

# AMoRE, NEOS, Isodar@Yemilab

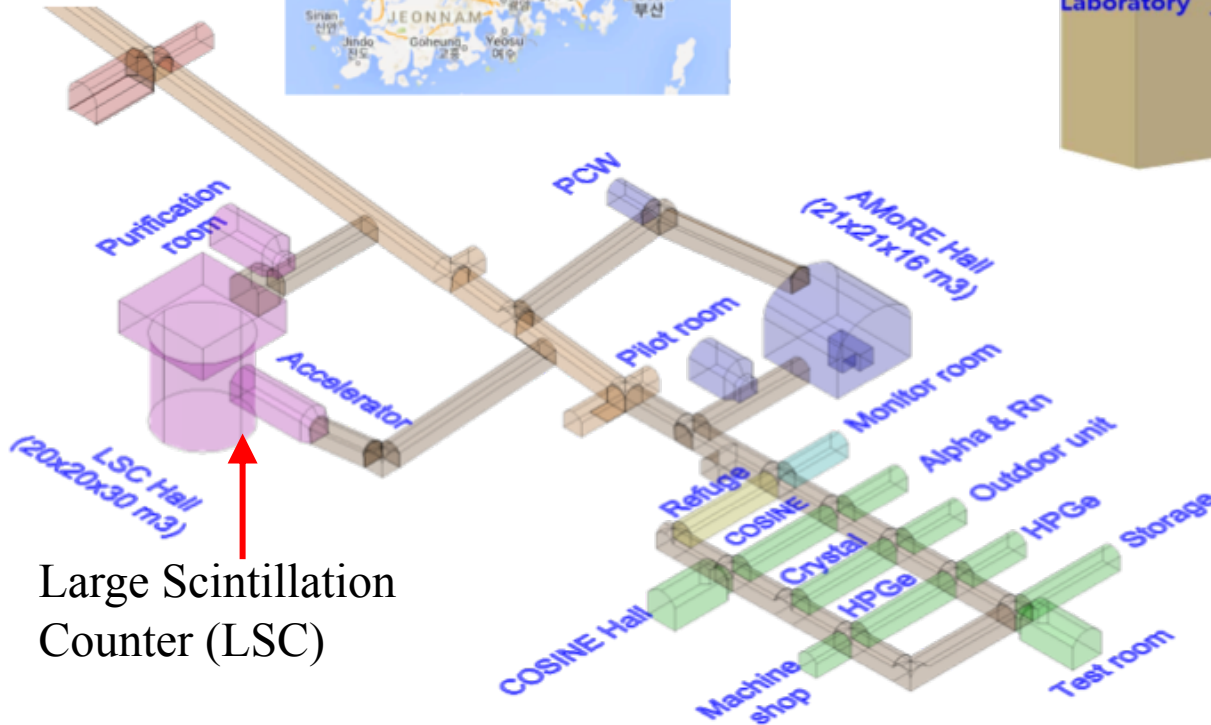
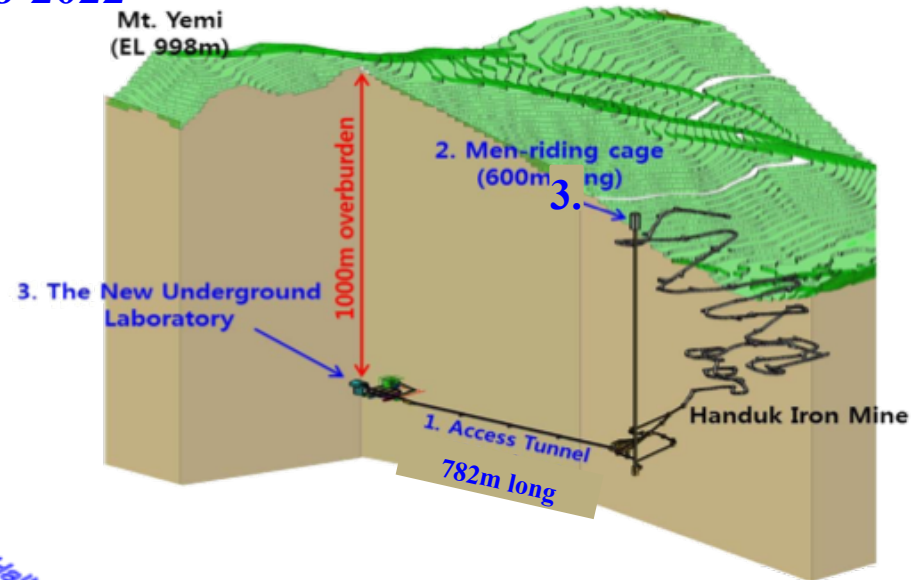


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# Yemilab project for new discoveries.



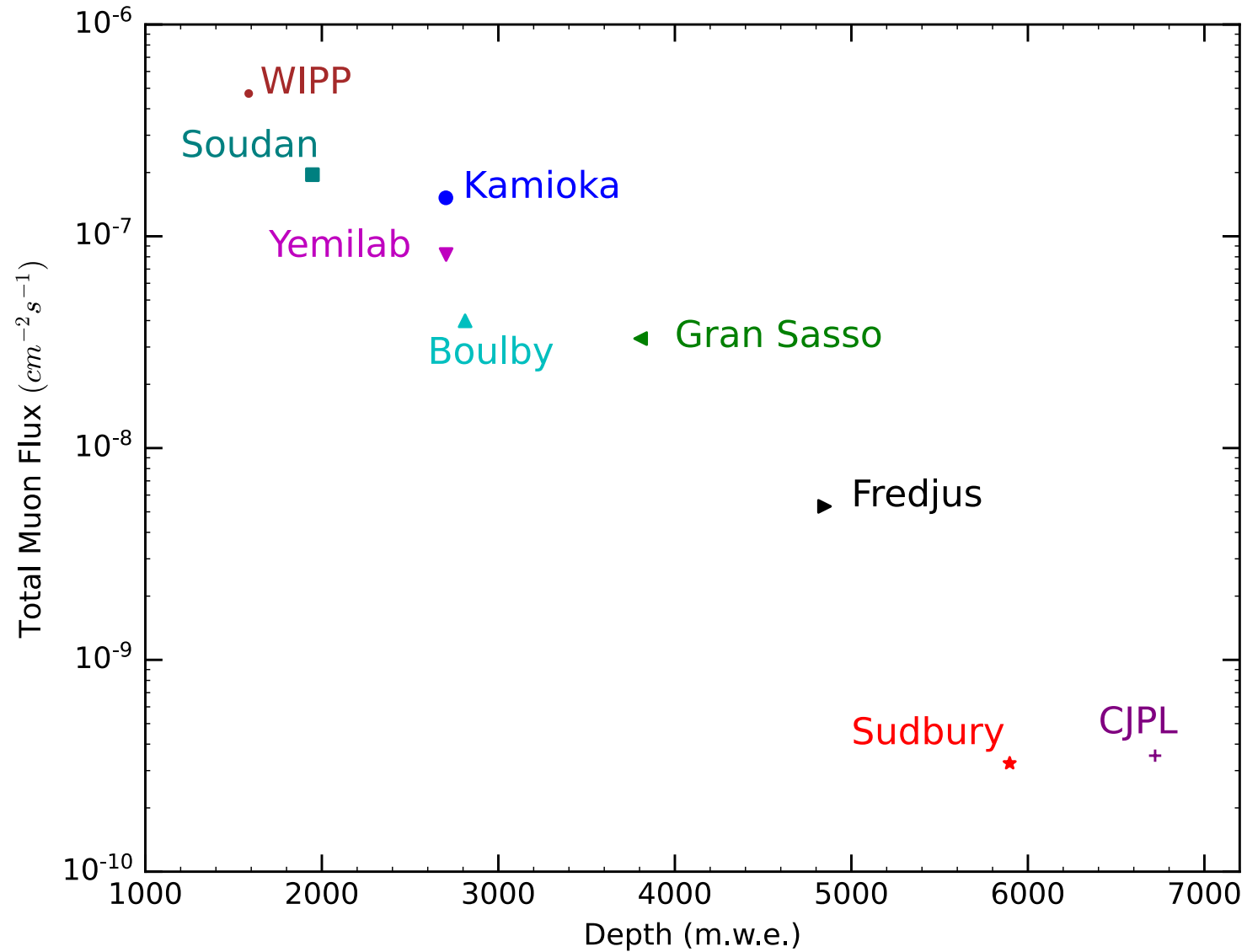
- 1000 meter underground.
- Construction cost ~30 M\$
- 2018-2022



Large Scintillation Counter (LSC)



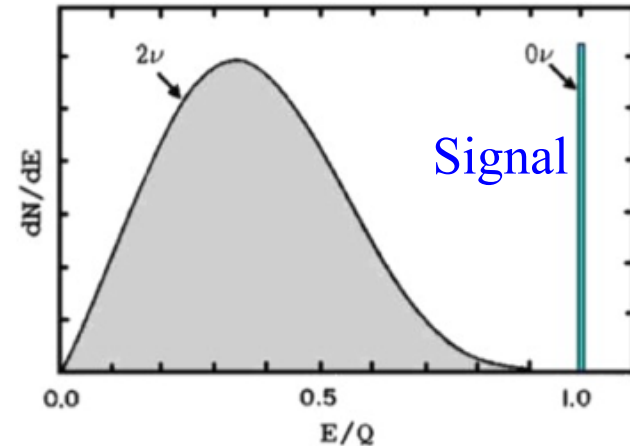
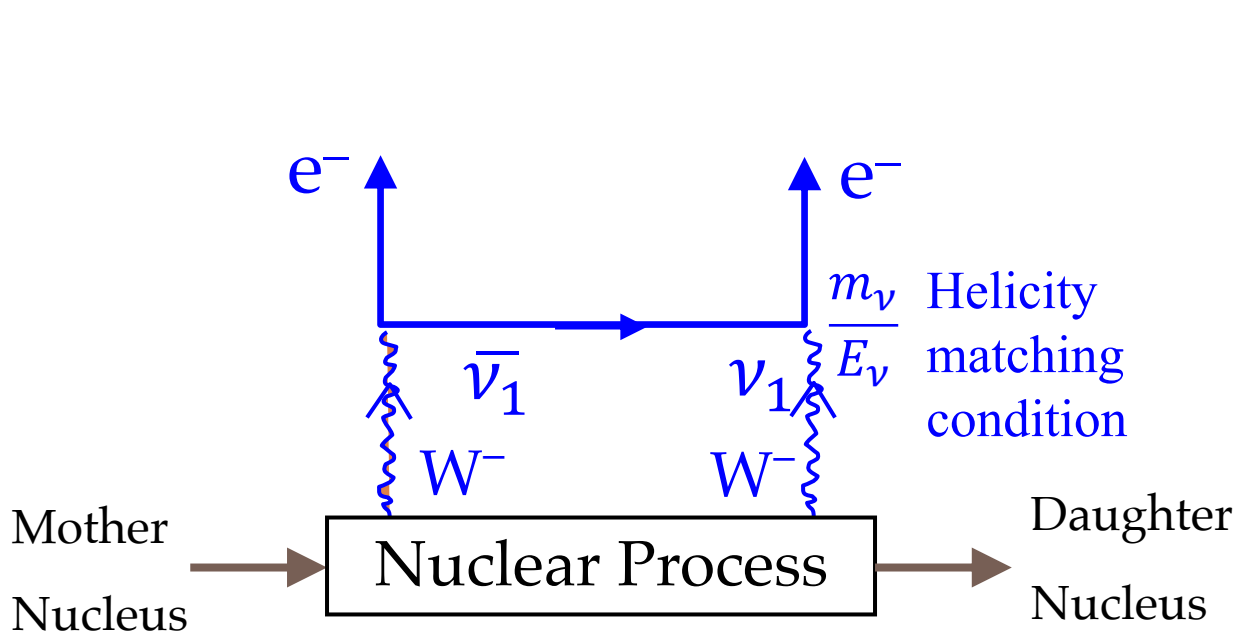
# Muon flux



# How to test if neutrinos are Majorana particles ?

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- Seek Neutrinoless Double Beta decay ( $0\nu\beta\beta$ )



- 1939, Furry already suggested to search  $0\nu\beta\beta$  to check Majorana's theory. Furry PR56, 1184(1939)

# More quantitatively...

for light neutrino exchange model.

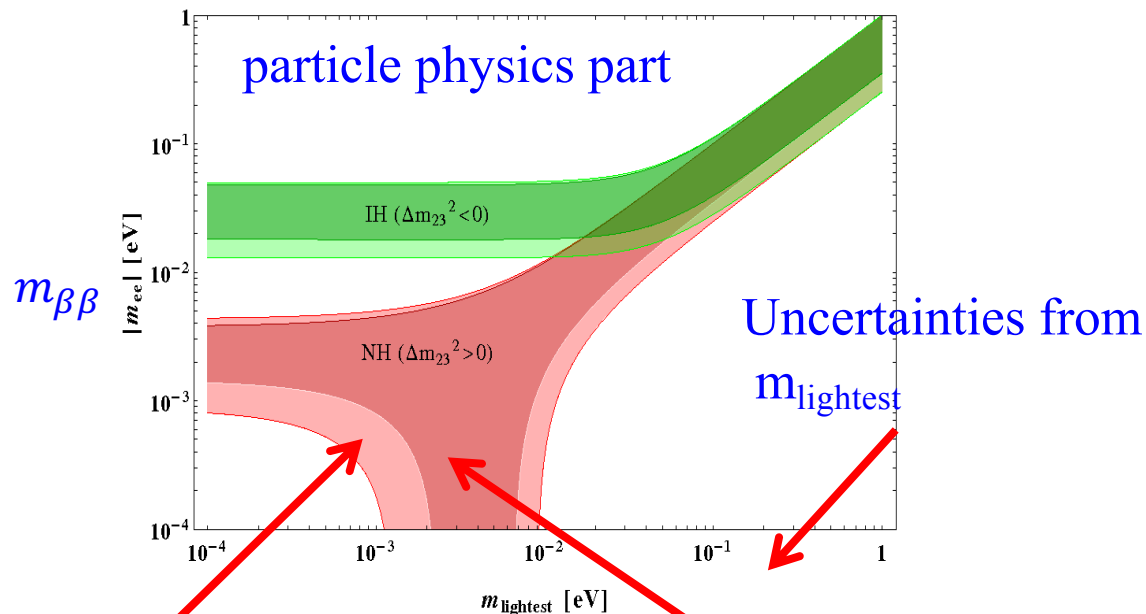
Effective  $0\nu\beta\beta$  neutrino mass is ;

$$\left[ T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \right]^{-1} = G_{0\nu} \underbrace{|M_{0\nu}|^2}_{\text{Nuclear Matrix Element}} \underbrace{\left( \frac{m_{\beta\beta}}{m_e} \right)^2}_{\text{Effective } 0\nu\beta\beta \text{ Neutrino Mass}}$$

Phase factor

Half-life Measured

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_{k=1}^3 U_{ek}^2 m_k \right| = \left| c_{13}^2 c_{12}^2 e^{2i\eta_1} m_1 + c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 e^{2i\eta_2} m_2 + s_{13}^2 e^{-2i\delta} m_3 \right|$$

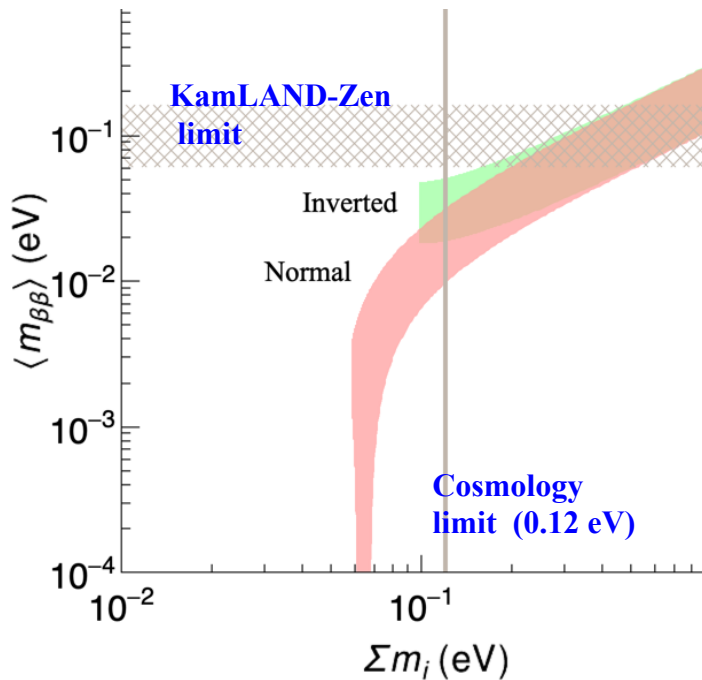
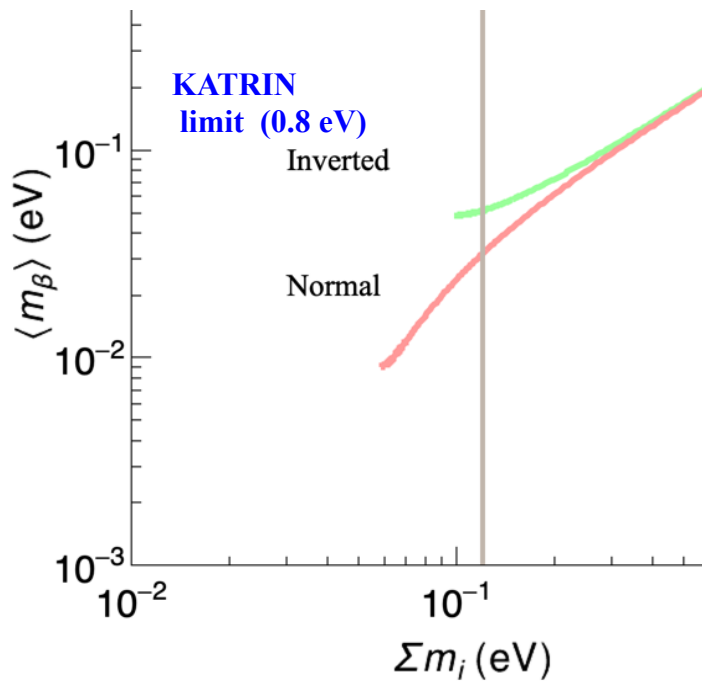


Uncertainties from mixing angles

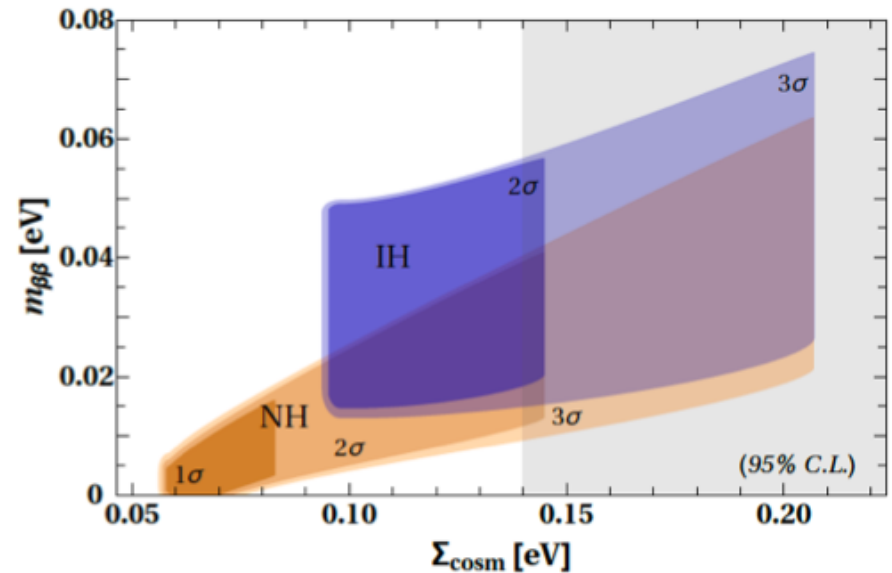
Uncertainties from phases

# Current Mass Limits

- Neutrino mass is ultra small, and we don't understand its origin. It is related to if neutrinos are Majorana particles.
- Neutrino mass is constrained by beta decays and cosmology.



Dell'Oro et al., *JCAP* 12 (2015) 023

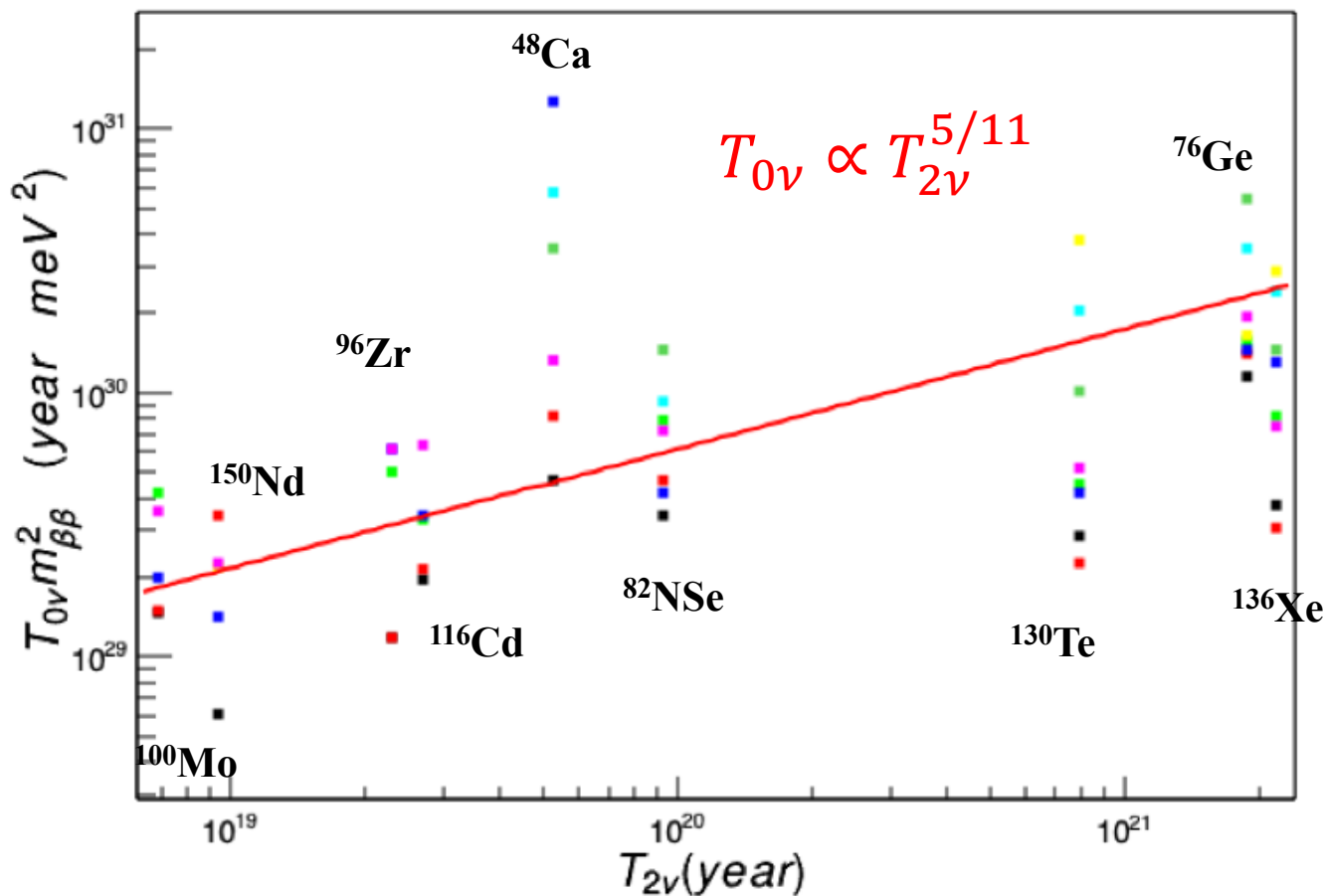


# $0\nu\beta\beta$ vs $2\nu\beta\beta$ $T(1/2)$ - updated

- A correlation between  $2\nu\beta\beta$  half-life(measured) vs  $0\nu\beta\beta$  half-life (calculated)

$$G_{0\nu} \propto Q^5, \quad G_{2\nu} \propto Q^{11}.$$

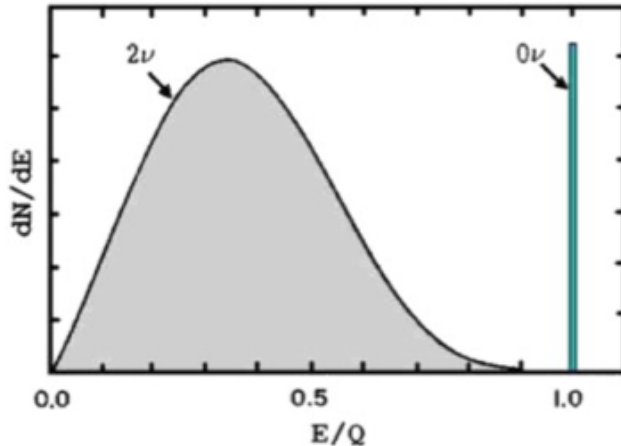
H. Ejiri's comment



# Now, how sensitive are the $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiments ?

- $0\nu\beta\beta$  needs a good energy resolution and extremely low backgrounds.
- Discovery sensitivities depend on background and exposure

**Signal : sharp peak @ Q-value**



**Background Unit :**

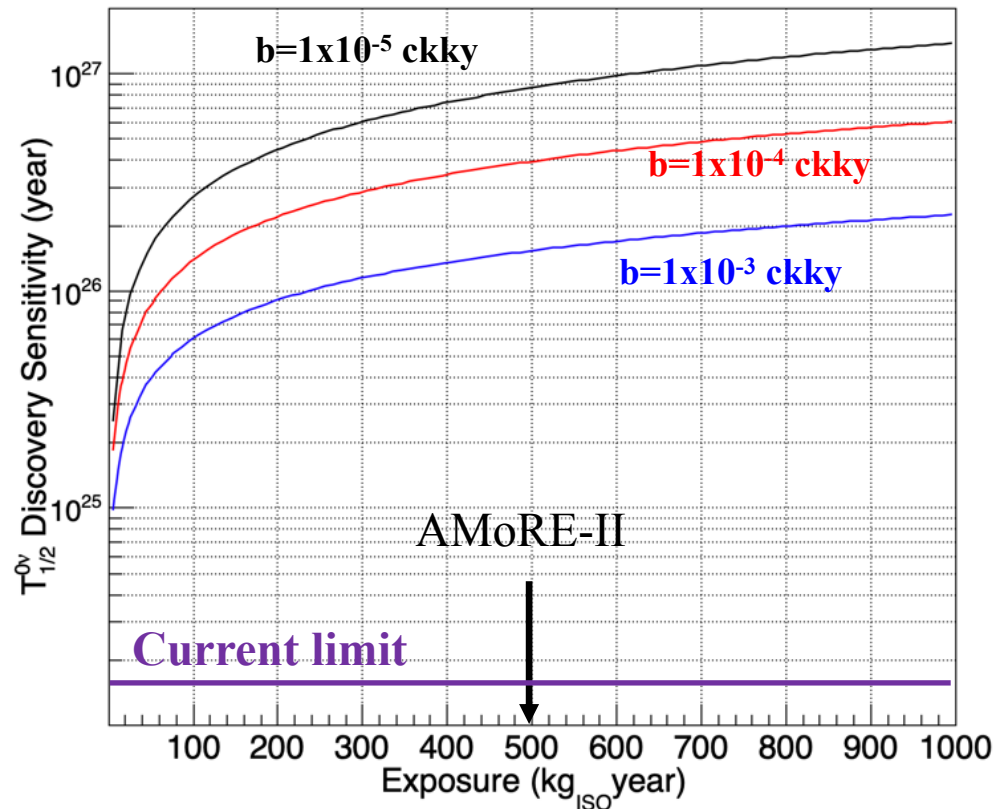
**ckky=counts/(keV kg year)**

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto \sqrt{\frac{MT}{b\Delta E}} \text{ (for finite backgrounds)}$$

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto MT \text{ (for "0" backgrounds)}$$

**Discovery sensitivity :**

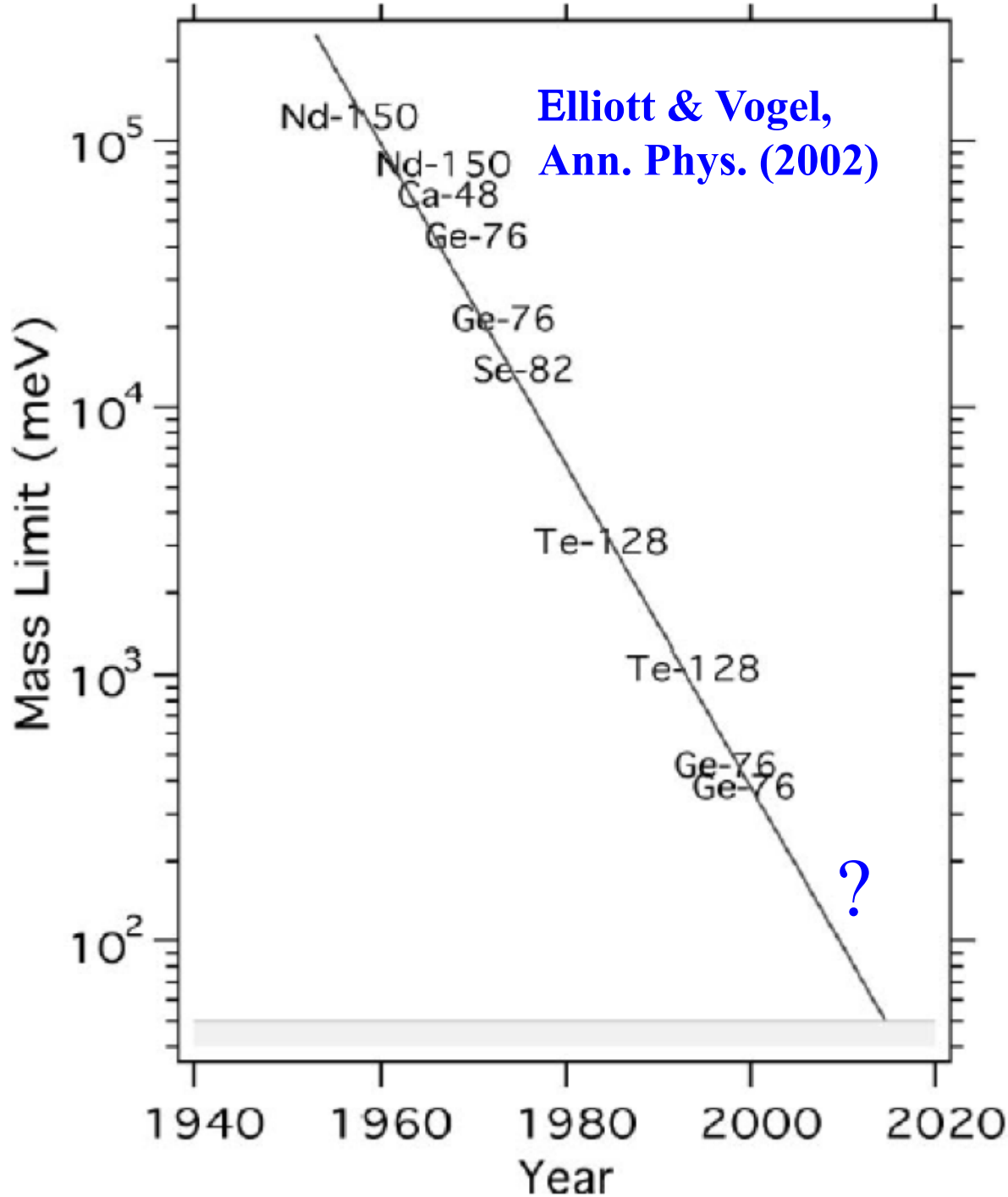
The half-life for which an experiment has a 50% chance to measure a signal above background with a significance of at least 3 sigma (99.7%).





$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \rightarrow m_{\beta\beta}$$

The history tells us....



# Implementation in tens of experiments

## Legenda (color code)



Completed

Data taking

Construction / Commissioning

Advanced R&D sometimes at CDR/TDR level  
R&D

SuprNEMO + Tracking Calorimeter

<sup>82</sup>Se



TGV-2 EC/EC β<sup>+</sup>/EC <sup>106</sup>Cd

*N. Rukhadze, this conference*

Large source mass  
Easily scalable

Fluid  
embedded  
source

NvDEx  
ZICOS  
SNO+  
SNO+-Phase II  
Theia  
KamLAND-Zen 400  
KamLAND-Zen 800  
KamLAND2-Zen 800  
EXO-200  
nEXO  
NEXT-White  
NEXT-100  
NEXT-HD / NEXT-BOLD  
PANDAX-III  
AXEL  
DARWIN  
LZ  
R2D2  
Liquido

High pressure TPC  
Dilution in liquid scintillator+Cherenkov  
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Double-phase TPC  
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High pressure TPC  
Dilution in opaque liquid scintillator

*I. Katsioulas, this conference*

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High energy resolution  
/ efficiency

Crystal  
embedded  
source

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CANDLES-IV  
MAJORANA DEM.  
GERDA  
LEGEND-200  
LEGEND-1000  
CDEX-300 / CDEX-1000  
SELENA  
CUPID-0  
CUPID-Mo  
AMORE-I  
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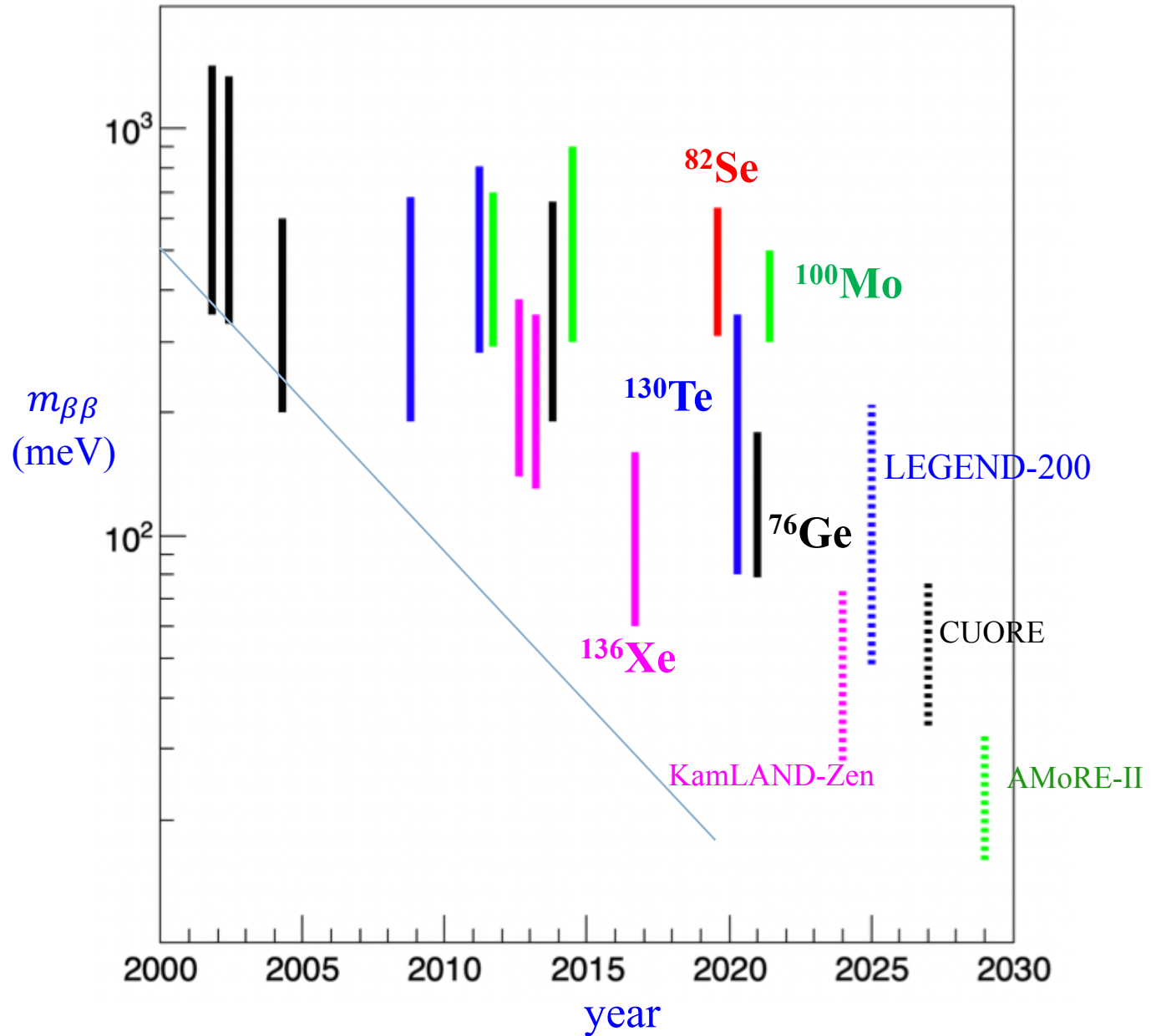
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*J. Minami, this conference*

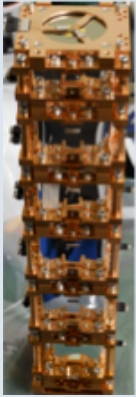
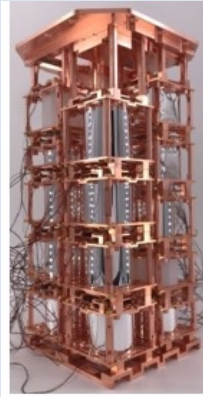
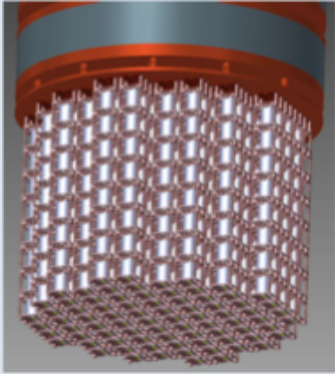
*Qian Yue, this conference*

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# Recent Limits & Perspectives



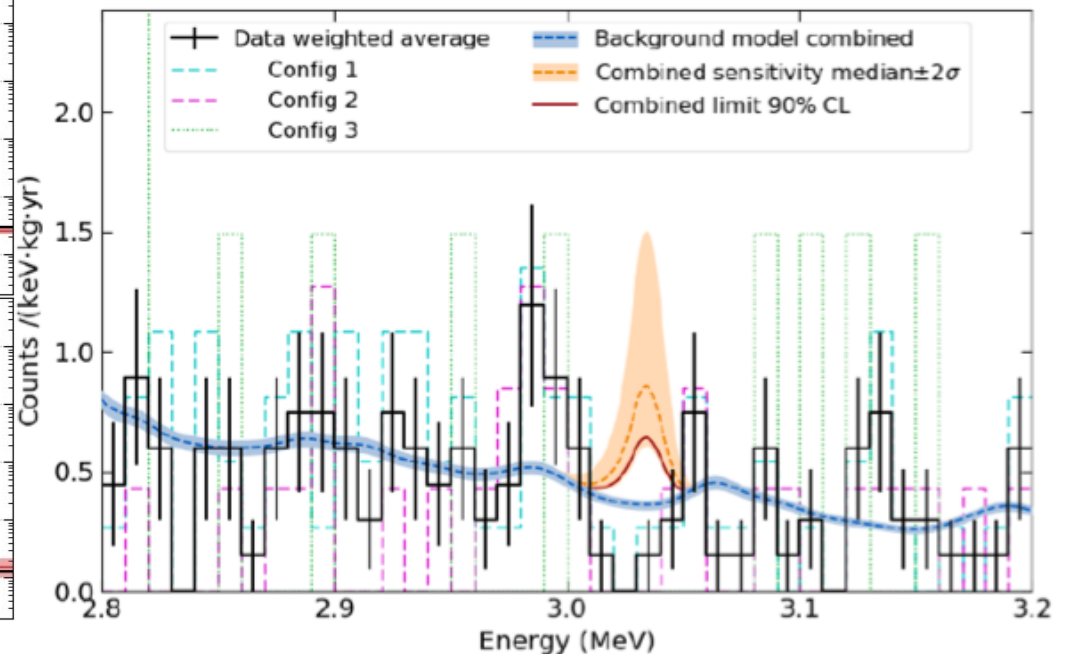
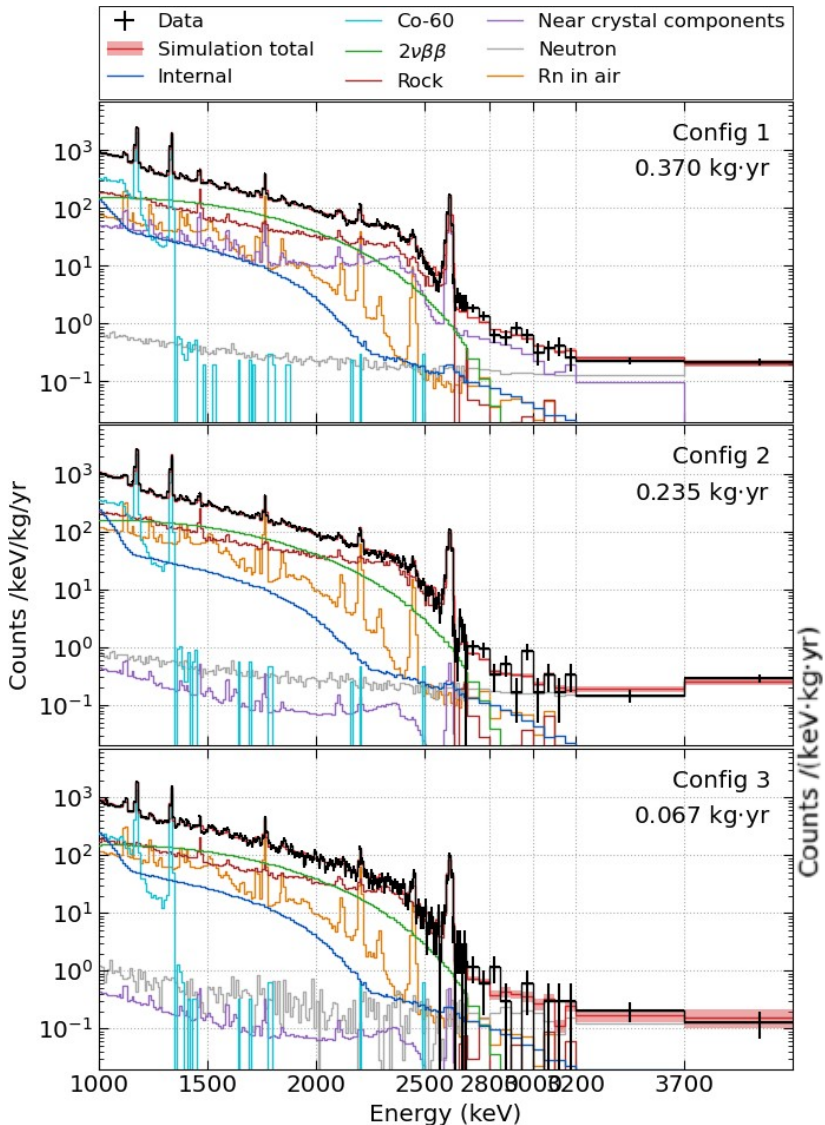
# Plan of AMoRE Project

Phases	AMoRE-Pilot	AMoRE-I	AMoRE-II
Detector Setup (Not in scale)			
Crystals	$^{40}\text{Ca}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ (CMO)	$(^{40}\text{Ca},\text{Li}_2)^{100}\text{MoO}_4$	$\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ (LMO)
Crystal # & Mass	6, 1.9kg	18, 6.2kg	596, 178kg
Backgrounds ( <b>ckky</b> )	$\sim 10^{-1}$	$< 10^{-2}$	$< 10^{-4}$
$T_{1/2}$ (year)	$\sim 3.0 \times 10^{23}$	$\sim 7.0 \times 10^{24}$	$\sim 8.0 \times 10^{26}$
$m_{\beta\beta}$ (meV)	1200-2100	140-270	13-25
Location/Schedule	Y2L / 2015-2018	Y2L / 2020-2022	Yemilab / 2022-2027

# AMoRE-pilot - finished

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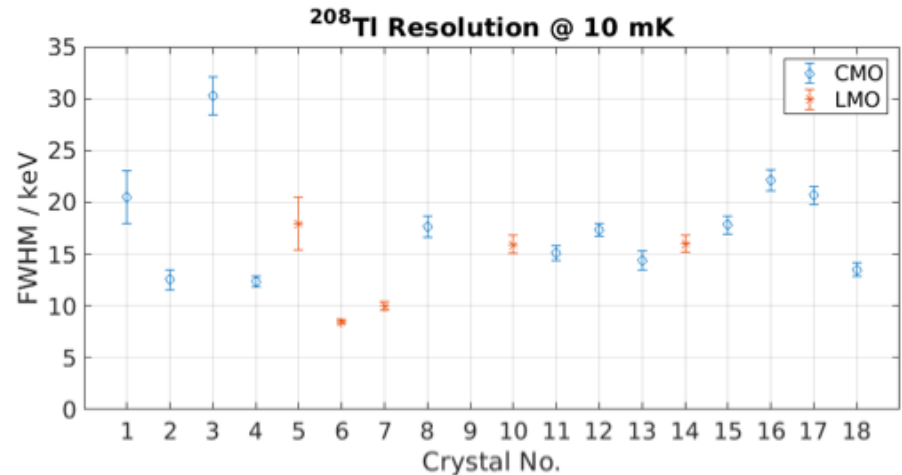
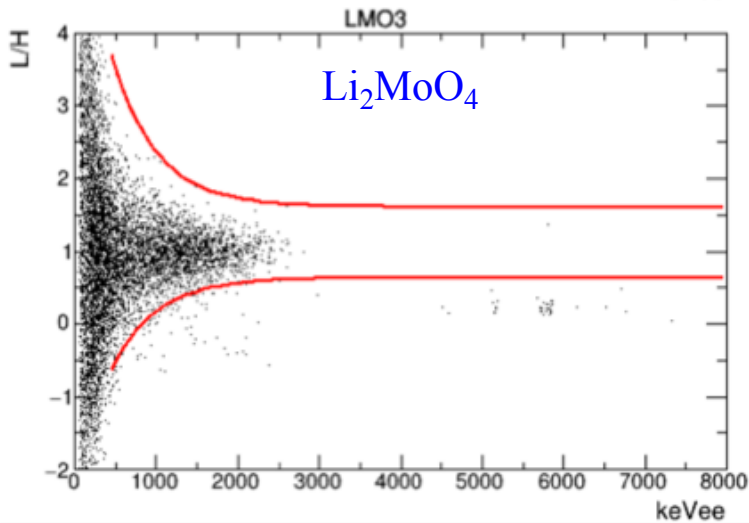
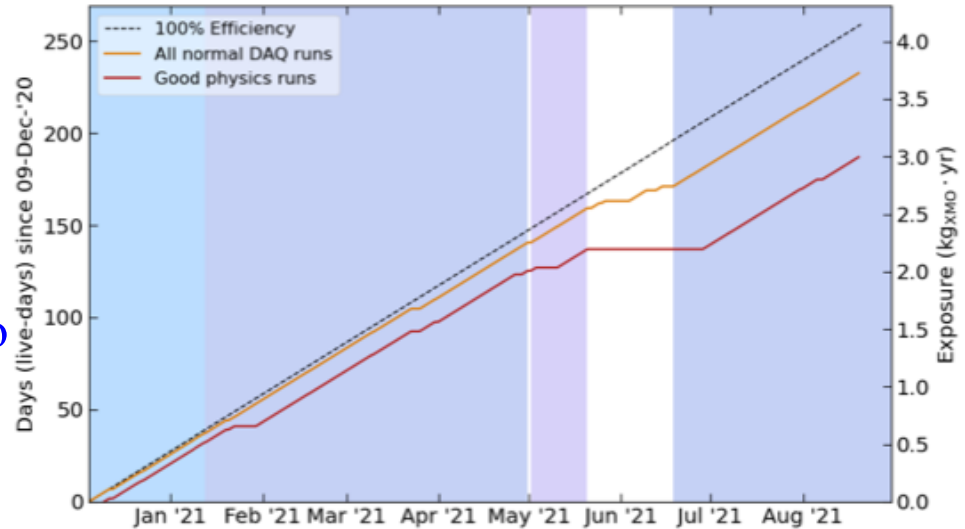
- AMoRE-Pilot experiment began in 2015 @ Y2L to demonstrate the concept.
- 6 CMO crystals are used.
- ~ 2 years of data with different configurations to reduce the backgrounds.
- Final  $0\nu\beta\beta$  halflife limit is  $3.43 \times 10^{23}$  year.

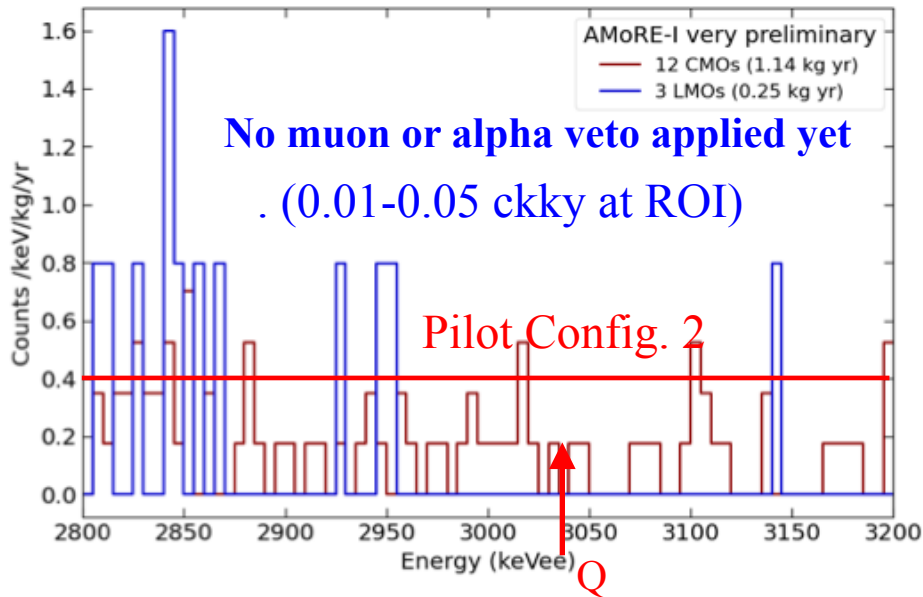
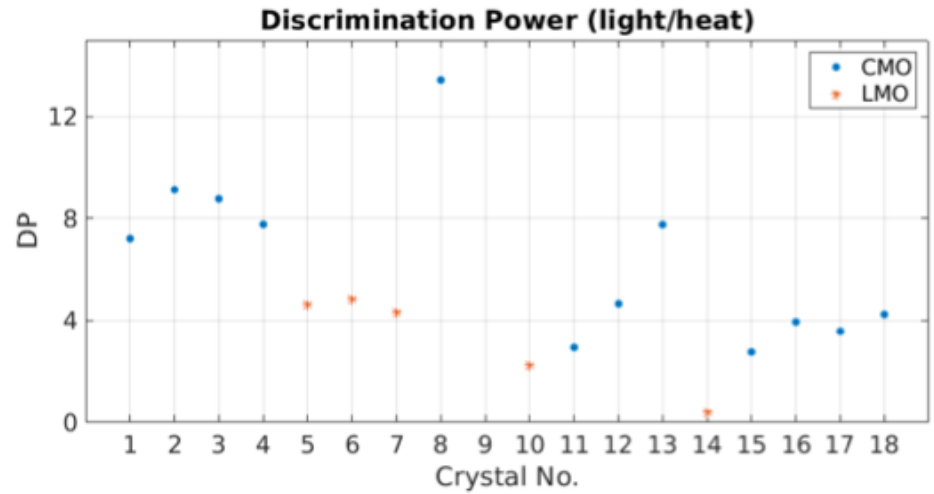
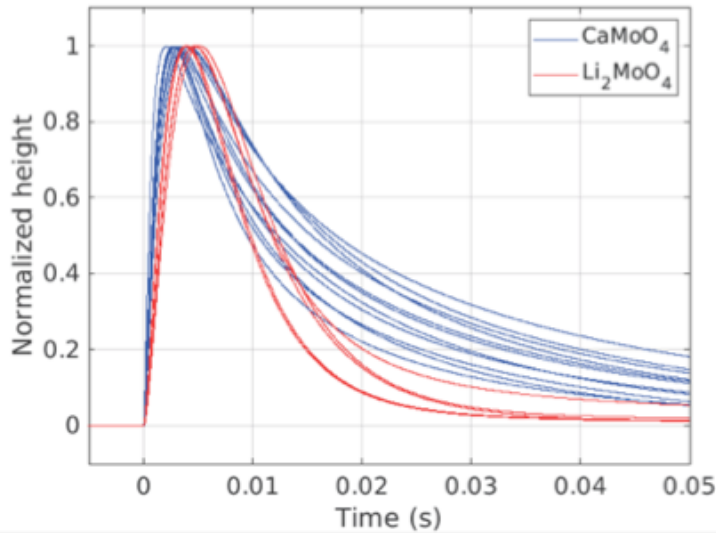


# AMoRE-I - running

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- AMoRE-I run began Aug. 2020 @ Y2L
  - Check detector performance (LMO)
  - Understand background better.
- 17 crystals (34 MMC-SQUID sensors) are stable for over 1 year w/o any noticeable change !





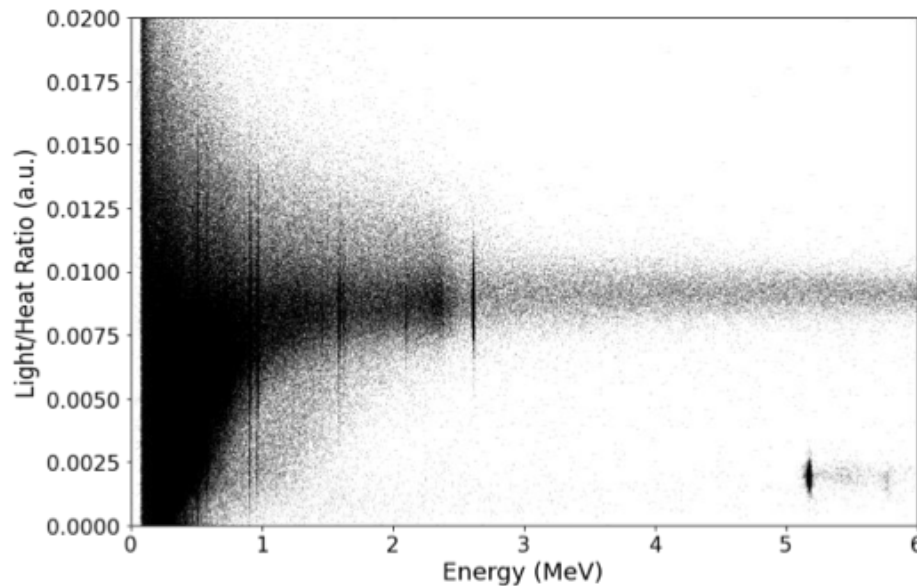
Will get the backgrounds and limits before Neutrino 2022.

# AMoRE-II – under construction

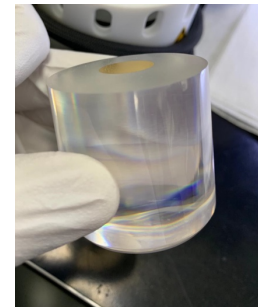
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- Improvement in detector performance is continuing.

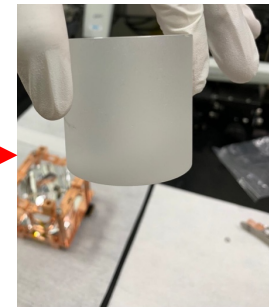
## (1) Polishing vs lapping(roughening)



Polished surface



Lapped surface



### Lapping effects :

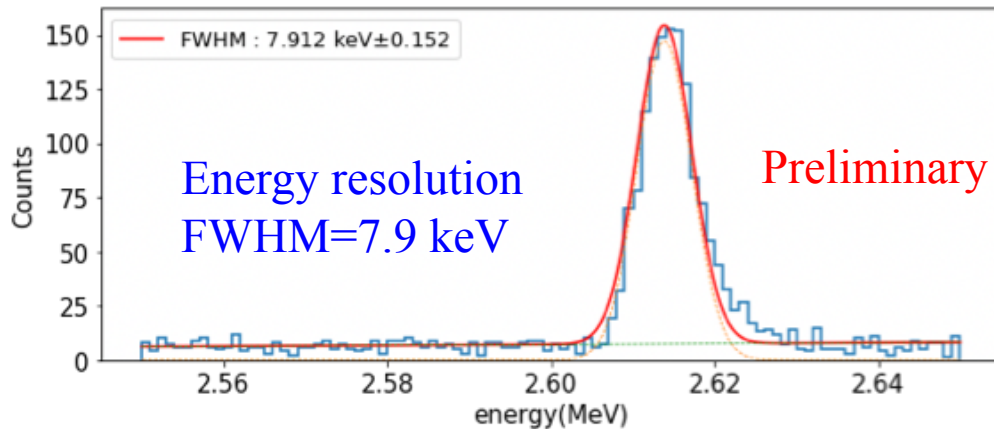
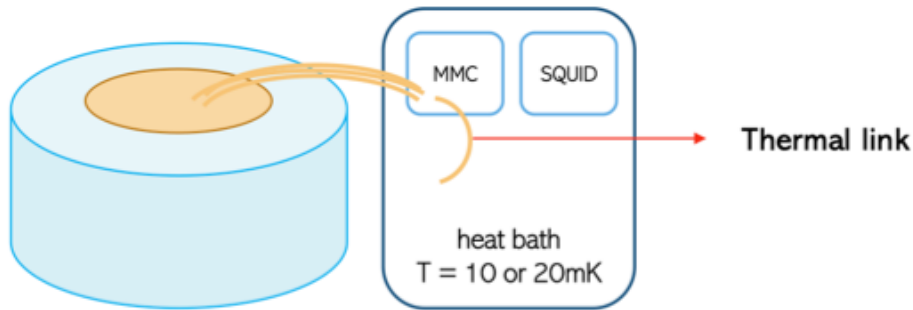
- Better energy resolution  $\sim 8$  keV FWHM.
- Larger light output  $\rightarrow$  DP factor  $> 10$ .
- Signal slower, rising time  $3.2$  ms  $\rightarrow 4.8$  ms.  $\rightarrow$  Disadvantage of larger pileup effect, but still within AMoRE-II requirement.



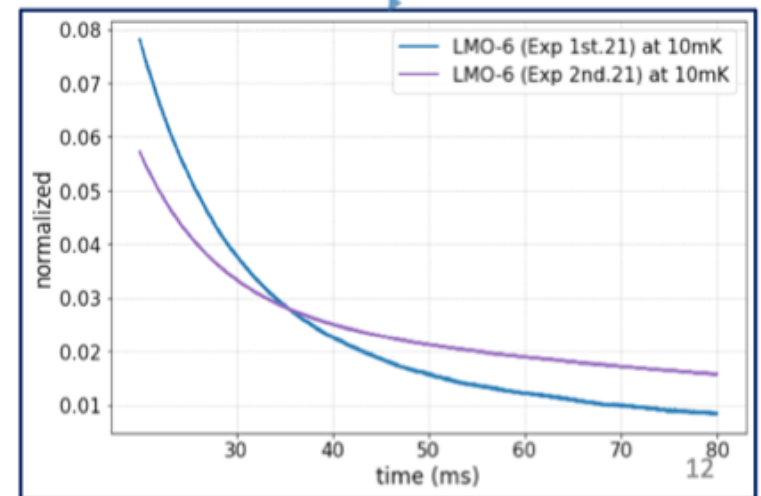
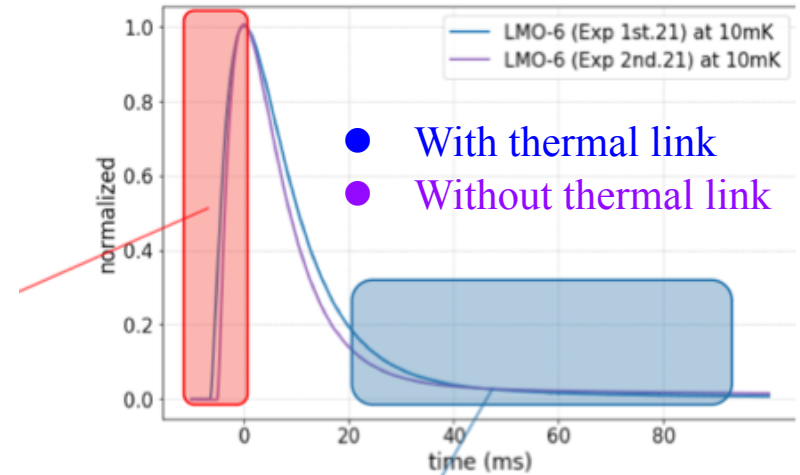
## (2) Thermal link to heat bath

- Tested larger ( $D=H=6\text{cm}$ ) crystal to reduce channel numbers for AMoRE-II and further experiments.

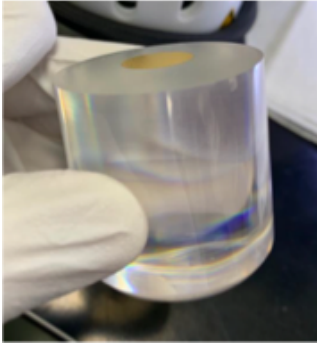
Heat Detector



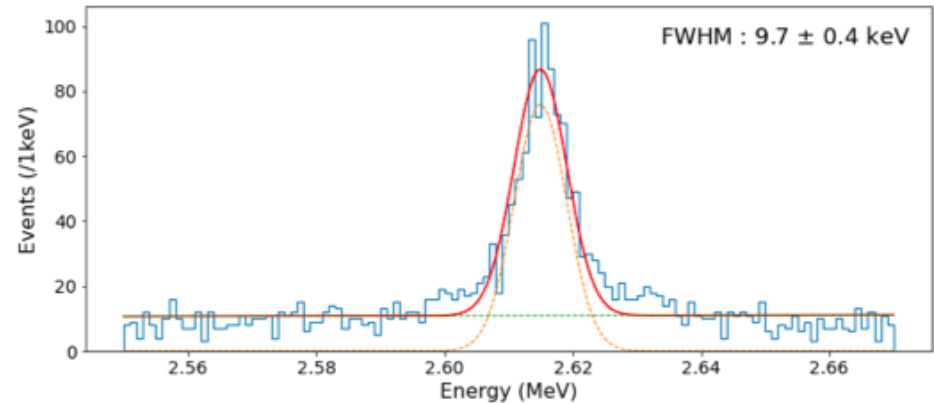
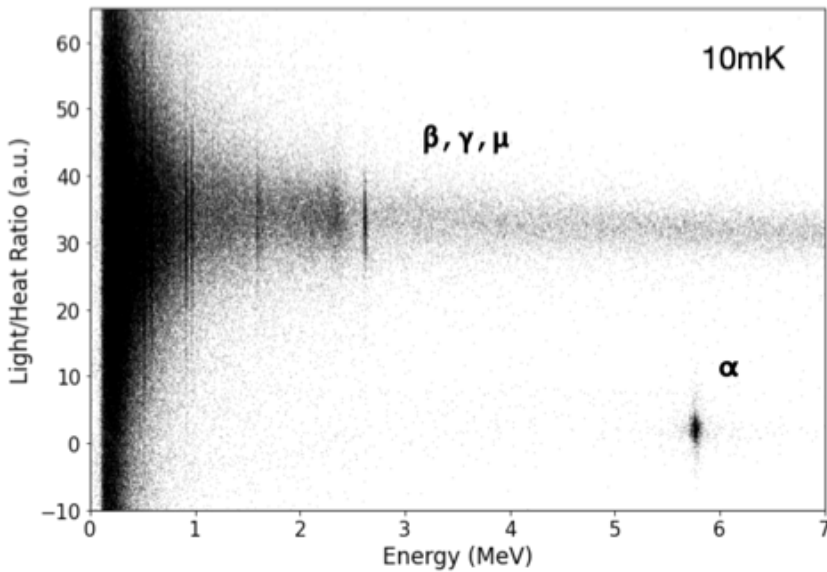
Now, AMoRE's energy resolution is close to CUPID-Mo in the test setup, which has been a task for a long time !



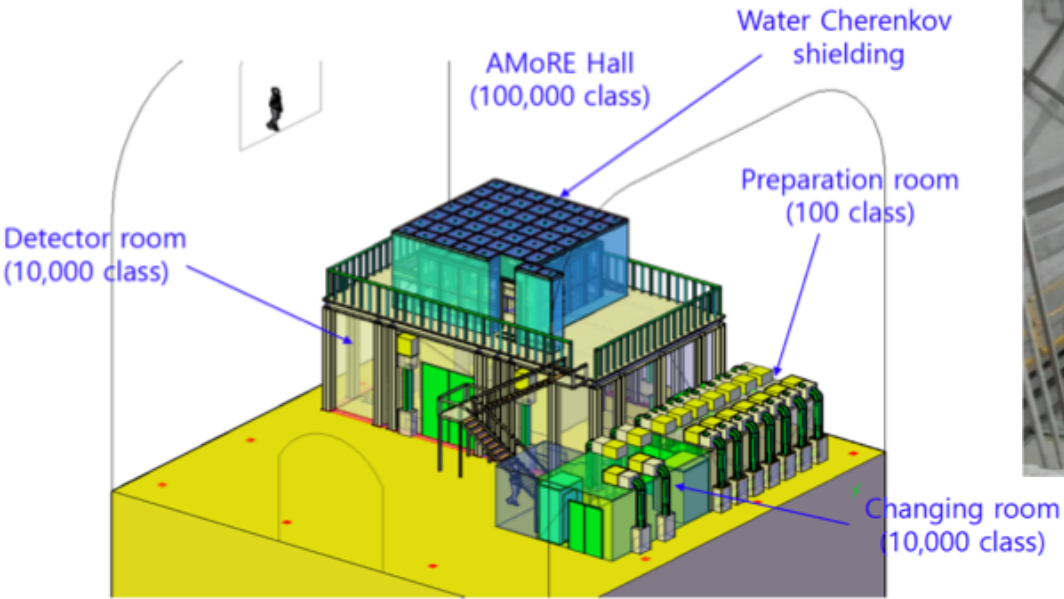
### (3) $\text{Na}_2\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_7$ crystal



- Tested a large (D=H=4cm)  $\text{Na}_2\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_7$  crystal to check it is suitable for AMoRE-II experiment.
- Slower rising time ( $\sim 5.6\text{ms}$  @ 10mK), but good energy resolution and excellent PID.
- A candidate, but it is found difficult to grow large crystal.

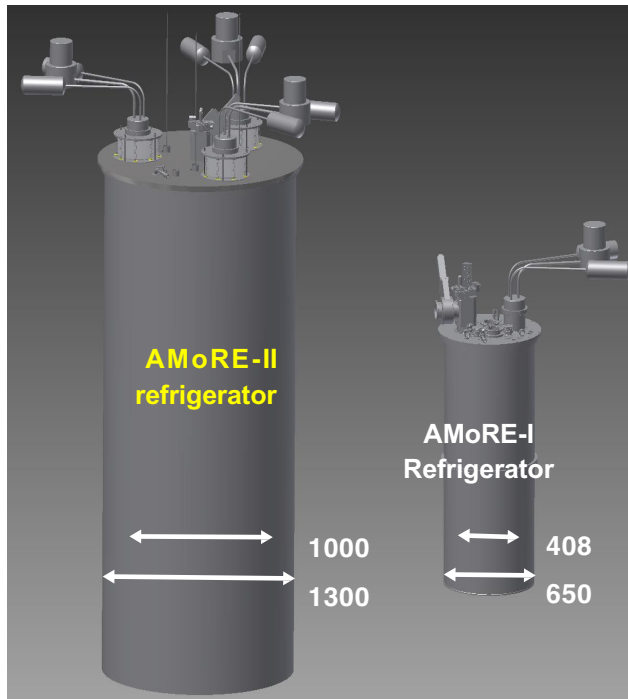


# Construction is going on..



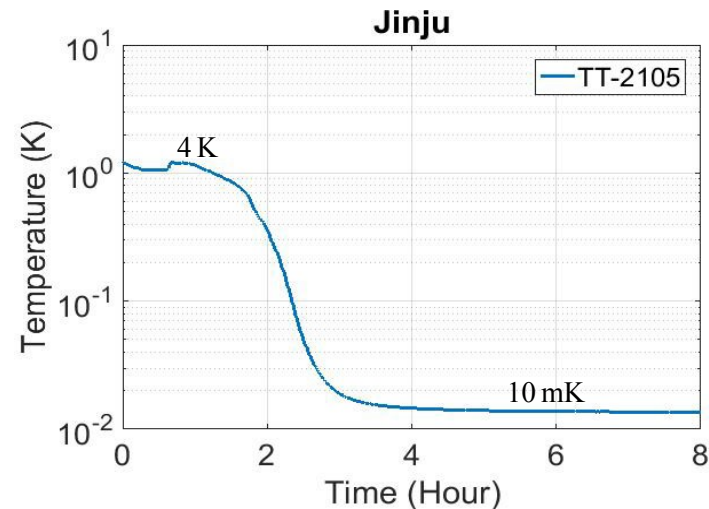
# AMoRE-II refrigerator, detector tower

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## Large dilution Refrigerator from Leiden.

- Three PTR (PT420 RM)
  - 2.4 mW @ 120 mK,
  - $> 5 \mu\text{W}$  @ 10 mK
  - Delivered to IBS in Aug. 2020.
- With heavy LN2 supply, it takes 6 days to reach 4 K.
  - Mass inside IVC: 900 kg (Cu) now,  $\sim 4$  t (Cu+Pb) to be added
  - $\sim 3$  hours to condense the mix.
  - $\sim 4$  hours to reach 10 mK
  - Mass at MC: 300 kg (Cu) now,  $\sim 4$  t (Cu+Pb) to be added.

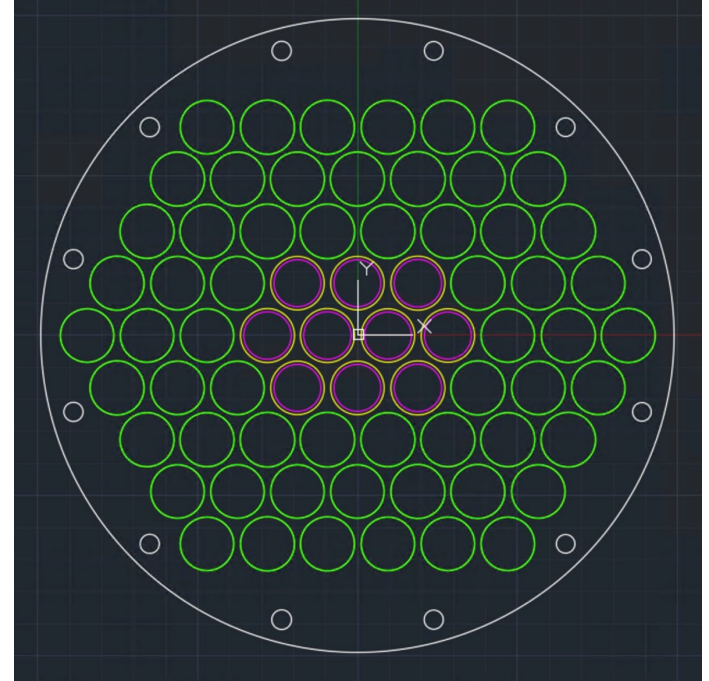
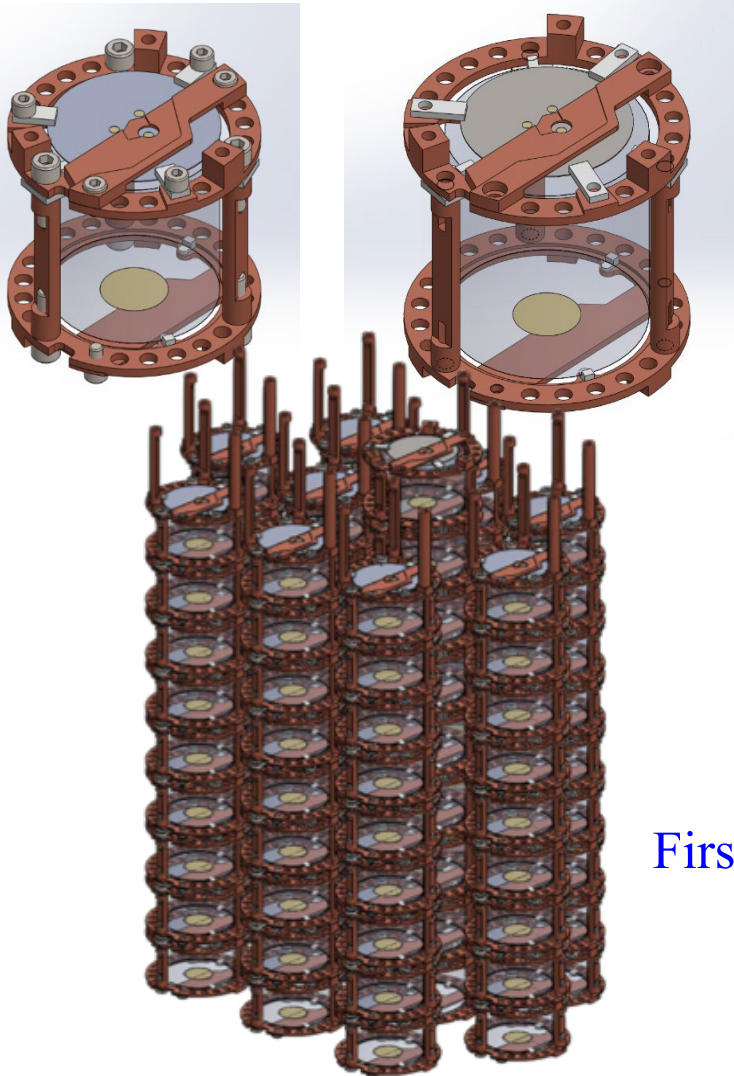


# New detector module and towers

- The module designs are done for 5-cm and 6-cm LMOs

5cm module

6cm module

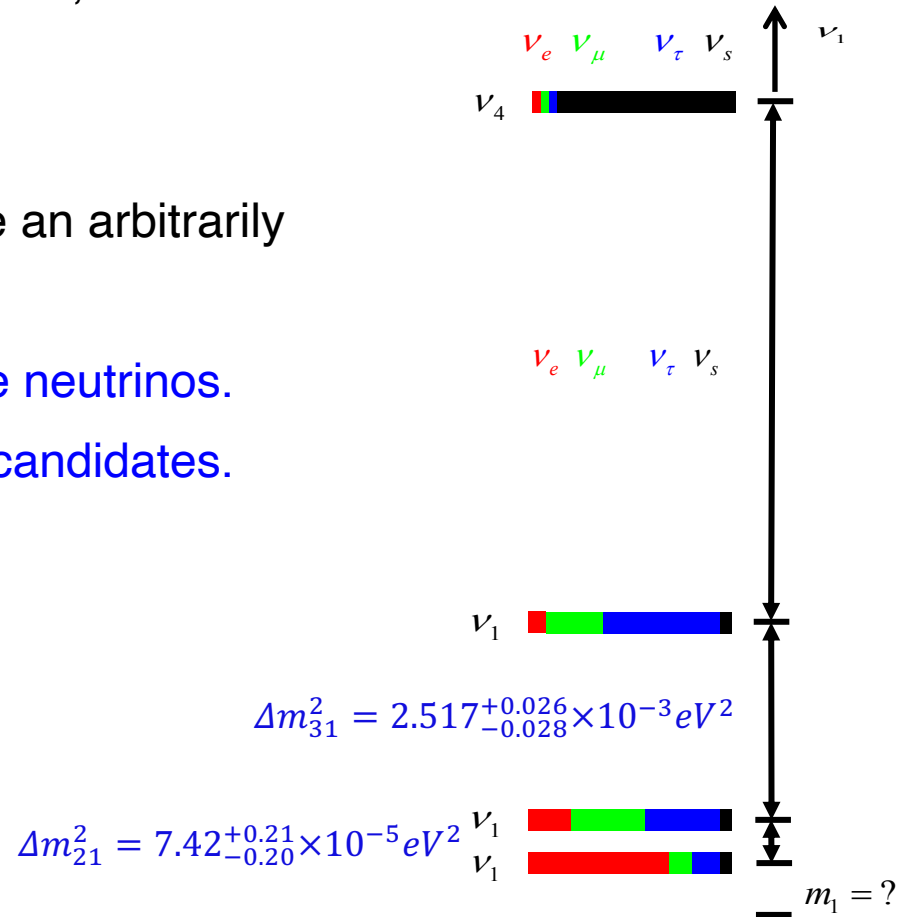
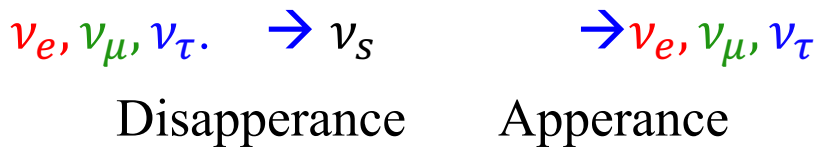


First, 90 crystals will be cooled.

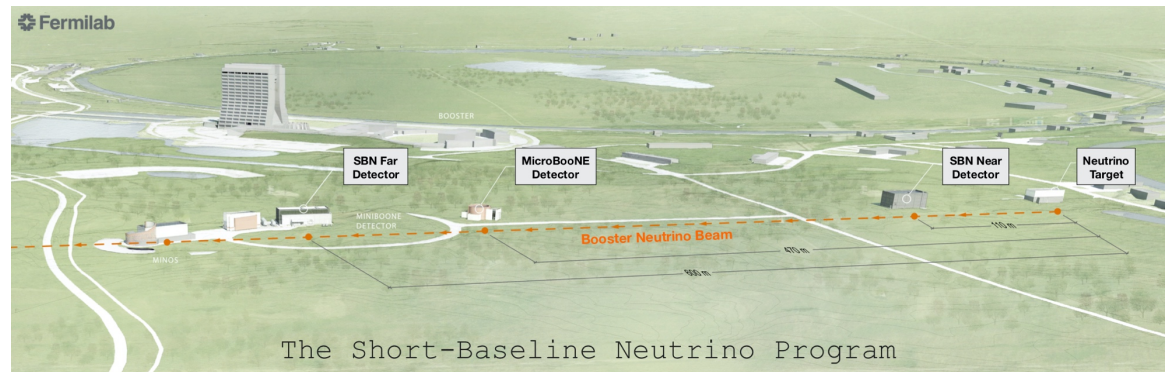
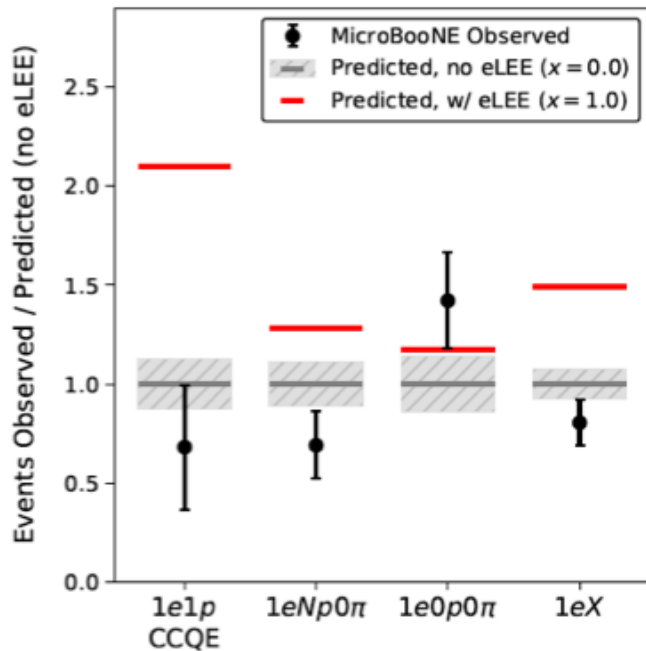
# Are there sterile neutrinos ?

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- Three “Active” neutrinos are left-handed.
- Sterile neutrinos are right-handed neutrinos, so sterile.  
→ 4<sup>th</sup> Flavor
- They can be Majorana particles.
- Being sterile, they can, in principle, have an arbitrarily mass.
- Sterile neutrinos can oscillate with active neutrinos.
- Heavy sterile neutrinos are dark matter candidates.



- Search for Neutrino-Induced Neutral Current Radiative Decay in MicroBooNE and a First Test of the MiniBooNE Low Energy Excess Under a Single-Photon Hypothesis, [arXiv:2110.00409](#)
- Search for an anomalous excess of inclusive charged-current  $\nu_e$  interactions in the MicroBooNE experiment using Wire-Cell reconstruction, [arXiv:2110.13978](#)
- Search for an Excess of Electron Neutrino Interactions in MicroBooNE Using Multiple Final State Topologies, [arXiv:2110.14054](#)
- Search for an anomalous excess of charged-current  $e$  interactions without pions in the final state with the MicroBooNE experiment, [arXiv:2110.14065](#)
- Search for an anomalous excess of charged-current quasi-elastic  $e$  interactions with the MicroBooNE experiment using Deep-Learning-based reconstruction., [arXiv:2110.14080](#)



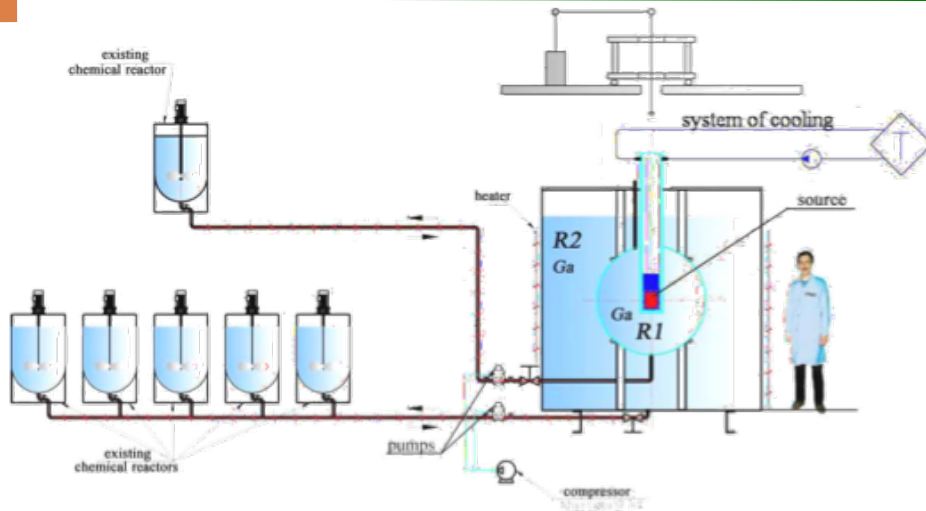
MicroBooNE rejects the hypothesis that  $\nu_e$  CC interactions are fully responsible for that excess at  $>97\%$  CL for both exclusive ( $1e1p$  CCQE,  $1eNp0\pi$ ) and inclusive ( $1eX$ ) event classes.

→ MINIBOONE's excess is not observed. Microboone is consistent with background model.

# 2-zone Ga experiment BEST

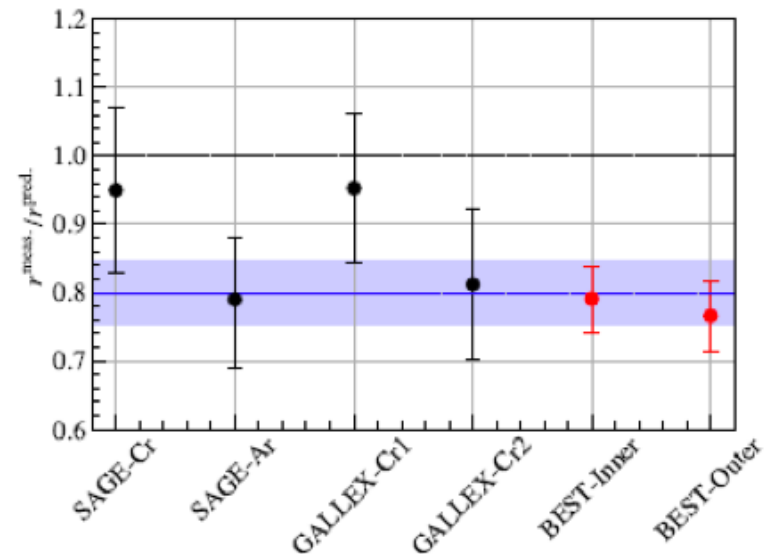
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Slide by V.V.Gorbachev



- Independent measurements in each zone with 2 baselines
- Increased target mass (48 tons instead of 13 tons)
- More active source (3.4 MCi instead of 0.5 MCi)
- All procedures were well studied in sun runs

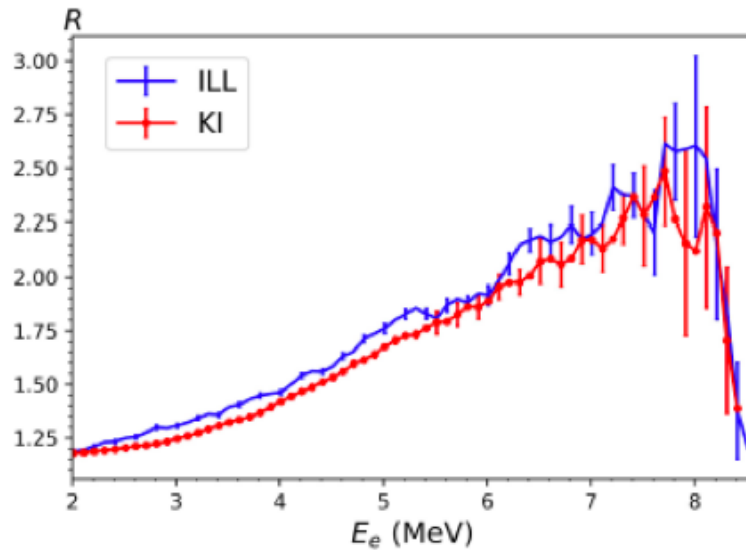
Ga anomaly confirmed and intensified





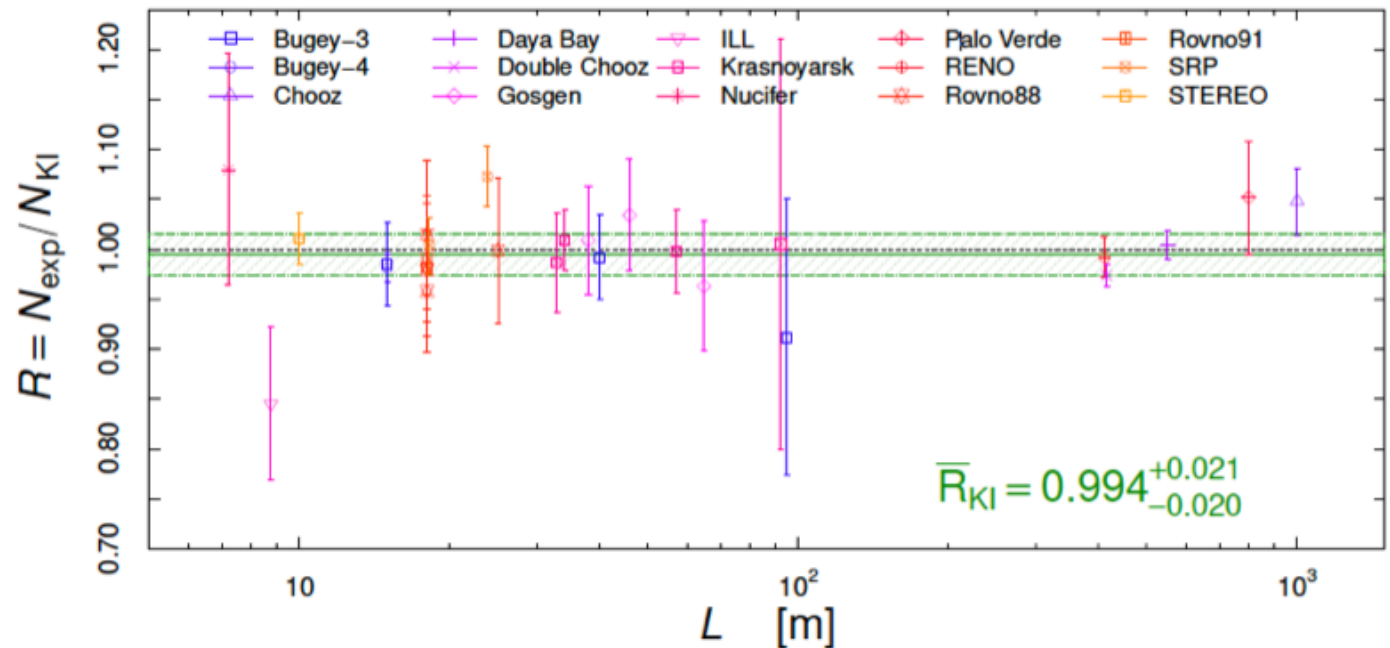
# Reactor neutrino spectra revisited.

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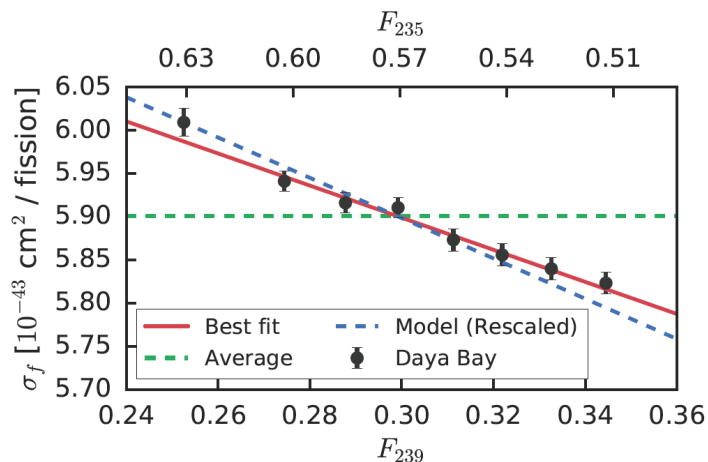
arXiv:2103.01684, Kopeikin et al.

Electron spectra measured again at Kuchatov Institute.

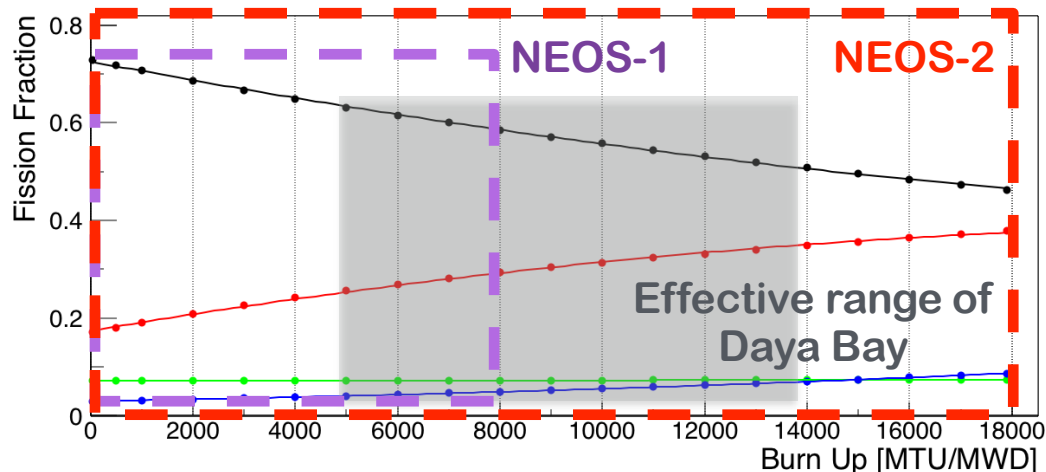


# NEOS projects

- NEOS-II covered whole burn-up cycle (1.5 years data) compared to NEOS (0.5 year data).
- PI : Yomin Oh & Sunny Seo (CUP, IBS)

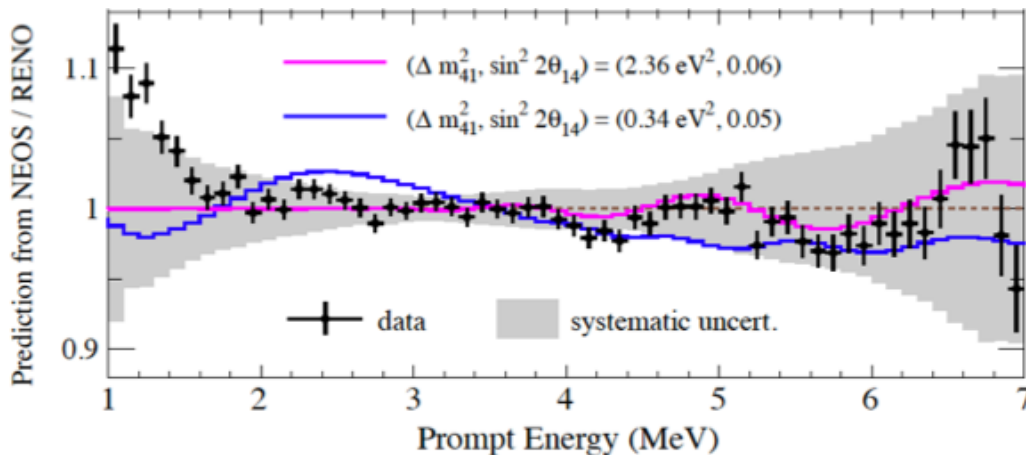


An et al., PRL 118, 251801 (2017)

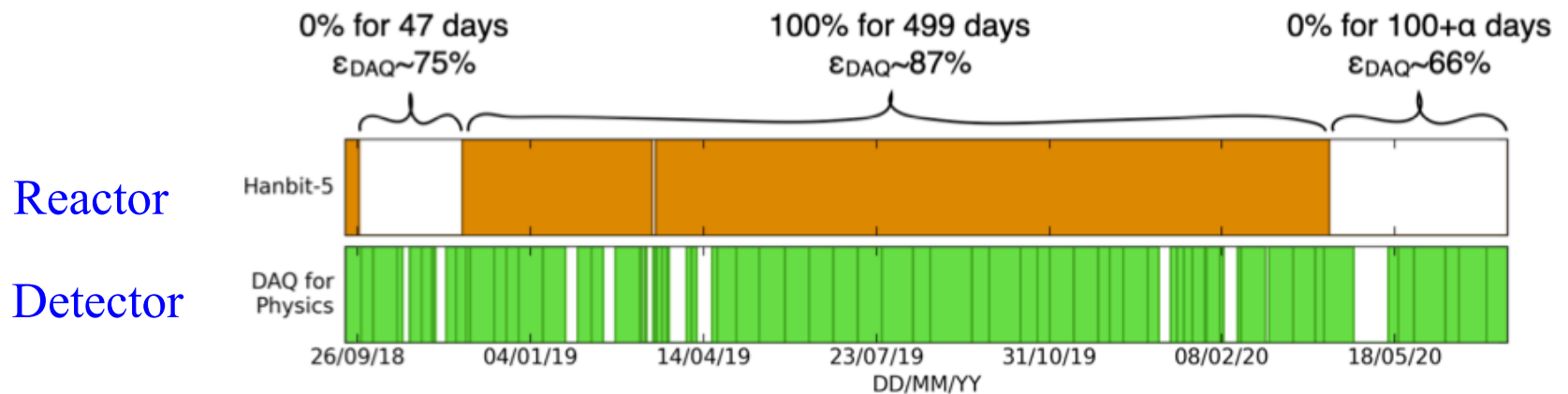


RENO opened unfolded spectra.  
Atif et al., arXiv:2011.00896

NEOS compared with RENO.



# NEOS-II data taking finished

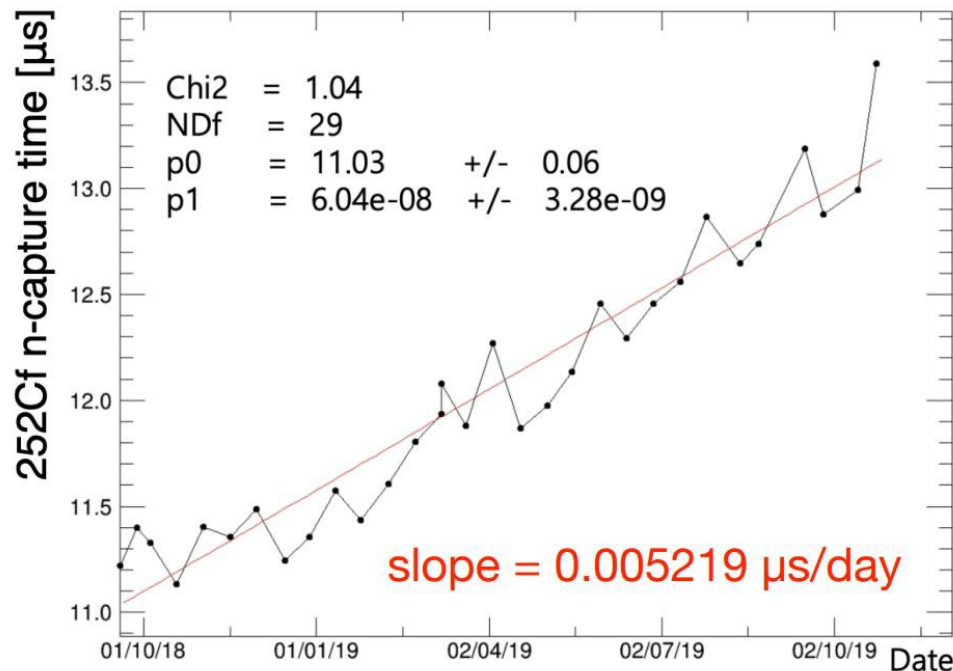
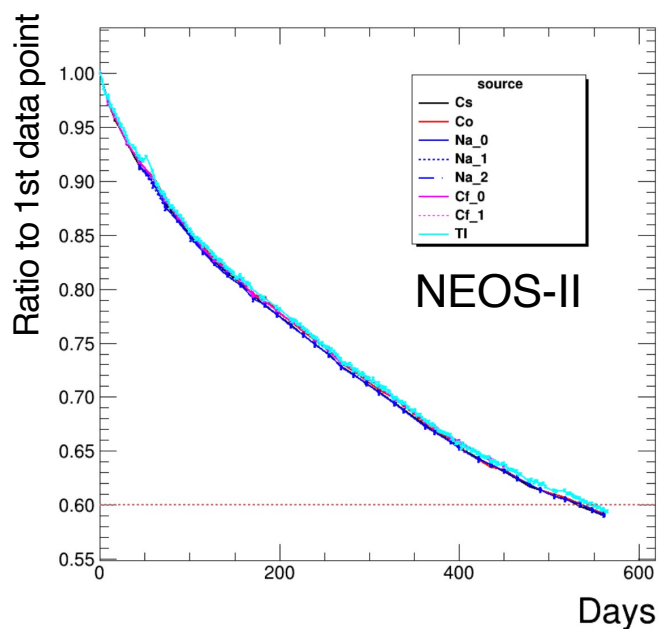


To confirm

- the wiggling pattern seen in NEOS-I
- the fuel burn-up.
- Improve sterile neutrino search.

# LS stability issue in NEOS-II

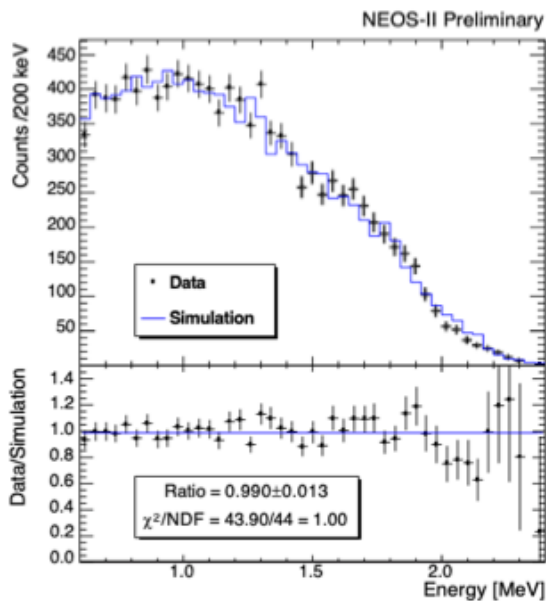
- LAB LS with 0.5% Gd loaded and 10% of DIN (UG-F) mixed; same recipe for NEOS-I & II.
- Precipitates in the LS samples → LY decreases, attenuation got worse.
- Can be controlled for analysis (YJKo @ v-2020).
- Efficiency should be studied carefully.



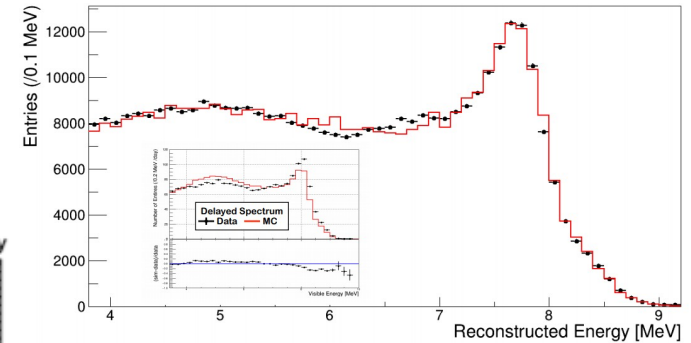
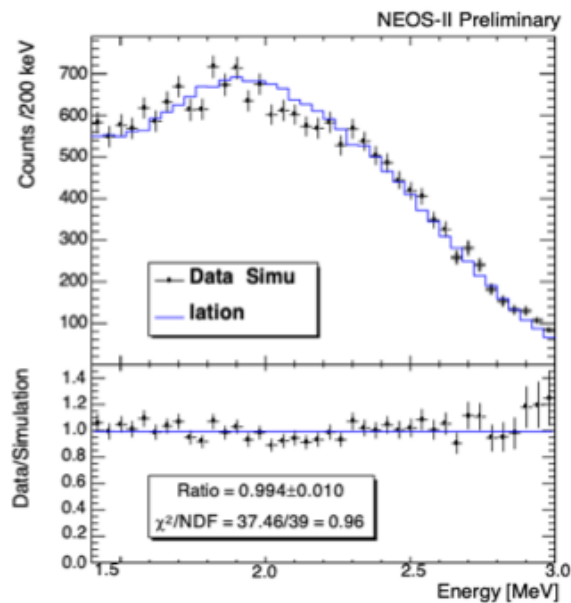
# NEOS-II Simulation

- MC tuning is almost done.
- Validating MC by comparing beta spectra w/ data
- Beta spectrum for  $^{12}\text{B}$  will be compared.

- $^{212}\text{Bi}$

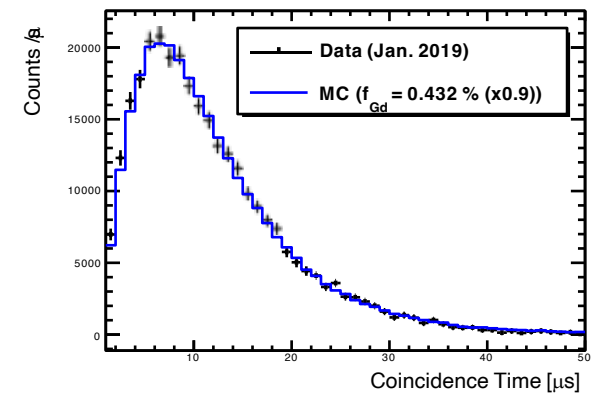


- $^{214}\text{Bi}$



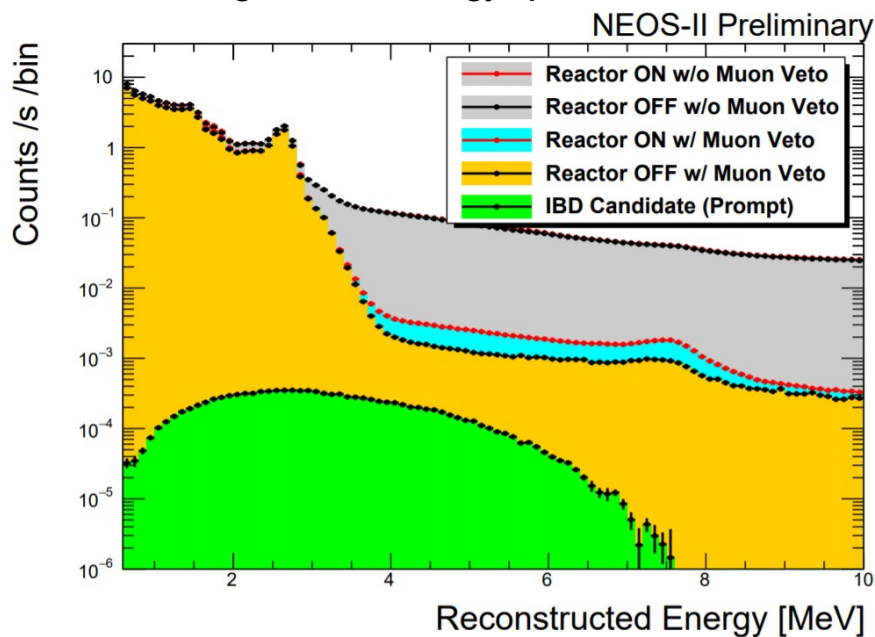
Okayama Model: [PTEP 2019 2, 023D01]

- IBD Coincidence Time



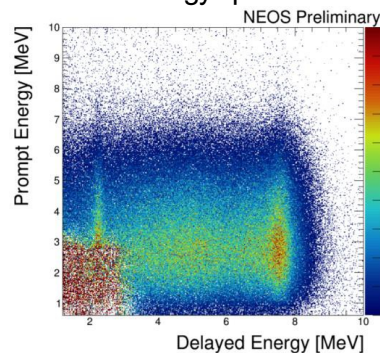
# IBD reconstruction

- Single event energy spectra

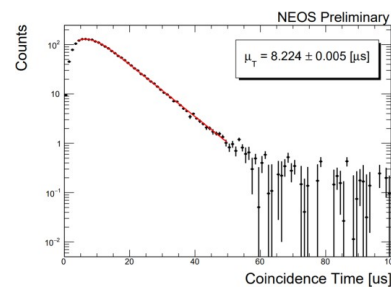


- Single event selection
- Energy cut, Exception electric noise, flasher cut

- Energy spectra



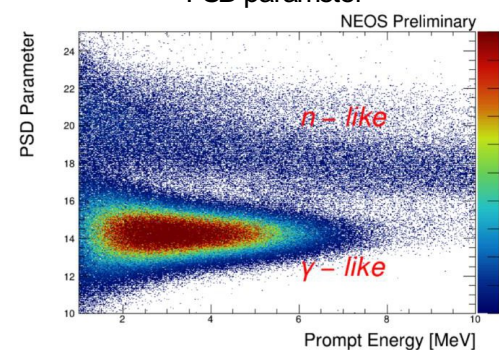
- Coincidence time



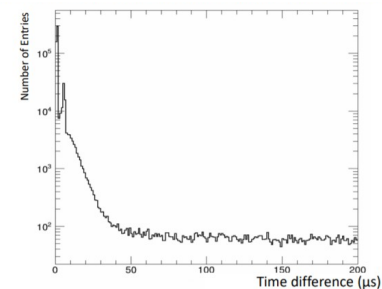
- IBD candidate

- Energy cut, muon veto, multiplicity cut, PSD parameter cut

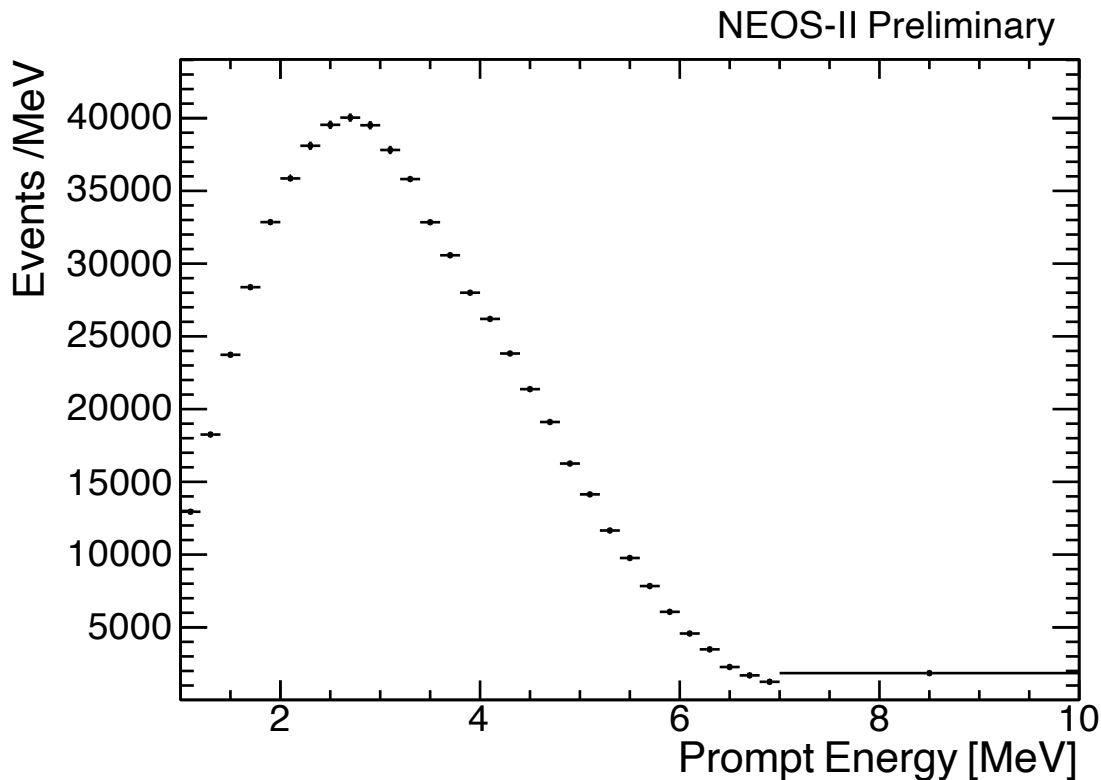
- PSD parameter



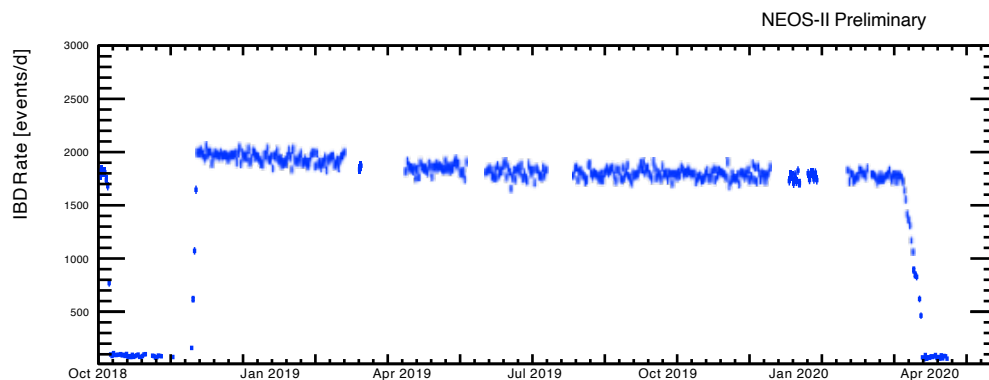
- Time difference from muon to target



# IBD Prompt Energy Spectrum & Rate



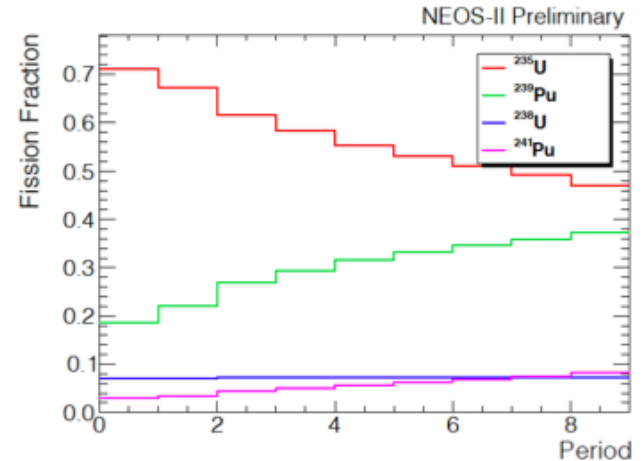
Comparison with the prediction is going on.  
NEOS-II data for sterile neutrino and fuel decomposition is coming soon.



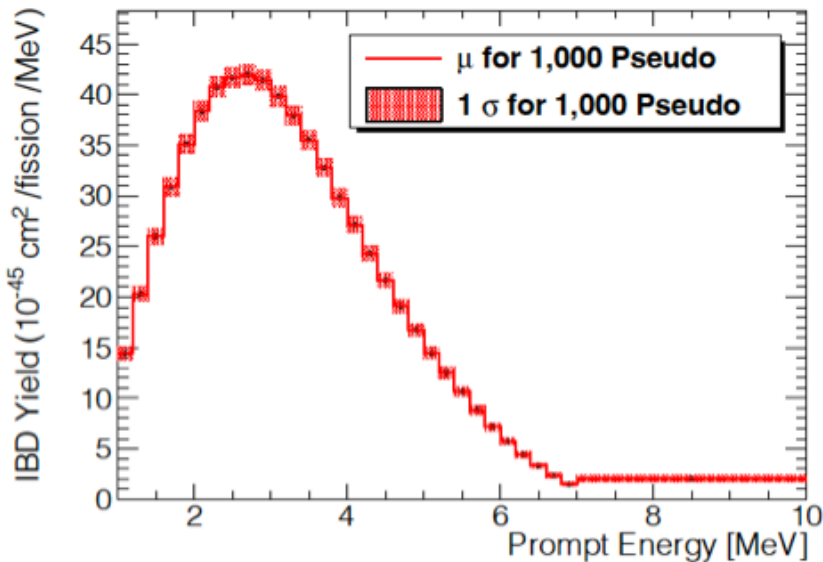
# Spectrum decomposition

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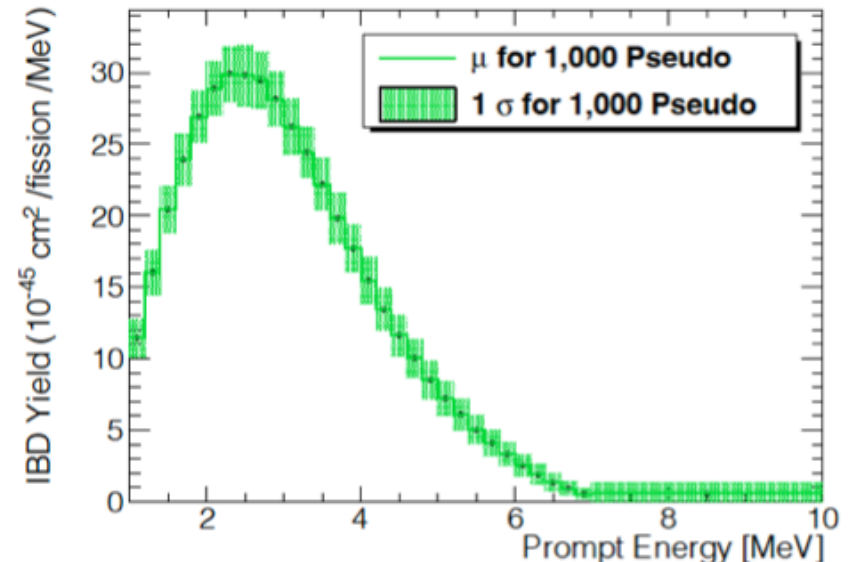
- 9 periods for reactor on time based on data run numbers.
- Generating pseudo data by using Huber-Mueller model.
- Standard deviation : 4 % & 20 % for  $^{235}\text{U}$  &  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  in 4 - 6 MeV.



$^{235}\text{U}$

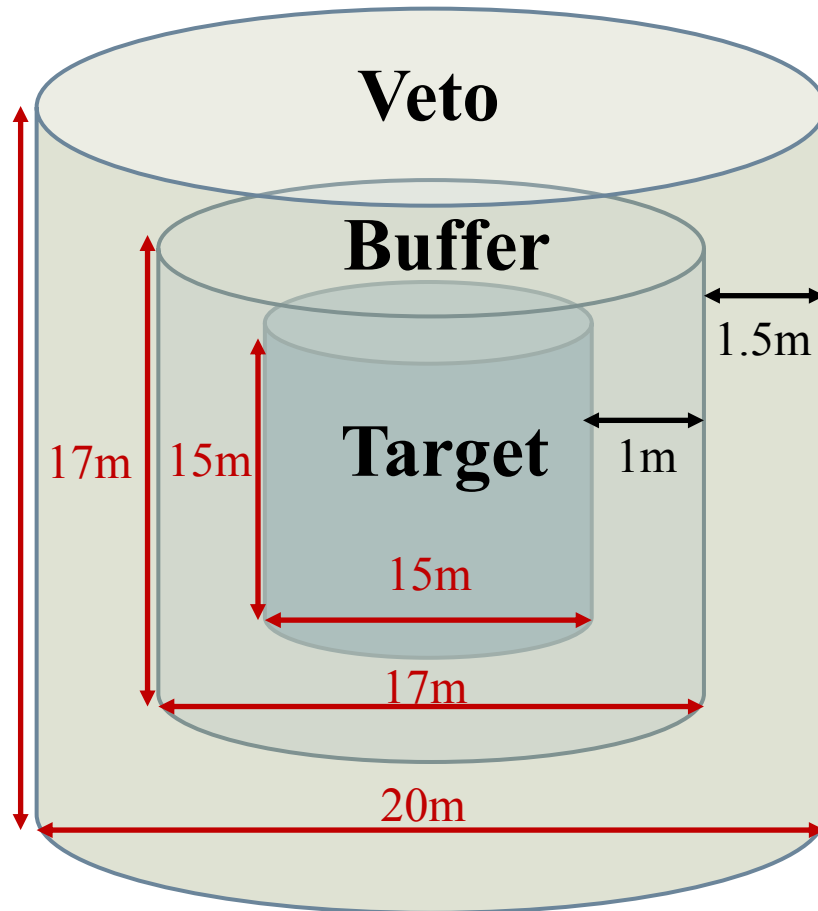
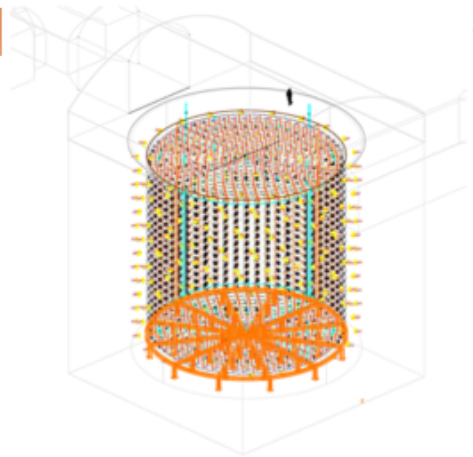


$^{239}\text{Pu}$





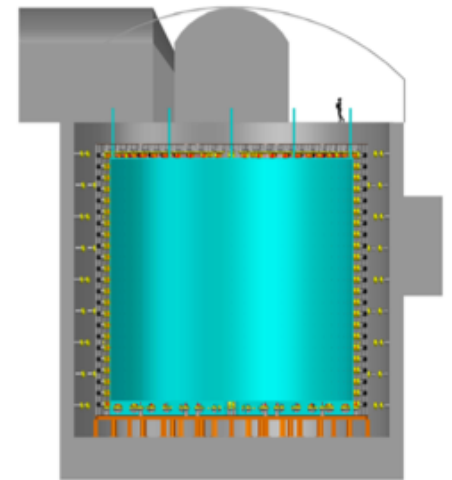
# LSC @ Yemilab



**T**arget: **2.26 kton**

**B**uffer: 1.14 kton

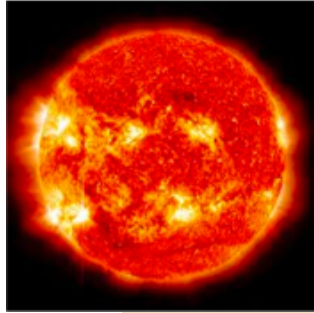
**V**eto: 2.41 kton



1200(1800,2400) x 20 inch PMTs = 20% (30, 40)% coverage

# Broad Physics Program

Solar  $\nu$



Supernova  $\nu$



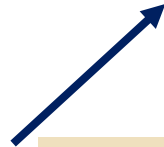
DSNB

$\nu$  Telescope

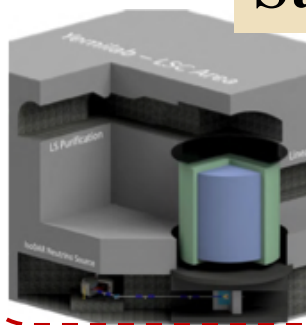
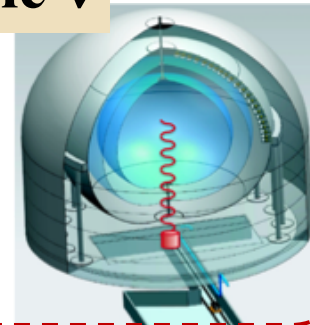
e- beam



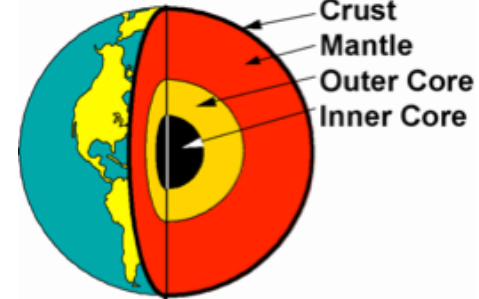
Dark Photon



Sterile  $\nu$

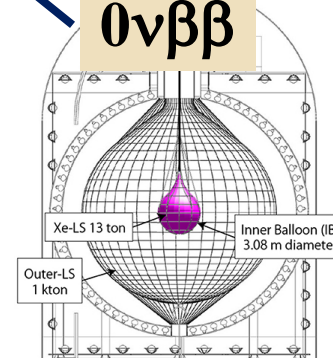


Geo  $\nu$



New step to  
Geo Science

$0\nu\beta\beta$

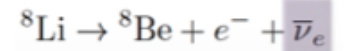
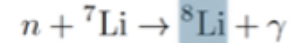
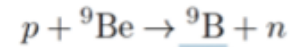
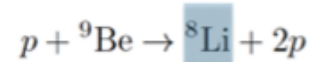
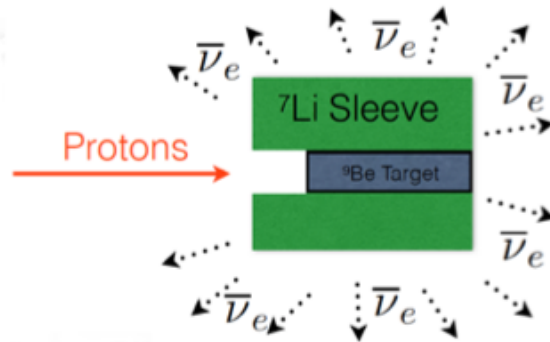
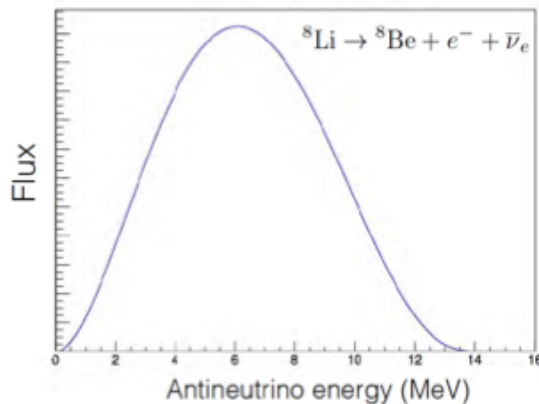
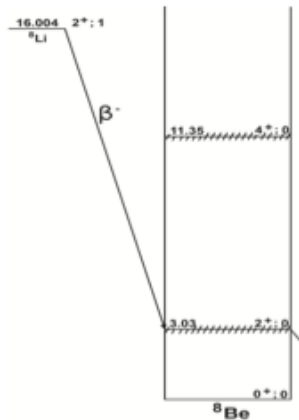
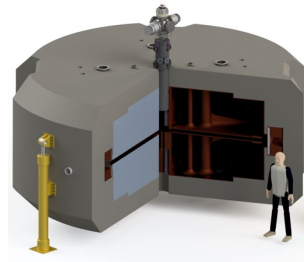
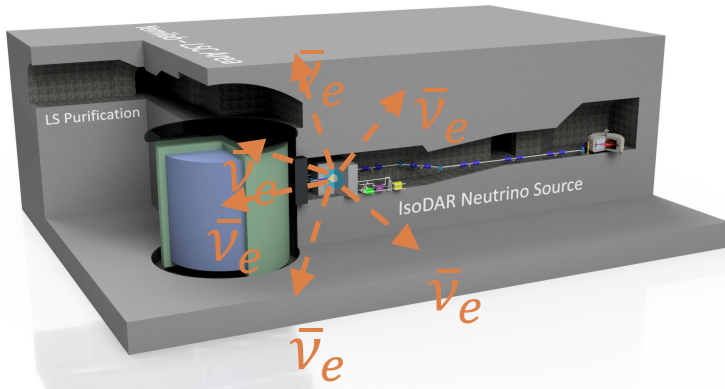


# Neutrino production @ IsoDAR

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arXiv:2110.10635 : “IsoDAR@Yemilab”

IsoDAR uses  $^8\text{Li}$  Isotope Decay-at-rest



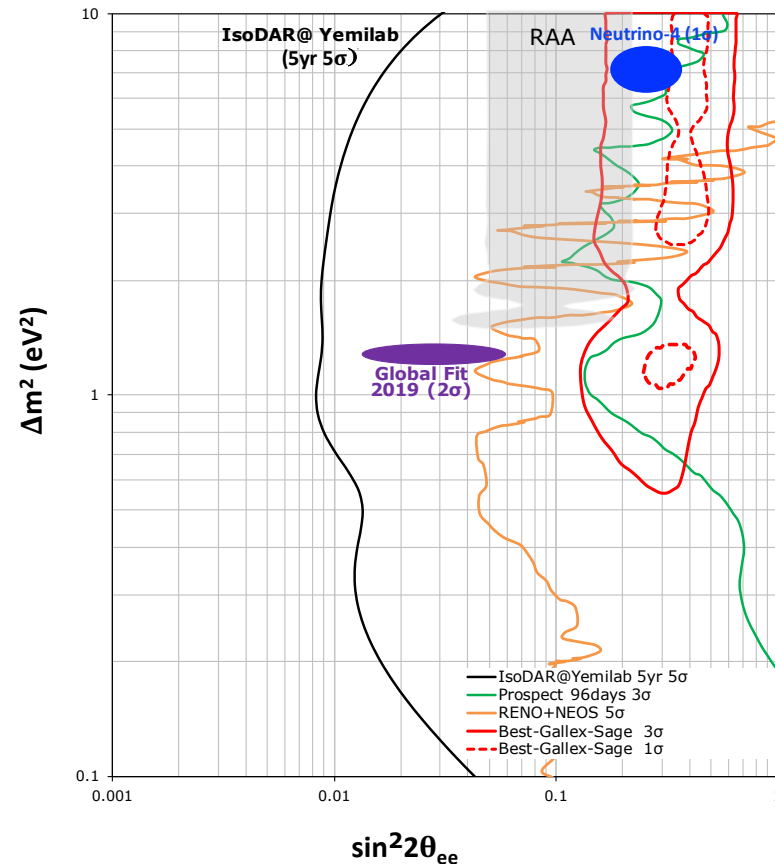
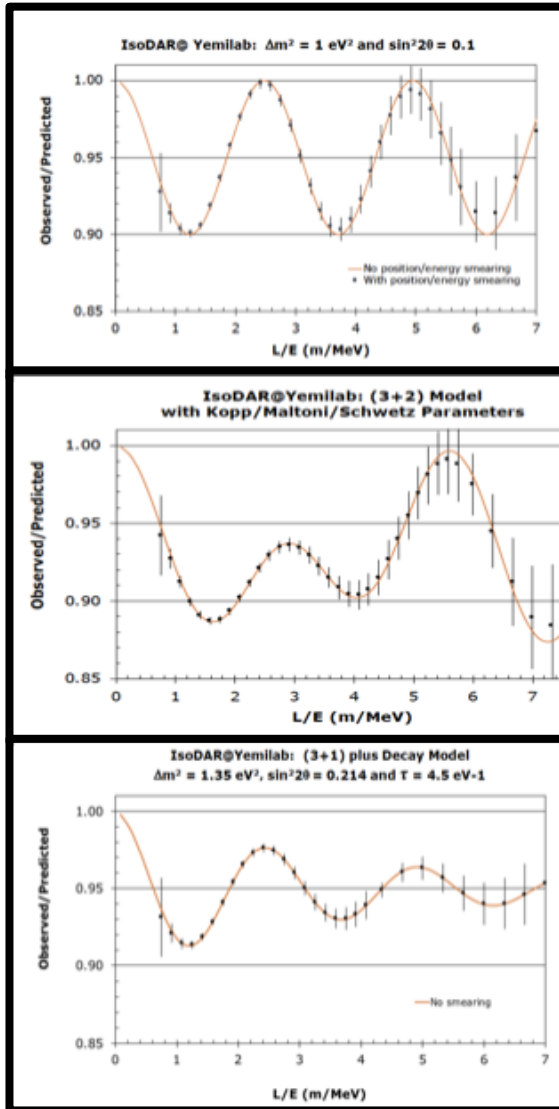
$1.7 \times 10^6$  IBD events in 5 years.  
 $\sim 1000$  events/day

Runtime	5 calendar years
IsoDAR duty factor	80%
Livetime	4 years
Protons on target/year	$1.97 \cdot 10^{24}$
${}^8\text{Li}$ /proton ( $\bar{\nu}_e$ /proton)	0.0146
$\bar{\nu}_e$ in 4 years livetime	$1.15 \cdot 10^{23}$
IsoDAR@Yemilab mid-baseline	17 m
IsoDAR@Yemilab depth	985 m (2700 m.w.e.)

# Expected results.

arXiv:2111.09480 : “Neutrino Physics Opportunities with the IsoDAR Source at Yemilab”

- $\bar{\nu}_e p \rightarrow e^+ n$
- Well known energy spectra and cross section unlikely with other experiments; reactor neutrinos,  $\sim$ GeV neutrino-nuclear cross section, neutrino-nucleus CC interaction etc.



# Other physics

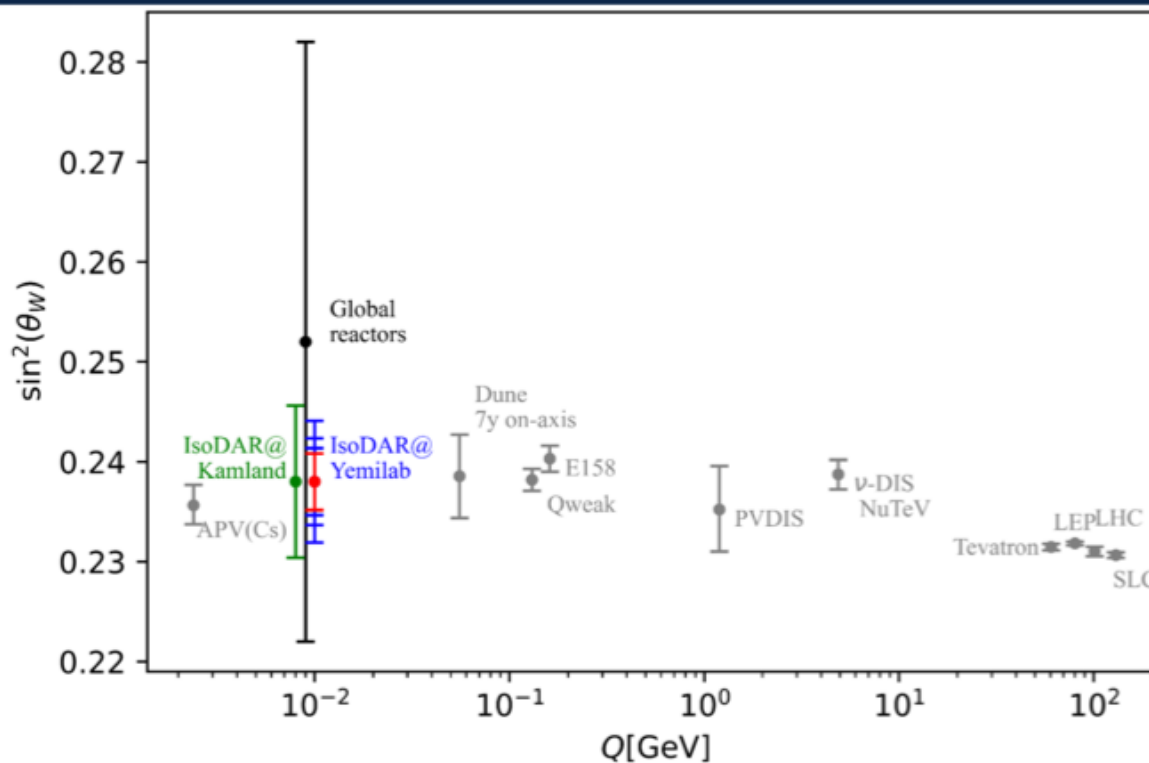
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## IsoDAR@Yemilab elastic scattering

Searching for new physics with  $\bar{\nu}_e e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e e$

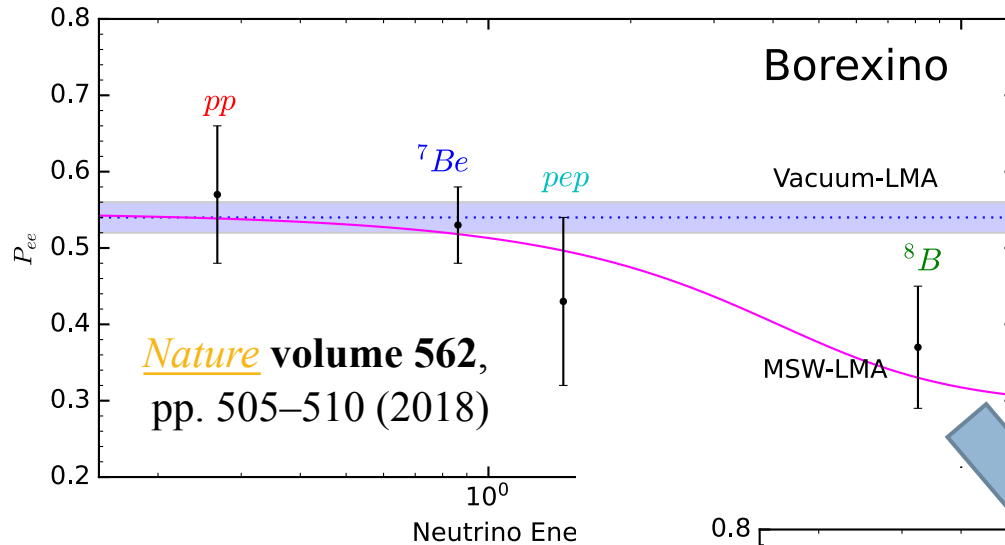
World-leading reactor measurement, TEXONO:  $\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.251 \pm 0.039$

Global, all-reactor analysis (PLB 761 450 2016):  $\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.252 \pm 0.030$



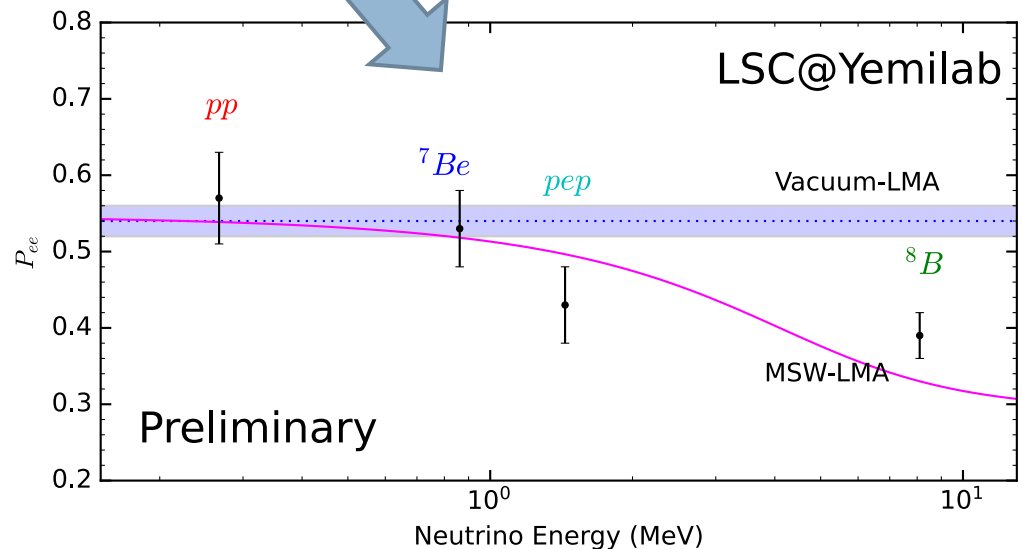
# Solar Neutrinos

- Borexino data: **2007(2008) – 2016 @LNGS**
- 300 ton LS ( $\sim 2200$  8" PMTs,  $\sim 6\%$  @1MeV )
- Very low radioactive BKG



**5 year operation @Yemilab**

**2.26 kton LS**



# Summary

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- $0\nu\beta\beta$  is one of the best probe for BSM physics.
- AMoRE experiment aims to be sensitive close to  $10^{27}$  year range for  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  isotope and will be installed by end of 2023 in full scale.
- AMoRE group established a unique detection system among competent leading double beta decay experiments.
- $0\nu\beta\beta$  can be discovered at anytime with new sensitivities.
- O(eV) Sterile neutrino searches are continuing with contradictory results.  
NEOS-II data for sterile neutrino and fuel decomposition is coming soon.
- LSC cavern will be ready soon and a white paper on LSC physics including IsoDAR@Yemilab is coming along.

