

# Understanding Neutrino Properties, and their Mass Measurement

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- Current key issues in neutrino physics
- Highlights from
  - neutrino oscillation experiments
  - search for  $0\nu\beta\beta$
- Direct search for  $m(\nu)$ 
  - recent results from KATRIN
- Conclusions



# Neutrinos in the Standard Model - extended by neutrino masses -

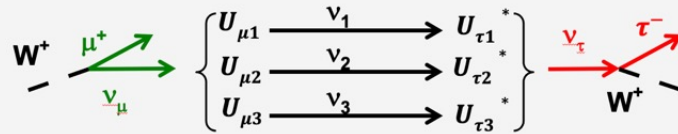
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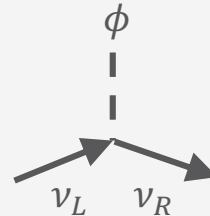


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Standard Model of Elementary Particles

three generations of matter (fermions)			interactions / force carriers (bosons)		
	I	II	III		
mass	≈2.2 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	≈1.28 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	≈173.1 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	0	≈124.97 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>
charge	2/3	2/3	2/3	0	0
spin	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0
	<b>u</b> up	<b>c</b> charm	<b>t</b> top	<b>g</b> gluon	<b>H</b> higgs
	<b>d</b> down	<b>s</b> strange	<b>b</b> bottom	<b>γ</b> photon	
	<b>ν<sub>e</sub></b> electron neutrino	<b>ν<sub>μ</sub></b> muon neutrino	<b>ν<sub>τ</sub></b> tau neutrino	<b>Z</b> Z boson	
	<b>e</b> electron	<b>μ</b> muon	<b>τ</b> tau	<b>W</b> W boson	

modified from en.wikipedia.org

# Current key issues

## SM BSM

1. Ordering:  $m(\nu_3) > m(\nu_{2,1})$  (NO) or  $m(\nu_{2,1}) > m(\nu_3)$  (IO) ?

2. CP violating phase  $0 \neq \delta_{CP} \neq \pi$  ?

3. Lepton-number violation by Majorana  $\nu$  ?

4. Absolute neutrino mass

neutrino mass generation likely BSM

$10^9$  more  $\nu$  than atoms  $\rightarrow$  cosmological relevant: structure formation

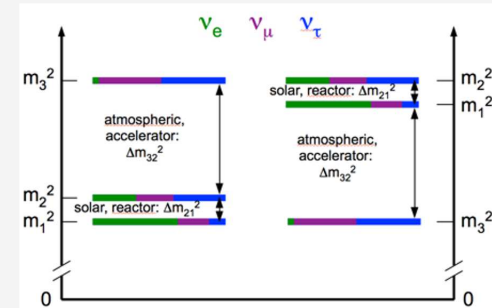
5. Is there a 4<sup>th</sup> or even a 5<sup>th</sup> light sterile neutrino ?

6. Are there more BSM effects ?

BSM via coherent elastic neutrino nucleon scattering CE $\nu$ NS ?

In addition,  $\nu$  are interesting messenger for other physics:

*e.g. from fusion inside the sun, from supernovae or UHE neutrino from "cosmic accelerators"*



} possibly connected to baryon-asymmetry of the universe via leptogenesis?

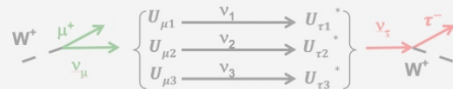
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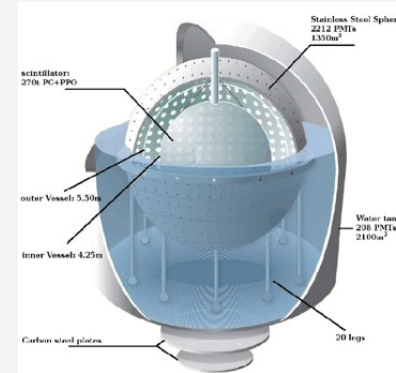
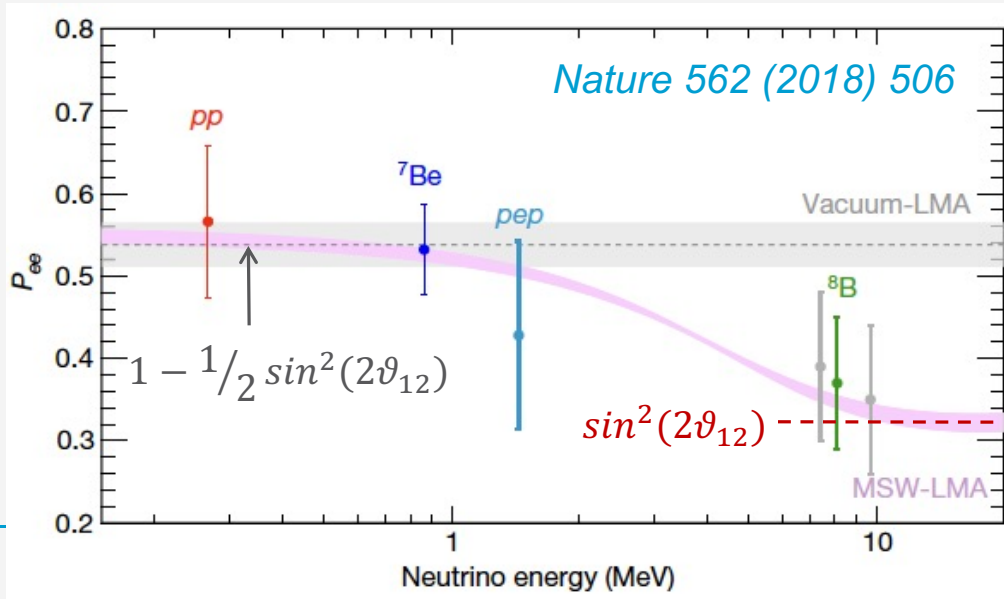
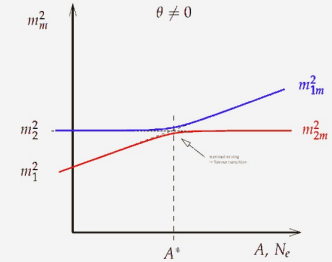
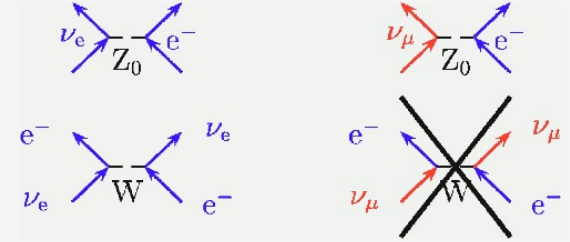
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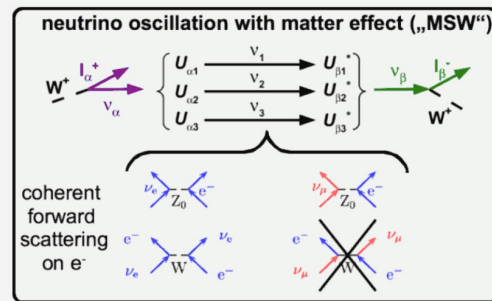
# Borexino proved matter-enhanced oscillation (MSW)

- Matter-enhanced neutrino oscillation is due to the additional CC coherent forward scattering of  $\nu_e$  on  $e^-$  in matter in contrast to  $\nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$
- MSW: nearly complete  $\nu$  flavour transformation possible** if the electron density meets the resonance condition, e.g. for  ${}^8\text{B}$  solar  $\nu_e$  & if the neutrino mass ordering is matching, here  $m(\nu_2) > m(\nu_1)$



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**solar  $\nu$ :  $m(\nu_2) > m(\nu_1)$**



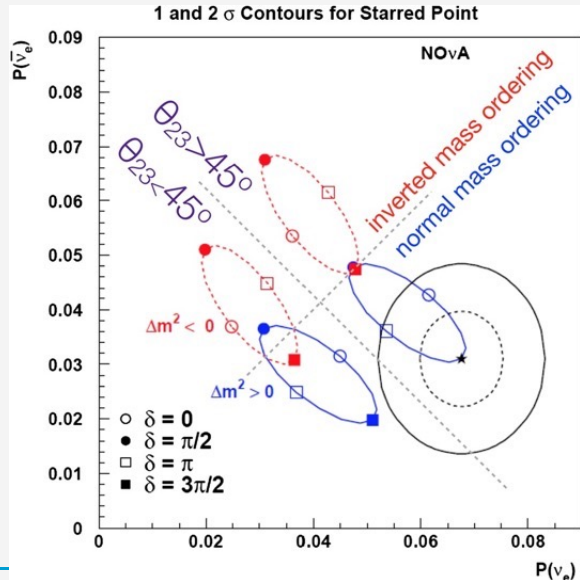
# Long baseline: ordering and CP violation

**$\nu$  oscillation in vacuum:**  $P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \left| \sum_j U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta j} e^{-i \frac{m_j^2 L}{2E}} \right|^2 = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{i>j} \Re(U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta i} U_{\beta j}^*) \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2}{4E} L \right) + 2 \sum_{i>j} \Im(U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta i} U_{\beta j}^*) \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2}{2E} L \right)$

Look for  $\nu_e$  appearance in  $\nu_\mu$  off-axis beam:  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$ , compare to  $P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$

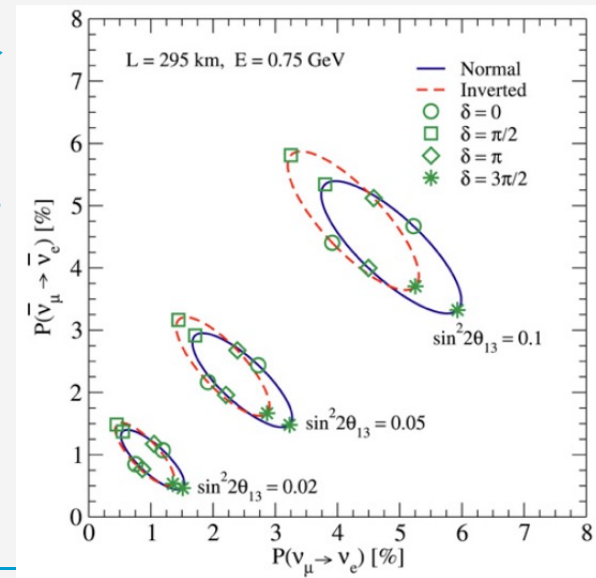
with CP-violation (CP-phase  $\delta \neq 0$  or  $\pi$ ) and with matter effects (L-dependent):

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \neq P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) \quad (\rightarrow \text{still ellipses in bi-event plot})$$

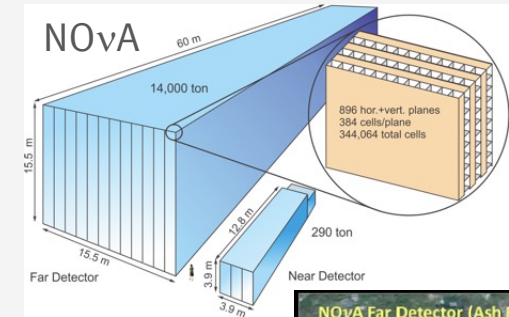
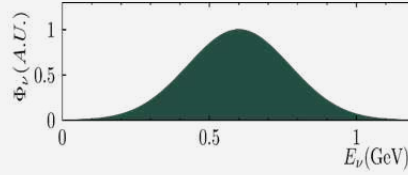
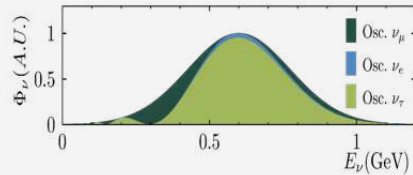
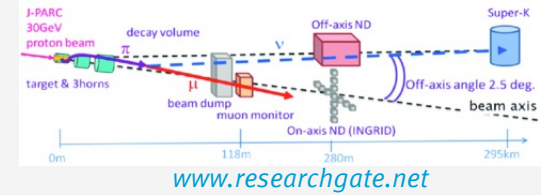
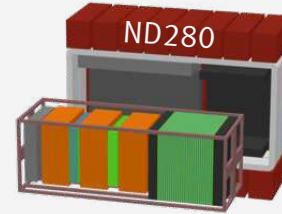


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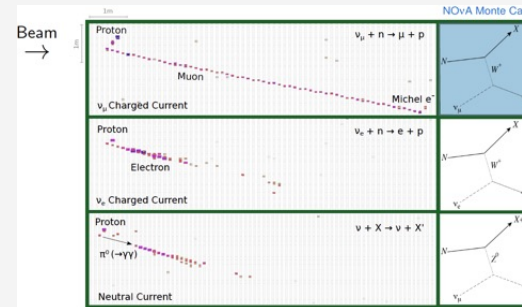
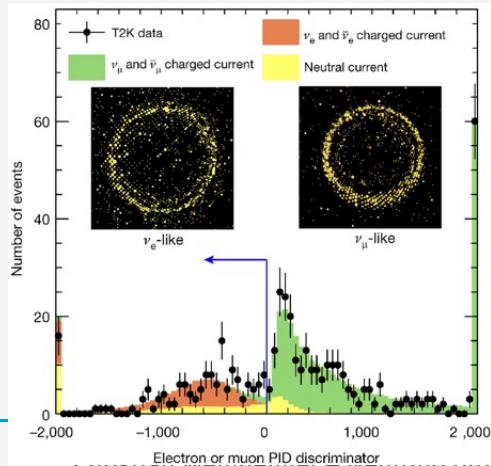
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Nucl. Phys. B 908 (2016) 151



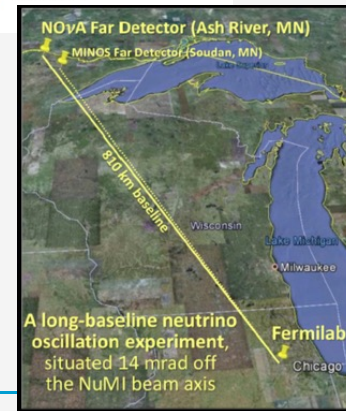
# NOvA, T2K: Search for $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ , $\nu_\mu$ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ , $\bar{\nu}_\mu$



courtesy S. Dolan

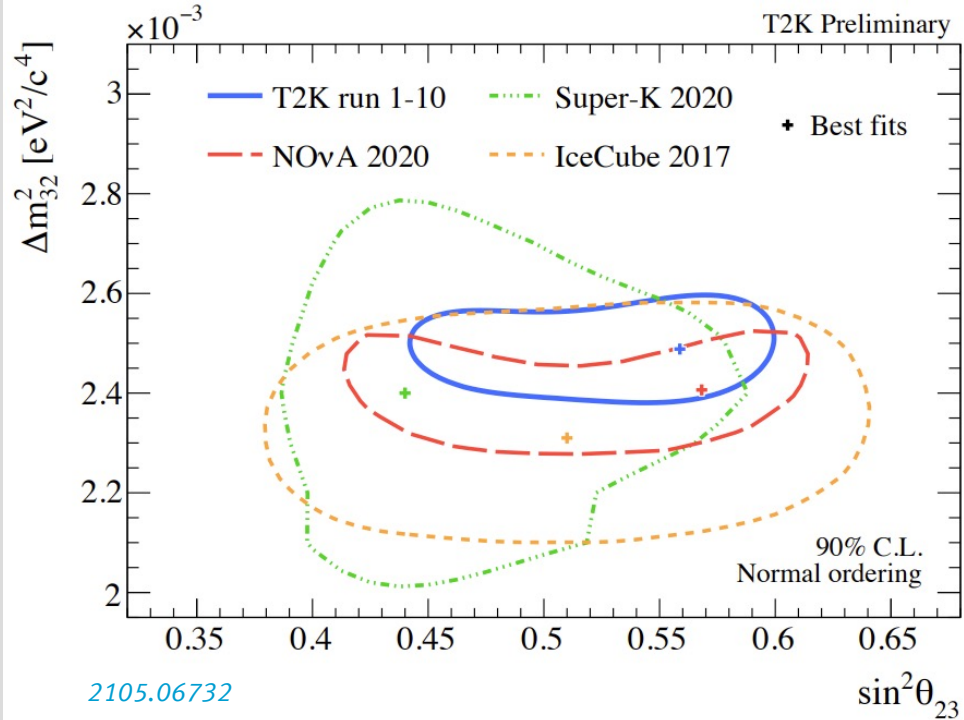


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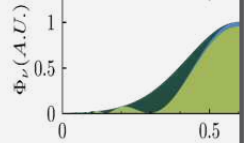


$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ : degeneracy w.r.t. octant  
good agreement among all experiments

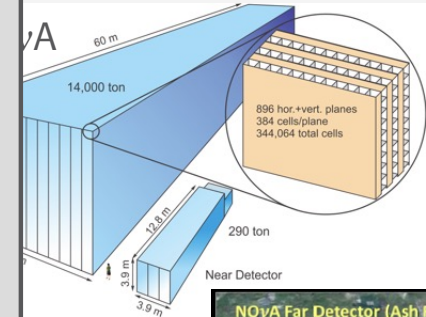
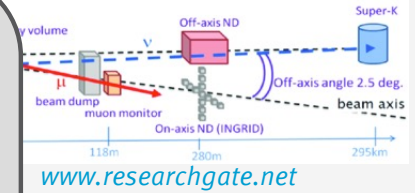
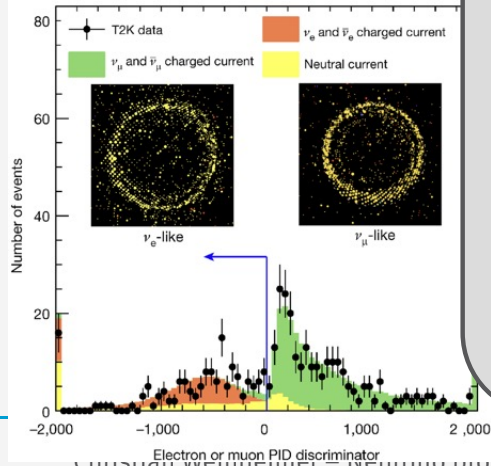


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Mt. Ikeno-Yama  
1360 m



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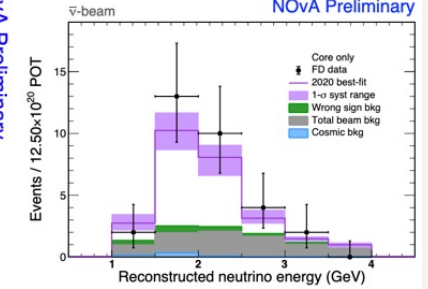
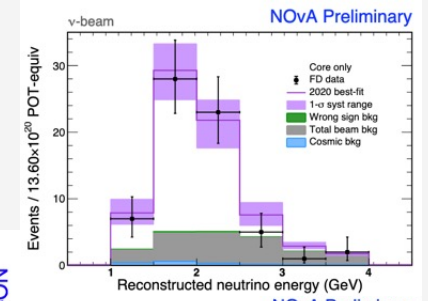
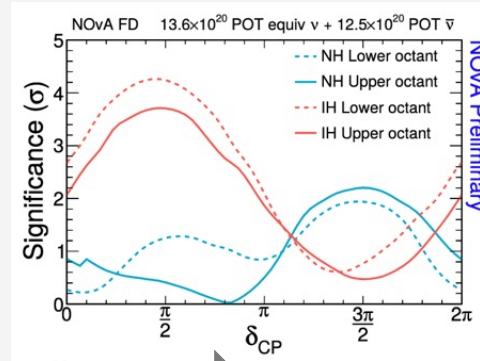
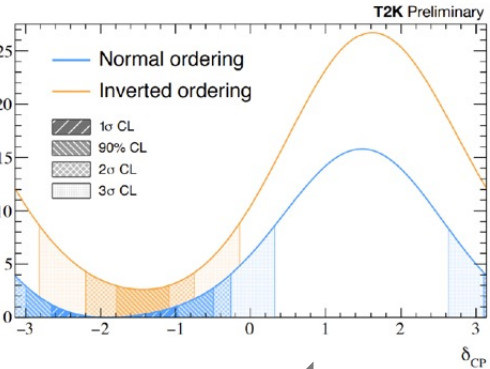
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- Large region excluded at  $3\sigma$
- CP-conservation ( $0, \pm$ ) excluded at 90%
- Weak preference for normal mass ordering

courtesy S. Dolan



Please note different offset

T2K: runs 1-10, 33% more protons for  $\nu_\mu$  run w.r.t. *Nature* 580 (2020) 339  
excludes CP conservation at 90% C.L.

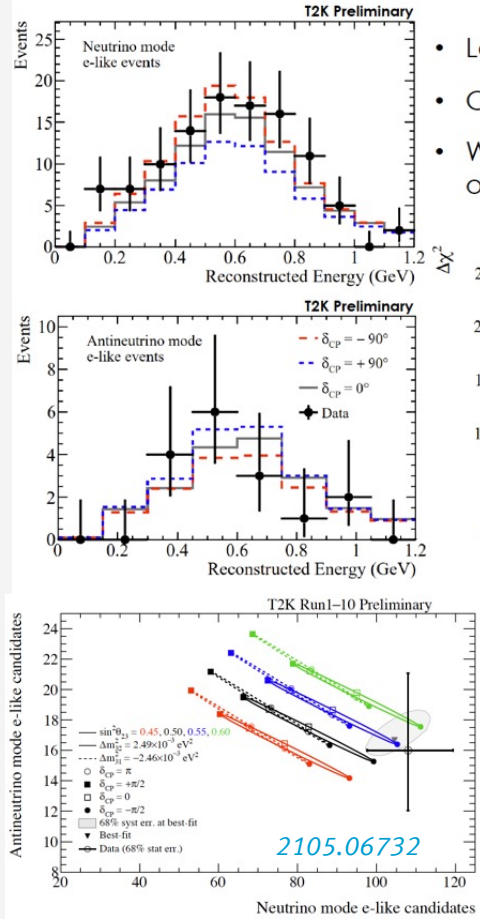
NOvA and T2K: both prefer NO, IO:  $\delta_{CP}$  in good agreement, NO: some tension w.r.t.  $\delta_{CP}$

**Discrepancy is statistically not compelling yet !**

NOvA and T2K are performing common analysis

**NOvA and T2K both are going to increase statistics by factor 2.5**

**& improve systematics** (e.g. upgrade of beam power, ND280, Gd in SK)

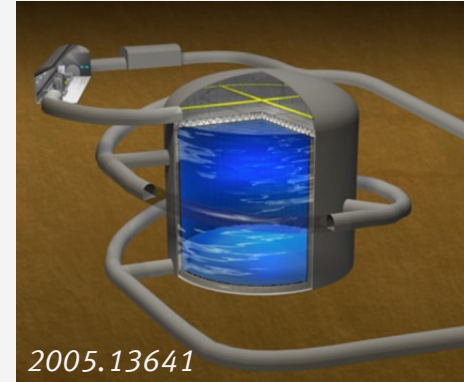
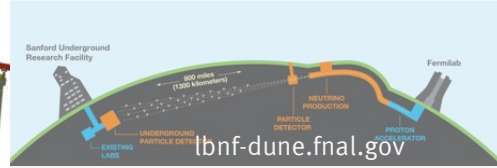
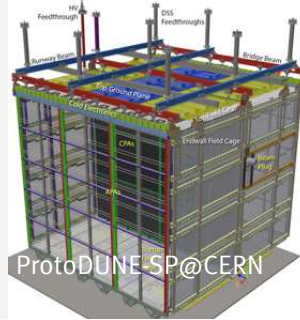
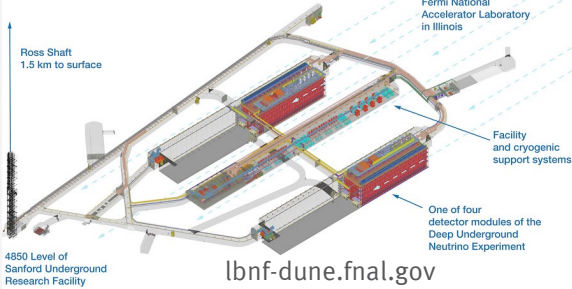


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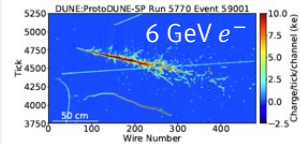


# Determination of $\delta_{CP}$ : DUNE and Hyper Kamiokande

Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility  
South Dakota Site



detectors 1,2: each 17 kt LAR  
 detector 1: vertical drift  
 detector 2: probably horizontal drift  
**evacuation started**,  $\nu$  beam in 2029  
 later THEIA? (water-based liquid scintillation detector: WbLS)



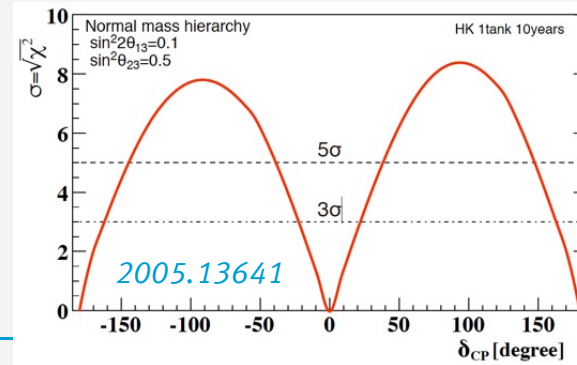
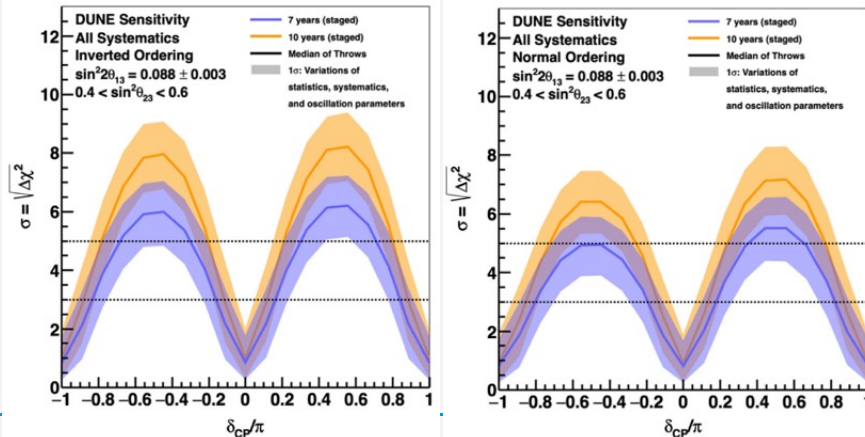
Hyper-Kamiokande: 260 kt water  
 → 188kt fiducial (8.4x SK)

increase beam power: 500 kW → 1.3 MW  
 increase horn current: 250 kA → 320 kA  
 → 10% more neutrinos & less wrong sign

upgrade near detectors, e.g. ND280

*P. de Perio, CAP 2021*

EPJC (2020) 80, 978



**Excavation started**  
 begin water filling &  
 commissioning in 2027

**Other physics:**  
 solar  $\nu$ , nucleon decay,  
 supernova  $\nu$ , ...

# JUNO, 20 kT liquid scintillator

## Oscillation physics:

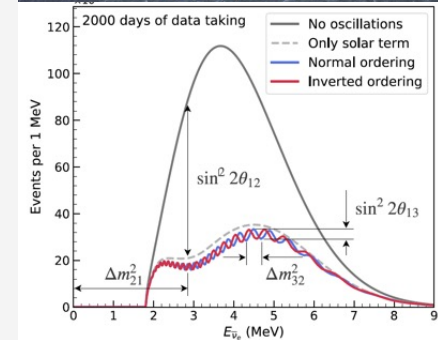
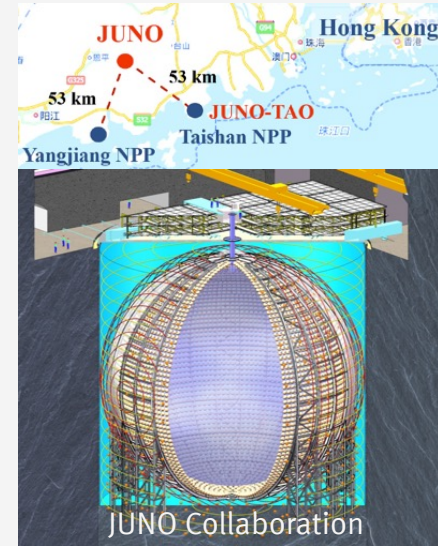
- distinguish mass ordering by  $3\sigma$  after 6 yrs of exposure, better together with LBL
- improvement of  $\sin^2 2\theta_{12}$ ,  $\Delta m_{21}^2$ ,  $|\Delta m_{32}^2|$  to 0.6% after 6 yrs (2104.02565)
- 2 planned Taishan reactor cores will not be built in the near term  $\rightarrow$  less statistics but compensated nearly by gain in photo-efficiency, linearity and other factors

## Non-oscillation neutrino physics:

- solar neutrinos:  $^8\text{B}$  60k events at 30k bg, helps differentiate low/high metallicity models
- geo neutrinos: down to 5% flux precision
- supernova neutrinos: a few 1000 events ( $\nu_e$  and  $\nu_{\mu,\tau}$ ) for galactic core-collapse SN
- Diffuse supernova background:  $3\sigma$  after 10 yrs
- p-decay: expect to improve w.r.t. Super Kamiokande in kaon and possibly other channels

## Timeline:

- tunnel und underground hall excavation finished, expected to complete construction end of 2022



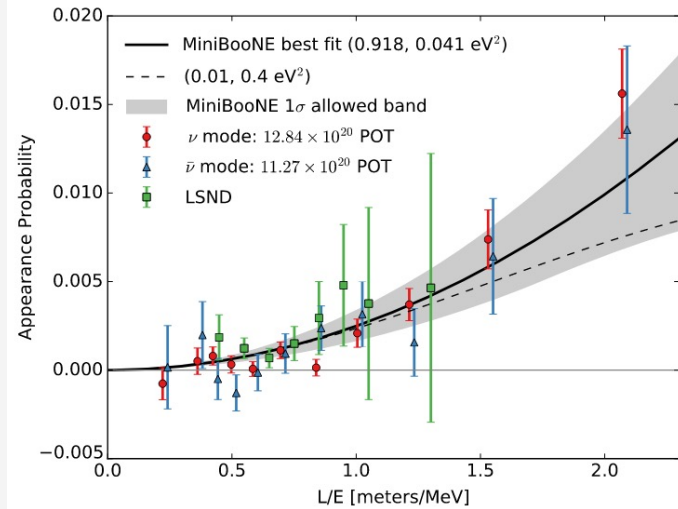
courtesy A. Göttel,  
and 2104.02565

KM3NeT/ORCA is dedicated to solve the ordering too  
6 strings operating, full operation expected in 2025,

R. Shanidze EPS HEP 2021

# Short baseline program at Fermilab

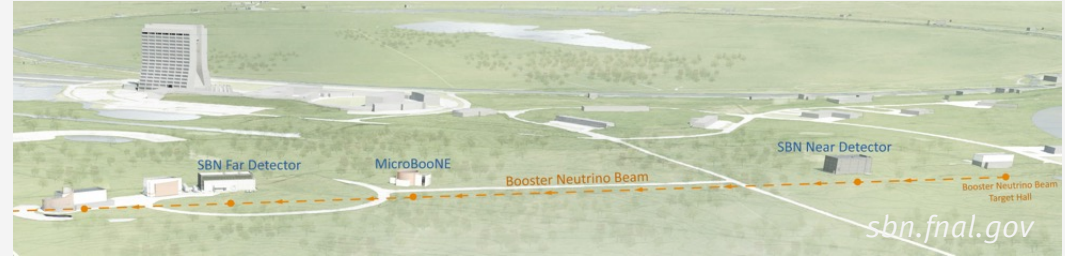
Solve MiniBooNE  $\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance signal  
“low energy excess of electromagnetic activity”



*PRL 121 (2018) 221801*

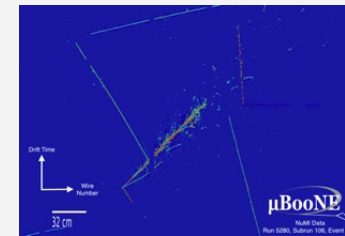
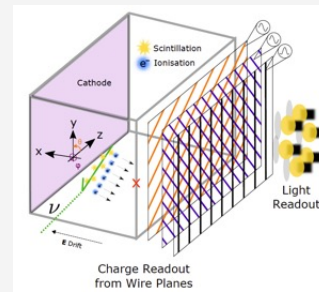
Continue developing LAr TPC technology

Short baseline program at Fermilab with LAr detectors

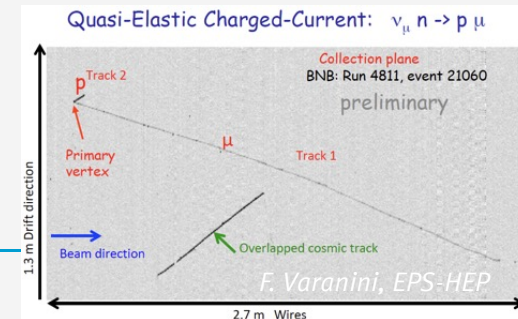


MicroBooNE measured flux-averaged inclusive  $\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$  CC total cross section on Ar, excellent PID, e.g.  $\gamma/e^-$

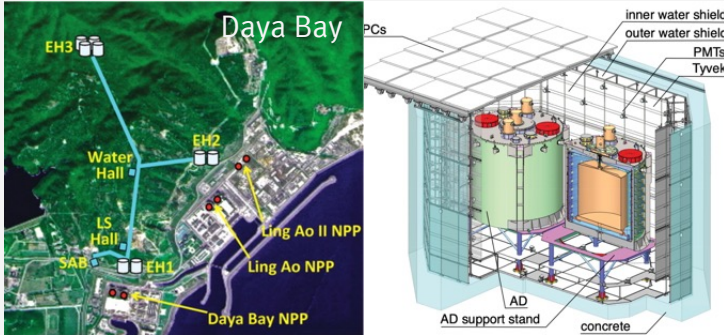
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ICARUS has successfully taken first data



# “Long baseline” reactor experiments: $\theta_{13}$ & more



Checking LSND/MiniBooNE puzzle in 3+1 scenario with Daya Bay and MINOS/MINOS+:

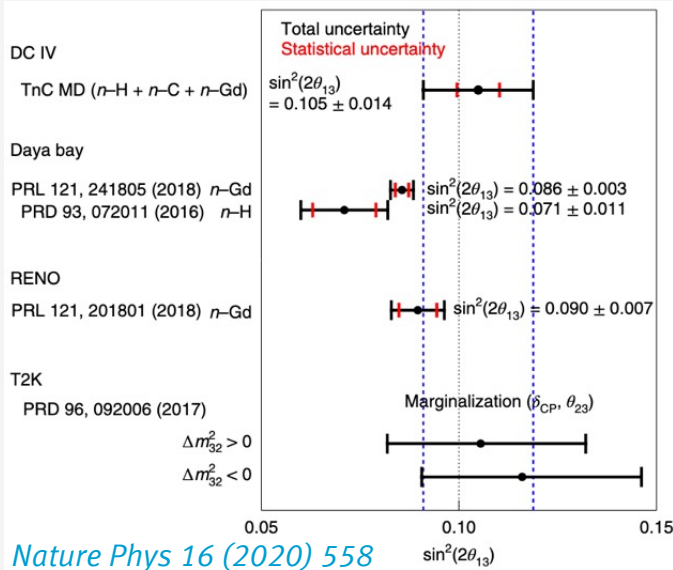
$$P_{\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e}^{SBL(-)} = 4|U_{e4}|^2|U_{\mu4}|^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

$$4|U_{e4}|^2|U_{\mu4}|^2 = \sin^2 2\theta_{14} \sin^2 \theta_{24} \equiv \sin^2 2\theta_{\mu e}$$

Constrained by  $\bar{\nu}_e$  disappearance (Daya Bay and Bugey-3)

Constrained by  $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$  disappearance (MINOS & MINOS+)

courtesy: R. Mandujano

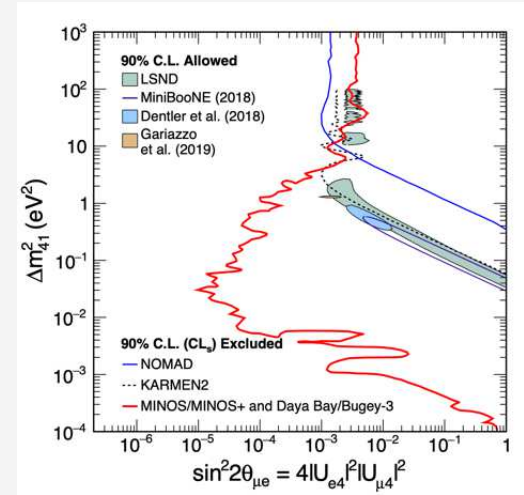


→ exclusion of small  $\Delta m_{41}^2$  values

T. Schwetz at EPS HEP 2021: “Sterile oscillation explanation of LSND/MiniBonNE robustly disfavoured”

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0220 \pm 0.0007$$

(PDG2021 using Double Chooz, Reno, Daya Bay)



*Phys Rev Lett 125 (2020) 07801*

# New: First MicroBooNE $\nu_e$ result

MicroBooNE at similar position in same  $\nu$  beam as MiniBooNE

Data: February 2016 to July 2018,  $7 \cdot 10^{20}$  POT in neutrino mode

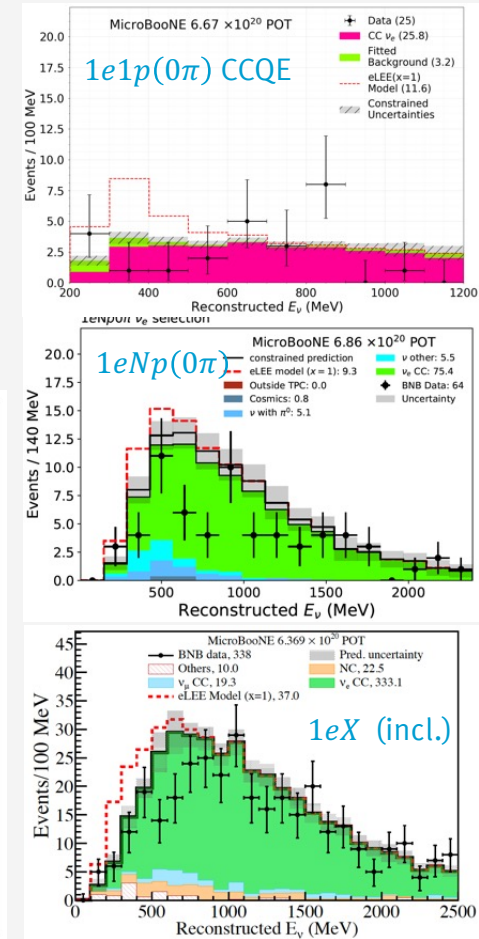
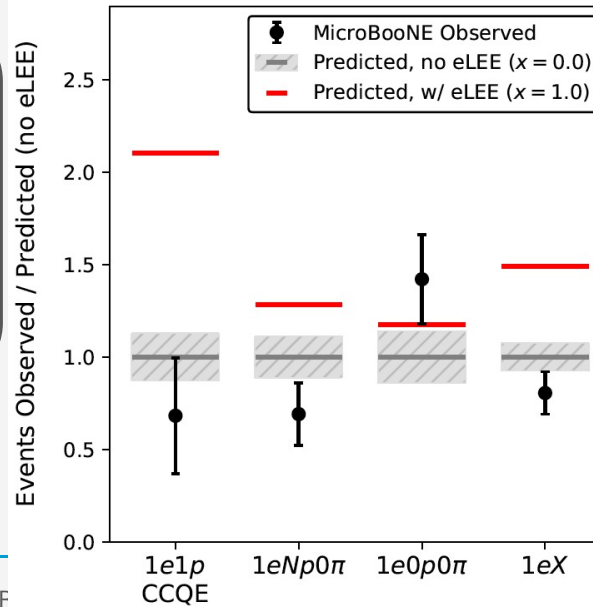
Different channels and different reconstruction methods

$\nu_e$ Final State	Signal Constraints	Reconstruction Approach
$1e1p(0\pi)$ CCQE	$\nu_\mu$ CCQE	Deep-Learning [55]
$1eN(\geq 1)p0\pi, 1e0p0\pi$	$\nu_\mu$ CC	Pandora [56]
$1eX$	$\nu_\mu$ CC, $\nu_\mu$ CC $\pi^0$ , $\nu_\mu$ NC $\pi^0$	Wire-Cell [57]

No excess of  $\nu_e$  with several inclusive and exclusive hadronic final states

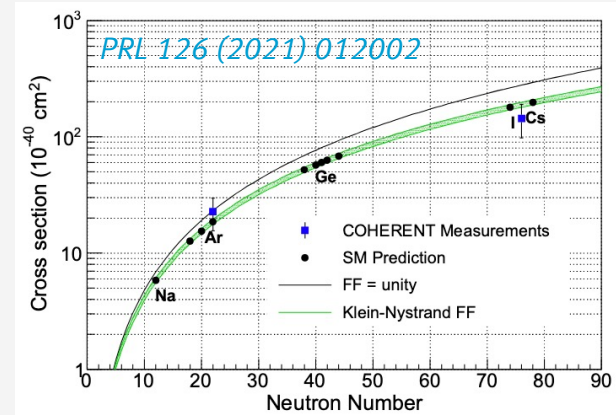
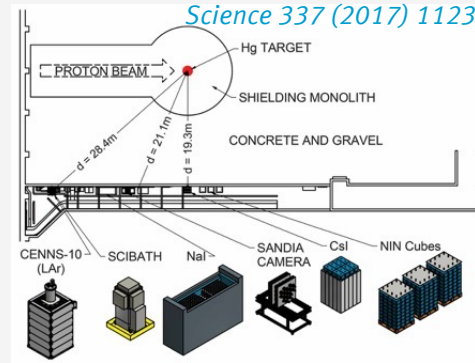
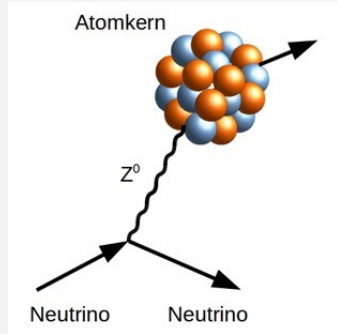
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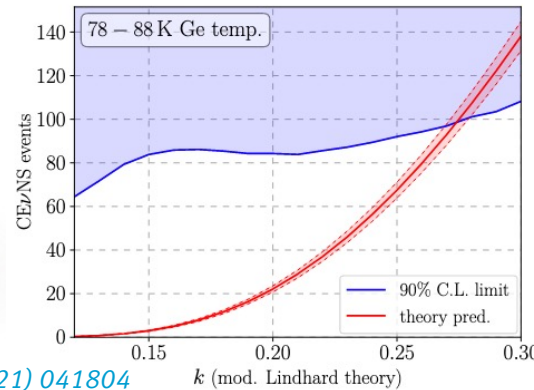
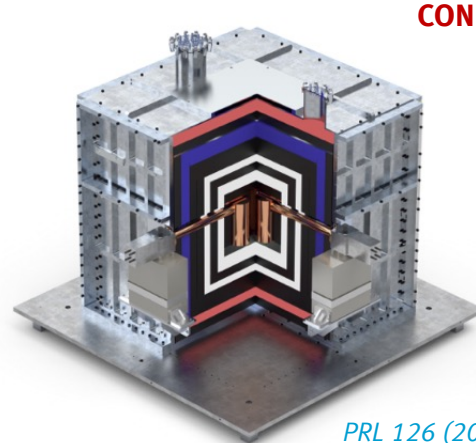
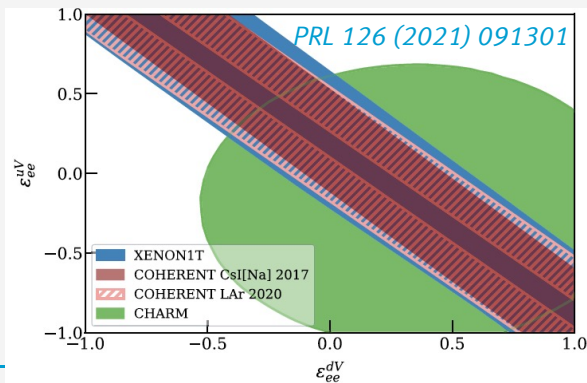
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CEvNS observed on argon by COHERENT

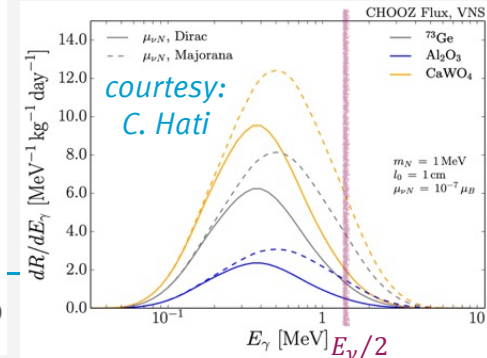


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CEvNS open a new window for searching for BSM physics: NSI, Dirac vs Majorana



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e.g. differentiate Dirac/Majorana  $\nu$  in radiative CEvNS



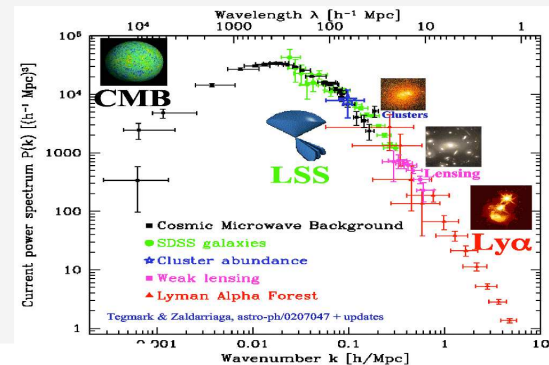
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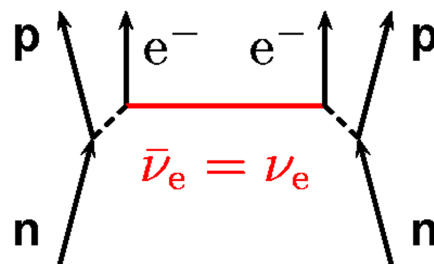


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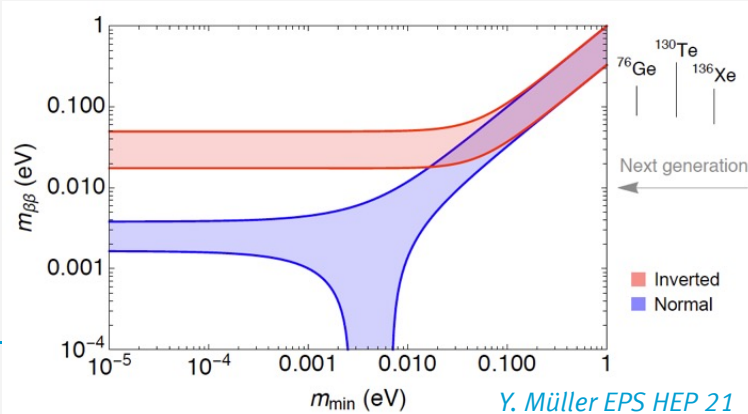
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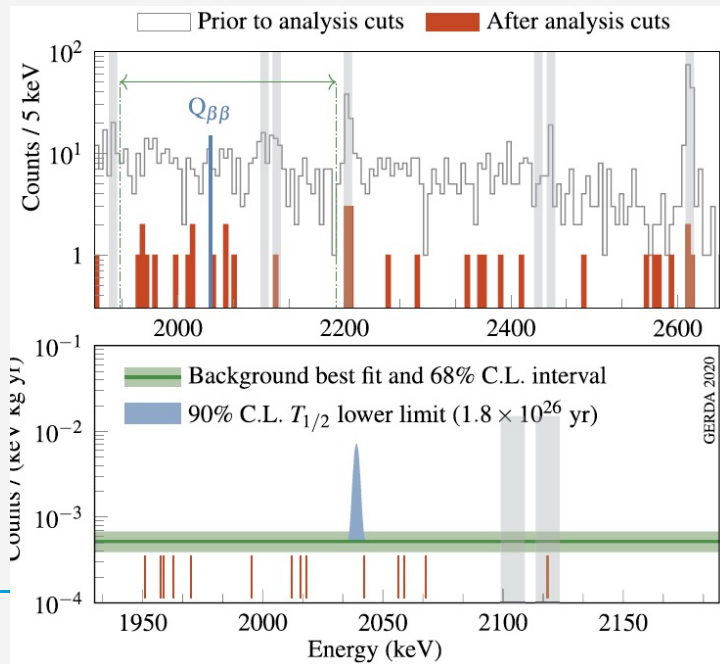


$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto \begin{cases} a \cdot \varepsilon \cdot M \cdot t & \text{for background index } B = 0 \\ a \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \sqrt{\frac{M \cdot t}{B \cdot \Delta E}} & \text{for } B \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

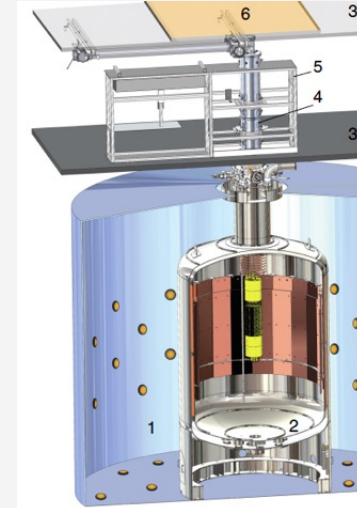
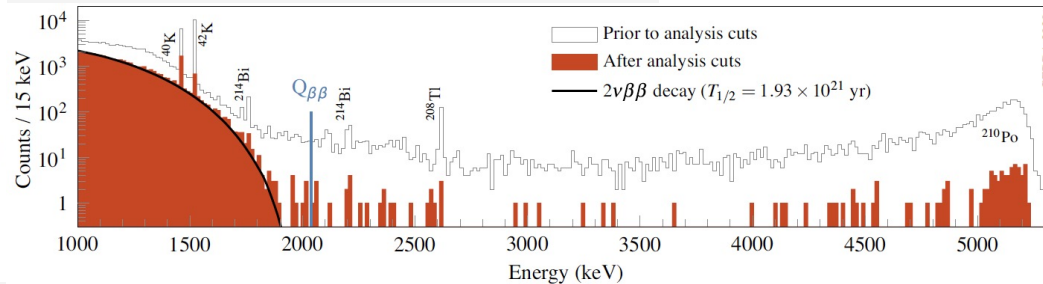


# GERDA at LNGS – final result

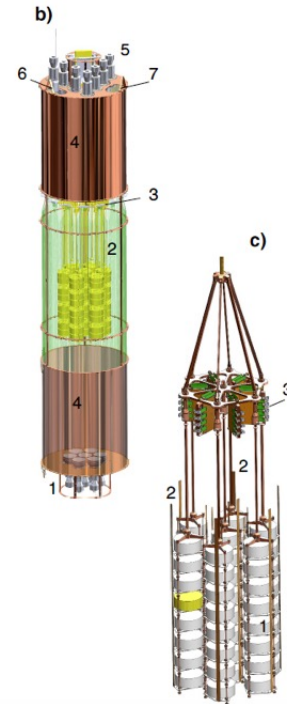
- enrichment of  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ :  $\approx 87\%$   
 exposure: 127.2 kg\*yr  
 energy resolution:  $\approx 3$  keV (FWHM)  
 background index:  $B = 5.2^{+1.6}_{-1.3} \cdot 10^{-4}$  counts/(keV kg yr)  
**→ lower limit:**  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.8 \cdot 10^{26}$  yr (90% C.L.)  
**→ upper mass limit:**  $m_{\beta\beta} < 79 - 180$  meV (without  $g_A$  quenching)



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# $^{76}\text{Ge}$ : LEGEND-200 at LNGS and LEGEND-1000

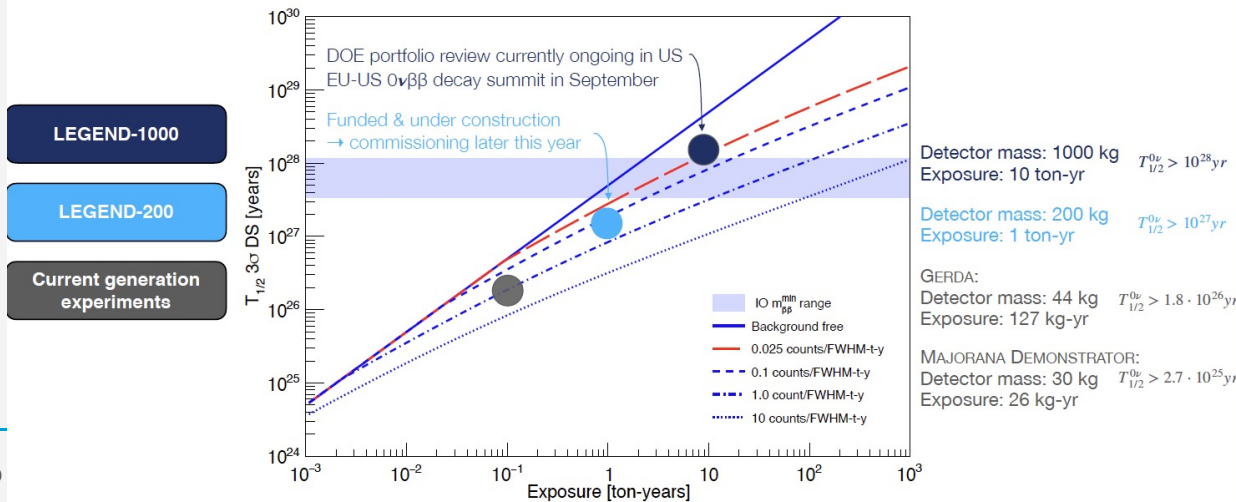
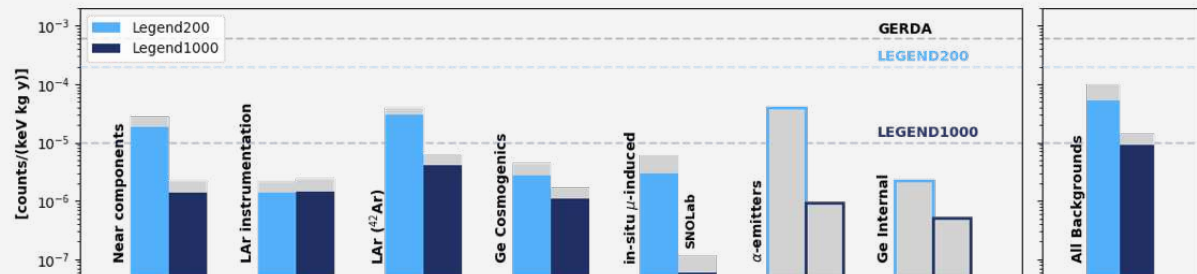
based on GERDA+Majorana technologies

enriched  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ , PPC/BEGe/ICPC detectors ( $\rightarrow$  event topology)

LEGEND-200: start data taking (140-150 kg) still in 2021

upgrade by another 50 kg in 2022

LEGEND-1000: future plan, PCDR 2107.11462

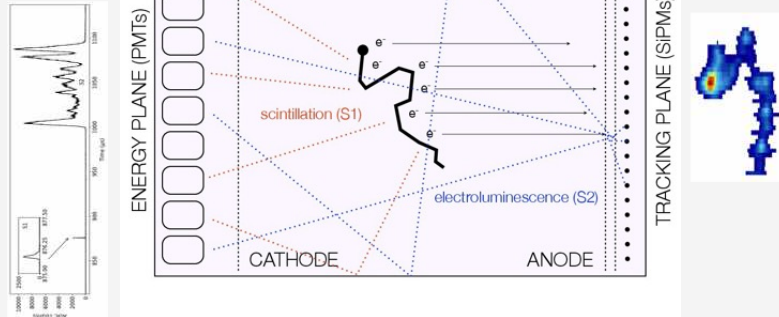


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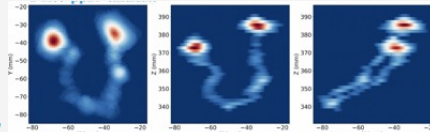
# Future of xenon-based $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiments

## NEXT: GXe TPC

enriched  $^{136}\text{Xe}$   
principle:



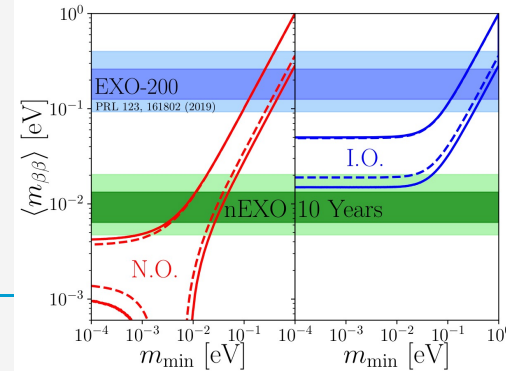
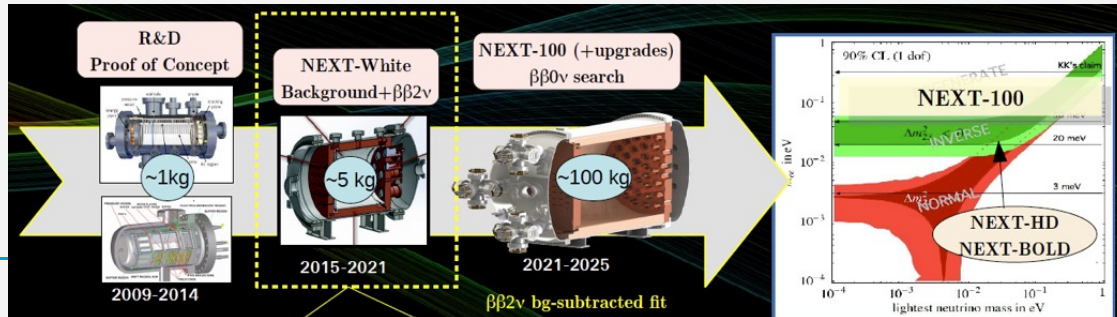
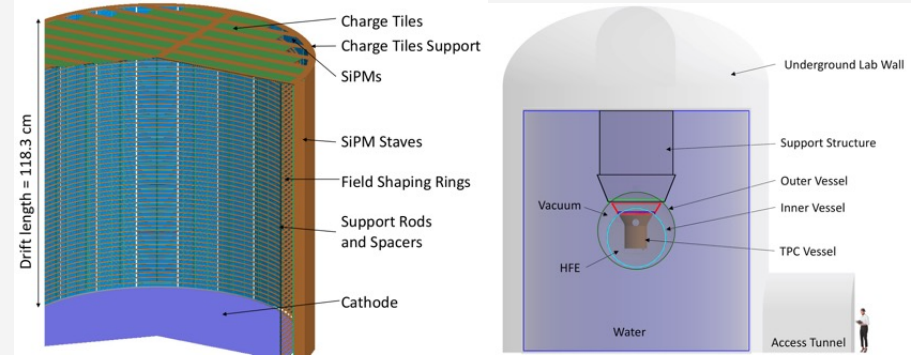
advantage of GXe TPC: 2-times better energy resolution  
topology of  $\beta\beta$  event



P. Novella, EPS HEP 2021

## nEXO: LXe TPC

enriched  $^{136}\text{Xe}$ : 5 t  
energy resolution:  $\approx 46$  keV (FWHM)  
background index:  $B = 7 \cdot 10^{-5}$  counts/(FWHM kg yr)  
→ expected sensitivity (10 yr):  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.35 \cdot 10^{28}$  yr (90% C.L.)  
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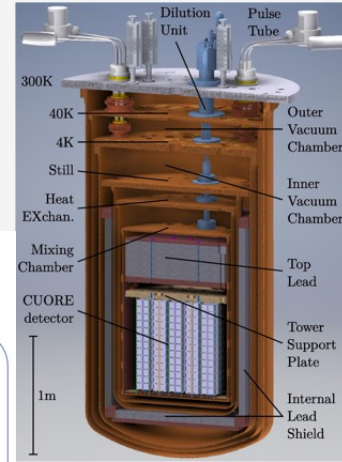
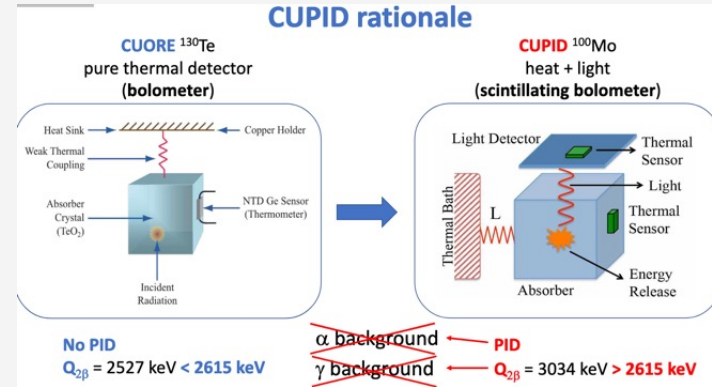


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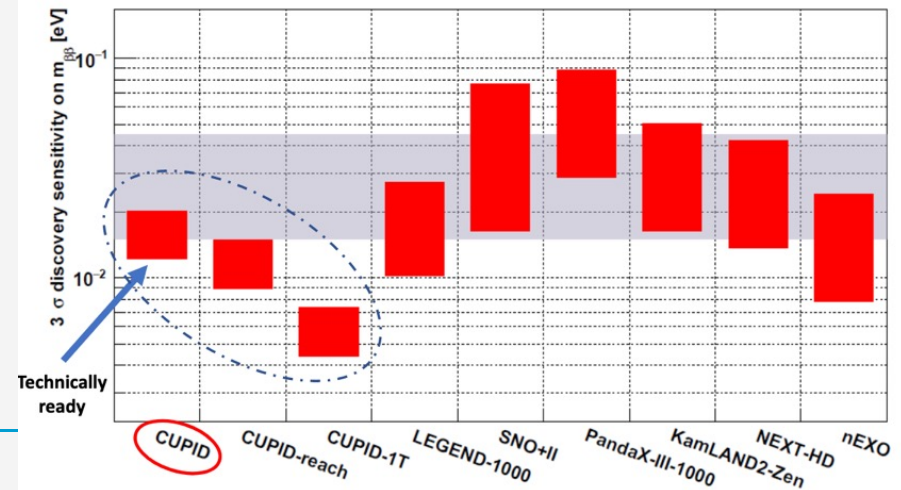
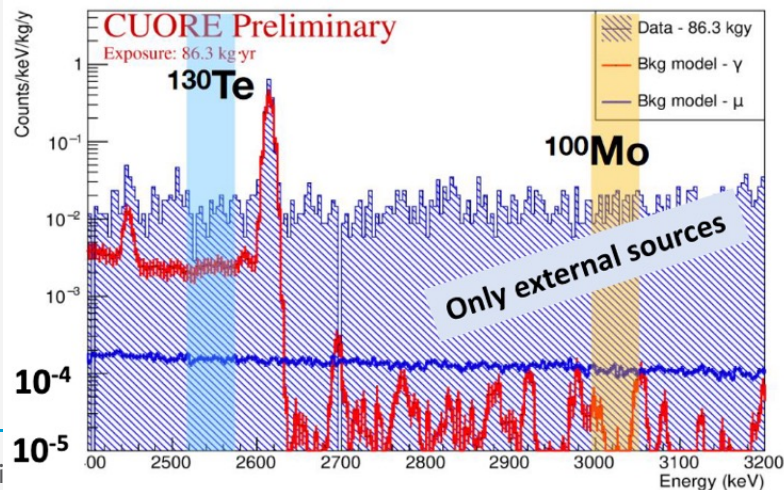
The dark matter experiments DARWIN will have a sensitivity of  $2.4 \cdot 10^{27}$  yr, EPJC 80 (2020) 808  
J. Masbou, EPS HEP 2021

# CUPID in CUORE cryostat at LNGS

- enrichment of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ : 95%
- mass ( $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ) in  $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ : 240 kg
- energy resolution: 5 – 7 keV (FWHM)
- background index:  $B = 1 \cdot 10^{-4}$  counts/(keV kg yr)
- exp. sensitivity (10yr):  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.4 \cdot 10^{27}$  yr (90% C.L.)
- exp. sensitivity (10yr):  $m_{\beta\beta} < 10 - 17$  meV



A. Giuliani, Neutrino Telescopes 2021



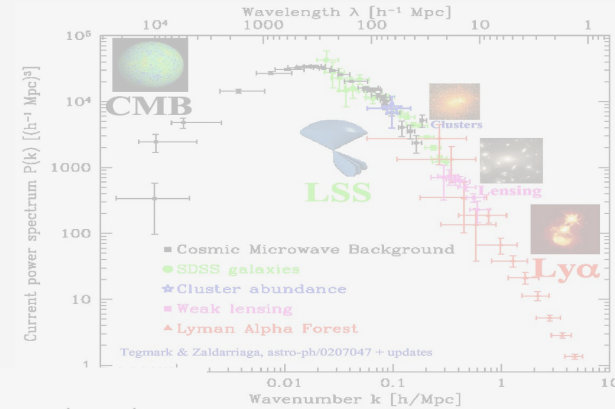
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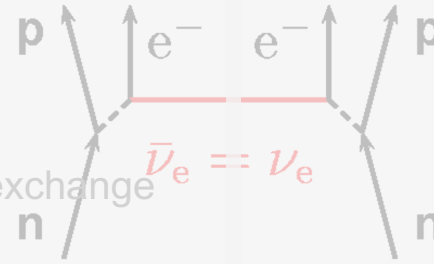


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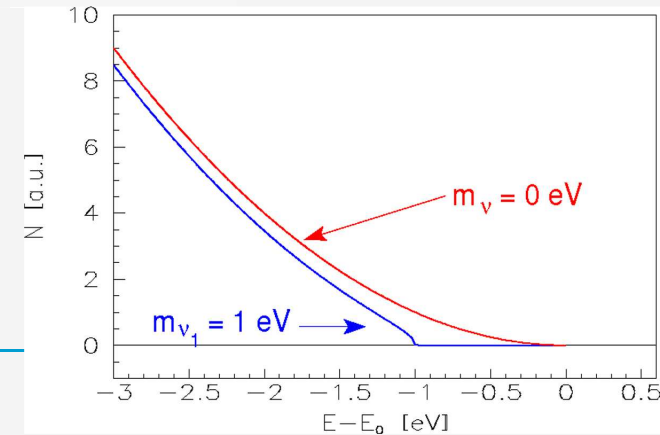
## 3) Direct neutrino mass determination: $m^2(\nu_e) := m_{\beta}^2 := \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 \cdot m^2(\nu_i)$

no further assumptions needed, use  $E^2 = p^2c^2 + m^2c^4 \rightarrow m^2(\nu)$

**Time-of-flight measurements** ( $\nu$  from supernova)

**Kinematics of weak decays / beta decays, e.g. tritium,  $^{163}\text{Ho}$**

measure charged decay prod., E-, p-conservation

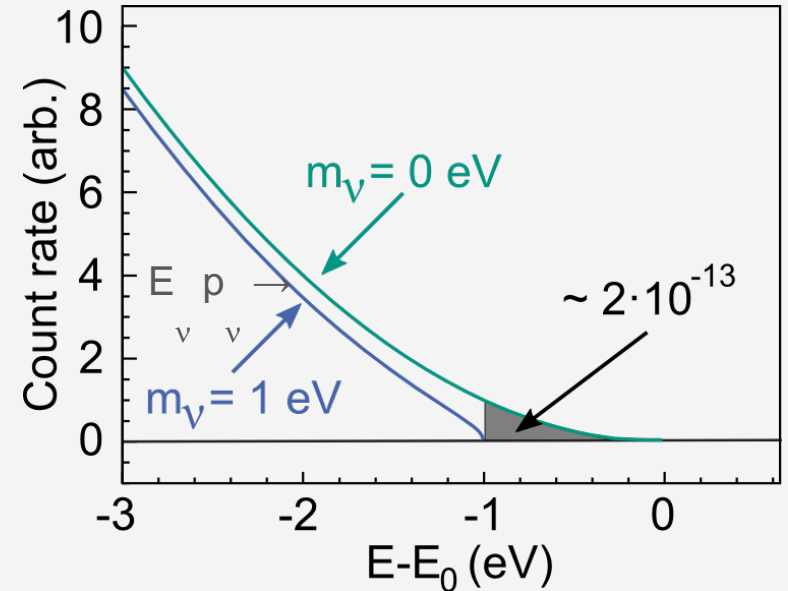
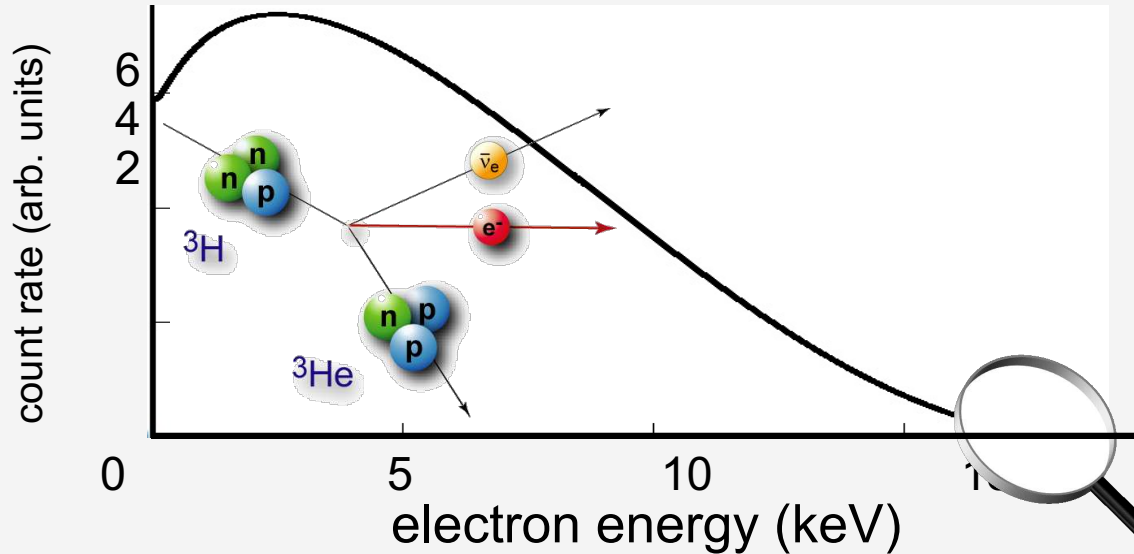


# Direct determination of "m( $\nu_e$ )" from $\beta$ -decay (EC)

$$\beta: \frac{dN}{dE} = K \cdot F(E, Z) \cdot \underbrace{p}_{\mathbf{p}_e} \cdot \underbrace{E_{tot}}_{E_e} \cdot \underbrace{(E_0 - E_e)}_{E_\nu} \cdot \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 \cdot \underbrace{\sqrt{(E_0 - E_e)^2 - m^2(\nu_i)}}_{\mathbf{p}_\nu}$$

essentially phase space:

with "electron neutrino mass": " $m^2(\nu_e)$ " :=  $\sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 \cdot m^2(\nu_i)$ , complementary to  $0\nu\beta\beta$  & cosmology  
(modified by electronic final states, recoil corrections, radiative corrections)



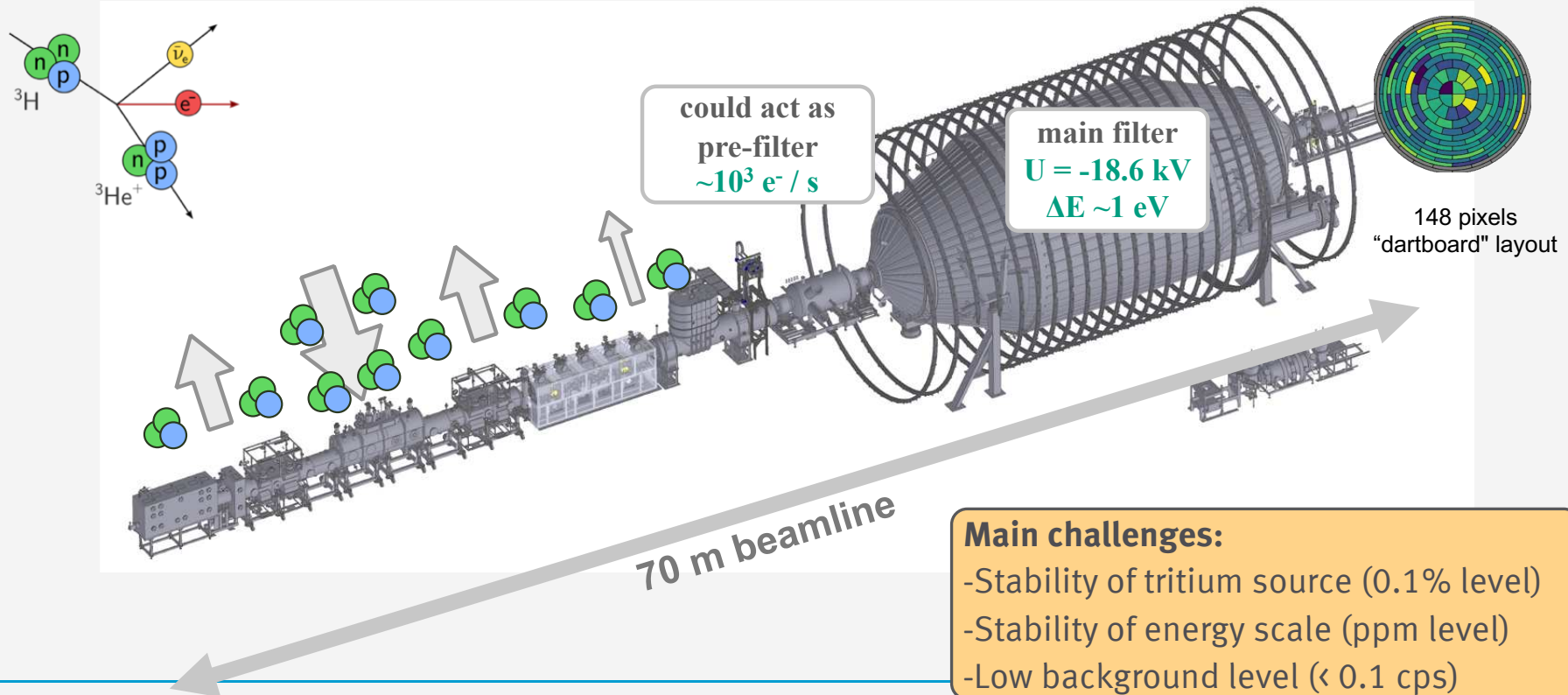
# The Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino experiment KATRIN

windowless  
gaseous  $T_2$  source  
 $10^{11} e^- / s$

tritium pumping  
&  $e^-$  transport  
 $T_2$  flow reduction  $>10^{14}$

high-pass energy filters  
MAC-E filter

counting detector  
 $< 1 e^- / s$



## Main challenges:

- Stability of tritium source (0.1% level)
- Stability of energy scale (ppm level)
- Low background level ( $< 0.1$  cps)



The international KATRIN Collaboration: 150 people from 20 (6) institutions (countries)



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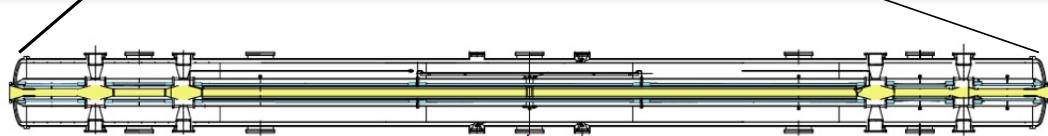
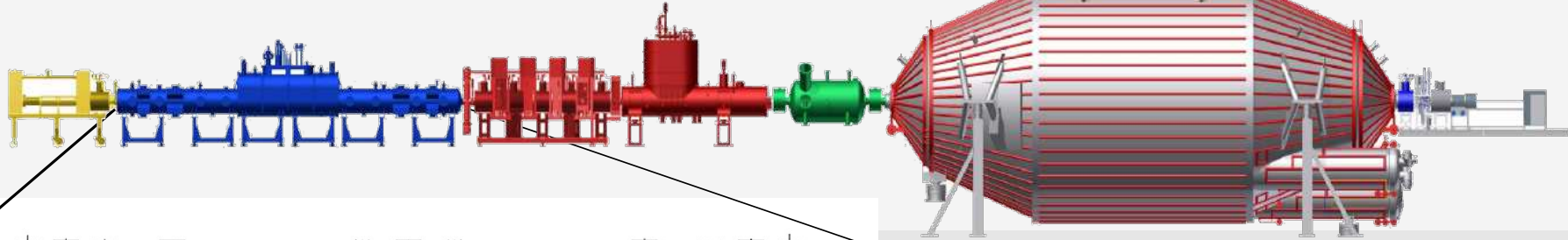


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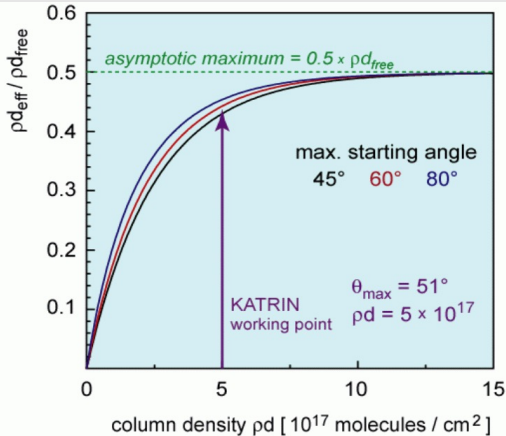
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column density  $5 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ T}_2/\text{cm}^2$       luminosity  $1.7 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ Bq}$

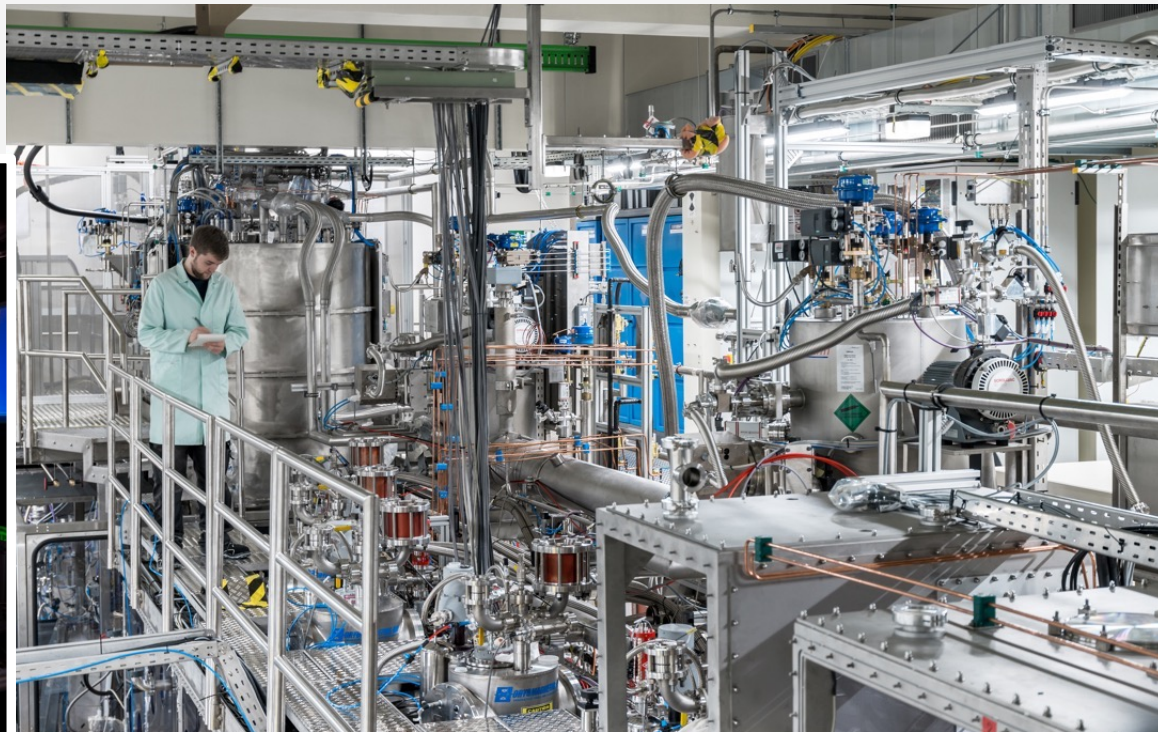
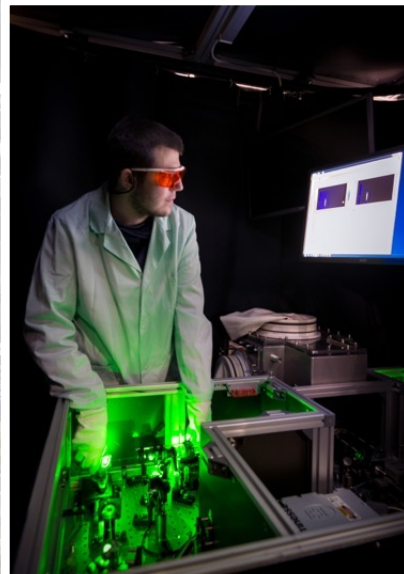
beam tube	$\varnothing = 9 \text{ cm}$ , $L = 10 \text{ m}$
guiding field	3.6 T (2.52 T)
temperature	$T = 30 \text{ K} \pm 30 \text{ mK}$ (80 K),
$\text{T}_2$ flow rate	$5 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ molecules/s}$ (40 g of $\text{T}_2$ / day)
$\text{T}_2$ purity	$95\% \pm 0.1 \%$
$\text{T}_2$ inlet pressure	$10^{-3} \text{ mbar} \pm 0.1 \%$



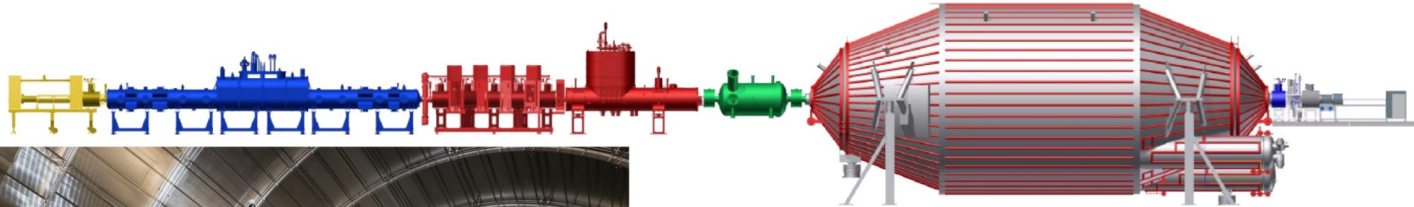
WGTS at Tritium Laboratory Karlsruhe



# Photos: source & transport section



# The main spectrometer: an integrating high resolution MAC-E Filter



-18.6 kV retardation voltage,  $\sigma < 60$  mV/years  
energy resolution (0%  $\rightarrow$  100% transmission): 0.93 (2.7) eV  
Ultra-high vacuum, pressure  $< 10^{-11}$  mbar

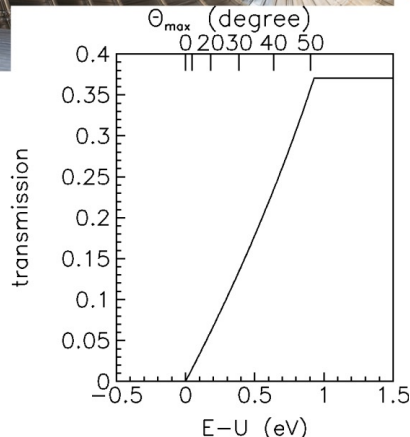
Precision voltage (ppm) at vessel and double layer  
wire electrode system  
for background reduction  
and field shaping

Air coils for earth magnetic  
field compensation

$\rightarrow$  integral  
transmission  
function:

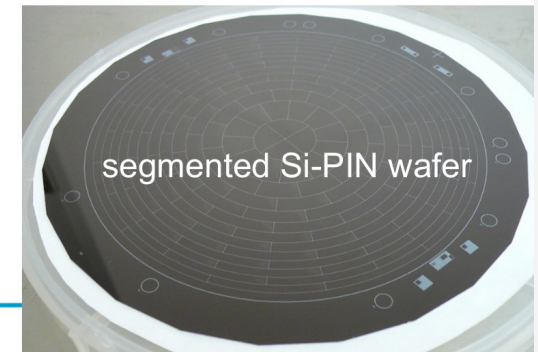
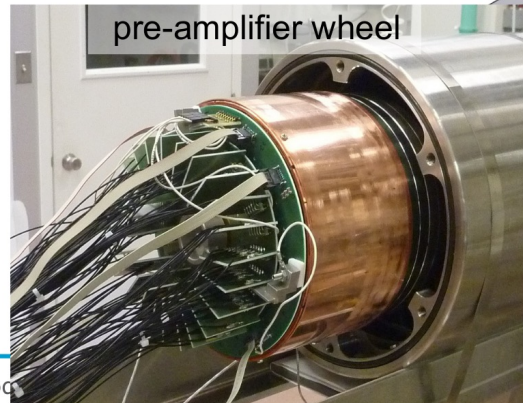
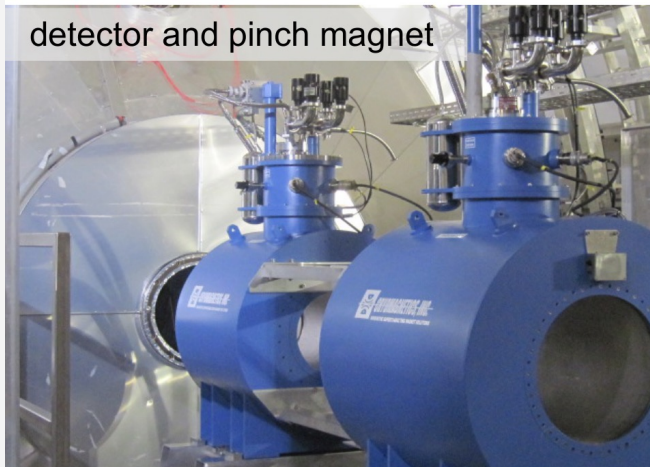
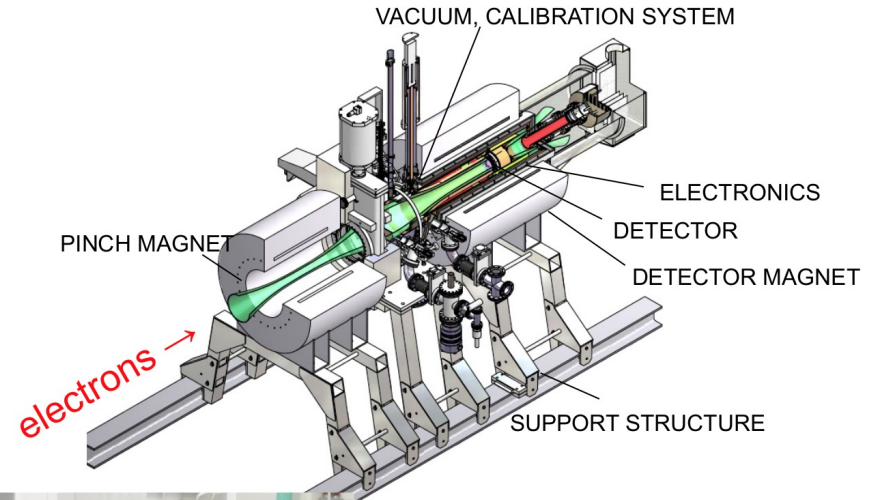
$$\Delta E = E \cdot B_{\min} / B_{\max}$$

$$= 0.93 \text{ eV} \quad (2.7 \text{ eV})$$

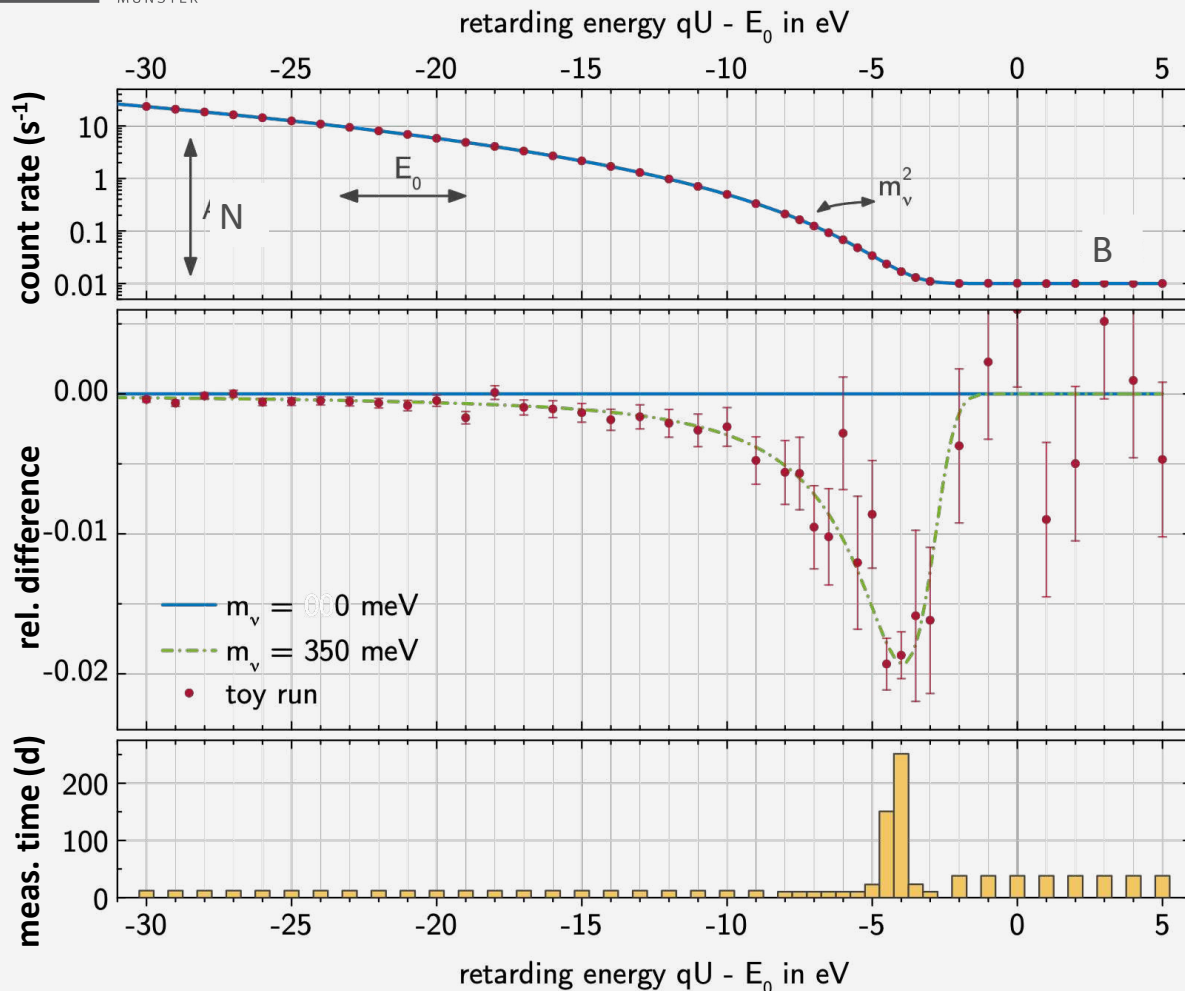


## Focal plane detection system

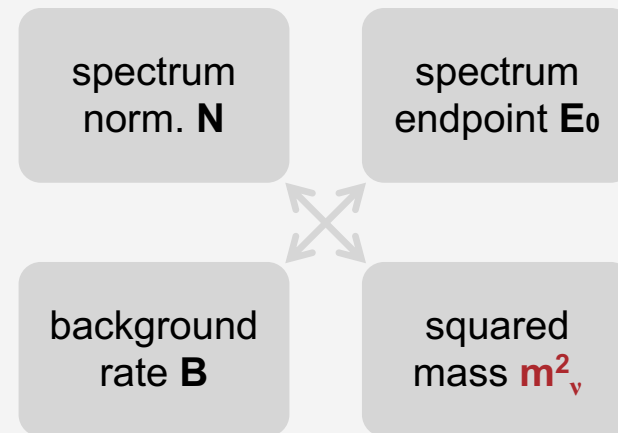
segmented Si PIN diode:  
 90 mm Ø, 148 pixels, 50 nm dead layer  
 energy resolution  $\approx 1$  keV  
 pinch and detector magnets up to 6 T  
 post acceleration (10kV)  
 active veto shield



# The measurement principle



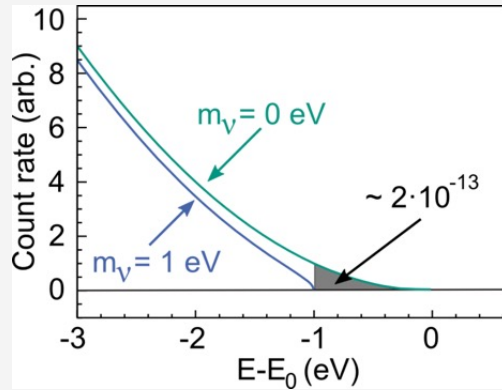
Direct **shape** measurement  
of **integrated  $\beta$  spectrum**  
Four fit parameters:



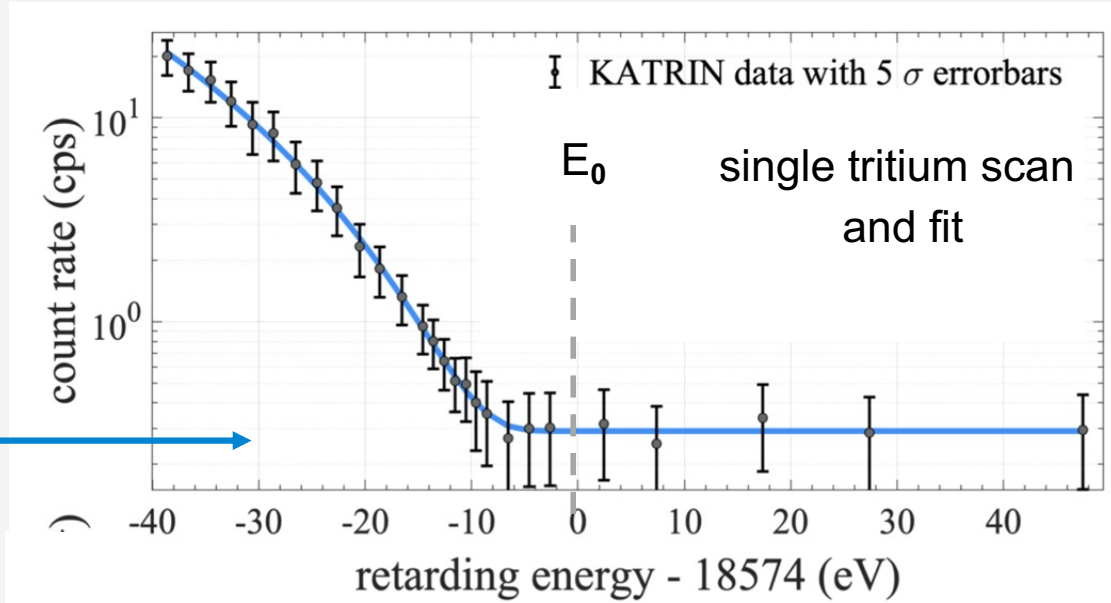
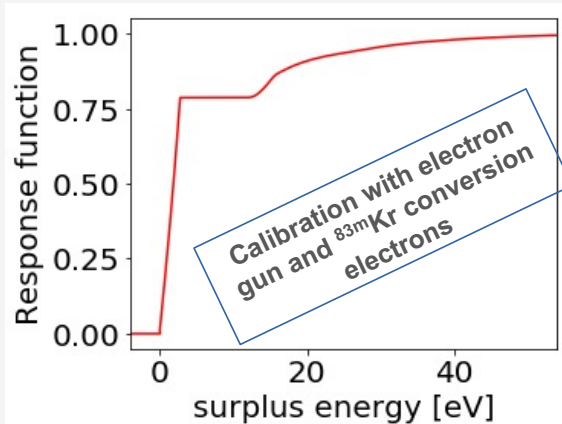
$\sim 10^{-8}$  of all  $\beta$ -decays in scan region  
 $\sim 40$  eV below endpoint

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## ■ Beta spectrum: $R_\beta(E, m^2(\nu_e))$



## ■ Experimental response: $f(E - qU)$



$$R(qU) = A_s \cdot N_T \int_{qU}^{E_0} R_\beta(E, m^2(\nu_e)) \cdot f(E - qU) dE + R_{bg}$$

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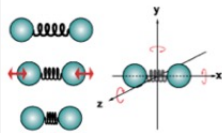
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# Systematic effects and uncertainties

## Molecular final states

- quantum-chemical
- computations



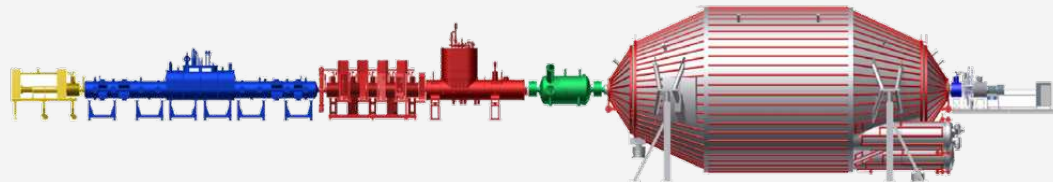
## Source electric potential

- plasma properties
- surface conditions

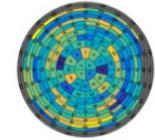


## Magnetic fields

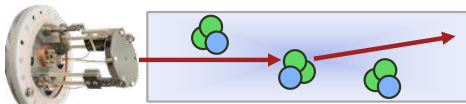
- source
- spectrometer
- detector



## Detection efficiency



## Energy loss by scattering

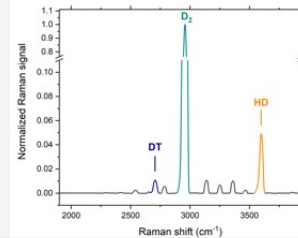


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## Activity fluctuations

- column density
- tritium ( $T_2$ ,  $DT$ ,  $HT$ )
- concentration

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## Background

- dependence on retarding potential
- time structure due to trapped electrons

arXiv:2011.05107

Three complementary strategies to include systematics in the fit:

(a) covariance matrix, (b) Monte-Carlo propagation, (c) pull-term method

see *PRL* 123 (2019) 221802 + detailed analysis *PRD* 104 (2021) 012005

# First neutrino mass result

## 1<sup>st</sup> science run of KATRIN in spring 2019

- $\nu$ -mass: best fit result

$$m^2(\nu_e) = -1.0^{+0.9}_{-1.1} \text{ eV}^2$$

- $\nu$ -mass: new upper limit

$$m(\nu_e) < 1.1 \text{ eV (90\% C.L. Lokhov – Tkachov)}$$

$$m(\nu_e) < 0.8 \text{ eV (90\% C.L. Feldman-Cousins)}$$

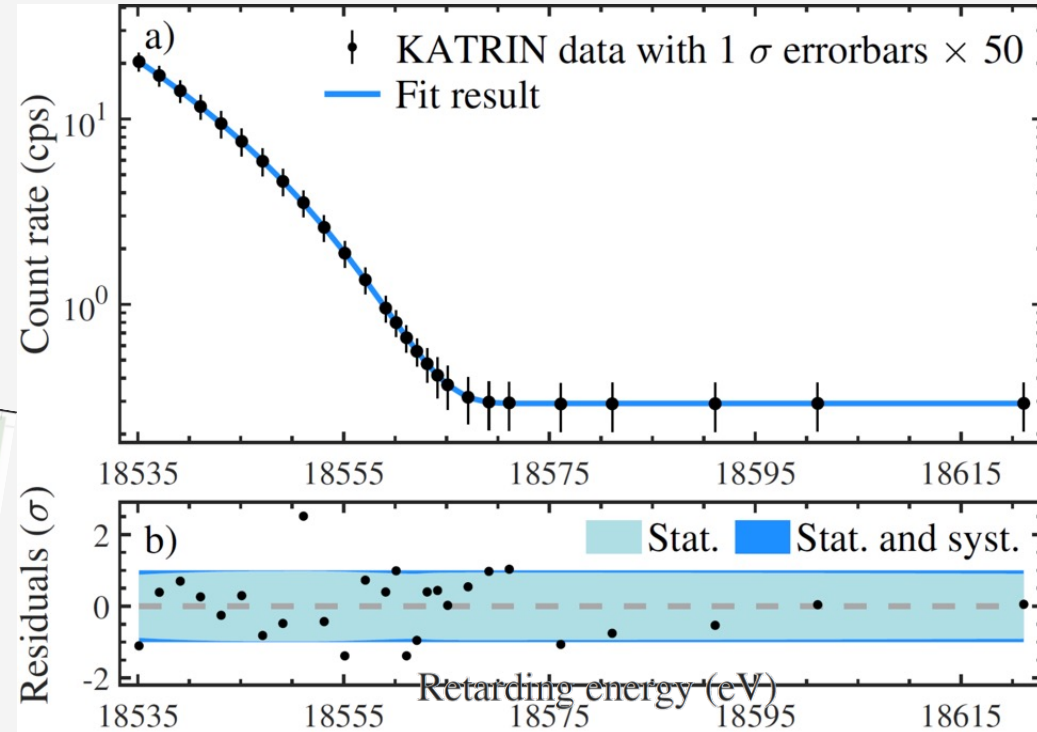
$$m(\nu_e) < 0.9 \text{ eV (90\% C.L. Bayesian, flat prior } m^2 > 0)$$

Excellent data quality

Compared to previous experiments:

- Improvement of statistics (x2)
- Reduction of systematics ( $\div 6$ )

Only 9 days out of 1000 live days!

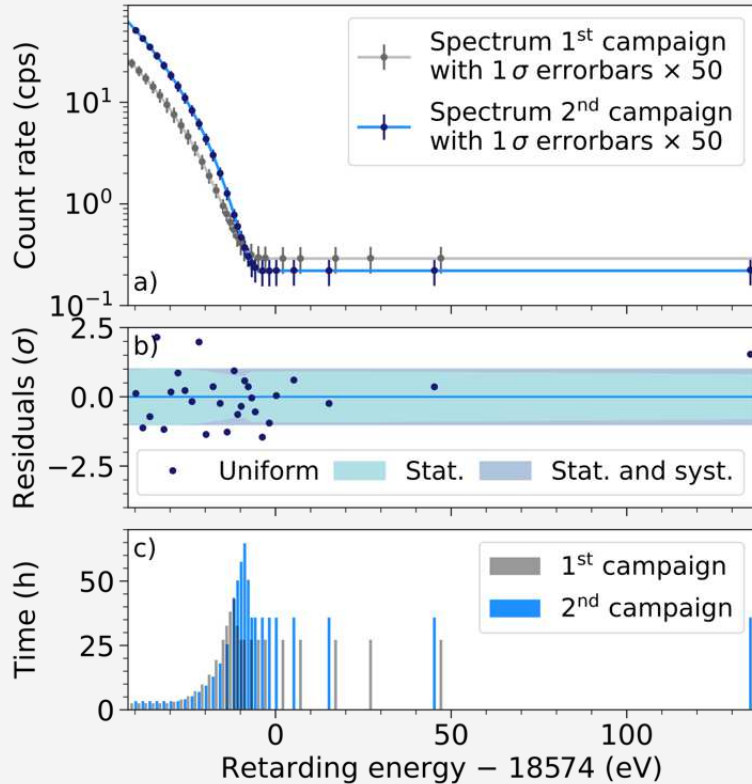


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# Improvements of 2<sup>nd</sup> campaign compared to 1<sup>st</sup> one

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> campaign</b> <b>PRL 123 (2019) 221802</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> campaign</b> <b>This talk, arXiv:2105.08533</b>
<b>Campaign date</b>	April-May 2019	Sept-Nov 2019
<b>Total scan time</b>	522 h (274 scans)	744 h (361 scans)
<b>Source activity</b>	25 GBq	98 GBq
<b>Background</b>	290 mcps	220 mcps
<b>Tritium purity</b>	97.6%	98.7%
<b>Electrons in RoI</b>	2 Mio	4.3 Mio





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[arXiv:2105.08533 \(subm. to Nature Physics\)](#)

$$m^2(\nu) = (0.26^{+0.34}_{-0.34}) \text{ eV}^2$$

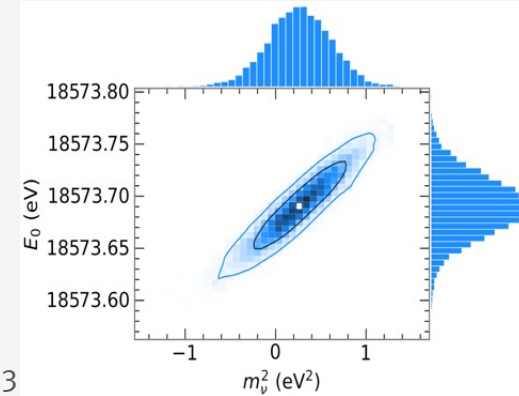
→ compatible with zero

$$E_0 = 18573.69 \pm 0.03 \text{ eV}$$

→ Q-value :  $18575.2 \pm 0.5 \text{ eV}$

good agreement with Penning trap exp.:

$$Q = 18575.72 \pm 0.07 \text{ eV, PRL 114 (2015) 013003}$$



**Frequentist limit:  $m_\nu < 0.9 \text{ eV}$  (90% CL)**

Same for Feldman & Cousins and Lokhov & Tkachov  
less than sensitivity, due to positive fit result

[2105.08533](#)

**Bayesian:  $m_\nu < 0.85 \text{ eV}$  (90% CI)**

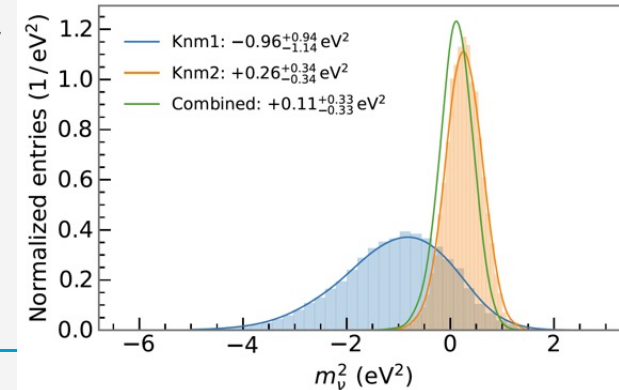
Lokhov & Tkachov, *Phys. Part. Nucl.* 46 (2015) 347

Feldman & Cousins, *Phys. Rev. D* 57 (1998) 3873

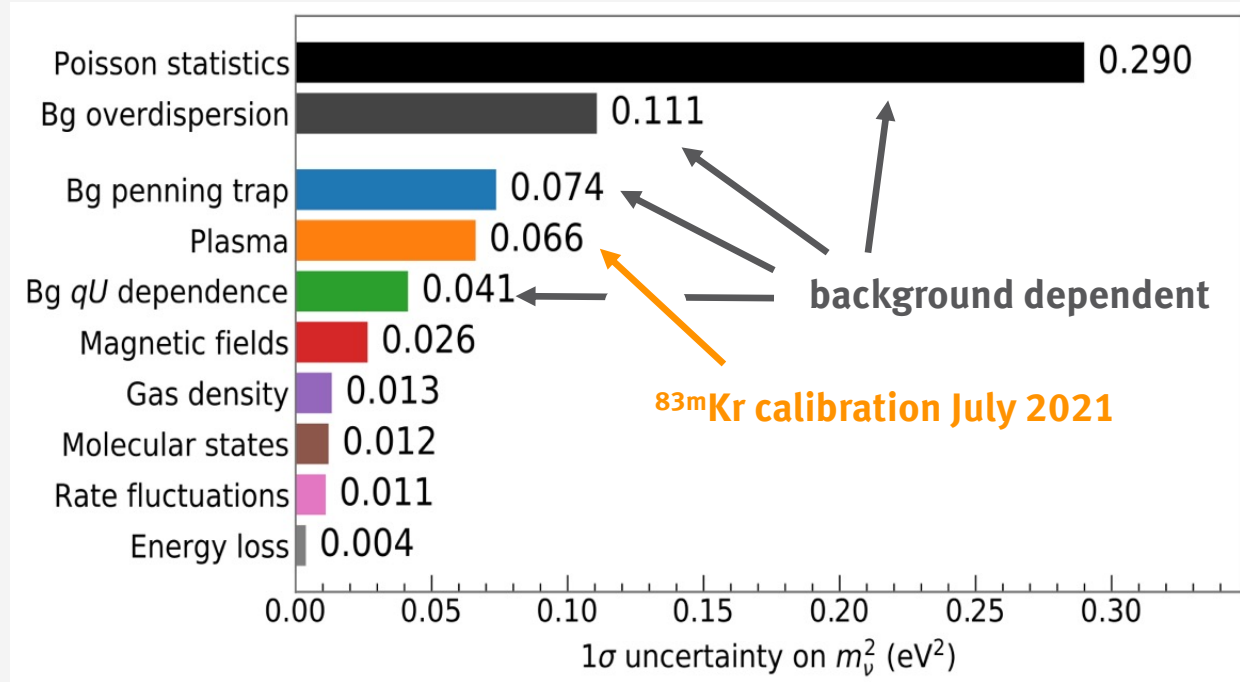
**Combine 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> campaign:**

**Freq. im.:  $m_\nu < 0.8 \text{ eV}$  (90% CL)**

**Bayes:  $m_\nu < 0.7 \text{ eV}$  (90% CL)**

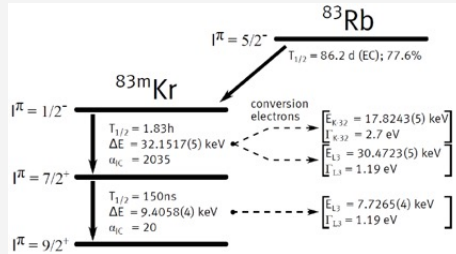


# Systematics budget of analysis of 2<sup>nd</sup> campaign

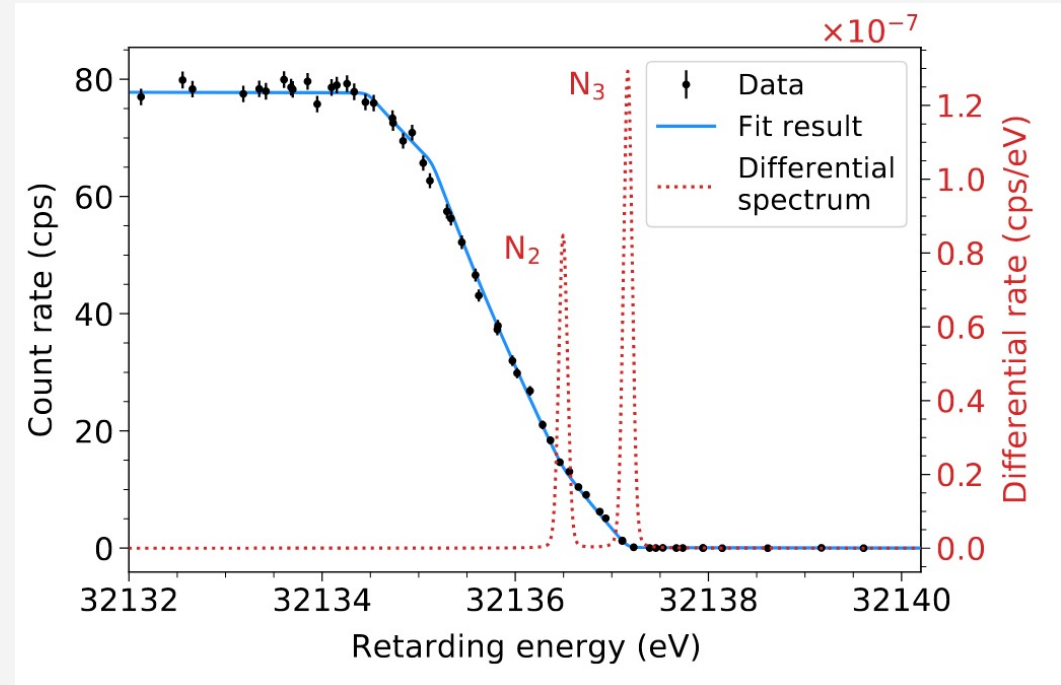
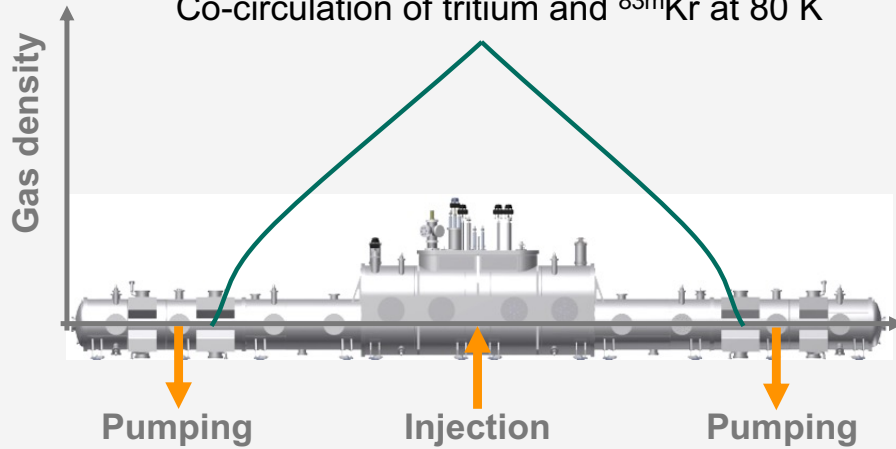


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# Improving source-related systematics



Co-circulation of tritium and  $^{83m}\text{Kr}$  at 80 K



Data of 2020 krypton run at 40% tritium column density used to constrain systematics in 2<sup>nd</sup> campaign [arXiv:2105.08533](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.08533)

Since then: New operation mode with stable co-circulation at high column density at 80 K

Summer 2021: 10 GBq Krypton generator (activity x6) → further reduction of plasma systematics

## Main component of background (arXiv:2011.05107):

Highly excited (neutral) Rydberg atoms ionized in the volume of main spectrometer

Very low kinetic energy of background  $e^-$

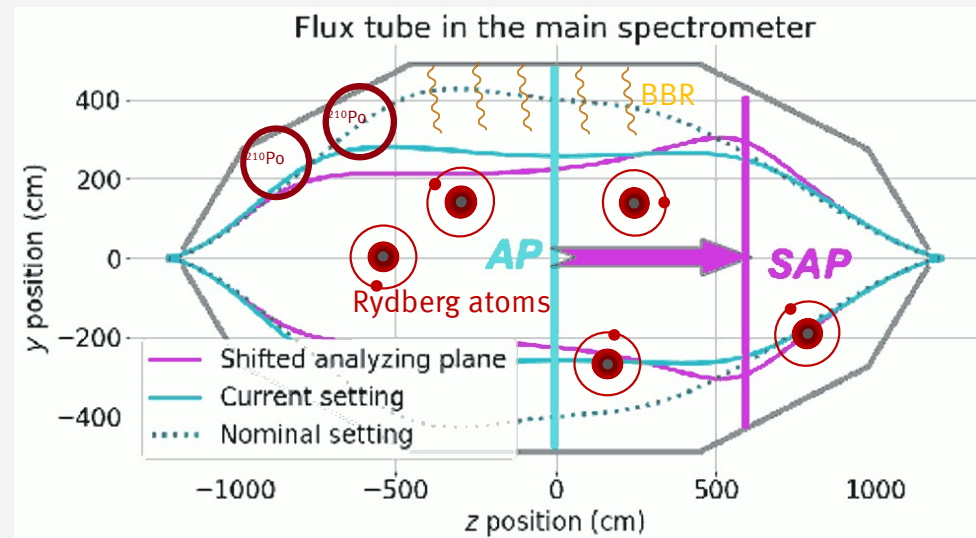
⇒ Volume dependent background rate

Reduce “downstream” volume of magnetic flux:

„shifted analyzing plane“ (SAP)

⇒ Factor 2 signal/background improvement

implemented in neutrino mass scans of 2020 ✓

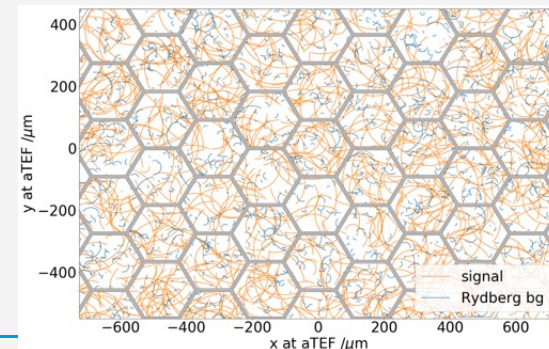
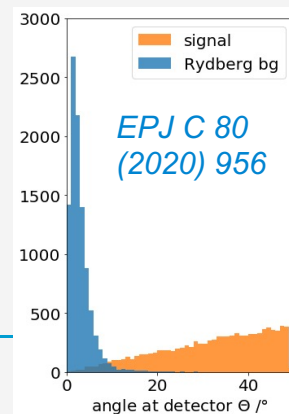


## Further reduction of background planned:

Make use of angular distribution of background electrons

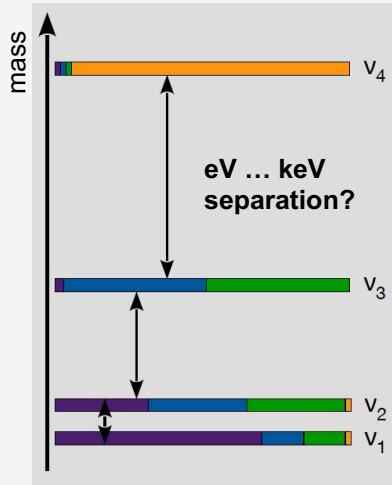
a very new idea: angular threshold filter

(“active transverse energy filter”, aTEF)

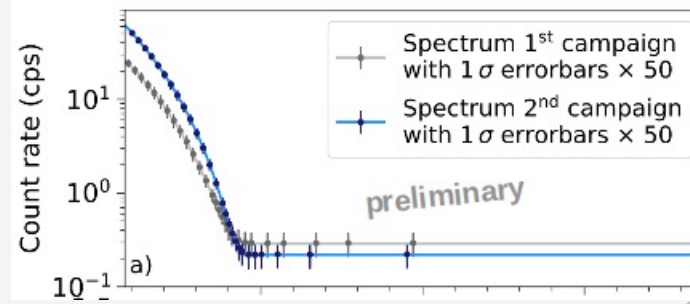


# KATRIN „beyond the neutrino mass“

Is there a fourth (sterile) neutrino?



Neutrino mixing: “Kink” in normal  $\beta$ -spectrum (eV scale) or deep  $\beta$ -spectrum (keV scale)

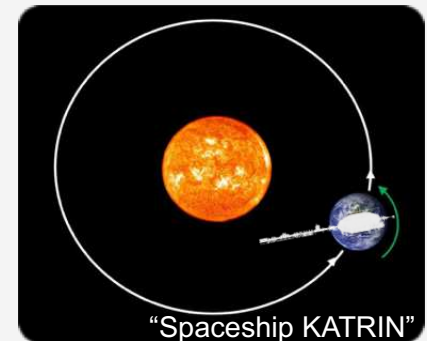


$\beta$ -spectrum of high statistics and precision

Search for exotic weak interactions (spectrum shape)

Search for Lorentz invariance violation (sidereal modulation)

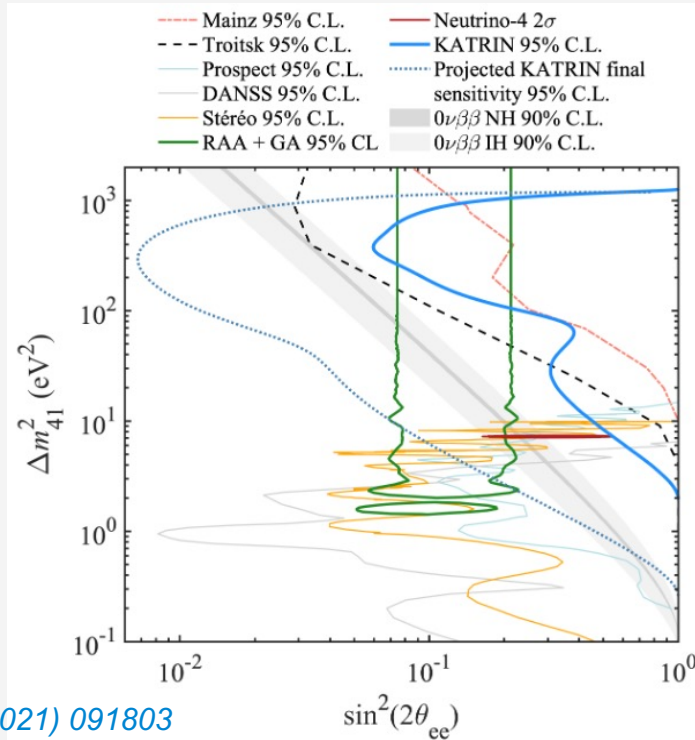
Constrain local overdensity of cosmic relic neutrinos (peak search)



# Sterile neutrino searches in KATRIN

## eV-scale sterile neutrinos:

new exclusion from the first science run  
complementary probe of sterile  $\nu$



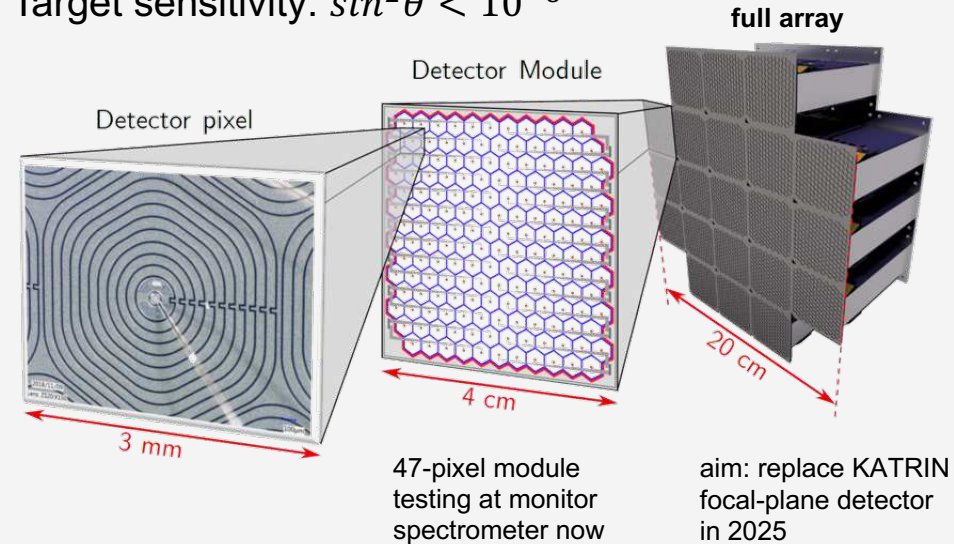
PRL 126 (2021) 091803

## keV-scale sterile neutinos: TRISTAN at KATRIN:

novel multi-pixel Silicon Drift Detector array  
large count rates

excellent energy resolution

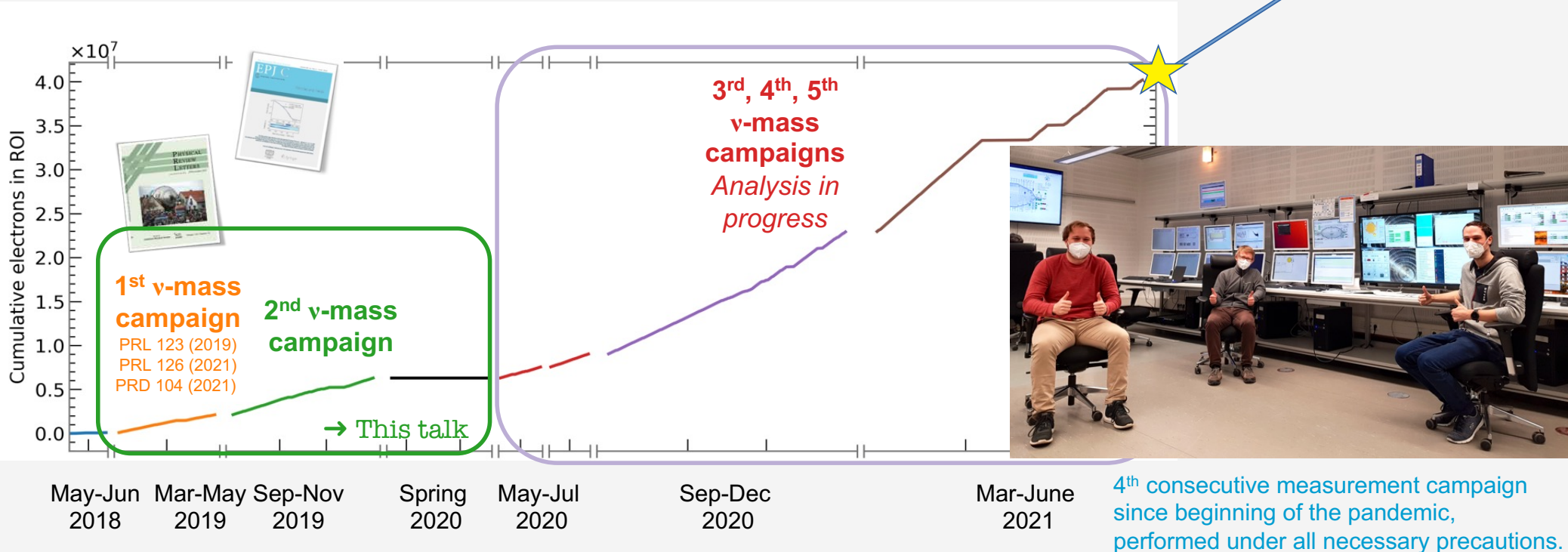
Target sensitivity:  $\sin^2\theta < 10^{-6}$



*J.Phys.G* 46 (2019) 6, 065203, *JINST* 14 (2019) 11 P11013,  
*J. Phys. C. Ser.* 1468 (2020) 012177

# KATRIN data taking continues

Start of 6th neutrino-mass campaign\* on August 19, 2021:



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now: T2K, NOvA, IceCube      coming: JUNO, ORCA, Hyper Kamiokande, DUNE
- Low energy puzzles:  $\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance, reactor neutrino anomaly, bump in reactor  $\nu$  spectrum  
are being attacked by short baseline reactor experiments, SBN program, KATRIN  
new MicroBooNE results question MiniBooNE/LSND  $\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance
- CEvNS has been established and will be an important tool for precision studies and BSM searches
- Lepton number violation will be searched for by  $0\nu\beta\beta$   
excellent final result by GERDA, LEGEND-200 will soon start to attack  $10^{27}$  yr sensitivity  
CUPID, LEGEND-1000, nEXO: even more sensitive experiments with  $10^{28}$  yr sensitivity
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