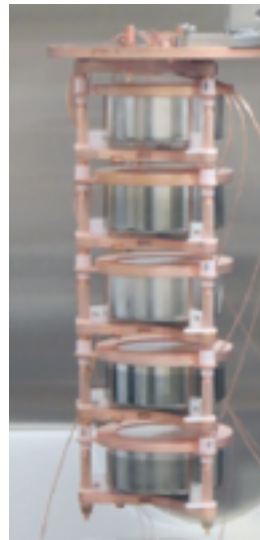
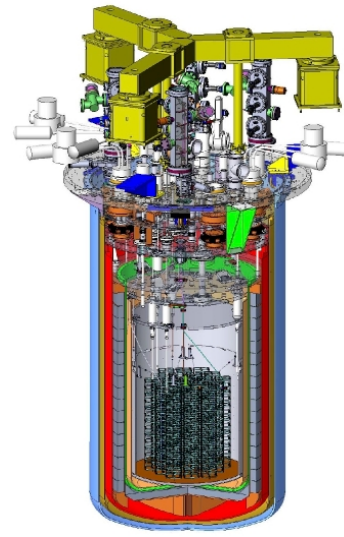
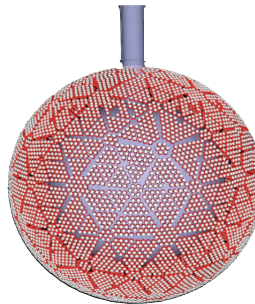
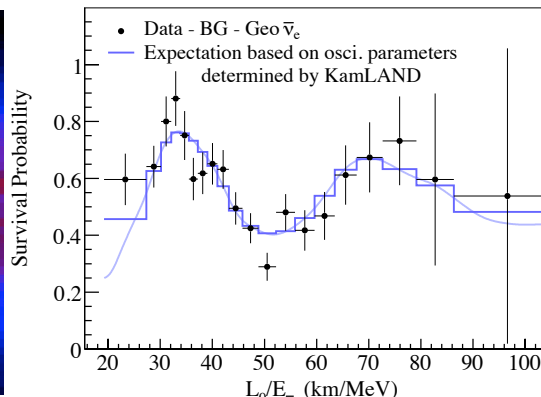
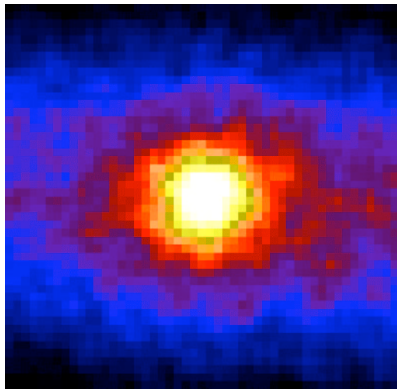


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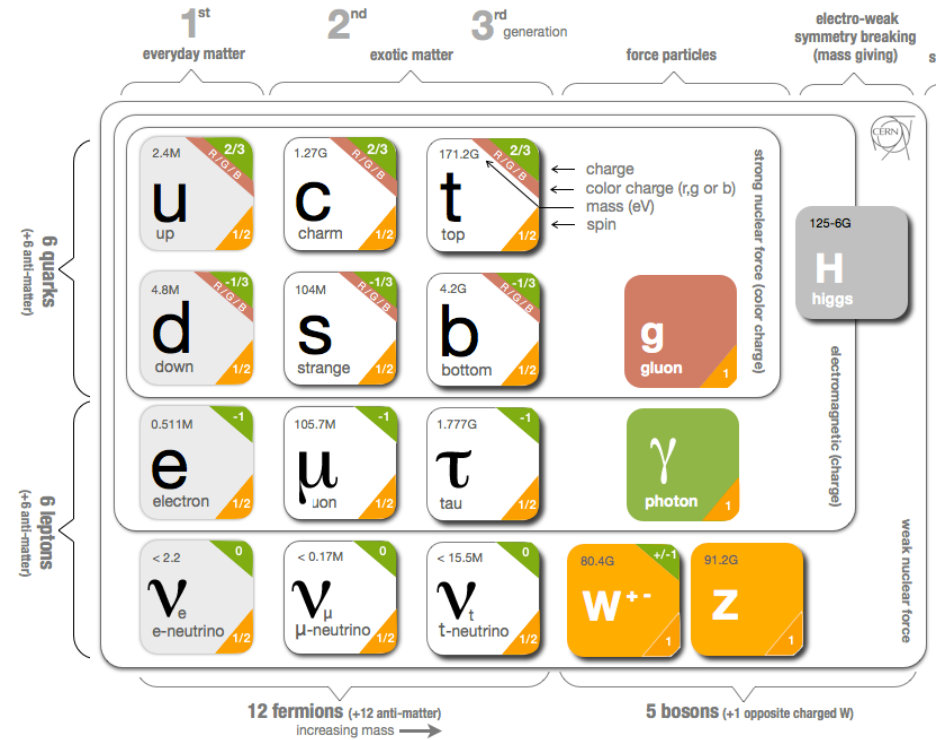


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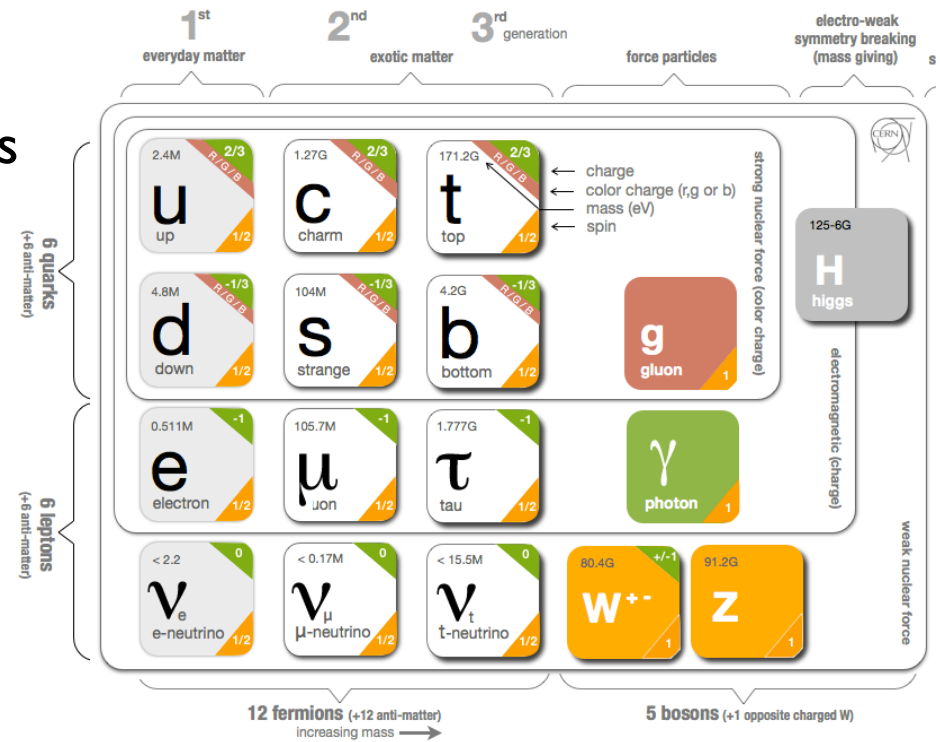


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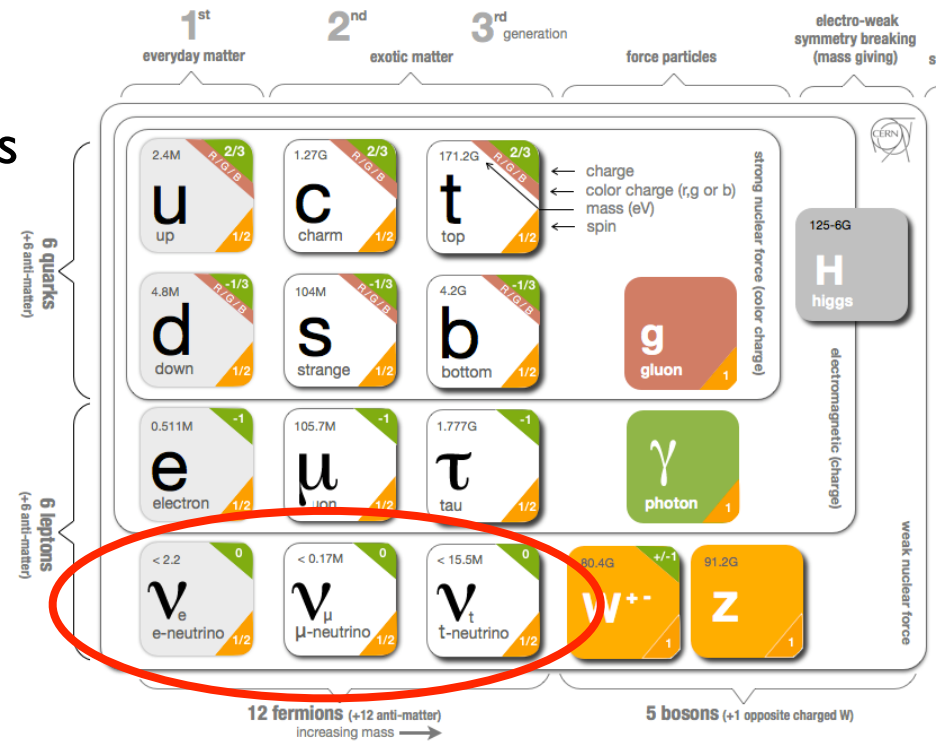


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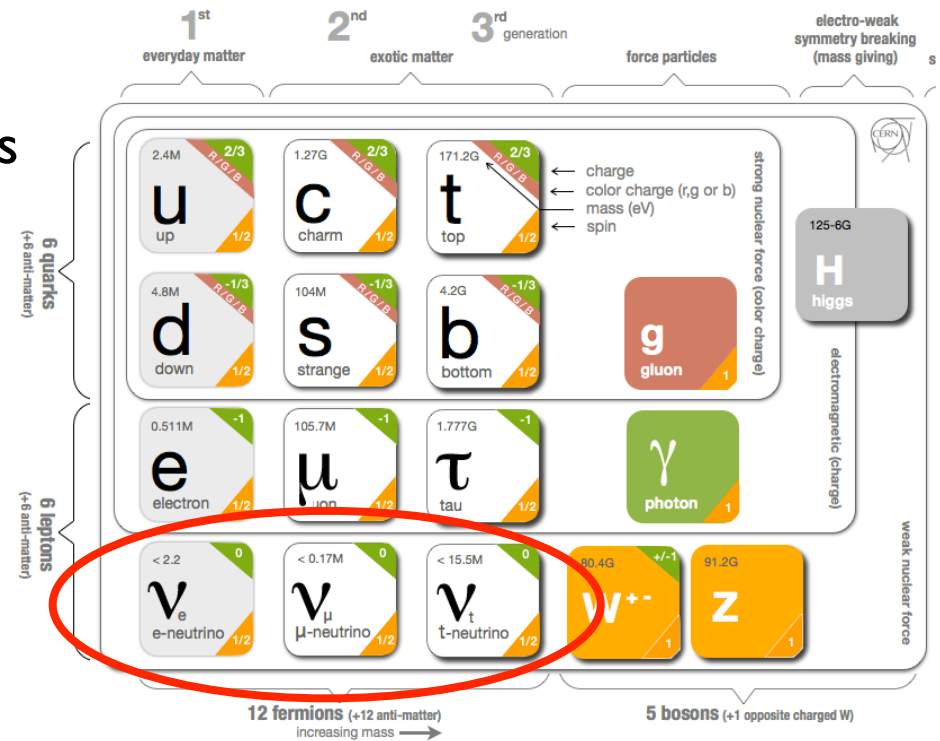


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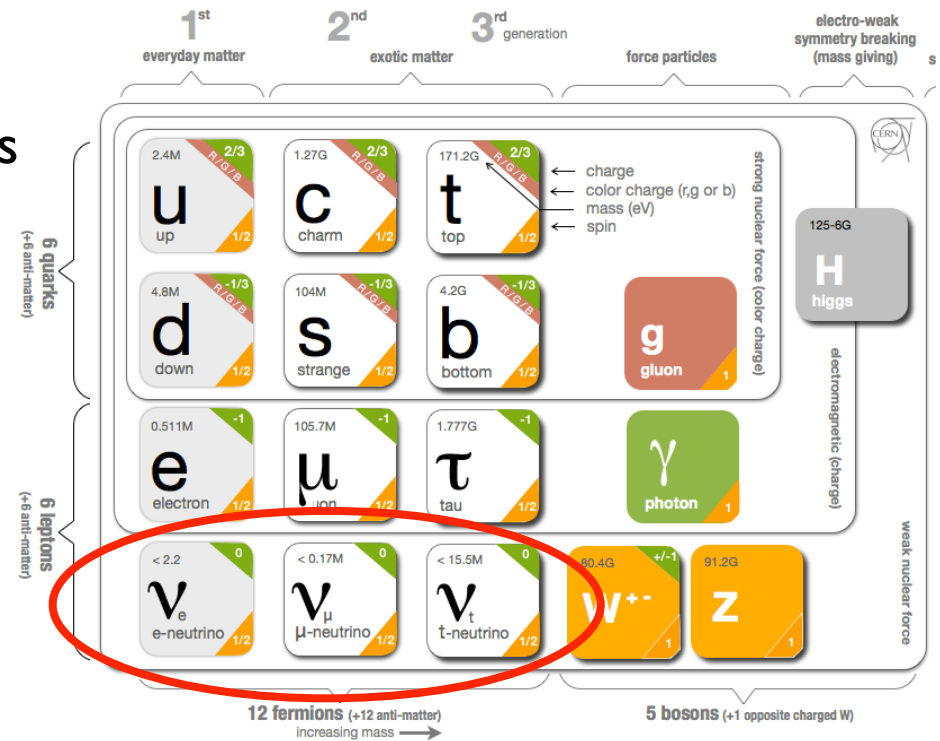


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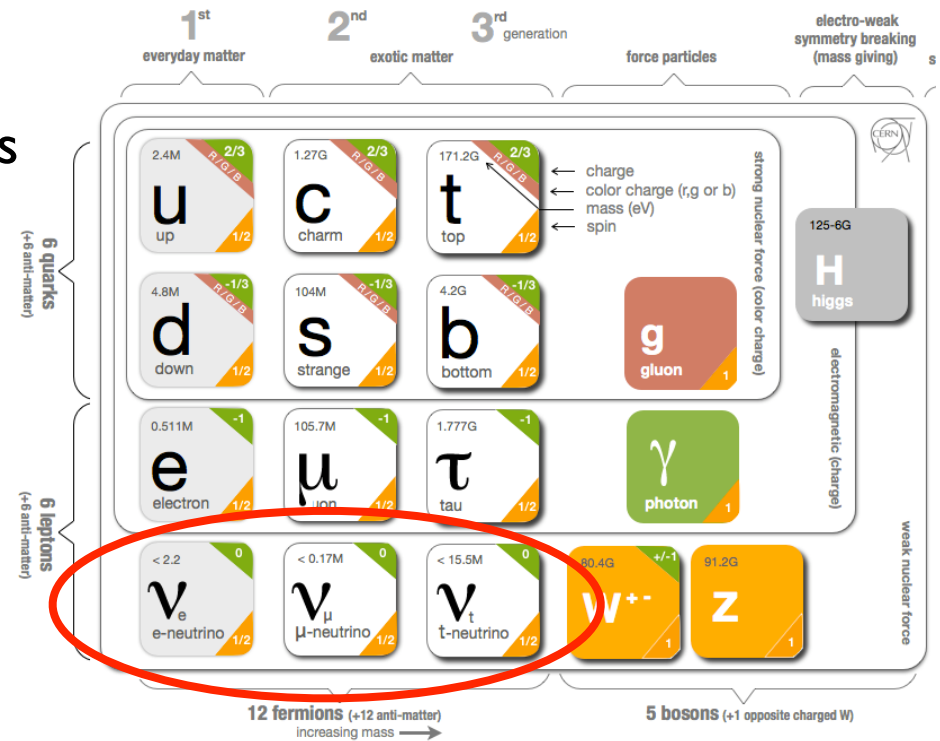


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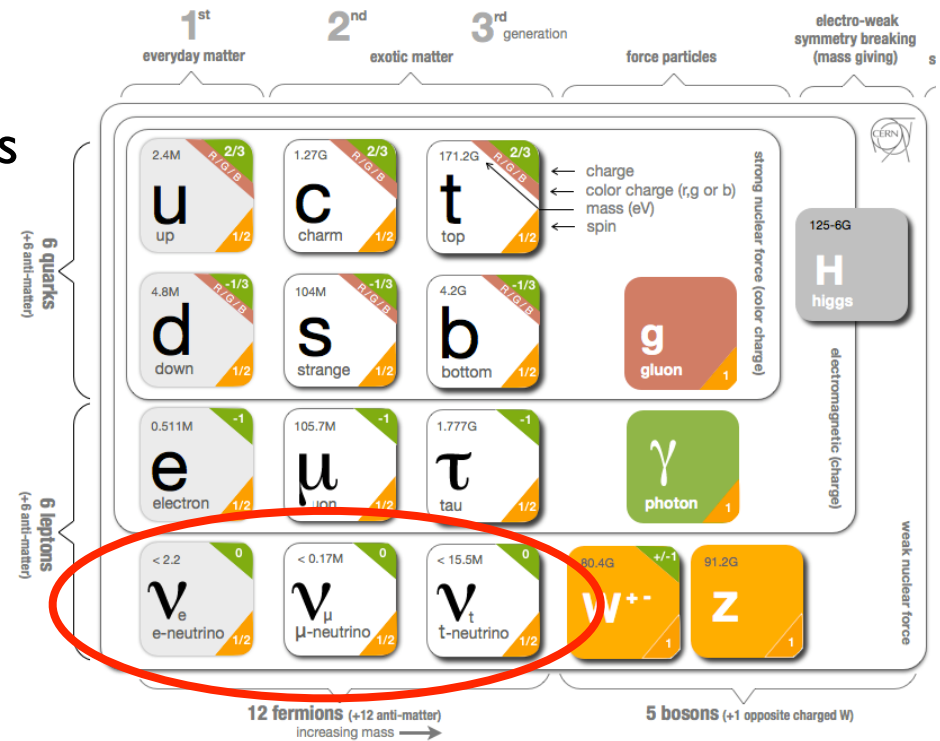
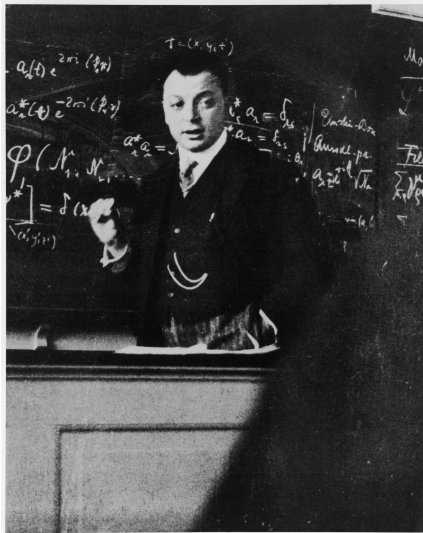


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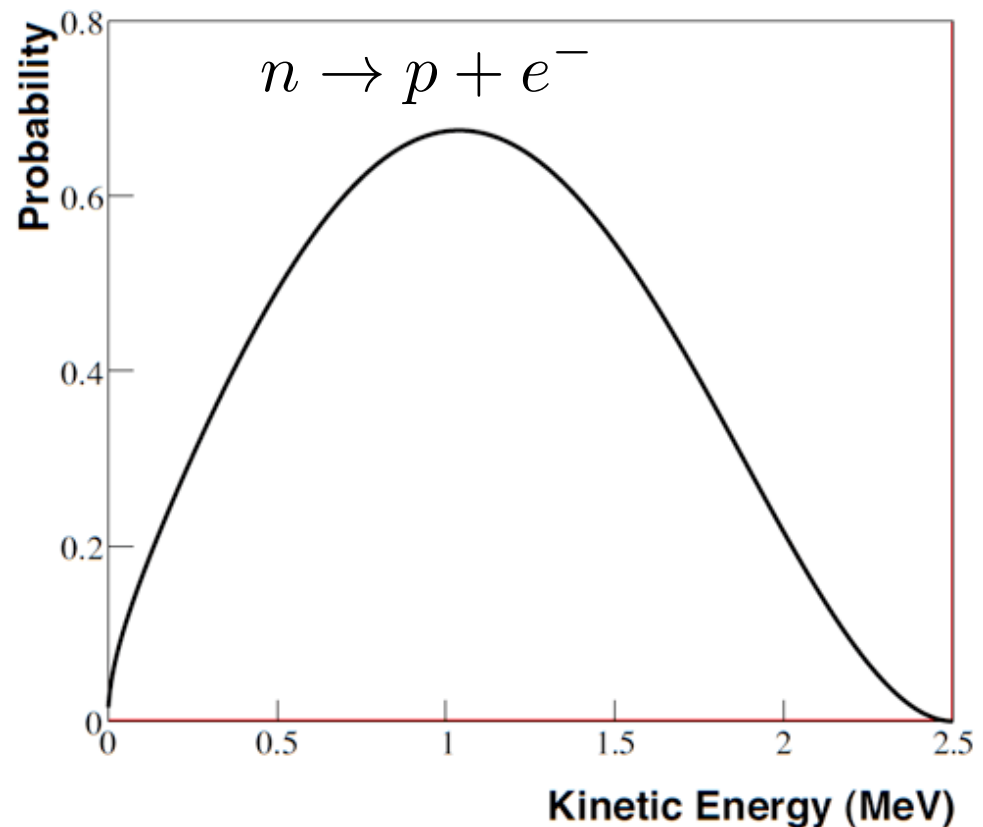
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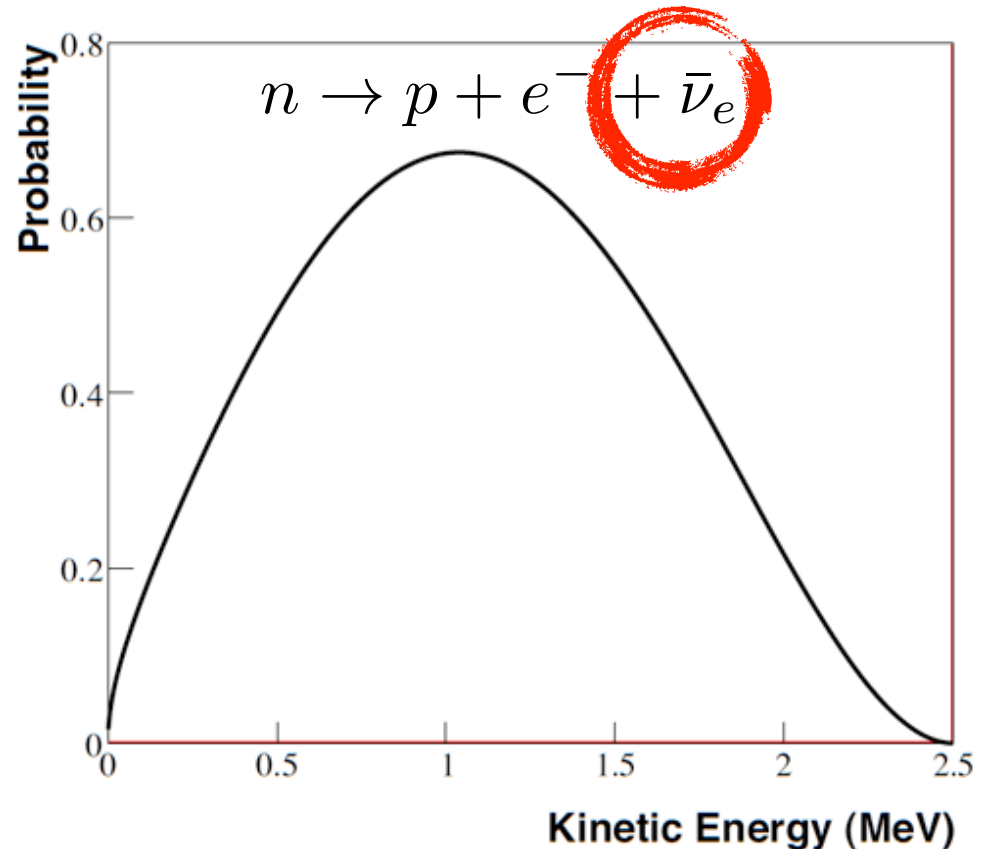
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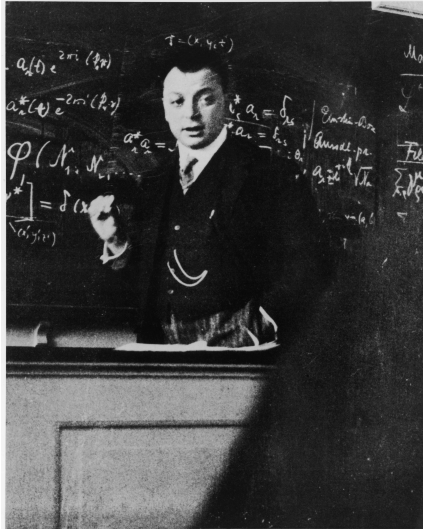
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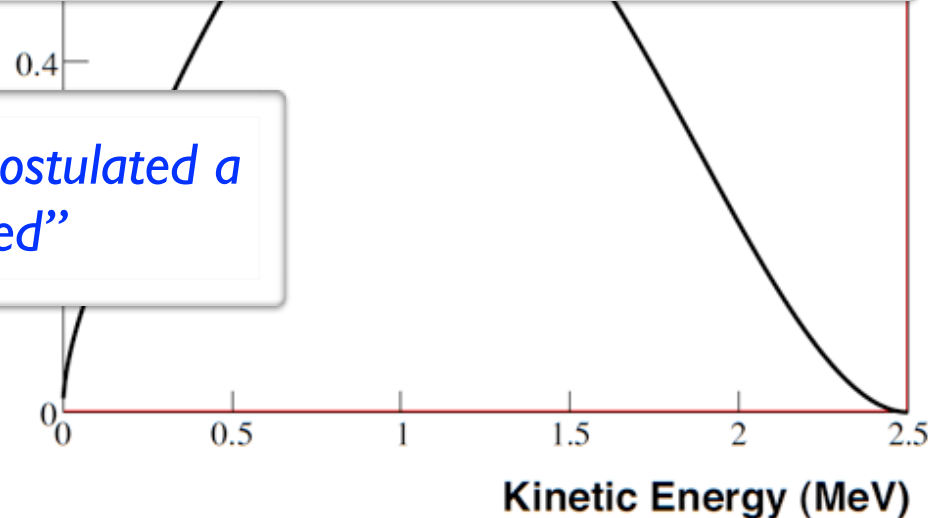
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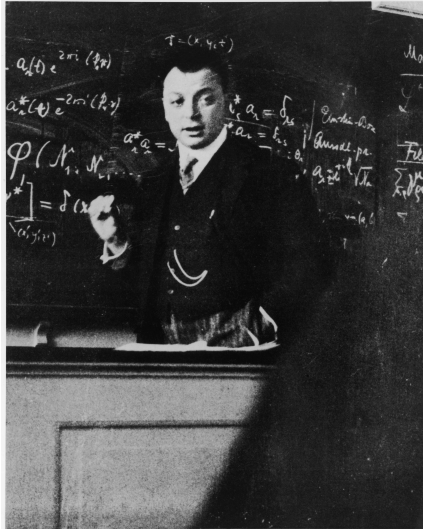
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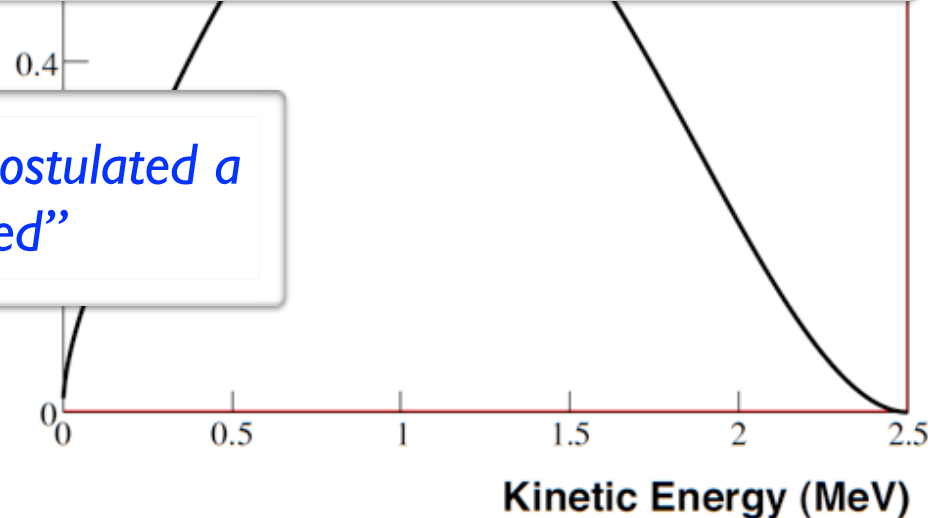
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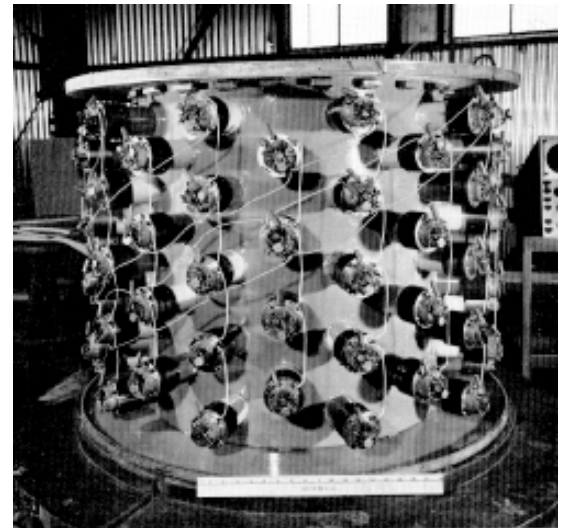
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- 1956: Reines and Cowan
- Anti-neutrinos detected at Savannah River nuclear reactor

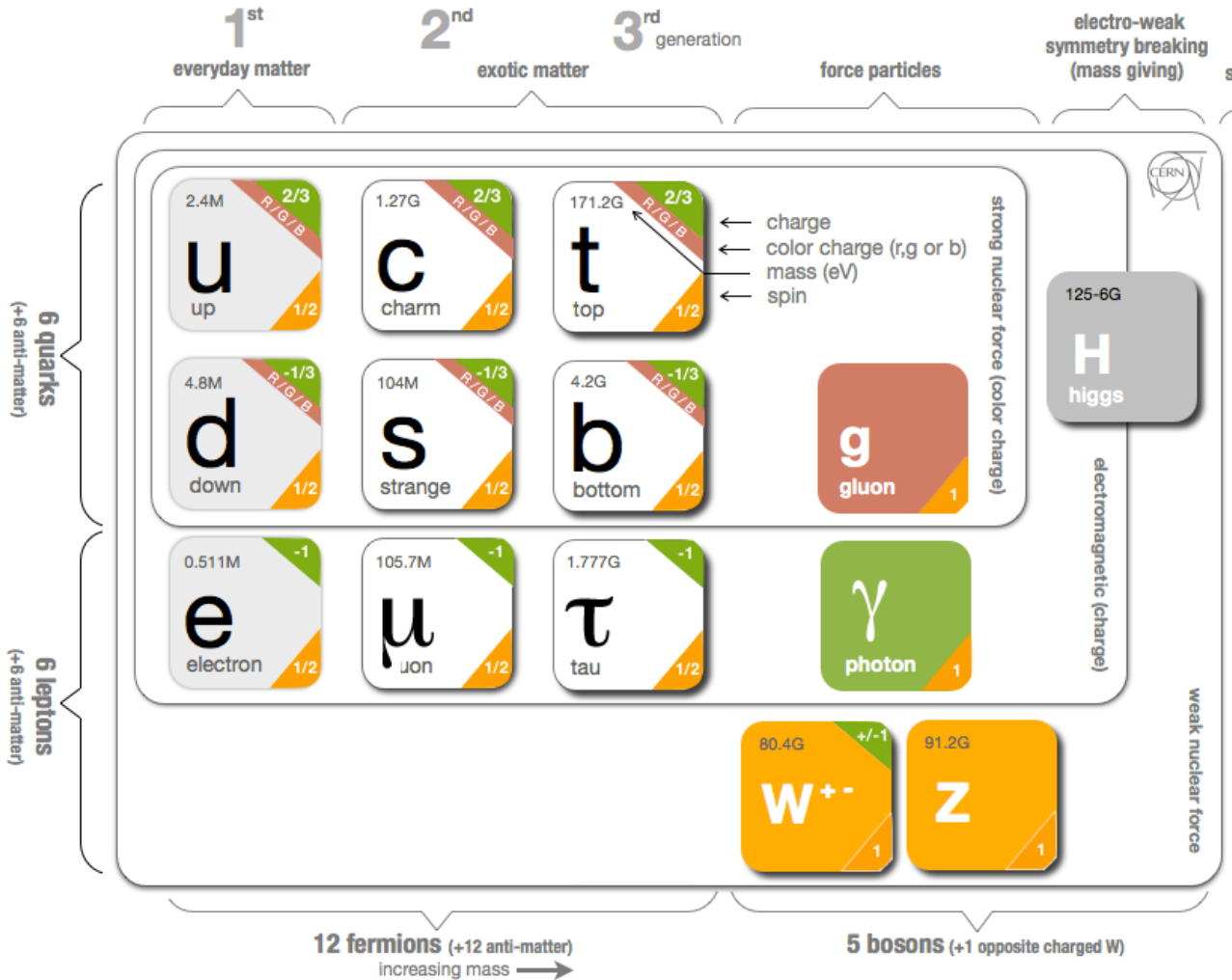
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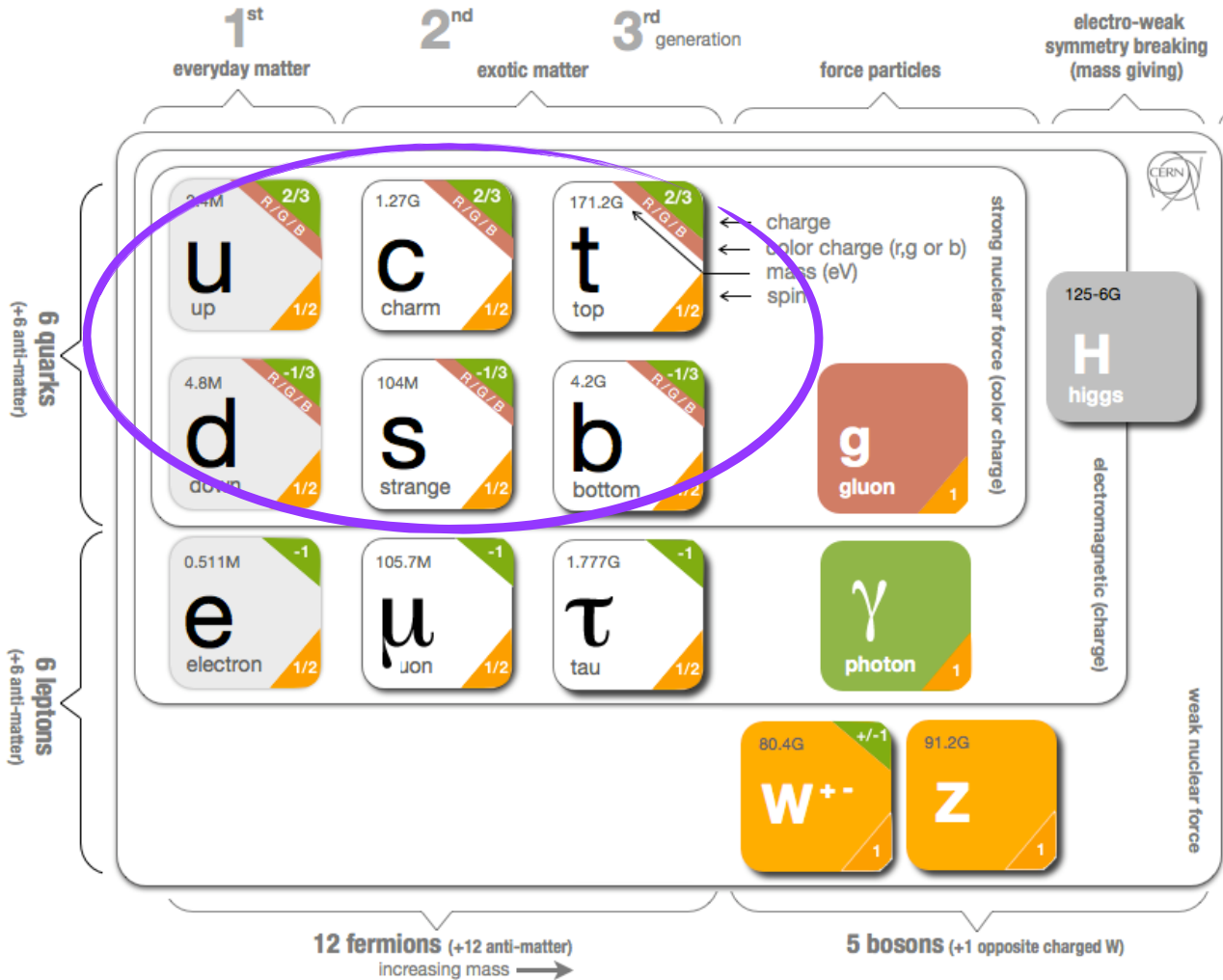
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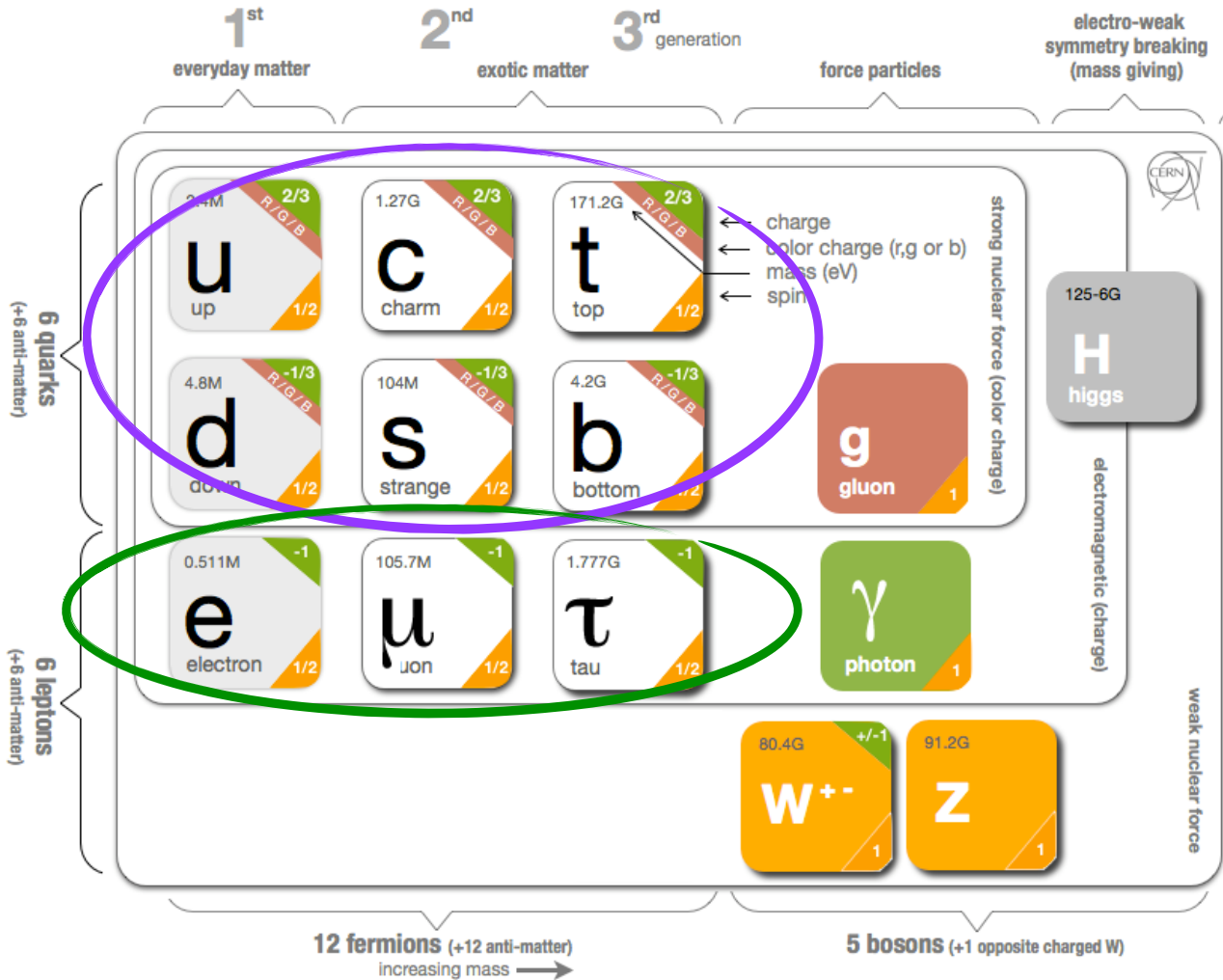


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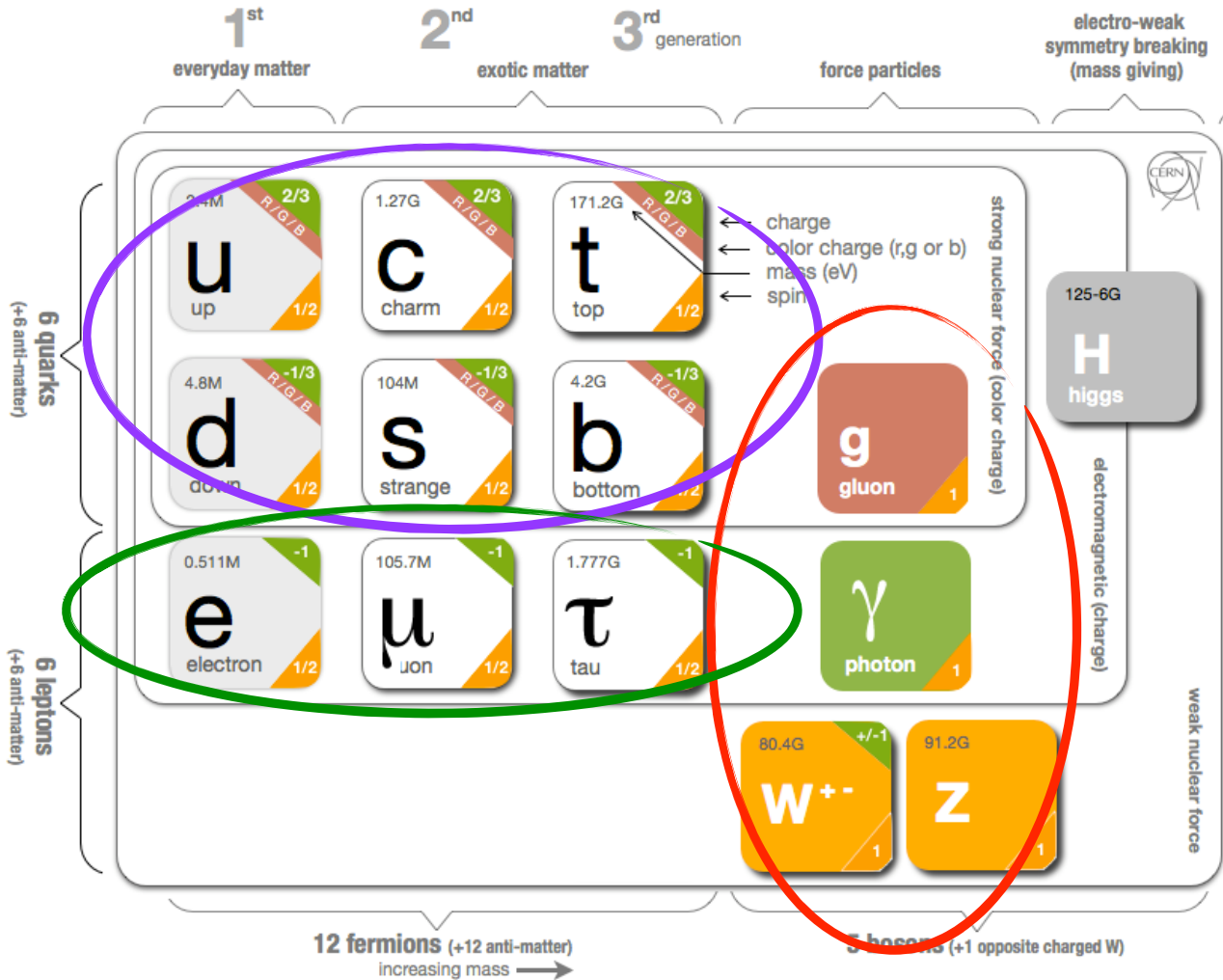
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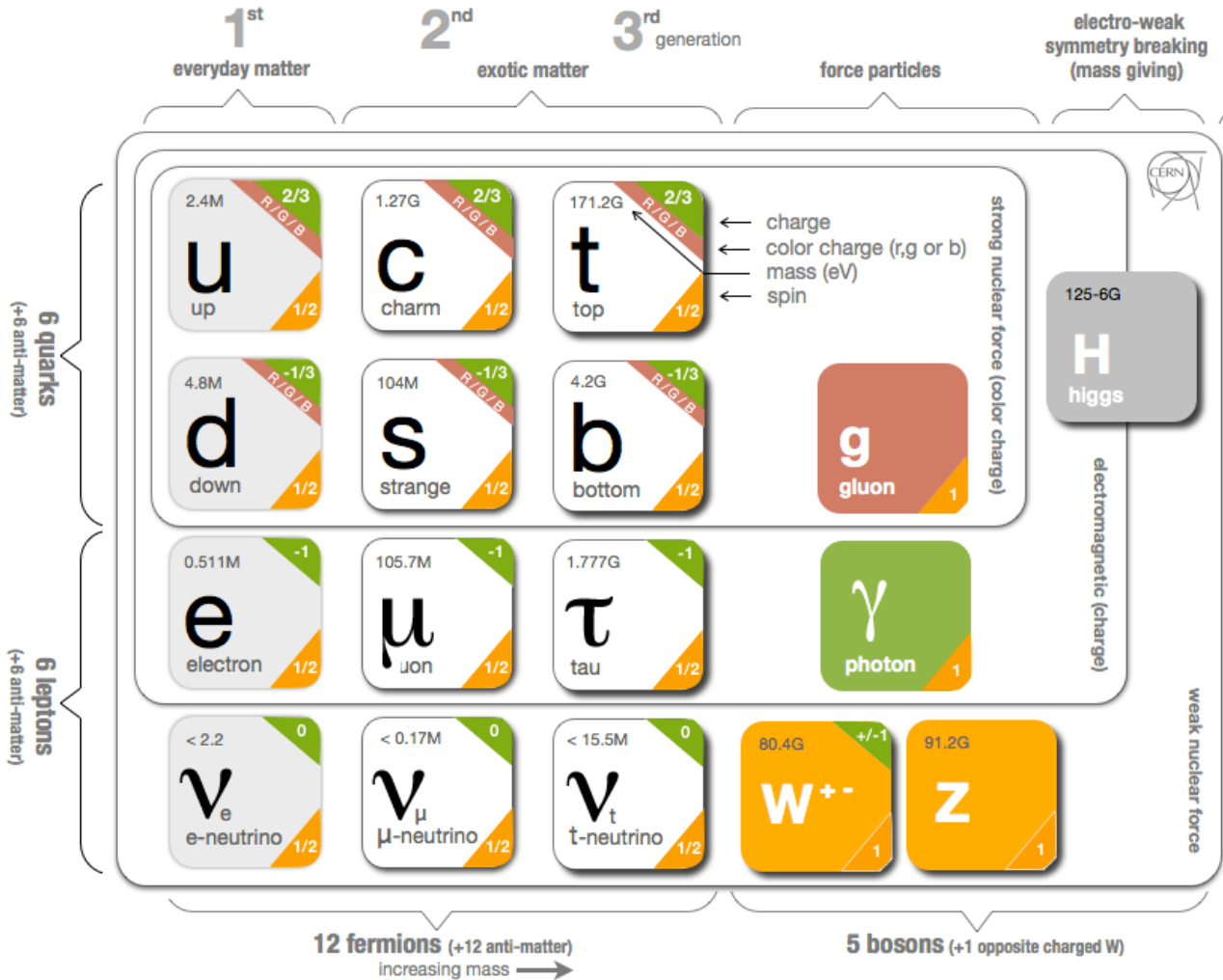
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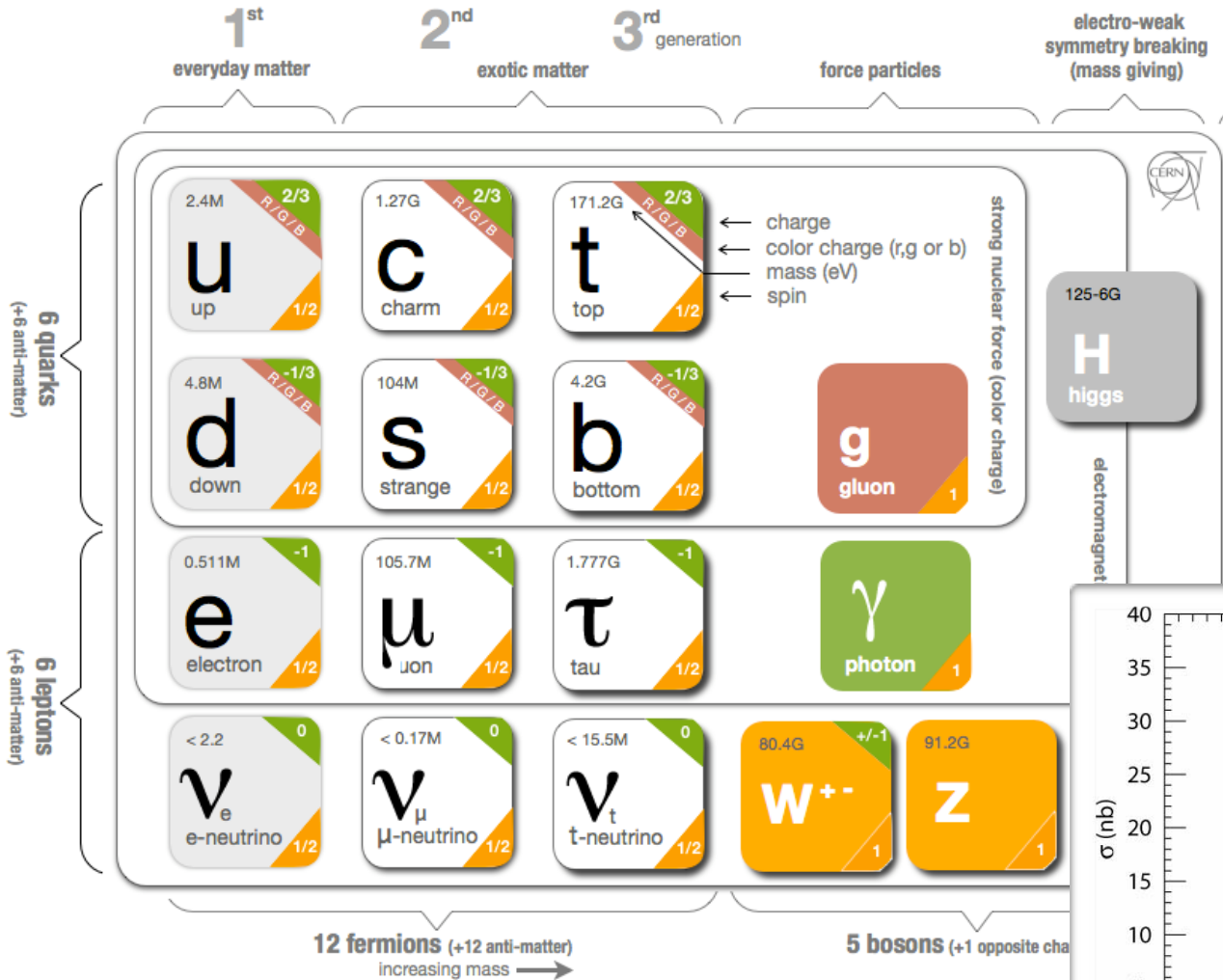
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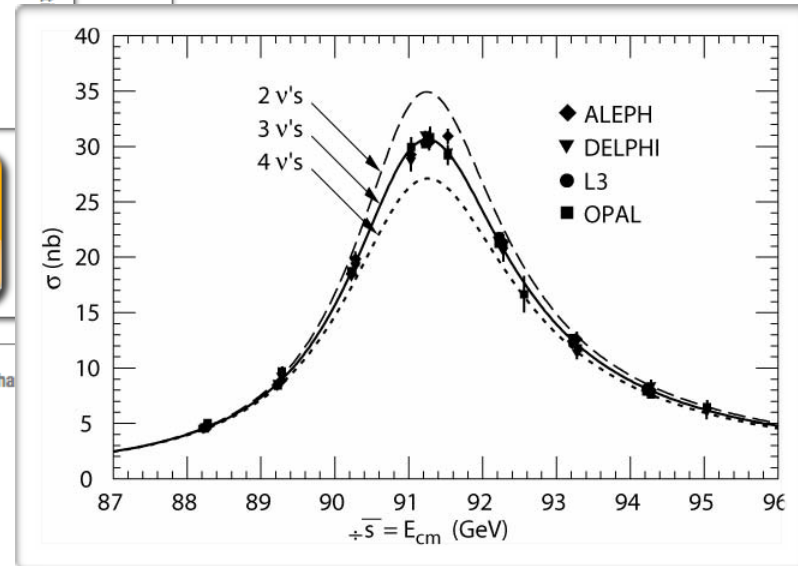
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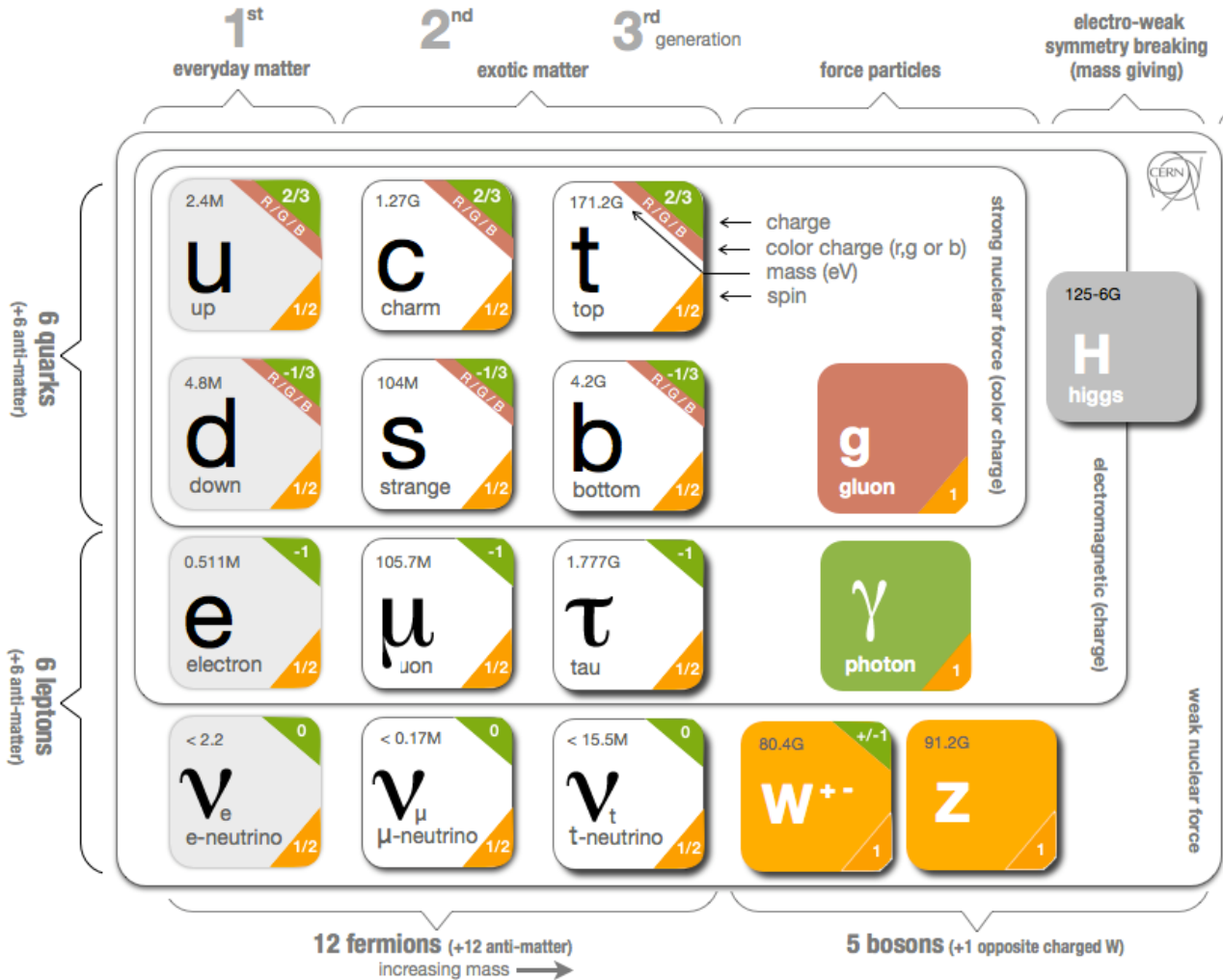


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$\nu_e$  - The Sun, nuclear reactors

$\nu_\mu$  - Cosmic rays, man-made

$\nu_\tau$  - Man-made beams  
 First observation in 2000



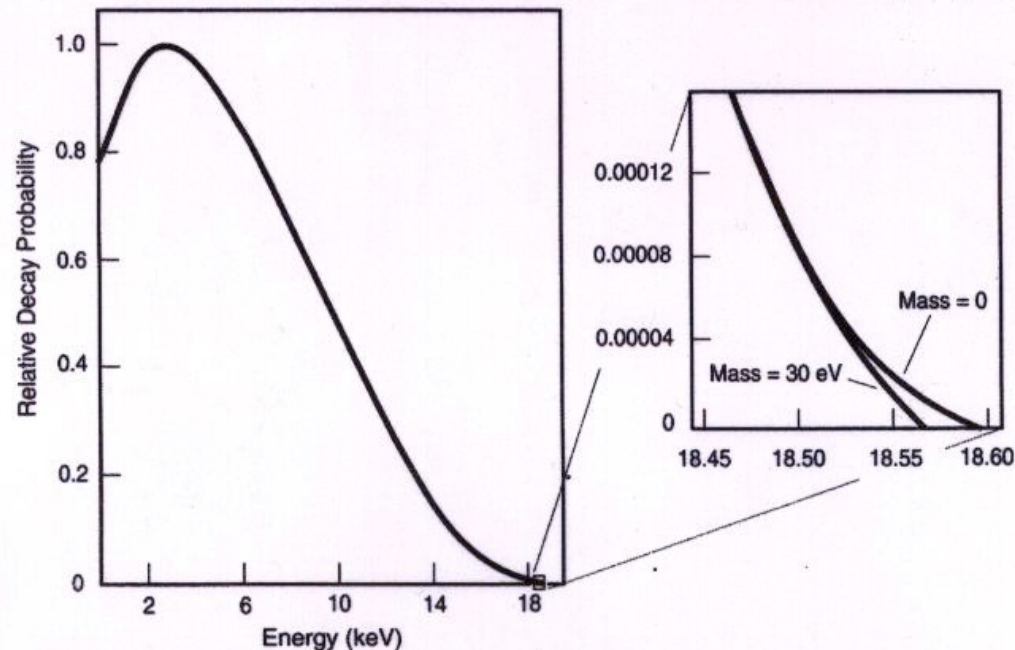
# Neutrino Masses

Relativistic kinematics:

$$\sum p_i^\mu = \sum p_f^\mu \quad ; \quad E^2 = p^2 + m^2$$

Measurements of the (physical) Electron Neutrino Mass

⇒ Tritium decay experiments →  $He^3 + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$



Current best limits:

$\nu_e$  :  $m < 2.2$  eV  
(Maintz, Troitsk)

$\nu_\mu$  :  $m < 170$  keV

$\nu_\tau$  :  $m < 15.5$  MeV  
(CLEO)

Cosmological limits:

$\Sigma m < 0.3$  eV  
(WMAP, 2dF, Planck)

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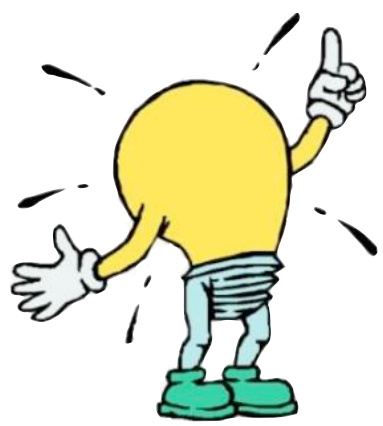
- Problem: neutrino interaction cross section is *small*

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\nu_\ell e^- \rightarrow \ell^- \nu_e) &\approx \sigma(\nu_\ell n \rightarrow \ell^- p) \approx \sigma(\bar{\nu}_\ell p \rightarrow \ell^+ n) \\ &= \frac{G_F^2 s}{\pi} = \frac{G_F^2}{\pi} 2mE_\nu \approx 10^{-41} \frac{E_\nu}{\text{GeV}} \text{cm}^2 = 10^{-17} \frac{E_\nu}{\text{GeV}} \text{barn} \end{aligned}$$

☞ Iff  $2mE_\nu > m_\ell^2$ , i.e. if charged current reaction is allowed kinematically

- E.g. for solar neutrinos ( $E_\nu \approx 10$  MeV), interaction cross section is  $9 \cdot 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$  ( $9 \cdot 10^{-20}$  barn) !
- Mean free path in lead:  $1/(\sigma n) \sim 3 \times 10^{15} \text{ km} \sim 0.1$  parsec
- Detection requires *large* detectors, *low* backgrounds

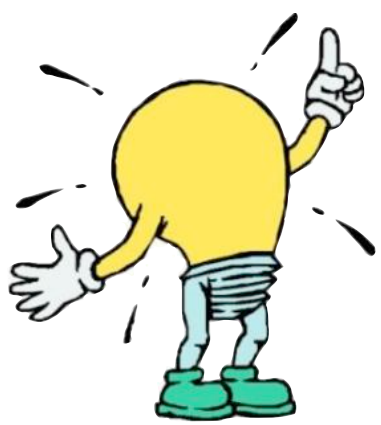
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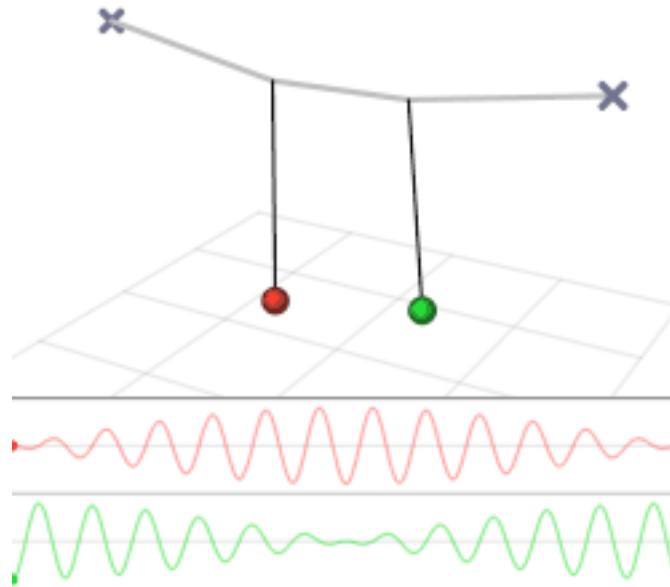
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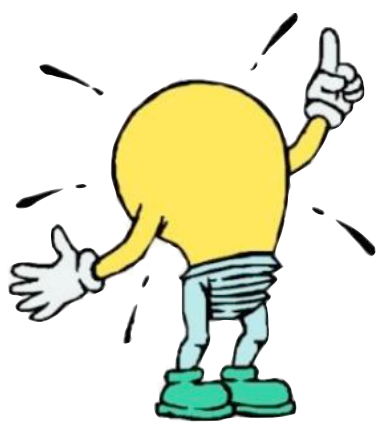
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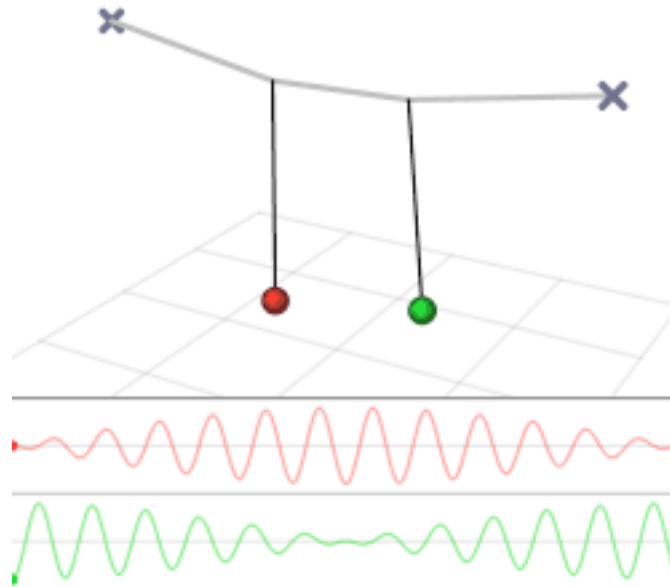
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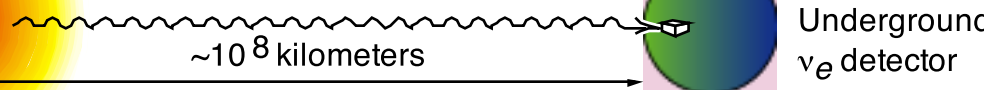
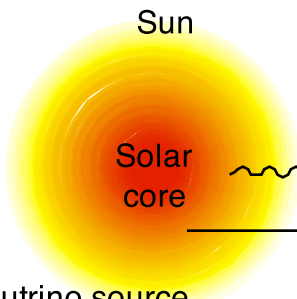
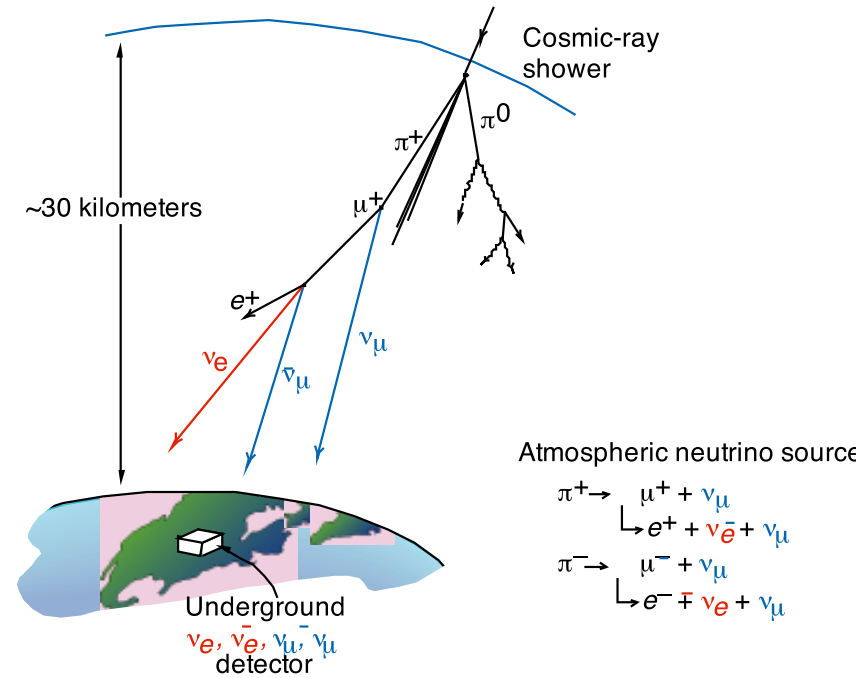
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# Evidence For Neutrino Oscillations

First evidence of neutrino oscillation

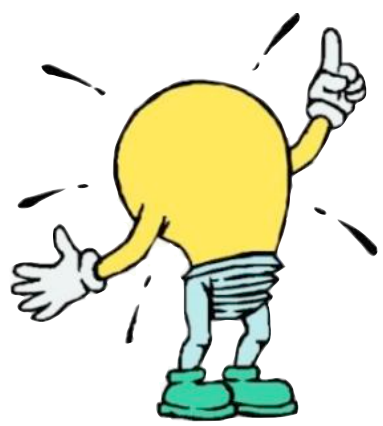
$$\frac{\nu_{\mu}}{\nu_e} \neq 2$$

**Atmospheric Neutrinos**  
high energies



**Solar Neutrinos**  
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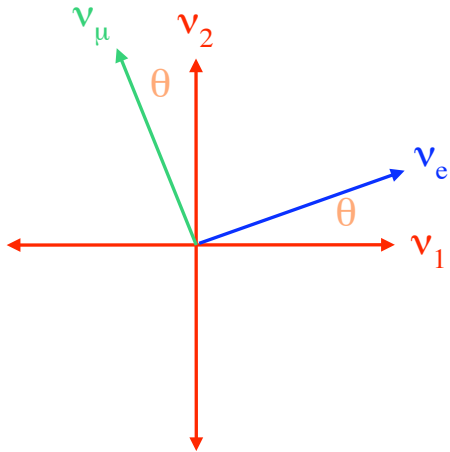
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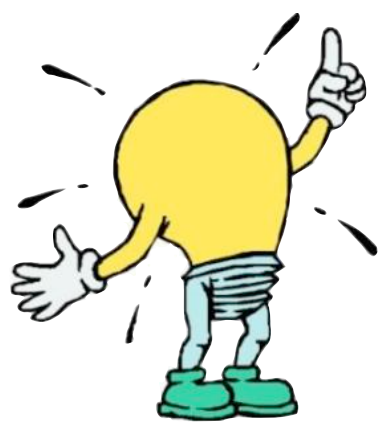


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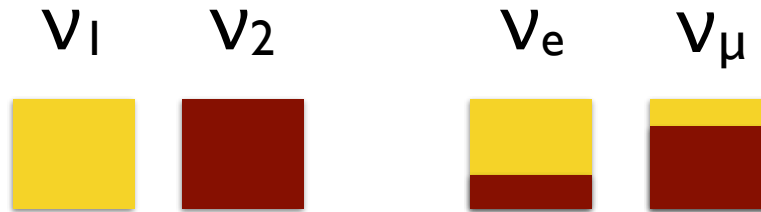
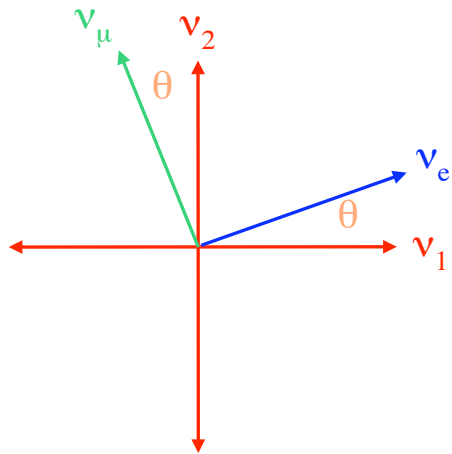




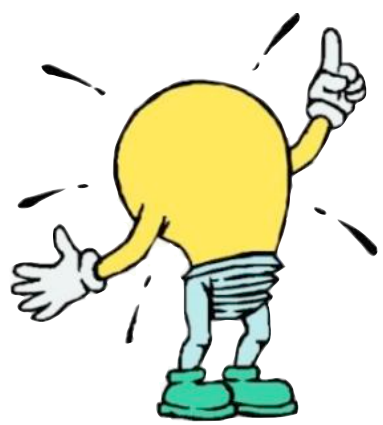
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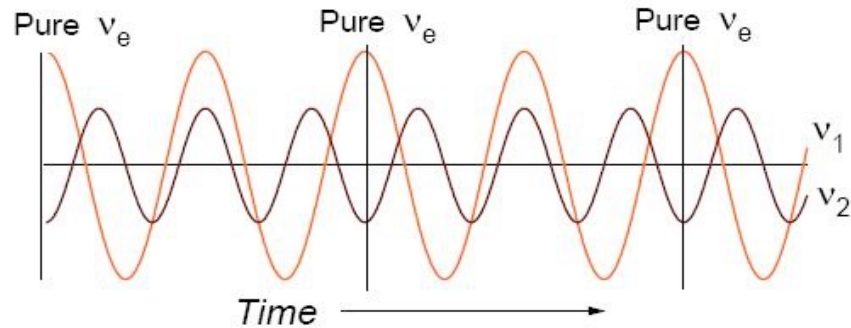
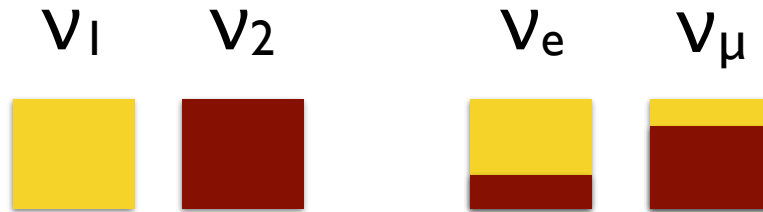
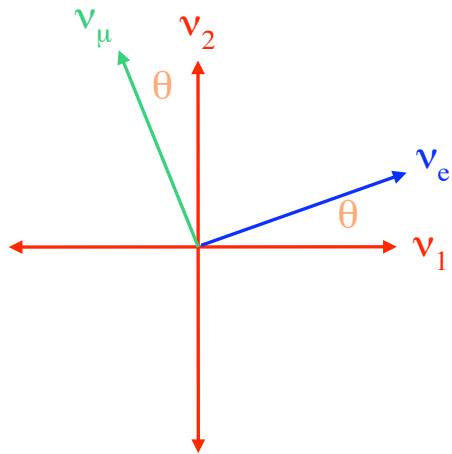


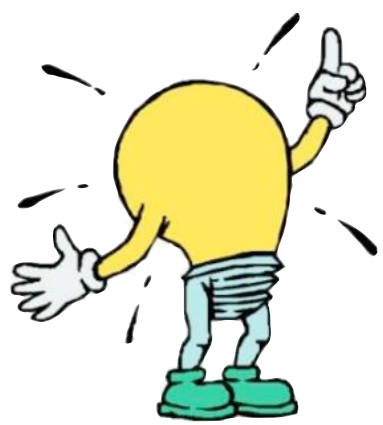


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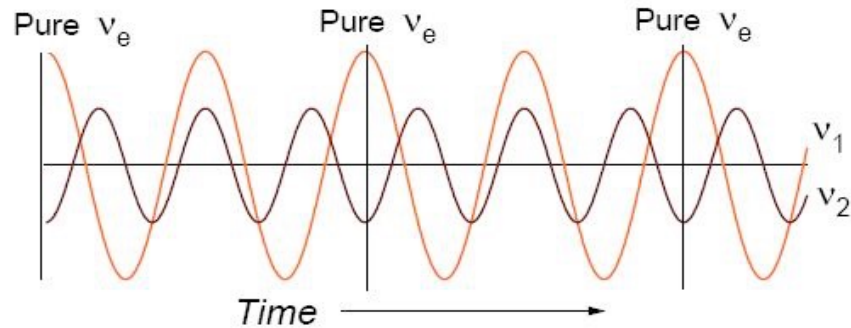
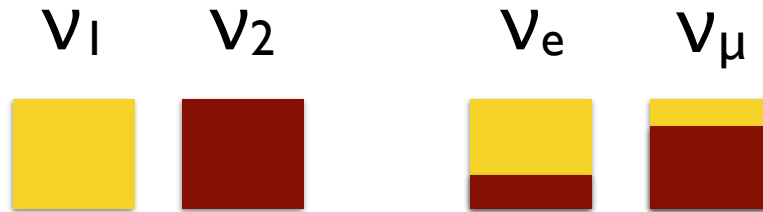
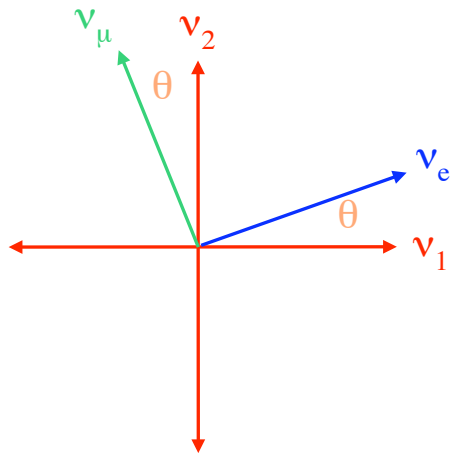




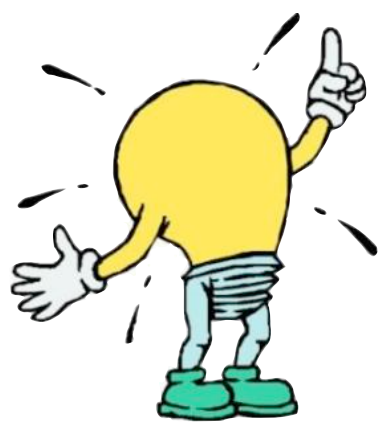
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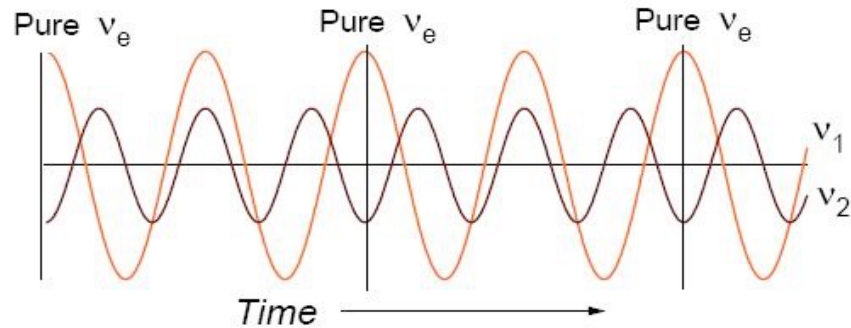
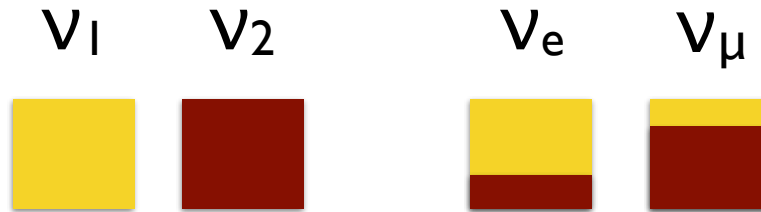
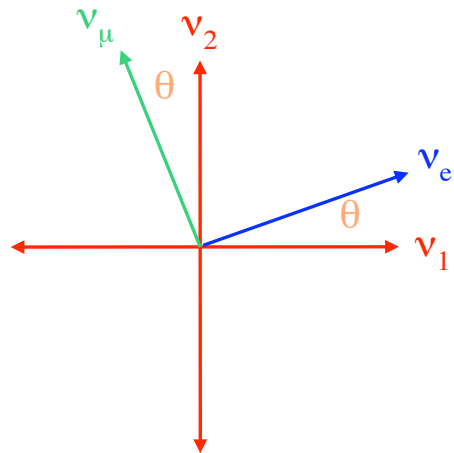
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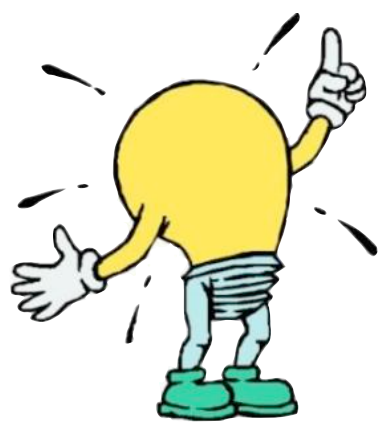
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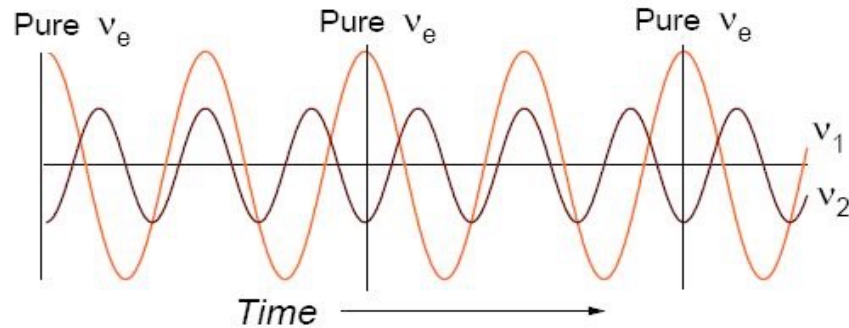
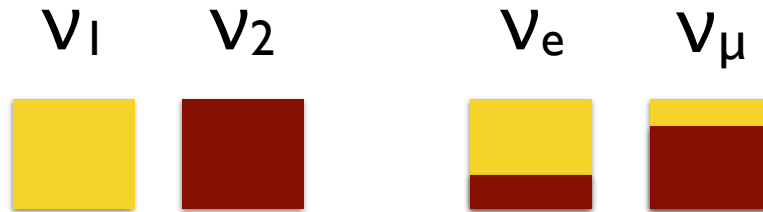
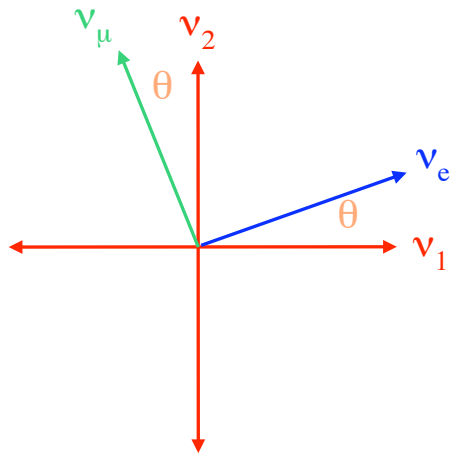
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Produced as weak (flavour) eigenstates ( $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$ )  
 Propagate as physical (mass) eigenstates ( $\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3$ )

*simplified 2-neutrino scenario*



$$P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_x} = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left( \frac{1.27 \Delta m^2 L}{E_\nu} \right)$$

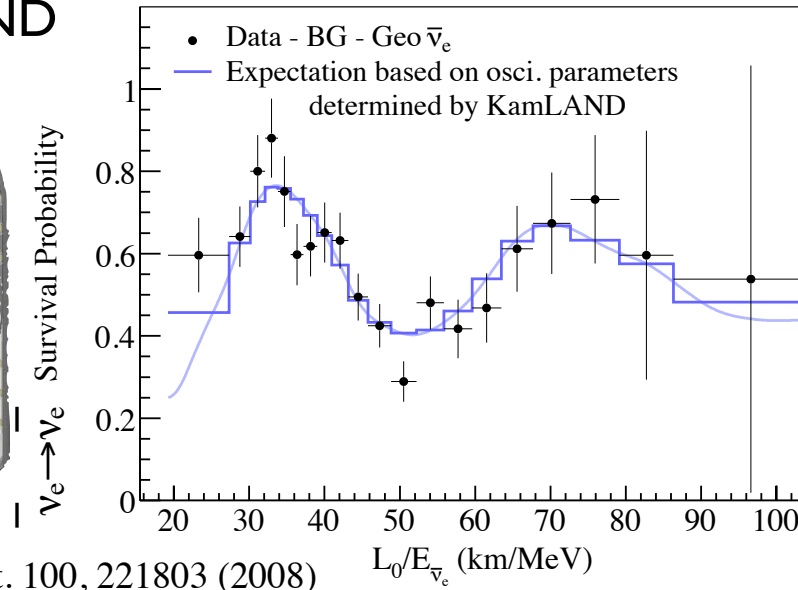
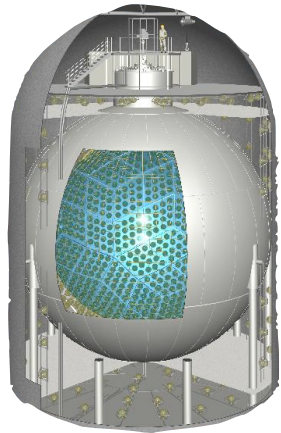
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**Quantum oscillations on a macroscopic scale!**

# Terrestrial Measurements

Reactor neutrinos:

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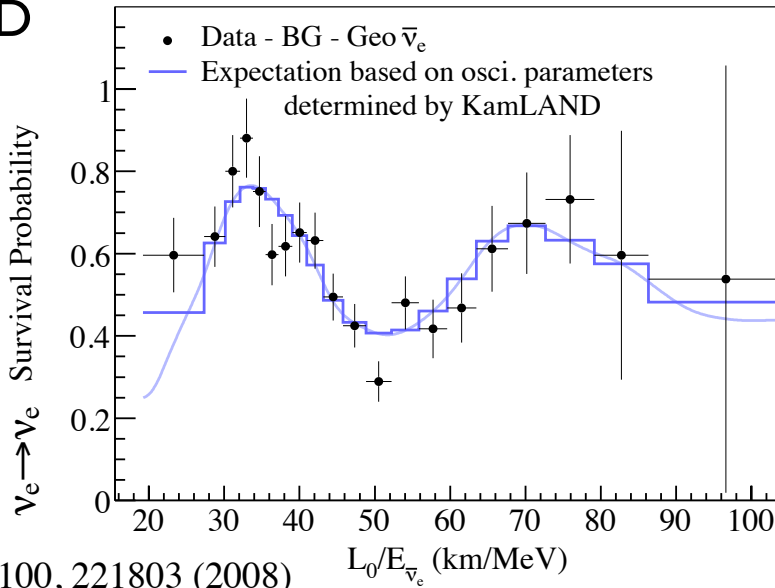
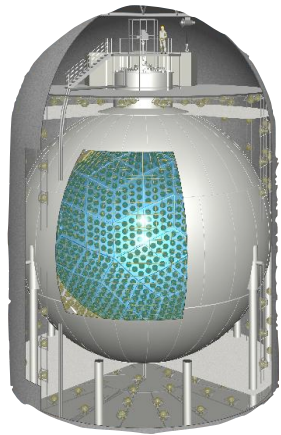


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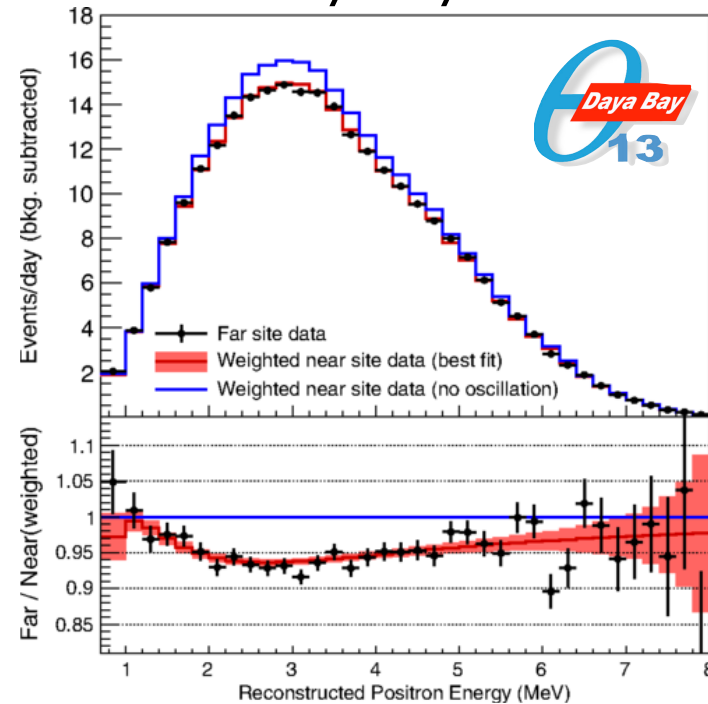
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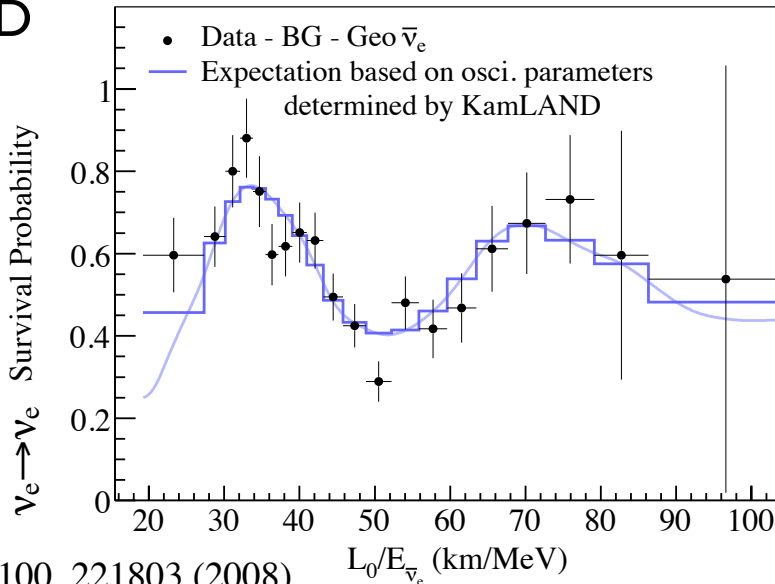
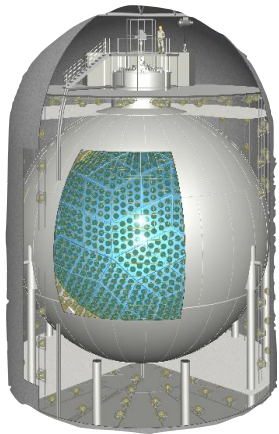


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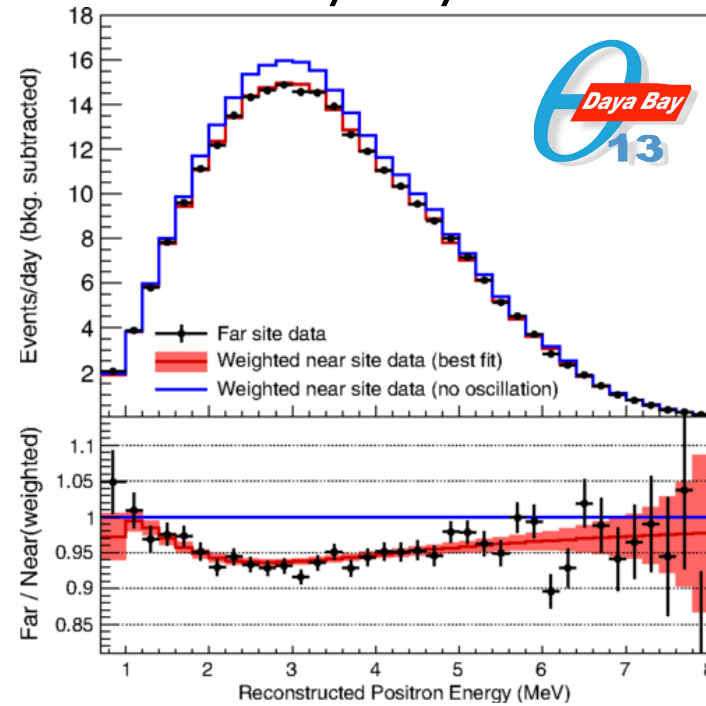
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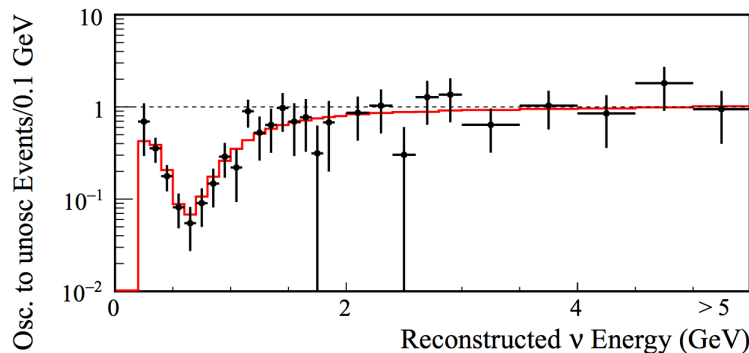
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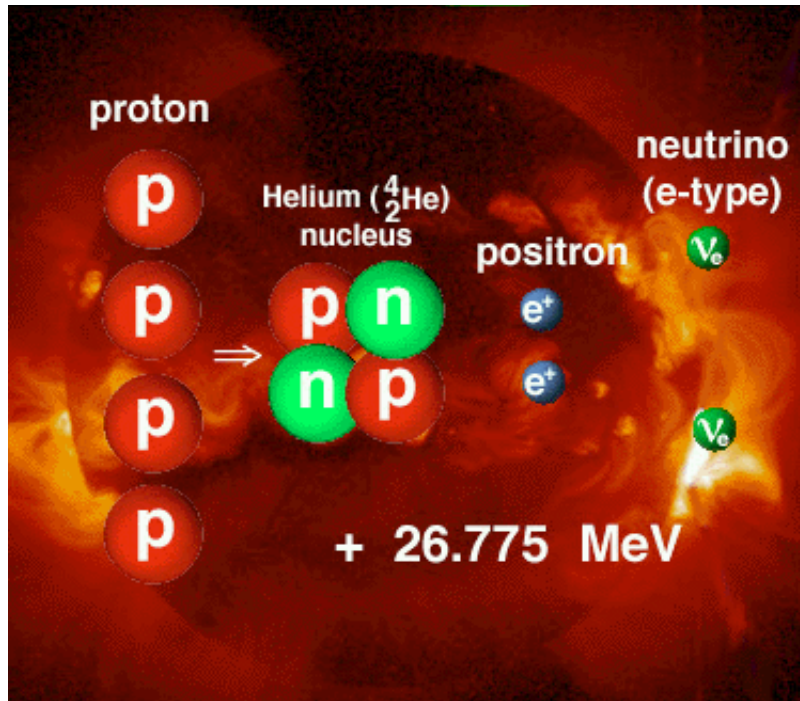
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K2K, T2K



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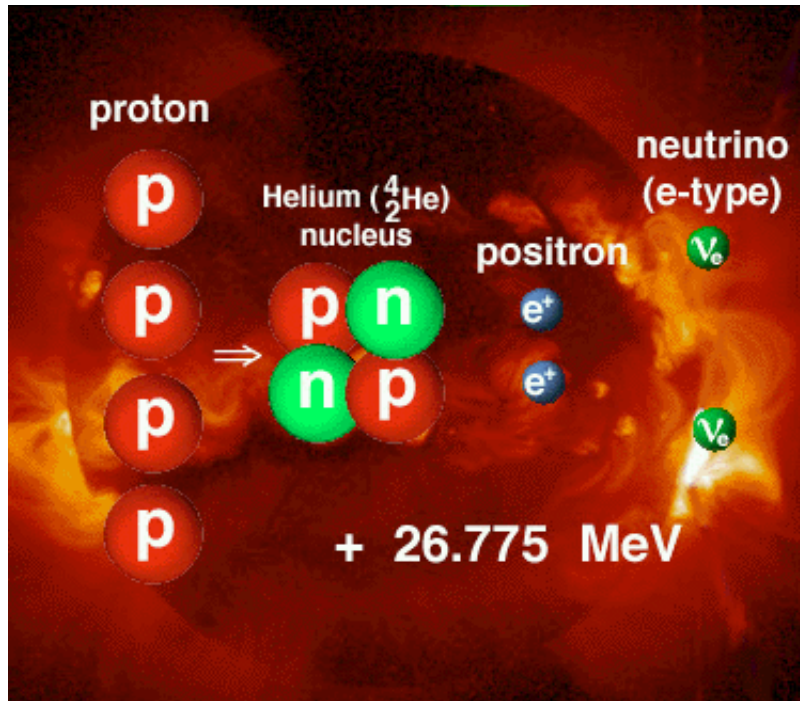
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  - Energy (heat, light)
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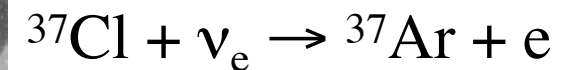
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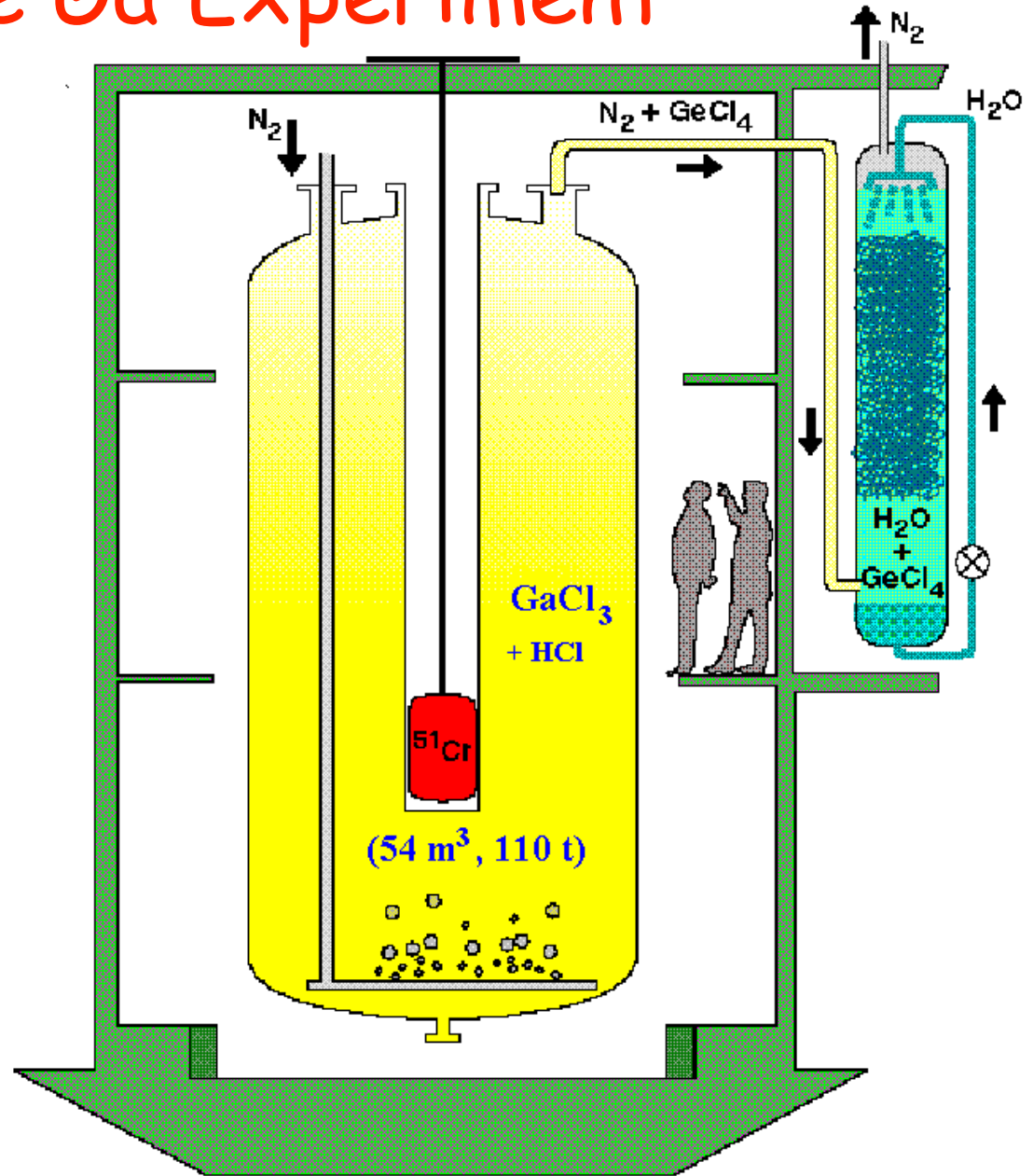
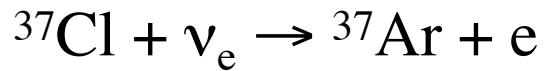
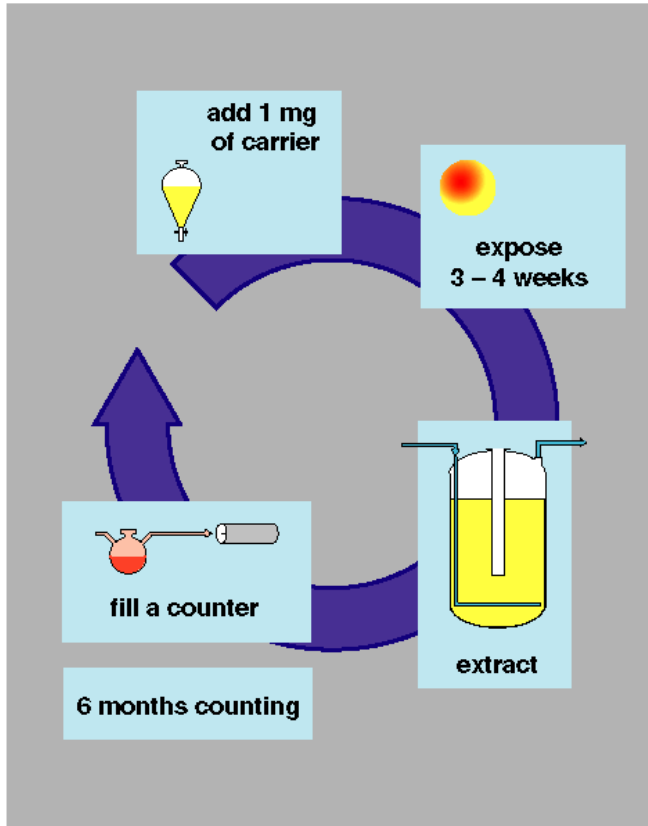
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# Pioneers in Solar Neutrino Physics



1968 First Solar Neutrino Experiment (Homestake)

# Homestake Ga Experiment



Gallium Experiment-Gallium Neutrino Observatory

# Pioneer Solar Neutrino Experiments



**GALLEX** (Gran Sasso, Italy)



**SAGE** (Baksan, Russia)

Experiment	Depth (m.w.e.)	Target	Reaction	Threshold (MeV)
Homestake	4900	615 tons of $C_2Cl_4$	$\nu_e + ^{37}Cl \rightarrow ^{37}Ar + e$	0.814
SAGE	4700	60 tons metallic Ga	$\nu_e + ^{71}Ga \rightarrow ^{71}Ge + e$	0.233
Gallex + GNO	3300	30.3 tons $GaCl_3-HCl$	$\nu_e + ^{71}Ga \rightarrow ^{71}Ge + e$	0.233
Kamiokande	2700	3 kt $H_2O$ 680 t fiducial volume	$\nu_x + e \rightarrow \nu_x + e$	7.5
Super-Kamiokande	2700	55 kt $H_2O$ 22.5 kt fiducial volume	$\nu_x + e \rightarrow \nu_x + e$	5.5

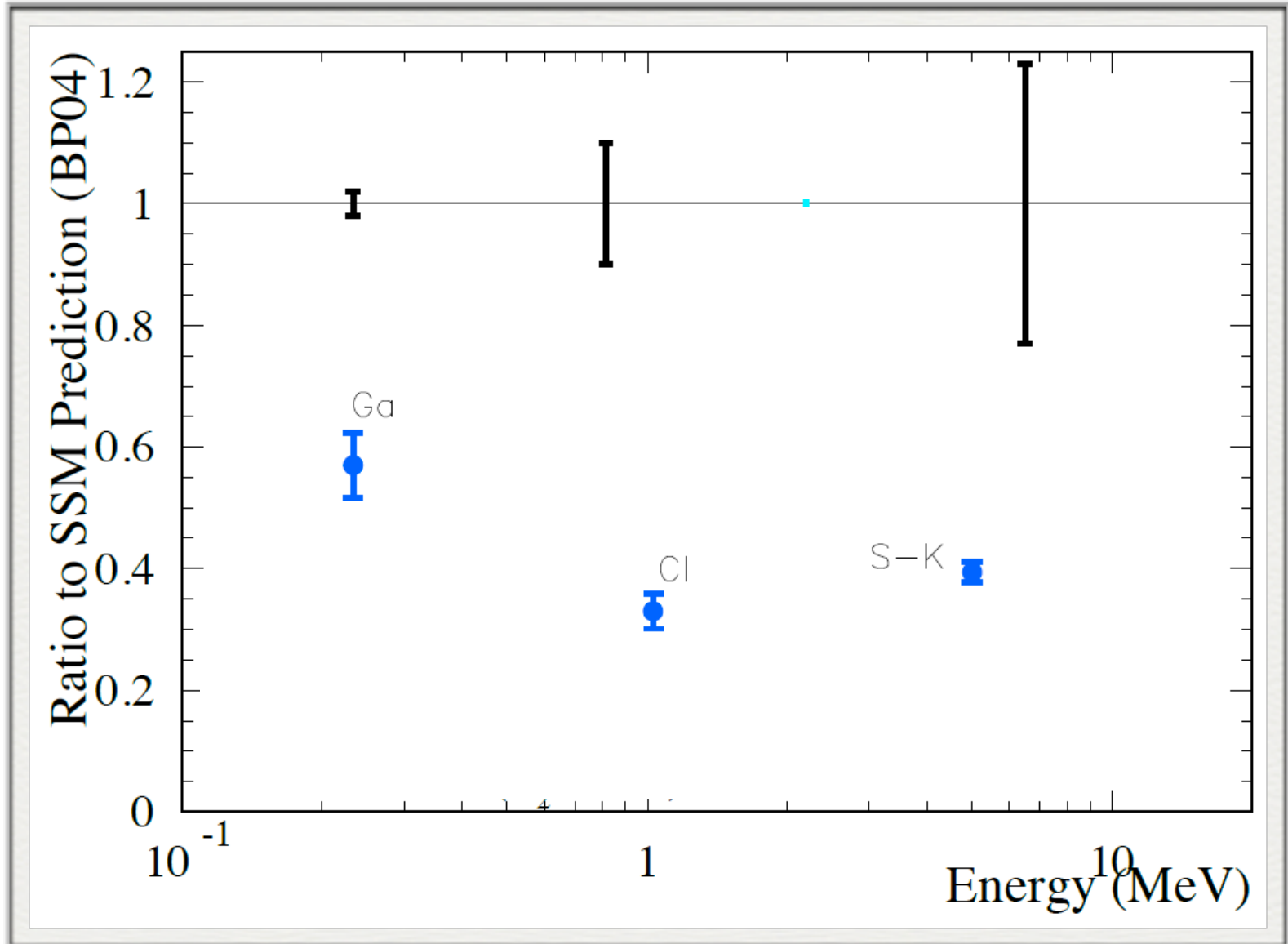


**Homestake**  
(S Dakota, USA)

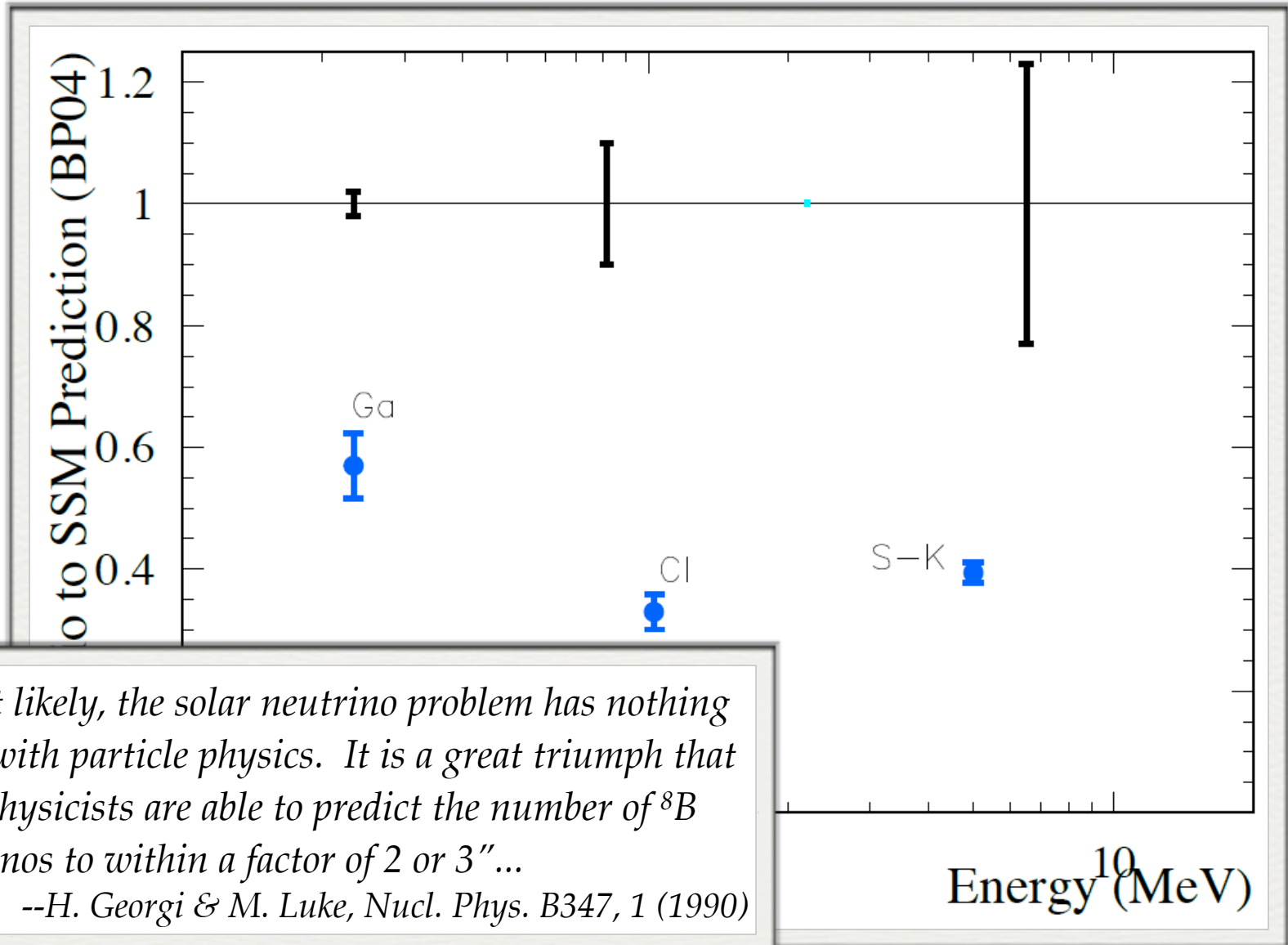


**Super-Kamiokande**  
(Japan)

# Solar Neutrino Problem



# Solar Neutrino Problem



*"Most likely, the solar neutrino problem has nothing to do with particle physics. It is a great triumph that astrophysicists are able to predict the number of <sup>8</sup>B neutrinos to within a factor of 2 or 3"...*

*--H. Georgi & M. Luke, Nucl. Phys. B347, 1 (1990)*

# 2002 Nobel Prize (1/2)

"for pioneering contributions to astrophysics, in particular for the detection of cosmic neutrinos"

"for pioneering contributions to astrophysics, which have led to the discovery of cosmic X-ray sources"

Kamiokande series

Homestake <sup>37</sup>Cl experiment



Raymond Davis Jr.

🏆 1/4 of the prize

USA

University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, PA, USA



Masatoshi Koshihara

🏆 1/4 of the prize

Japan

University of Tokyo  
Tokyo, Japan



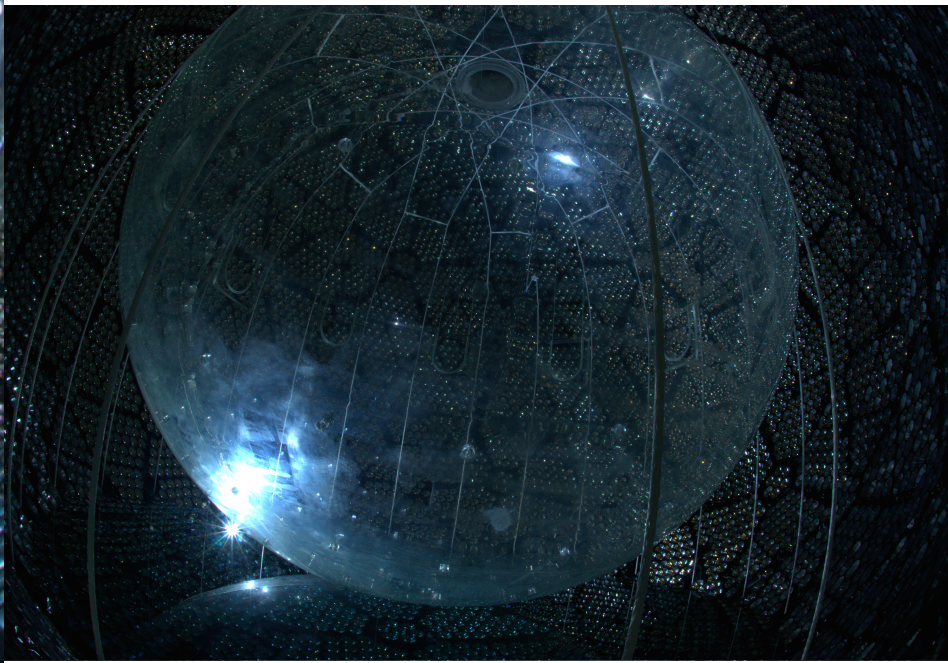
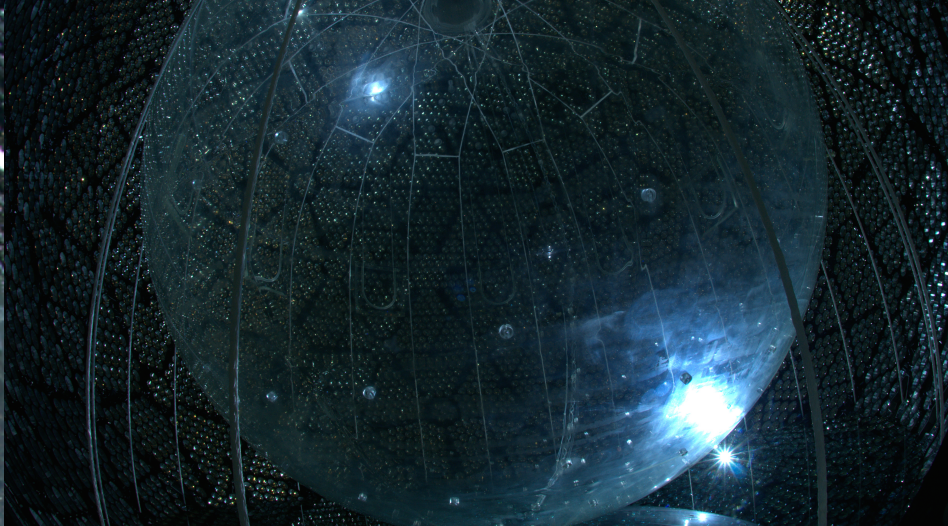
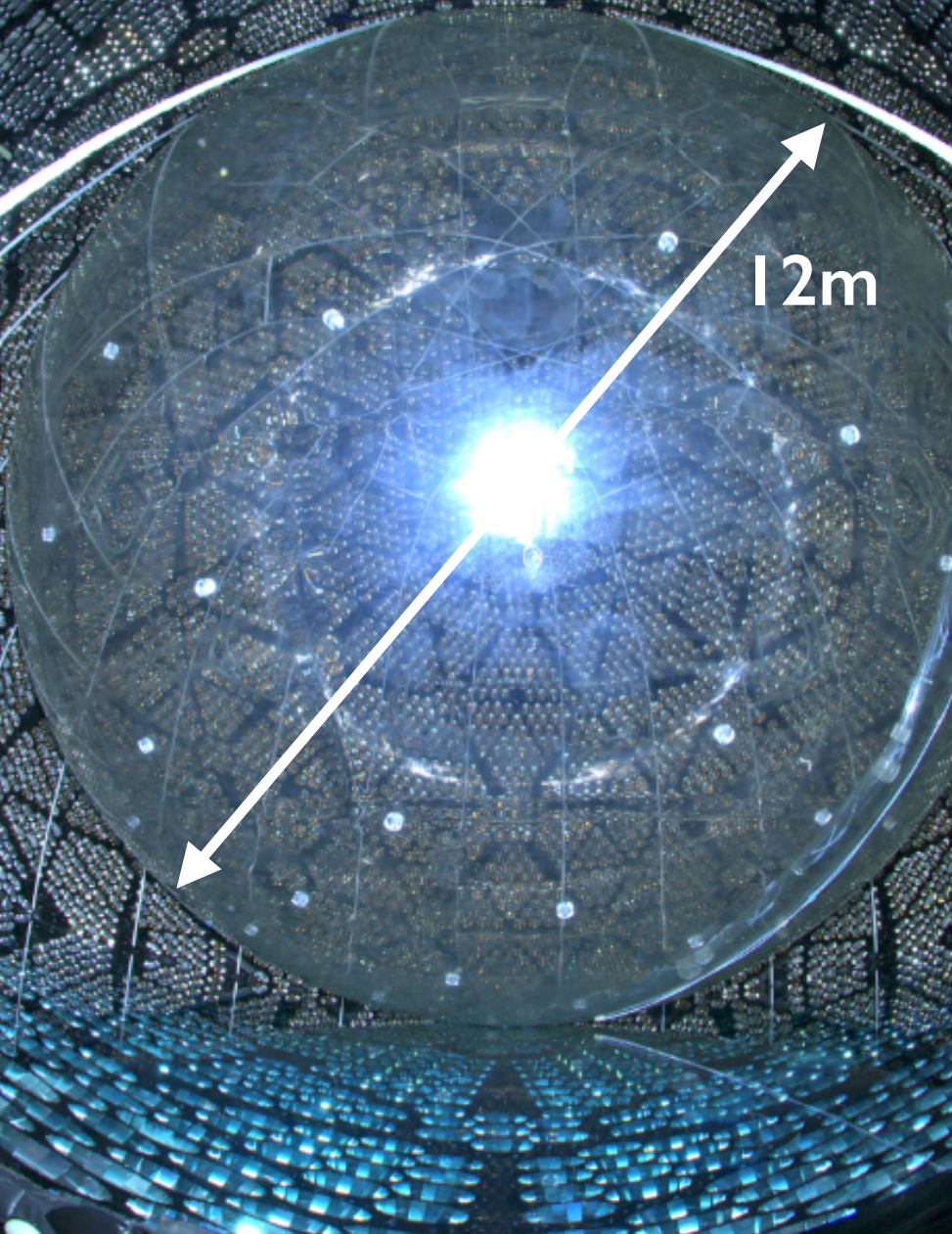
Riccardo Giacconi

🏆 1/2 of the prize

USA

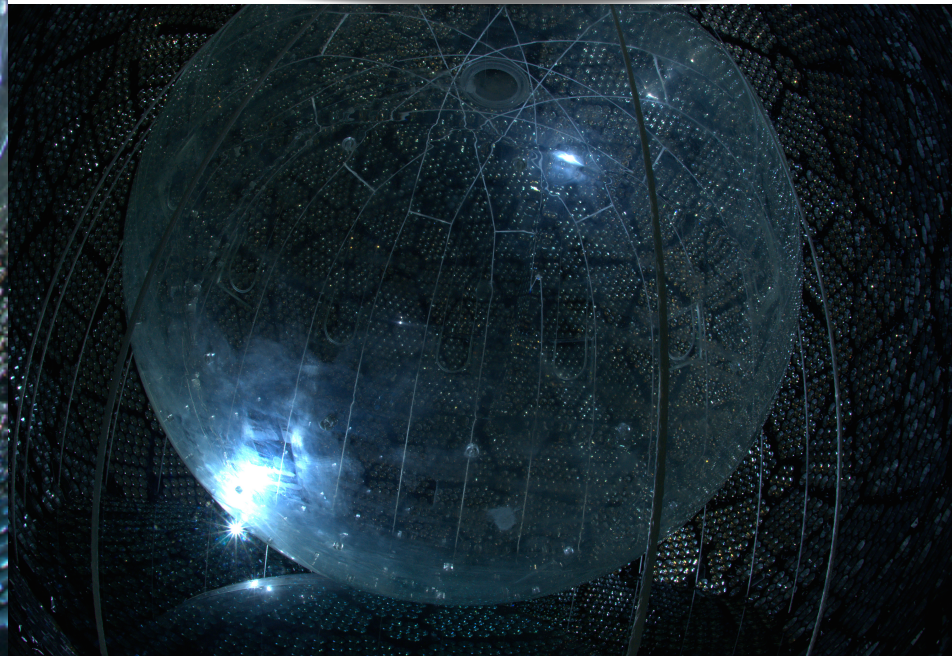
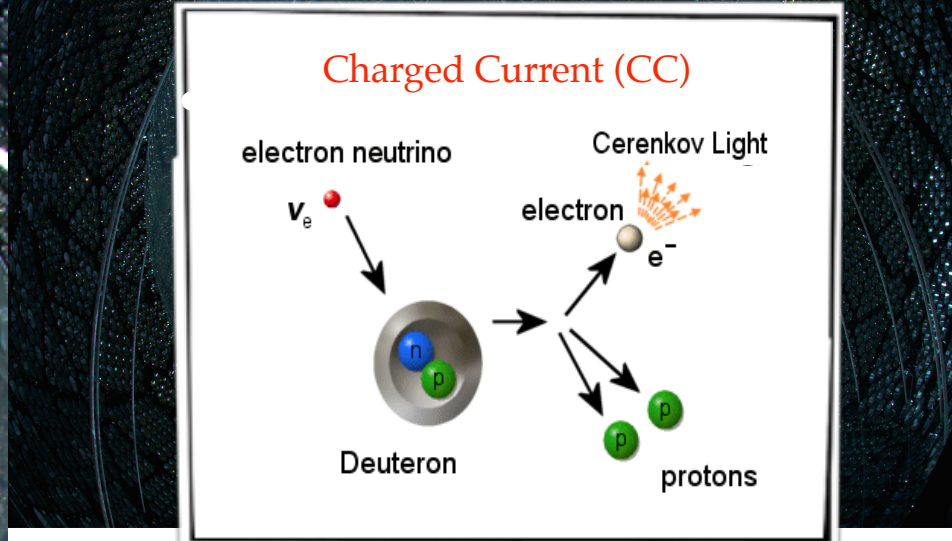
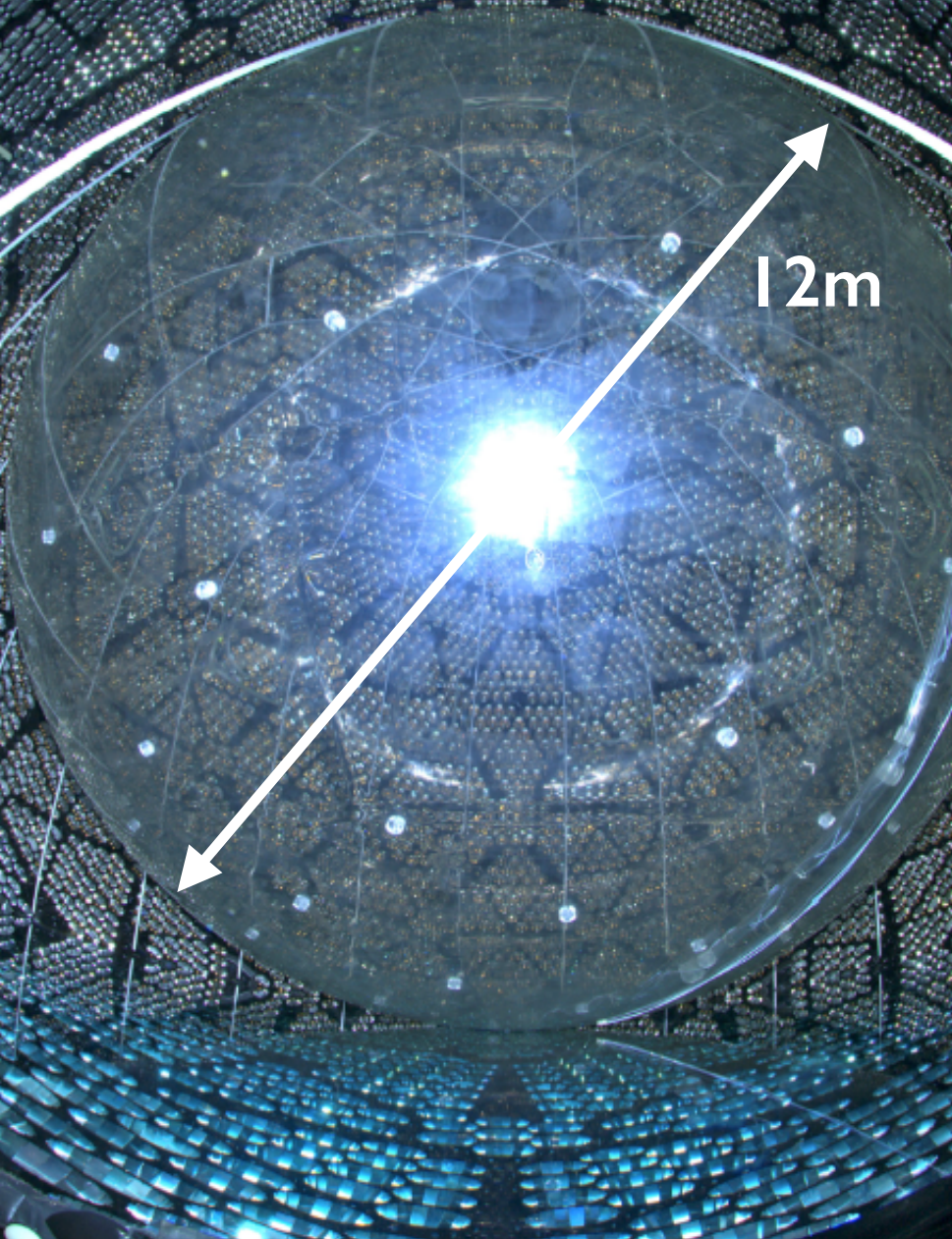
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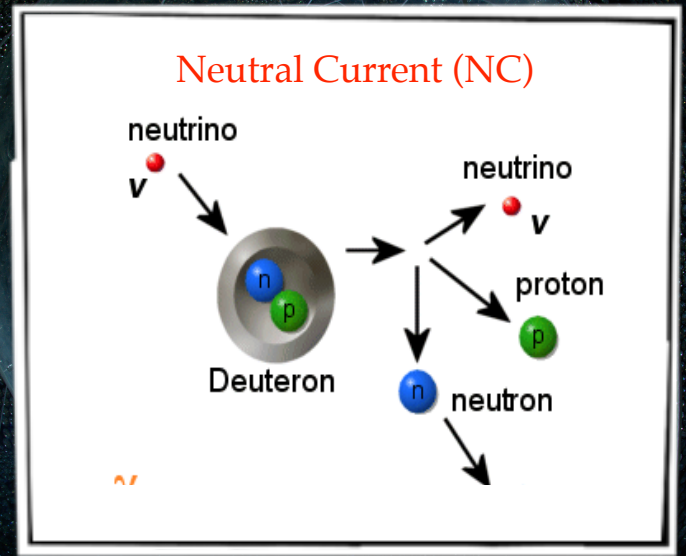
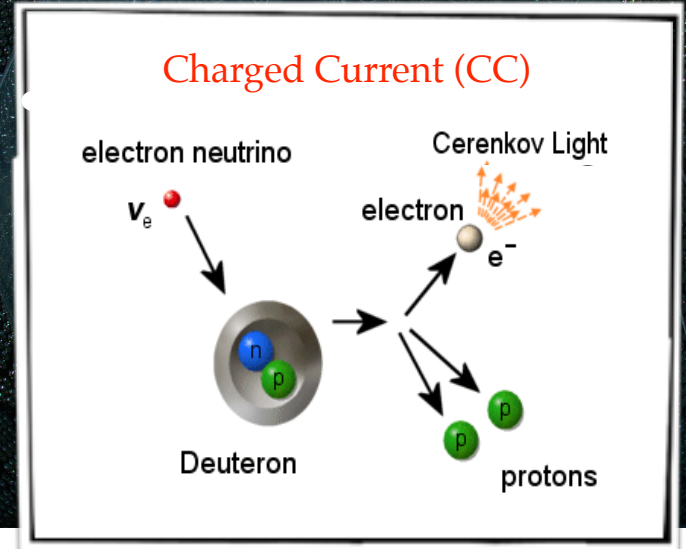
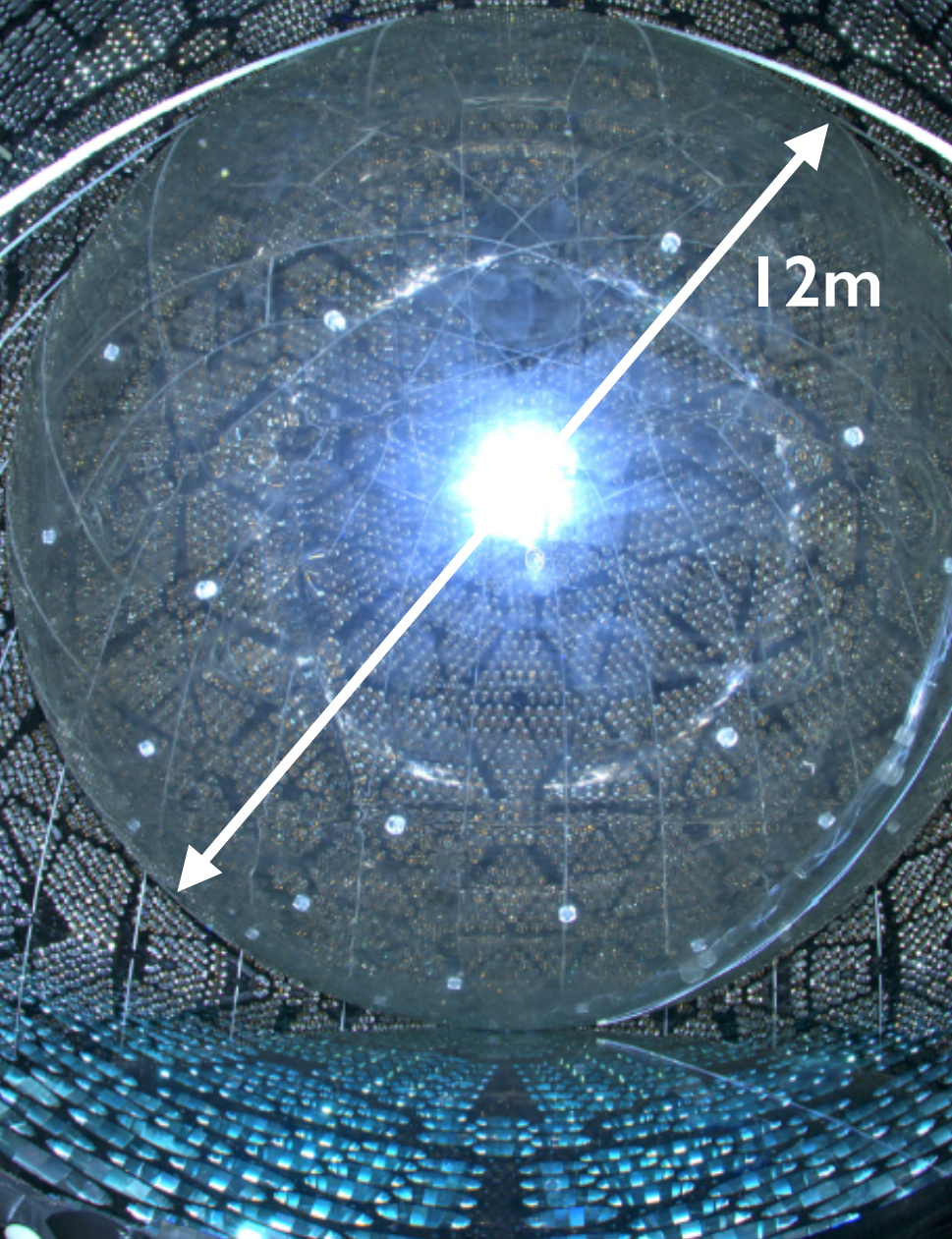


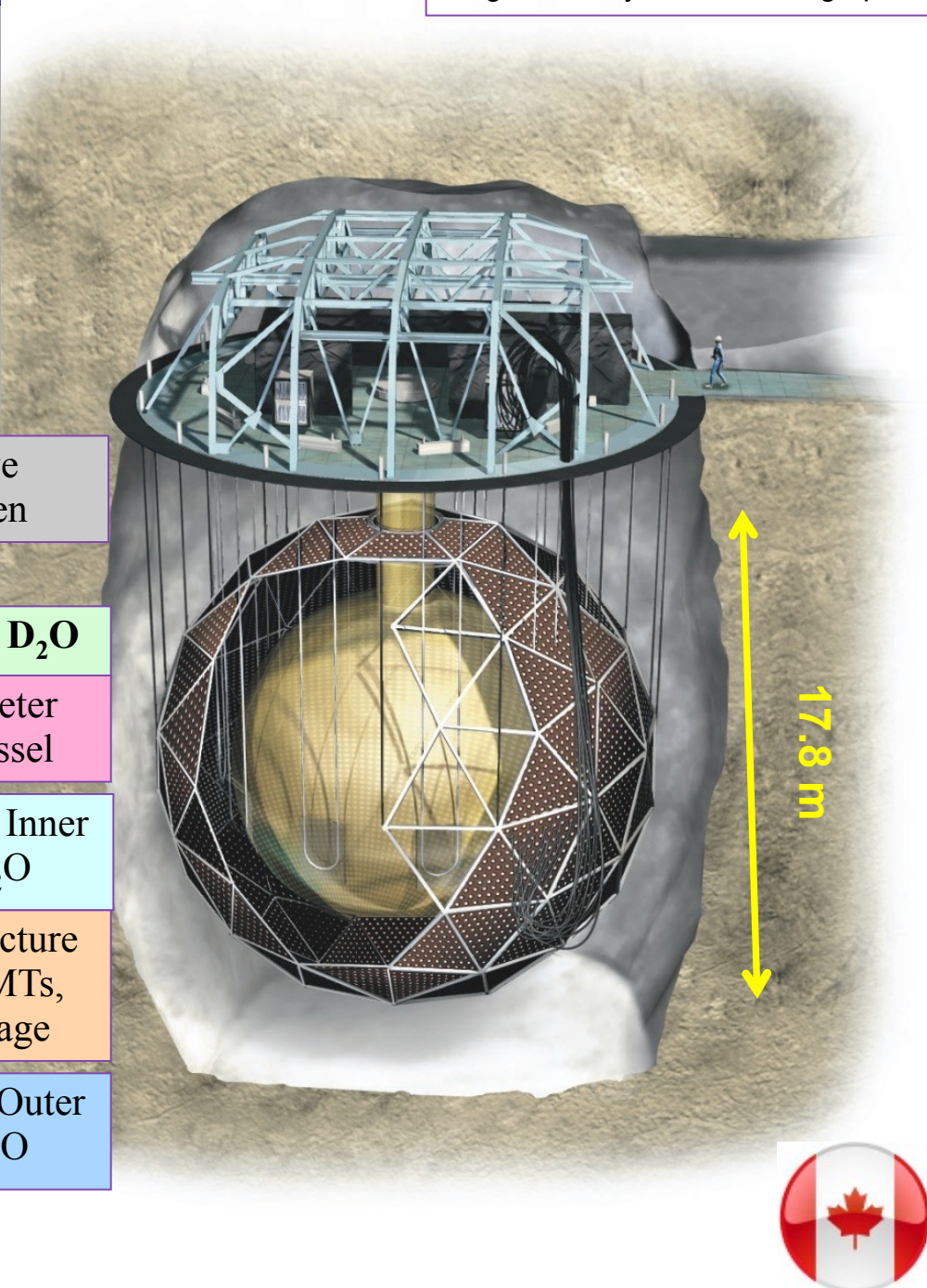
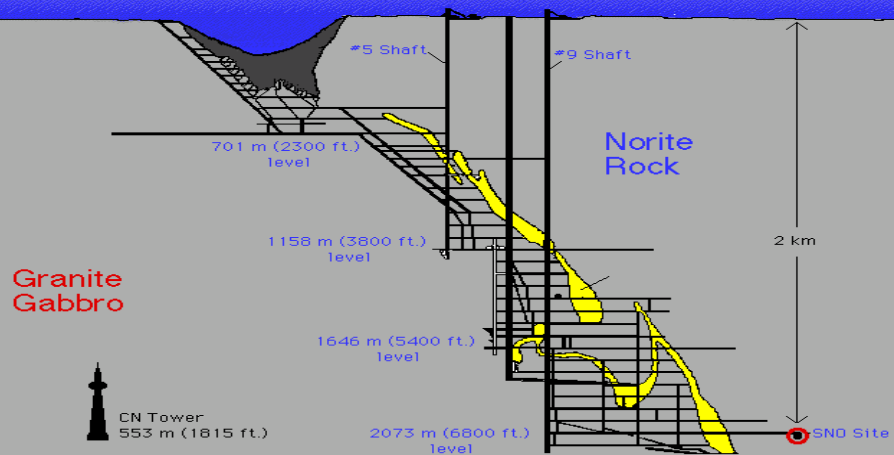


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6000 mwe  
overburden

1000 tonnes D<sub>2</sub>O

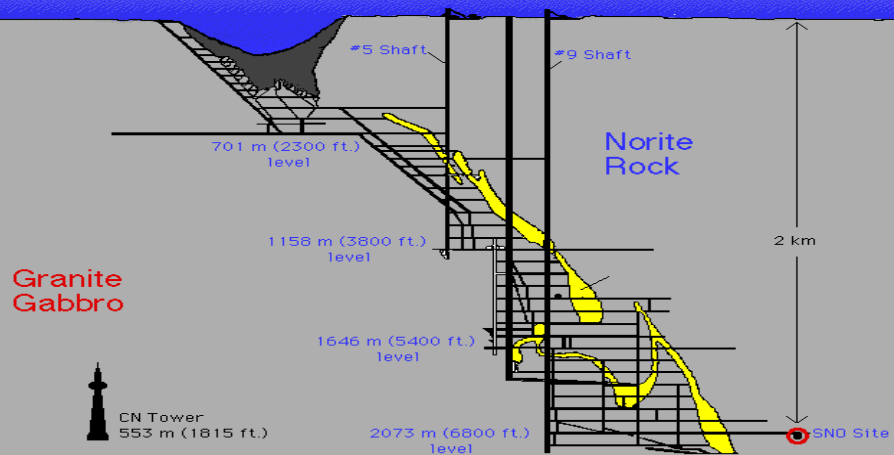
12 m Diameter  
Acrylic Vessel

1700 tonnes Inner  
Shield H<sub>2</sub>O

Support Structure  
for 9500 PMTs,  
60% coverage

5300 tonnes Outer  
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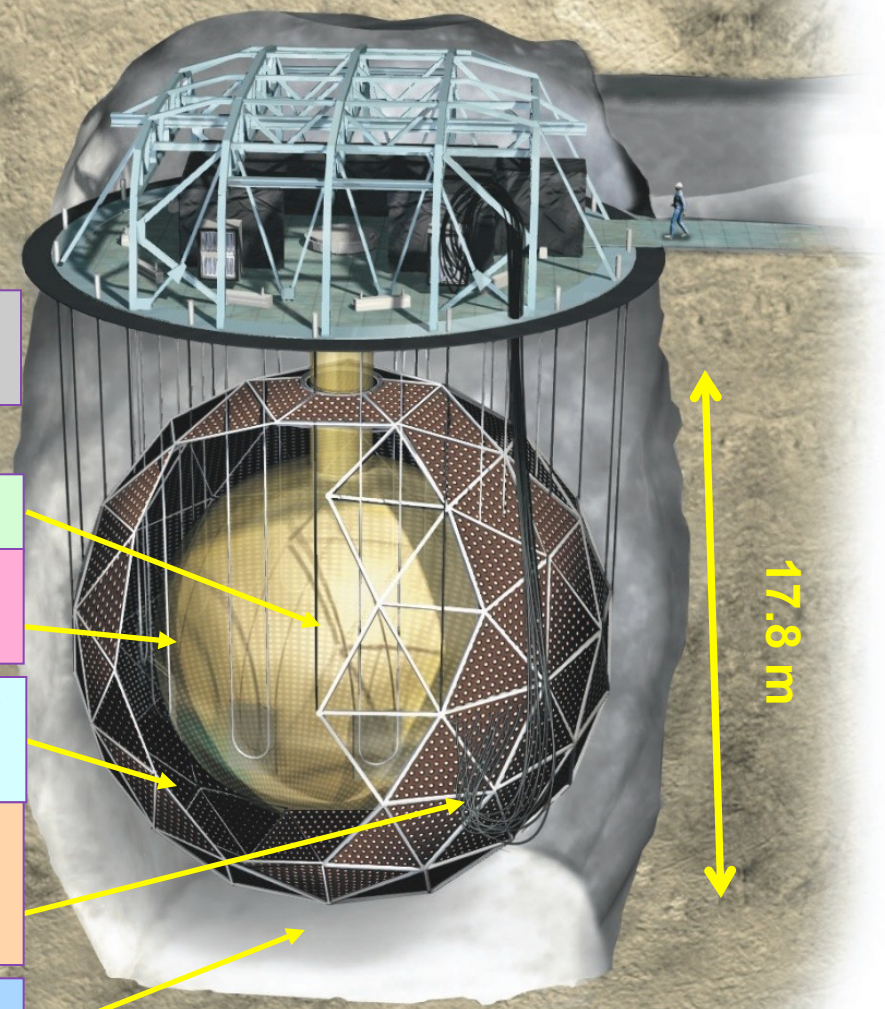
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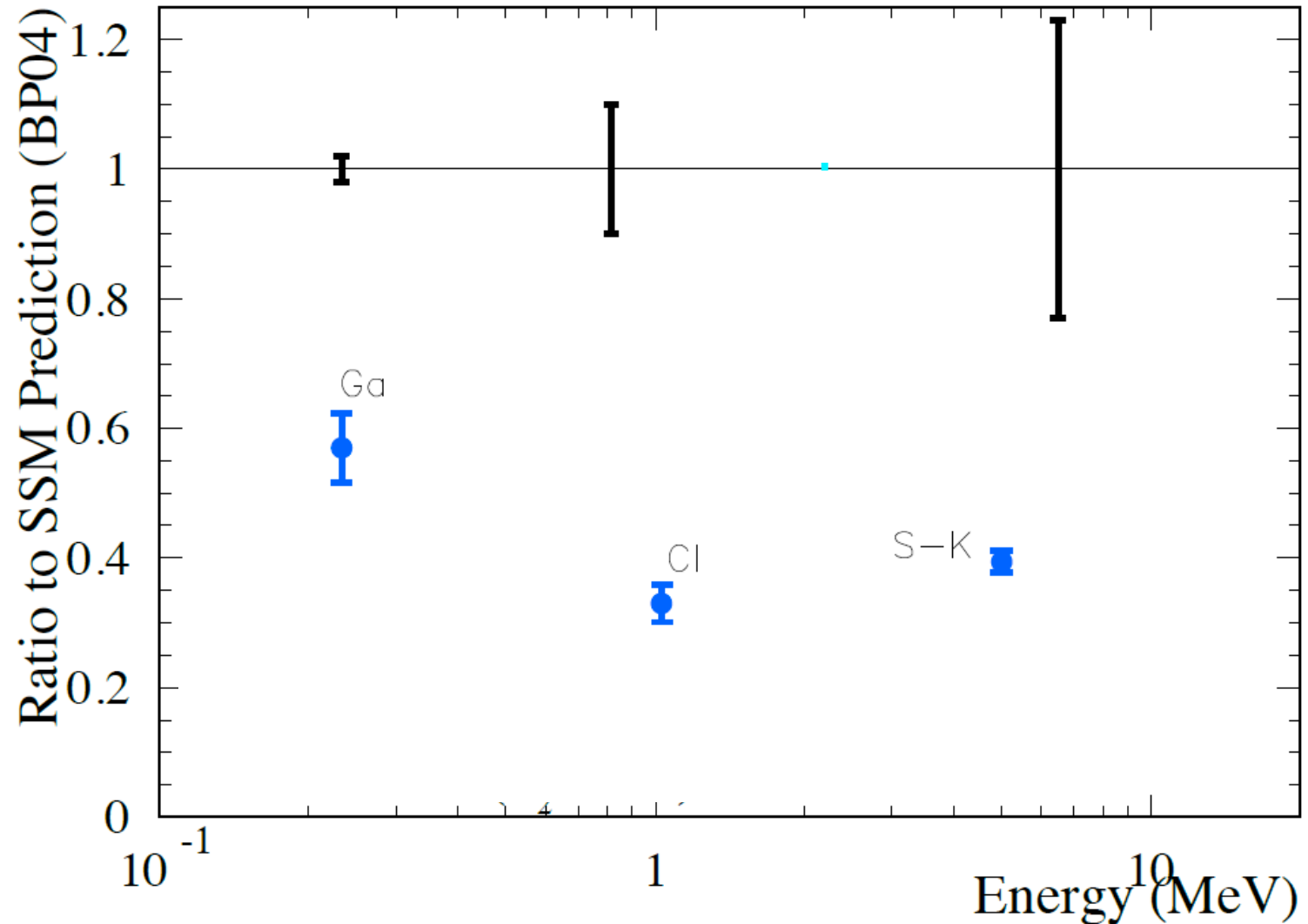
1700 tonnes Inner Shield H<sub>2</sub>O

Support Structure for 9500 PMTs, 60% coverage

5300 tonnes Outer Shield H<sub>2</sub>O

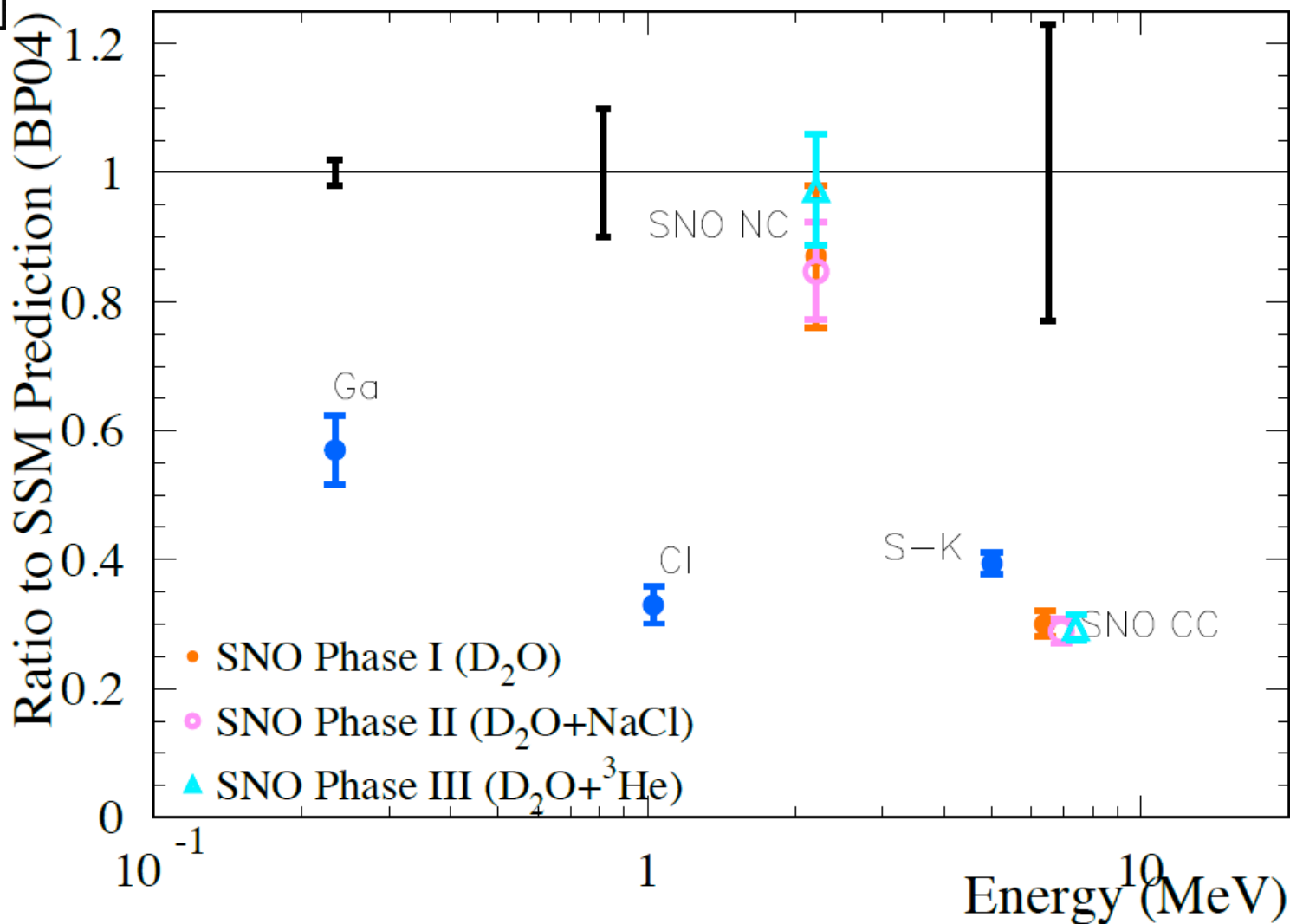


# Solar Neutrino Problem



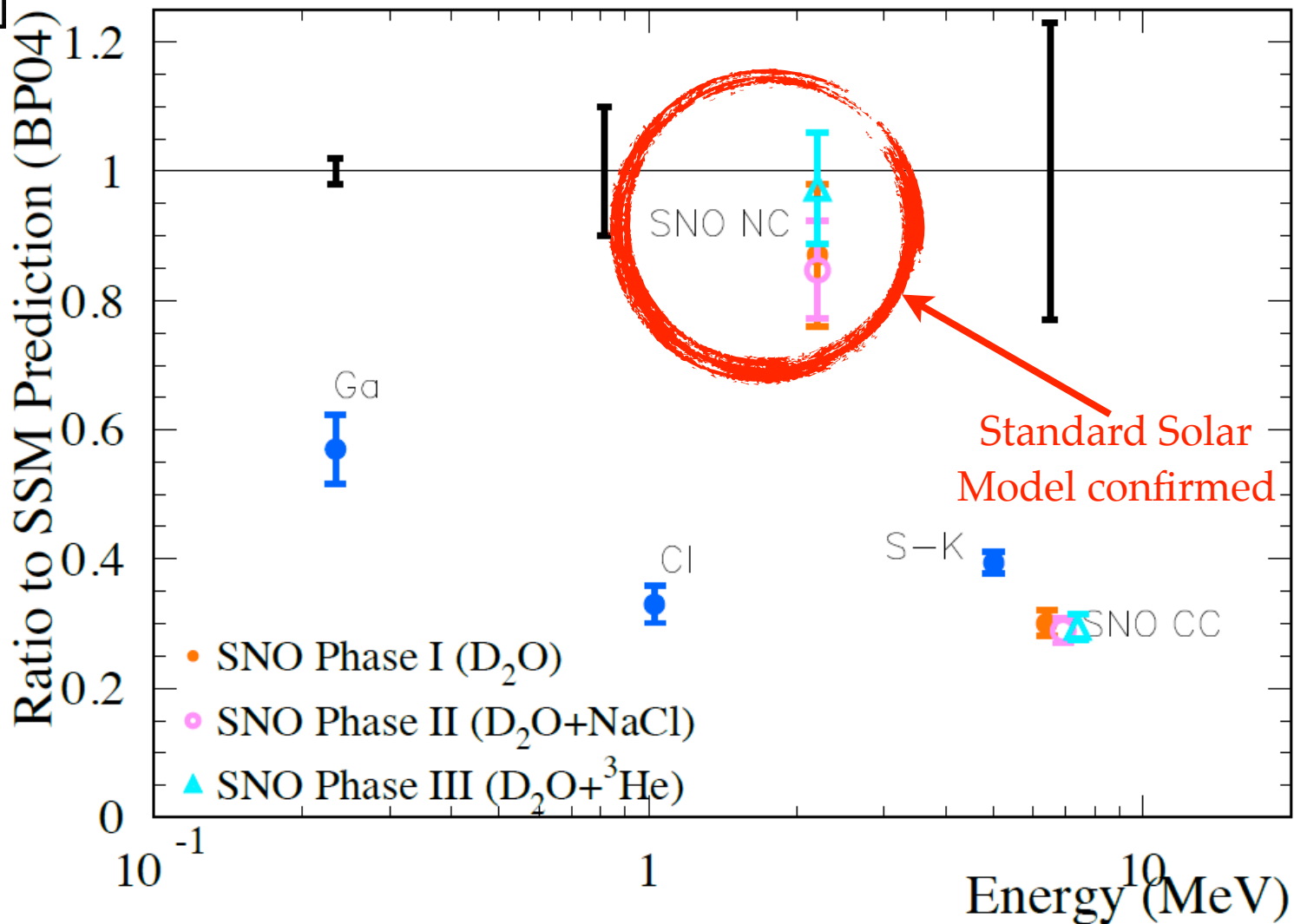


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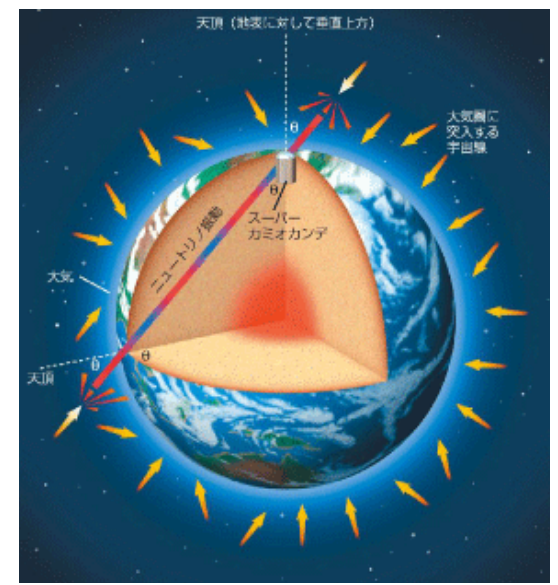
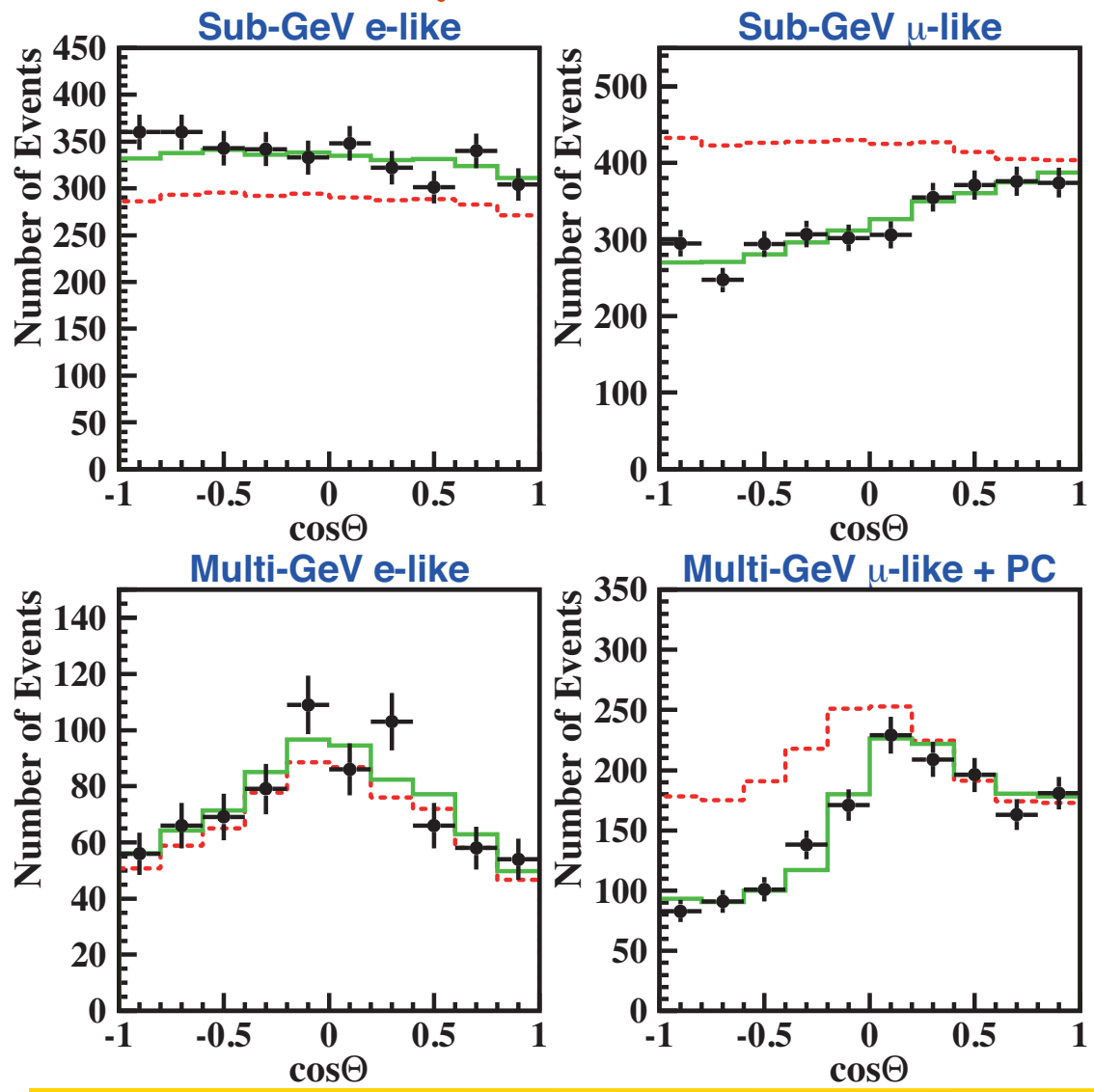




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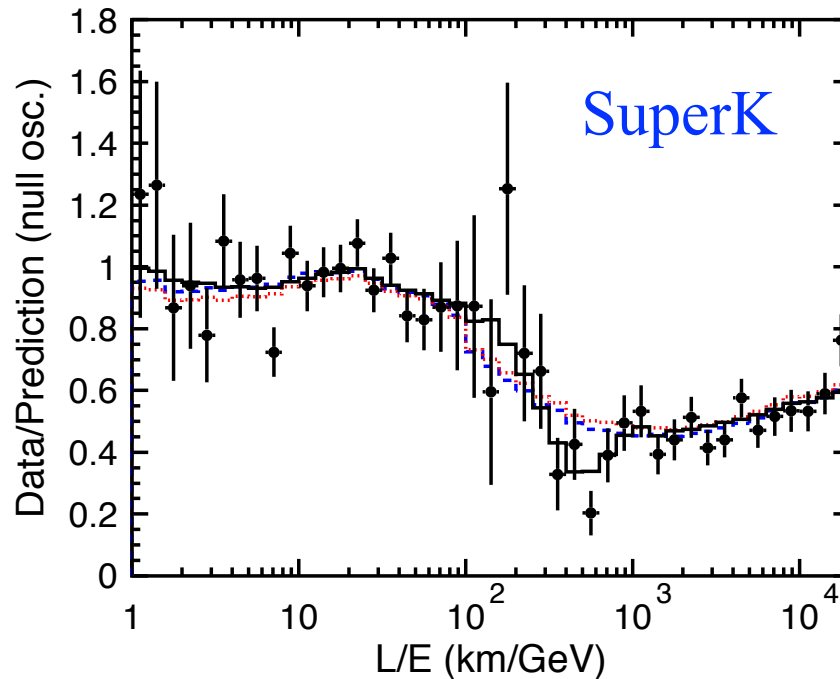


# Atmospheric Neutrinos: SuperK





# SuperK Results



Atmospheric neutrino data (SuperK) consistent with oscillations

# 2015 Nobel Prize in Physics

SuperK



Takaaki Kajita

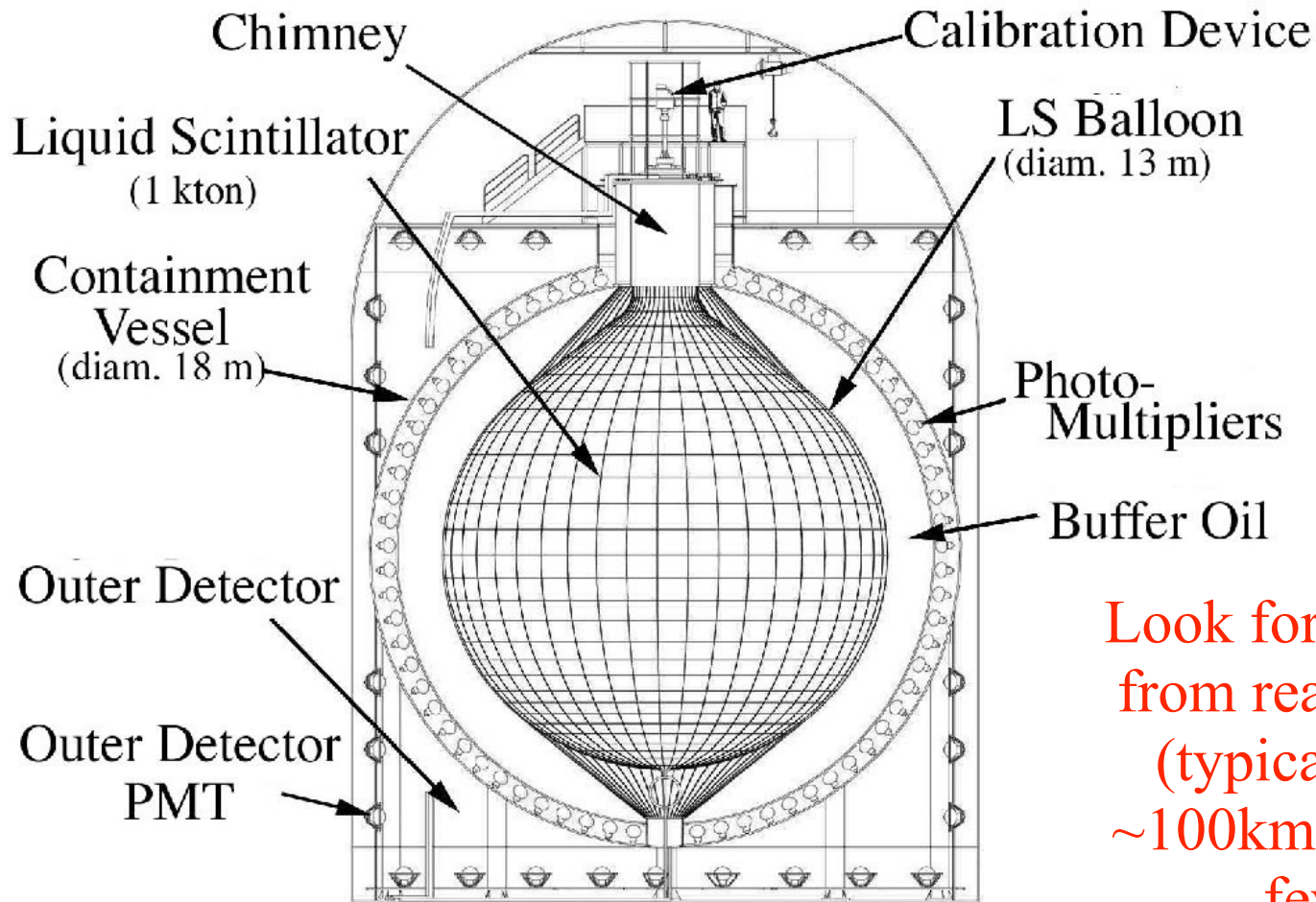
SNO



Arthur B. McDonald

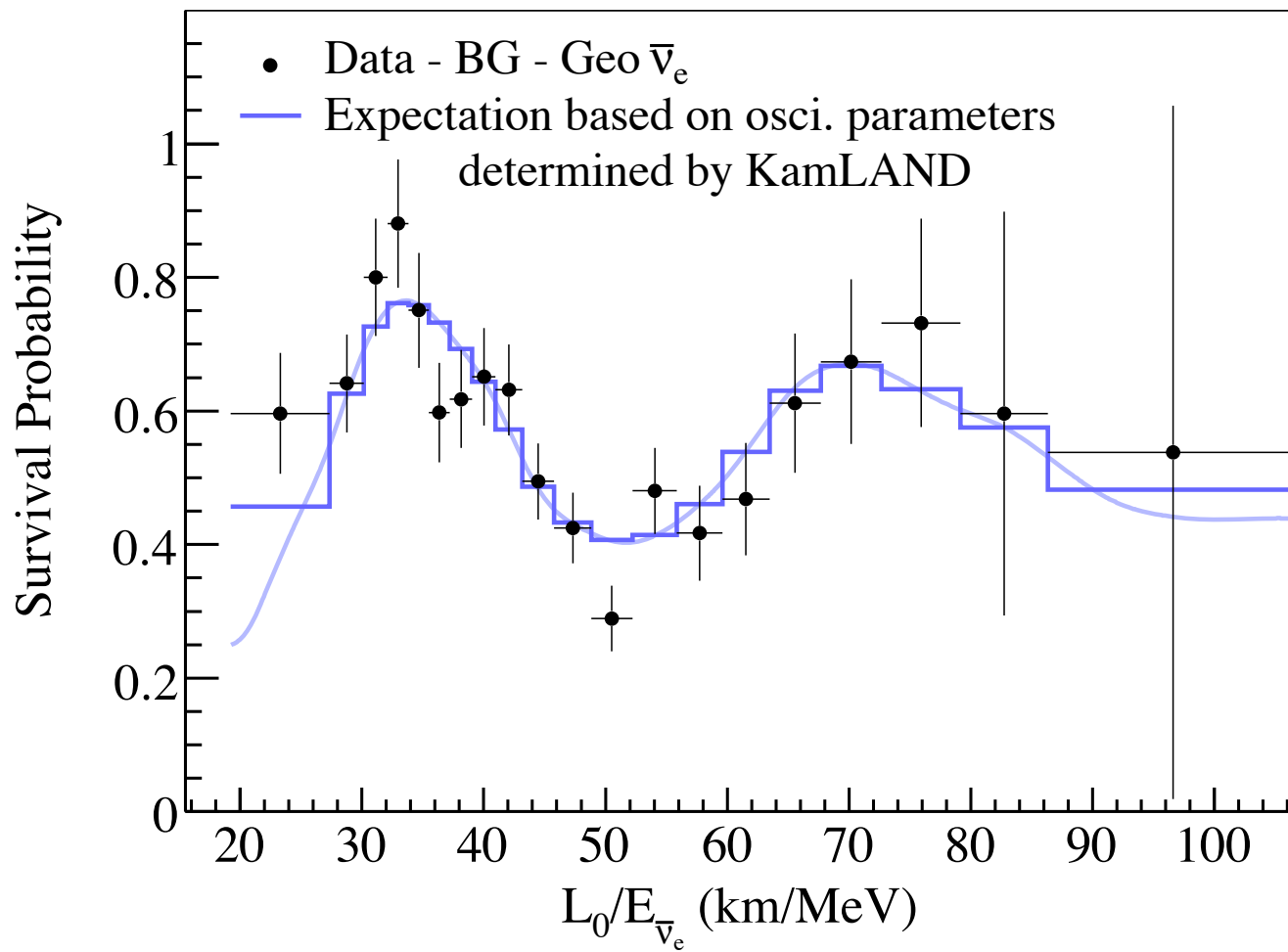
The Nobel Prize in Physics 2015 was awarded jointly to Takaaki Kajita and Arthur B. McDonald "for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass"

# KamLand

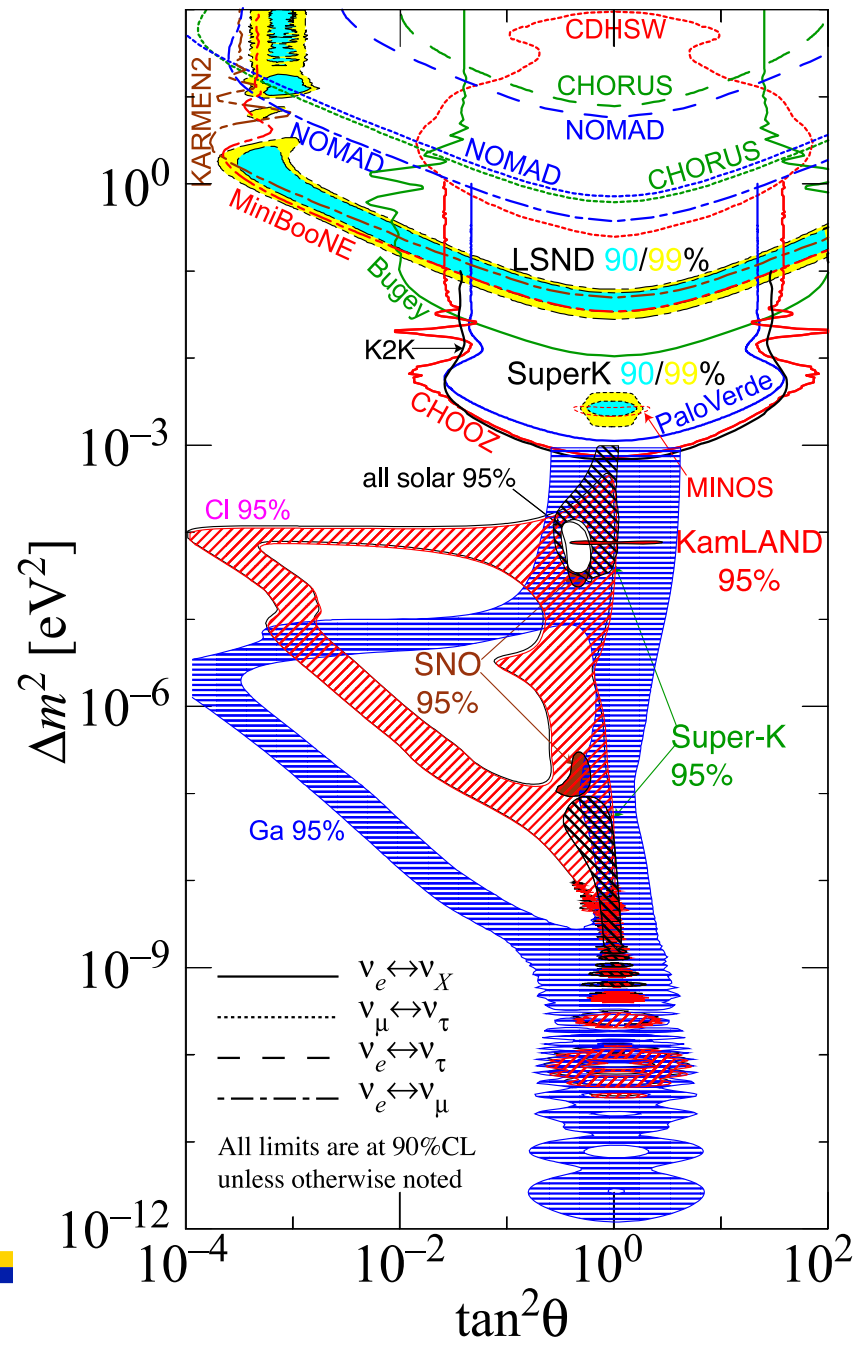


Look for anti-neutrinos  
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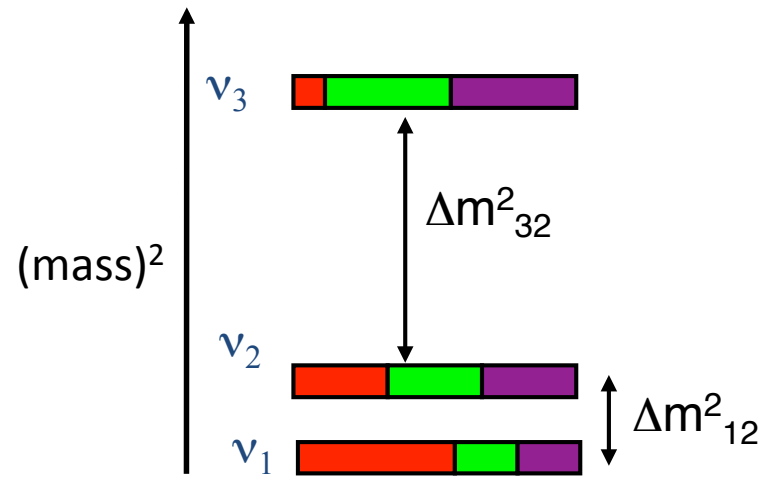
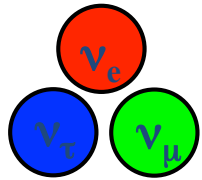
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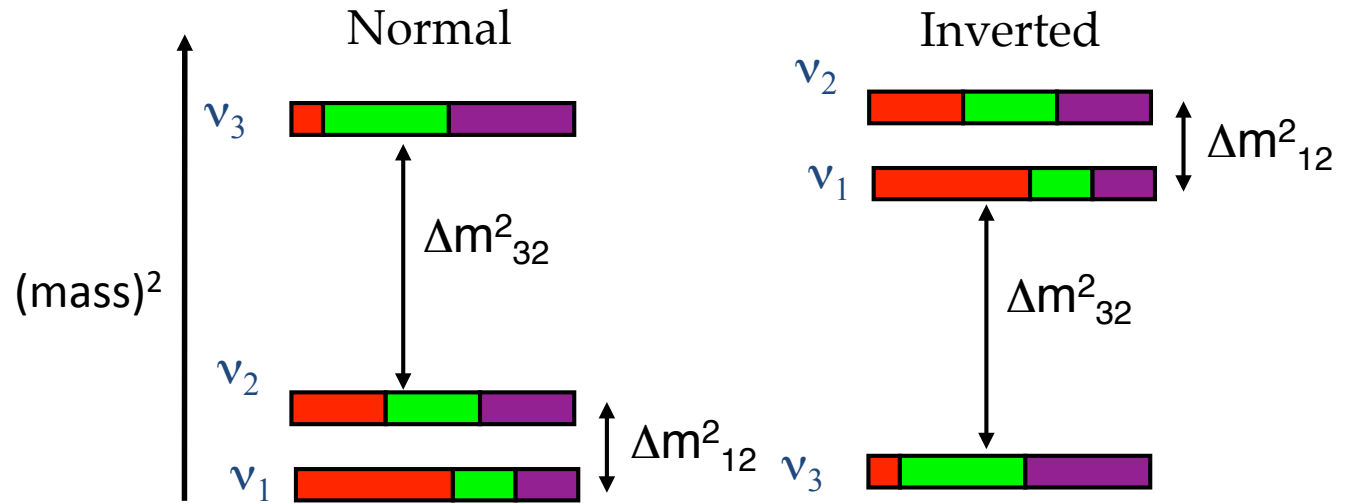
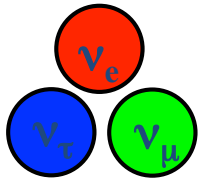


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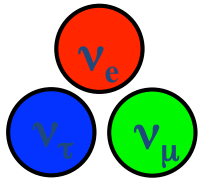
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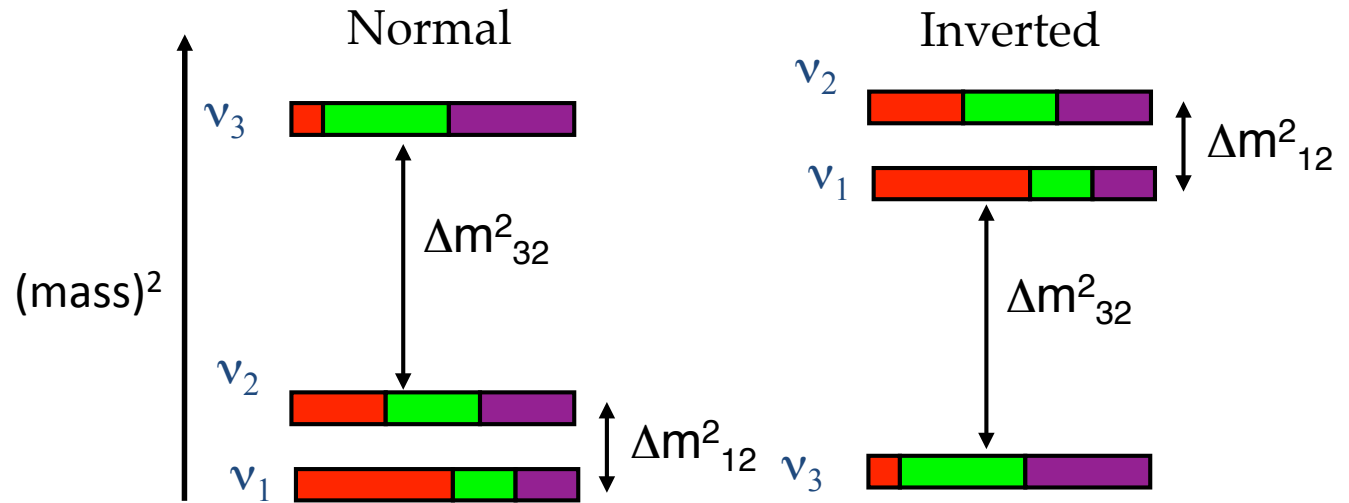


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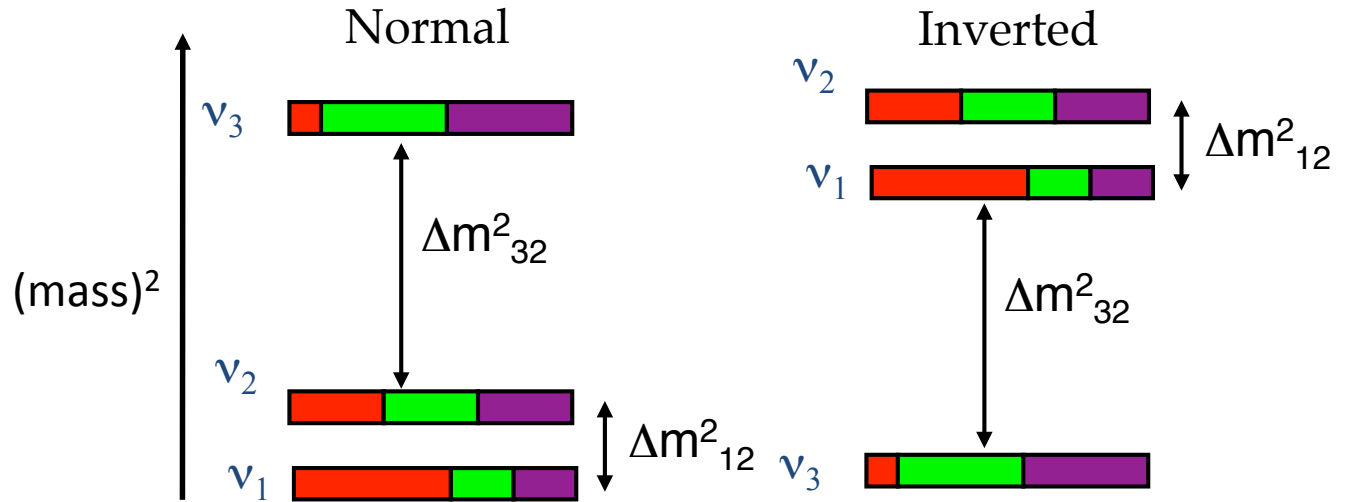
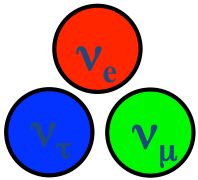


Parameters:  
3 mixing angles  
2 mass differences  
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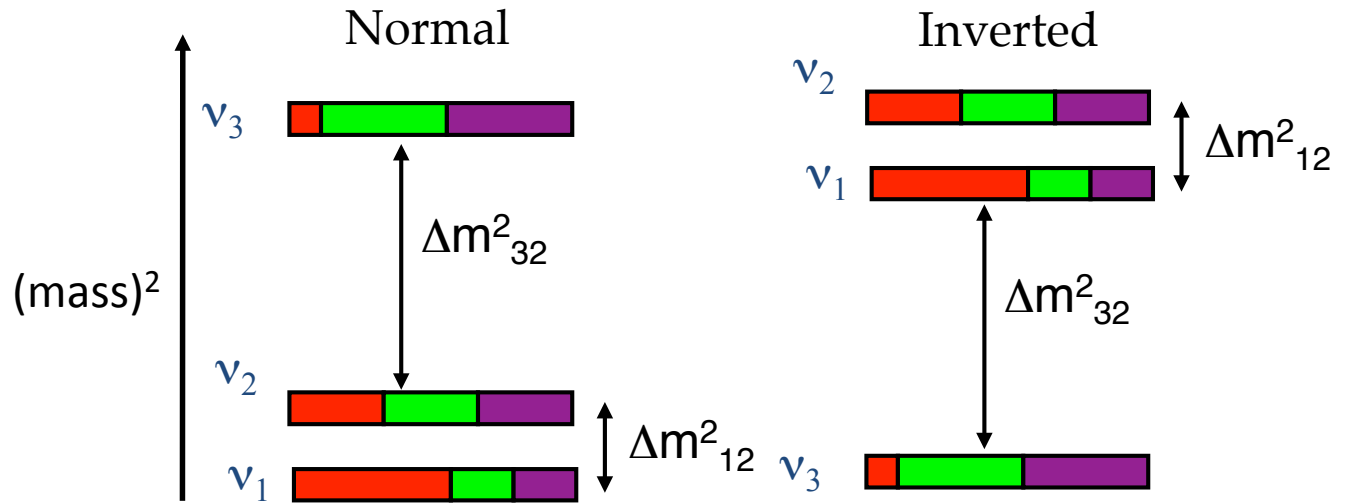
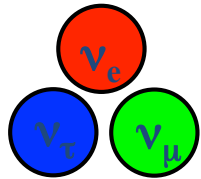


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# Neutrino Mixing

## MASS HIERARCHY



## MIXING

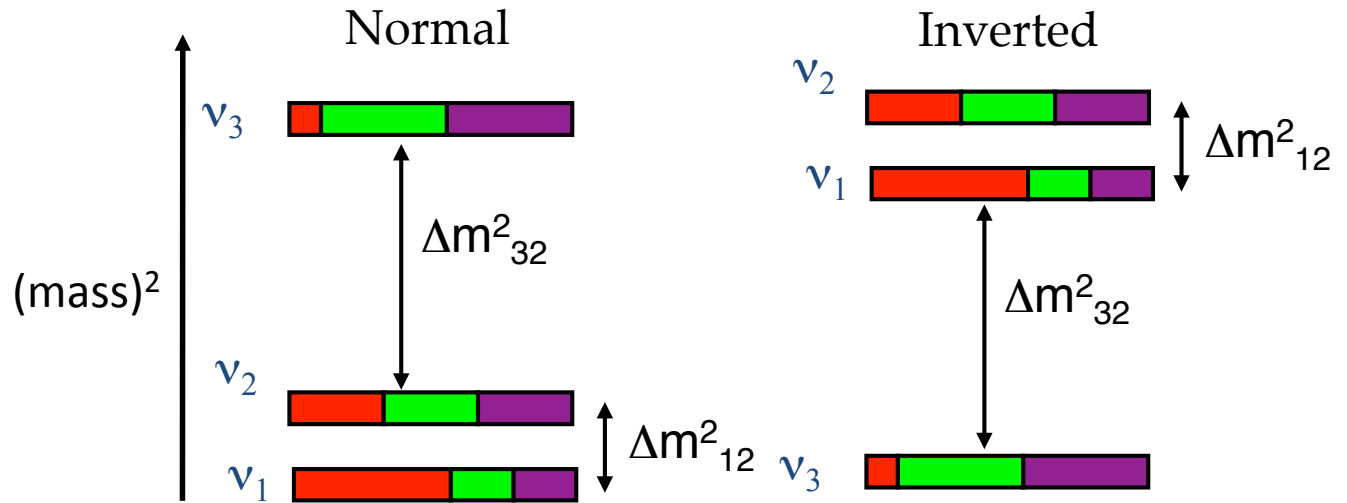
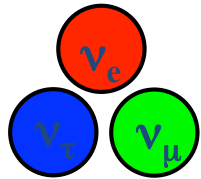
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Atmospheric  
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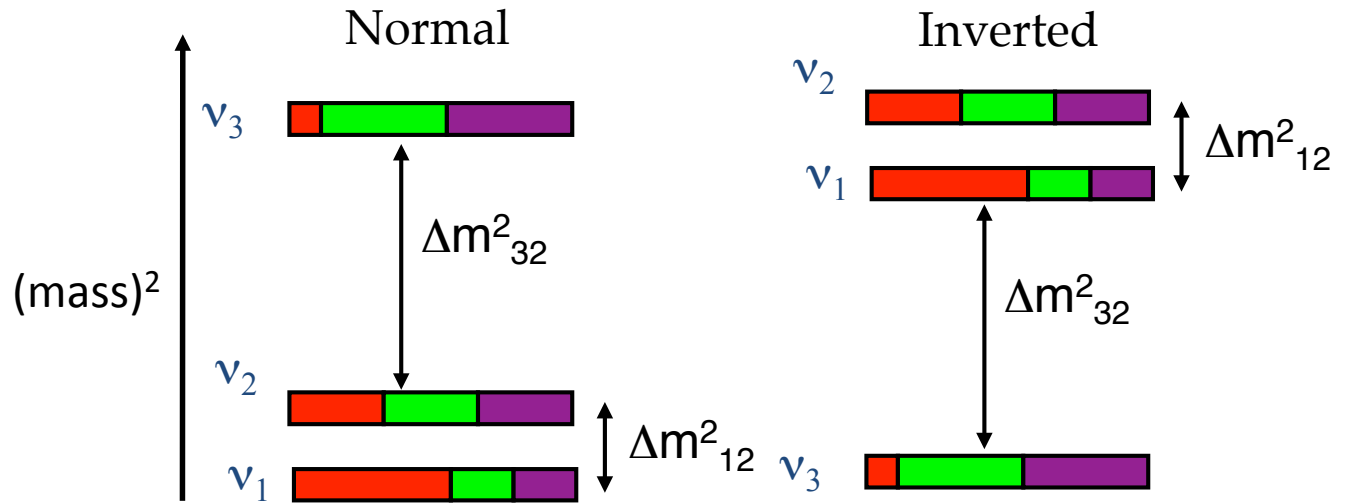
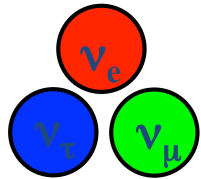


Measured as of Mar 2012!



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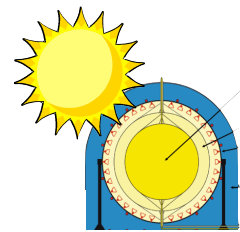
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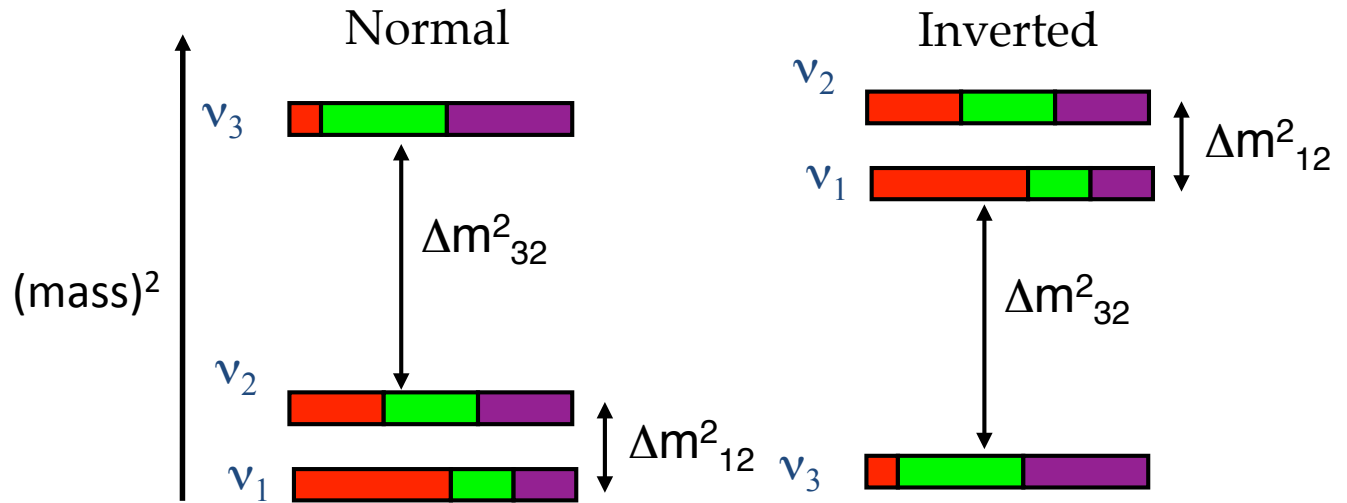
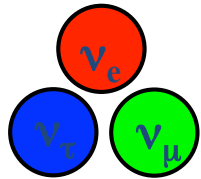


Solar  
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# Neutrino Mixing

## MASS HIERARCHY



## MIXING

CP violation:  $\nu$  vs  $\bar{\nu}$

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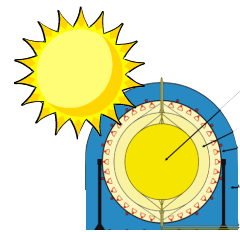
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# 2016 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics



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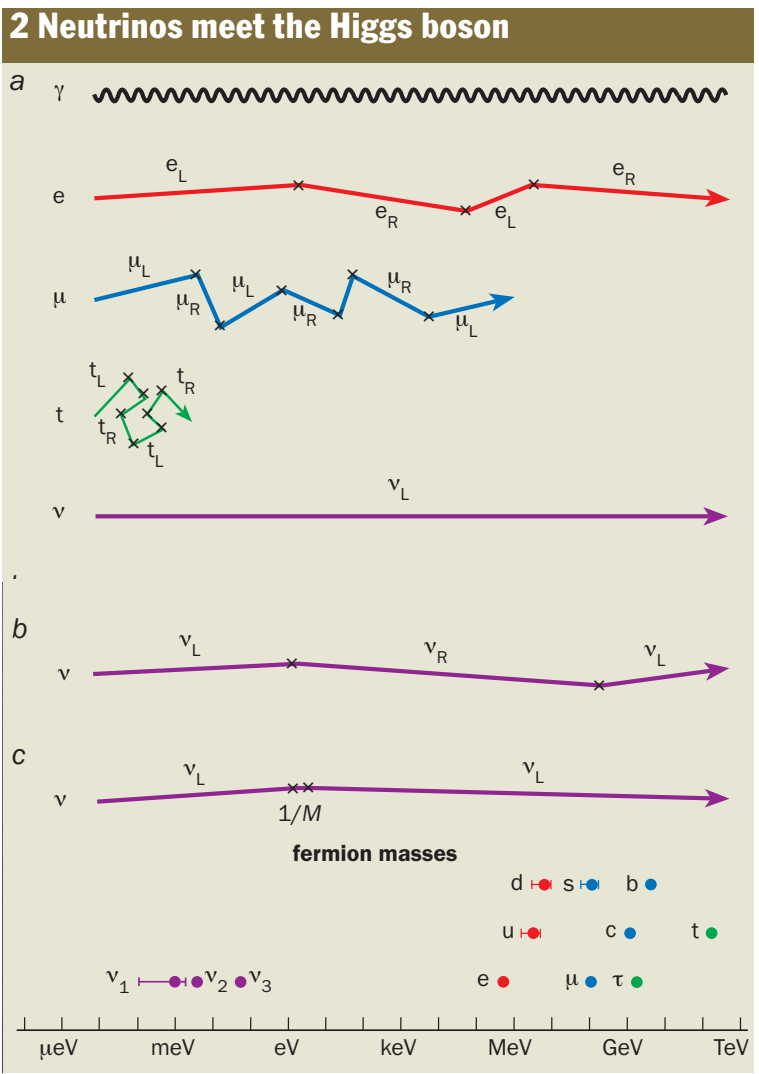


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# Mysterious Neutrinos



Standard Model masses

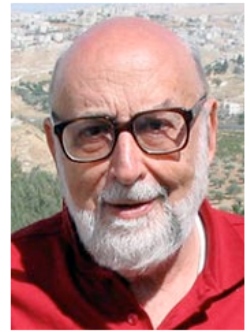


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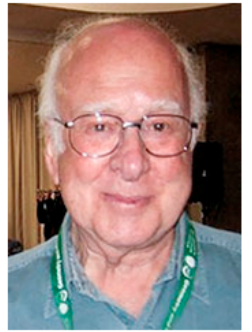
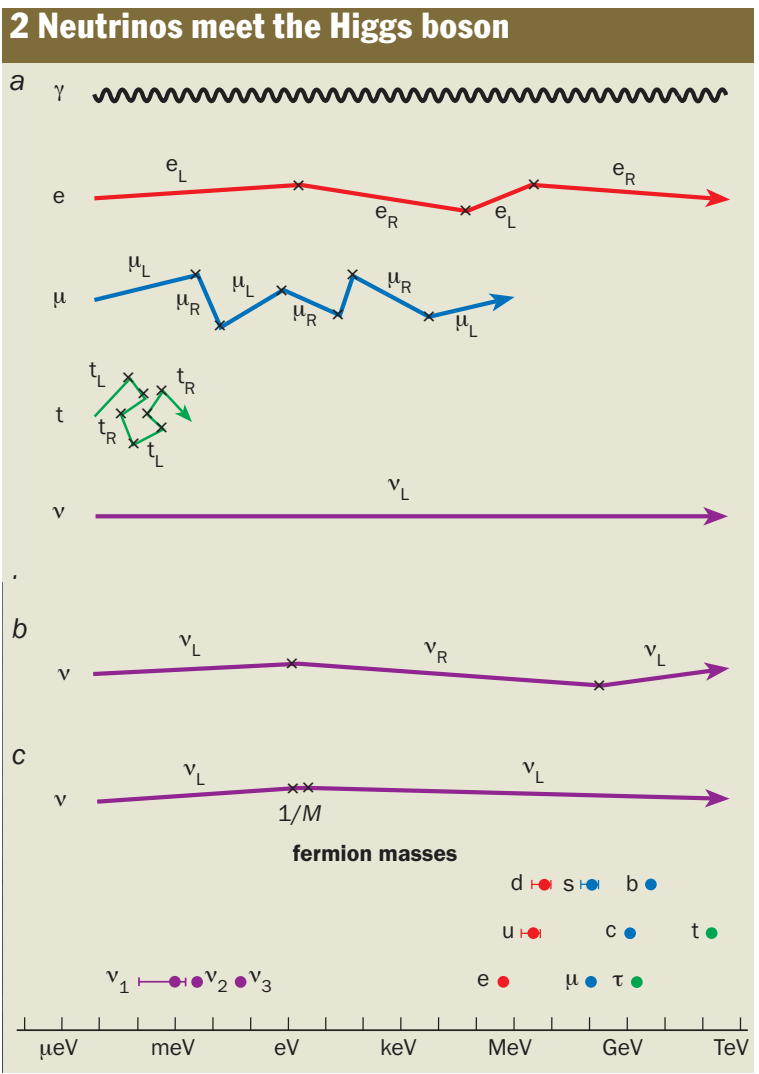


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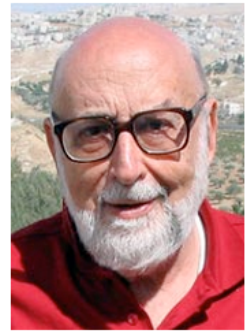


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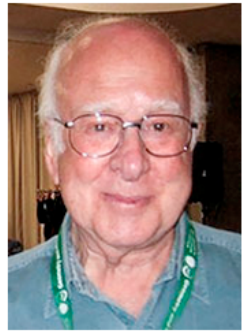


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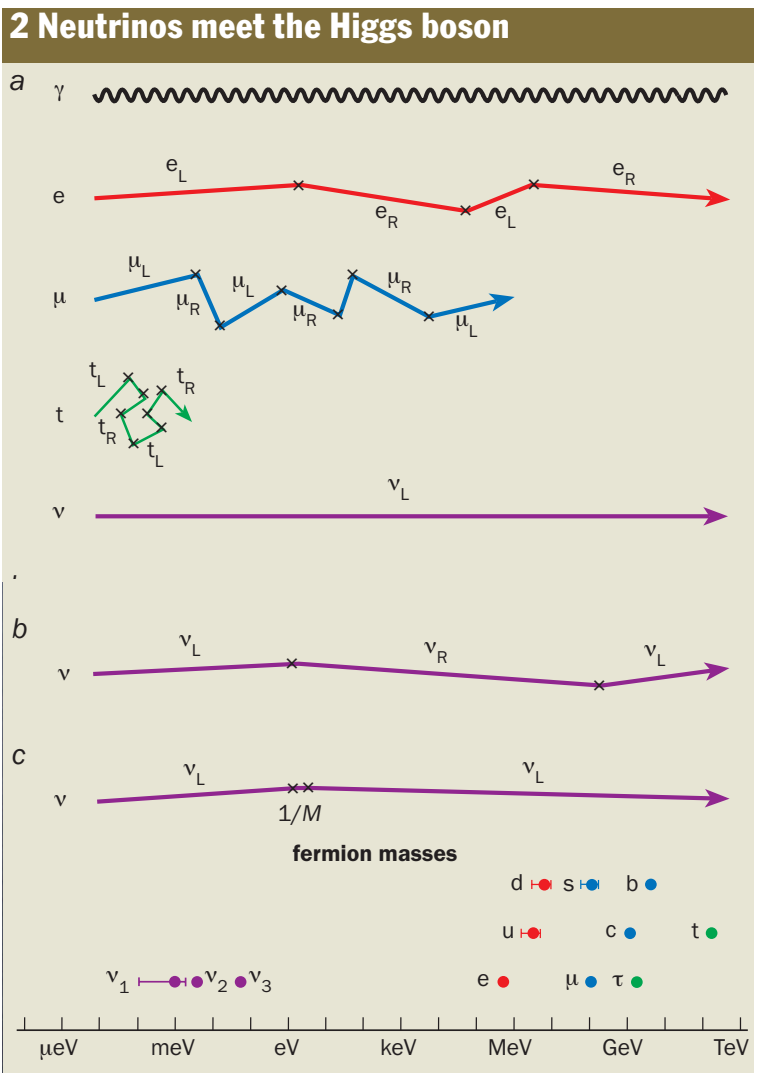
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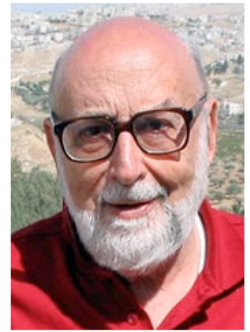


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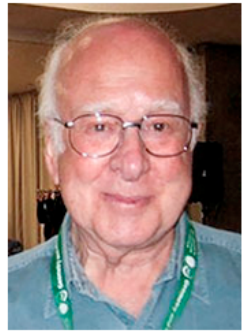
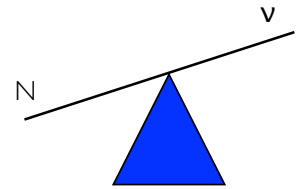


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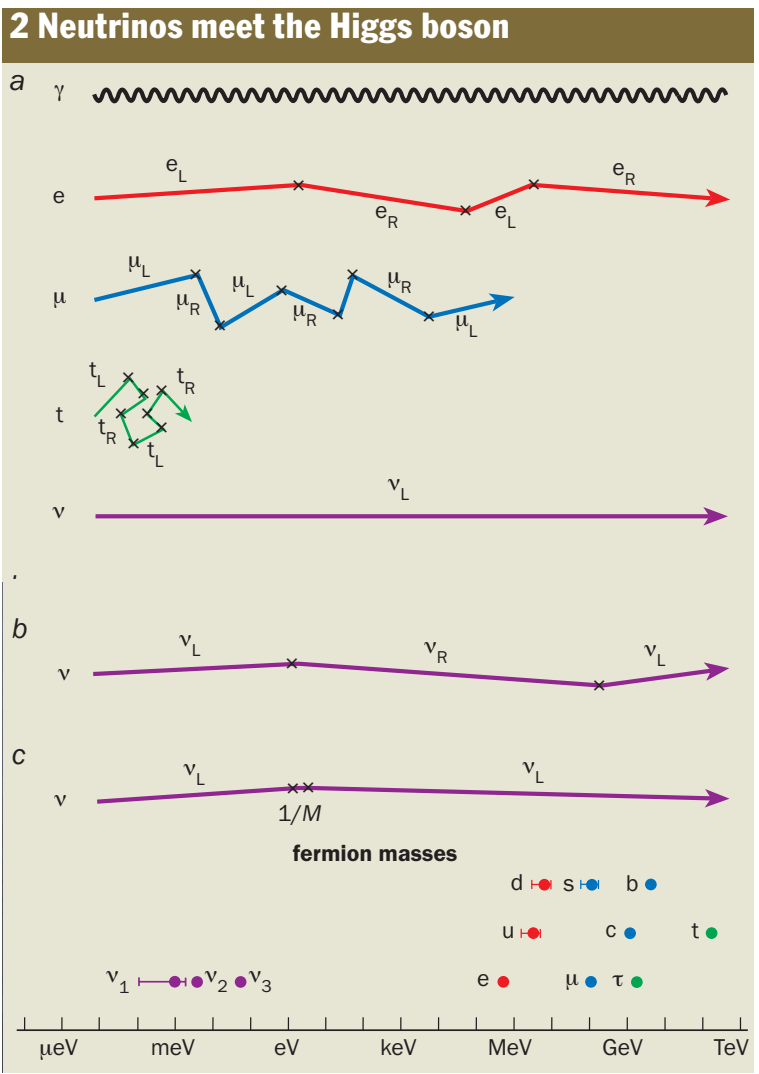
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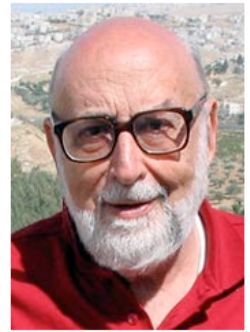


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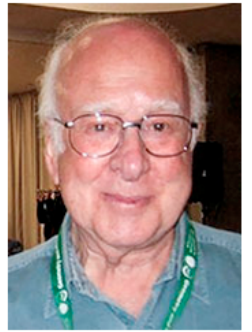


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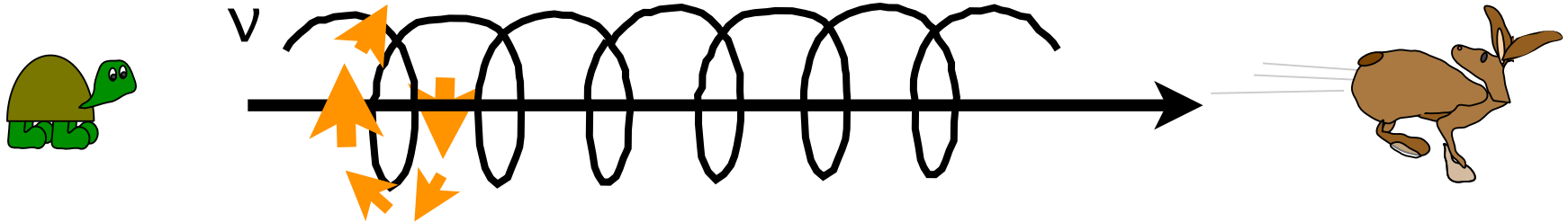
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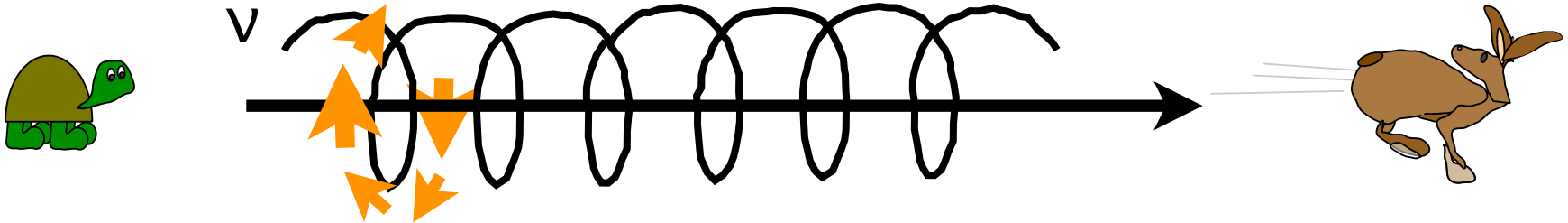
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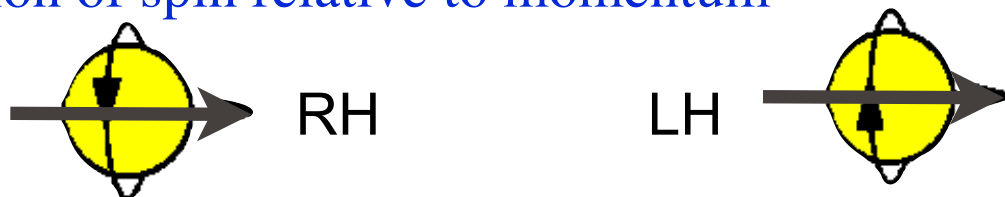
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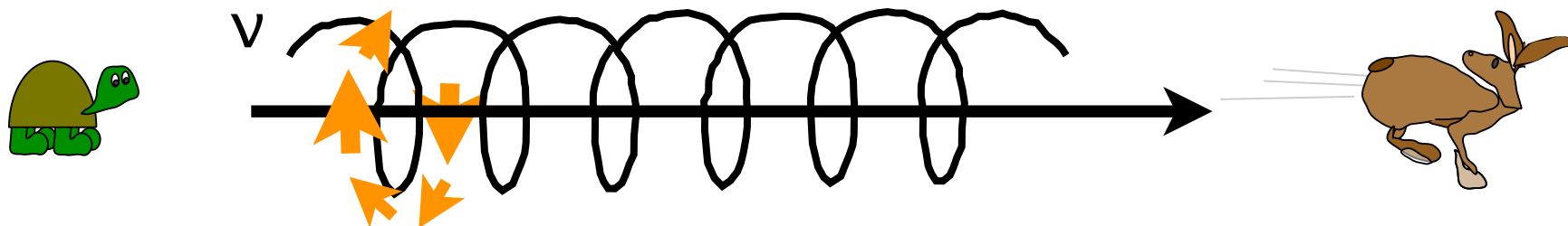
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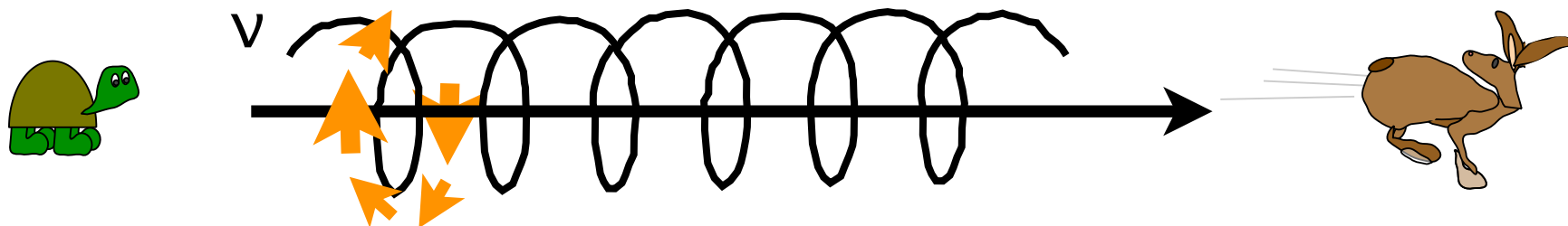
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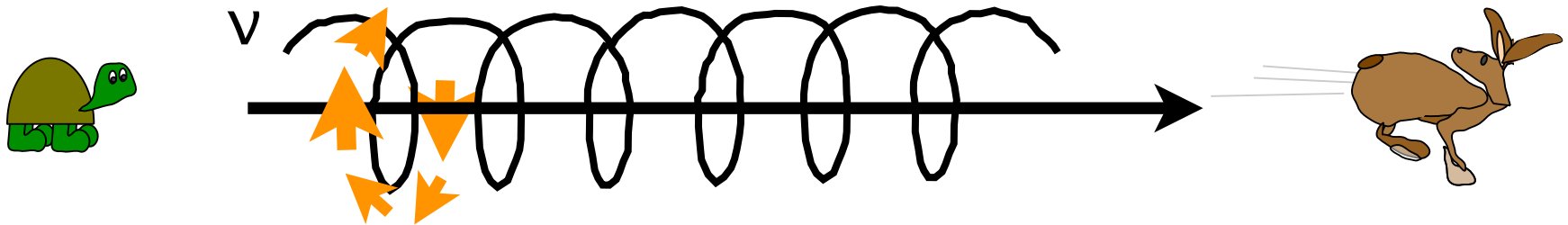


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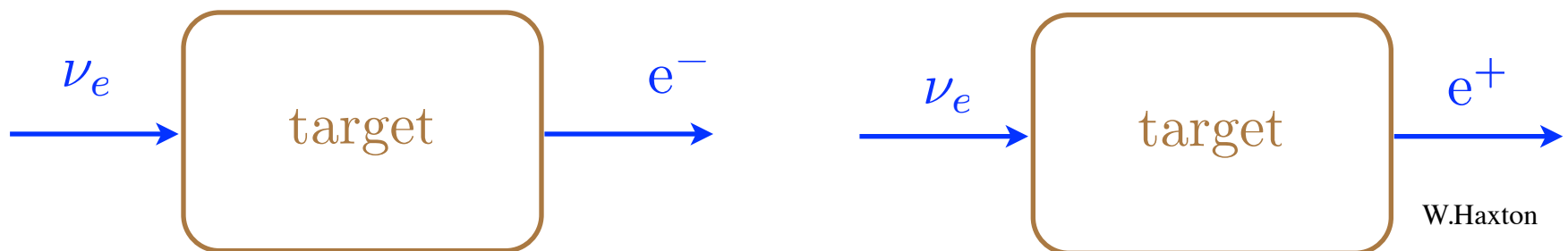
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    - ☞  $^{37}\text{Cl} + \bar{\nu}_e \not\Rightarrow ^{37}\text{Ar} + e^-$  (Ray Davis @ Savanna River)
- Define  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$  by interaction with charged leptons ( $e^\pm$ )
- Introduce a conserved ‘charge’  
 $\Rightarrow$  lepton number

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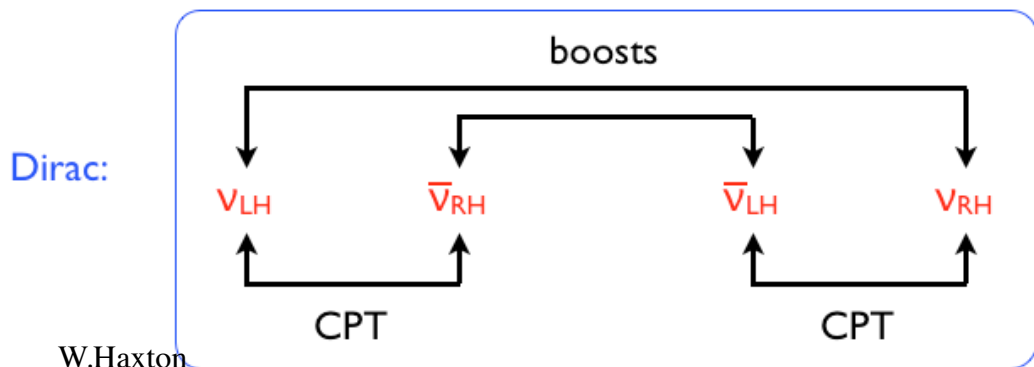
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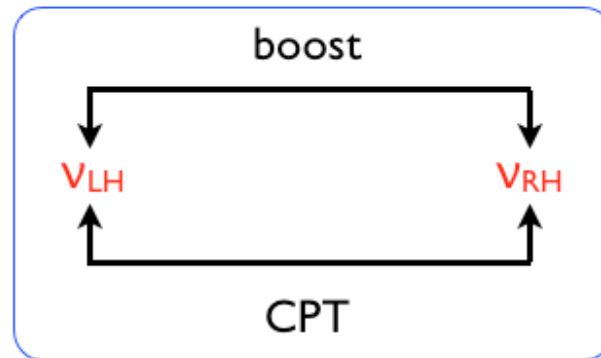
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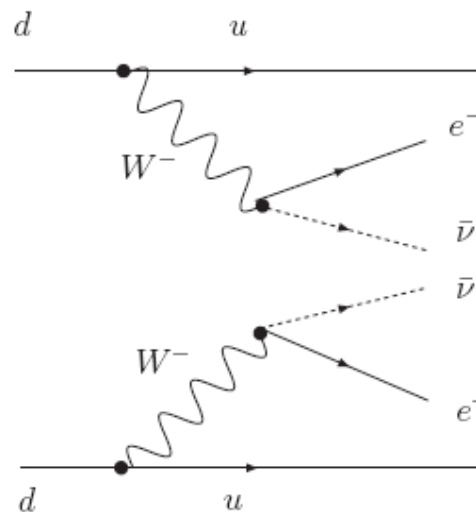
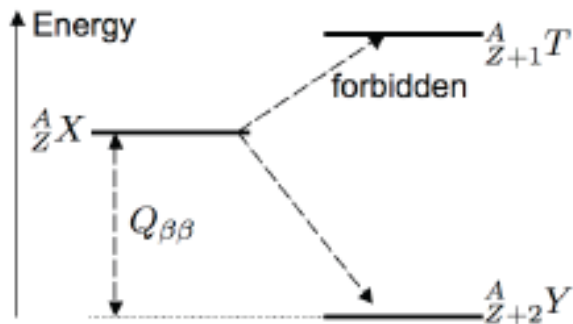


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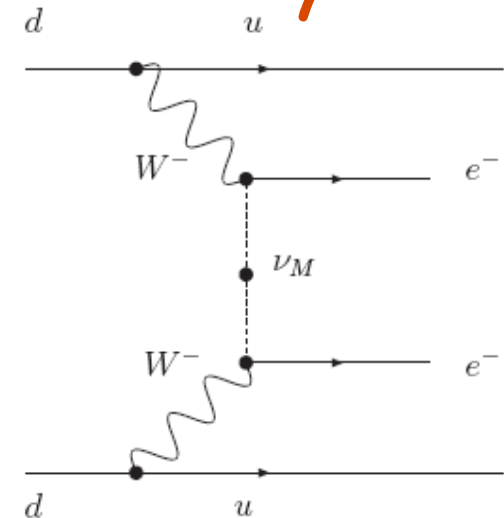
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- Understand how neutrinos acquire mass is of fundamental importance
- Dirac
  - Requires new fundamental global symmetry  $U(1)_{\text{lepton number}}$ 
    - ☞ New physics ?
    - ☞ **Matter and antimatter are fundamentally different**
- Majorana
  - Cannot be explained by “standard” Higgs Yukawa coupling
    - ☞ New physics ?
    - ☞ **Potentially sensitive to very high mass scales**
    - ☞ **Can generate matter  $\leftrightarrow$  antimatter transitions**

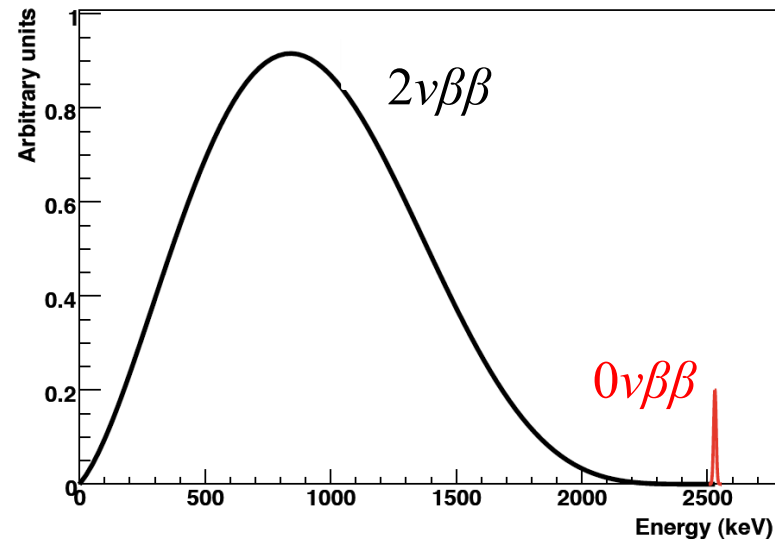
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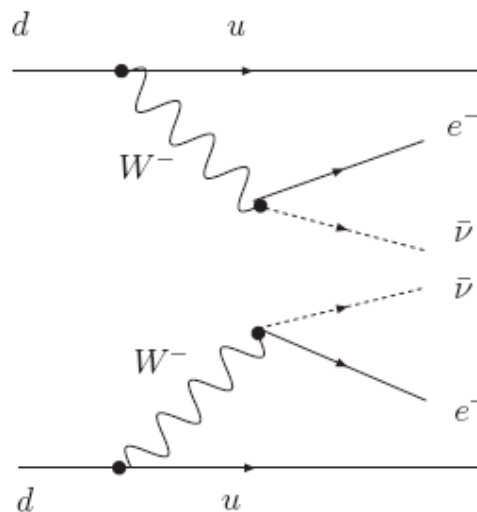
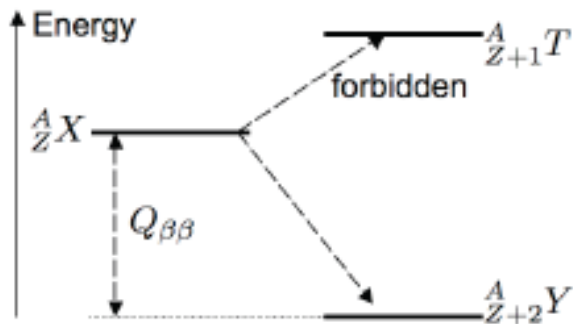
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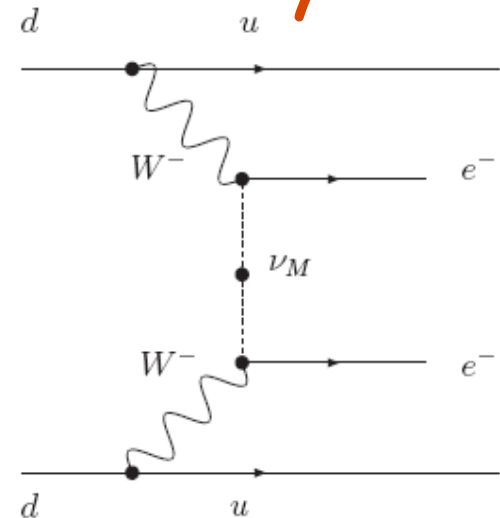
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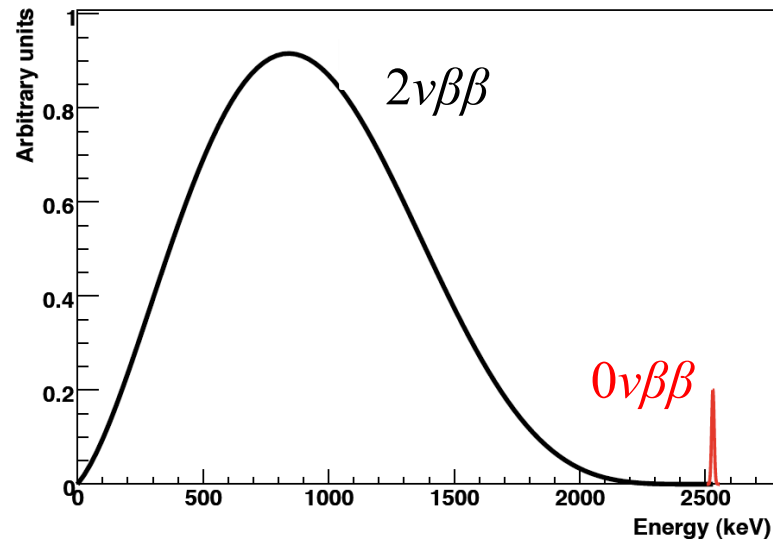
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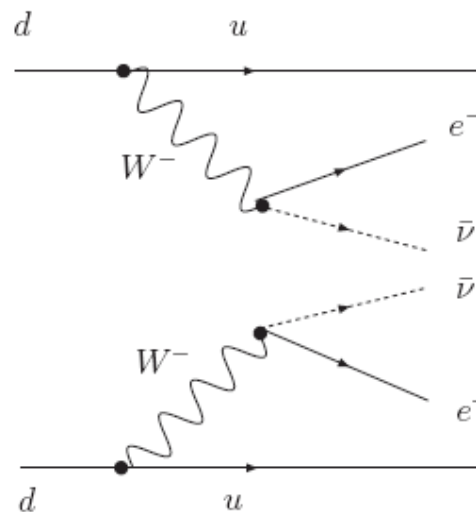
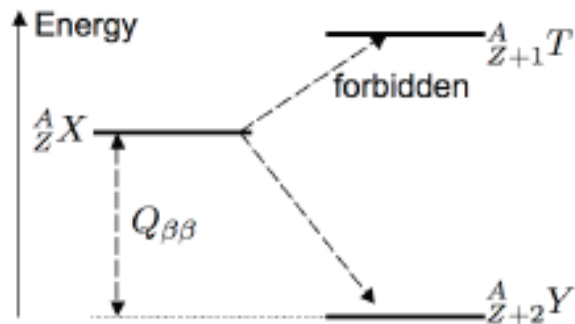
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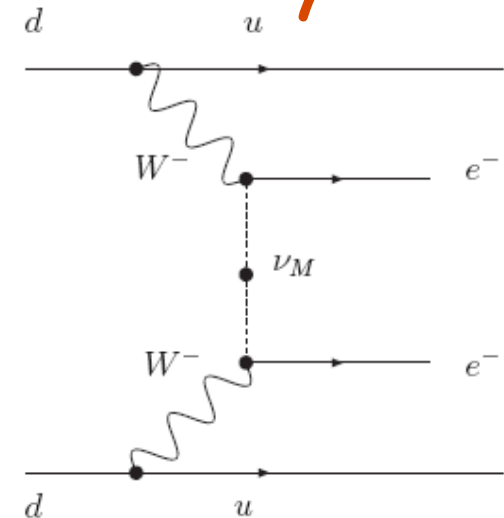
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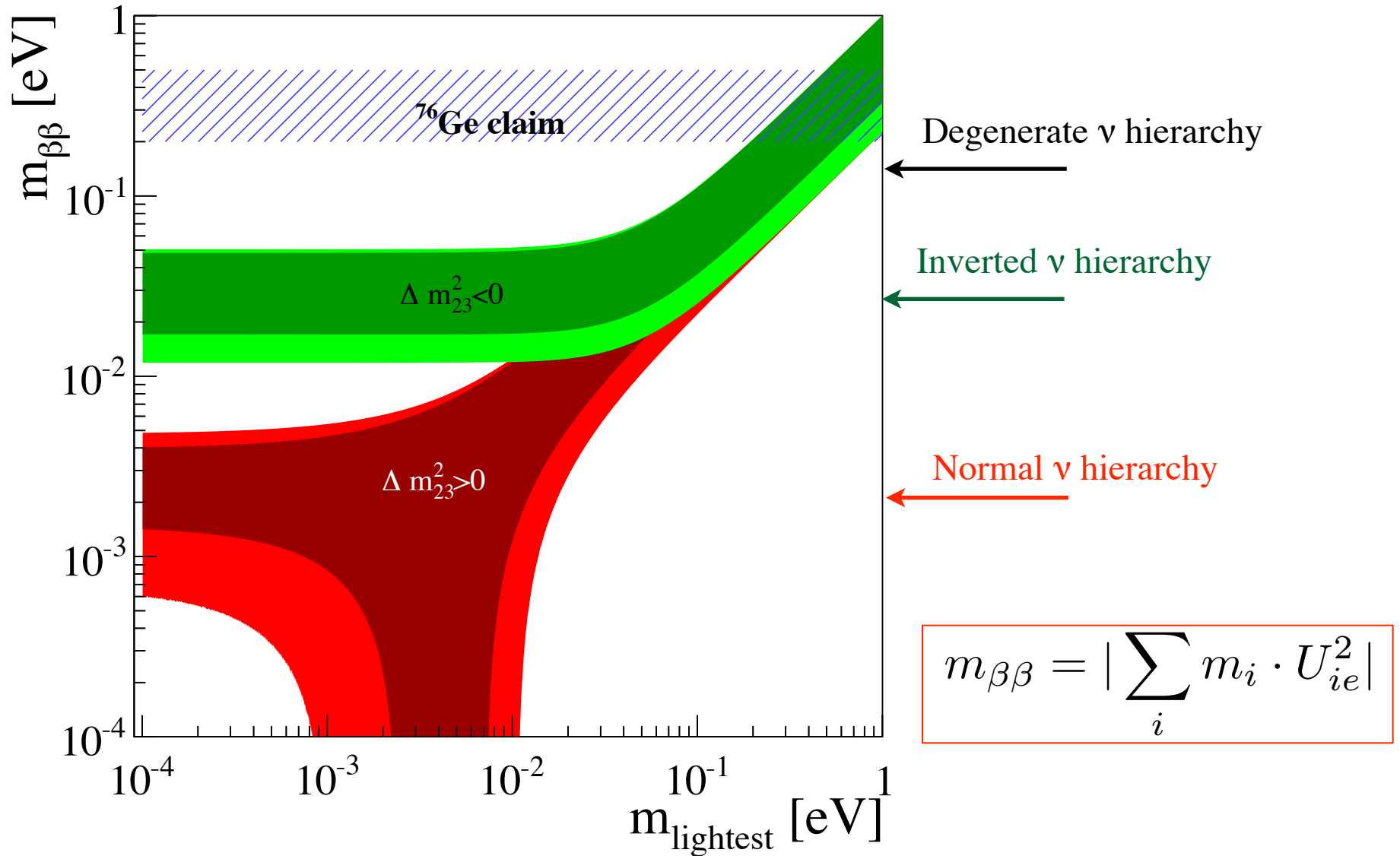
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- Observation of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  would mean

- Lepton number violation
- Neutrinos are Majorana particles
- Rate measures (effective) electron neutrino mass

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_i m_i \cdot U_{ie}^2 \right|$$

# DBD and Neutrino Mass



# $0\nu\beta\beta$ Rate and Neutrino Mass

$0\nu\beta\beta$  rate  $\rightarrow$  Phase space  $\propto Q^5$   $\rightarrow$  Nuclear matrix element  $\rightarrow$  Effective neutrino mass

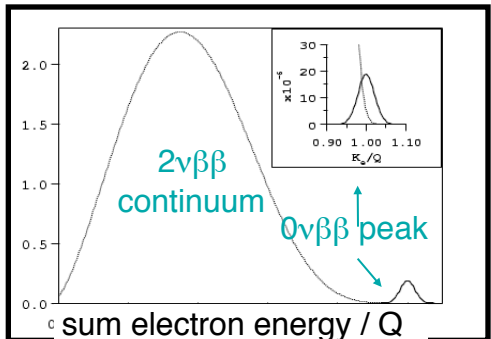
$$\Gamma = 1/\tau = G_F^2 \Phi(Q, Z) |M_{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$$



high Q candidates preferred

large phase space

low background



$^{238}\text{U}$   $\gamma$  end at 2.4 MeV  
 $^{232}\text{Th}$   $\gamma$  end at 2.6 MeV

[2039 keV ( $^{76}\text{Ge}$ )  $\Leftrightarrow$  4271 keV ( $^{48}\text{Ca}$ )]

$\tau^{0\nu} \sim 10^{24} - 10^{26}$  years: large mass and extremely low backgrounds needed (underground labs, ultra purity materials, active rejection of backgrounds)

# Experimental Sensitivity

Half-life	Expected Signal (counts/tonne-year)
$5 \times 10^{25}$	$\sim 100$
$5 \times 10^{26}$	$\sim 10$
$5 \times 10^{27}$	$\sim 1$
$5 \times 10^{28}$	$\sim 0.1$

Sensitivity scaling:

$$\left[ T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \right] \propto \epsilon_{ff} \cdot I_{abundance} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\text{Source Mass} \cdot \text{Time}}{Bkg \cdot \Delta E}} \quad (\text{background-limited})$$

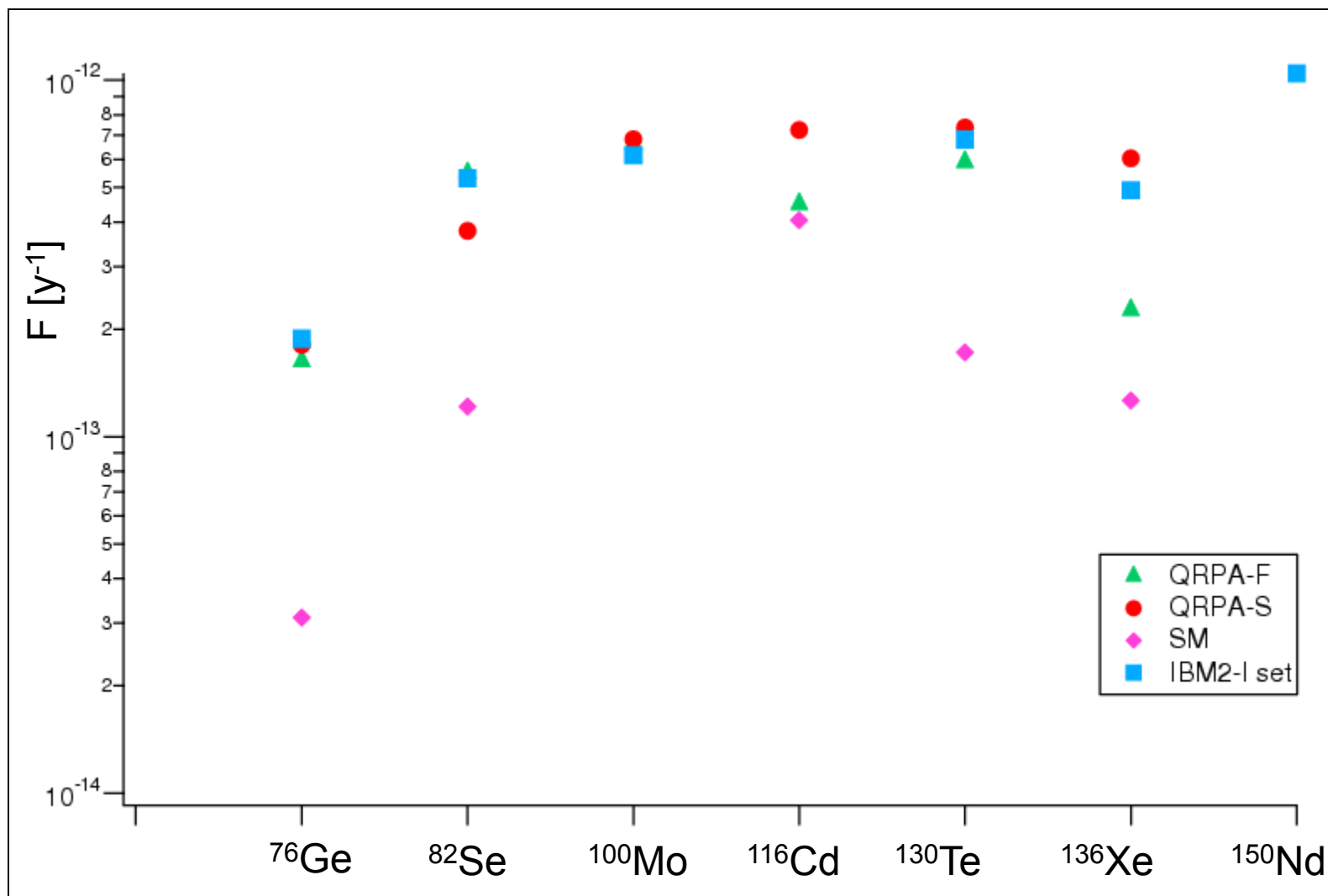
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Experimental challenge:

- ✓ Increase *Mass* (200-1000 kg for current experiments): \$\$, R&D
- ✓ Increase *Isotopic Abundance*: \$\$
- ✓ Decrease *Bkg* (ultimately to  $2\nu\beta\beta$  limit): radiopurity, active rejection
- ✓ Decrease  $\Delta E$ : technology choice

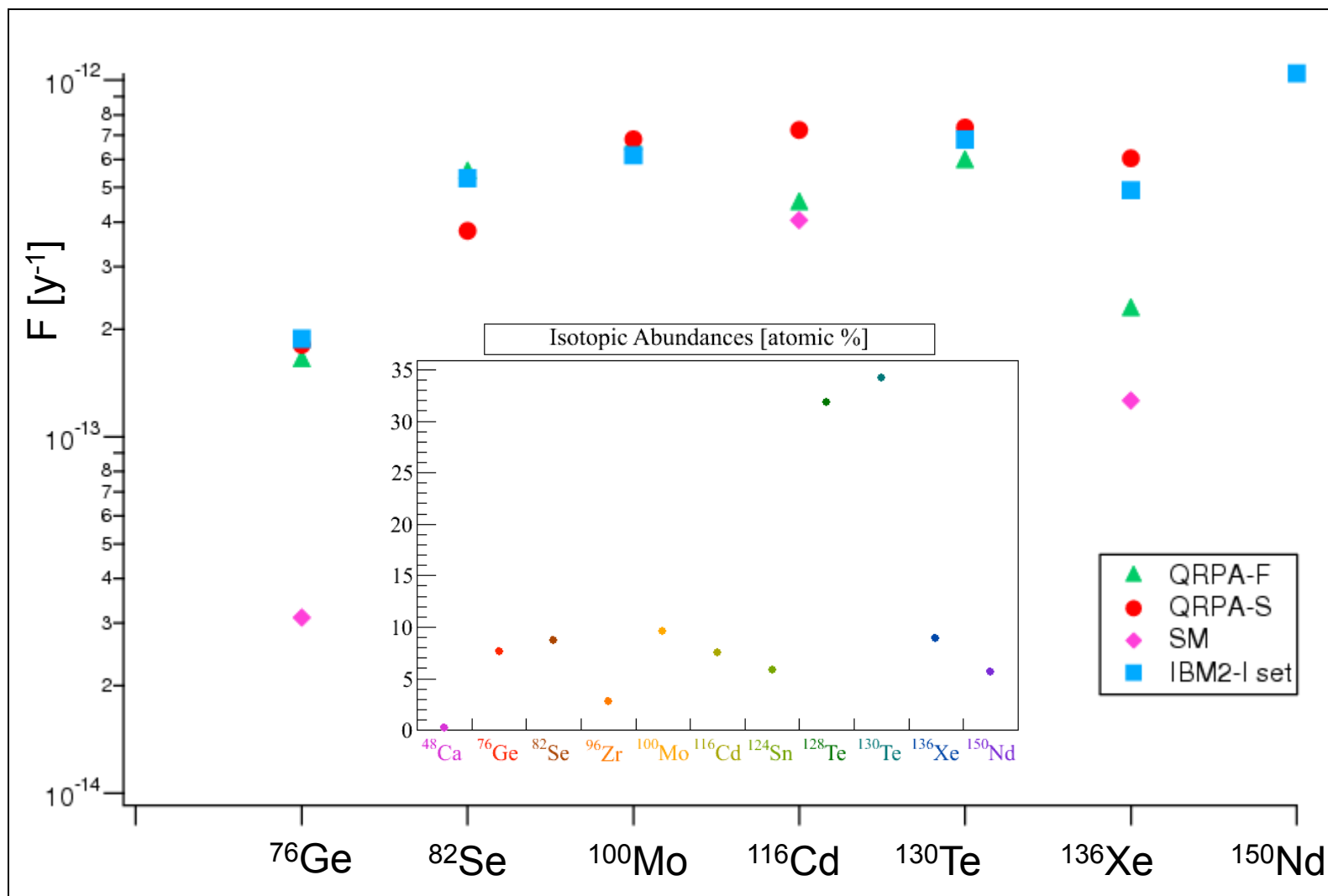
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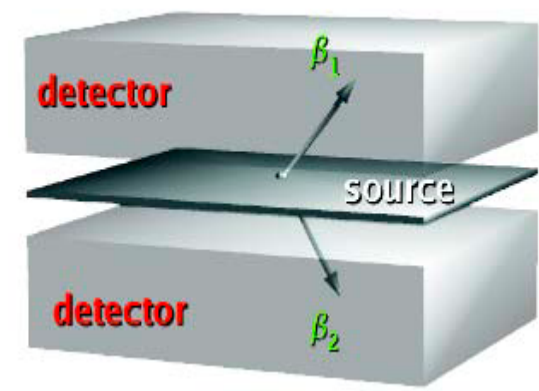
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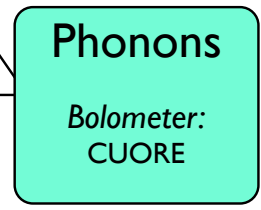
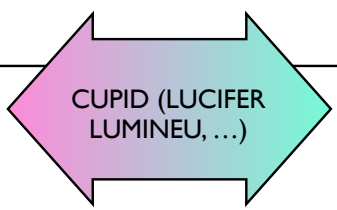
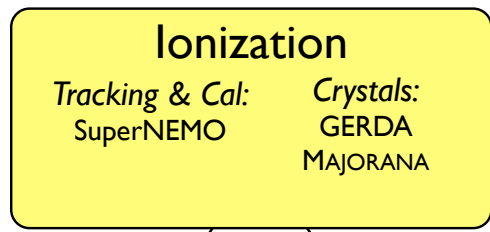
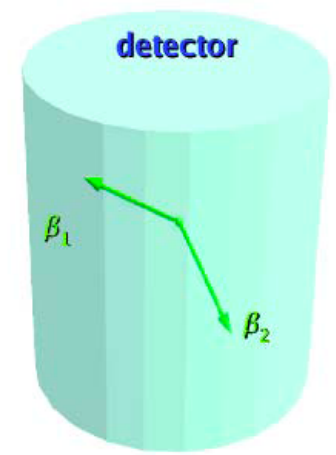


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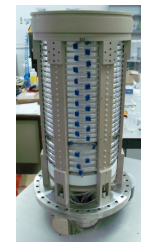
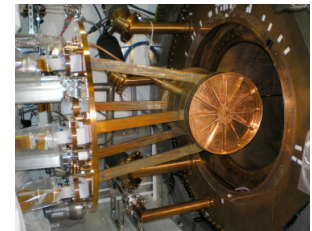
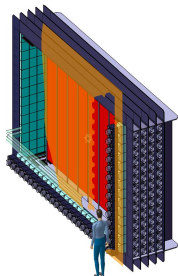
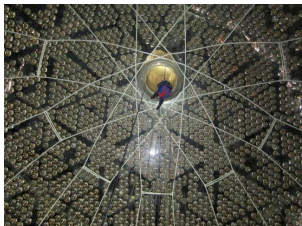
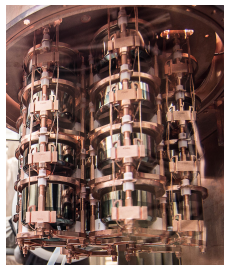
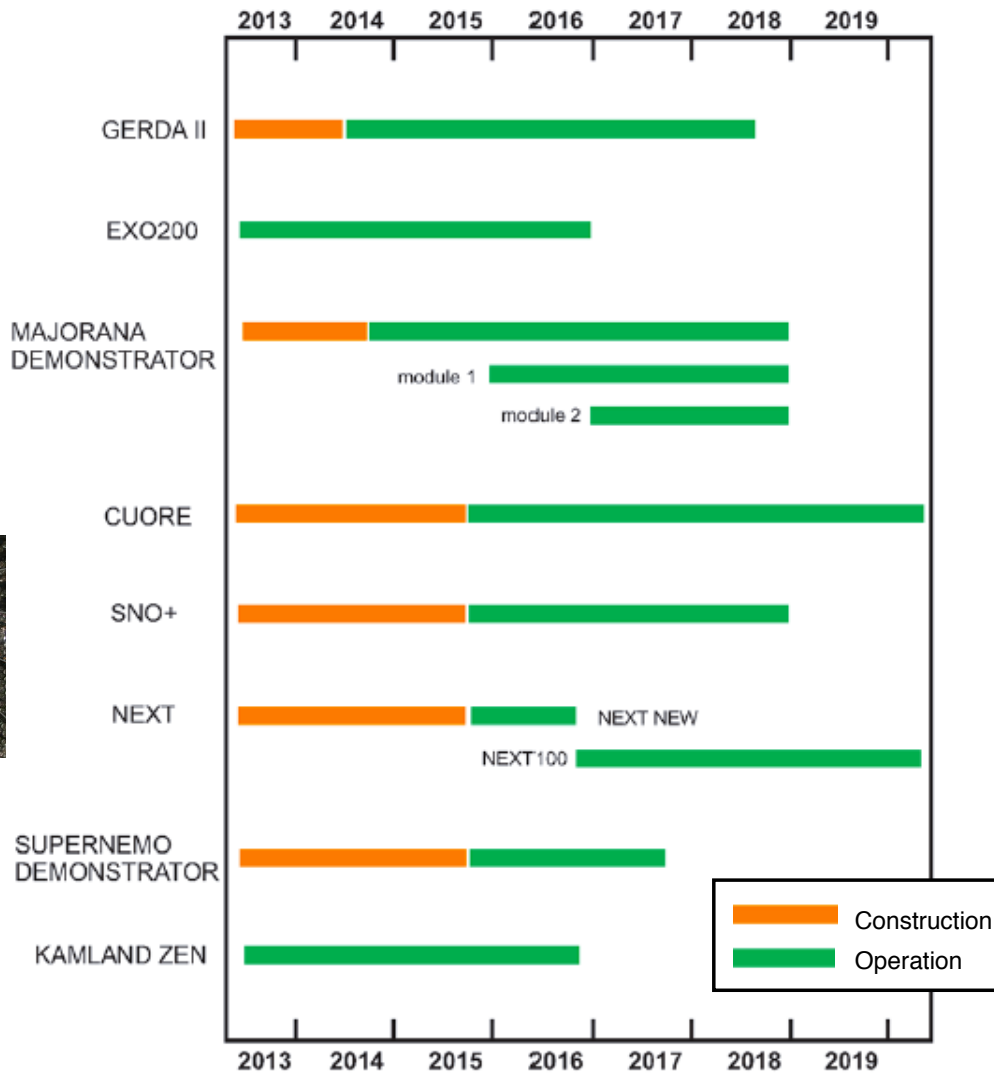
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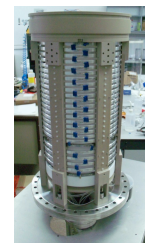
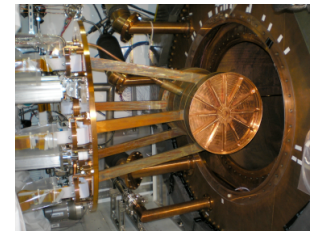
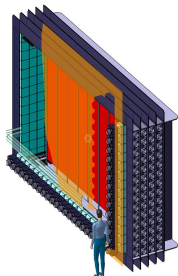
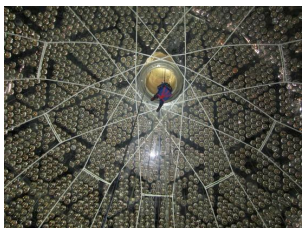
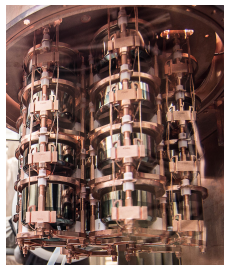
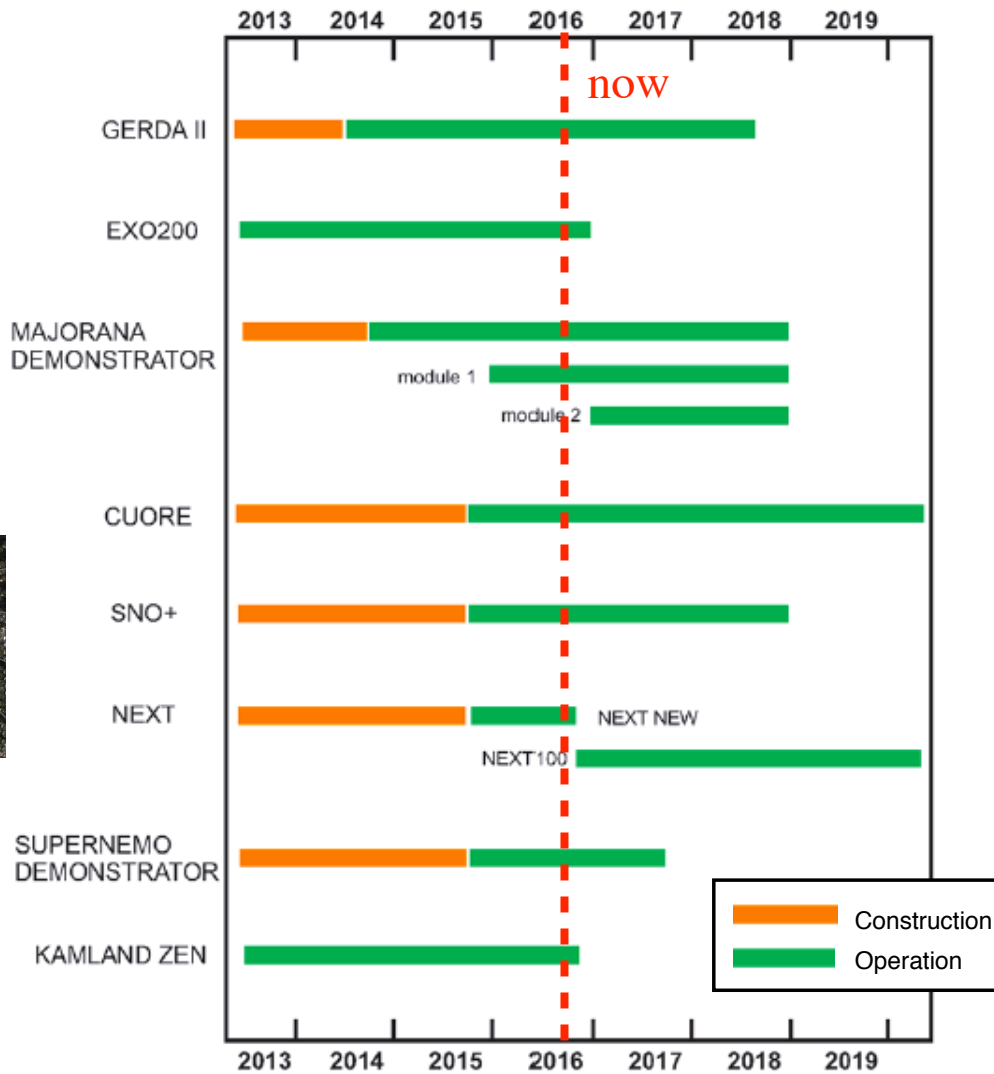
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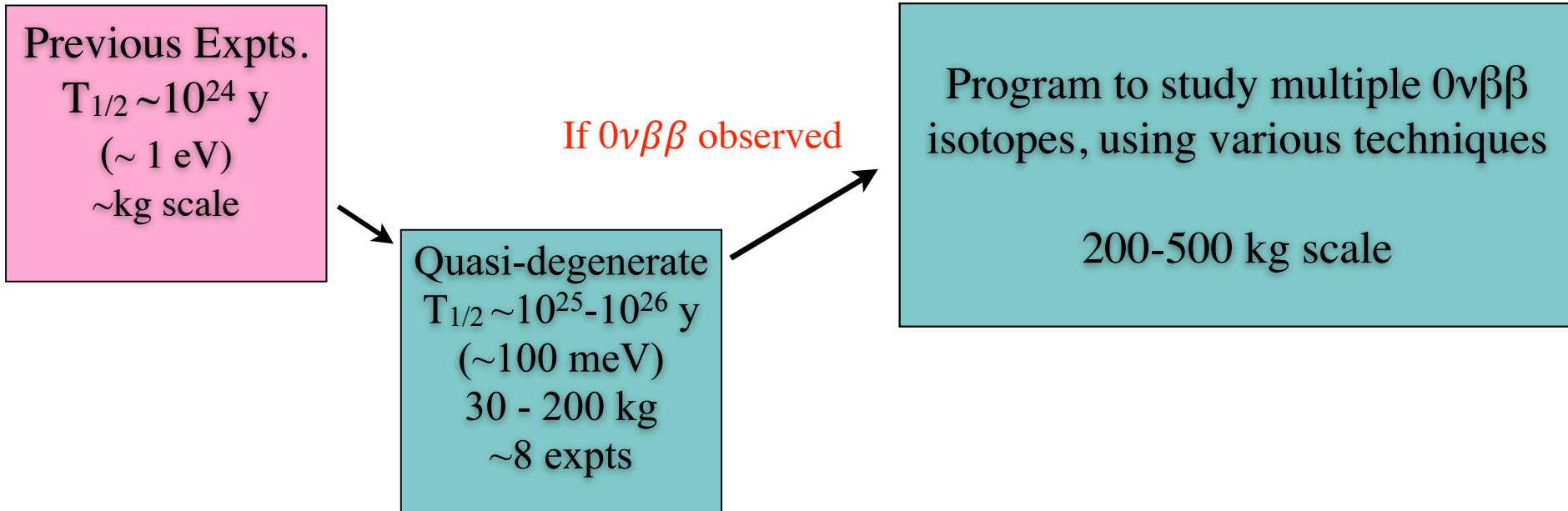
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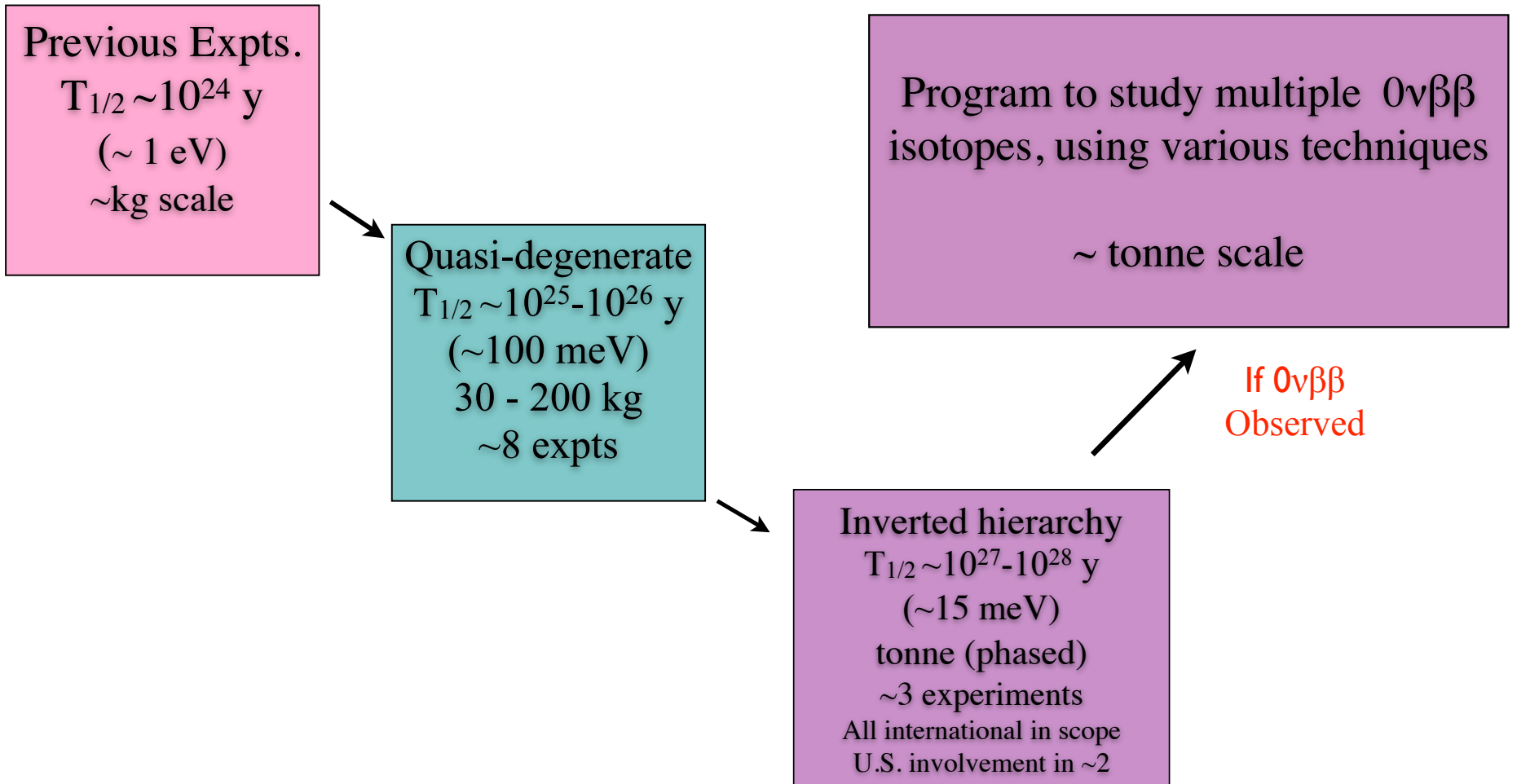
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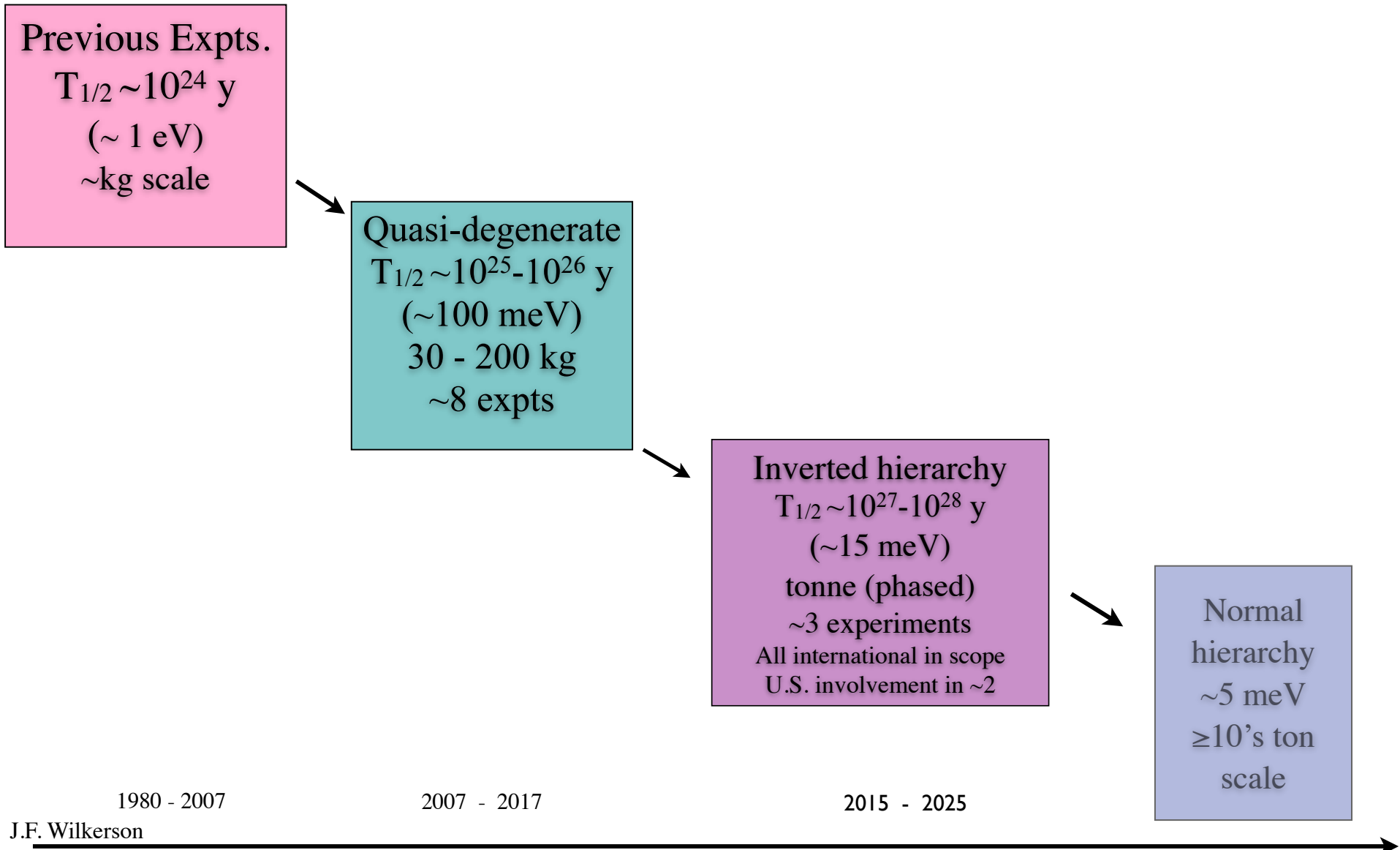
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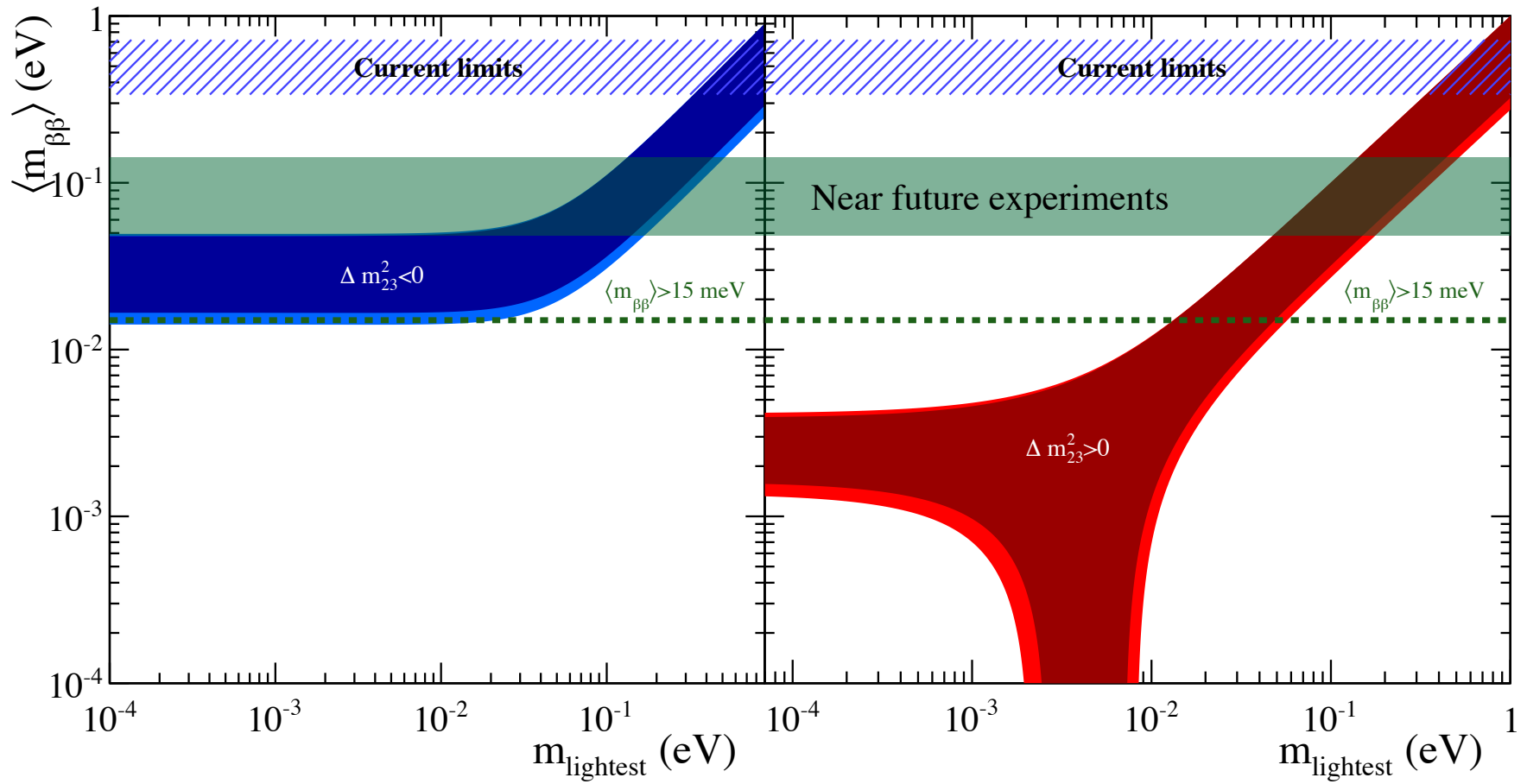
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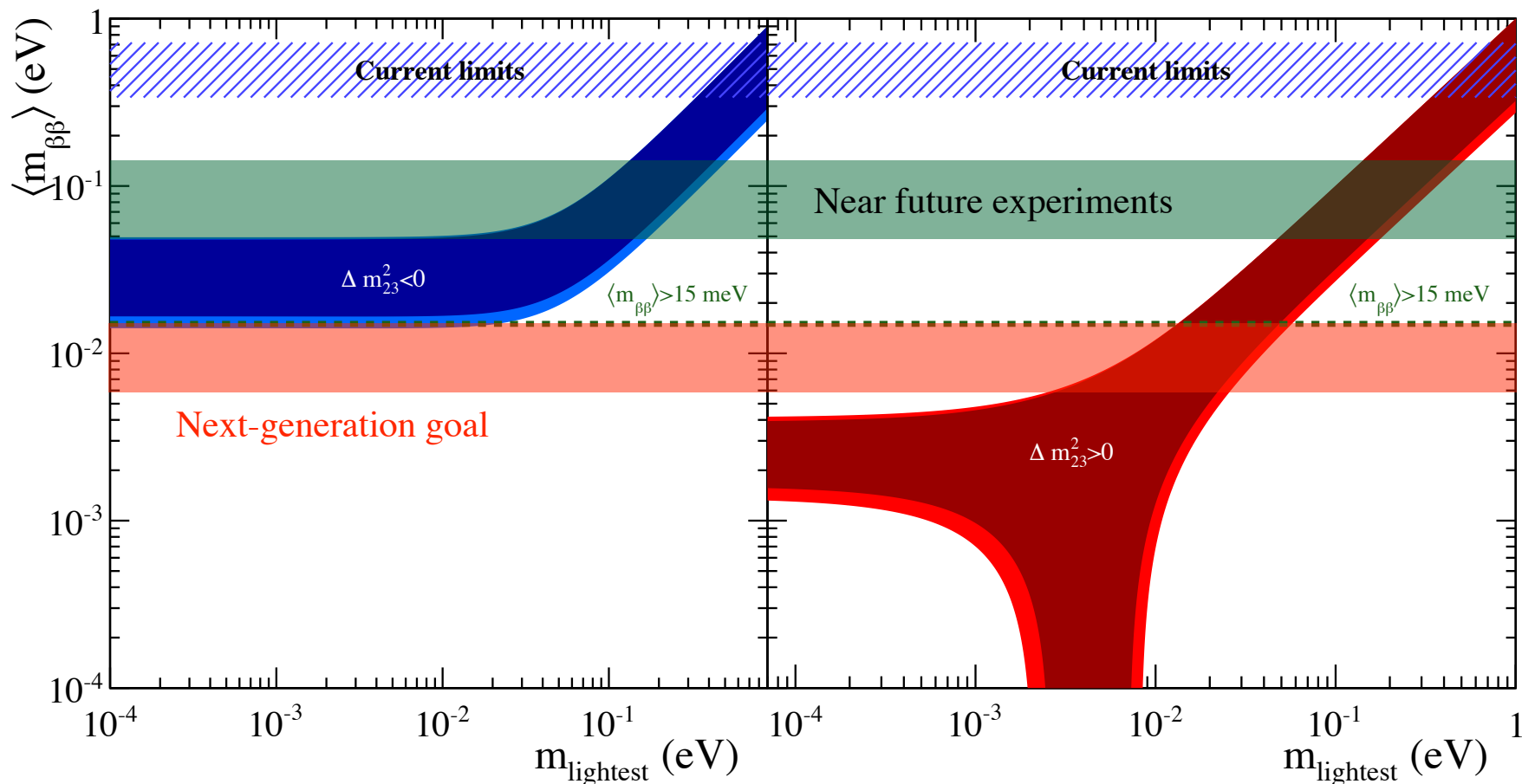


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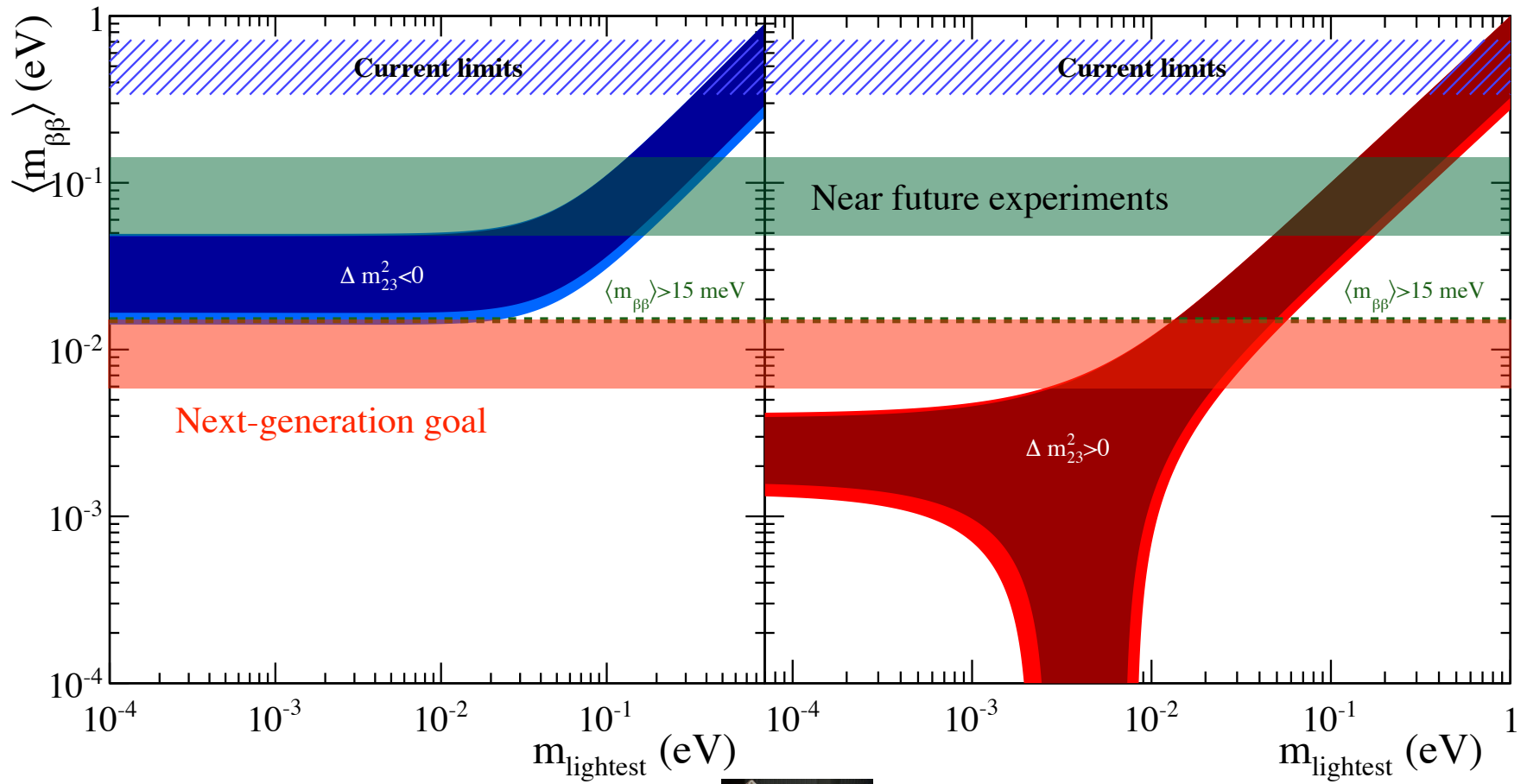
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