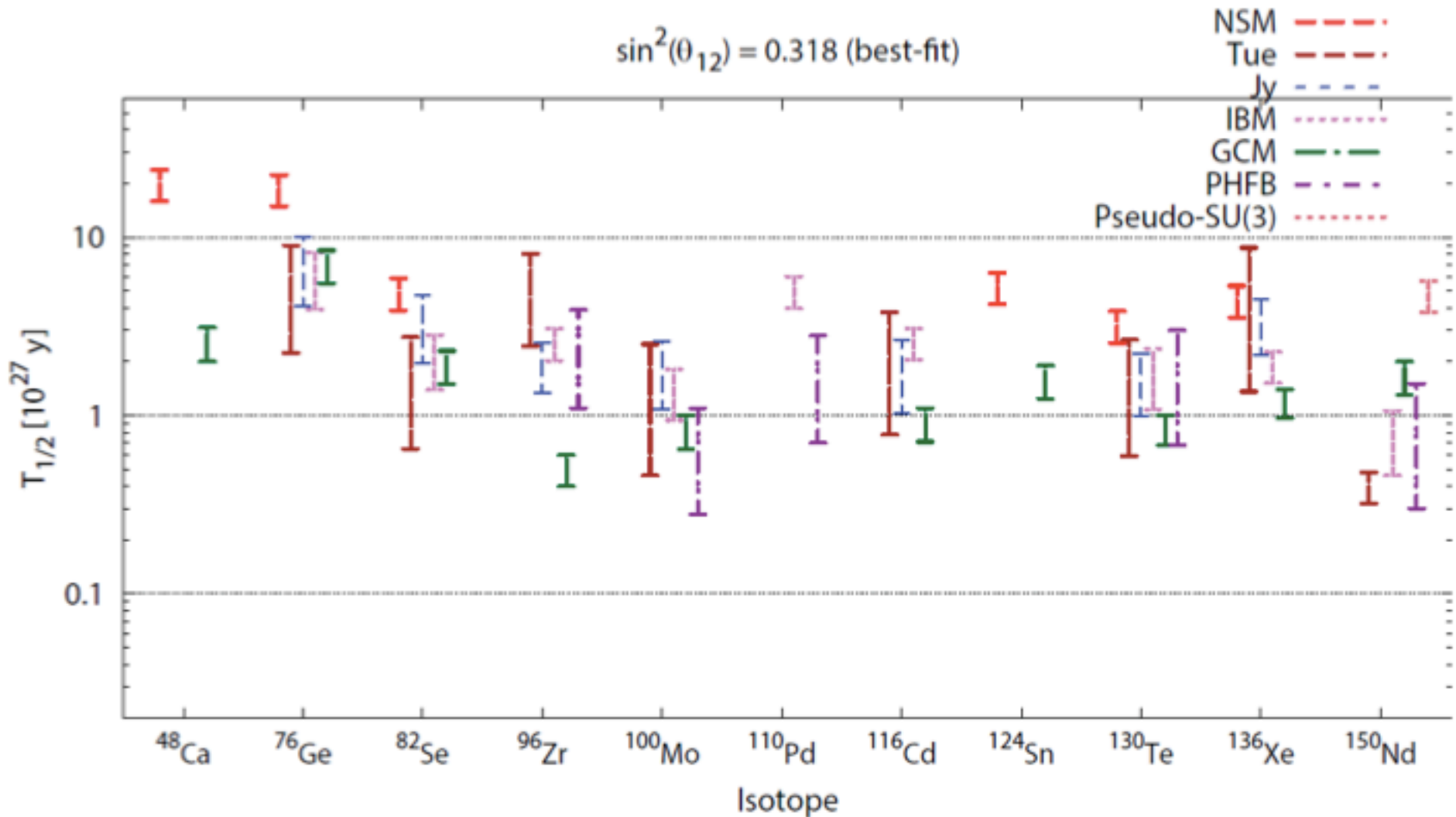
If the hierarchy is known independently to be normal, then life could be hard, unless absolute mass scale large



Effect of nuclear matrix elements

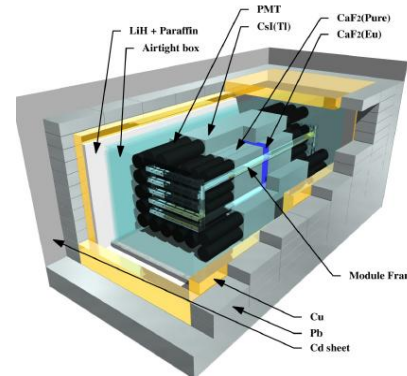
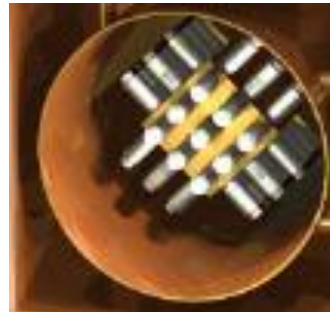
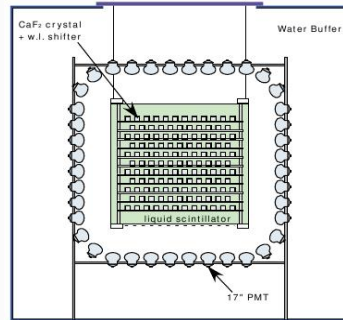
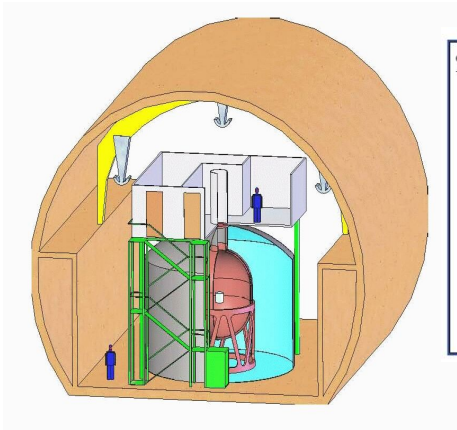
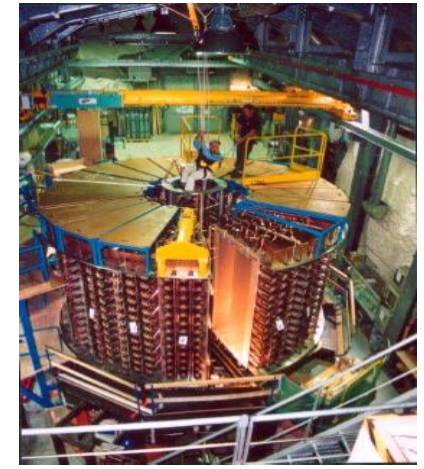
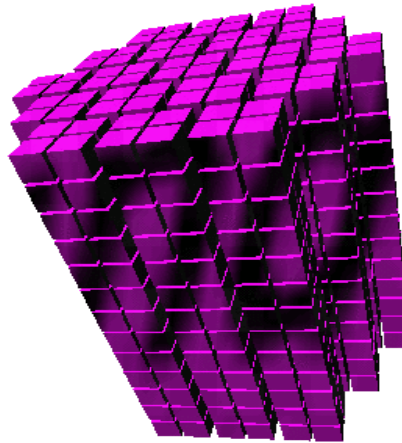
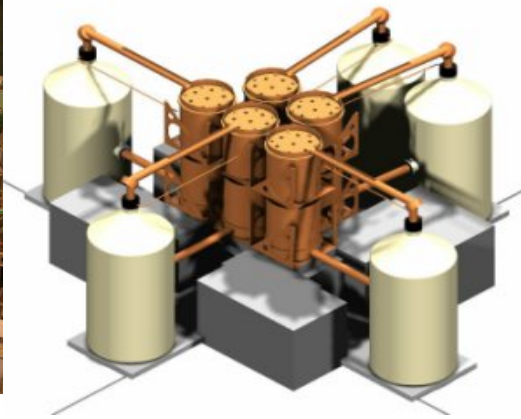
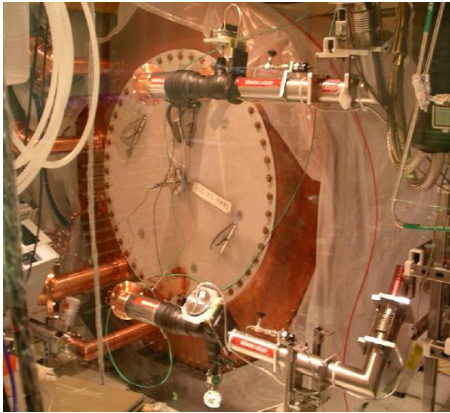
$$(T_{1/2,0\nu\beta\beta})^{-1} = G_{0\nu} |M_{0\nu}|^2 \langle M_{\text{eff}} \rangle^2$$

Neutrinoless double beta decay half-lives, assuming $\langle M_{\text{eff}} \rangle$ at bottom of IH region, for different matrix element calculations



Calculations vary by ~order of magnitude → need more theory!
 (and a measurement may need confirmation w/more than one isotope)

Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay Experiments: many isotopes and technologies



Scintillating, tracking, solid state, calorimetry,....

From arXiv: 1310.4340

| Experiment | Isotope | Mass | Technique | Status | Location |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|---|-----------------|------------|
| AMoRE [164, 165] | ^{100}Mo | 50 kg | CaMoO_4 scint. bolometer crystals | Devel. | Yangyang |
| CANDLES [166] | ^{48}Ca | 0.35 kg | CaF_2 scint. crystals | Prototype | Kamioka |
| CARVEL [167] | ^{48}Ca | 1 ton | CaF_2 scint. crystals | Devel. | Solotvina |
| COBRA [168] | ^{116}Cd | 183 kg | ^{enr}Cd CZT semicond. det. | Prototype | Gran Sasso |
| CUORE-0 [151] | ^{130}Te | 11 kg | TeO_2 bolometers | Constr. (2013) | Gran Sasso |
| CUORE [151] | ^{130}Te | 206 kg | TeO_2 bolometers | Constr. (2014) | Gran Sasso |
| DCBA [169] | ^{150}Nd | 20 kg | ^{enr}Nd foils and tracking | Devel. | Kamioka |
| EXO-200 [152, 153, 154] | ^{136}Xe | 200 kg | Liq. ^{enr}Xe TPC/scint. | Op. (2011) | WIPP |
| nEXO [155] | ^{136}Xe | 5 t | Liq. ^{enr}Xe TPC/scint. | Proposal | SNOLAB |
| GERDA [150, 170] | ^{76}Ge | ~ 35 kg | ^{enr}Ge semicond. det. | Op. (2011) | Gran Sasso |
| GSO [171] | ^{160}Gd | 2 t | $\text{Gd}_2\text{SiO}_5:\text{Ce}$ crys. scint. in liq. scint. | Devel. | |
| KamLAND-Zen [156, 158] | ^{136}Xe | 400 kg | ^{enr}Xe dissolved in liq. scint. | Op. (2011) | Kamioka |
| LZ [161] | ^{136}Xe | 600 kg | Two-phase ^{nat}Xe TPC/scint | Proposal | SURF |
| LUCIFER [172, 173] | ^{82}Se | 18 kg | ZnSe scint. bolometer crystals | Devel. | Gran Sasso |
| MAJORANA [147, 148, 149] | ^{76}Ge | 30 kg | ^{enr}Ge semicond. det. | Constr. (2013) | SURF |
| MOON [174] | ^{100}Mo | 1 t | ^{enr}Mo foils/scint. | Devel. | |
| SuperNEMO-Dem [162] | ^{82}Se | 7 kg | ^{enr}Se foils/tracking | Constr. (2014) | Fréjus |
| SuperNEMO [162] | ^{82}Se | 100 kg | ^{enr}Se foils/tracking | Proposal (2019) | Fréjus |
| NEXT [159, 160] | ^{136}Xe | 100 kg | gas TPC | Devel. (2014) | Canfranc |
| SNO+ [39, 175, 176] | ^{130}Te | 800 kg | Te-loaded liq. scint. | Constr. (2013) | SNOLAB |

Current Projects

| Project | Isotope | Isotope Mass (kg fiducial) | Currently Achieved (10^{26} yr) |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CUORE | ^{130}Te | 206 | >0.028 |
| MAJORANA | ^{76}Ge | 24.7 | |
| GERDA | ^{76}Ge | 18-20 | >0.21 |
| EXO200 | ^{136}Xe | 79 | >0.11 |
| NEXT-100 | ^{136}Xe | 100 | |
| SuperNEMO | $^{82}\text{Se}+$ | 7 | >0.001 |
| KamLAND-Zen | ^{136}Xe | 434 | >0.19 |
| SNO+ | ^{130}Te | 160 | |
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Focus on two recent results and one future project

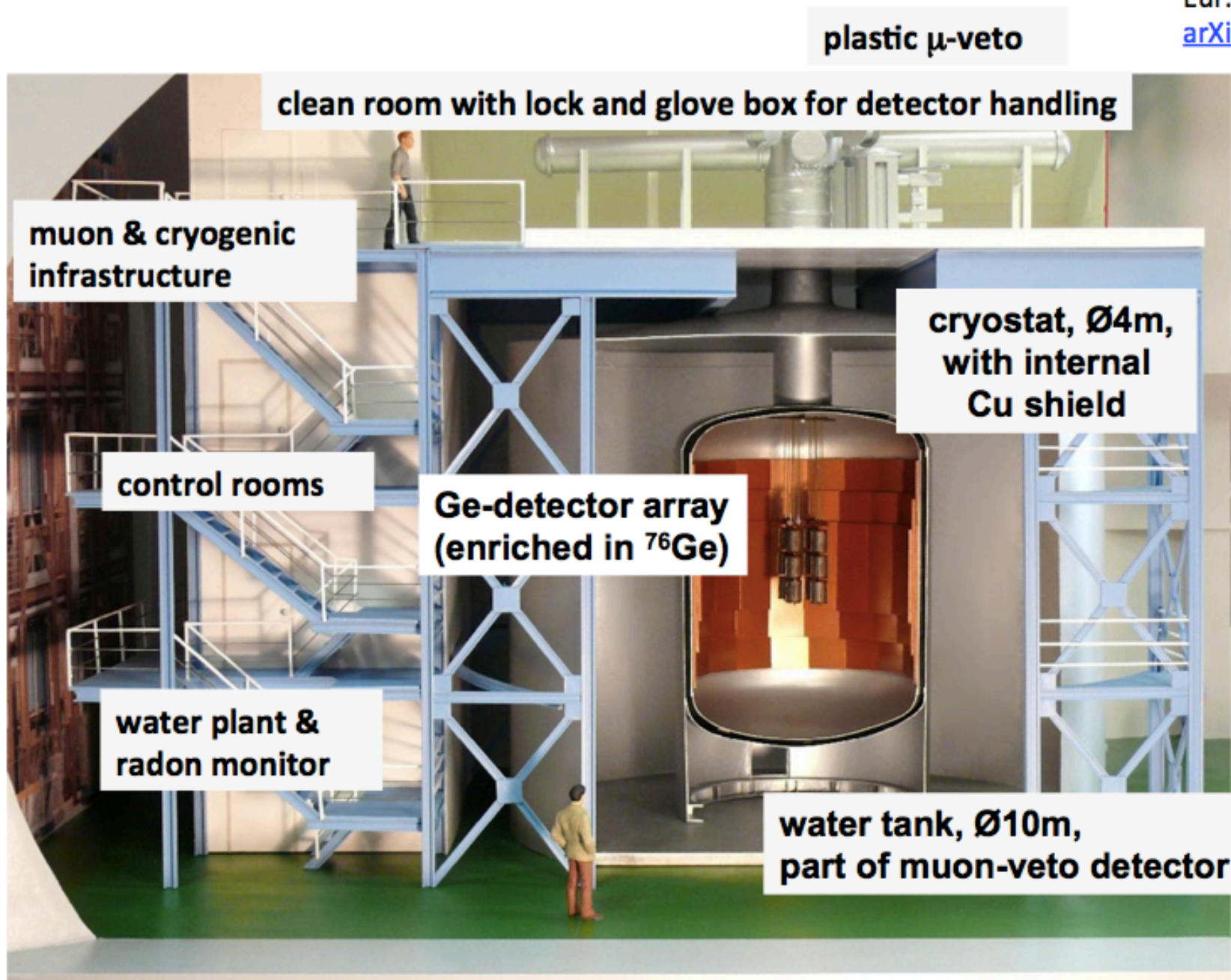
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 Slides from Neutrino 2014



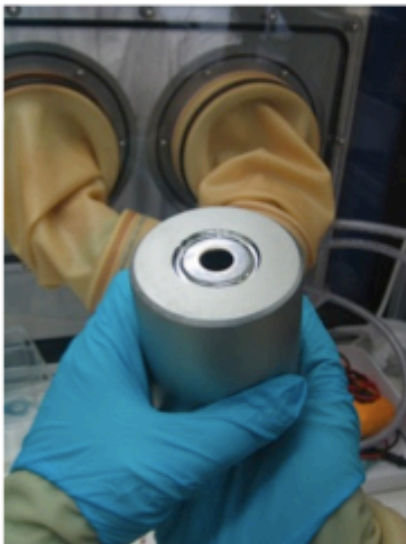
The GERDA experiment @ LNGS

Eur. Phys. J. C (2013) 73:2330
[arXiv:1212.4067](https://arxiv.org/abs/1212.4067)





Nov 2011: deployment of 3-string & start of Phase I physics runs



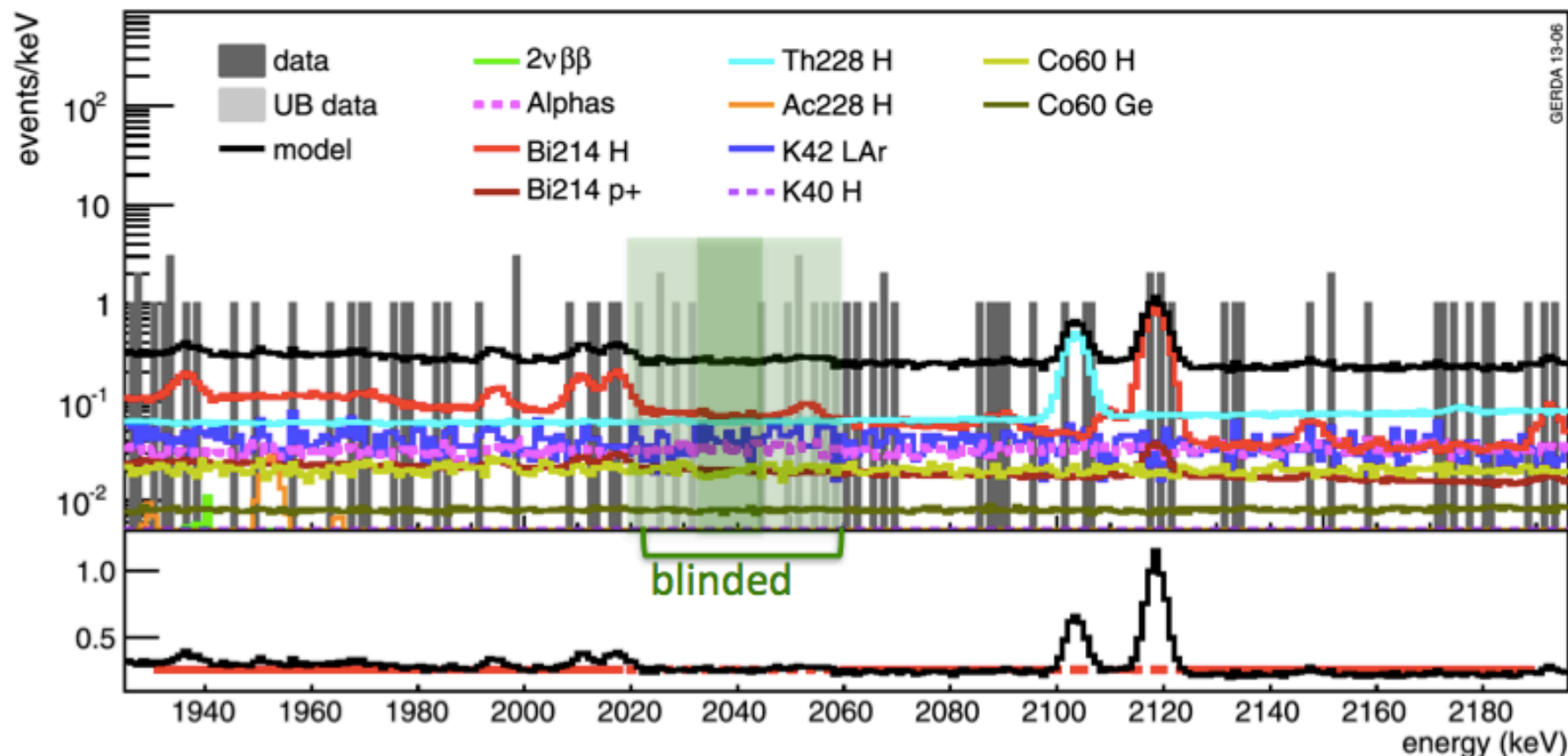
8 refurbished enriched diodes from HdM & IGEX

- 86% isotopically enriched in Ge-76
- 17.66 kg total mass
- plus 1 natural Ge diode from GTF

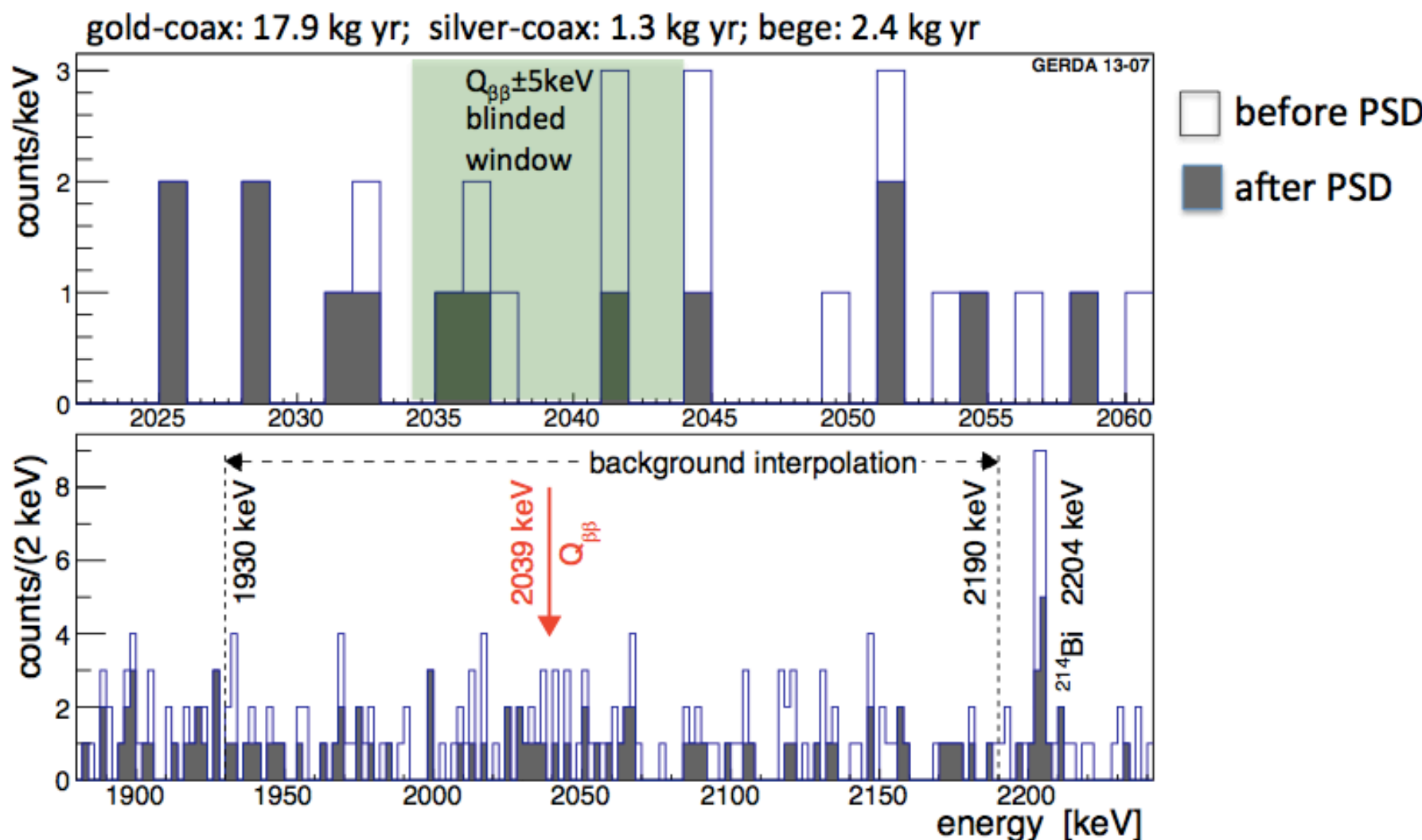
2 diodes shut off because leakage current high:

- total enriched detector mass 14.6 kg





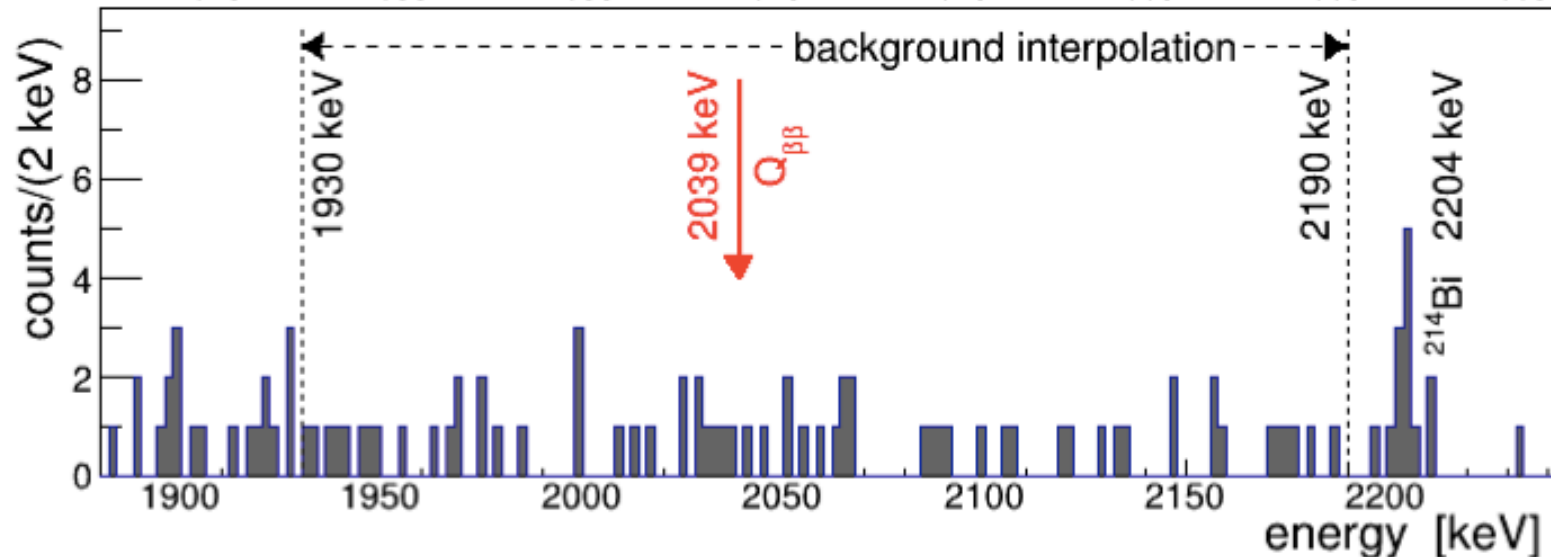
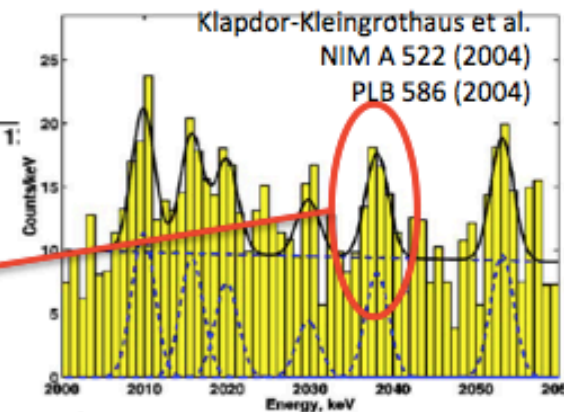
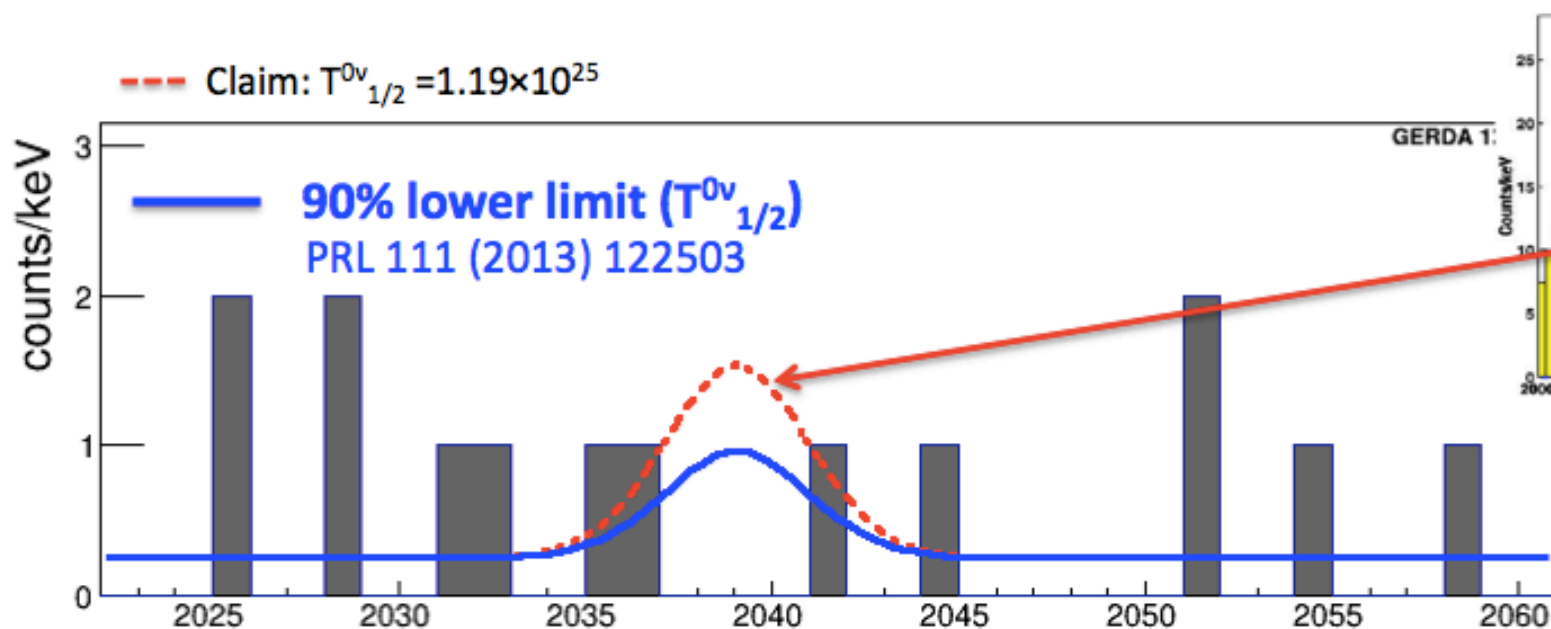
- **No background peaks** expected around $Q_{\beta\beta}$ expected
- BI at $Q_{\beta\beta}$ **(17.6-23.8) $\times 10^{-3}$ cts/(keV kg yr)** depending on assumptions for location of sources
- Spectrum can be modeled with **flat background** (red line) in 1930-2190 keV excluding known peaks at 2104 and 2119 keV
- **Statistical uncertainty** of BI from interpolation **coincides** numerically **with systematic** uncertainty from model
- Prediction for 30 keV blinded side wings: Min./Max Mod: 8.2-9.1 / 9.7-11.1 observed.: 13



| | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Full data set: | 7 events obs. in blinded window | vs. 5.1 expected for bgd only |
| | 3 events survive PSD cut | vs. 2.5 expected for bgd only |



Comparison with Phys. Lett. B 586 198 (2004) $0\nu\beta\beta$ claim in ^{76}Ge



H0: background only

H1: claimed signal plus background

p-value from profile likelihood

$P(N=0 | H1) = 0.01$
(0.006 if $1/T$ unconstrained)

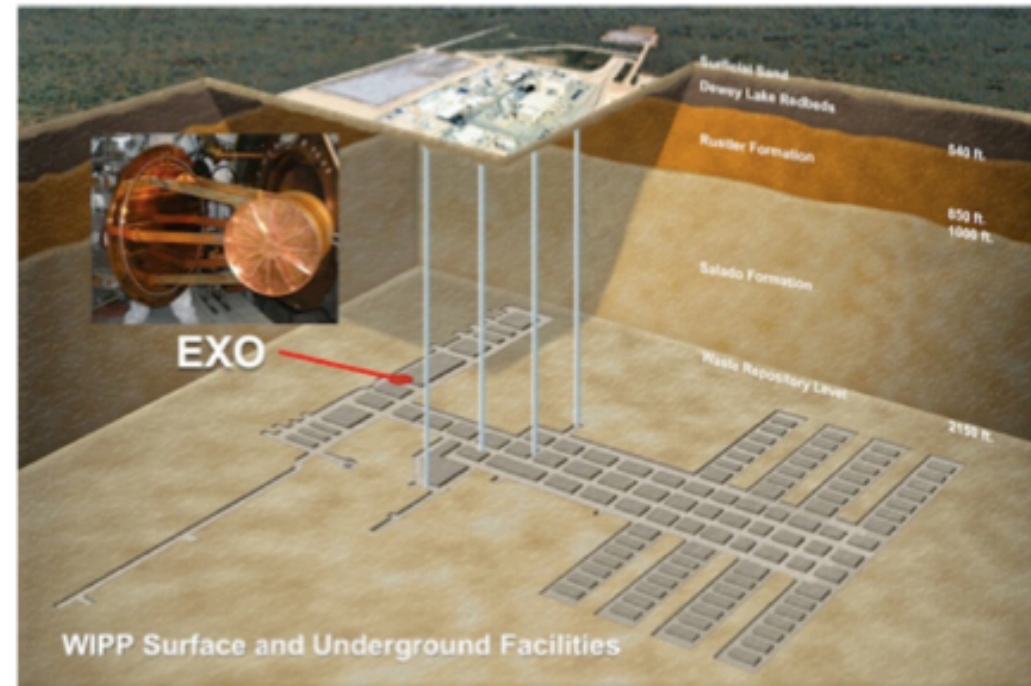
Bayes factor:

$P(H1)/P(H0) = 0.024$

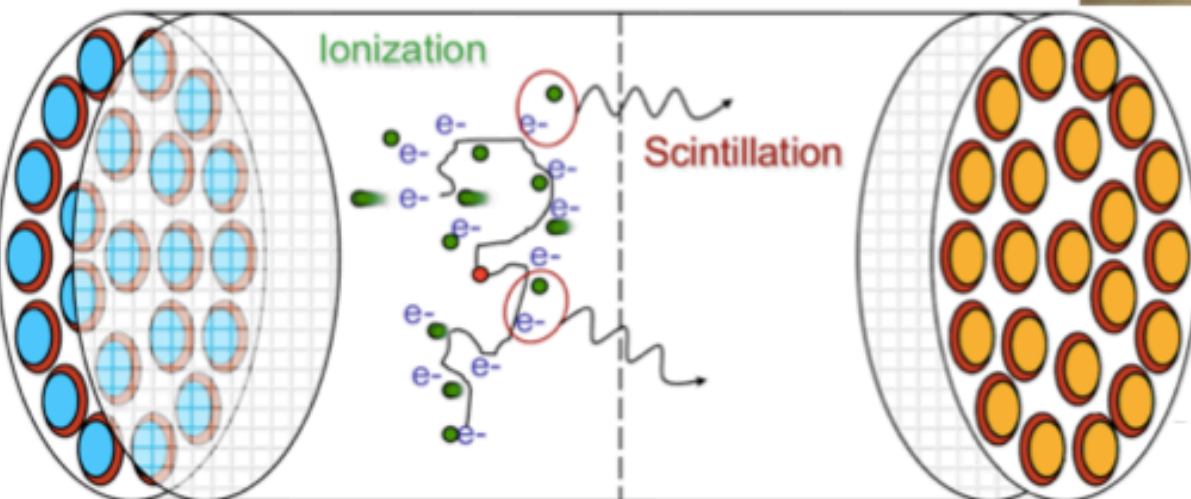
➔ Claim refuted with high probability
independent of NME and lepton number violating mechanism

EXO Enriched Xenon Observatory

- Liquid Xe Time Projection Chamber (TPC)
- Enriched ^{136}Xe to 80.6%
- Q-value 2458 keV

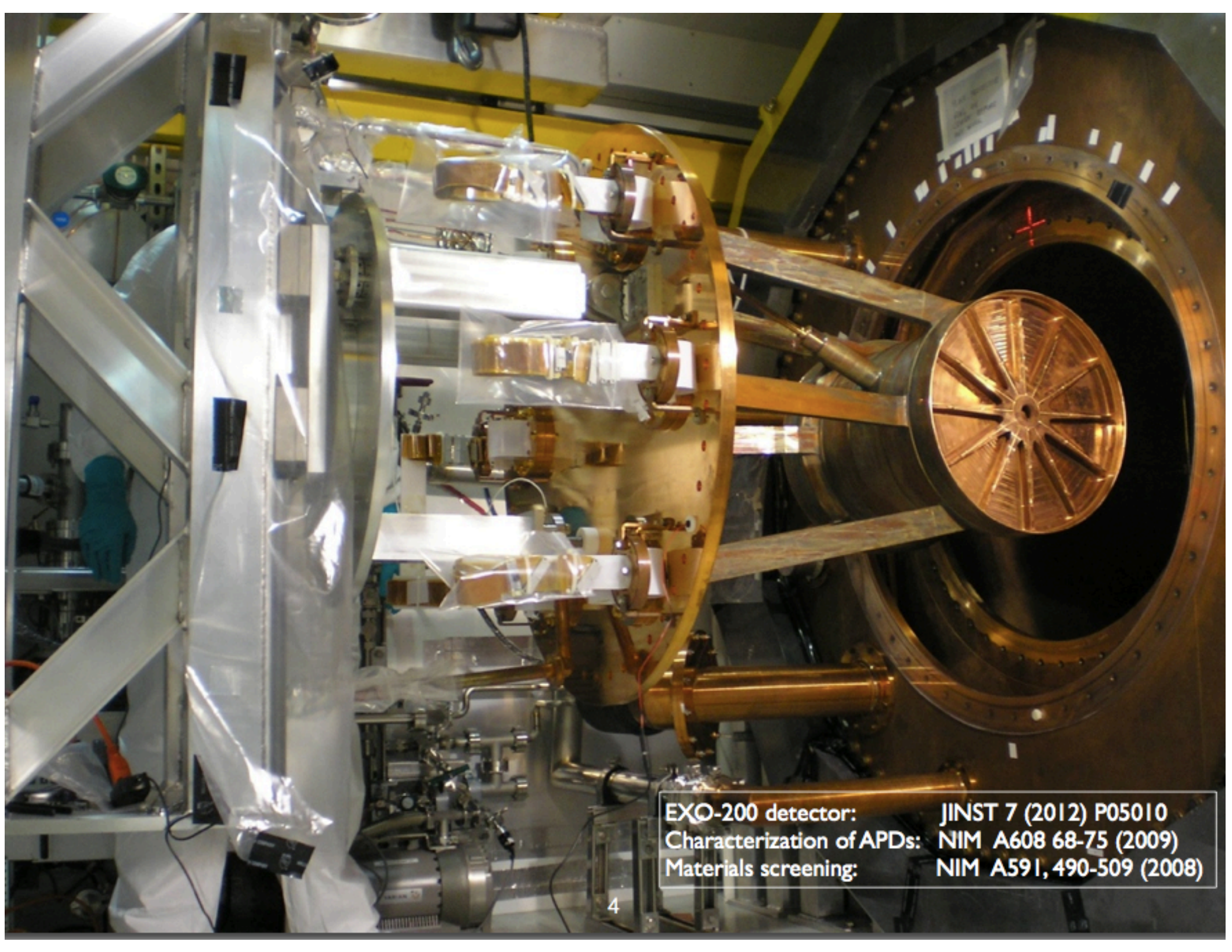


-8 kV

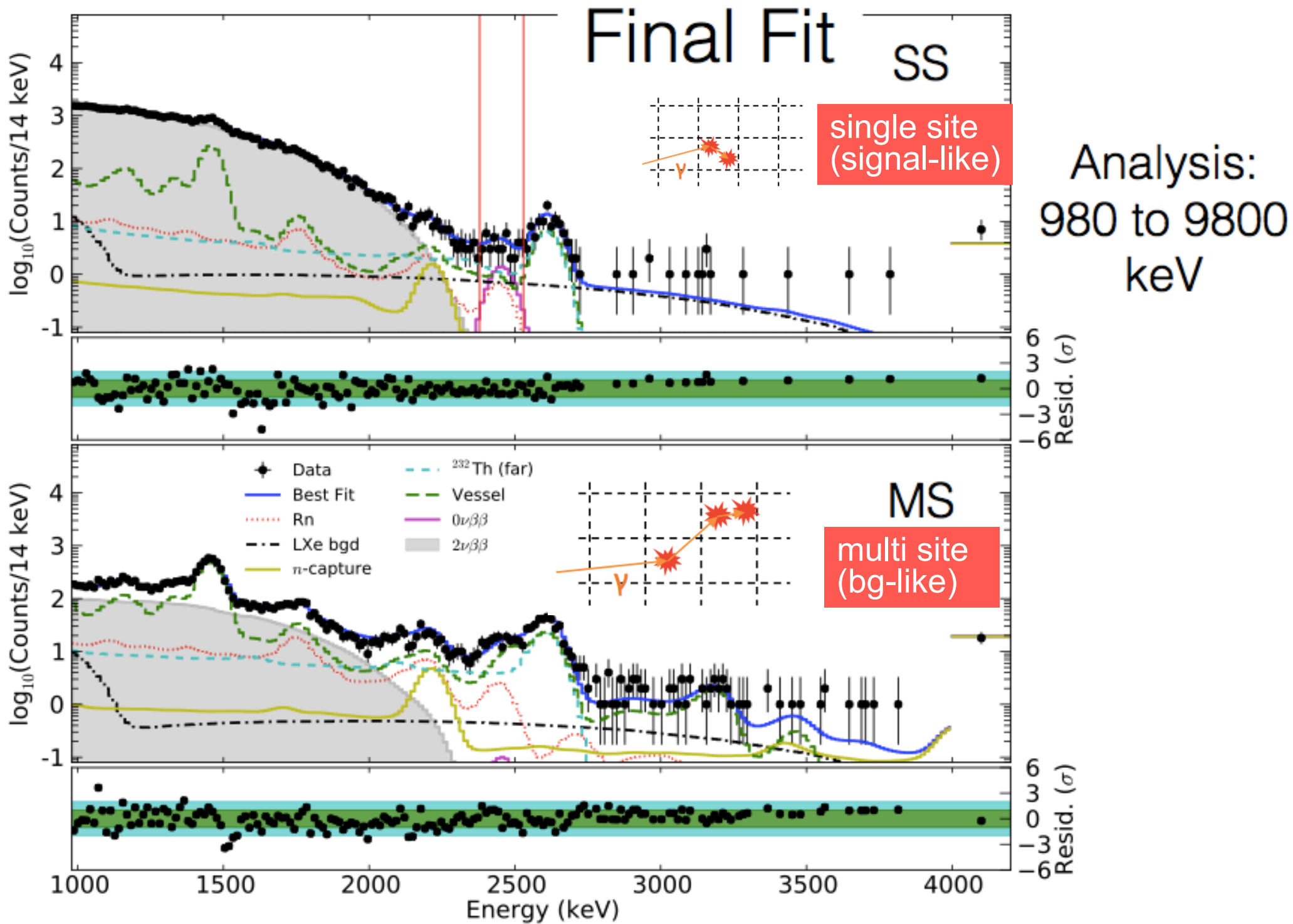


Avalanche Photo Diodes

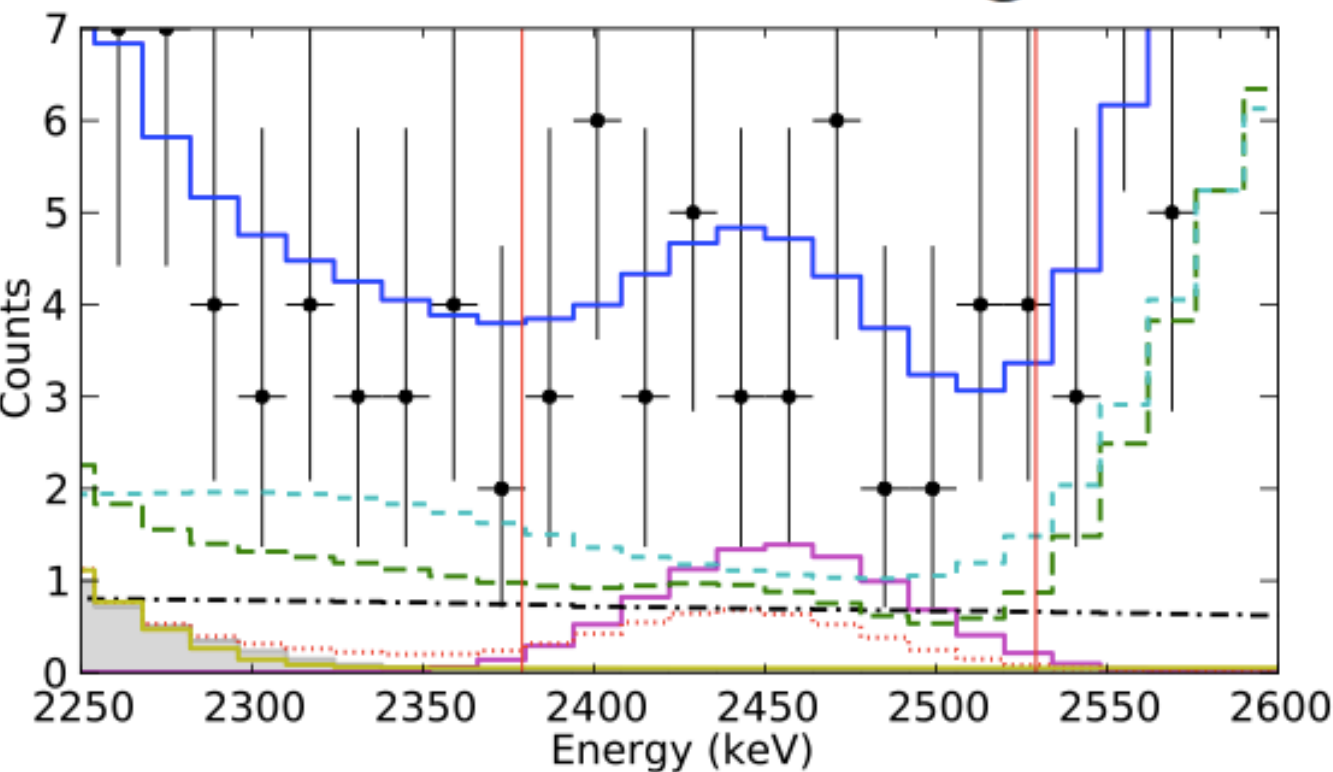
- Located at Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, NM, USA
- 1585 meters water equivalent



EXO-200 detector: JINST 7 (2012) P05010
Characterization of APDs: NIM A608 68-75 (2009)
Materials screening: NIM A591, 490-509 (2008)



Looking for $0\nu\beta\beta$



| Backgrounds in $\pm 2\sigma$ ROI | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Th-228 chain | 16.0 |
| U-232 chain | 8.1 |
| Xe-137 | 7.0 |
| Total | 31.1 ± 3.8 |

- Data
- Best Fit
- Rn
- LXe bkgd
- n -capture
- ^{232}Th (far)
- Vessel
- $0\nu\beta\beta$
- $2\nu\beta\beta$

From profile likelihood:

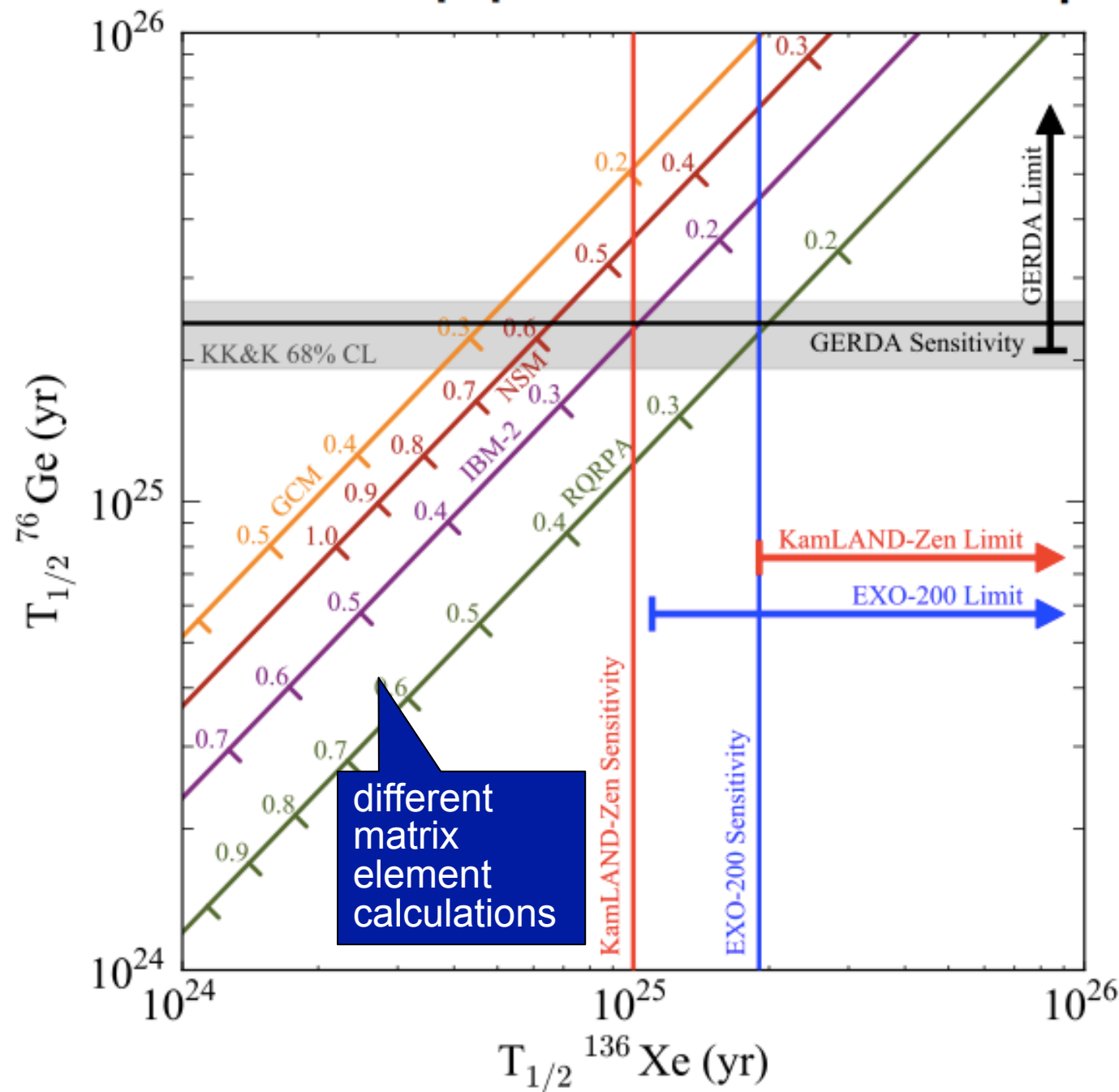
$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta} > 1.1 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr}$$

$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle < 190 - 450 \text{ meV}$$

(90% C.L.)

Nature (2014)
doi:10.1038/nature13432

$0\nu\beta\beta$ status comparison



EXO-200:
Nature (2014),
[doi:10.1038/nature13432](https://doi.org/10.1038/nature13432)

GERDA Phase 1:
 PRL 111 (2013) 122503

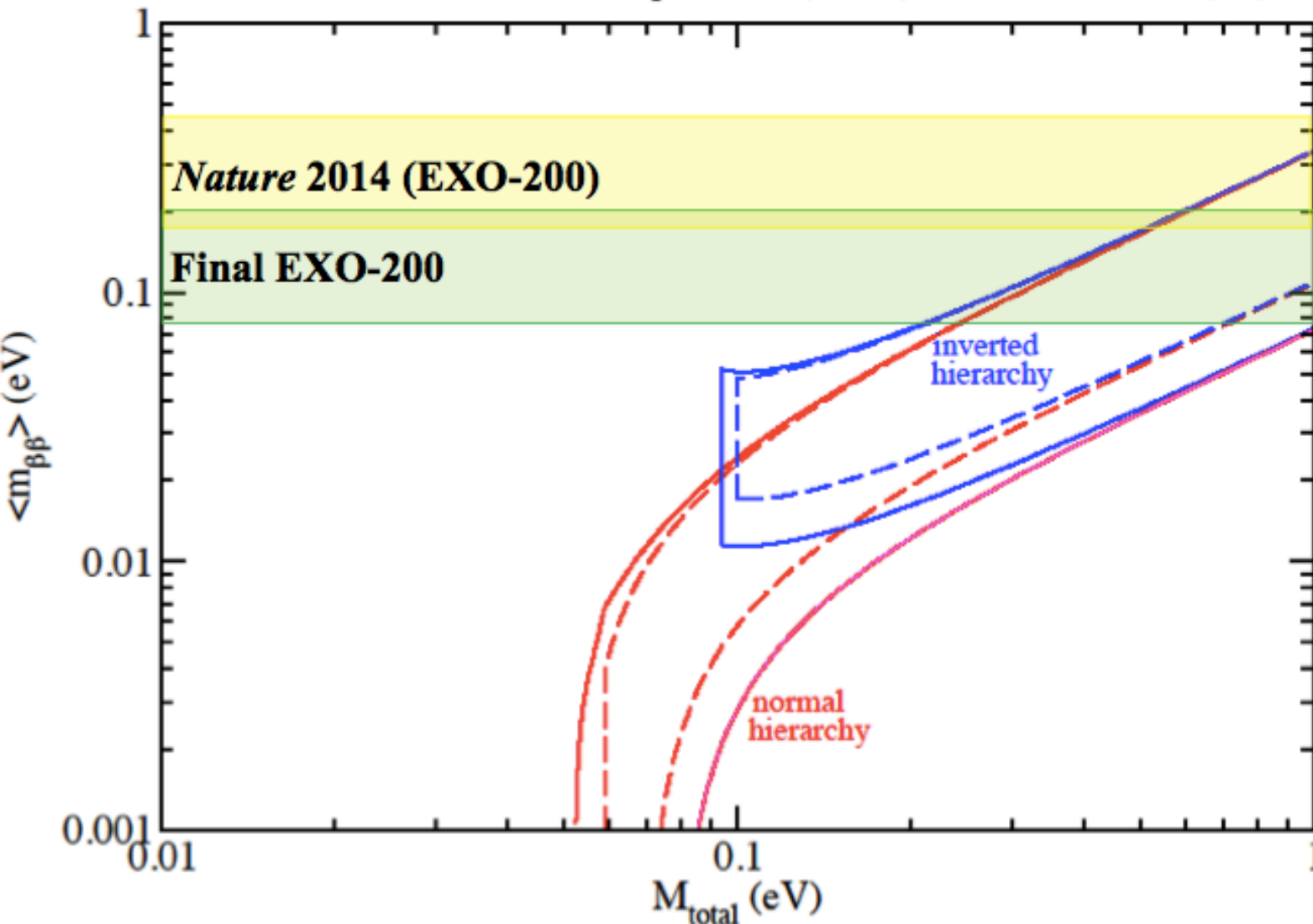
KamLAND-Zen:
 PRL 110 (2013) 062502

KK&K Claim:
 Mod. Phys. Lett., A21
 (2006) 1547

Sensitivity outlook

Effective Majorana mass vs. M_{total}

For the mean values of oscillation parameters (dashed) and for the 3σ errors (full)

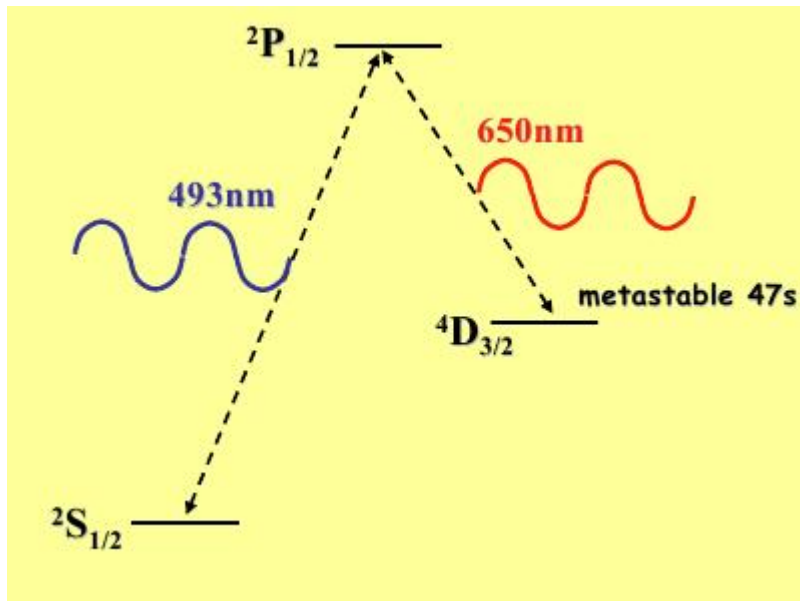


EXO-200 ultimate sensitivity (90%CL):
2 years additional
lifetime with Rn
removal

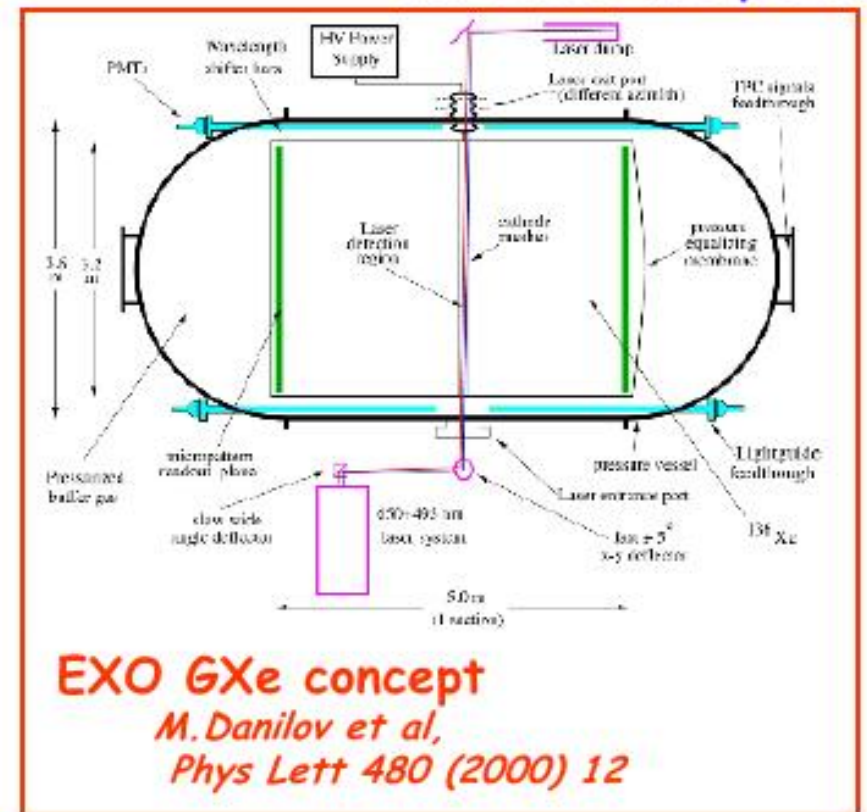
A possibility under R&D for liquid or gaseous xenon upgrades to EXO:



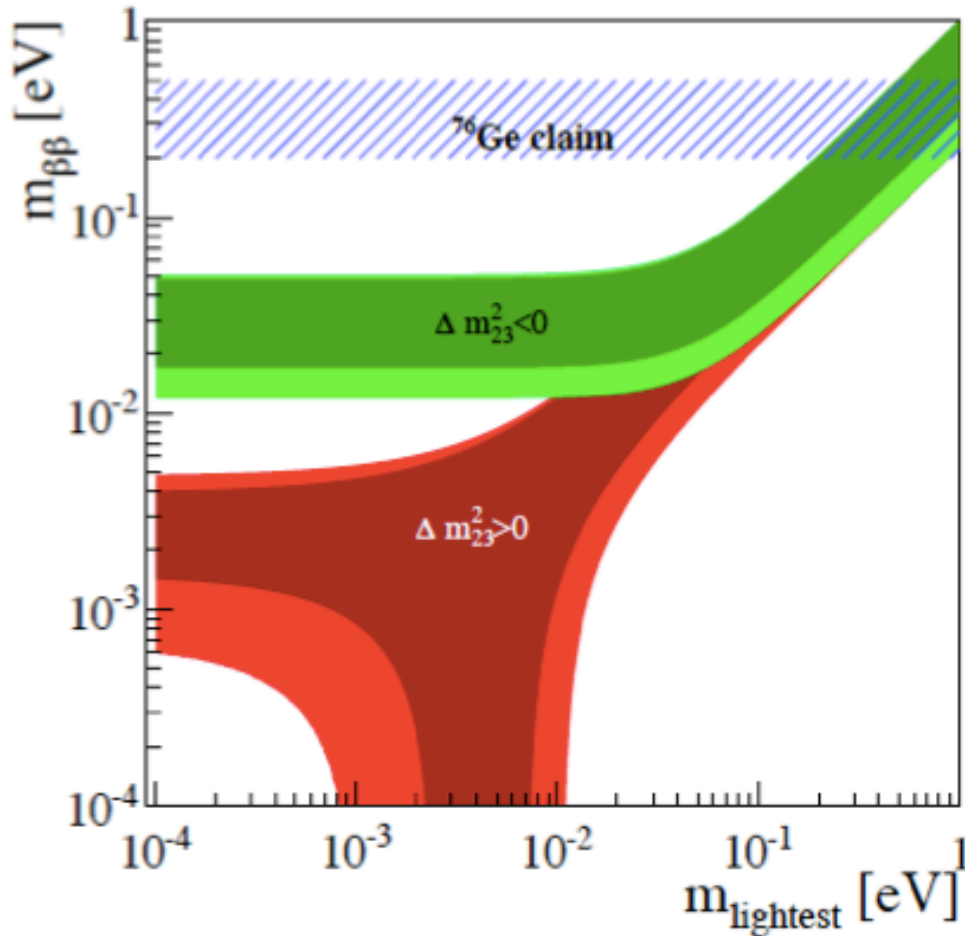
Barium tagging: find the resulting barium ion by laser spectroscopy to reduce background



G. Gratta



The Next Generation: Scaling Up



← **0.2 tons**

← **1 ton**

← **10 tons**

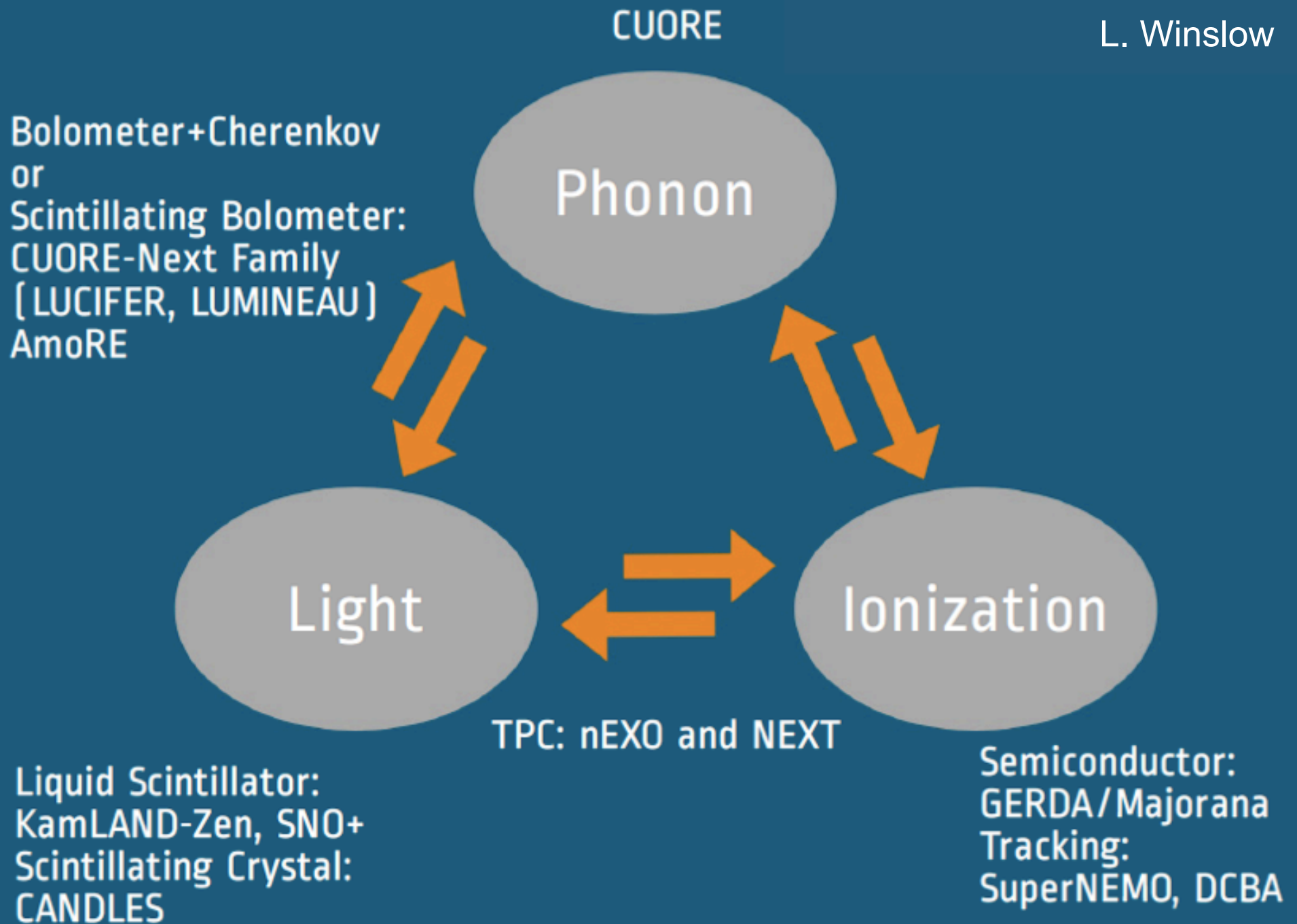
| Gen1 | Gen2 | Gen3 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Now | 2018 | 2025 |
| 0.2 ton | 1 ton | 10 ton |
| 150 meV | 15 meV | 1.5 meV |

Warning: Factors of 5 hanging around.

L. Winslow

Next Generation Technologies

L. Winslow



The massive statistics approach...
dope a huge detector w/
NLDBD isotope

SNO+ detector

Acrylic Vessel (AV)

- 12 m diameter

Liquid scintillator

- 780 t

Phototube sphere

- 9500 PMTs

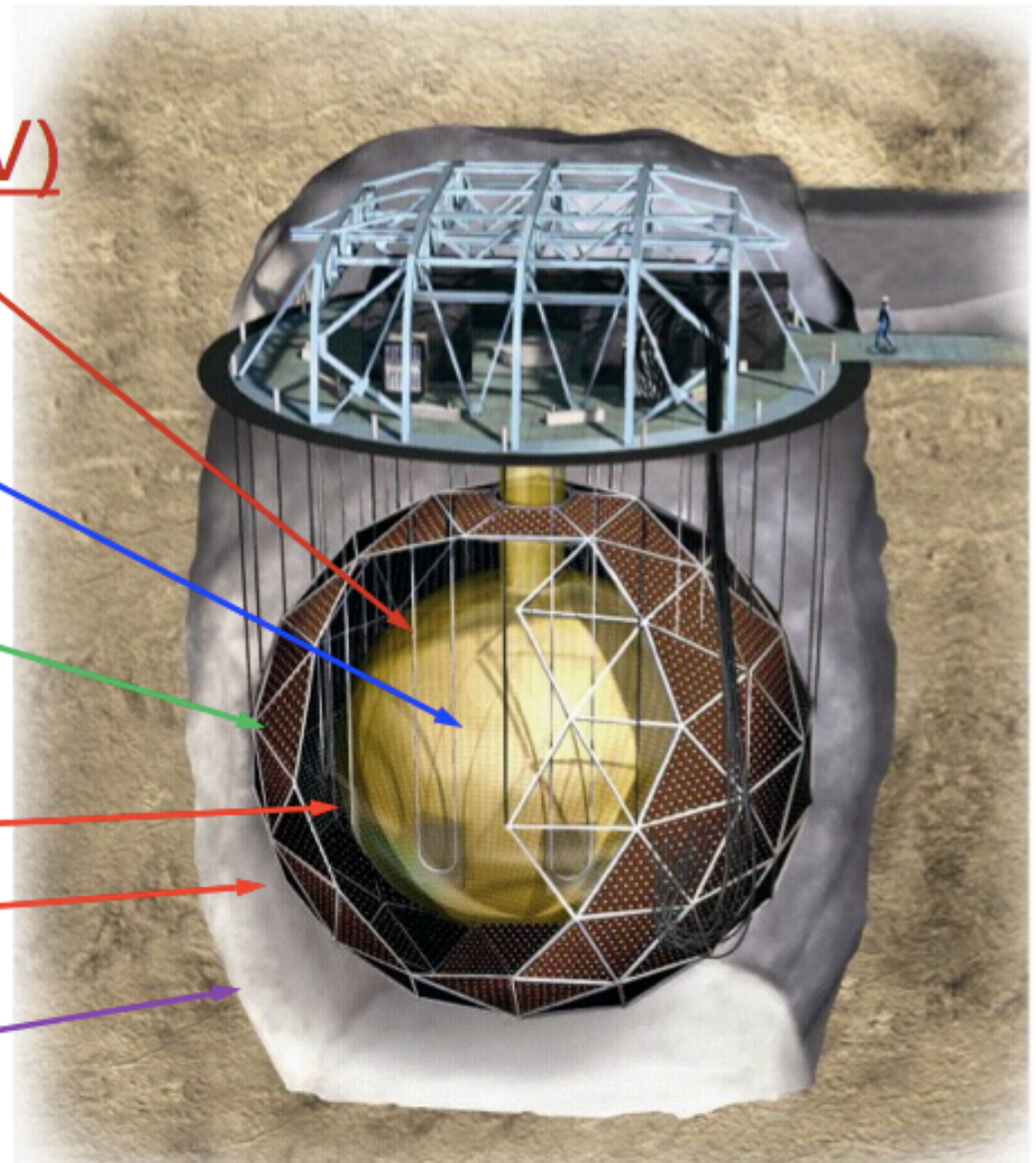
Water shielding

- 1700 t inner

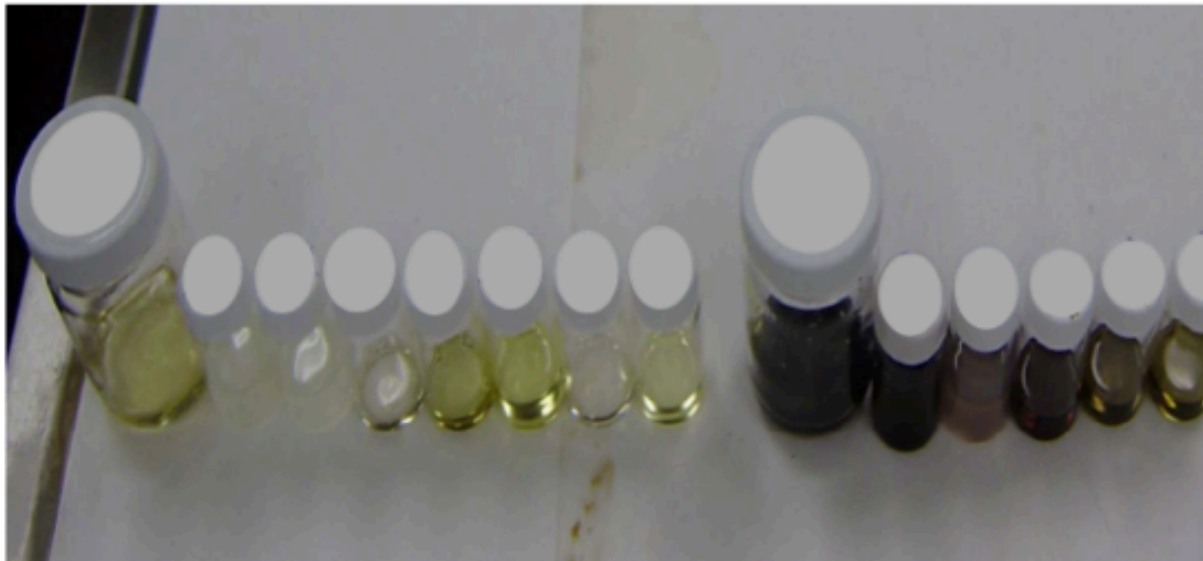
- 5300 t outer

Urylon liner

- radon seal



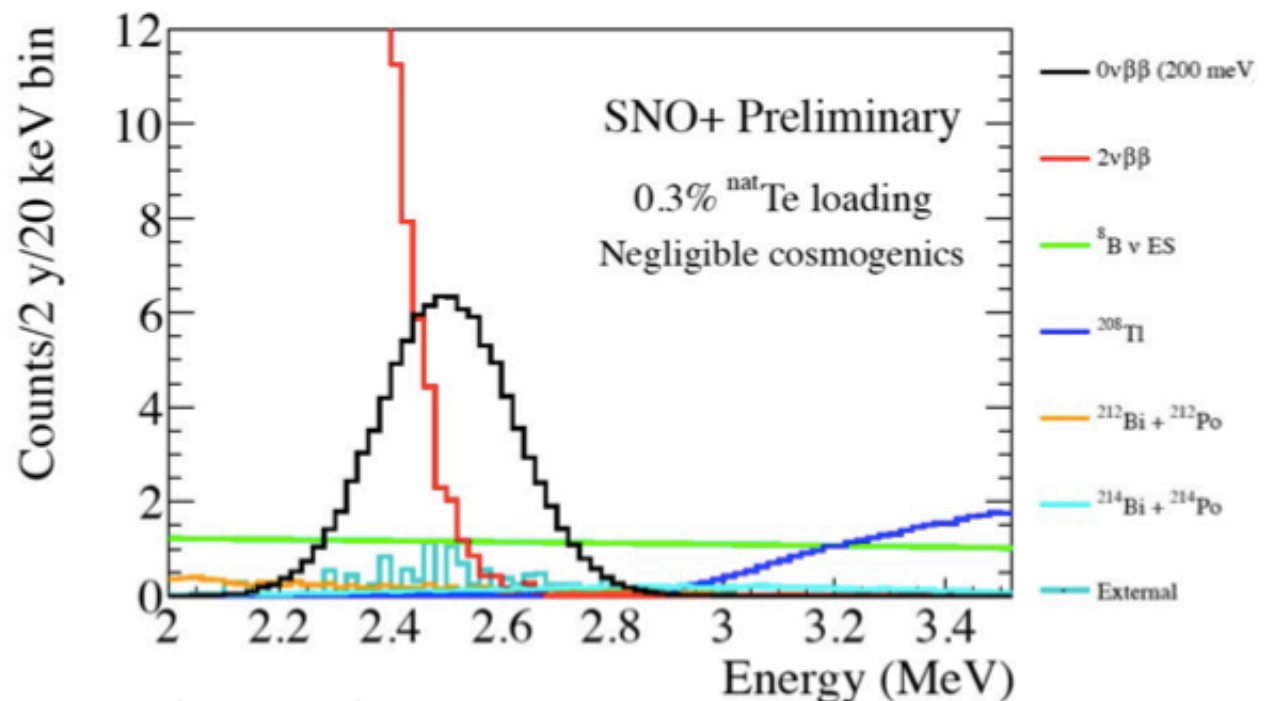
Loading Te



- New loading technique (BNL):
Dissolve telluric acid in water and add few percent of this mixture with LAB using a surfactant
- Clear and stable > 1 year explicitly demonstrated
- Initial 0.3% Te loading

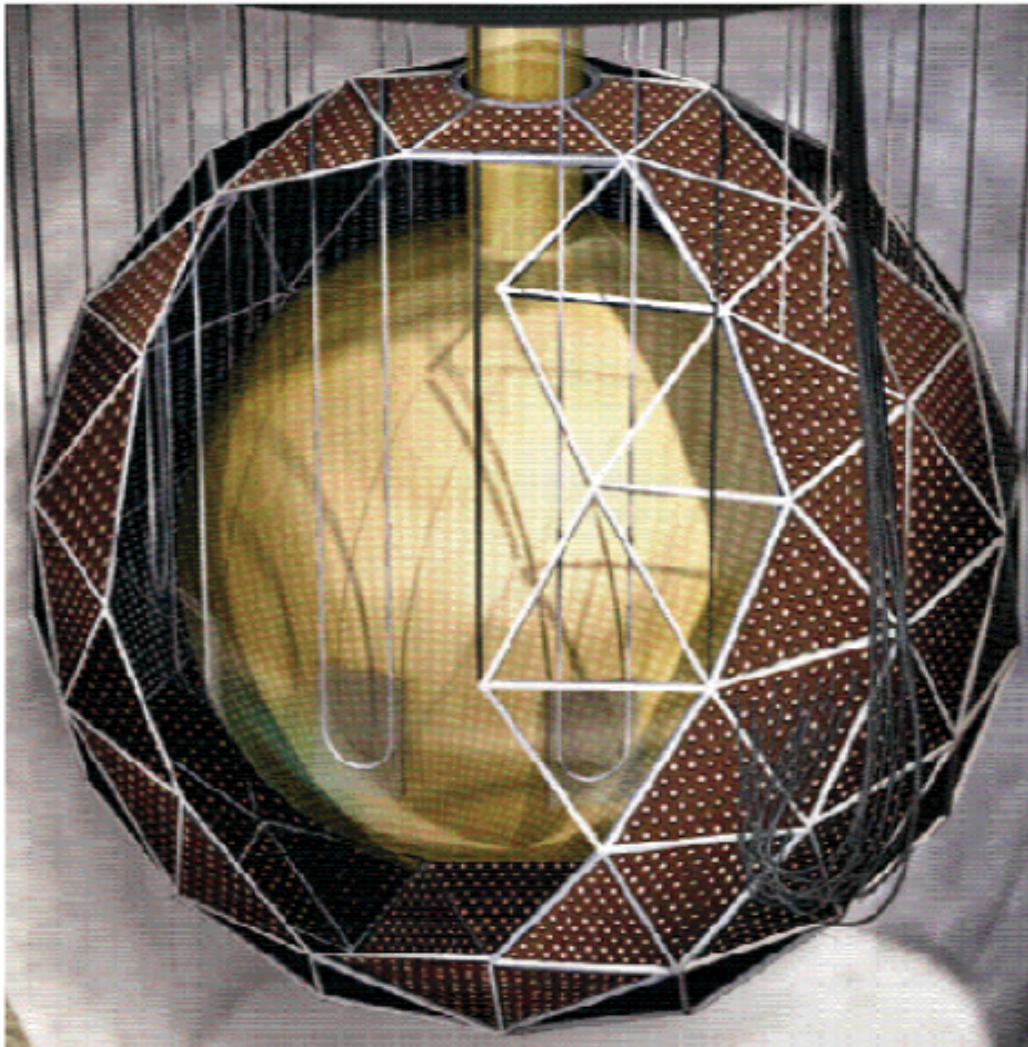
Expected energy spectrum

- 3.5 m (20%) fiducial volume cut
- 2 years
- >99.99% efficient ^{214}Bi tag
- 97% efficient internal ^{208}Tl tag
- Factor 50 reduction $^{212}\text{BiPo}$
- Negligible cosmogenics
- $\langle m_\nu \rangle = 200 \text{ meV}$

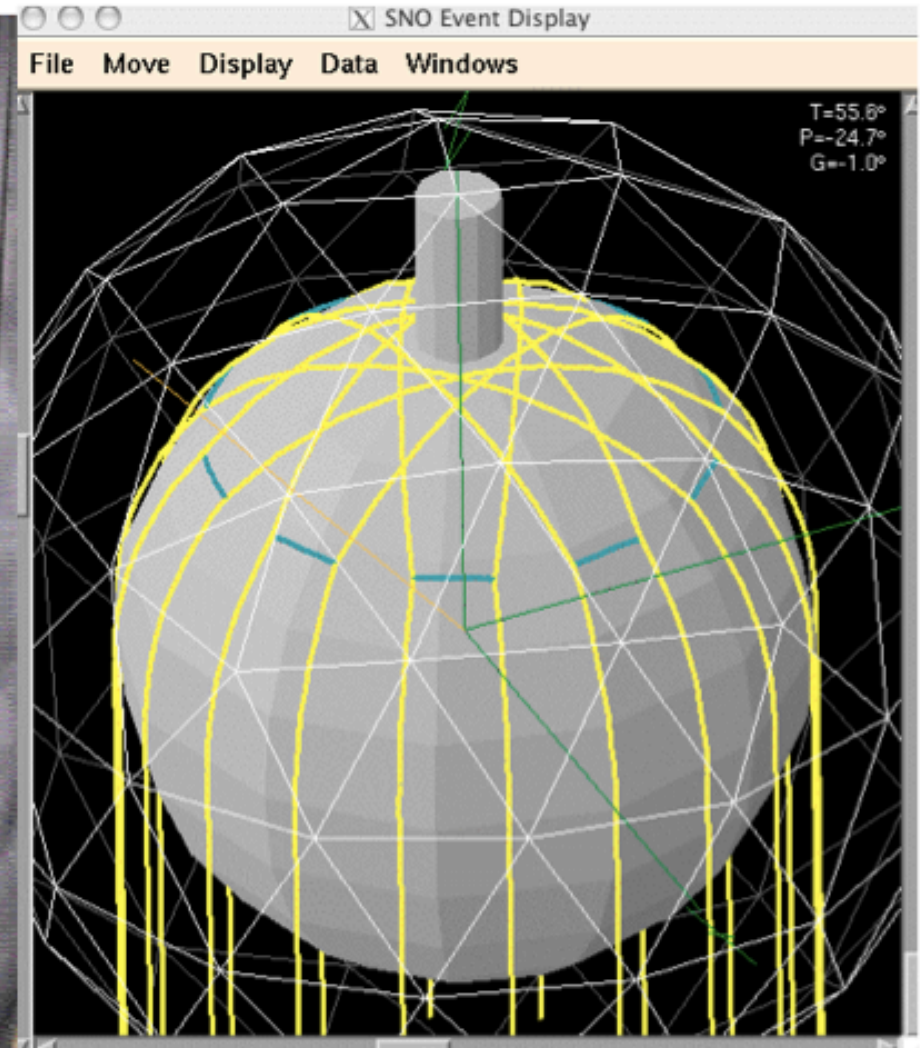


SNO+ status

SNO (hold up ropes)

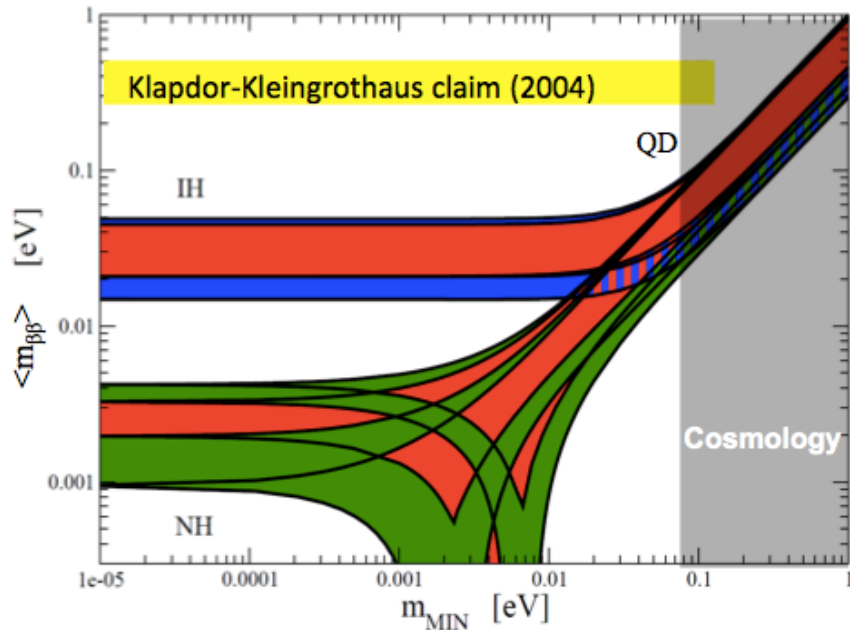


SNO+ (hold down ropes)



Summary: Part III

Neutrinoless double beta decay pretty much the only way of getting at the Majorana vs. Dirac question



KK claim now
pretty much disfavored
... next generation
trying to get below
IH region

Multiple approaches and technologies...
in the long term will need more than one isotope

Theory needed too!

Overall Summary

The last two decades of neutrino physics have been fantastic... but still many questions:

What are the remaining 3-flavor parameters?

Is there CP violation in the neutrino sector?

What is the absolute mass scale?

Are neutrinos Majorana or Dirac?

Is there new physics to be found?

There's
more
ahead

