

# COHERENT Neutrino Physics at the Spallation Neutron Source



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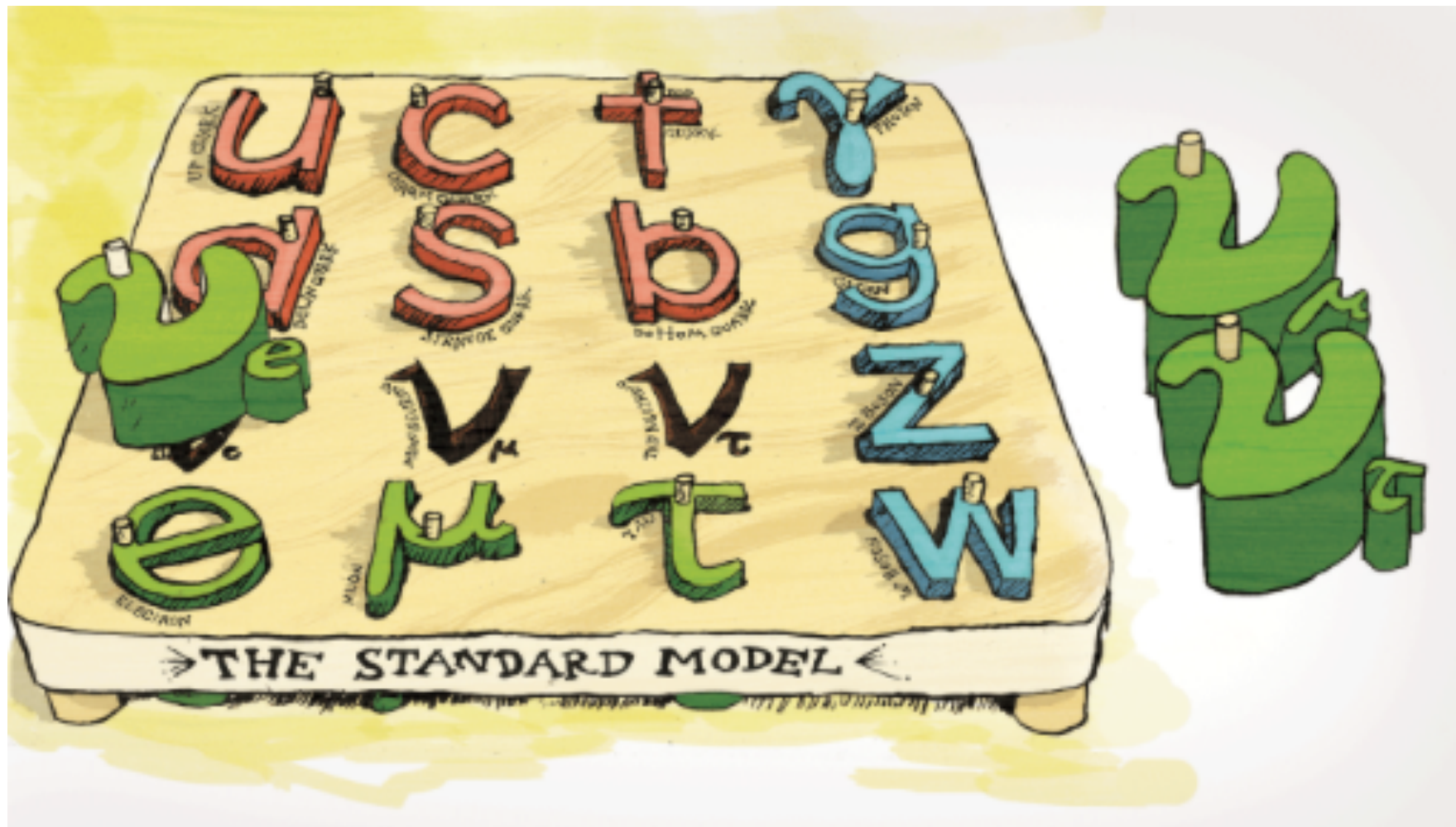
# OUTLINE

- Coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering
- Possible sources and detectors;  
emphasis on stopped-pion neutrinos
- Physics reach of a CENNS experiment
- Prospects for near-future measurements

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Neutrino physics has been tremendously successful over the past two decades..

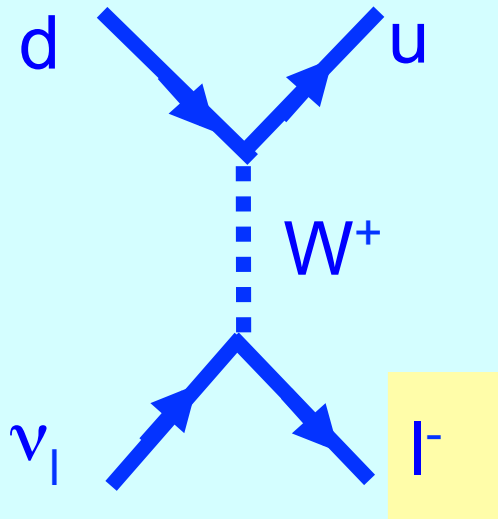
We now have a pretty robust, simple 3-flavor neutrino model...  
but neutrinos are weird, and still many properties unexplored



# Neutrino Interactions with Matter

Neutrinos are aloof but not *completely* unsociable

## Charged Current (CC)

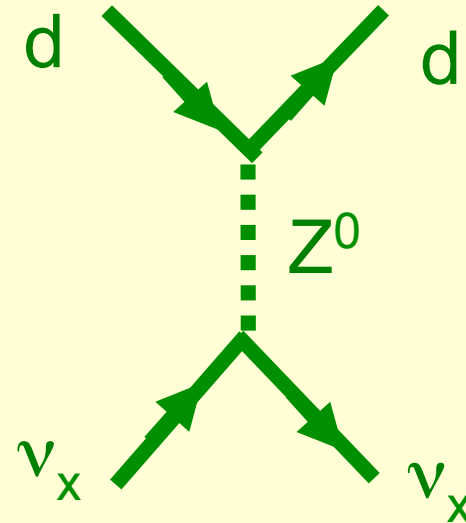


$$\nu_l + N \rightarrow l^\pm + N'$$

Produces lepton  
with flavor corresponding  
to neutrino flavor

(must have enough energy  
to make lepton)

## Neutral Current (NC)



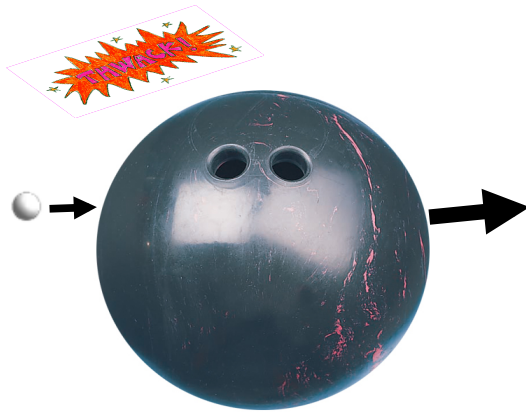
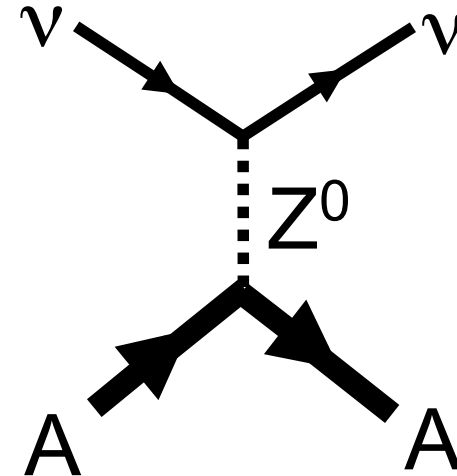
Flavor-blind



# Zoom in on: Coherent neutral current elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering (CENNS)



A neutrino smacks a nucleus via exchange of a  $Z$ , and the nucleus recoils



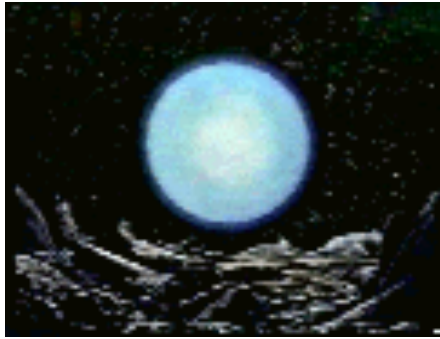
- Coherent up to  $E_\nu \sim 50$  MeV
- Important in SN processes & detection
- Well-calculable cross-section in SM
- Possible applications (reactor monitoring)

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

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

# Why try to measure this?

- It's never been done!



- Important in supernova processes
- Important for supernova  $\nu$  detection



- Deviations from expected x-scn may indicate non-SM processes



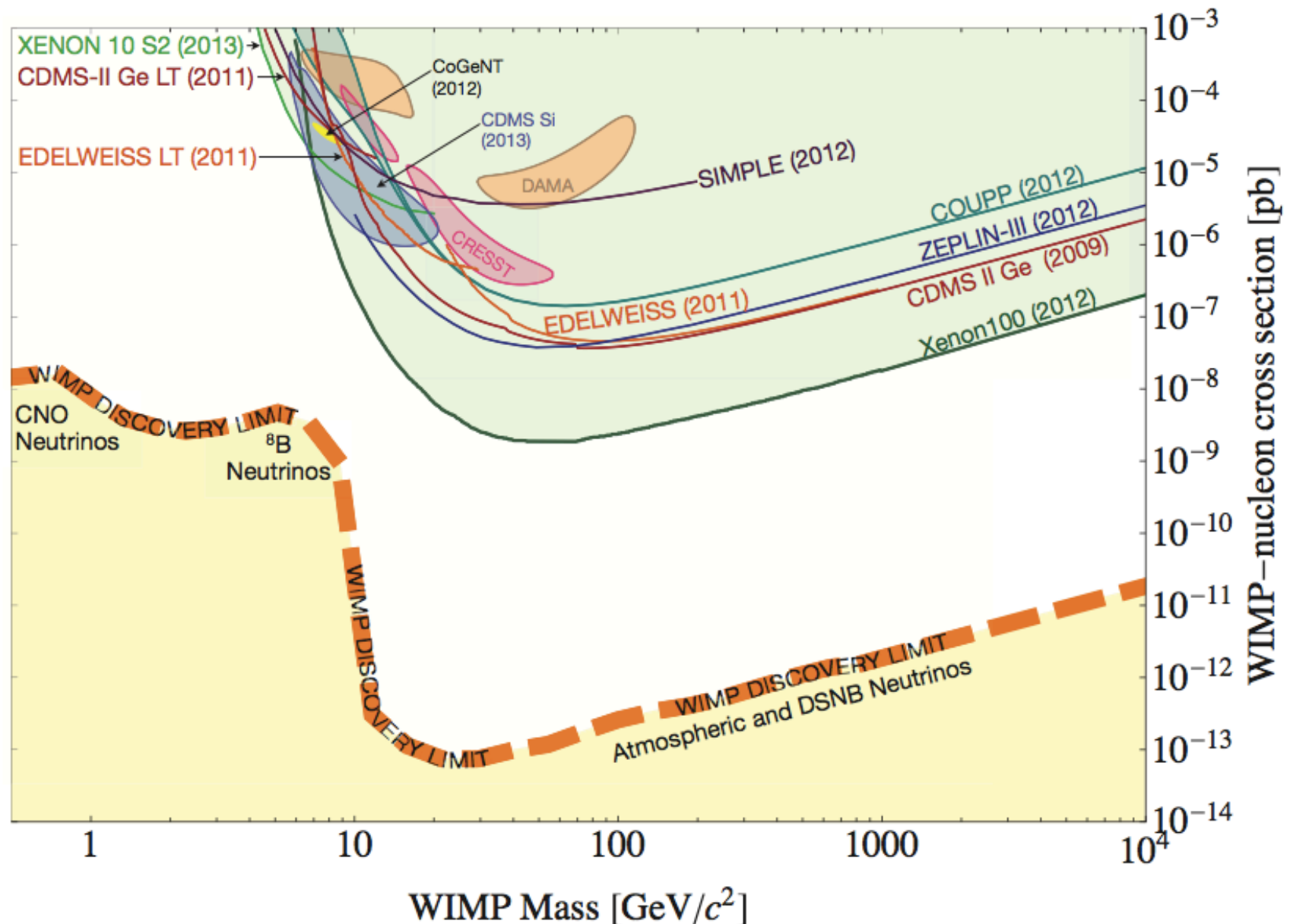
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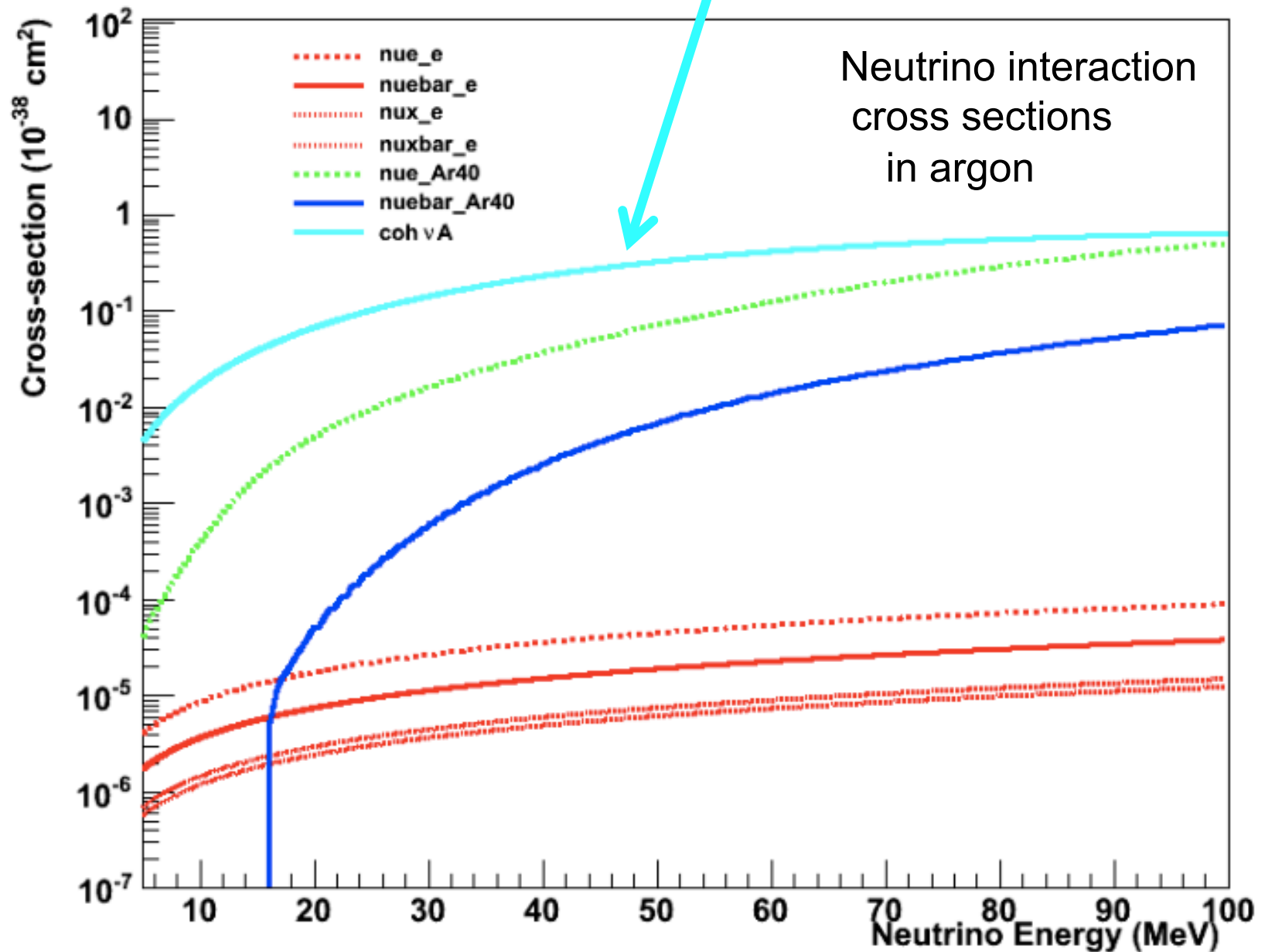
- Possibly even applications...

e.g. Barbeau et al., IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci. 50: 1285 (2003)  
C. Hagmann & A. Bernstein, IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci 51:2151 (2004)

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



The cross-section is *large*

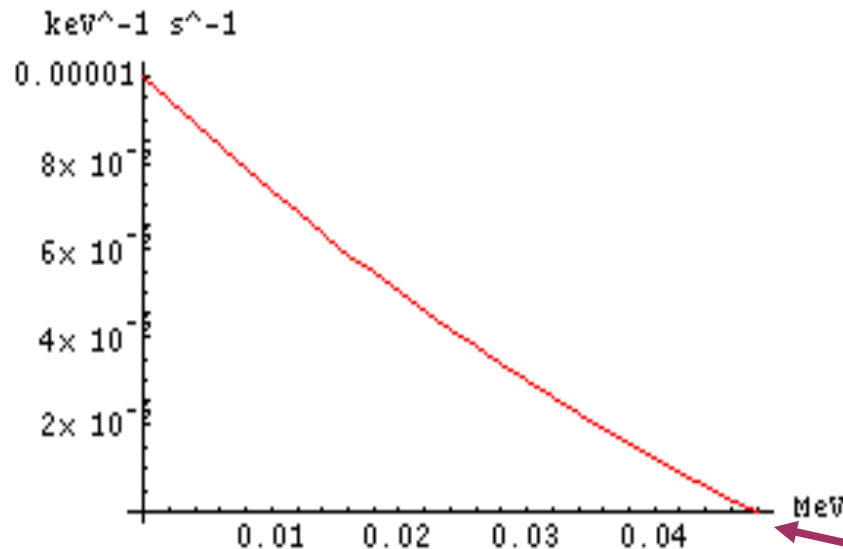




**But CENNS has never been observed...**

## **Why not?**

Nuclear recoil energy spectrum for 30 MeV  $\nu$



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

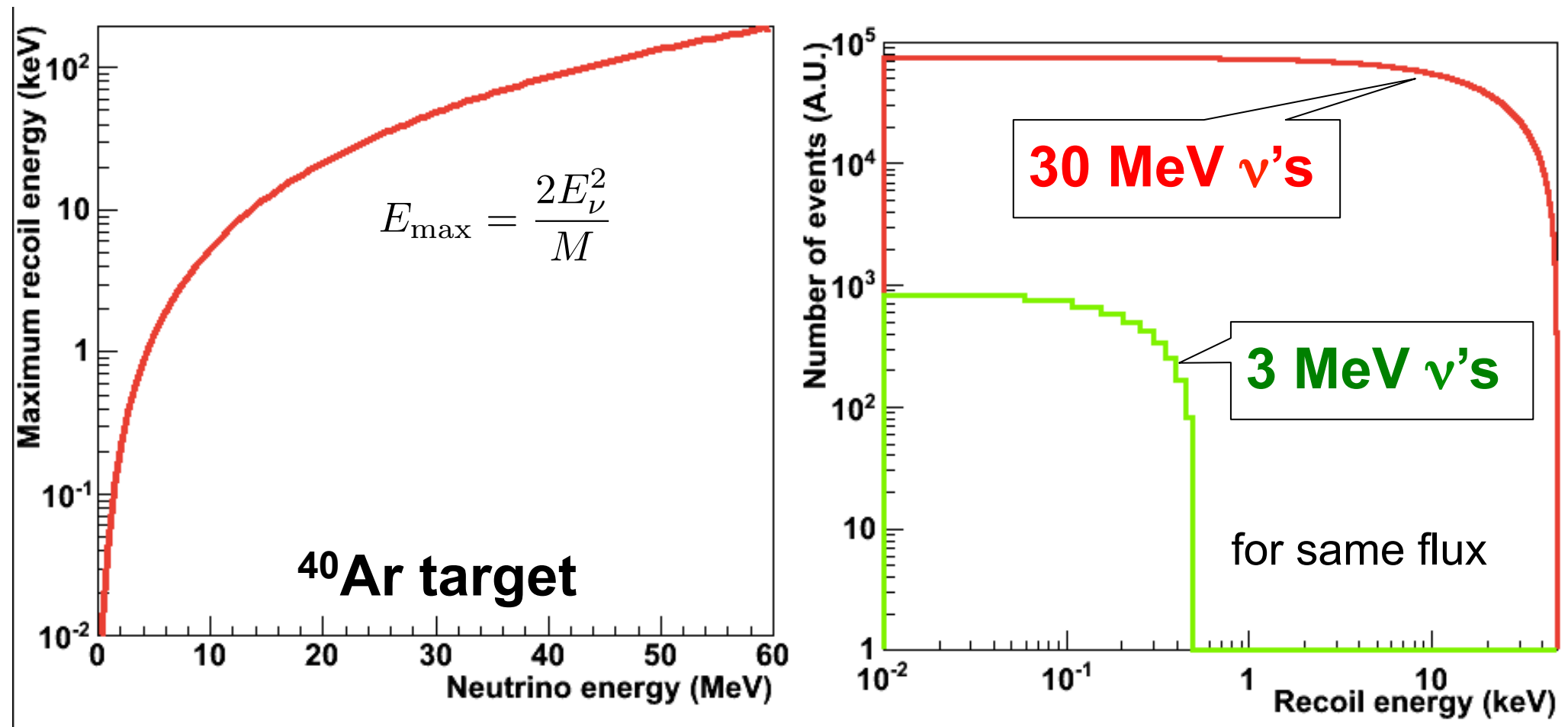
***Recoil energies are tiny!***

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**

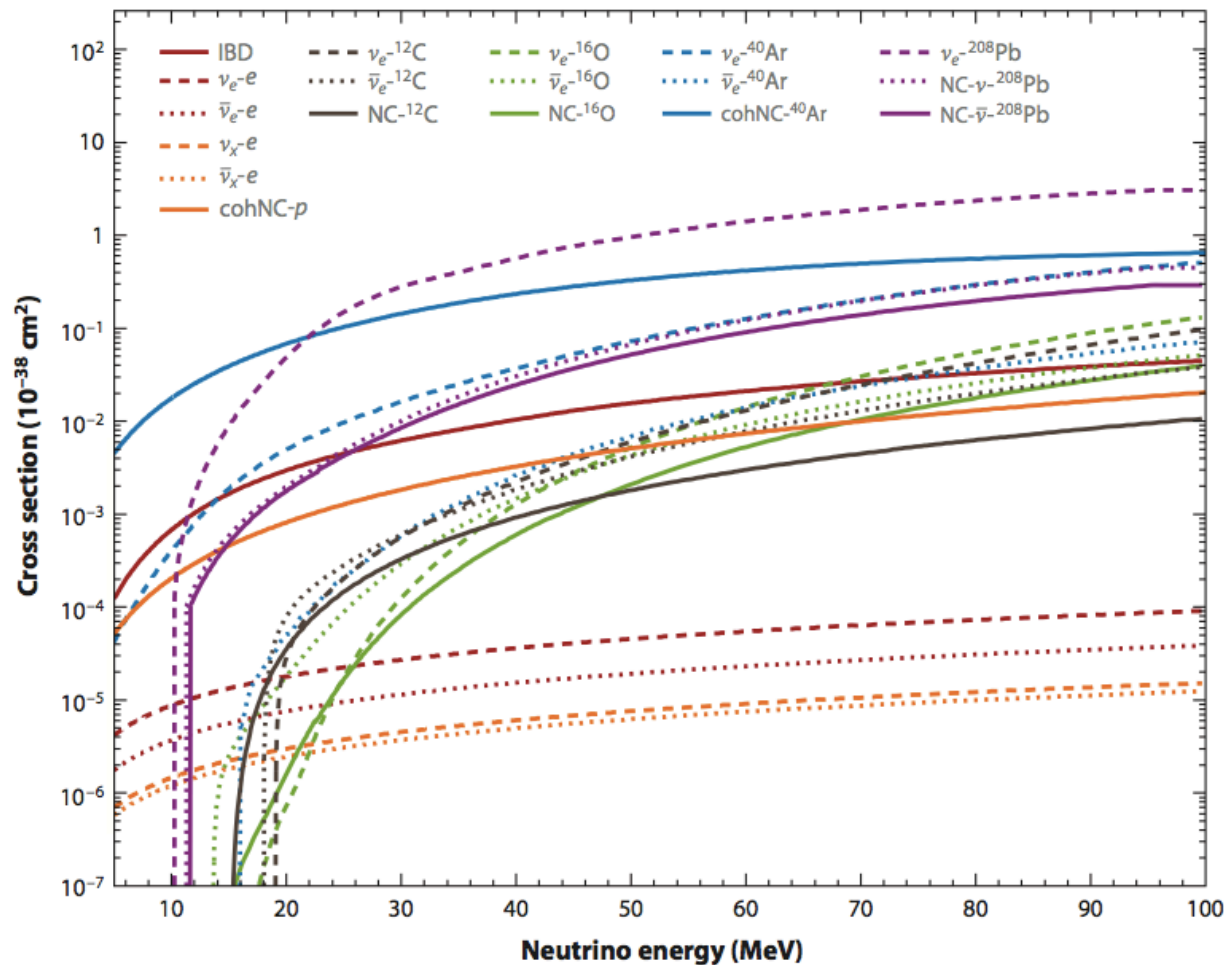
# What do you want to detect CENNS?

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  $E_\nu \sim 50 \text{ MeV}$  to satisfy  $Q \lesssim \frac{1}{R}$

# What do you want in a neutrino source for CENNS detection (and physics)?

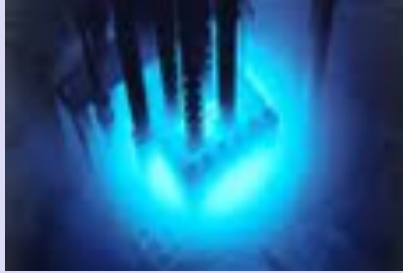
- ✓ High flux
- ✓ Well understood spectrum
- ✓ Multiple flavors
- ✓ Pulsed source if possible, for background rejection
- ✓ Ability to get close
- ✓ Practical things: access, control, ...



# Potential sources for detection of coherent scattering

## Artificial sources

reactor neutrinos



low energy  
beta beams



stopped  
pions



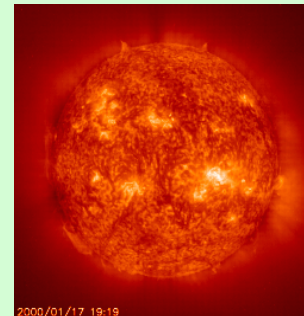
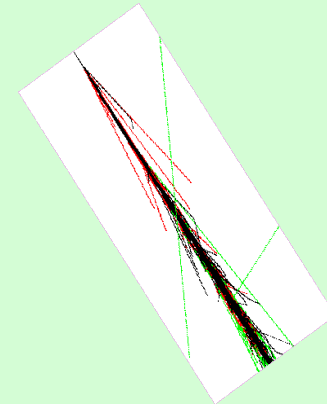
radioactive  
sources

## Natural sources

supernova neutrinos,  
burst &  
relic

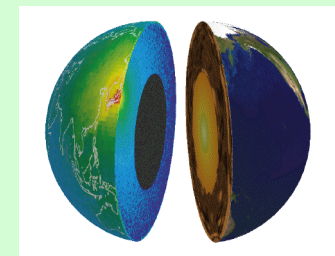


low energy  
atmospheric  
neutrinos

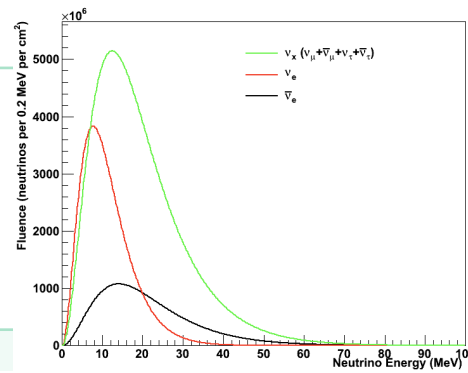


solar  
neutrinos

geo  
neutrinos

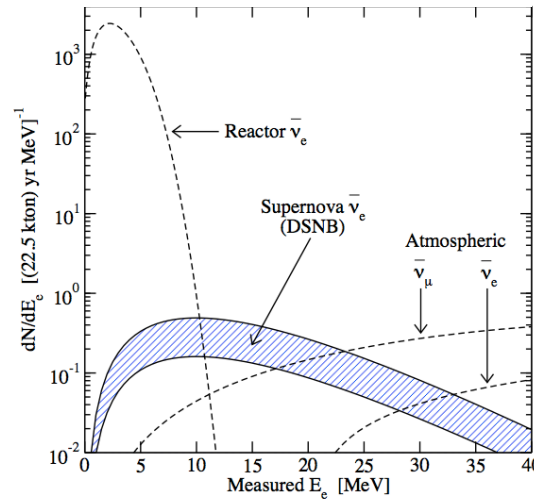


# Supernova burst neutrinos



Every ~30 years in  
the Galaxy, ~few 10's  
of sec burst, all  
flavors

# Supernova relic neutrinos

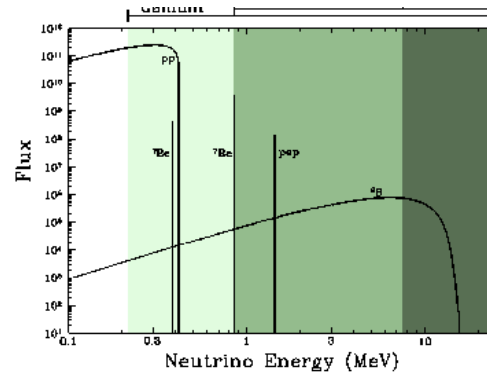


All flavors,  
low flux

# Atmospheric neutrinos

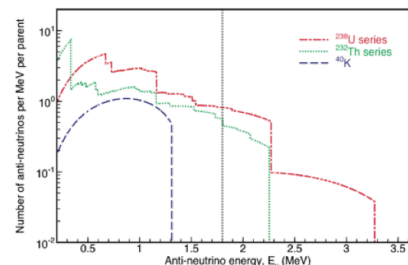
Some component  
at low energy

# Solar neutrinos



Most flux below  
1 MeV

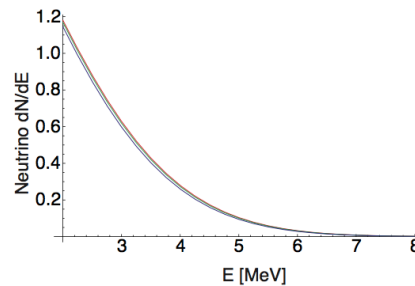
# Geoneutrinos



Very low energy

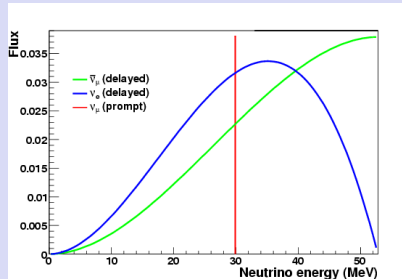
Coherent  
scattering  
eventually  
a bg for  
DM expts

# Reactors



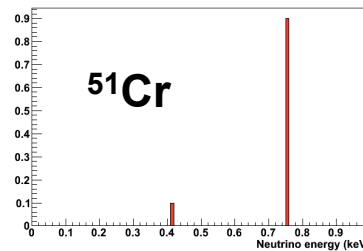
Low energy, but very high fluxes possible;  
~continuous source good bg rejection needed

## Stopped pions (decay at rest)



High energy, pulsed beam possible for good background rejection; possible neutron backgrounds

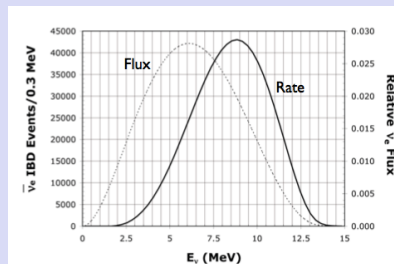
## Radioactive sources



Portable; can get very short baseline

**Too low energy**

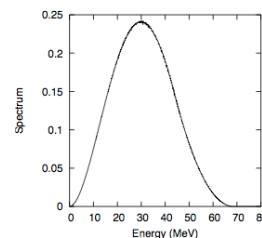
## Beam-induced radioactive sources (IsoDAR)



Relatively compact, higher energy than reactor; not pulsed

**Does not exist yet**

## Low-energy beta beams

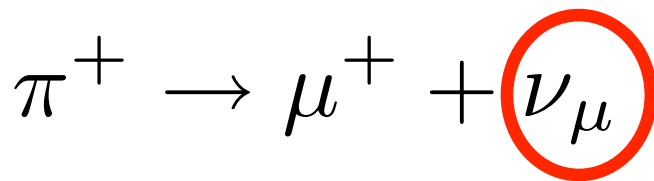
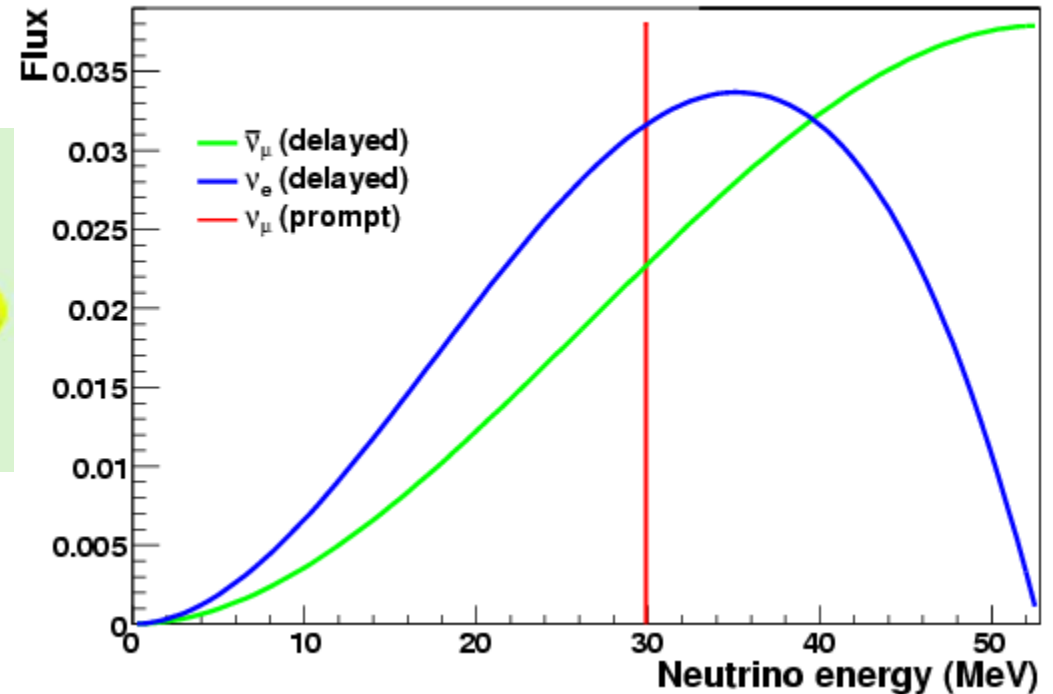
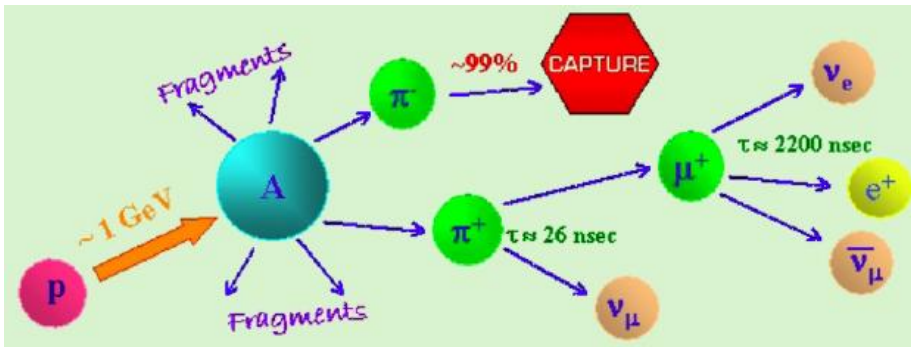


$\gamma=10$   
boosted  
 $^{18}\text{Ne } \nu_e$

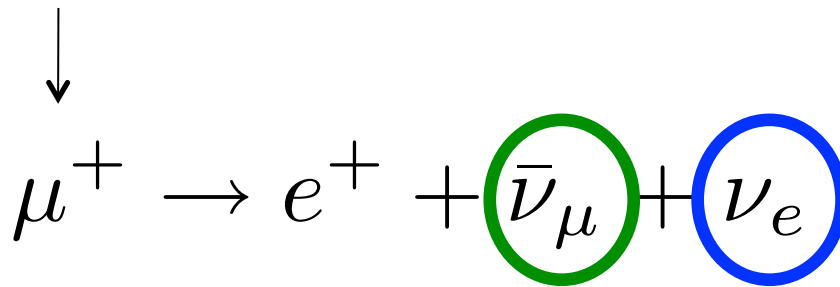
Tunable energy, but not pulsed

**Does not exist yet**

# Stopped-Pion (DAR) Neutrinos



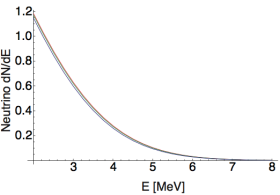
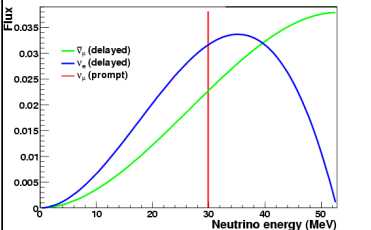
2-body decay: monochromatic 29.9 MeV  $\nu_\mu$   
PROMPT



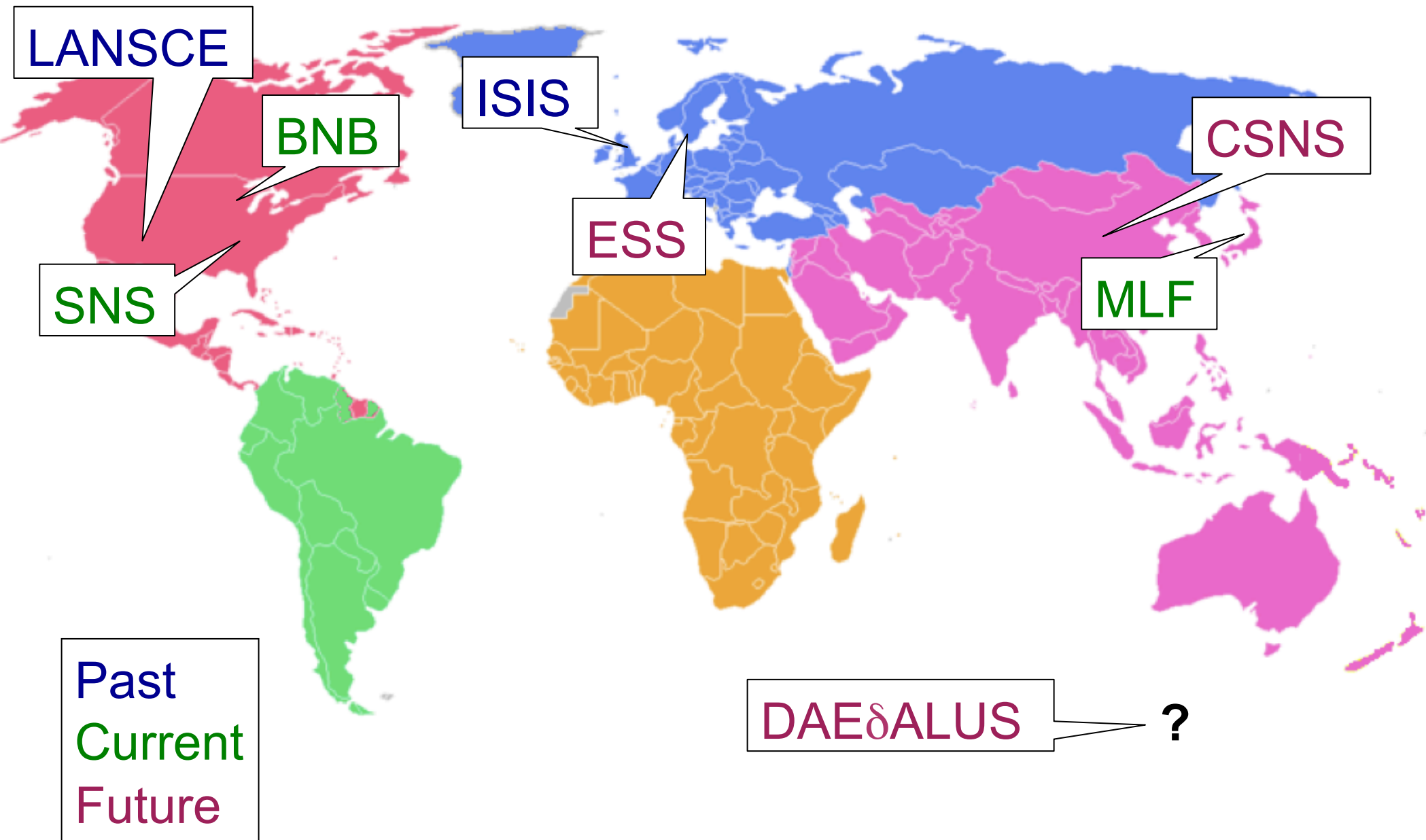
3-body decay: range of energies  
between 0 and  $m_\mu/2$   
DELAYED ( $2.2 \mu\text{s}$ )



# Reactor vs stopped-pion for CENNS

Source	Flux/ $\nu$ 's per s	Flavor	Energy	Pros	Cons
<b>Reactor</b>  <p>A line graph showing the reactor neutrino flux spectrum. The y-axis is labeled 'Neutrino dN/dE' and ranges from 0 to 1.2. The x-axis is labeled 'E [MeV]' and ranges from 3 to 8. The curve starts at approximately 1.1 at 3 MeV and decreases exponentially, reaching near zero by 8 MeV.</p>	$2 \times 10^{20} \text{ s}^{-1}$ per GW	$\bar{\nu}_{e\text{bar}}$	few MeV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• huge flux</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lower xscn</li> <li>• require very low threshold</li> <li>• CW</li> </ul>
<b>Stopped pion</b>  <p>A line graph showing the neutrino flux spectrum from a stopped pion source. The y-axis is labeled 'Flux' and ranges from 0 to 0.035. The x-axis is labeled 'Neutrino energy (MeV)' and ranges from 0 to 50. There are three curves: a green curve for <math>\bar{\nu}_e</math> (delayed) which rises steadily to about 0.035 at 50 MeV; a blue curve for <math>\nu_e</math> (delayed) which peaks at approximately 0.032 around 35 MeV and then drops to zero by 50 MeV; and a red vertical line at approximately 30 MeV representing the <math>\nu_e</math> (prompt) flux. A legend in the top left corner identifies the curves.</p>	$1 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$\nu_{\mu}/\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$ $\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_{e\text{bar}}$	0-50 MeV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• higher xscn</li> <li>• higher energy recoils</li> <li>• pulsed beam for bg rejection</li> <li>• all flavors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lower flux</li> <li>• potential fast neutron in-time bg</li> </ul>

# Stopped-Pion Sources Worldwide

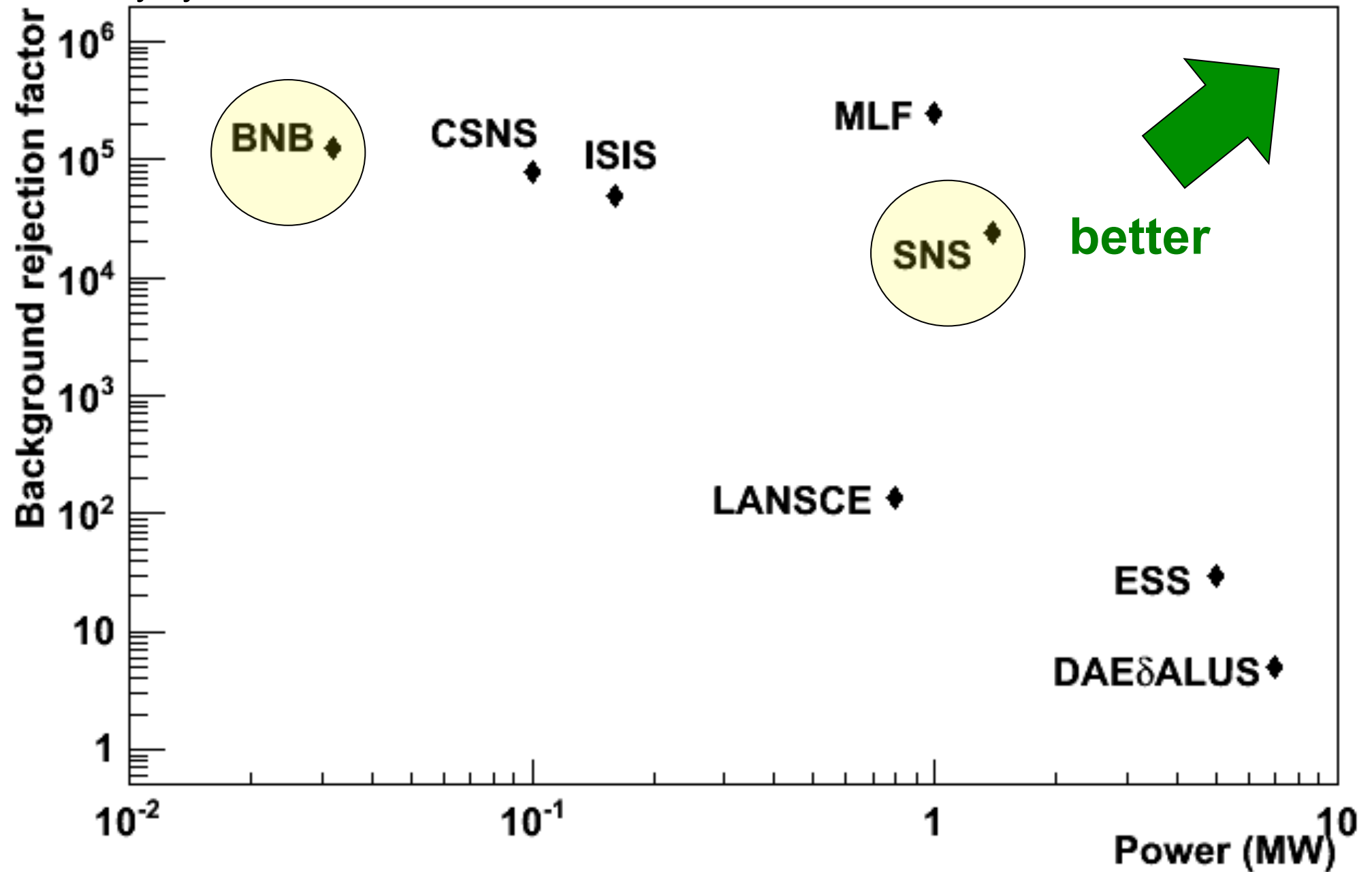


# Stopped-pion neutrino sources

Facility	Location	Proton Energy (GeV)	Power (MW)	Bunch Structure	Rate
LANSCCE	USA (LANL)	0.8	0.8	600 $\mu$ s	120 Hz
ISIS	UK (RAL)	0.8	0.16	2 $\times$ 200 ns	50 Hz
BNB	USA (FNAL)	8	0.032	1.6 $\mu$ s	5-11 Hz
SNS	USA (ORNL)	1.3	1	700 ns	60 Hz
MLF	Japan (J-PARC)	3	1	2 $\times$ 60-100 ns	25 Hz
CSNS	China (planned)	1.6	0.1	<500 ns	25 Hz
ESS	Sweden (planned)	1.3	5	2 ms	17 Hz
DAE $\delta$ ALUS	TBD (planned)	0.7	$\approx 7 \times 1$	100 ms	2 Hz

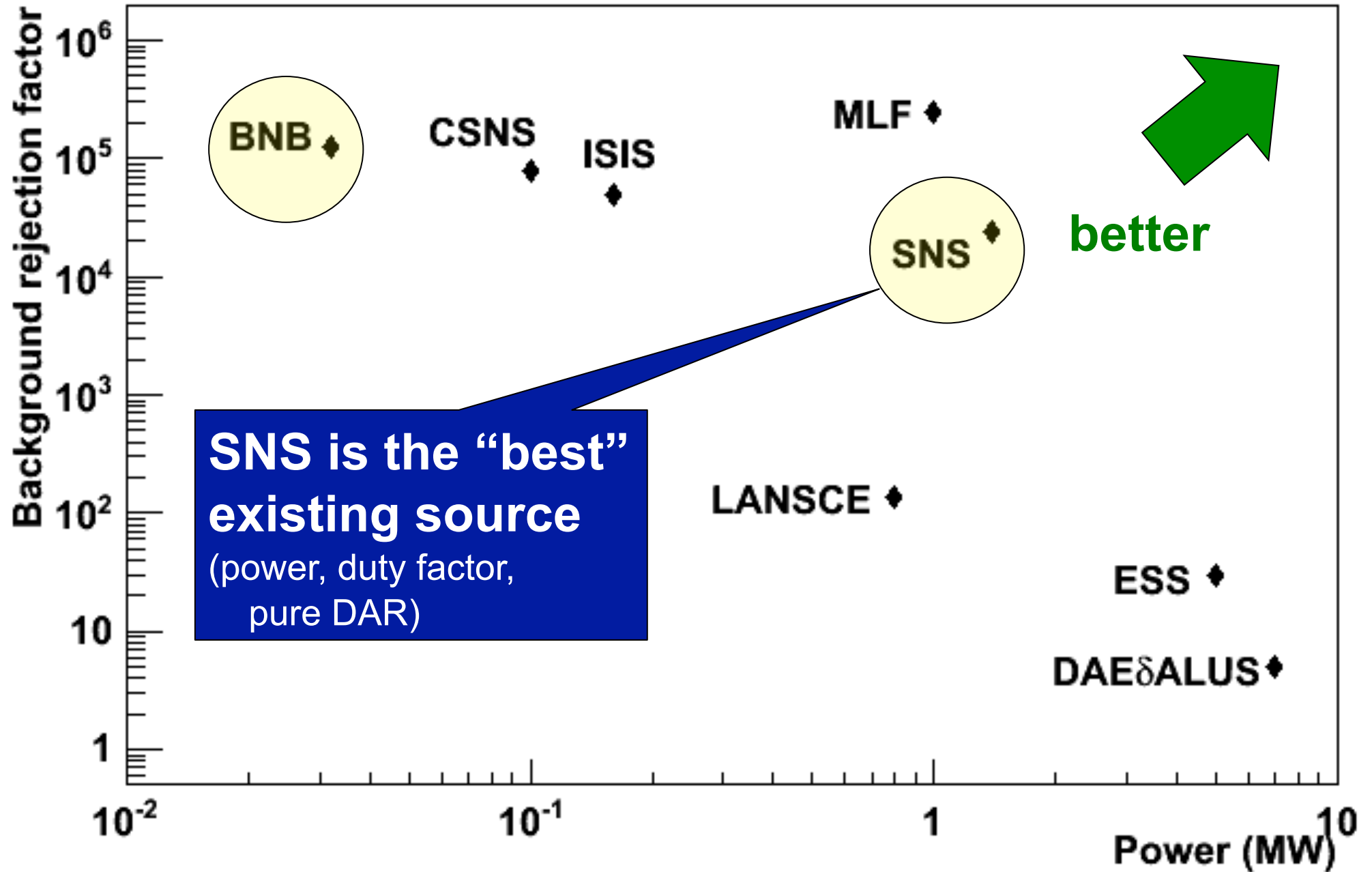
- Want:**
- very high-intensity  $\nu$ 's
  - ~below kaon threshold (low energy protons)
  - nearly all decay at rest
  - narrow pulses (small duty factor to mitigate bg)

from duty cycle





from duty cycle



# Spallation Neutron Source at ORNL

**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



## 1.3 GeV proton linear accelerator

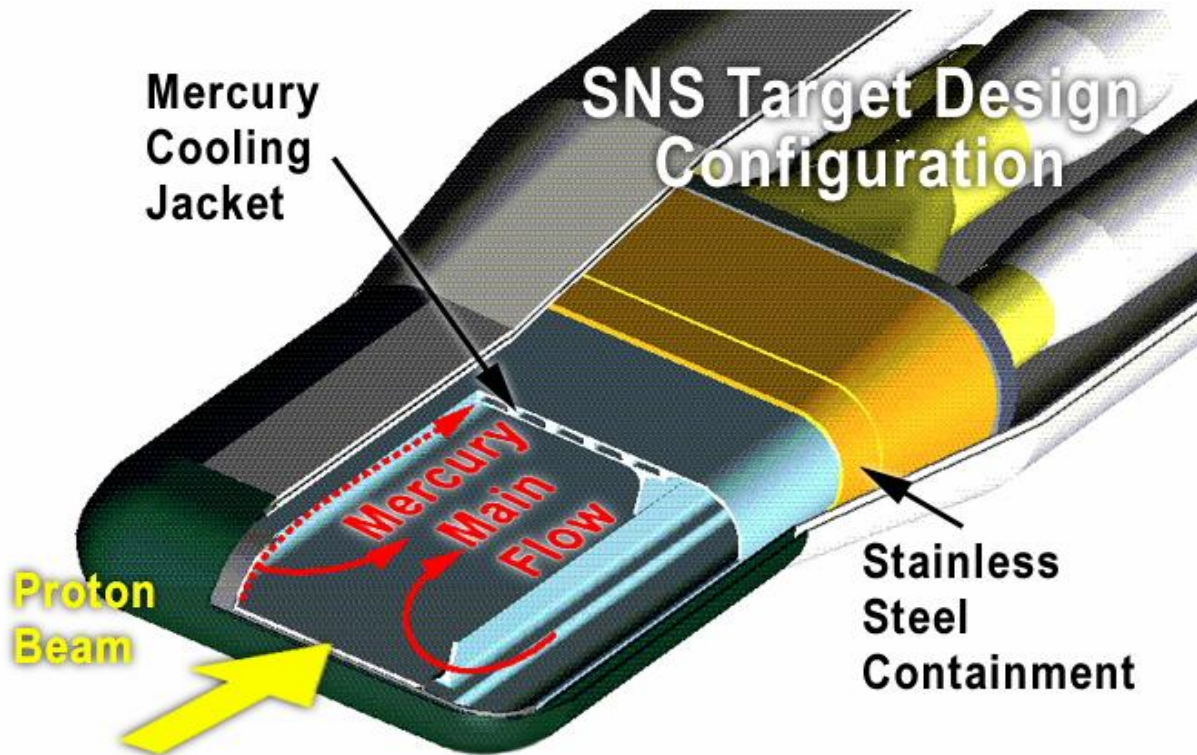


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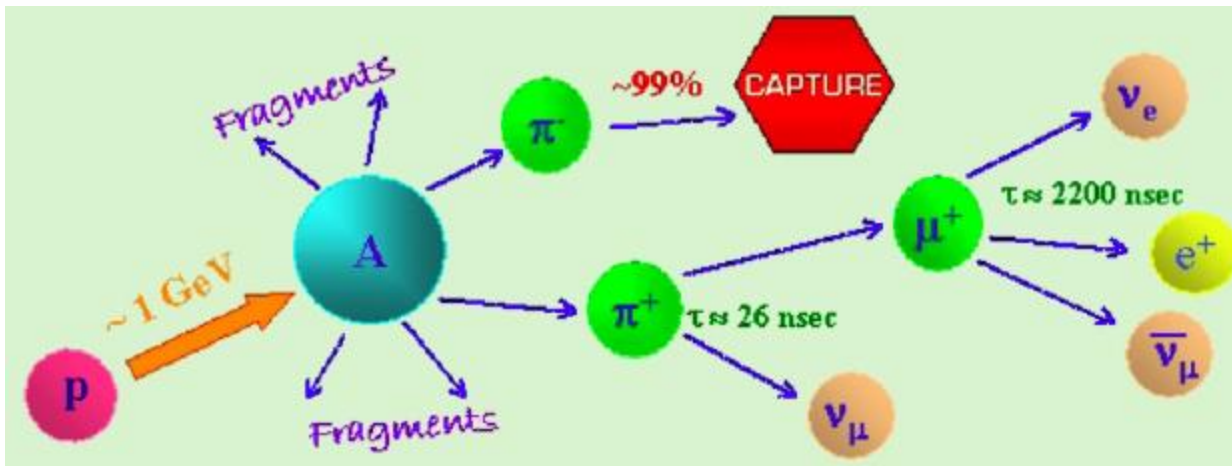
Main target



# The SNS as a Stopped-Pion Neutrino Source

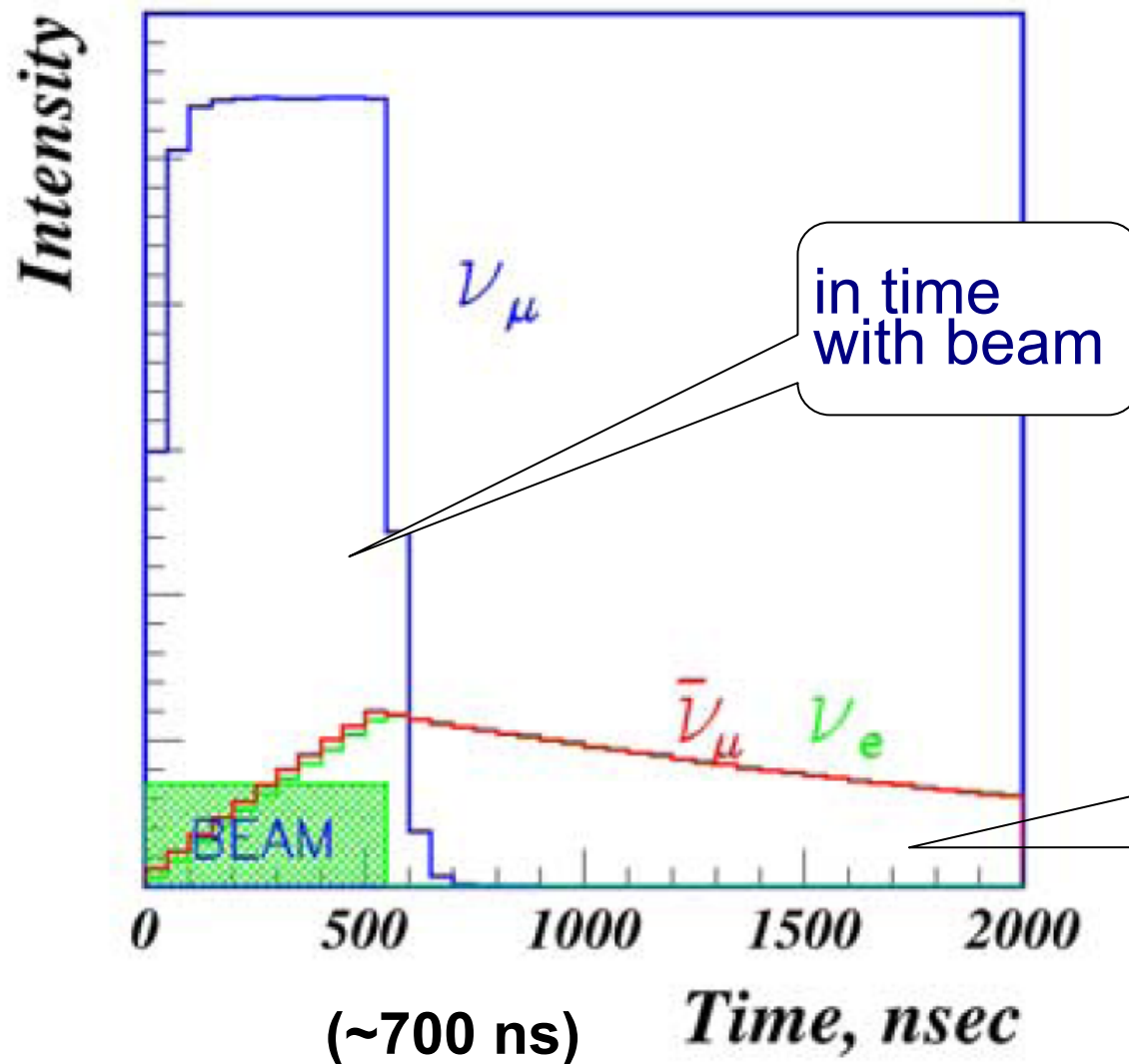


In addition to kicking out neutrons, protons on target create copious pions:  $\pi^-$  get captured;  $\pi^+$  slow and decay at rest

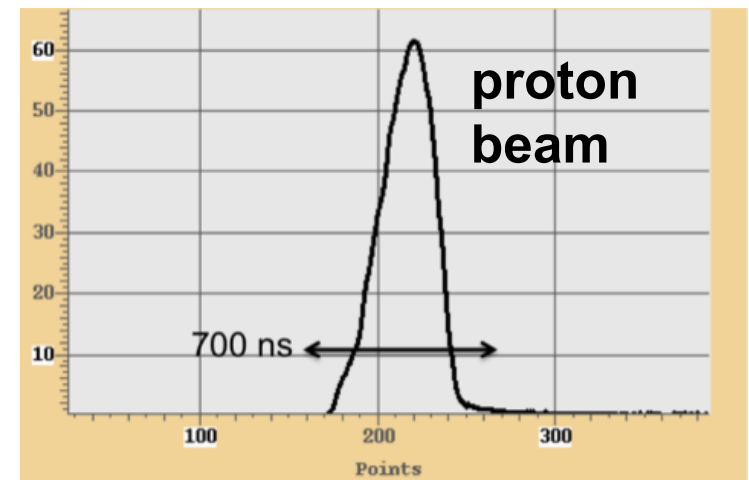


# Time structure of the SNS source

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



60 Hz *pulsed* source



delayed on  $\mu$   
decay  
timescale  
(2.2  $\mu\text{s}$ )

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

Neutrino flux: few times  $10^7$  /s/cm<sup>2</sup> at 20 m

$\sim 0.13$  per flavor  
per proton



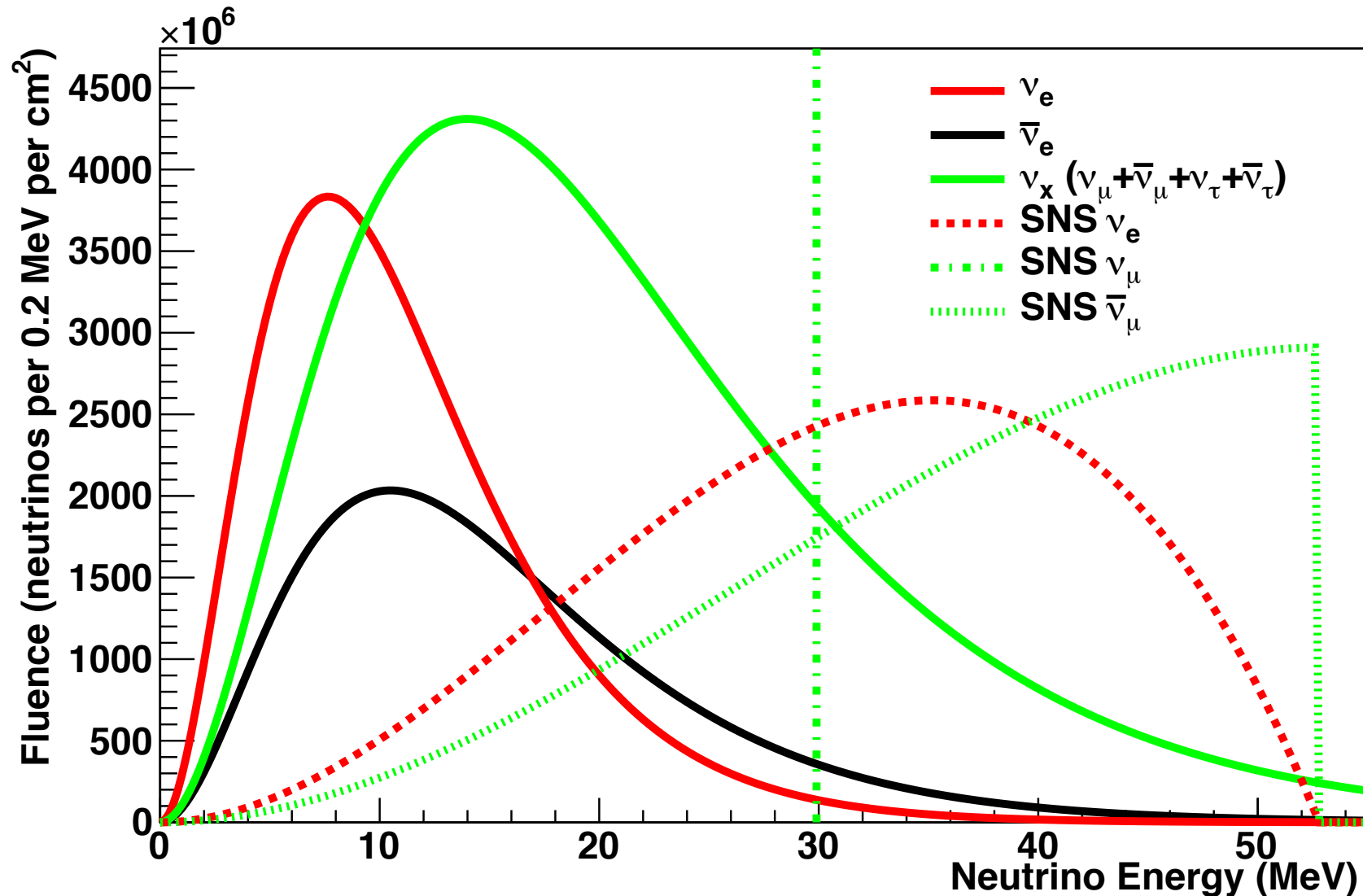
These are *not* crummy  
old cast-off neutrinos...



They are of the  
highest quality!

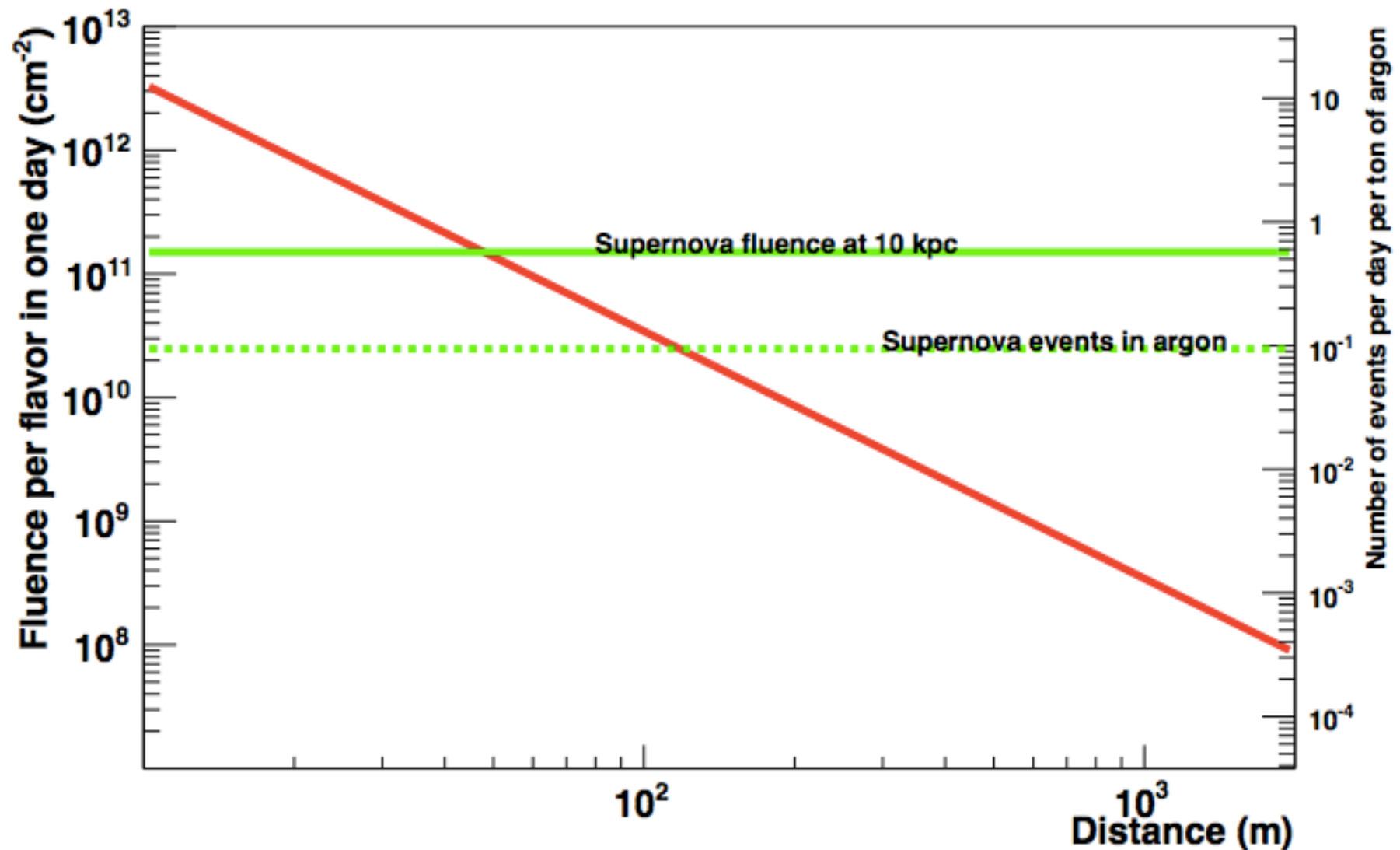


# Supernova neutrino spectrum overlaps very nicely with stopped $\pi$ neutrino spectrum

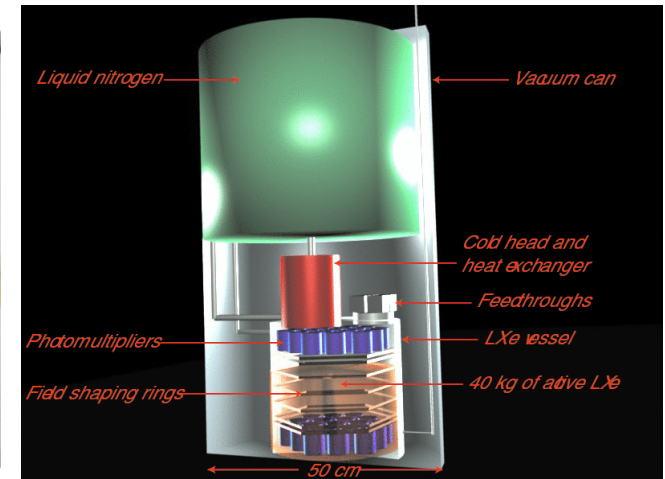
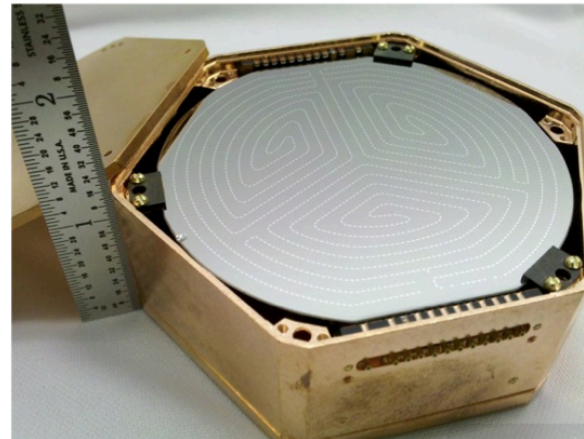
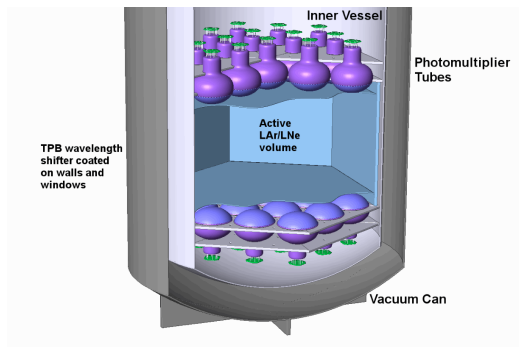




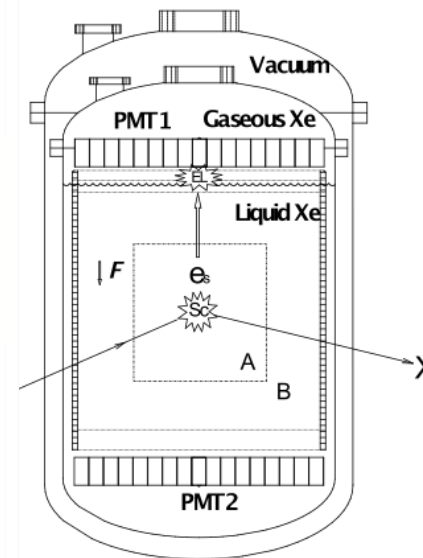
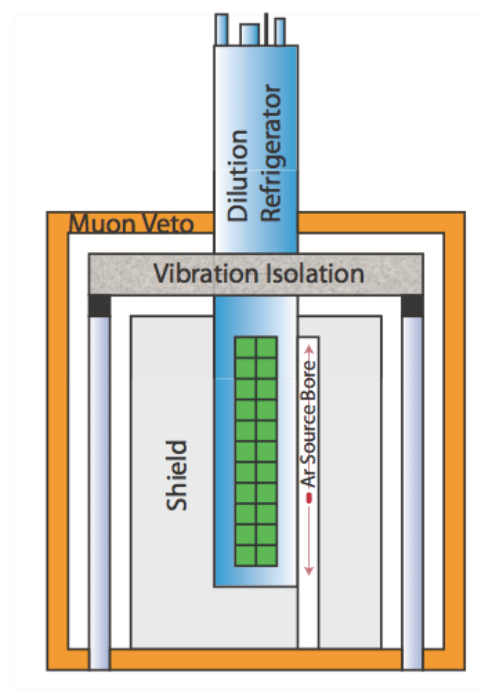
Fluence at ~50 m from the stopped pion source amounts to ~ a supernova a day!



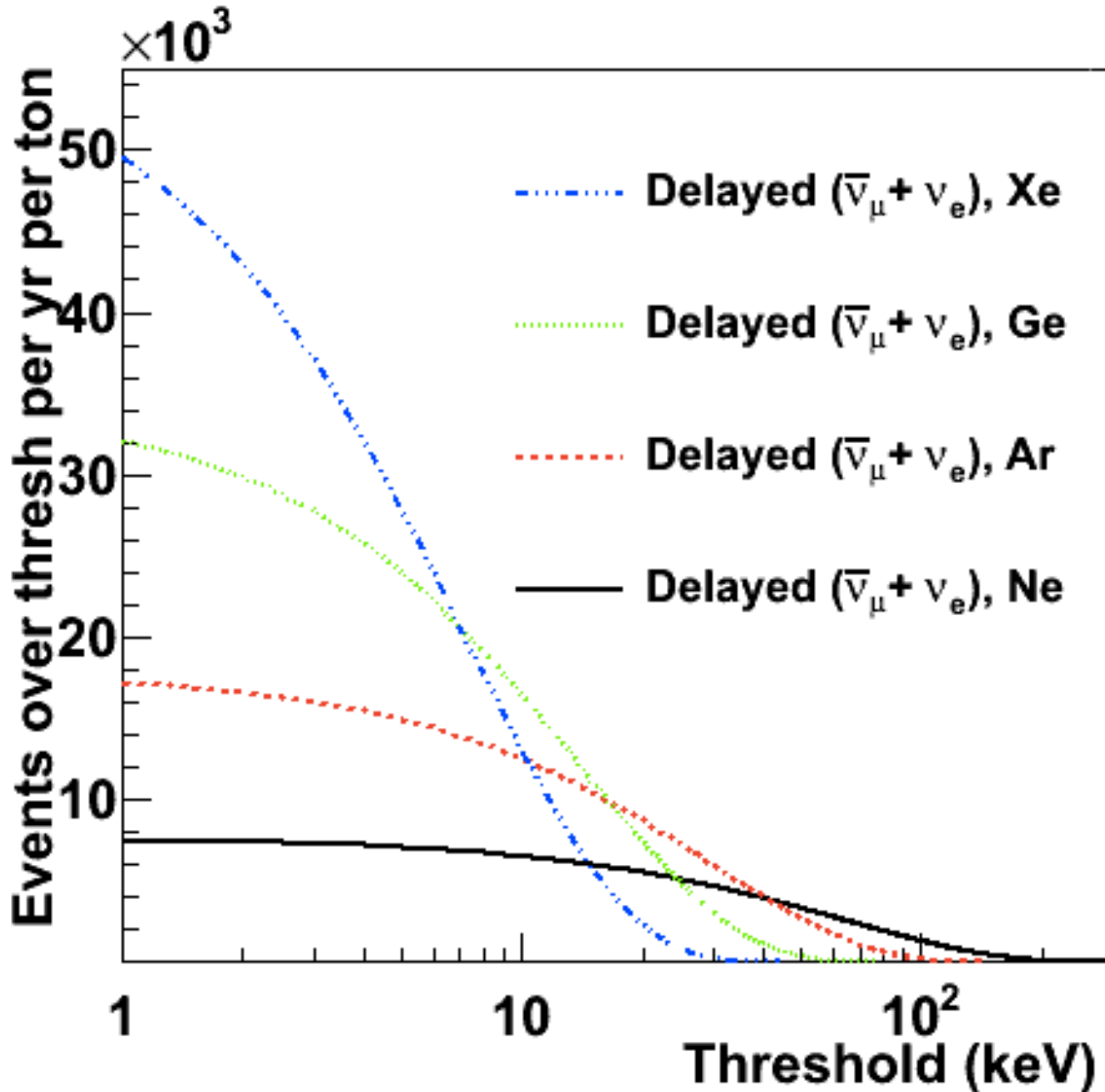
# Detector possibilities: various DM-style strategies



few to tens of  
keV nuclear  
recoil sensitivity



# Integrated SNS CENNS yield for various targets



**20 m**

Lighter nucleus  
 $\Rightarrow$  expect fewer  
interactions,  
but more at  
higher energy

# What physics could be learned from measuring this?

KS, Phys. Rev D 73 (2006) 033005

Basically, any deviation from SM cross-section is interesting...

- Weak mixing angle
- Non Standard Interactions (NSI) of neutrinos
- Neutrino magnetic moment
- Sterile oscillations
- ...
- Nuclear physics

# Weak mixing angle

L. M. Krauss, Phys. Lett. B 269 (1991) 407-411

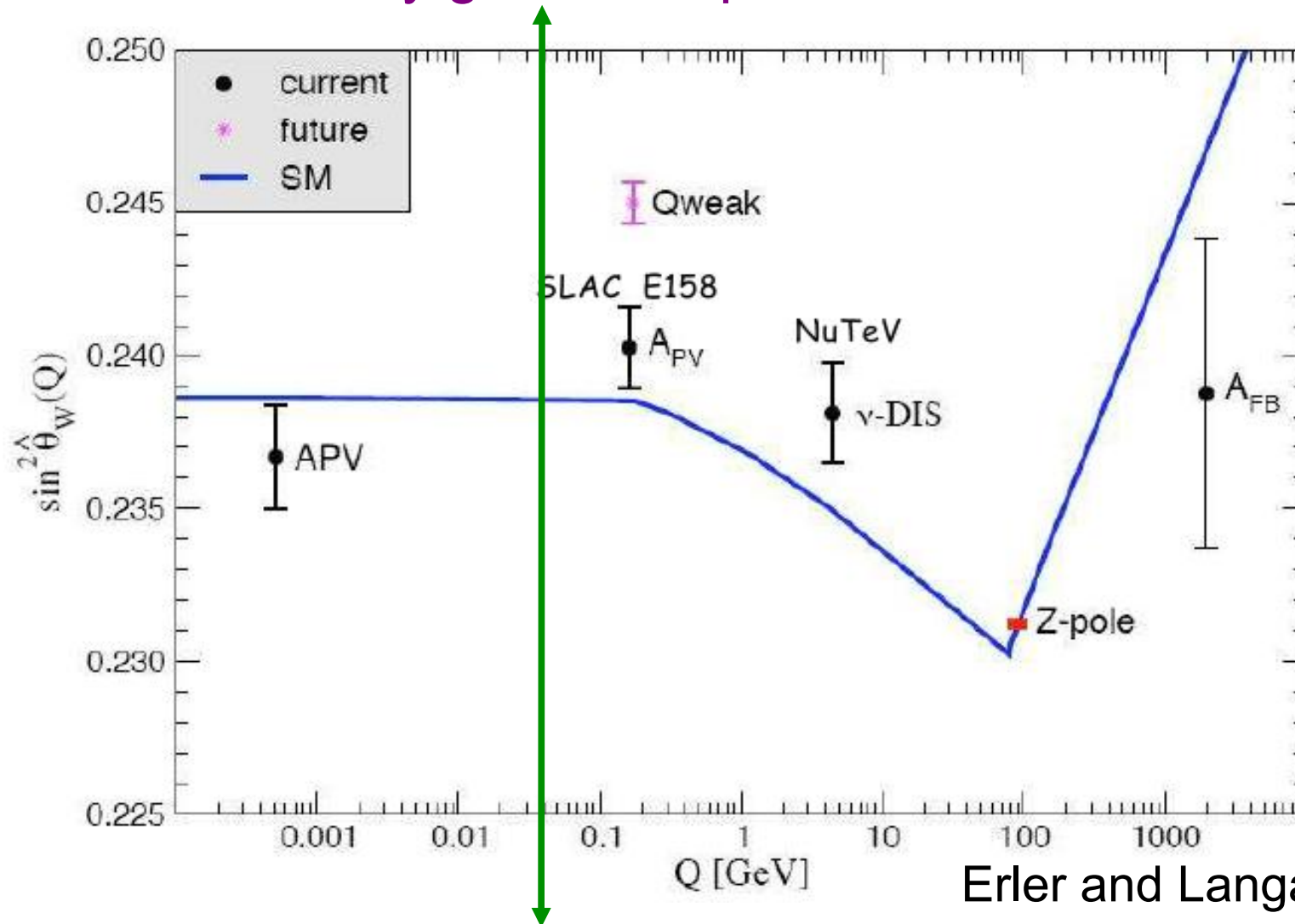
Absolute rate in SM is proportional to

$$(N - (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W)Z)^2$$

Momentum transfer at SNS is  $Q \sim 0.04 \text{ GeV}/c$

If absolute cross-section can be  
measured to  $\sim 10\%$ ,  
Weinberg angle can be known to  $\sim 5\%$

**First-generation measurement not competitive:**  
(assuming ~10% systematic error on rate)  
... could eventually get to few percent (limited by nuclear physics)



Erler and Langacker, PDG

However note it's a  
*unique channel and independent test*

# Consider Non-Standard Interactions (NSI) specific to neutrinos + quarks

## Model-independent parameterization

Davidson et al., JHEP 0303:011 (2004) hep-ph/0302093

Barranco et al., JHEP 0512:021 (2005) hep-ph/0508299

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu H}^{NSI} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\substack{q=u,d \\ \alpha,\beta=e,\mu,\tau}} [\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma^5) \nu_\beta] \times (\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{qL} [\bar{q} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma^5) q] + \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{qR} [\bar{q} \gamma_\mu (1 + \gamma^5) q])$$

NSI parameters

'Non-Universal':  $\varepsilon_{ee}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{\tau\tau}$

Flavor-changing:  $\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}$ , where  $\alpha \neq \beta$

⇒ focus on poorly-constrained ( $\sim$ unity allowed)

$$\varepsilon_{ee}^{uV}, \varepsilon_{ee}^{dV}, \varepsilon_{\tau e}^{uV}, \varepsilon_{\tau e}^{dV}$$



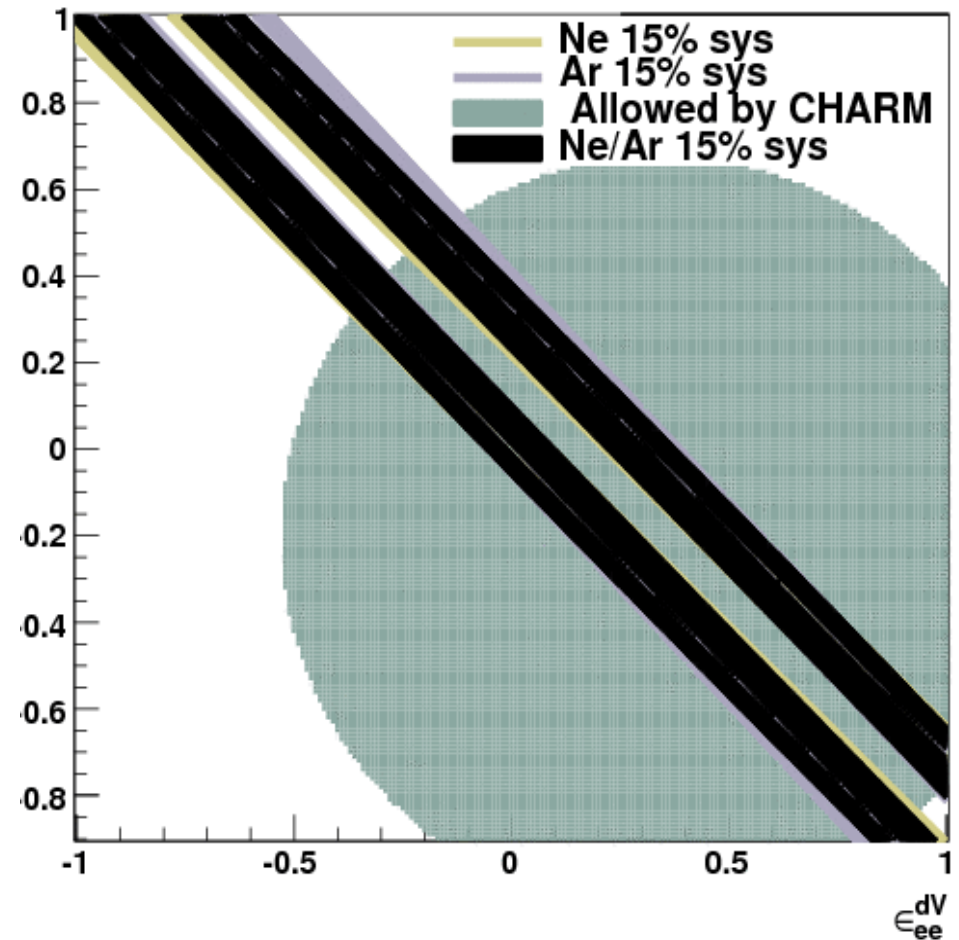
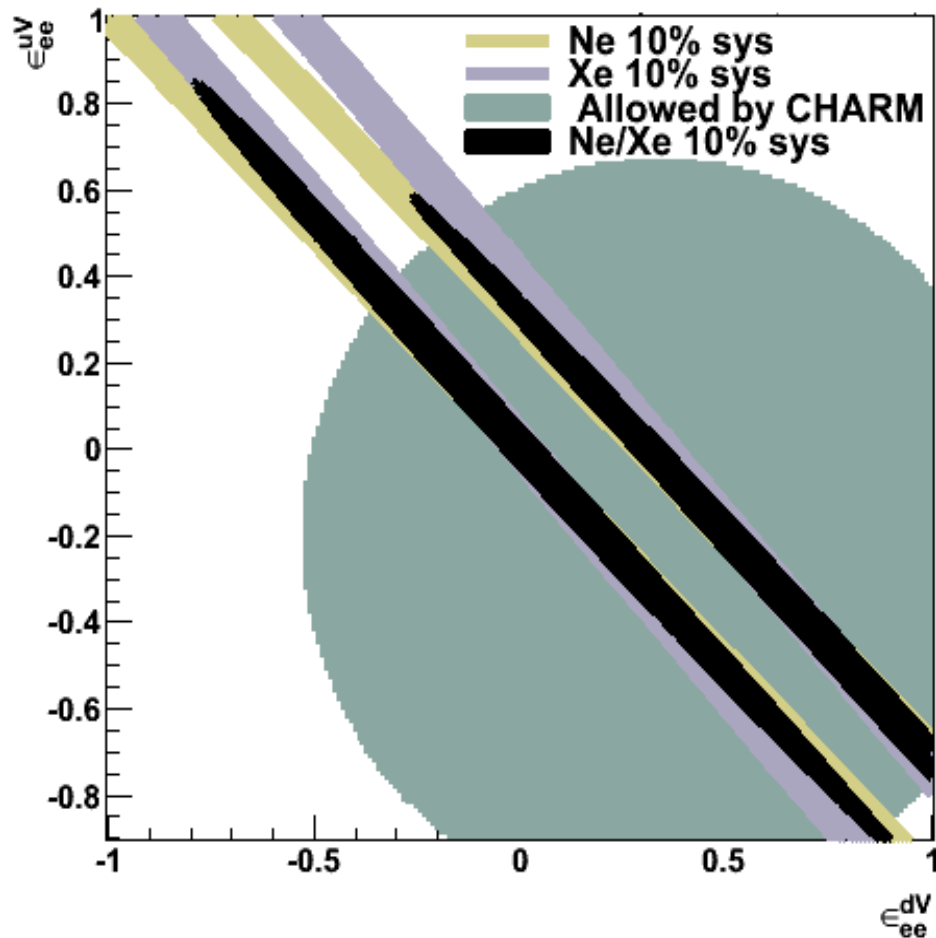
# Cross-section for CENNS including NSI terms

For flavor  $\alpha$ , spin zero nucleus:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{d\sigma}{dE} \right)_{\nu_\alpha A} &= \frac{G_F^2 M}{\pi} F^2(2ME) \left[ 1 - \frac{ME}{2k^2} \right] \times \\ &\quad \{ [Z(g_V^p + 2\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{uV} + \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{dV}) + N(g_V^n + \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{uV} + 2\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{dV})]^2 \text{ non-universal} \\ &\quad + \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} [Z(2\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{uV} + \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{dV}) + N(\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{uV} + 2\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{dV})]^2 \} \text{ flavor-changing} \\ g_V^p &= \left( \frac{1}{2} - 2\sin^2 \theta_W \right), \quad g_V^n = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{SM parameters} \\ \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{qV} &= \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{qL} + \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{qR} \end{aligned}$$

- NSI affect total cross-section,  
not differential shape of recoil spectrum
- size of effect depends on N, Z  
(different for different elements)
- $\varepsilon$ 's can be negative and parameters can cancel

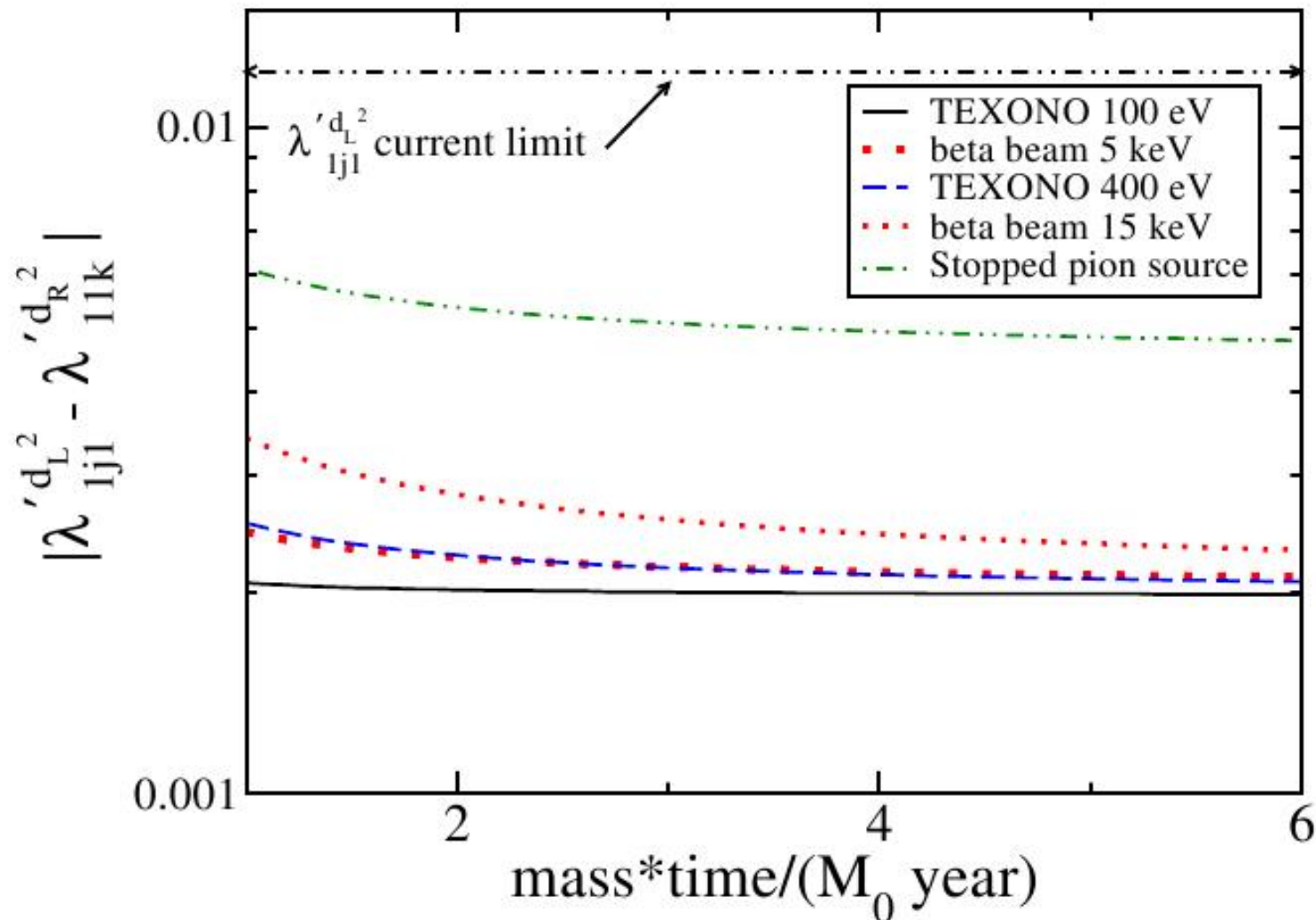
# Non-Standard Interactions of Neutrinos



Can improve ~order of magnitude  
beyond CHARM limits with a  
first-generation experiment  
(for best sensitivity, want *multiple targets*)

J. Barranco, O.G. Miranda, T.I. Rashba,  
 Phys. Rev. D 76: 073008 (2007) hep-ph/0702175:  
*Low energy neutrino experiments sensitivity to physics  
 beyond the Standard Model*

Specific NSI models:  $Z'$ , leptoquark,  
 SUSY with broken R-parity



## Combination of targets will help

(Y. Efremenko, P. Barbeau)

$$\text{rate} \propto (N - (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W)Z)^2$$

For 1% uncertainty on the *ratio* of rates in two different targets, get uncertainty on  $\sin^2 \theta_W$ :

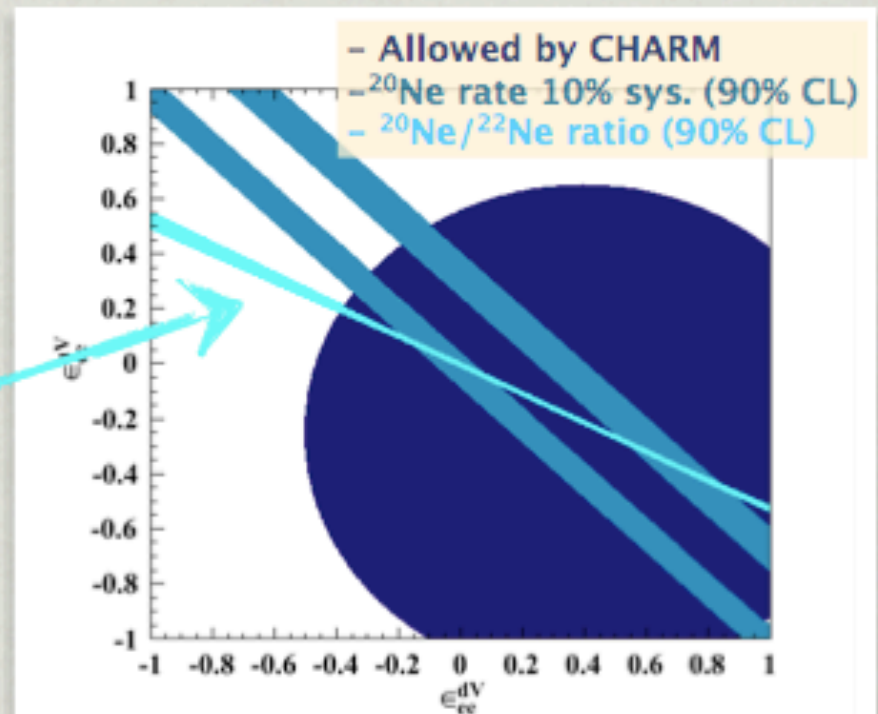
Ar/Ne	2.6%
Xe/Ne	1.5%
Xe/Ar	3.9%

# NSI Search with $^{20}\text{Ne}$ - $^{22}\text{Ne}$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT_{coh}} = \frac{G_f^2 M}{2\pi} = G_V^2 \left(1 + \left(1 - \frac{T}{E_\nu}\right)^2 - \frac{MT}{E_\nu}\right)$$

$$G_V = ((g_v^p + 2\epsilon_{ee}^{uV} + \epsilon_{ee}^{dV})Z + (g_v^n + \epsilon_{ee}^{uV} + 2\epsilon_{ee}^{dV})N)F_{nucl}^V(Q^2)$$

- ✱ We take advantage of the precision in the  $^{20}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$  system ( $^{132}\text{Xe}/^{136}\text{Xe}$  system less sensitive)
- ✱ If we include the SM radiative corrections, as well as statistical & systematic uncertainties, the ratio of the interaction rates for  $^{20}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$  gives (For several tons of Ne)



# Neutrino magnetic moment

Prediction of Standard Model:  $\mu_\nu \sim 10^{-19} \mu_B \left( \frac{m_\nu}{1 \text{ eV}} \right)$

but extensions predict larger ones

## Current best experimental limits:

Best limit from lack of distortion of  $\nu$ -e elastic scattering x-sc, for reactor anti- $\nu_e$ 's (GEMMA)

For  $\nu_\mu$ , best limit is from LSND  $\nu_\mu$ -e scattering

VALUE ( $10^{-10} \mu_B$ )	CL%	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
< 0.32	90	122 BEDA 10	CNTR	Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$
< 6.8	90	123 AUERBACH 01	LSND	$\nu_e e$ , $\nu_\mu e$ scattering
< 3900	90	124 SCHWIENHO...01	DONU	$\nu_\tau e^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau e^-$

## Astrophysical limits:

(red giant cooling, SN1987A)

$$\mu_\nu < 10^{-10} - 10^{-12} \mu_B$$

# Magnetic moment effect on the CENNS scattering rate

P. Vogel & J. Engel, PRD 39 (1989) 3378

## SM cross-section:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE} = \frac{G^2}{\pi} M \left( 1 - \frac{ME}{2k^2} \right) \frac{N - (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) Z)^2}{4} F^2(Q^2)$$

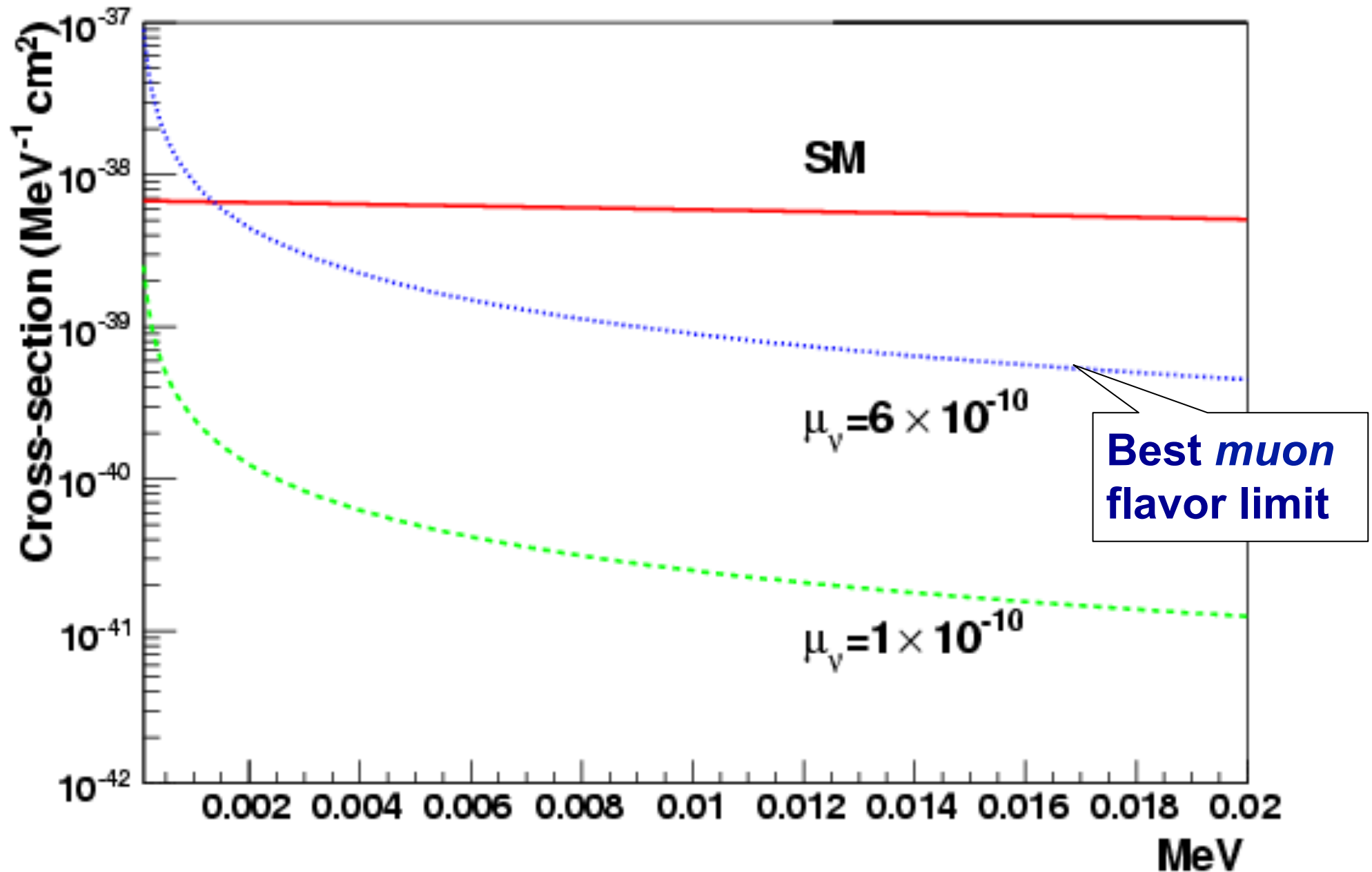
## Magnetic cross-section:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE} = \frac{\pi \alpha^2 \mu_\nu^2 Z^2}{m_e^2} \left( \frac{1 - E/k}{E} + \frac{E}{4k^2} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(factor } Z^2 \\ \text{instead of } Z \\ \text{for electrons)} \end{array}$$

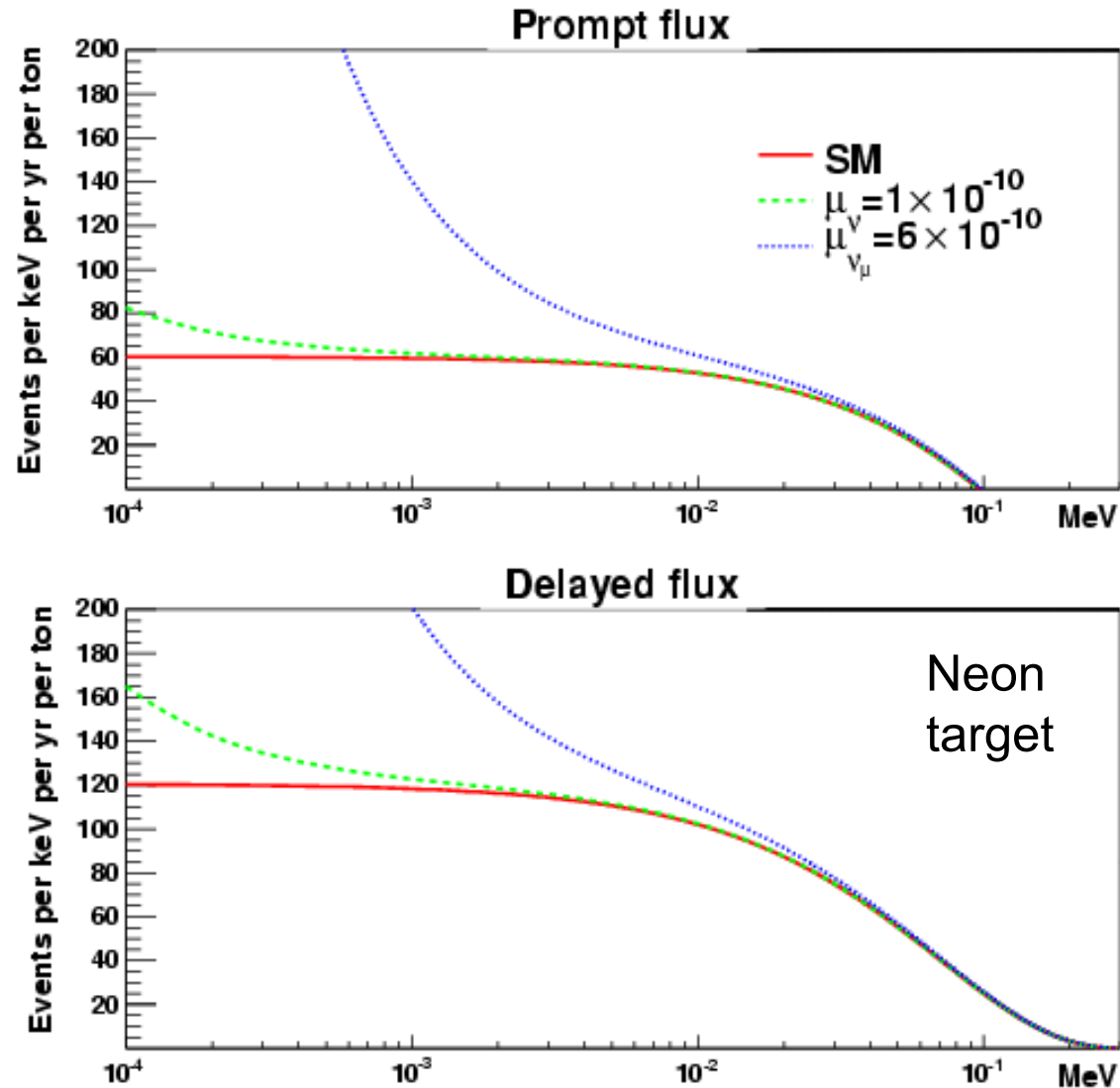


# Cross-sections for 30 MeV $\nu$

$\nu$ -nucleus scattering at 30 MeV, Ne



# Differential yield at the SNS: muon and electron flavors



Impossible to see excess for  $\mu_v = 10^{-10}$  for 10 keV threshold  
....but several % excess over SM background  
at ~10 keV for  $\mu_v = 6 \times 10^{-10} \mu_B$

Experimentally  
hard! But  
maybe doable

# Nuclear physics with coherent elastic scattering

If systematics can be reduced to ~ few % level,  
we could start to explore nuclear form factors

P. S. Amanik and G. C. McLaughlin, J. Phys. G 36:015105, 2009 hep-ph.0707.4191

K. Patton et al., arXiv:1207.0693,

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT}(E, T) = \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi} M \left[ 2 - \frac{2T}{E} + \left( \frac{T}{E} \right)^2 - \frac{MT}{E^2} \right] \frac{Q_W^2}{4} F^2(Q^2)$$

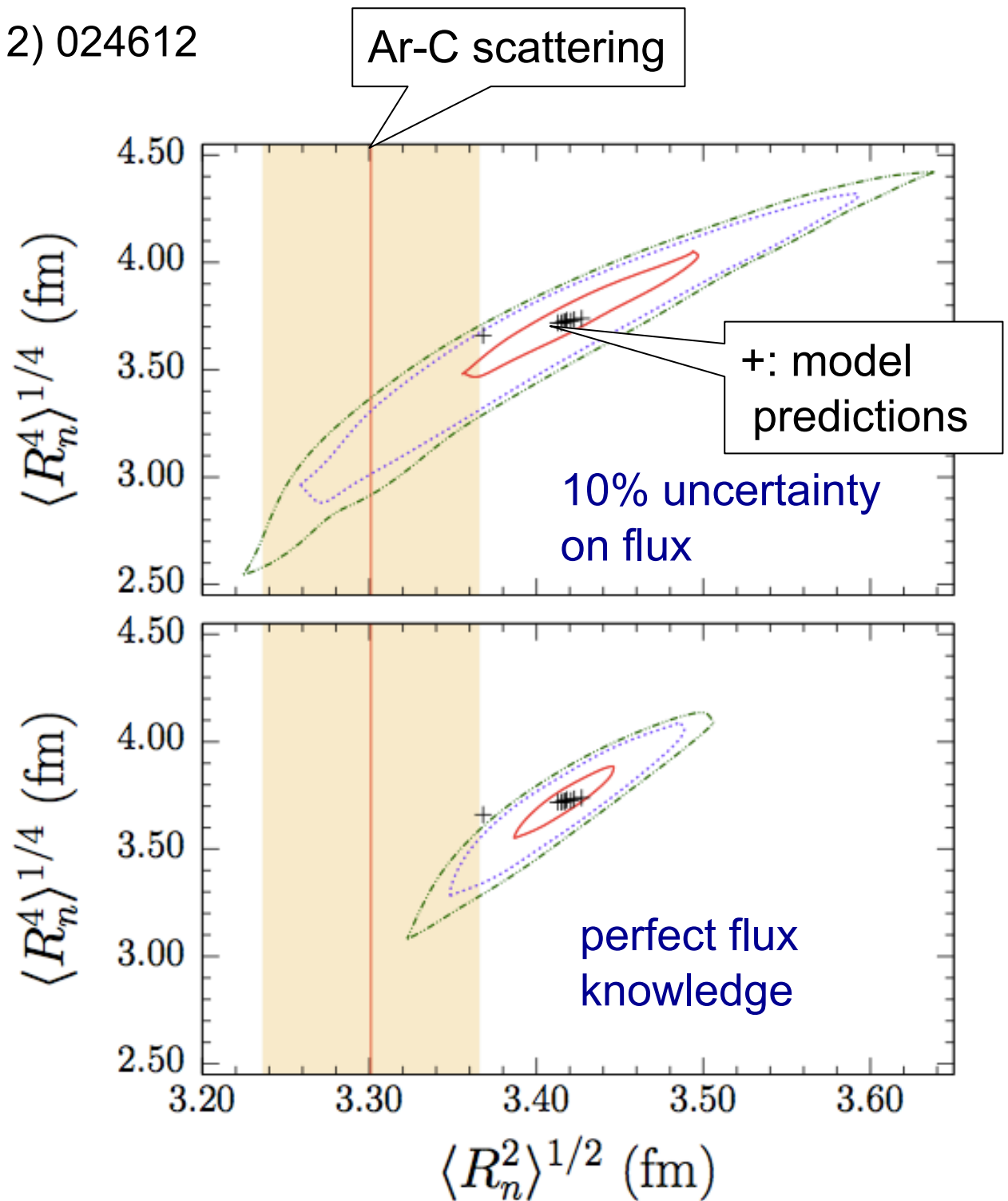
Form factor: encodes information  
about nucleon (primarily neutron)  
distributions

$$\begin{aligned} F_n(Q^2) &\approx \int \rho_n(r) \left( 1 - \frac{Q^2}{3!} r^2 + \frac{Q^4}{5!} r^4 - \frac{Q^6}{7!} r^6 + \dots \right) r^2 dr \\ &\approx N \left( 1 - \frac{Q^2}{3!} \langle R_n^2 \rangle + \frac{Q^4}{5!} \langle R_n^4 \rangle - \frac{Q^6}{7!} \langle R_n^6 \rangle + \dots \right) . \end{aligned}$$

Fit recoil *spectral shape* to determine these moments  
(requires very good energy resolution)

**Example:  
3.5 tonnes  
of Ar at  
SNS (16 m)**

Will require  
stringent  
control of  
uncertainties  
on recoil  
energy



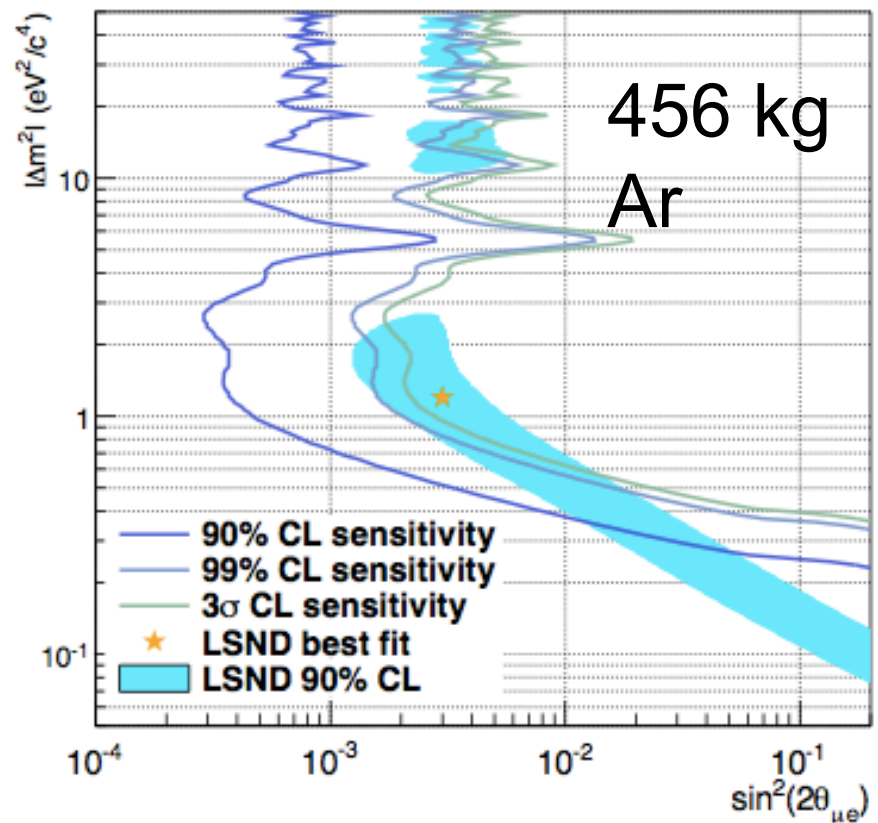
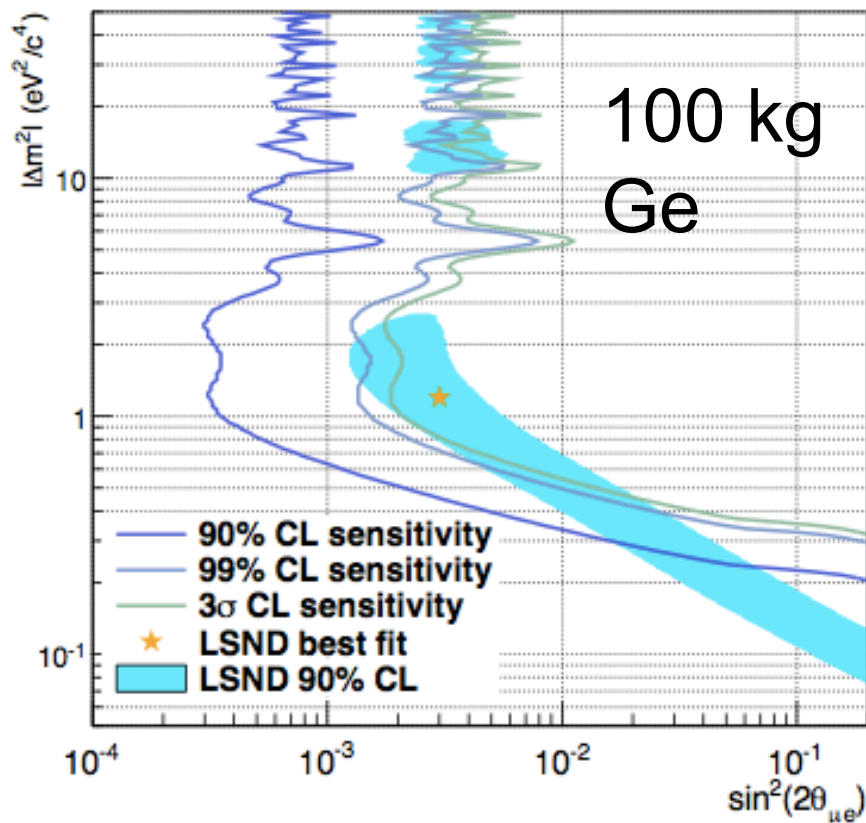
# Oscillations to sterile neutrinos w/CENNS

(NC is flavor-blind)

A. Anderson et al., PRD86 (2012) 013004, arXiv:1201.3805

Multi-cyclotron sources at different baselines (20 & 40 m)

look for deficit and spectral distortion



# 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

# Possible phases of stopped-pion coherent $\nu A$ scattering experiments

Phase	Detector Scale	Physics Goal	Comments
<b>Phase I</b>	Few to few tens of kg	First detection	Precision flux/systematics not needed
<b>Phase II</b>	Tens to hundreds of kg	SM test, NSI searches, oscillations	Start to get systematically limited
<b>Phase III</b>	Tonne to multi-tonne	Neutron structure, neutrino magnetic moment, ...	Control of systematics will be dominant issue; multiple targets

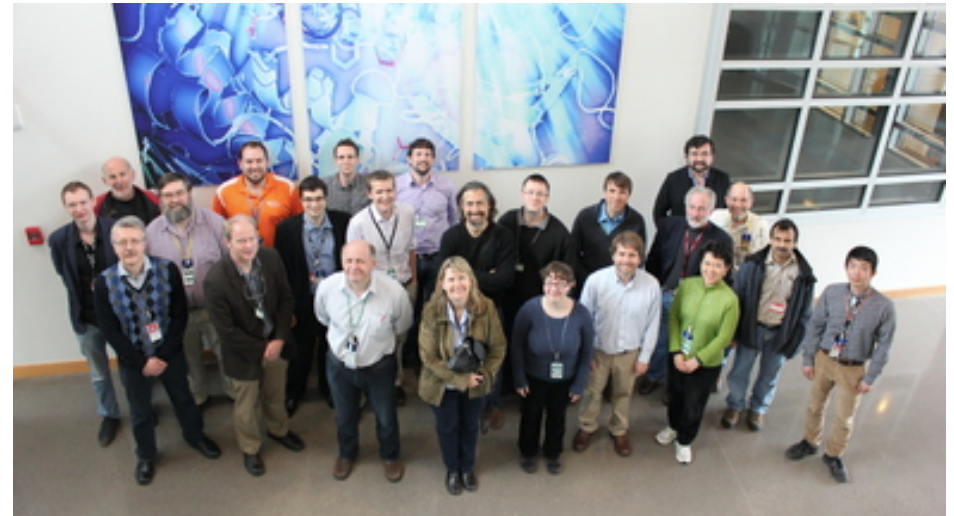


# The COHERENT collaboration



We now have a charter and a Collaboration Board

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University of Chicago
Duke University
University of Florida
Indiana University
Institute for Theoretical and Experimental Physics, Moscow
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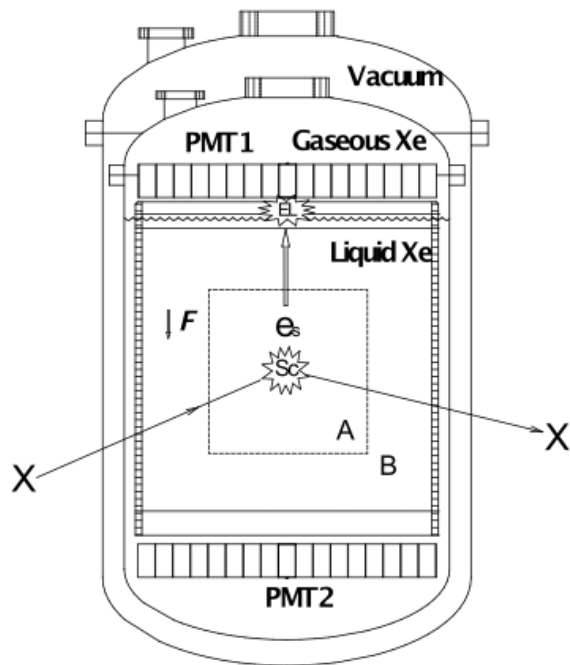
~ 45 collaborators presently  
Actively recruiting more

# COHERENT collaboration @ SNS



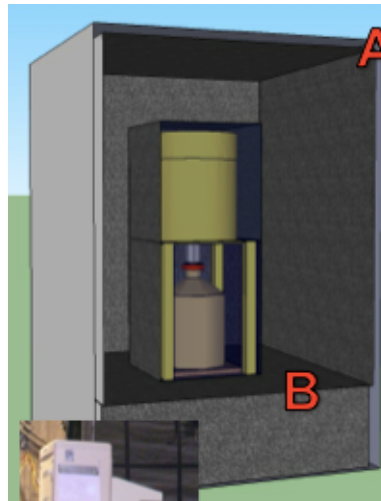
Three possible technologies under consideration

**Two-phase LXe**

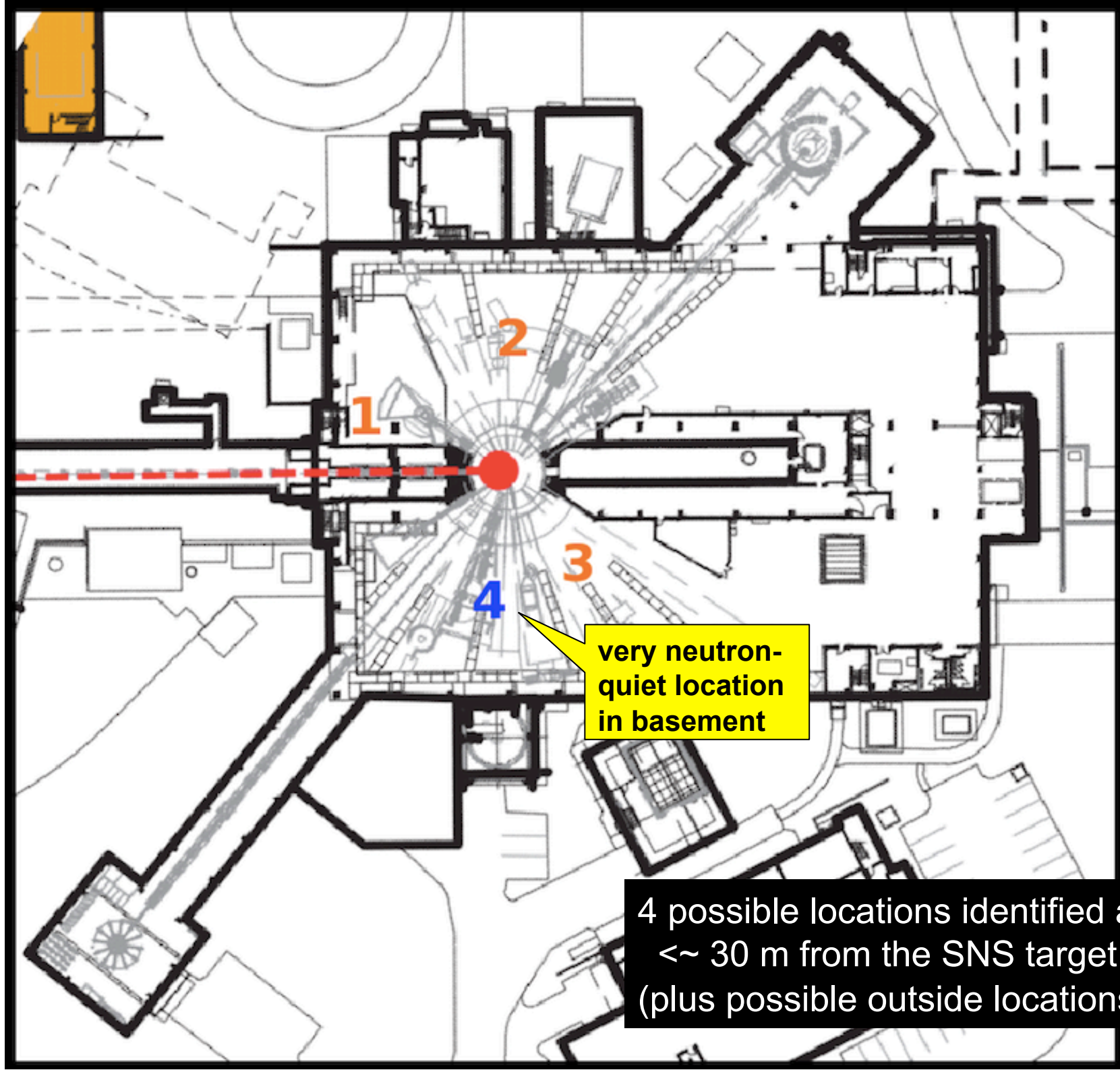


arXiv:1310.0125

**CsI**

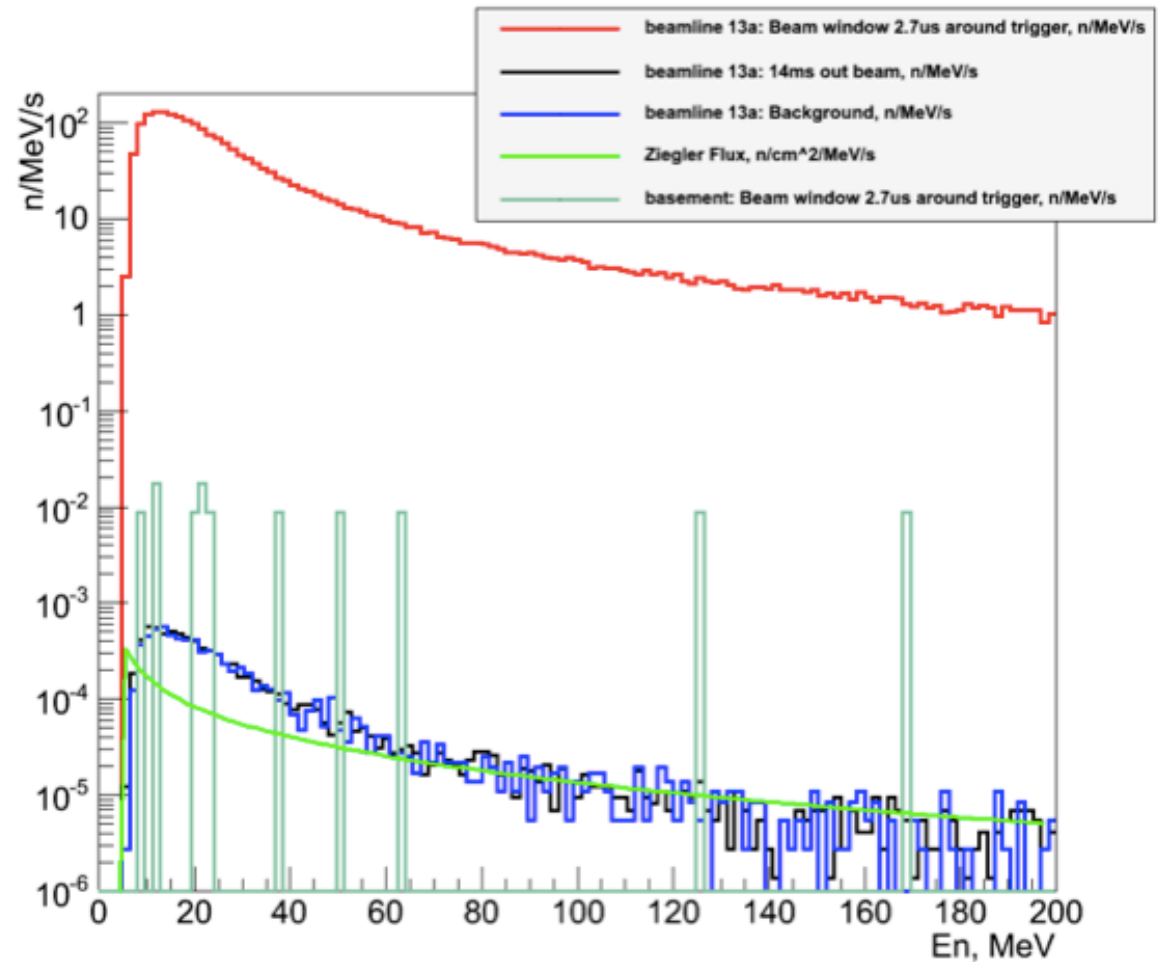


**HPGe PPC**





# Neutron Background Measurements w/ Scintillator



Results: high flux  
on surface, quiet in basement

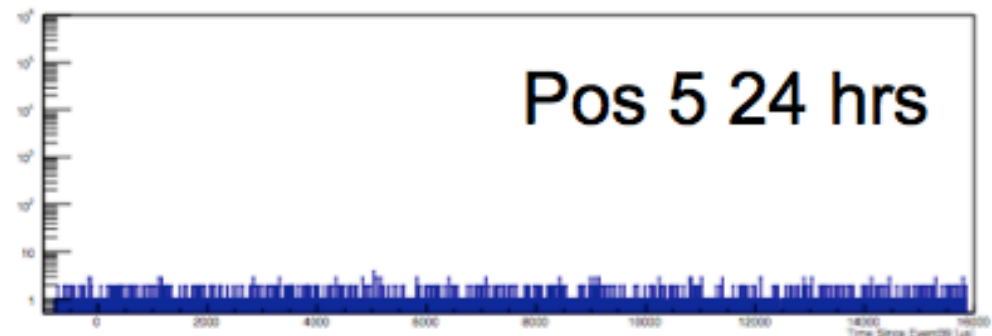
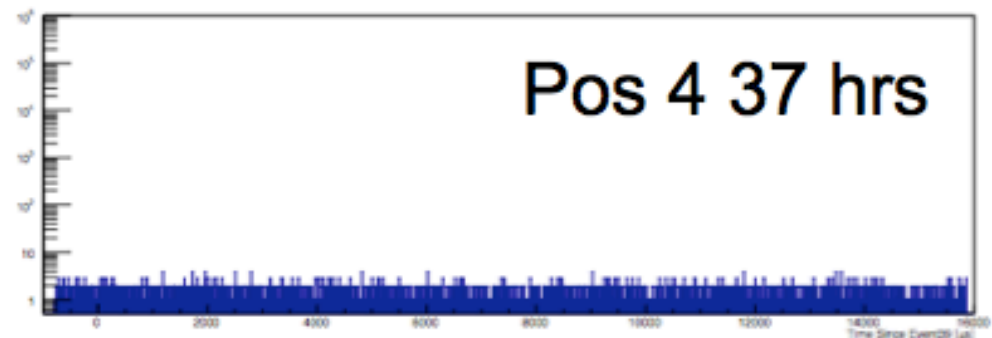
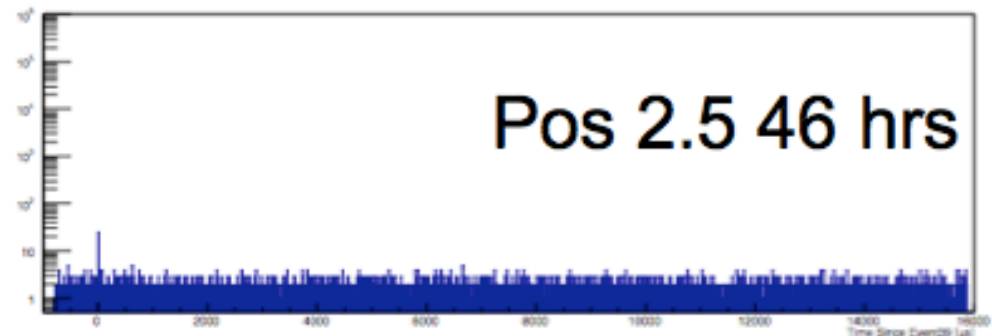
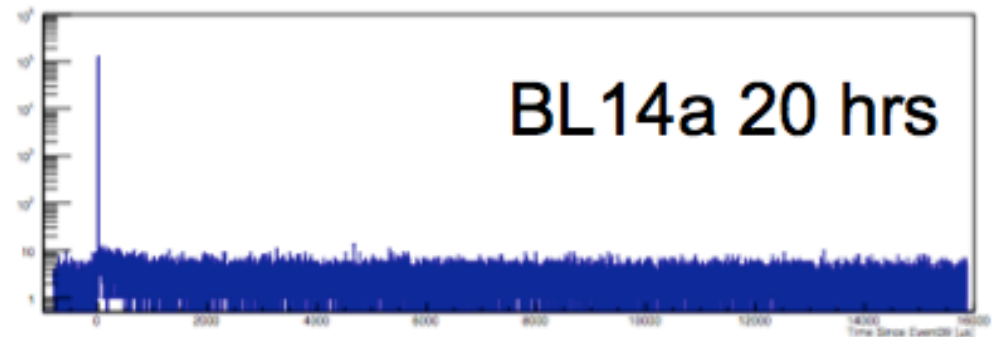
Looking  
down the  
basement  
hallway

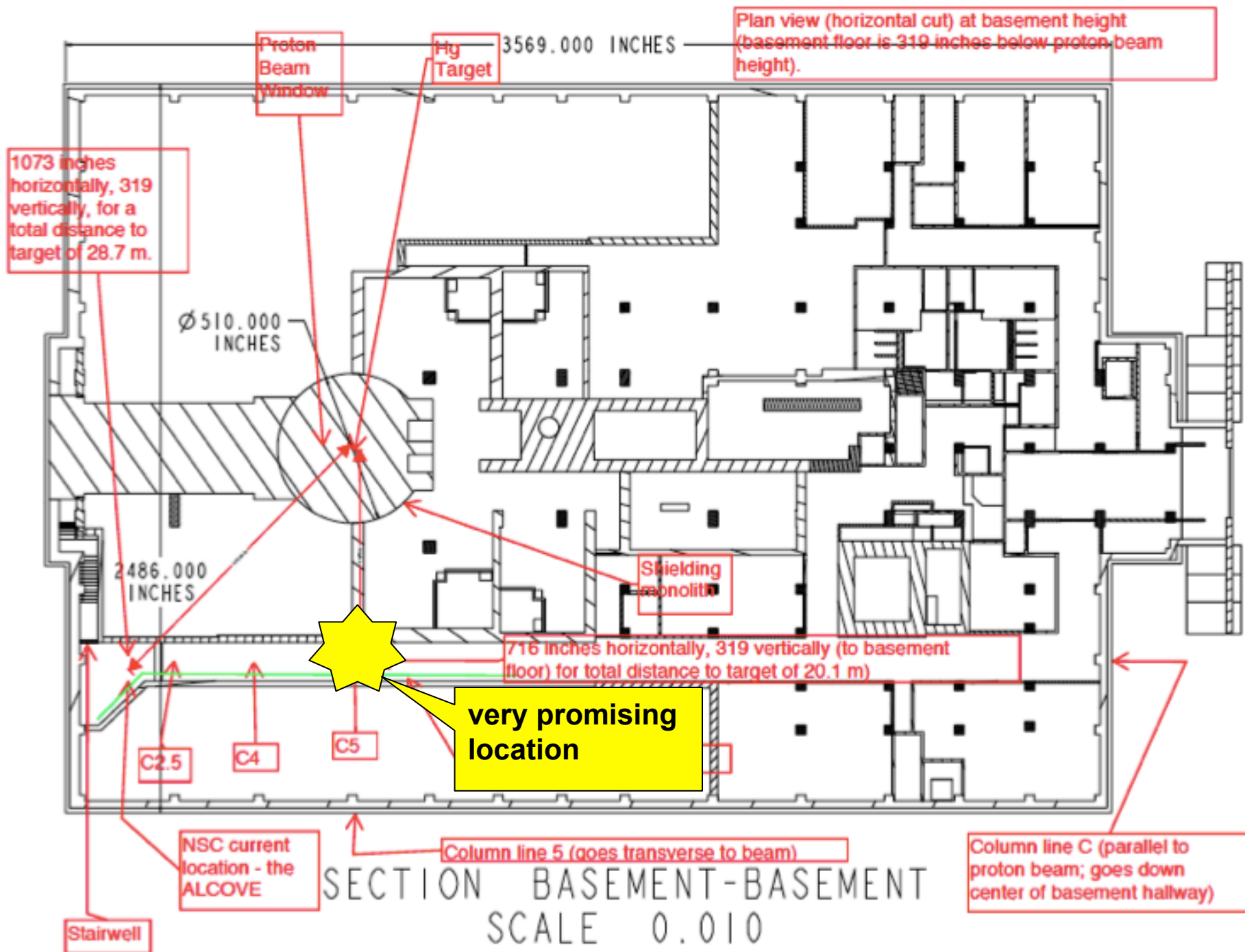


**The good news:  
very neutron-quiet in  
basement! (site 4)**



Target  
→



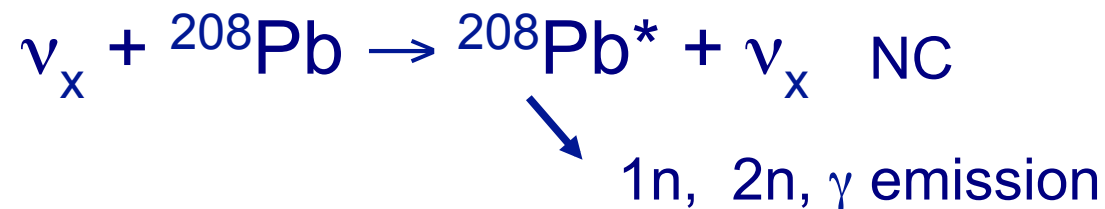
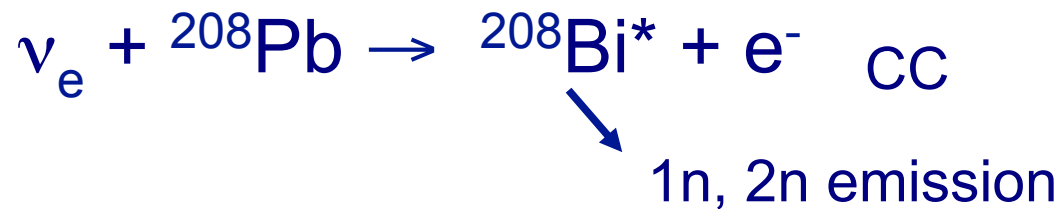




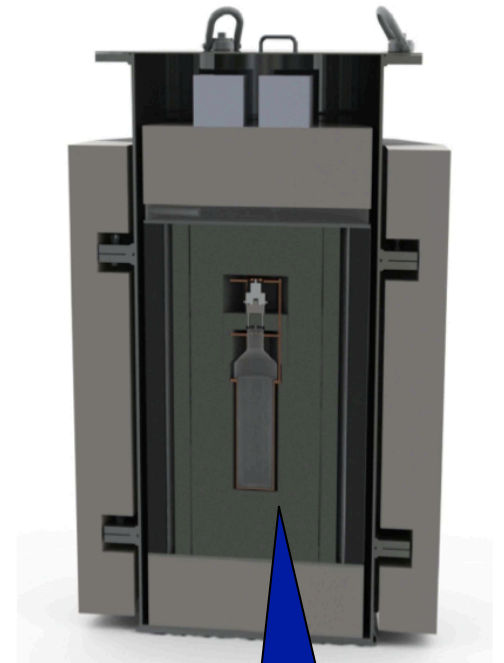
# SNS basement pictures



**COHERENT is currently working on next step:**  
**focus on measuring *neutrino-induced neutrons***  
**in lead, (iron, copper), ...**

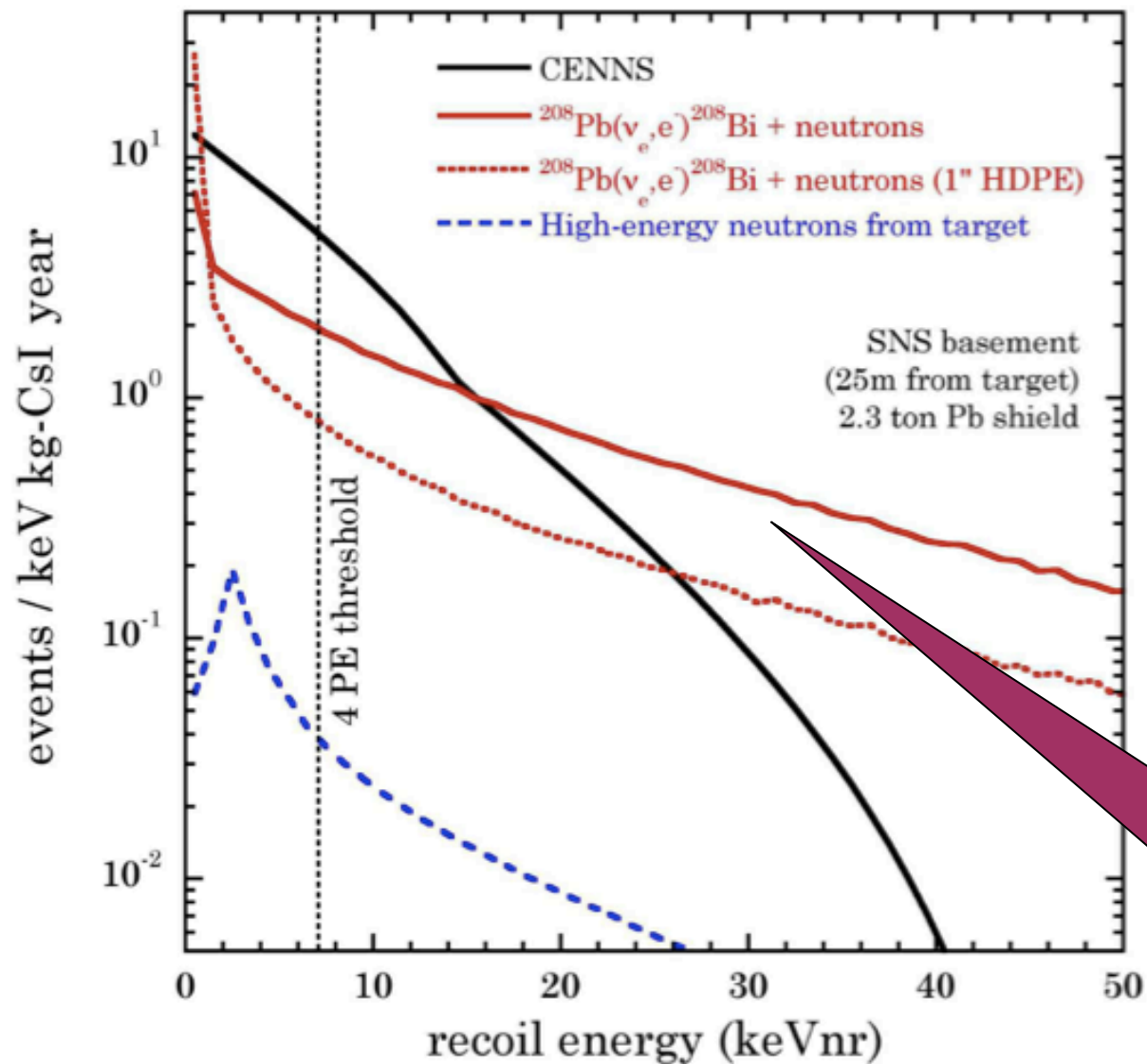


- likely a non-negligible background that we must understand, especially in lead shield
- valuable in itself, e.g. HALO supernova detector at SNOLAB
- short-term physics output



Neutrino-induced neutrons  
(NINs) are neutron source!

# Estimate for a specific configuration (CsI[Na] in lead shield):

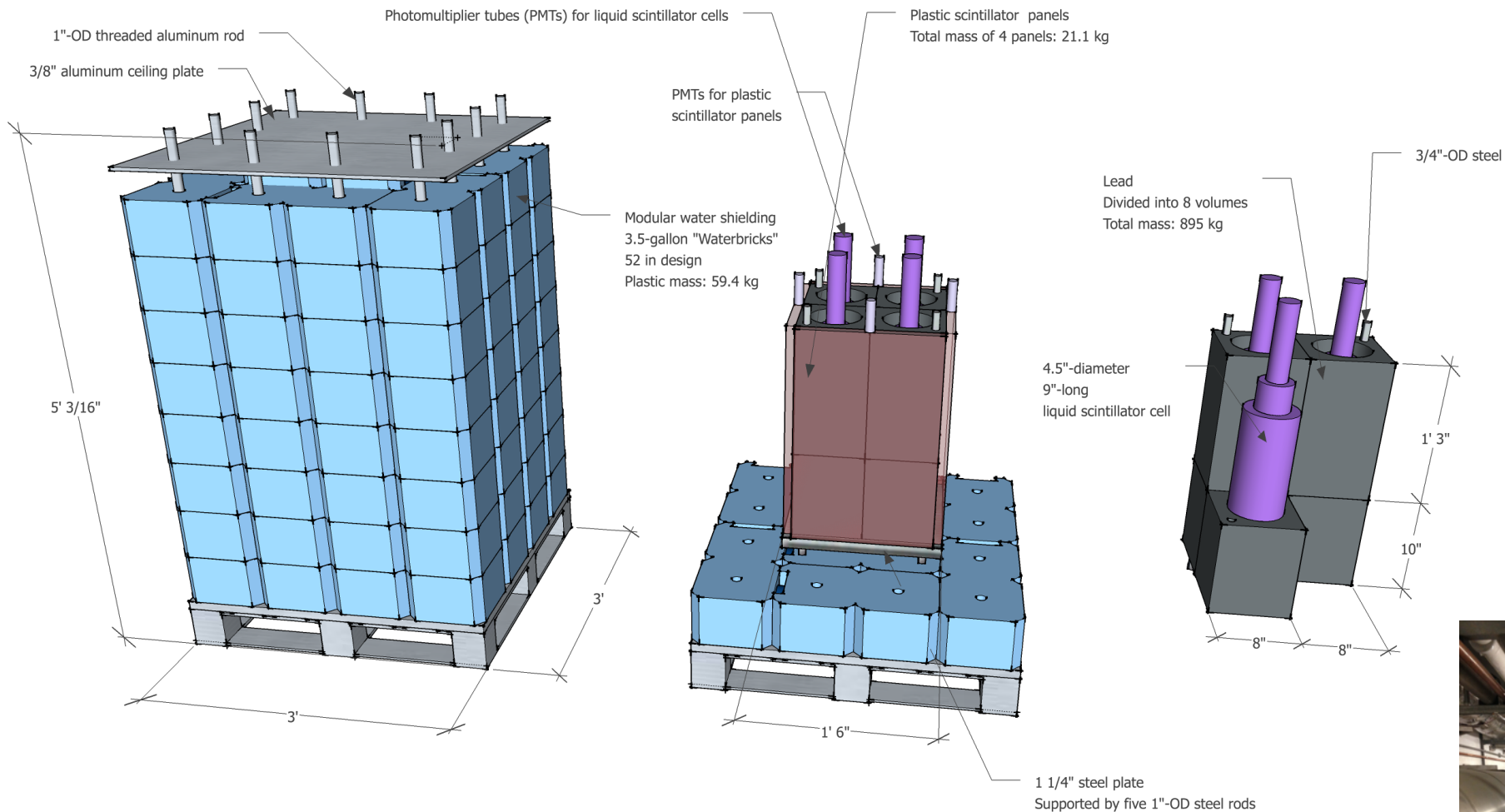


Neutrino-induced neutrons (NINs) not negligible w/lead shield → need careful shielding design

# COHERENT collaboration NIN measurement in basement

- Scintillator inside Csl detector lead shield
- Liquid scintillator surrounded by lead (swappable)  
inside water shield

Phil Barbeau



In SNS basement





# More information

## Comprehensive white paper on neutrino physics opportunities at the SNS

arXiv.org > hep-ex > arXiv:1211.5199 Search or Article

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 Search or Article

High Energy Physics – Experiment

**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”

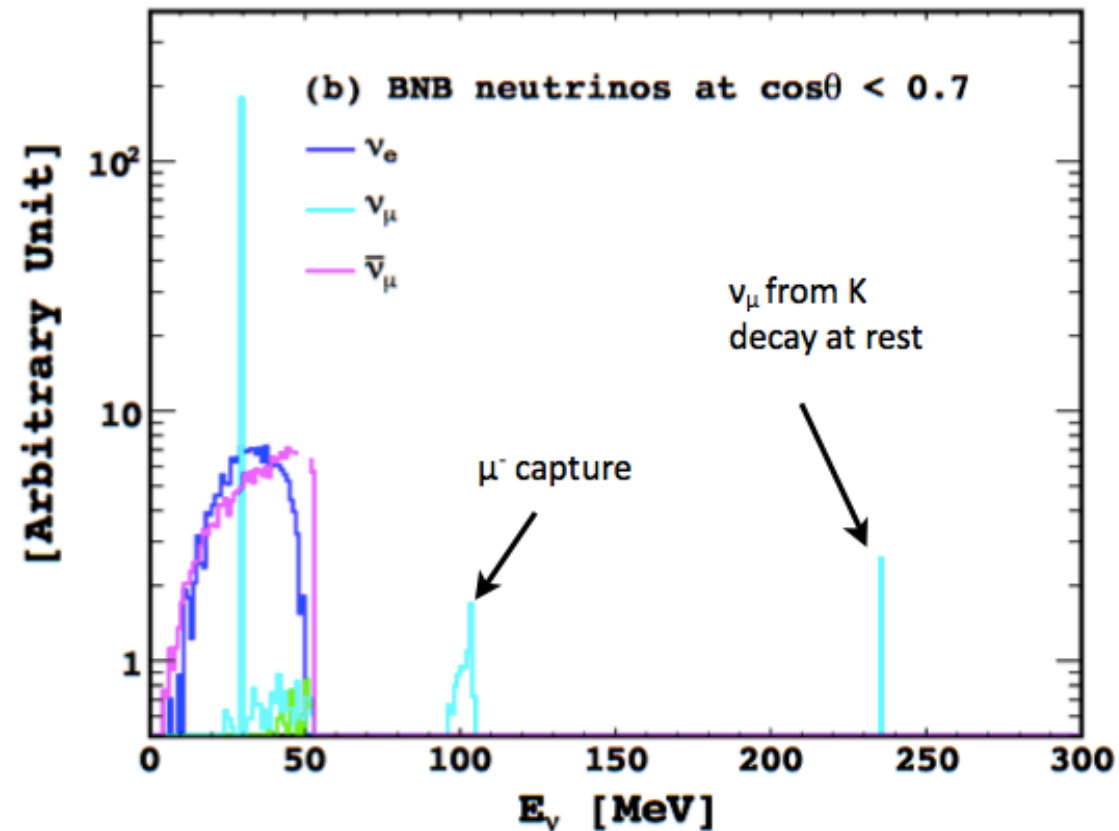
# Another possibility: very far off axis at the FNAL BNB

## Neutrino Energy Spectrum and Flux

J. Yoo



## Neutrino Spectrum at the Far-Off-Axis of BNB



- Dominant neutrino production process at the far-off-axis is **pion decay at rest**
- $\phi(\text{BNB}) \cong 5 \times 10^5 \text{ v/cm}^2/\text{s}$  per flavor  
@20m from the target

# Summary

Coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering  
offers many physics prospects!

- neutrino NSI is the low-hanging fruit
- multi-tonne-scale experiments will have broad program

For first-generation measurements, requirements are not stringent;  
systematic uncertainties may eventually become limiting  
need multiple targets, well-understood neutrino source

Stopped-pion sources are attractive for high energy  
neutrinos, good background rejection

First measurement may be possible on a short timescale

NINs even shorter timescale, and interesting in themselves

A “COHERENT” strategy is  
coming together



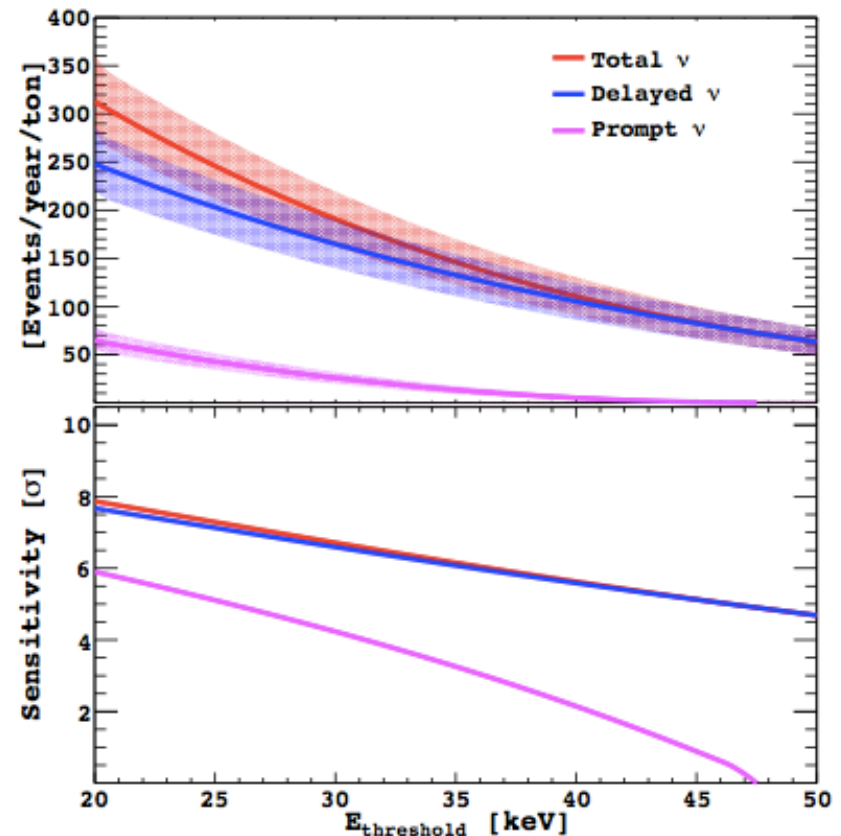
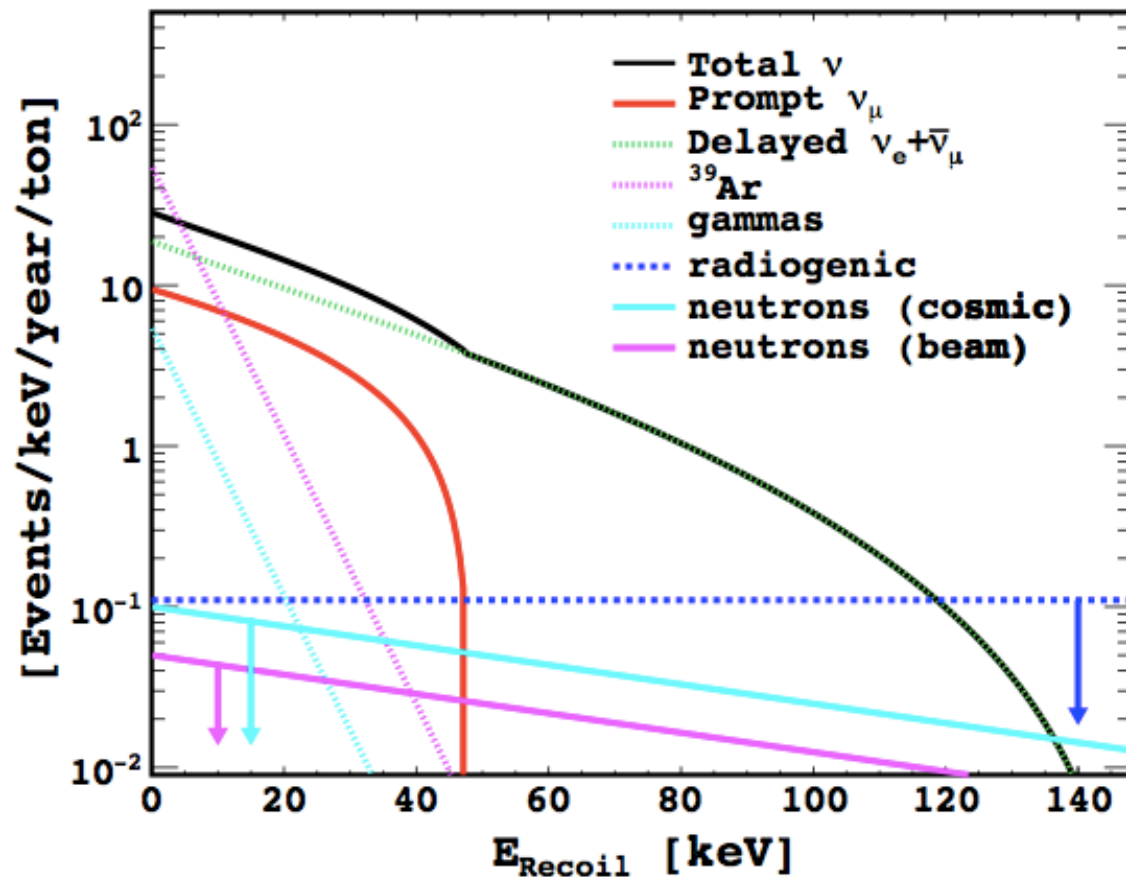


## Extras/Backups

# Coherent Elastic Neutrino Nucleus Scattering (@Fermilab)

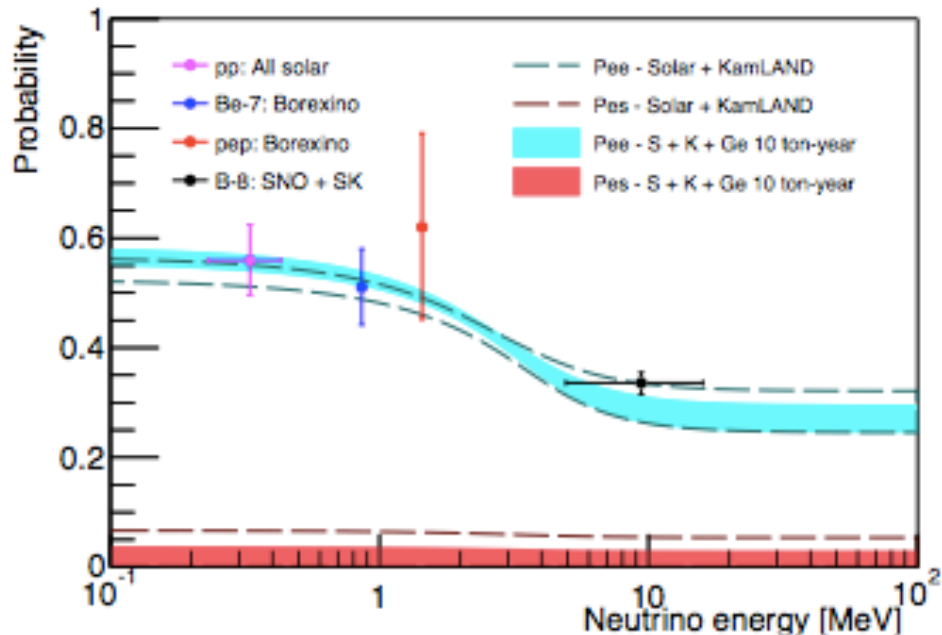
## Sensitivity for Discovery

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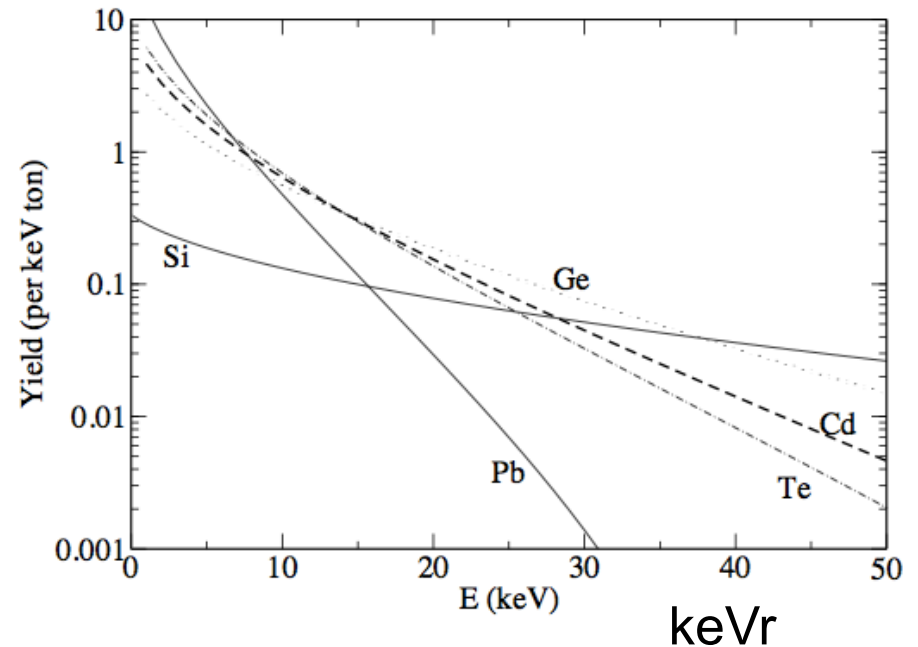
- **7 sigma discovery** with 1-year-ton LAr detector (MiniCLEAN style) operation at BNB (with 25keV detector threshold and 20m from the target)  
—→ for details Phys.Rev.D89 072004 (2014); arXiv:1311.5958
- CENNS & CAPTAIN collaborations are planing neutron shielding study in fall 2014 (@BNB)

Also note: tonne-scale underground detectors can do **astrophysics**



Billard et al., arXiv:1409.0050

**Solar neutrinos:**  
rule out sterile oscillations  
using CENNS (NC)



Horowitz et al., PRD68 (2003) 023005

**Supernova neutrinos:**  
~ handful of events per tonne  
@ 10 kpc: sensitive to  
*all flavor components of the flux*

From Heather Ray (UF):  $\nu$  flux simulation by Dipak Rimal

# Energy Spectra of Neutrinos

- ◆ 50 M protons on target:
- ◆ 50 jobs with 1 M events in each

Total  $\nu$ 's in the world volume

$$\nu_{\mu} = 4179022$$

$$\bar{\nu}_{\mu} = 4179022$$

$$\nu_e = 4268656$$

$$\bar{\nu}_e = 5800$$

Includes neutrinos from decay at rest (DAR) and decay in flight (DIF) of the pions/muons

