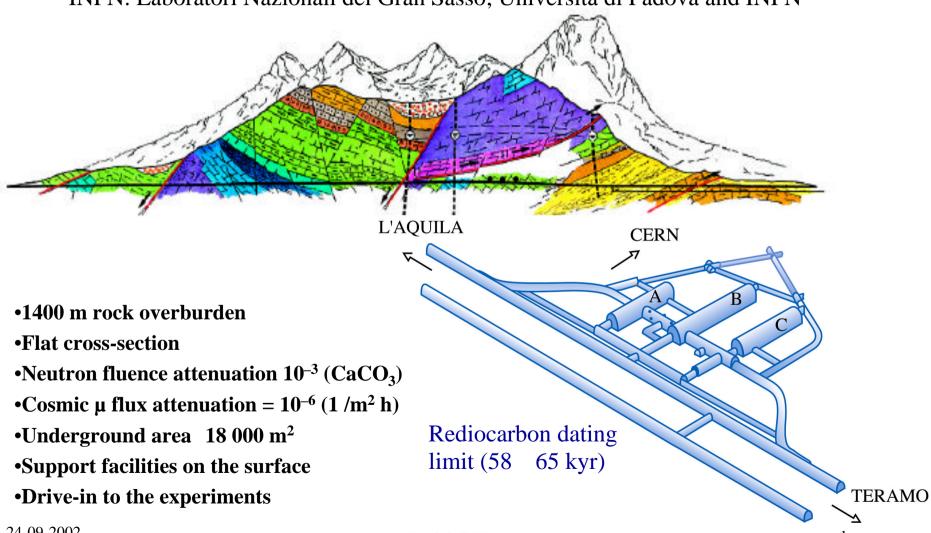
Highlits from Gran Sasso 40th International School of Subnuclear Physics

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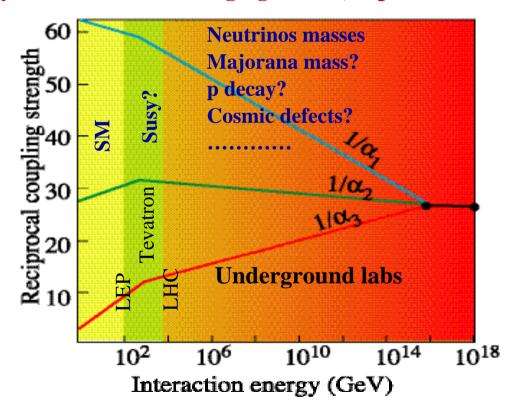


The forces

The Standard Theory has been tested with extreme precision with accelerators & colliders But only at very low energies, compared to the unification and to the Planck scale We are approaching the limits of accelerator physics

energy, luminosity, costs, size of collaborations, time to results, etc

For one of the basic forces, gravity, we <u>don't have yet a theory</u> Look for extremely violent events? (merging n stars, supermassive BH's,....)



Explore the high energy frontier searching for extremely rare signals

The Standard Model of Cosmology

Matter is only a fraction of the total

 10^{-3} 10^{-2} 10^{-1} 1 $\Omega_{\Lambda}=67\pm6\%$

80% of matter is non baryonic

90% of baryonic matter is dark contrib. of neutrinos to dark matter is (very) small

 Ω_b =4 $\pm 0.8\%$ Ω_{cdm} =30 $\pm 4\%$ Ω_{stars} =0.5 $\pm 0.2\%$ $0.1 < \Omega_{\rm v} < 10\%$

from atmospheric oscillation

$$v = \frac{\frac{i=1}{94h^2}}{94h^2} = \frac{\frac{i=1}{47}}{47}$$

The standard cosmological model is based on:

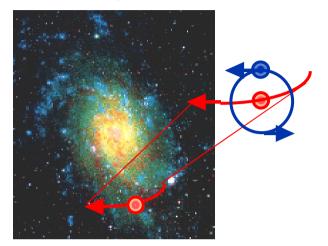
- A dark matter we don't see
- A dark energy we don't understand
- A fraction of baryons we can't find

Cosmologic theories cannot be experimentally checked Check is consistency not reproducibility

Standard Cosmology gives us clear guidelines on what to search for new elementary particles new elementary vacuum

Drak matter search

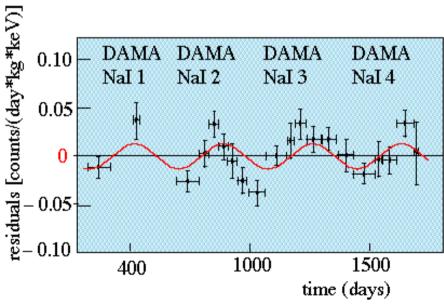
DAMA looking for annual modulation



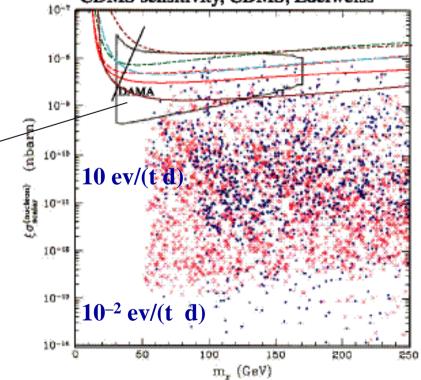
Necessary: multiton detectors and drastic background reduction (now 10⁻¹ - 10⁻² ev./kg d)

Exclusion plots compilation as by A. Morales et al. N.B. Comparison ot experiments is largely model dependent Theory by Bottino, Fornengo and Scopel

The oblique marker line crosses from top right Heidelberg-Moskow,IGEX 2001, DAMA NaIO CDMS sensitivity, CDMS, Edelweiss







LIBRA, CRESST & GENIUS

Need a balanced set of different experiments to check independently the result to deeper explore the parameters space

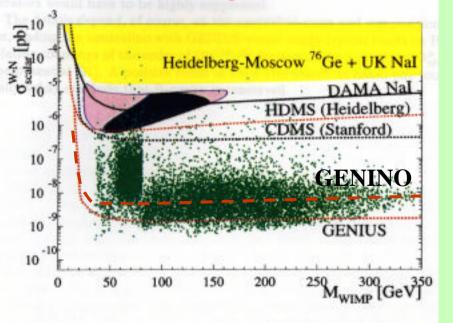
DAMAanalysing three more annual cycles increasing detector mass $(250 \text{ kg}) \Rightarrow \text{LIBRA}$

CRESST 2

Detect heat and light Separate signal from γ background Expect 10⁻² c/ (kg keV d) @ 15 keV Expected to run end 2001

 10^{-4} Heidelberg-Moscow OWIMP-nucleon (pb) 10^{-5} coms 10^{-6} DAMA CDMS-Soudan (expectations) 10^{-7} CRESST 2 (expectations) 200 800 100 400 600 WIMP mass (GeV) 24-09-2002 A. Bettini

GENIUS-TF if $b = 10^{-1}$ ev /(kg keV d) GENINO, 100 kg natural Ge, if $b = 3x10^{-3}$ ev /(kg keV d) GENIUS 1000 kg enriched Ge if $b = 10^{-4}$ ev / (kg keV d)



New neutrino physics

Two independent pieces of evidence for Physics beyond the Standard Model Both from experiments in <u>underground laboratories</u> on

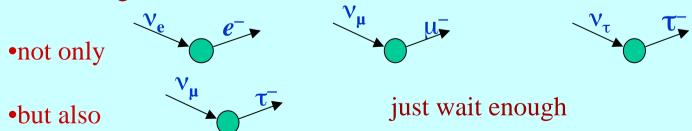
- 1. electron neutrino from the Sun
- 2. muon neutrinos from the atmosphere

have shown the. oscillation phenomena at different square mass differences

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m² ("atmospheric")
m² ("solar")
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Implications

- v_e , v_μ and v_τ are not mass eigenstates (v_1 , v_2 , v_3) but superpositions of these If eigenstates are orthogonal, need to measure
 - •three "mixing angeles" θ_{12} , θ_{13} , θ_{23}
 - •three phases (one if Dirac)
 - •CP violation
- \mathbf{v}_1 , \mathbf{v}_2 e \mathbf{v}_3 have m_1 , m_2 and m_3 0
- leptionic charges are not conserved



Neutrino masses

Spectrum is a doublet plus a singlet. Define: Doublet = m_1 , m_2 with $m_2 > m_1$ and $\delta m^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2$ Singlet = m_3 and $\Delta m^2 = m_3^2 - m_2^2$

NORMAL $m^2 > 0$

$$m_3$$
 m^2 (atm.)

$$m_2 \longrightarrow m^2 \text{ (Sun)}$$

INVERTED $m^2 < 0$

$$m_2 \longrightarrow m^2 \text{ (Sun)}$$

 m^2 (atm.)

 m_3

Oscillation probabilities depend on the absolute values of the differences between the squares of the masses (the eigenvalues) We don't know the absolute scale Hierarchic or. degenerate spectrum?

Example: hierarchic, normal spectrum

$$m_3 = \sqrt{m^2}$$
 25 meV

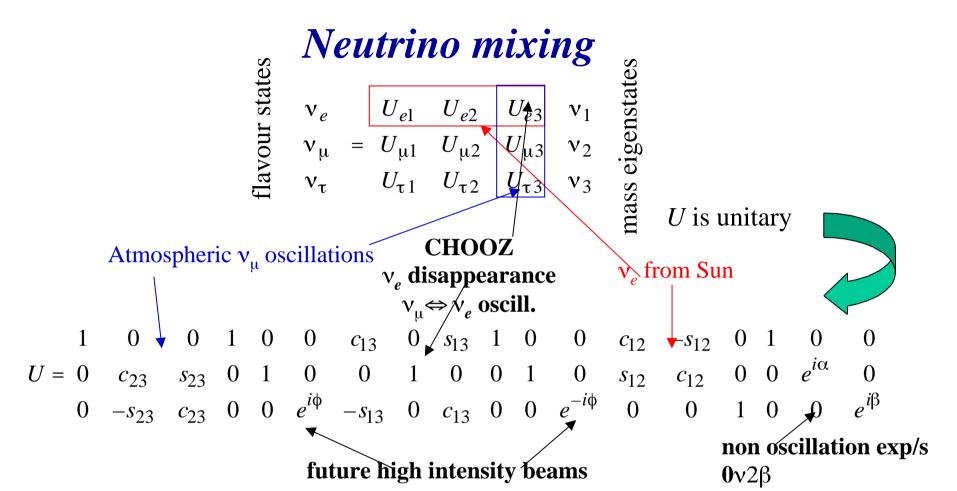
$$m_1 \quad m_2 = \sqrt{\delta m^2} \quad 10 \text{ meV } -0.3 \text{ meV}$$

Likely, the unit for neutrino masses is the **millielectronvolt**

Seesaw mechanism

$$m_i = \frac{M_D^2}{M}$$
; with $M_D = M_{top}$ and $m_3 = 25$ meV

 $M \approx 10^{15}$ GeV, the lepton number violation scale is close to the GUT scale!



9 independent real parameters

- 3 masses m_1 , m_2 , m_3
- 3 "mixing angles" θ_{12} , θ_{13} , θ_{23}
- 3 phases (CP violation)
- 2 (Majorana) phases (α,β), zero if neutrinos are Dirac particles irrelevant for oscillations

Flavour conversion in vacuum

Transitions between different flavour pairs take place in a three-state system (neutrinos).

Transition probabilties formulas more complicated than for two-state

For L/E close to maximal $(1/m^2)$ one oscillation dominates

$$P_{\nu\mu} = \sin^2(2\theta_{23})\cos^4(\theta_{13})\sin^2 1.27 \quad m^2(\text{eV}^2)\frac{L(\text{km})}{E(\text{GeV})}$$

$$P_{\nu\mu}$$
 $_{\nu e} = \sin^2(\theta_{23})\sin^2(2\theta_{13})\sin^2(1.27 \ m^2(\text{eV}^2)\frac{L(\text{km})}{E(\text{GeV})}$

Oscillations period depends on absolute value of the squared mass difference

Oscillation amplitudes are not equal to $\sin^2 2\theta$

Oscillation amplitude is different for different oscillations

"Mixing angles" ranges are $0 - \pi/2$ not $0 - \pi/4$

Talking of "elctron neutrino mass" is misleading

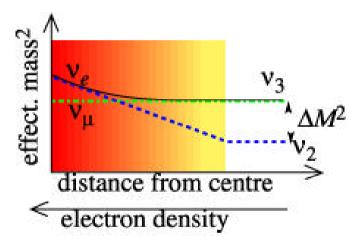
Variables like $\theta_{\mu\tau}$ are misleading (may lead to wrong conclusions)

Beware mistakes of PDG

Flavour conversion in matter

The MSW effect

In matter $_e$ interact with the electrons via CC, (refraction index) v_1, v_1, v_3 are not the mass eigenstates Level crossing possible @ critical value of density*energy



Important in Sun, in Earth, in a Supernova

If matter effects, "effective mixing angle" range is $0 - \pi/2$, even for two neutrino flavours

Status of neutrino oscillations

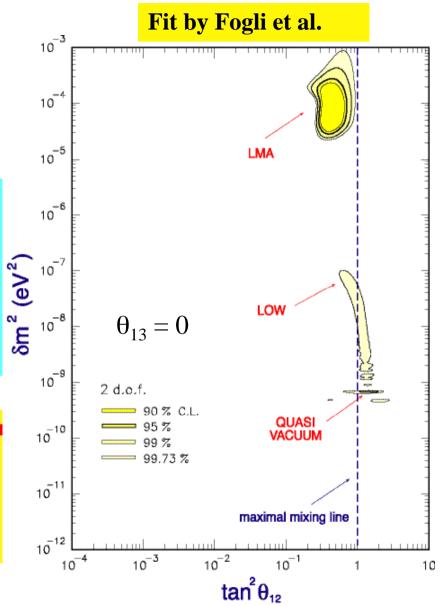
CHOOZ

Reactor anti electron-neutrino disappearance (a few MeV, 1km) Combining with solar data $\theta_{13}^{\ \ 2} \approx |U_{\rm e3}|^2 < 0.025$

Muon-neutrinos from the atmosphere (\approx GeV, 10-13 000 km)
Super-Kamiokande. 1250 d (77 kt yrs)
Confirmed by MACRO and Soudan2
1.8 x $10^{-3} < \Delta m^2 < 4$ x 10^{-3} eV² (90% c.l.),

If LMA, KamLAND will see anti- v_e disappearant If LOW, BOREXINO will see strong deficit N.B. Fit assumes all experiments right, all uncertainties correctly evaluated We need redundancy

 $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} > 0.88$



Neutrino masses from beta decay

"Mass" is a property of a stationary state: $_e$, or $_{\mu}$, or $_{\tau}$ "mass" is improper

Its meaning depends on what and how one measures Example: Tritium decay ${}^{3}H$ ${}^{3}He + e^{-} + \frac{1}{e}$

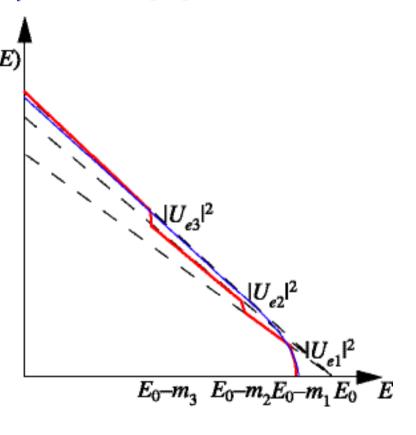
In practice (even in principle for reasonable measure time) the different "steps" are not resolved (blu curve)

$$< m_{ve}^2 > = |U_{e1}|^2 m_1^2 + |U_{e2}|^2 m_2^2 + |U_{e3}|^2 m_3^2$$

From solar oscill. & CHOOZ

$$< m_{ve}^2 > (0.7 - 0.5)m_1^2 + (0.3 - 0.5)m_2^2$$

 $< m_{ve} > < 2.2$ eV from Mainz experiment Troitsk experiment has similar limit, but with a non understood systematic effect



FUTURE: KATRIN

New spectrometer for tritium β decay, planned to push the limit to $\langle m_{\nu e} \rangle < 300~{\rm meV}$

Cosmology will become sensitive to the 100 meV scale after the next turn of measurements (mainly SDSS)

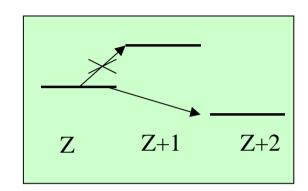
Majorana masses of electron neutrinos

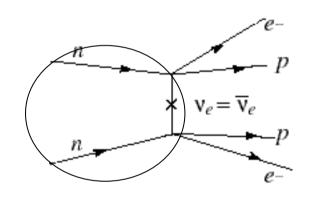
SM neutrinos are massless, described by a 2-component (left) spinor If lepton number is not conserved and if neutrinos are massive (chirality is frame dependent)

$$\mathbf{v}_e^C = \mathbf{v}_e$$
 Majorana neutrino

$$M_{ee}^{M} = \mid\mid U_{e1}\mid^{2} m_{1} + \mid U_{e2}\mid^{2} e^{2i\alpha_{12}} m_{2} + \mid U_{e3}\mid^{2} e^{2i\alpha_{13}} m_{3}\mid$$

Measure O lifetimes





Cancellations are possible

Best limits: $M_{ee}^{M} < 270 h$ meV (Heidelberg-Moscow at LNGS) and similar from IGEX

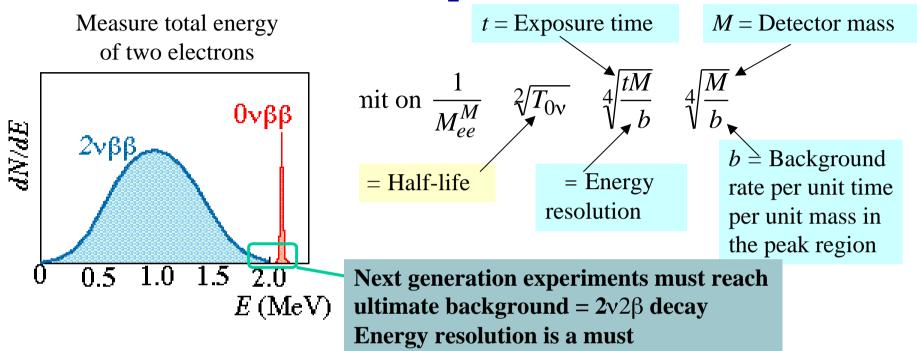
 $h = M_{\odot}/M$ uncertainty in nuclear matrix element: factor 2-3

Expected M_{ee}^{M} minimum value depends on the mass spectrum and mixing angles "Reasonable" values are a few tens mey

Even an upper limit M^{M}_{ee} of a few 10 meV can provide info on the type of mass spectrum Discovery @ 200 meV level combined with KATRIN might establish CP violation in lepton sector

Pascoli and Petkov hep-ph/020522

How to improve limits



Progress requires increase the sensitive mass <u>and</u> decrease the background per unit mass <u>without</u> compromising on energy resolution.

To gain <u>one order of magnitude</u> in neutrino mass increase by <u>two orders of magnitude</u> sensitive mass decrease by <u>two orders of magnitude</u> background

Theoretical effort needed to reduce the uncertainty on nuclear matrix elements for ⁷⁶Ge, ¹³⁰Te, etc., even if difficult. Factor 3 uncertainty corresponds to a factor 100 in detector mass Which further experimental input is needed?

LNGS program

Heidelberg-Moscow

Technique: Enriched ⁷⁶Ge detect. $b = 0.17 \pm 0.01 \text{ ev/(kg keV y)}$ without pulse shape analysis Limit: M_{ee} <270 meV (best) Exposure: 46.5 kg kg y

GENIUS-TF

Test facility for GENIUS With the present HM Ge and $b = 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ ev/(kg keV y)}$ M_{ee} <100 meV in 6 years **Status. Approved**

GENIUS

Naked enriched Ge crystals in LN₂ $b = 3x10^{-4} \text{ ev/(kg keV yr)})$ Sensitive mass: 1000 kg ⁷⁶Ge $M_{ee} < 20-30 \text{ meV}$ **Status. Experimental tests** requested (GENIUS-TF)

MIBETA (Milan)

Technique: natural TeO₂ **bolometers** ($^{130}\text{Te} = 34\%$)

 130 Te mass = 2.3 kg

b = 0.5 ev/(kg keV yr)

Limit: M_{ee} < 2 eV (2nd best)

CUORICINO (expected)

Sensitive 130 Te mass = 14.3 kg b = 0.02 - 0.05 ev/(kg keV yr)

Limit: $M_{\rho\rho} < 200-400 \text{ meV}$

Status. Approved

CUORE propos. (expecte

 130 Te mass = 250 kg

 $b = 2x10^{-3} \text{ ev/(kg keV yr)}$

Limit: M_{ee} < 50 meV





@ sensitivity level of a few 10 meV neutrino effective mass will likely appear Reminder: $2v2\beta$ decay must be distingushed from $0v2\beta$ decay

The struggle for background reduction

Neutrino masses from cosmology

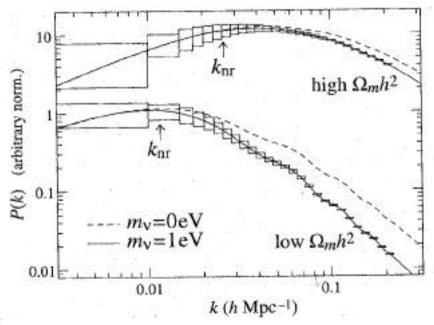
The number densities of the three neutrino states are independent on their masses Limits on neutrino mass density gives a limit on the sum of neutrino masses Present best limit $\sum m_i < 1.8 \text{ eV} \implies m_1, m_2, m_3 < 600 \text{ meV}$

(Ø- Elgaroy et al. astro-ph/0204152 v3, 2002)

Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) expected to measure the spectrum at 1% accuracy. Variations of other cosmological parameters give effect similar to neutrino masses

Combine with other precision measurements. Mainly CMB

Get limit (or evidence) on neutrino masses (Hu, Eisenstein and Tegmark, Phys. Rev. Lett. 80 (1998) 5255)



Discovery limit @ $2 \sigma = \sum m_i = 300 \text{ meV}$

50% uncertainty due to poor knowledge of other parameters

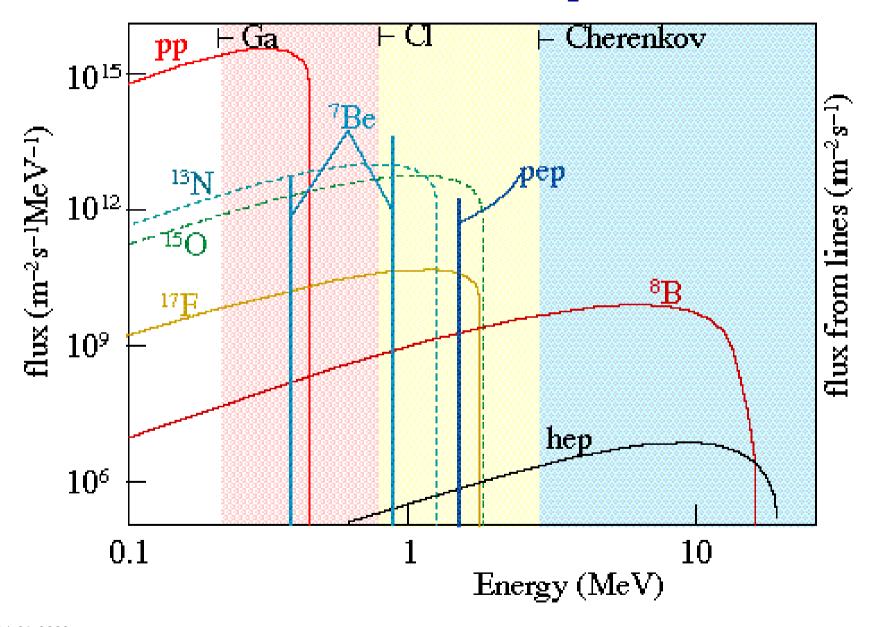
Standard Cosmology may become a sound Theory

Need $\sum m_i = 60$ meV sensitivity to reach atmospheric oscillation lower bound

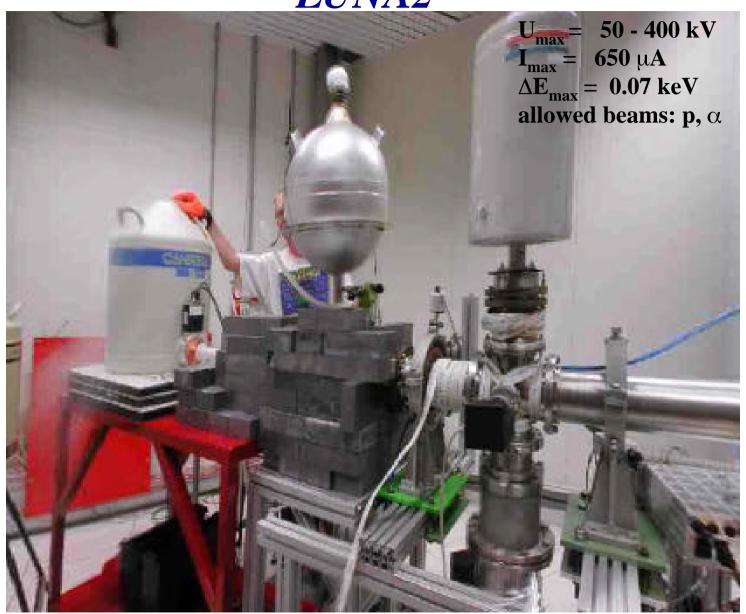
high: $_{\rm m}=1$, h=0.5; low: $_{\rm m}=0.2$, h=0.65

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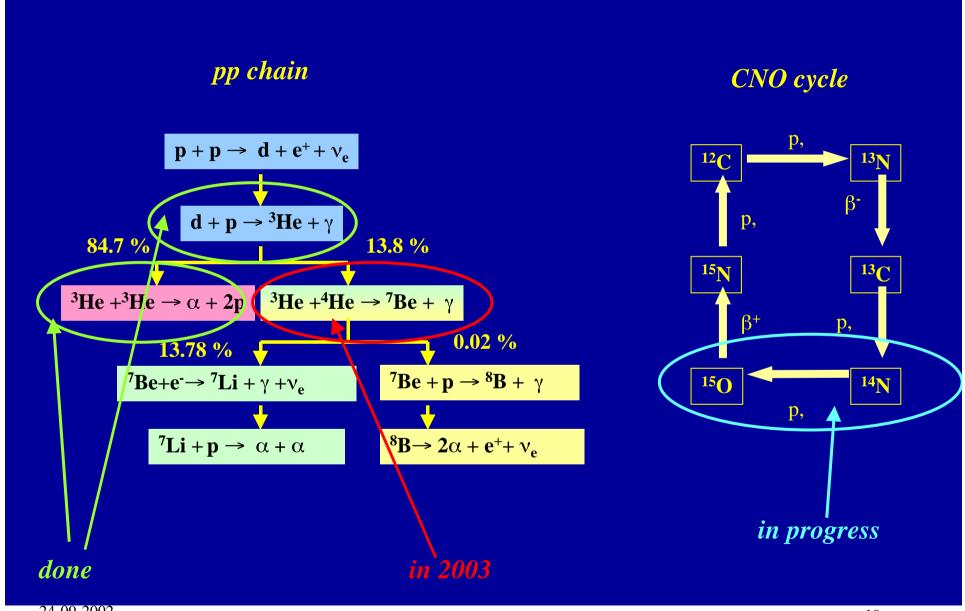
Solar electron-neutrino spectrum





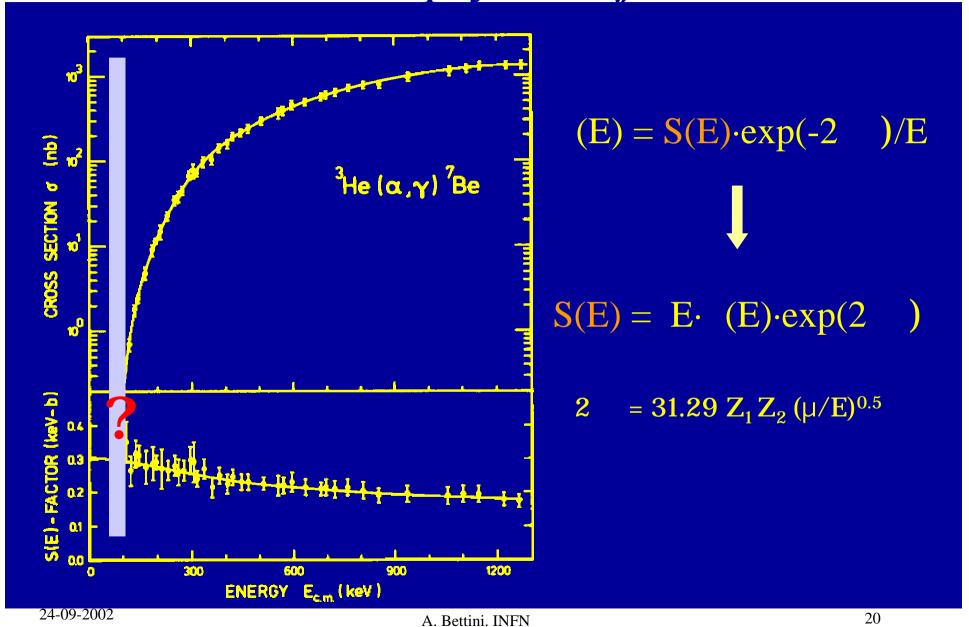


LUNA scientific program

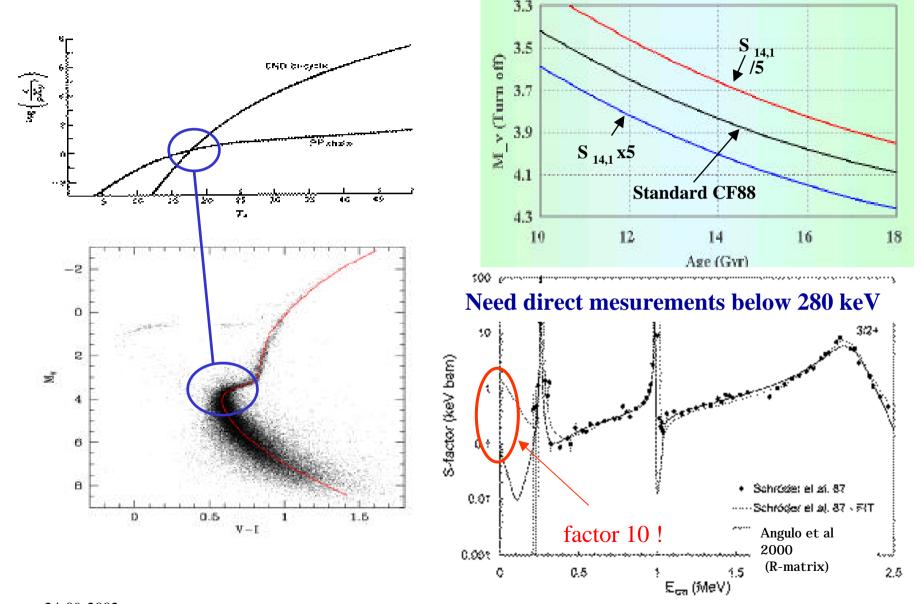


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The astrophysical S-factor

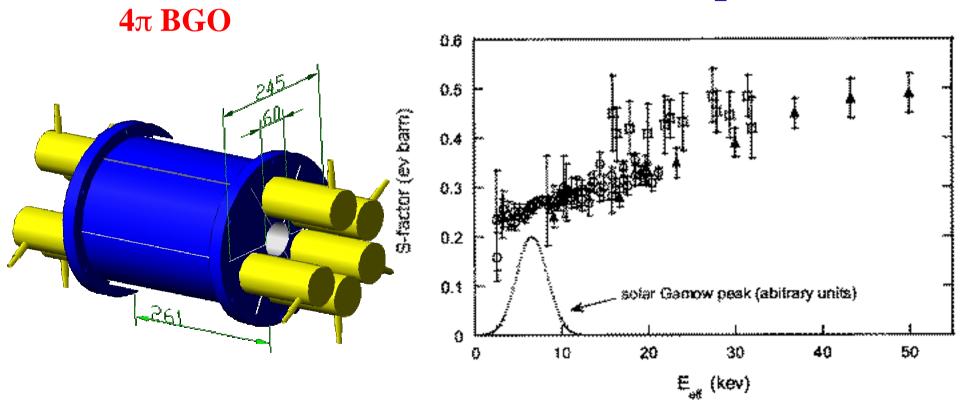


•14 $N(p,\gamma)$ 15O, Chronometer of Universe age



$D(p,\gamma)^3He$, below the Gamow peak





Continuously collect data for a long period

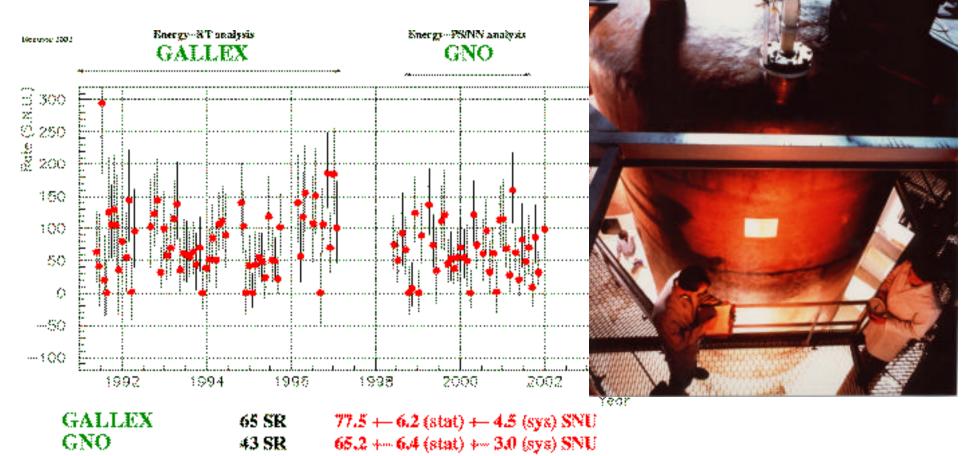
Better low background (cryogenic) detectors efficiency)

Target: bring uncertainty below 5%. Reached 4.6%

A further source calibration foreseen

Then decide on continuation or else

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GNO+GALLEX

70.8 +- 4.5 (stat) +- 3.8 (sys) SNU

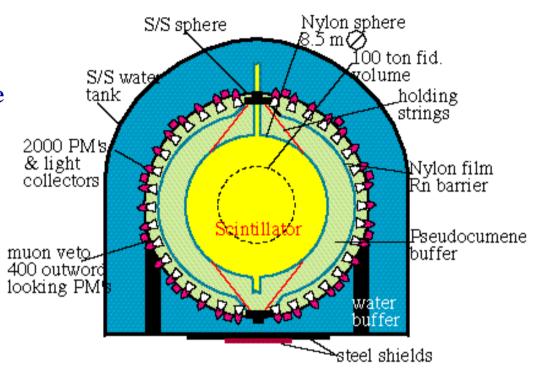
BOREXINO

Real time neutrino (all flavours) detector Threshold E > 0.4 MeV

Measure mono-energetic (0.86 MeV) **7Be** neutrino flux

Very sensitive to δm^2 and θ_{12} 40 ev/d if SSM

Physics run in 2003



300 t liquid scintillator (PC + PPO) in a nylon bag

Innermost 100 t: fiducial volume

S/S sphere, 13.7 m diam. Supports the PMs & optical concentrators

Space inside the sphere contains purified PC

Second nylon bag (11 m diam.) to block radon

Purified water outside the S/S sphere (18 m diam., 16.9 m height)

The SS Sphere

Scintillator purification (H₂O extraction and Si-gel column)

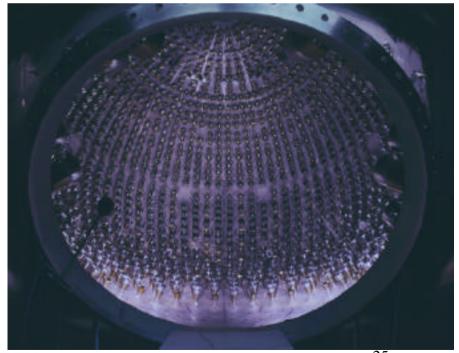
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Requirements (g/g)		Achieved (g/g)
Cd	3.10-8	$< 8.10^{-15}$
In	3.10-11	$< 1.10^{-13}$
La	1.10^{-11}	$< 4.10^{-16}$
Lu	4.10^{-14}	$< 4.10^{-16}$
K	8.10^{-14}	$< 6.10^{-12}$
Rb	3.10^{-13}	$< 1.10^{-13}$
Th	2.10^{-15}	$< 2.10^{-16}$
U	1.10-16	$< 1.10^{-17}$



Expected background in 100 t fiducial volume in the ⁷Be region = 0.4 counts/d. Signal is 50 counts/day if SSM Schedule

Start of filling Autumn 2002 Start of data taking January 2003

Delayed by wrong manouvres resulted in PC spill in the environment

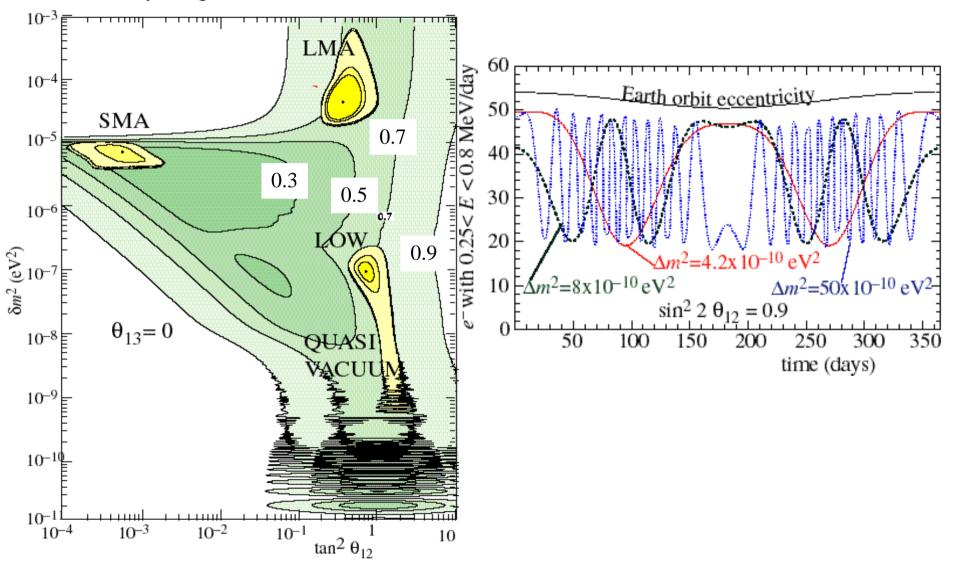


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BOREXINO and Solar solutions

Yearly averaged rates as fractions of SSM



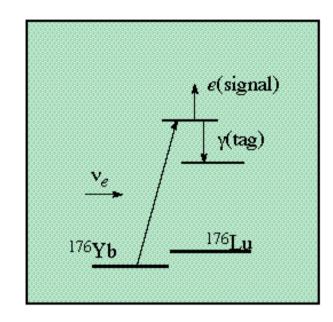
LENS proposal

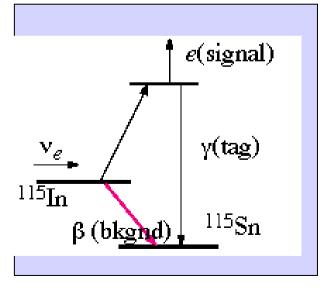
Prove oscillations with a single experiment
Detrmine solution with a single experiment
sensitivity to the low energy (pp) neutrinos in real time
flavour sensitivity
source sensitivity (pp. ⁷Be, ⁸B)

YbLS technique Threshold $E_{\gamma} = 301 \text{ keV}$ pp 200 ev/20 t * y Be 280 ev/20 t * y

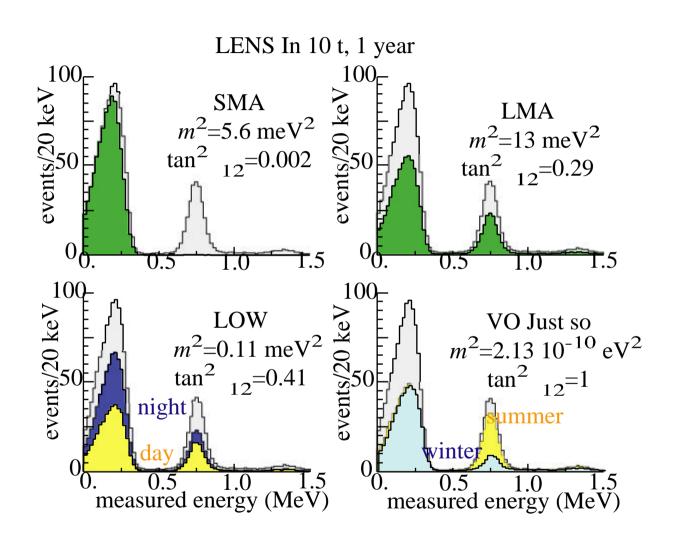
R&D is necessary on liquid scintillator stability radiopurity calibration sources

Return to In as a consequence of the YbLS techniques development





LENS potentiality



CNGS. CERN to Gran Sasso Neutrino Project

Beam energy p 400 GeV CCv_{μ} inter/kt*yr 2630 v_{τ} inter/kt*yr 15 @ full mixing and $m^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ Further optimisation (> 1.5) possible Ready in spring 2006

Produce τ's via CC interactions

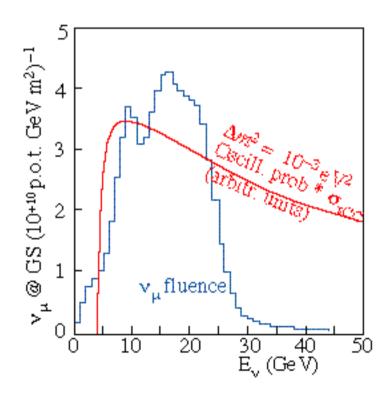
$$v_{\tau} + N \quad \tau^- + X$$

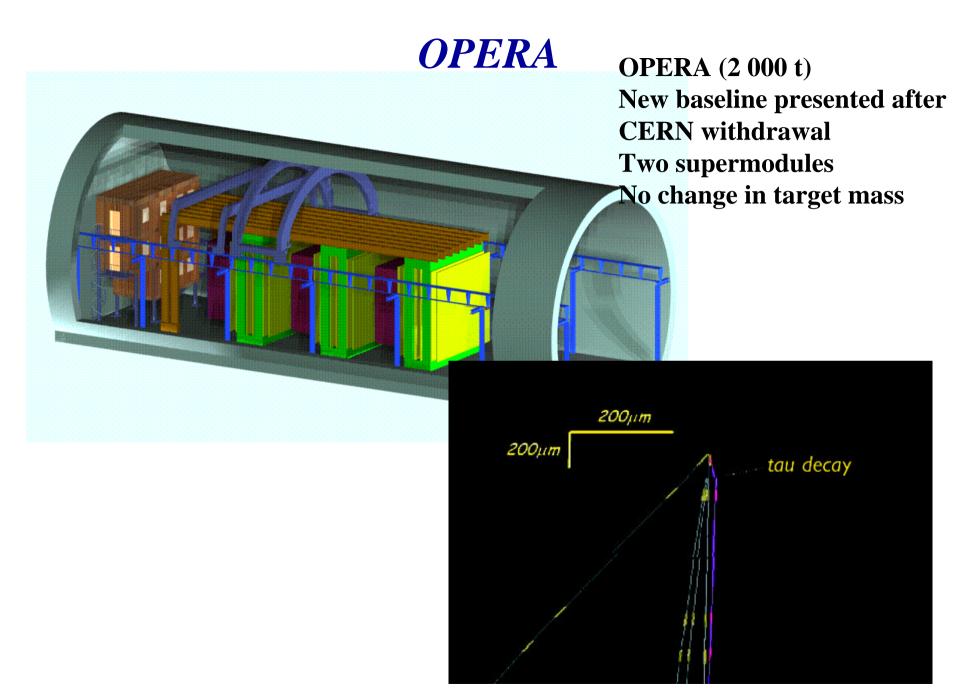
Detect τ^- through its charged decay products

$$\mu^{-} \nu_{\tau} \nu_{\tau}$$
 $h^{-} \nu_{\tau} n \pi^{O}$
 $h^{-} \nu_{\tau} \nu_{e}$
 $\pi^{+} \pi^{-} \pi^{+} n \pi^{O}$
 18%
 18%

Beam and experiments optimised for τ appearance

Complementary to K2K and NUMI+MINOS

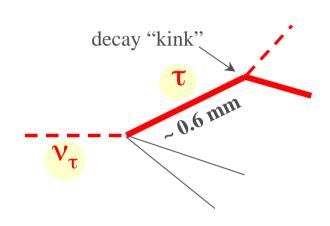




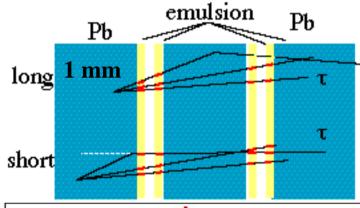
Identify \(\tau(Heavy) Leptons by decay \) topology

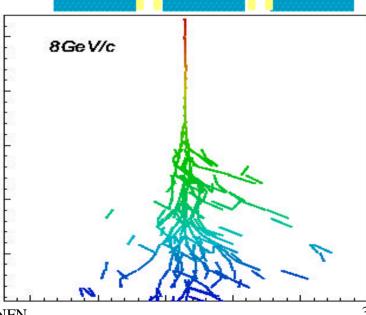
- ν oscillation \rightarrow massive target
- ν decay topology \rightarrow micron resolution

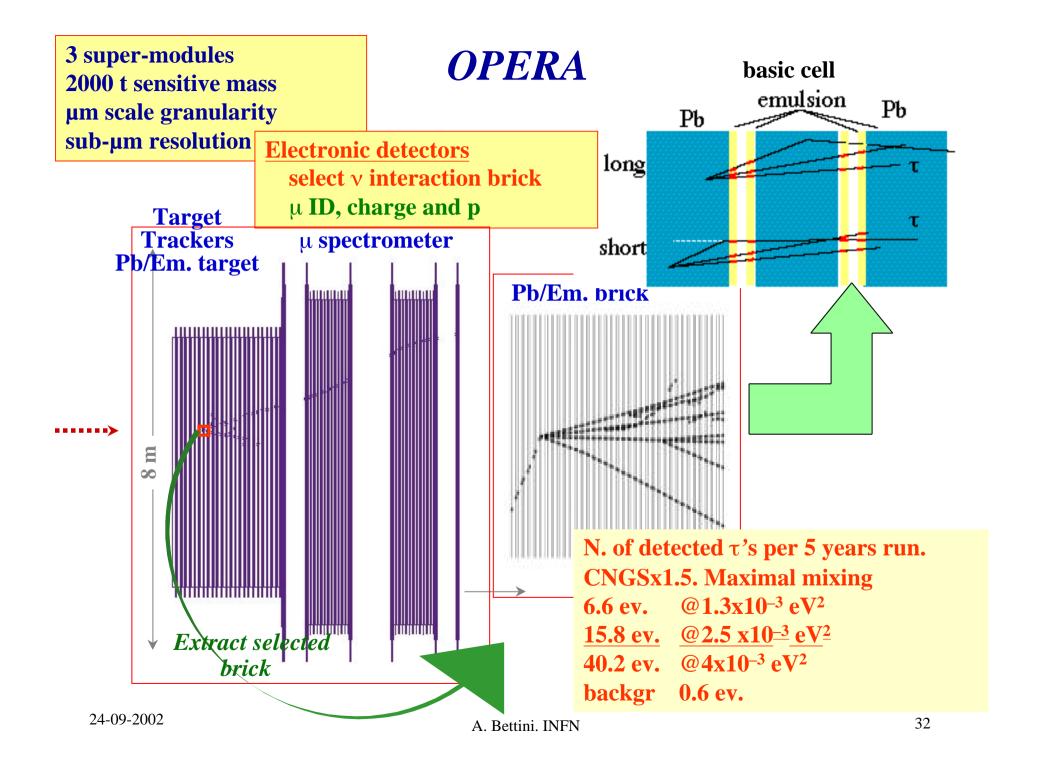
Lead – nuclear emulsion sandwich "Emulsion Cloud Chamber" (ECC)



- •electron detection for $\tau \rightarrow e$ decays and search for ν_{μ} - ν_{e} appearance
- •momentum measurement by multiple scatterin







ICARUS T3000 proposal

First Unit T600 + Auxiliary Equipment T1200 Unit (two T600 superimposed) T1200 Unit (two T600 superimposed)

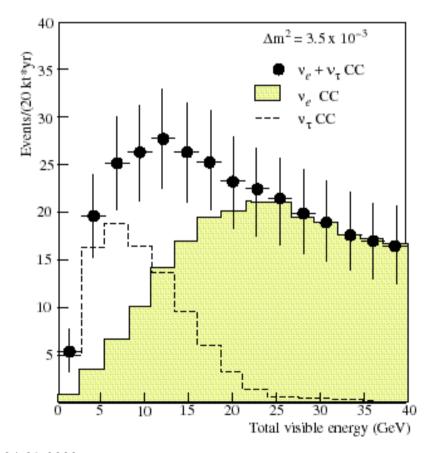


First half of T600 module successfully operated in Pavia Power dissipation problems being takled Risk anlysis under way Expect to install T600 early 2003 T3000 detector proposed as a series of five T600 modules Proposed to be operational by summer 2005

- •Wide physics program
 - and e appearance on CNGS
 - atmospheric neutrinos
 - supernova neutrinos
 - solar neutrinos
 - proton decay

ICARUS T3000 on CNGS

Tau detected mainly through electronic channel, selected mainly on the basis of visibile energy



Discriminate signal from background using likelihood function based on kinematical variables
Strong reduction of background

 $m^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ Maximum mixing

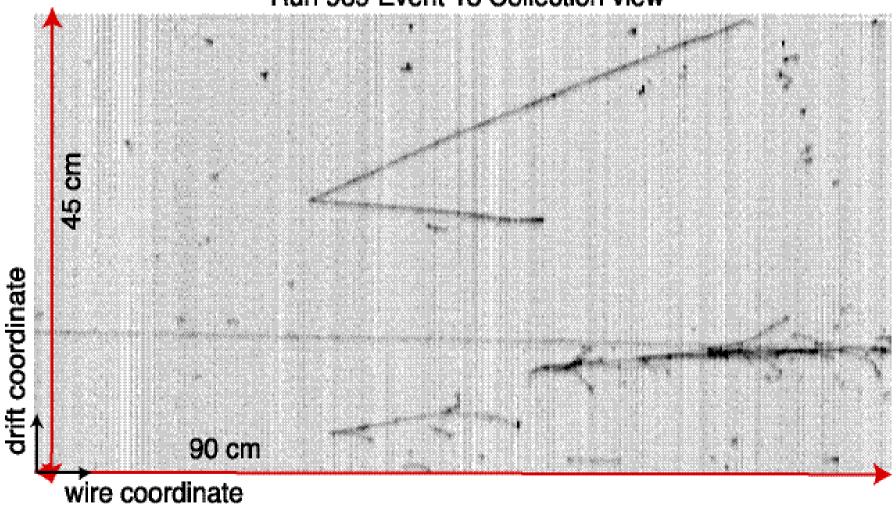
Exposure = 15 kt*y
(5 x 600 t modules x 5 years)

After kinematic cuts $\tau \Rightarrow e \qquad 9 \text{ events}$ $\tau \Rightarrow h \qquad 3 \text{ events}$ Backgr 0.7 events

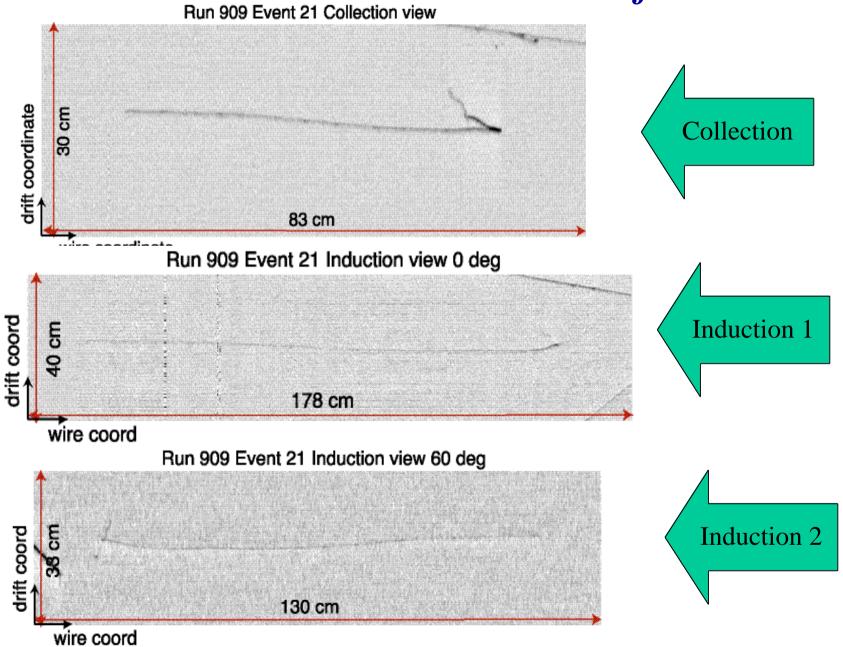
If no signal of $_{\rm e}$ appearance with 20 kt*yr (8 years) exposure push CHOOZ limit on $|U_{e3}|^2$ θ_{13}^2 ______5

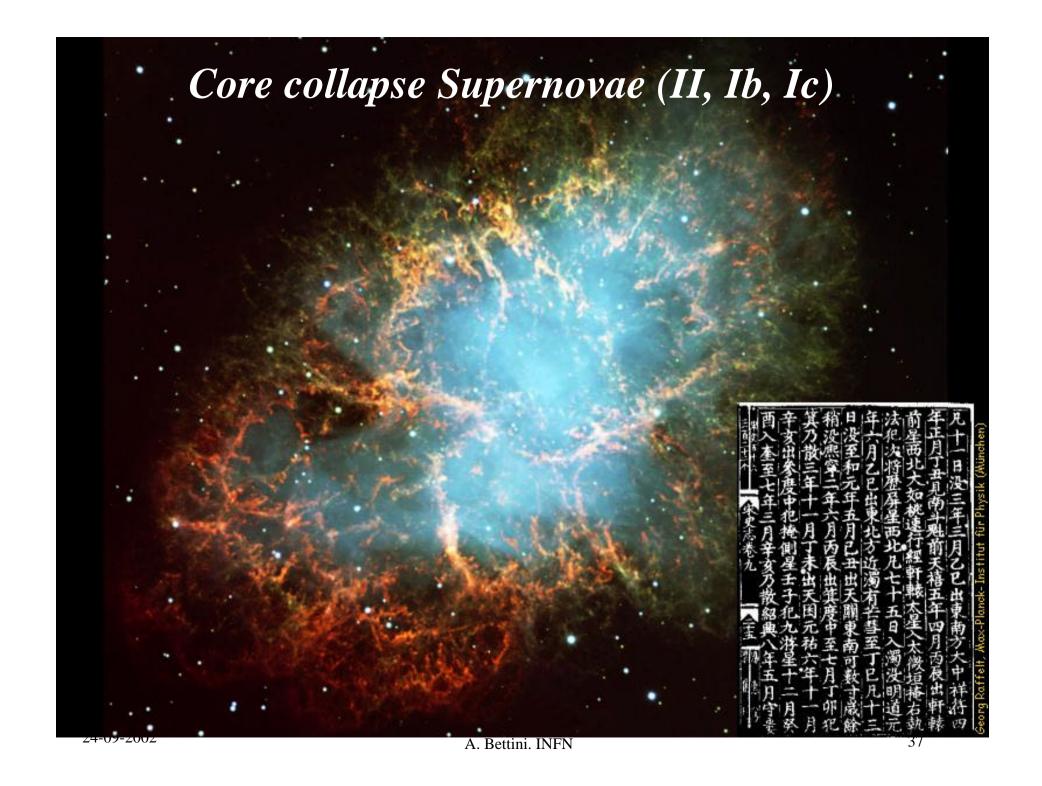
A V⁰ candidate from T600





Three coordinate read-out of T600





Core collapse Supernovae

- Evolution of massive stars, which have lost Hydrogen may lead to the collapse of the core.
- Neutrino signal detectable only for SN in our Galaxy or Magellanian Clouds
 - 2 4 events/century expected in our Galaxy. Plan for multidecennial observations
- •Neutrinos of all flavours are produced in the core
- v_e <E> about 12 MeV. v_u and v_τ <E> about 20 MeV, with large uncertainties
- •Change flavour in the mantle via MSW mechanism
 - depending on mixing and mass-spectrum

Flavour conversions not important for SN physics (matter potential too small)

- •Early worning of neutrino burst important for astronomical observations with different messangers (light curve, Gravitational Waves)
- •SNEWS = Supernova Early Worning System
 - •LVD, SNO, SuperK, in future: Kamland, BOREXINO

•No information on neutrino masses

Mass eigenstates v_1, v_2 and v_3 (not $v_e, v_\mu e v$) propagate from SN in vacuum

•The flux of a flavour measured on Earth may be very different from that produced in the Supernova core

Detection of a delay for neutrinos of a flavour does not give a limit on the "mass" of that flavour (as still claimed by some experimental proposal)



Mainly sensitive to $\overline{v_e}$ **Expected counts for a collapse in the** centre of Galaxy (8.5 kpc)

$$\overline{v}_e + p = n + e^+ = 300$$
- 600 evts

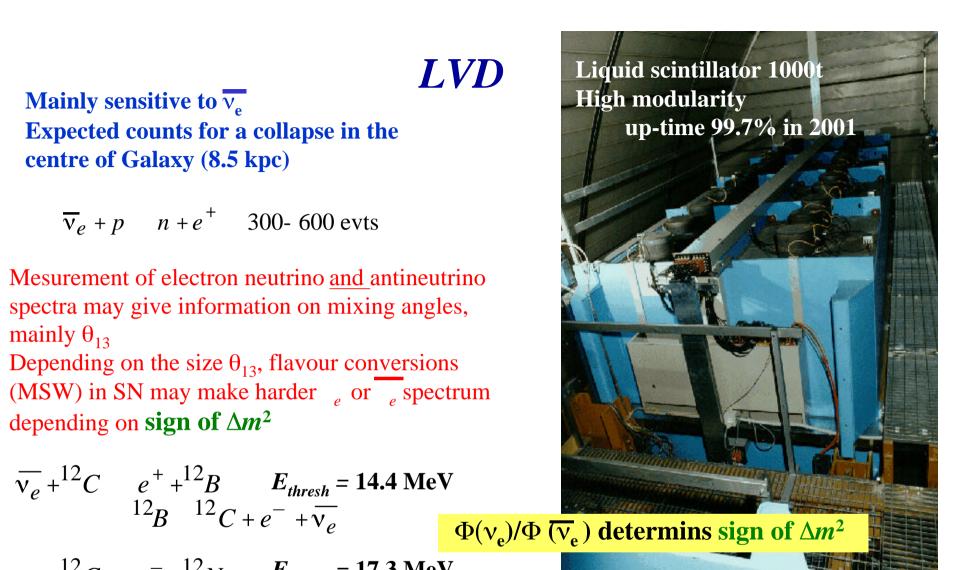
Mesurement of electron neutrino and antineutrino spectra may give information on mixing angles, mainly θ_{13}

Depending on the size θ_{13} , flavour conversions (MSW) in SN may make harder or spectrum depending on sign of Δm^2

$$\overline{v_e} + {}^{12}C$$
 $e^+ + {}^{12}B$ $E_{thresh} = 14.4 \text{ MeV}$
 ${}^{12}B$ ${}^{12}C + e^- + \overline{v_e}$

$$v_e + {}^{12}C$$
 $e^- + {}^{12}N$ $E_{thresh} = 17.3 \text{ MeV}$
 ${}^{12}N$ ${}^{12}C + e^+ + v_e$

$$v_x + {}^{12}C$$
 $v_x + {}^{12}C^*$ $E_{thresh} = 15.1 \text{ MeV}$ ${}^{12}C^*$ ${}^{12}C + \gamma$



Indipendent on oscillations

Conclusions

- New neutrino physics
 - Discover physics beyond the Standard Model
 - A route towards the extremely high energy
 - Neutrino masses <<< quark masses. Different mechanism?
 - Neutrino mixing ≠≠≠ quark mixing. Different mechanism?
 - Majorana mass
 - See-saw, p-decay probably close
 - Fundamental overlap with cosmology and astrophysics
- New underground experiments
 - Measure the mass-eigenstate mixing in the lepton sector
 - **Measure** neutrino masses
 - Look for cold dark matter
- Experimental ingenuity will give strong rewards
- More theoretical effort needed in different sectors

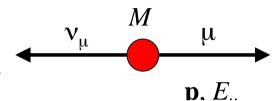
Pion decay spectrum

Suppose neutrinos were two, v_1 and v_2 , with masses m_1 and m_2 Suppose v_{μ} and v_{τ} were maximum mixings of v_1 and v_2

$$v_{\mu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(v_1 + v_2 \right)$$

$$v_{\tau} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(v_1 - v_2 \right)$$

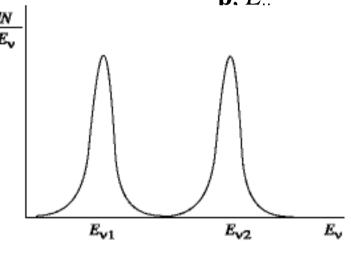
Consider the decay of a meson of mass M into a μ and a ν_{μ} To determine neutrino mass(ess), we measure neutrino energy E_{ν}



We should find a dichromatic spectrum corresponding to the two masses m_1 and m_2

We can now tag a sample of v_1 for example

$$v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(v_{\mu} + v_{\tau} \right)$$

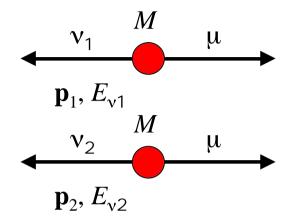


Neutrinos of this sample, hitting a nucleus will produce both μ 's and τ 's with equal probabilities **Absurd?**?

How much energy resolution?

$$E_{\rm V1} = \frac{M^2 + m_1^2}{2M} - \frac{m_{\rm \mu}^2}{2M}$$

$$E_{V2} = \frac{M^2 + m_2^2}{2M} - \frac{m_{\mu}^2}{2M}$$



We need enough energy resolution to measure

In practice
$$E_{v2}$$
 E_{v1} $M/2$

$$E_{v2} - E_{v1} = \frac{m^2}{4E_{v1}}$$

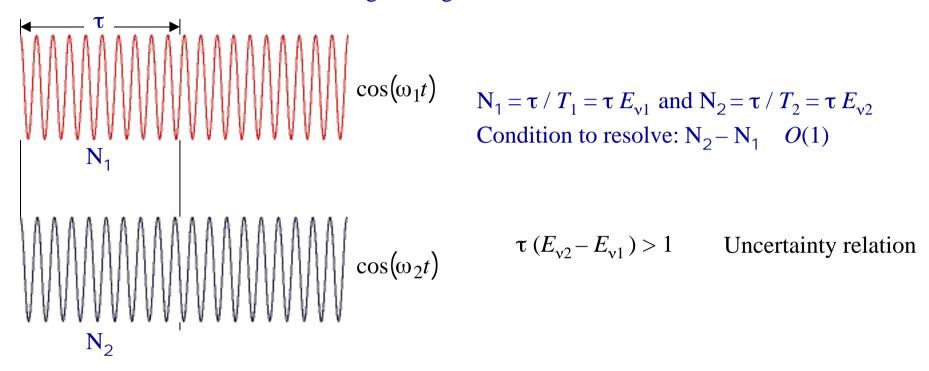
$$E_{V2} - E_{V1} = \frac{m_2^2 - m_1^2}{2M} = \frac{m^2}{2M}$$

The two samples with energy $E_{\rm v1}$ and $E_{\rm v2}$ are monochromatic waves with periods $T_1 = 1/E_{\rm v1}$ and $T_2 = 1/E_{\rm v2}$

Measuring the energies means measuring the two frequencies ($4x10^{23}$ Hz for E = 10 GeV). Gedanke Experiment: Count the crests in a time interval τ

Accurate energy measurement requires time

Count the crests in time interval τ , large enough to see the difference



To resolve the doublet we need a measurement time

$$\tau > \frac{1}{E_{v2} - E_{v1}} \quad \frac{E_v}{m^2}$$

 $\tau = 20 \text{ ms for } m^2 = 2.5 \text{ x } 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \text{ and } E = 10 \text{ GeV}; N_1 \text{ and } N_2 10^{22}$ Need energy resolution of one part in $10^{22}!!$

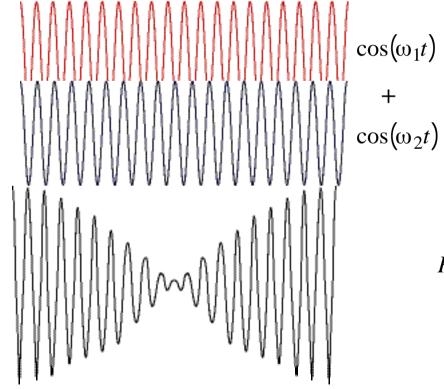
Counting the crests of the wave function

In practice we cannot count the crests of the wave functions N_2 and N_1 , but we do have a way to count the difference $N_2 - N_1$: beat the two waves!

This happens naturally: a pure monoenergetic \mathbf{v}_{α} beam is a dicromatic wave = a coherent superposition of two monocromatic waves of (angular) frequencies ω_1 and ω_2 .

Take τ _____ in which, say $N_2 - N_1 = 1/2$

At this time the two waves, initially in phase, are in phase opposition. If their amplitudes are equal (maximum mixing) the resulting amplitude vanishes.



 $\cos(\omega_1 t)$ $L=E_v / m^2$ is the length (half period) for flavour oscillations

After this time both μ 's and τ 's are produced colliding an originally muon neutrino beam

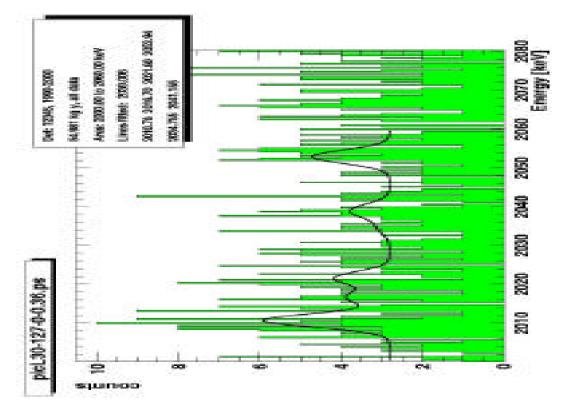
$$P_{\nu\alpha}$$
 $_{\nu\beta} = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 1.27 \ m^2 (\text{eV}^2) \frac{L(\text{km})}{E(\text{GeV})}$

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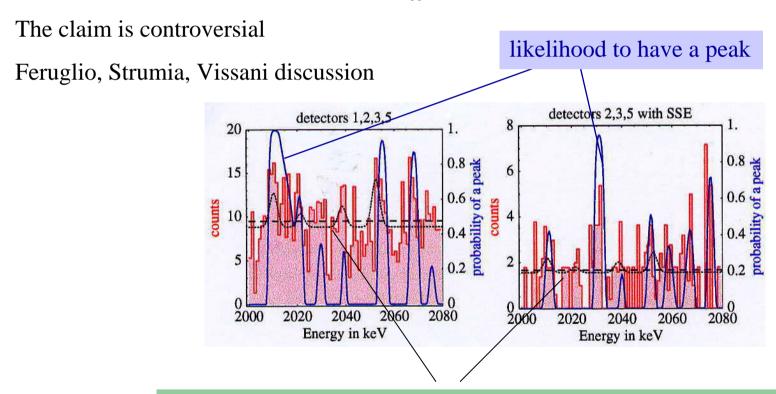
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fit constant background + ²¹⁴Bi lines + 0 2 at 2039 keV statistical significance not compelling, two peaks are not explained