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Seeing the Sun with neutrinos



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Short bio of me @ dingxf.cn



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- Hi! Glad to see u. I study the Sun, the reactor, and AI.
- I love writing [pop science \(in Chinese\)](#), take a look!
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DDL is Jul. 18th, 2024, be hurry.

Experience

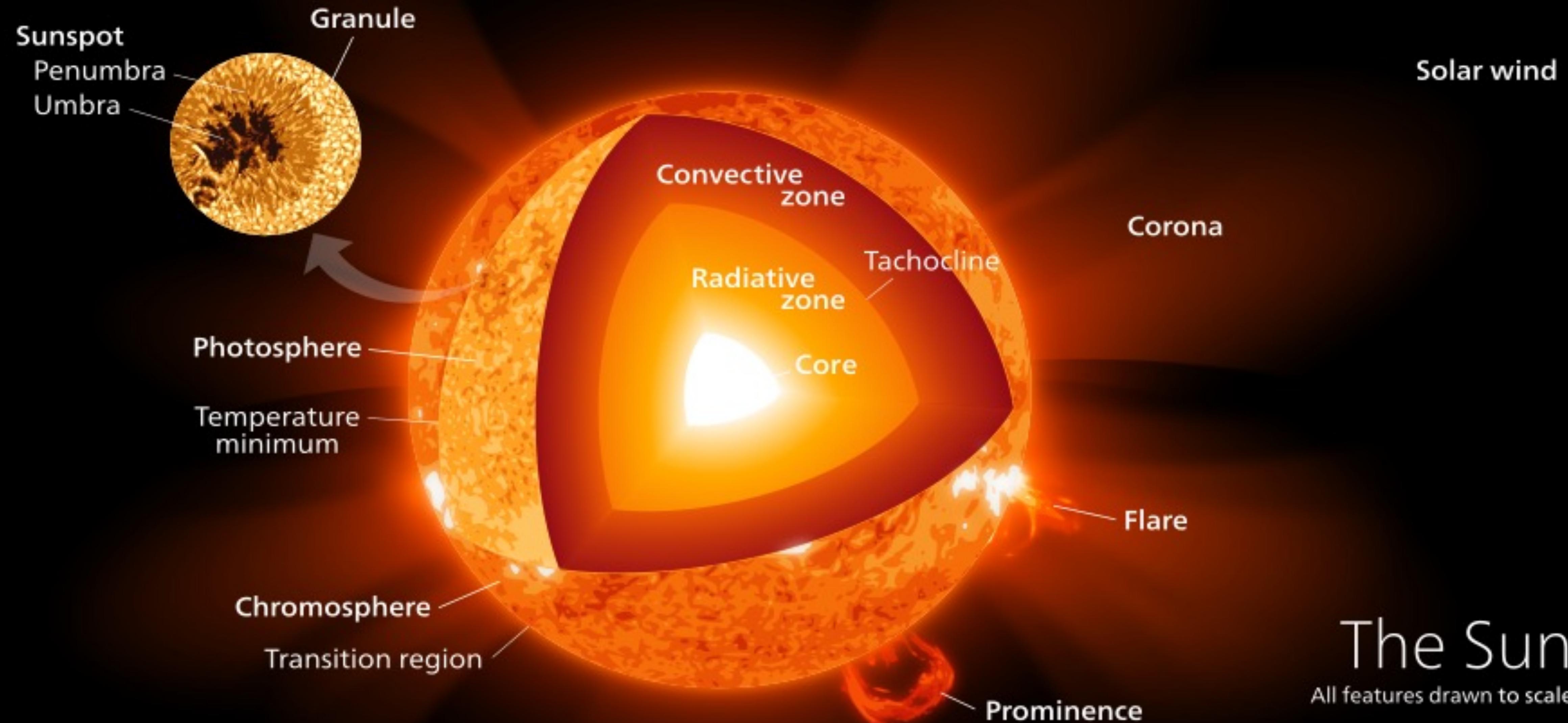
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IHEP-CAS (Beijing)
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Princeton University (Princeton)

Education

- PhD in Astro-particle Physics, 2019
GSSI (L'Aquila) and SISSA (Trieste)
- MSc in Theoretical Physics, 2015
Wuhan University (Wuhan)
- BSc in Physics Base classes, 2012
Wuhan University (Wuhan)

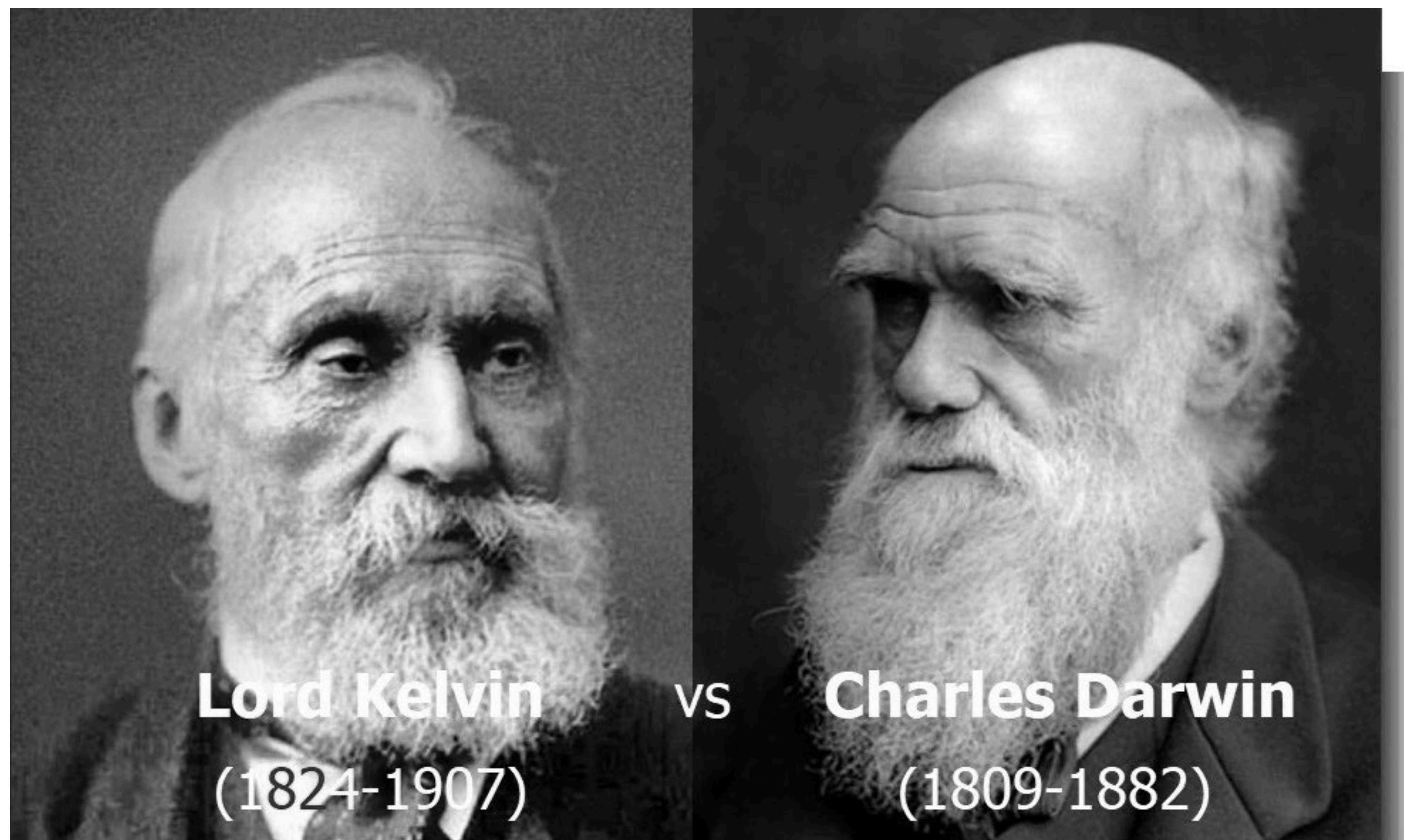
My 17 years 2008-2025

- 2008-2012 Lots of small projects
- 2012-2015 Simulation, optical models, [Daya Bay](#) and [JUNO](#)
- 2015-2019 Measurement of ${}^7\text{Be}$ solar neutrinos, [Borexino](#)
- 2019-2022 Measurement of CNO solar neutrinos, Borexino
- 2023-now JUNO reactor and solar neutrino physics and GasTPC R&D
 - Prepare for the future, and be innovative (and fun) for now.



The Sun
All features drawn to scale

1859 达尔文：太阳寿命>3亿年
1862 开尔文：<3000万年



ON
THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES
BY MEANS OF NATURAL SELECTION,

OR THE
PRESERVATION OF FAVOURED RACES IN THE STRUGGLE
FOR LIFE.

By CHARLES DARWIN, M.A.,

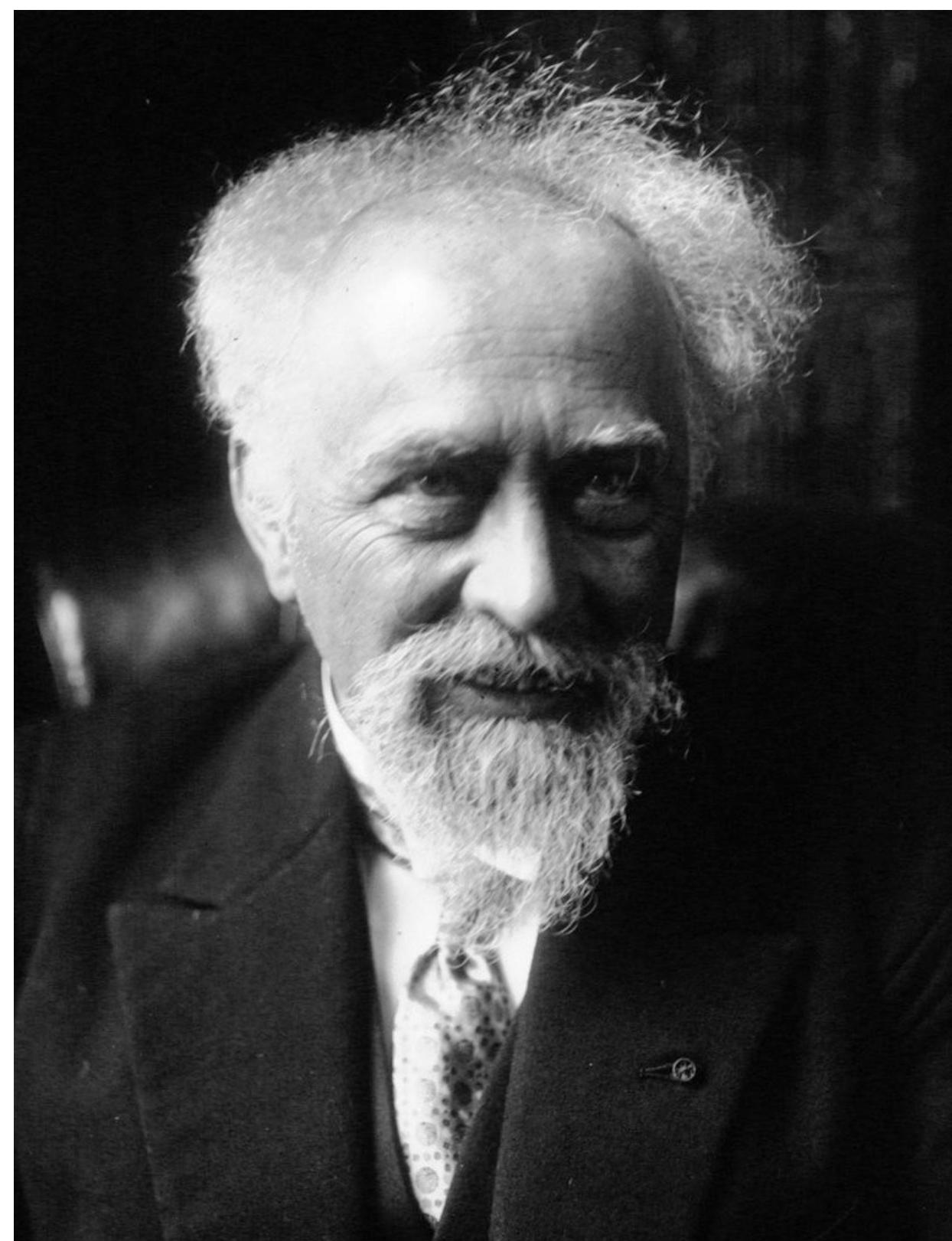
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AUTHOR OF "JOURNAL OF RESEARCHES DURING H. M. S. BEAGLE'S VOYAGE
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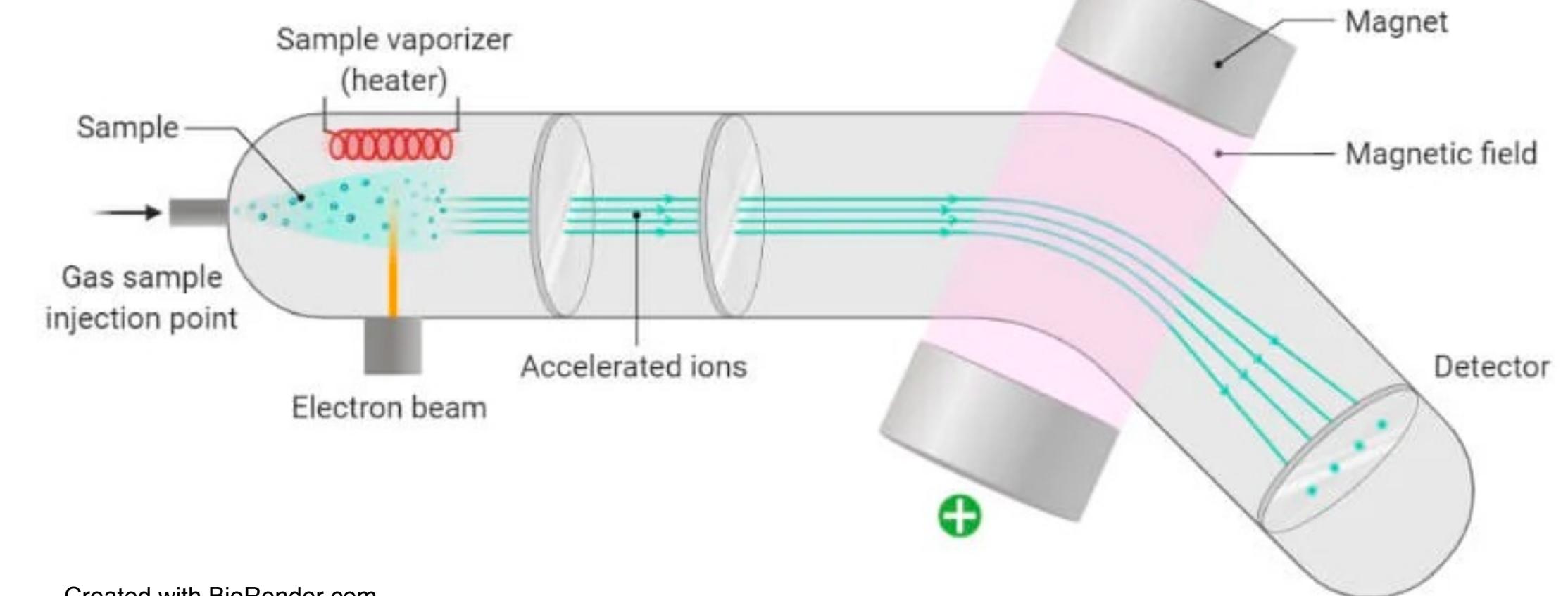
Jean Baptiste Perrin
(1870-1942)



Arthur Eddington
(1882-1944)

1920 太阳能量来自聚变

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The Nobel Prize in Physics 1967

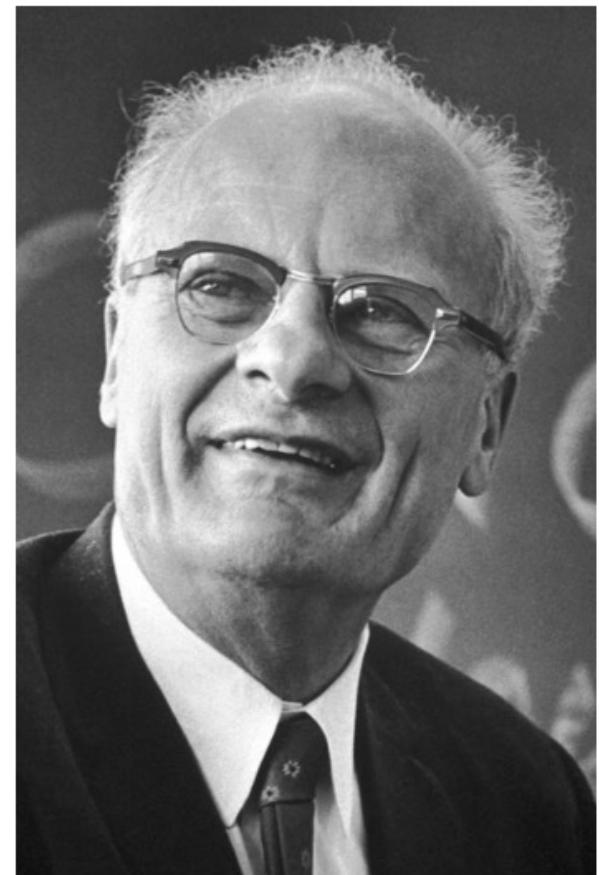
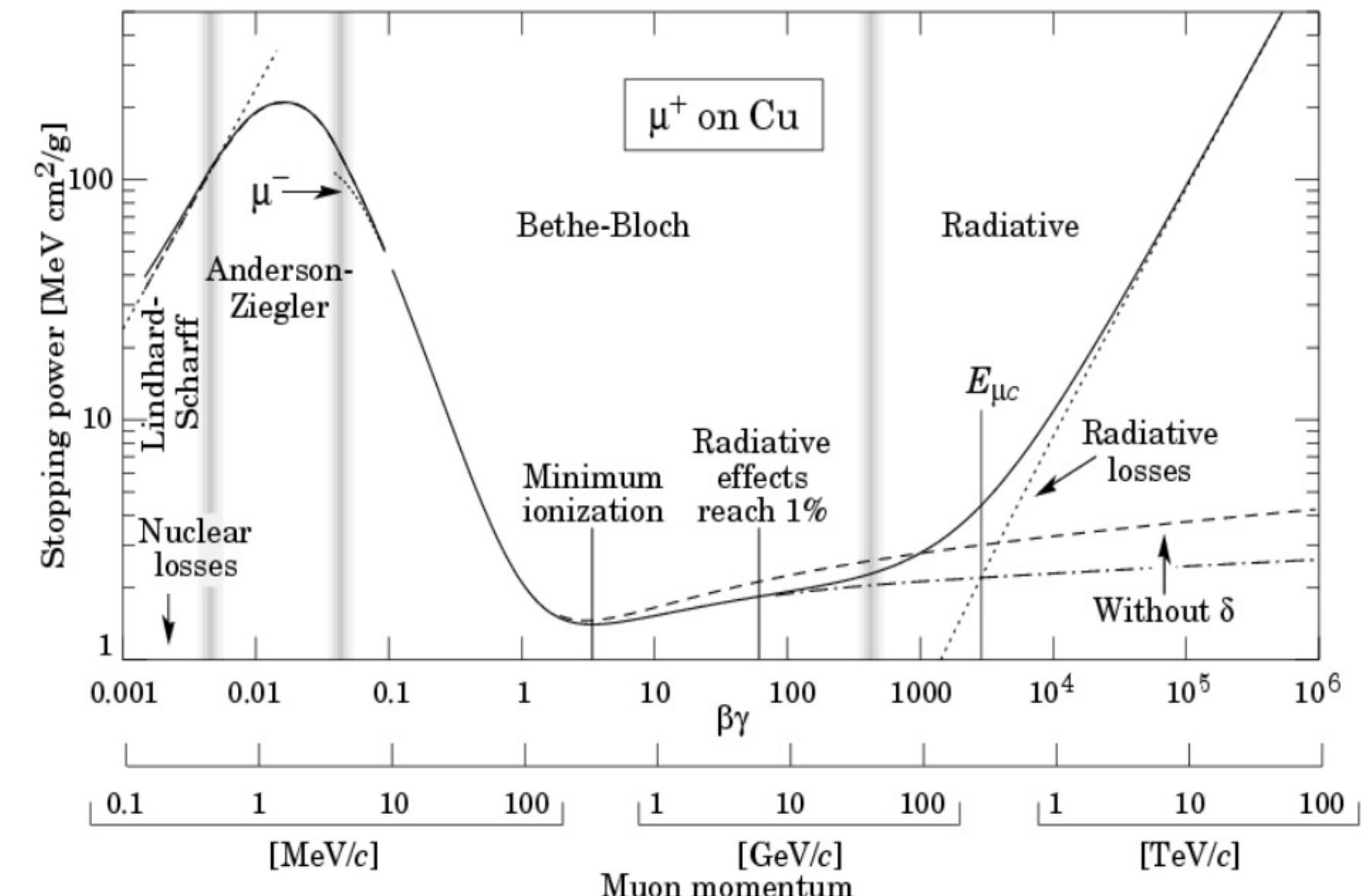


Photo from the Nobel Foundation archive.
Hans Albrecht Bethe
Prize share: 1/1

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1967 was awarded to Hans Albrecht Bethe "for his contributions to the theory of nuclear reactions, especially his discoveries concerning the energy production in stars"



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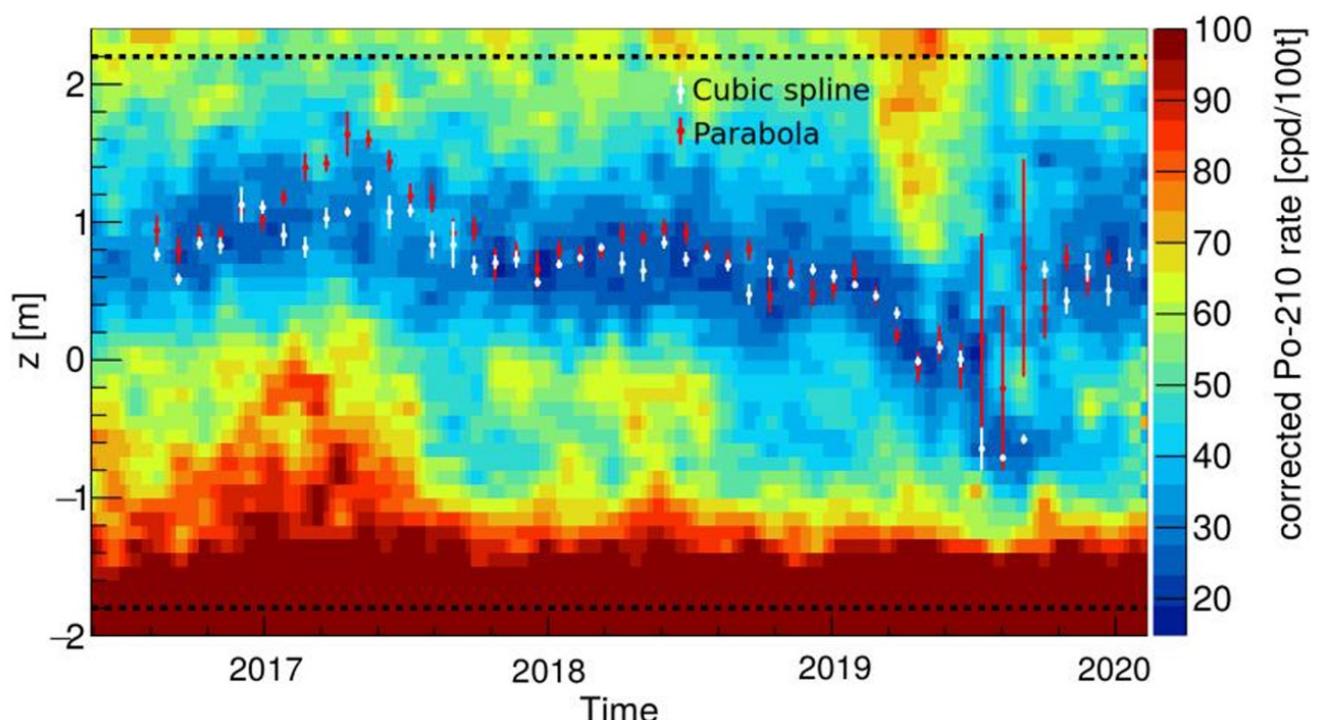
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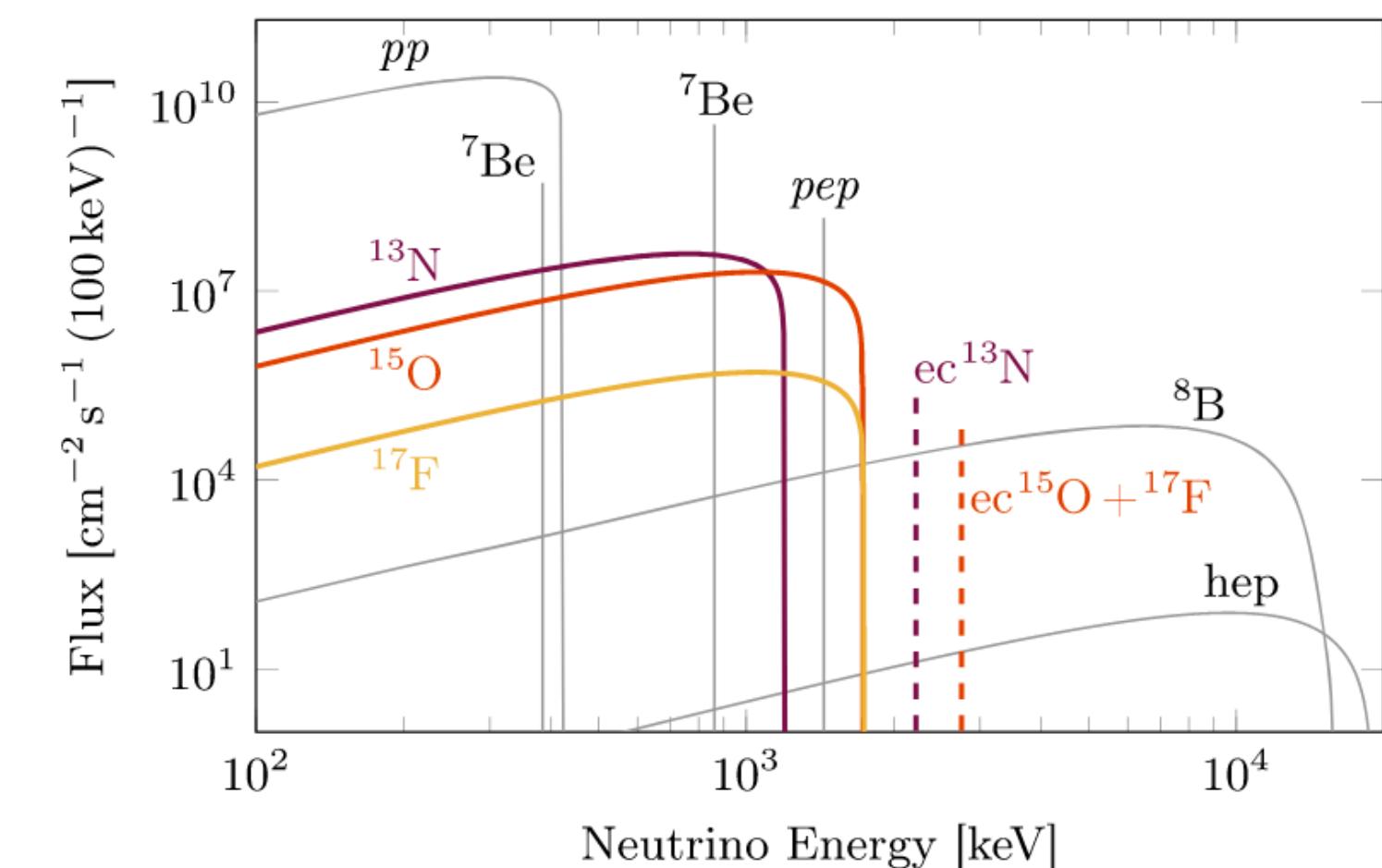
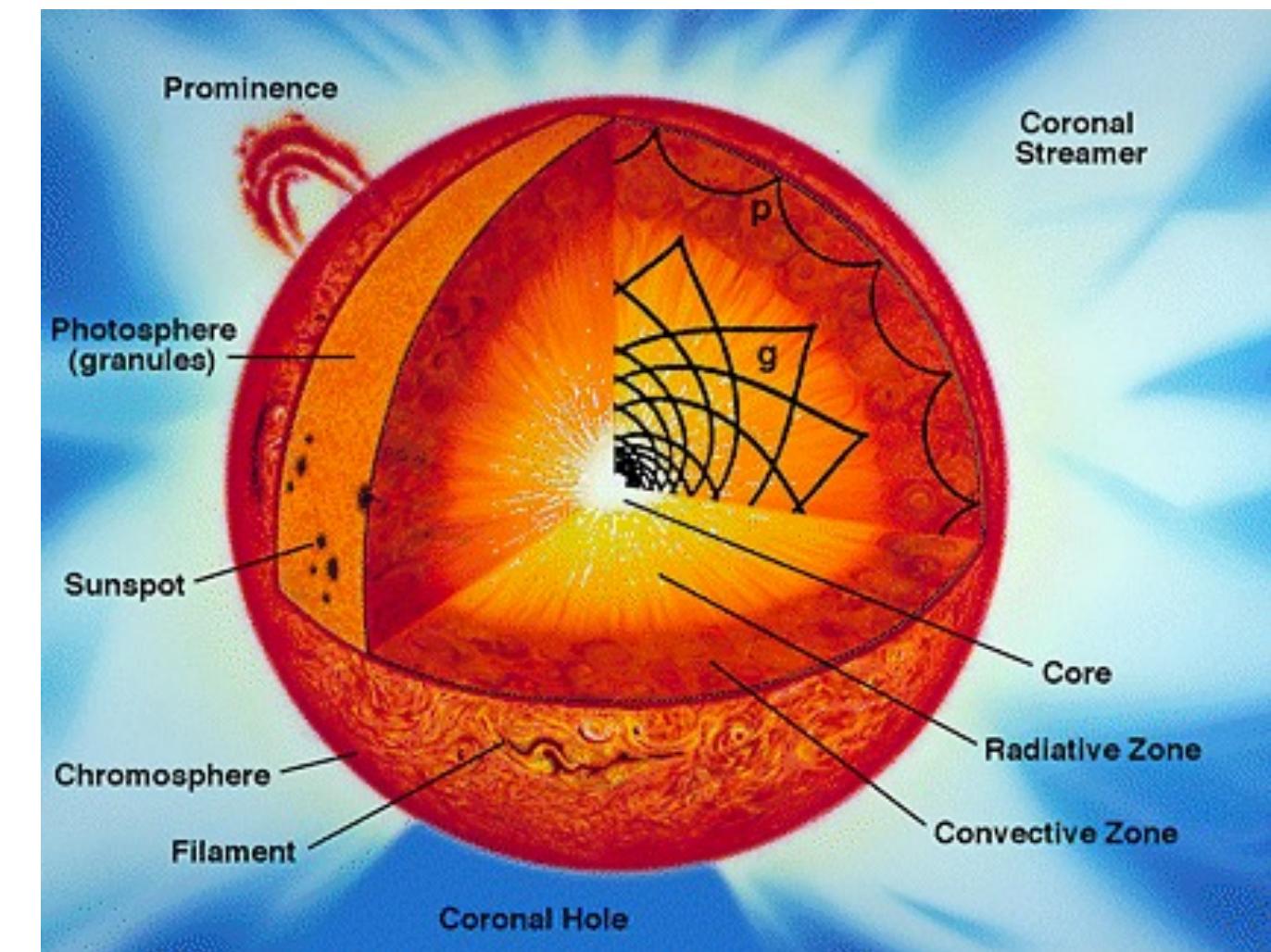
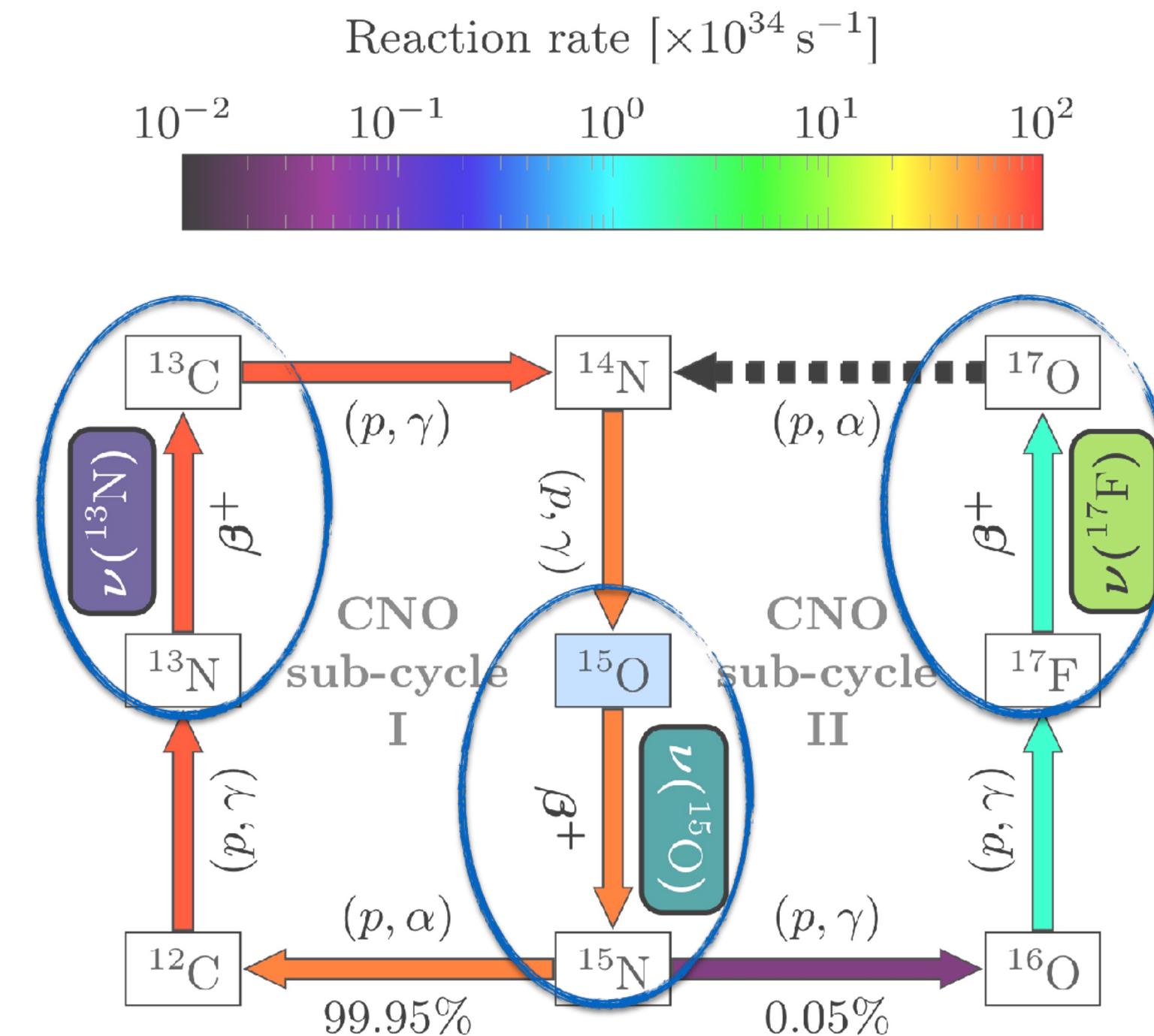
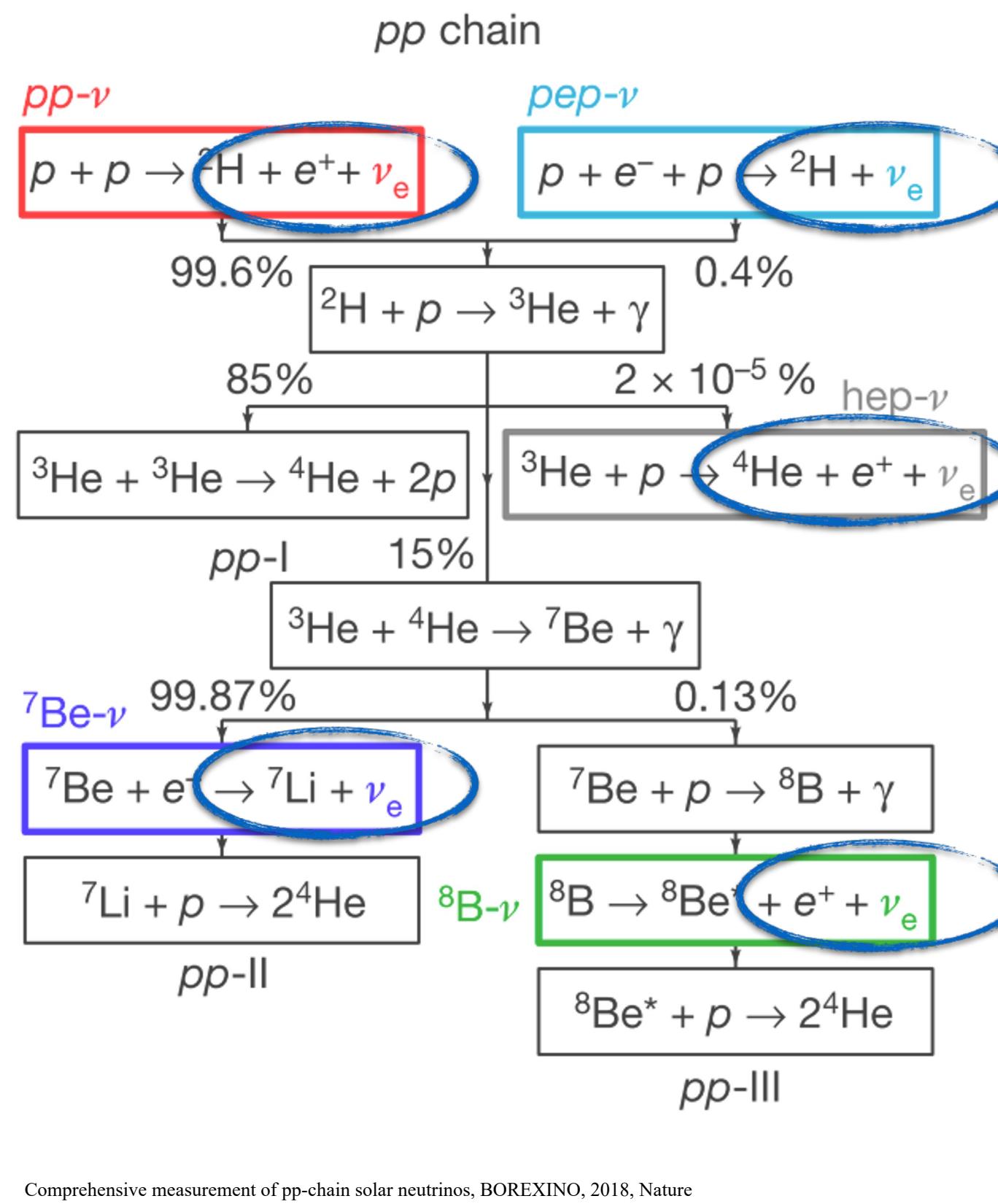
Abstract

For most of their existence, stars are fuelled by nuclear fusion. The Sun's energy proceeds via two processes that are well understood. The proton-proton chain and the carbon-nitrogen-oxygen (CNO) cycle are the dominant energy sources in the solar core. Here we present the complete spectroscopic study of neutrinos from the CNO cycle, based on the corrected Po-210 rate [cpd/100t] over time [2017–2020] and depth [−2 to +2 m].



After *Kristallnacht*, Bethe's mother had become afraid to remain in Germany. Taking advantage of her Strasbourg origin, she was able to emigrate to the United States in June 1939 on the French quota, rather than the German one, which was full.^[61] Bethe's graduate student Robert Marshak noted that the New York Academy of Sciences was offering a \$500 prize for the best unpublished paper on the topic of solar and stellar energy. So Bethe, in need of \$250 to release his mother's furniture, withdrew the CNO cycle paper and sent it in to the New York Academy of Sciences. It won the prize, and Bethe gave Marshak \$50 finder's fee and used \$250 to release his mother's furniture. The paper was subsequently published in the *Physical Review* in March. It was a breakthrough in the understanding of the stars, and would win Bethe the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1967.^{[62][60]} In 2002, at age 96, Bethe sent a handwritten note to John N. Bahcall congratulating him on the use of solar neutrino observations to show that the CNO cycle accounts for approximately 7% of the Sun's energy; the neutrino observations had started with Raymond Davis Jr., whose experiment was based on Bahcall's calculations and encouragement, and the note led to Davis's receiving a share of the 2002 Nobel Prize.^[63]

1930s 质子-质子链与碳氮氧循环过程



- Bethe & Weizsäcker 太阳能源为两种氢核聚变过程
- 聚变过程会放出中微子

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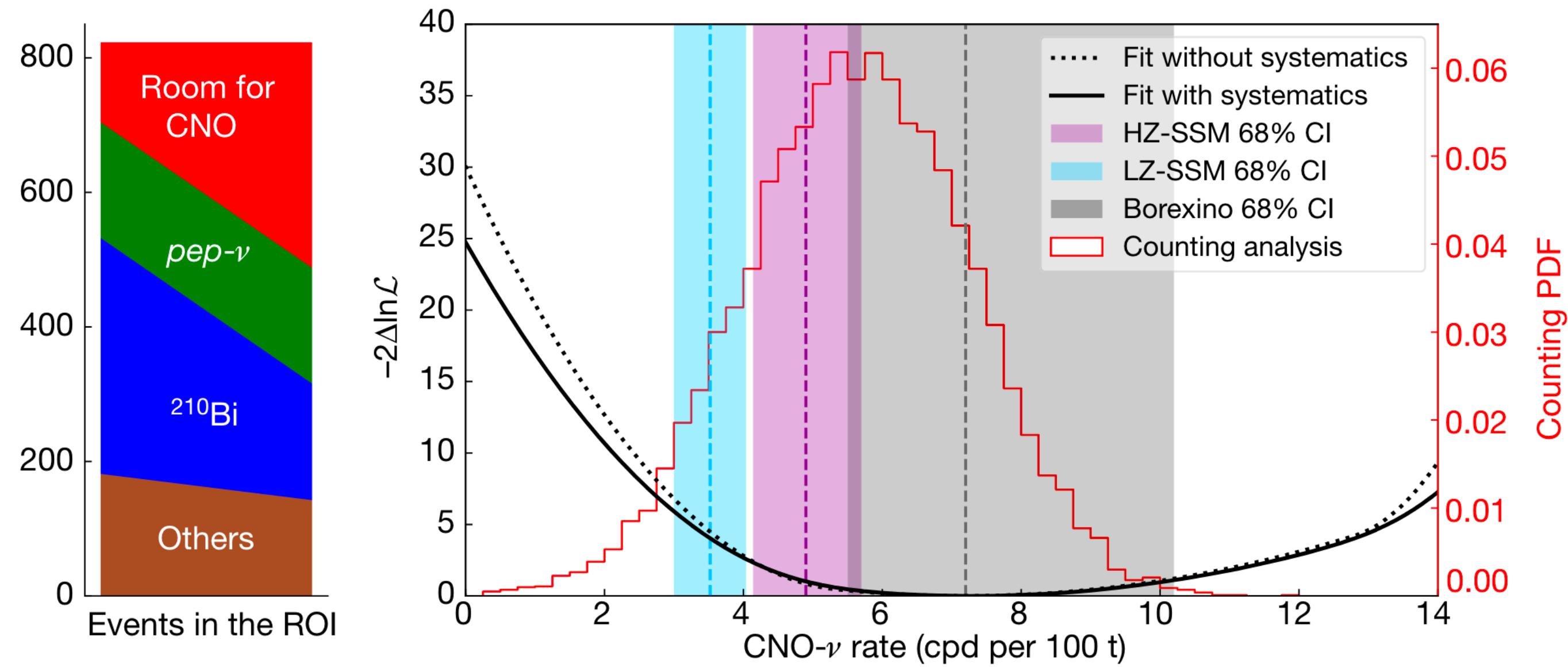
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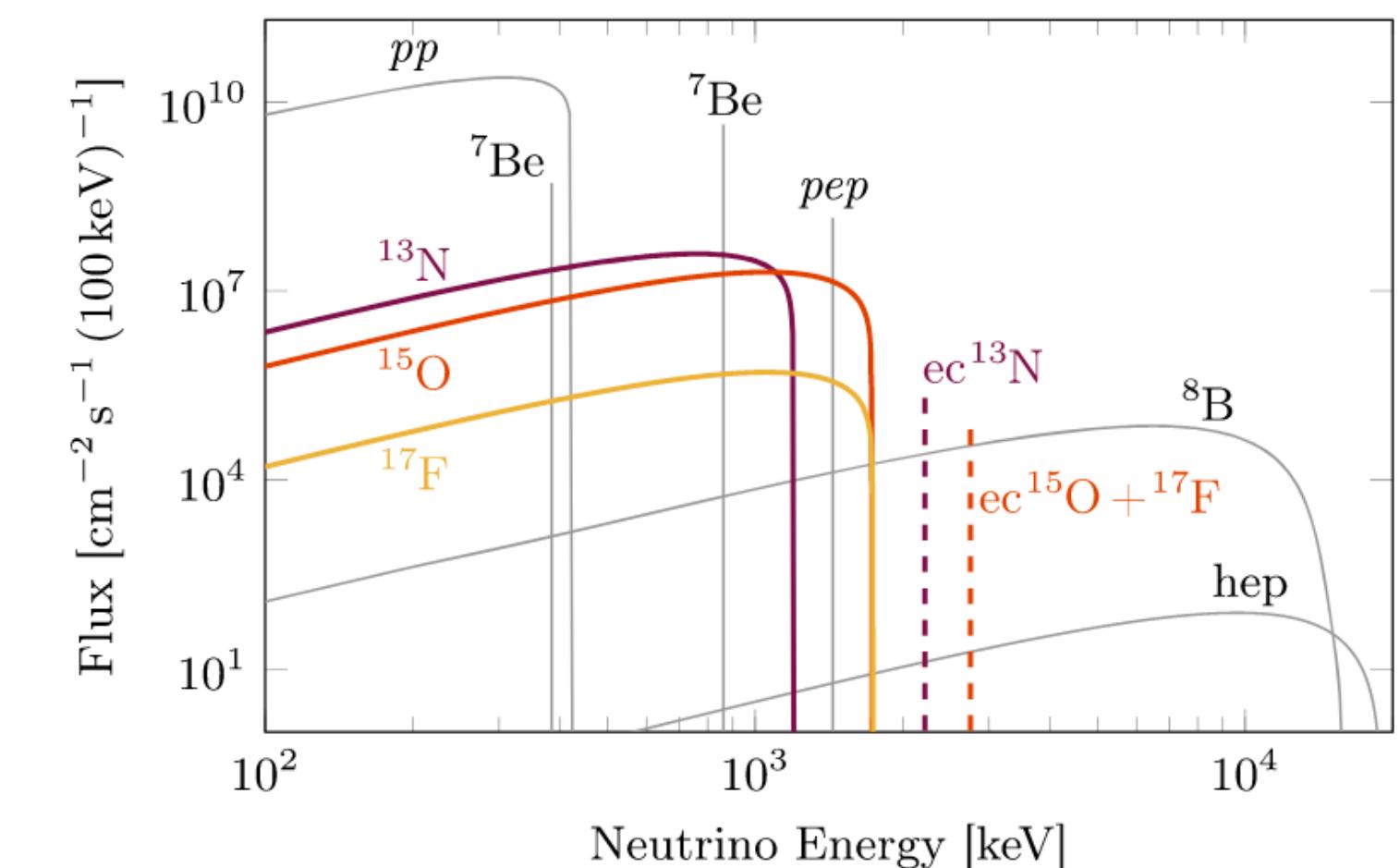
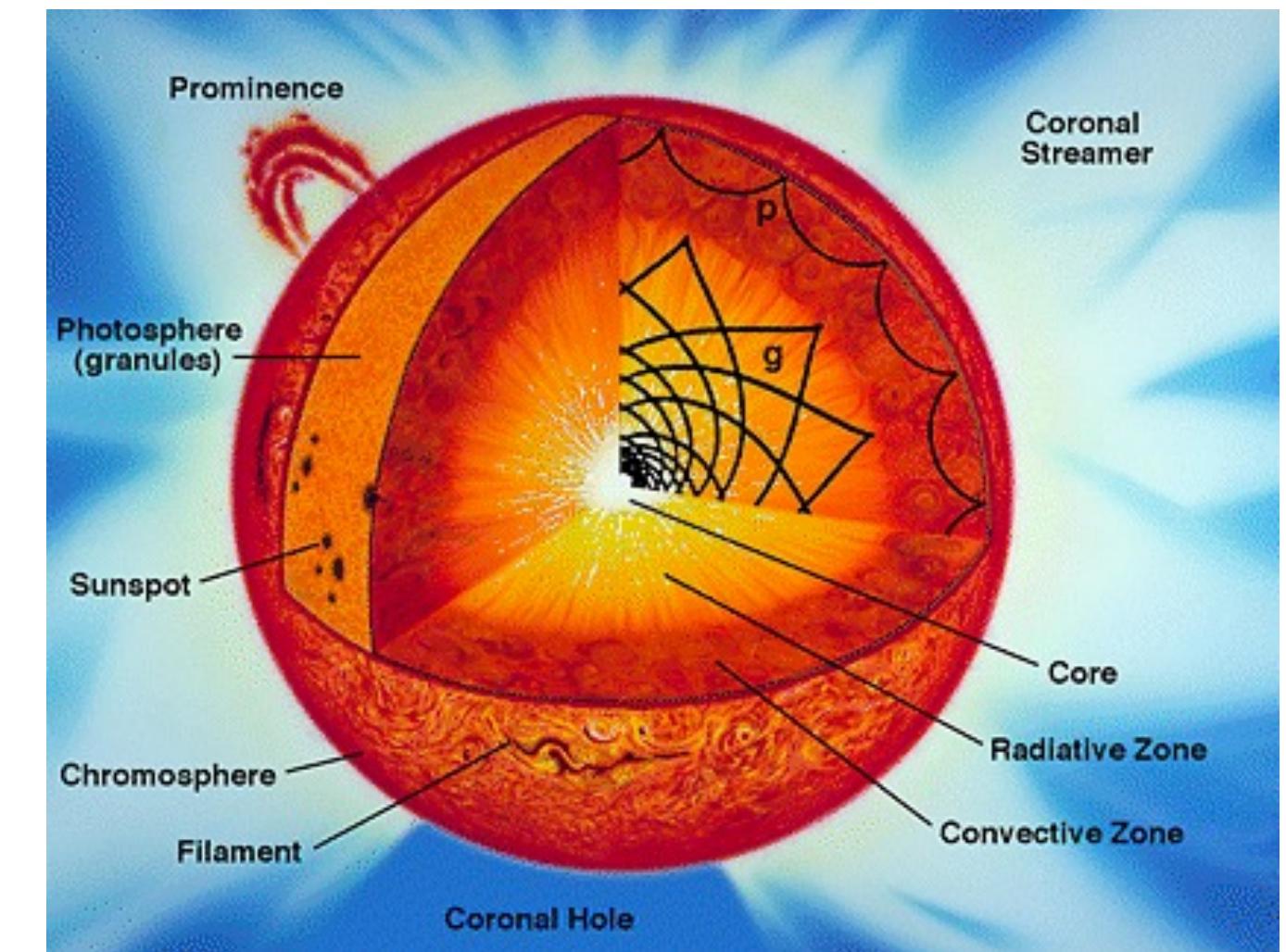
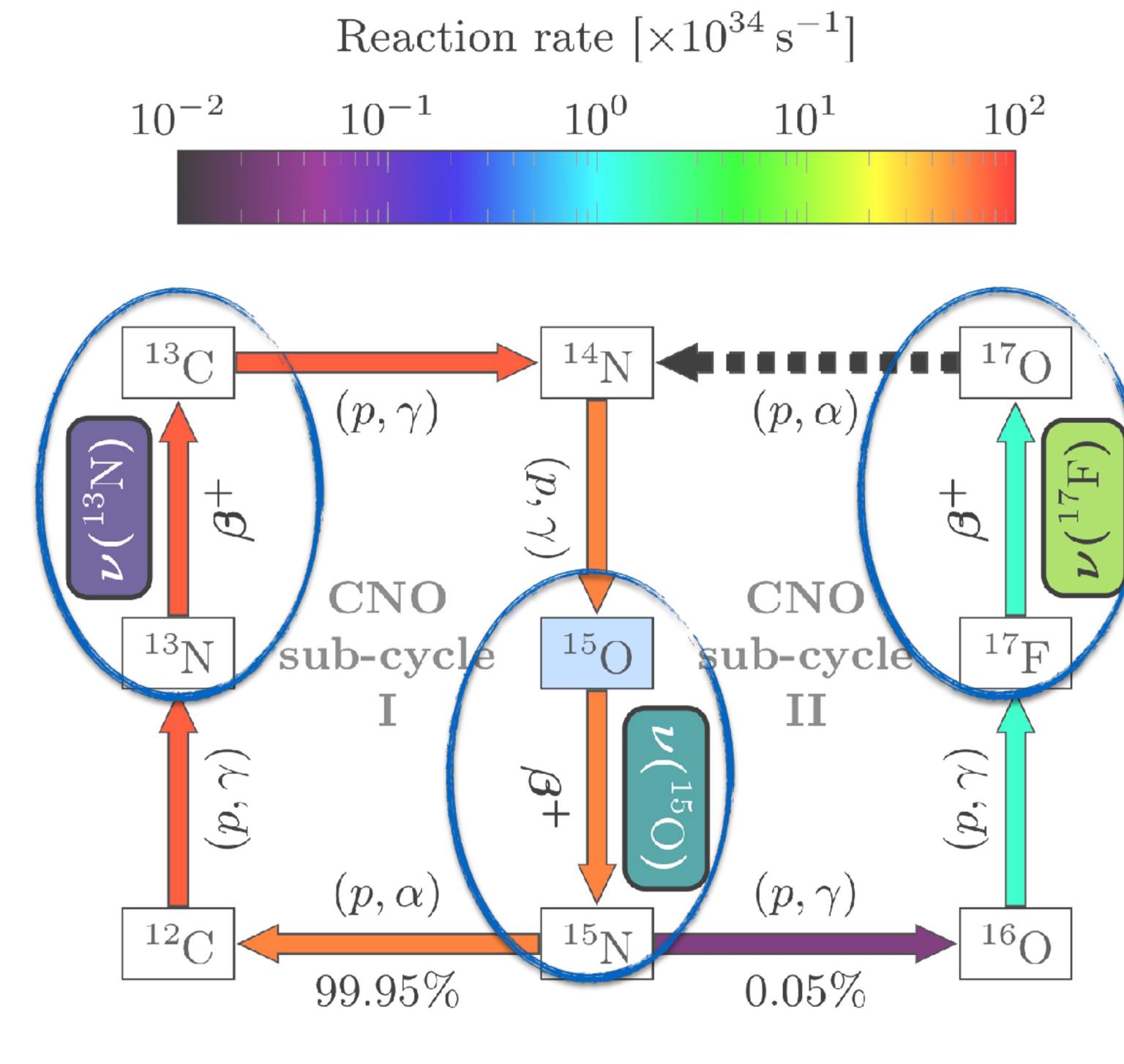
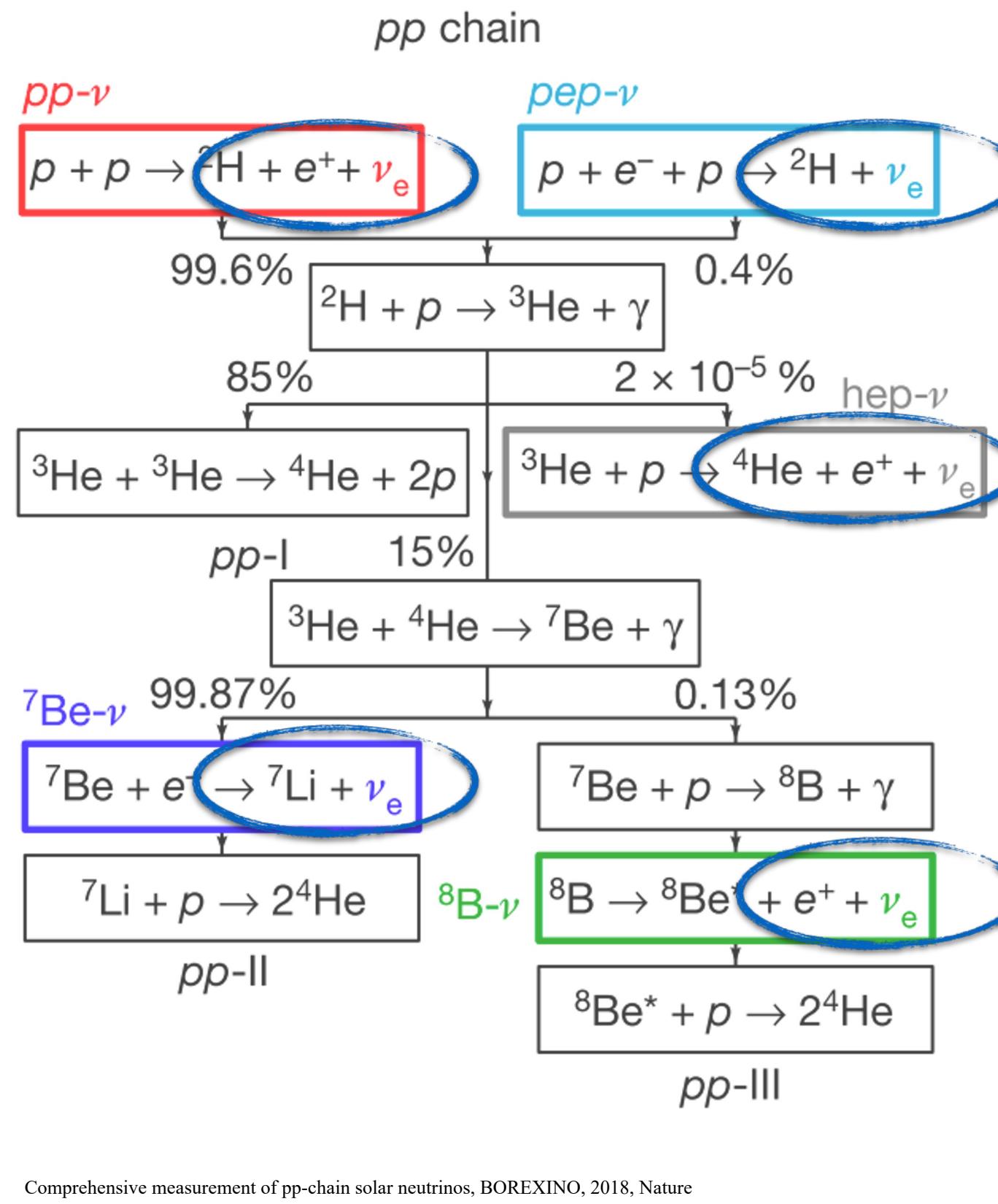
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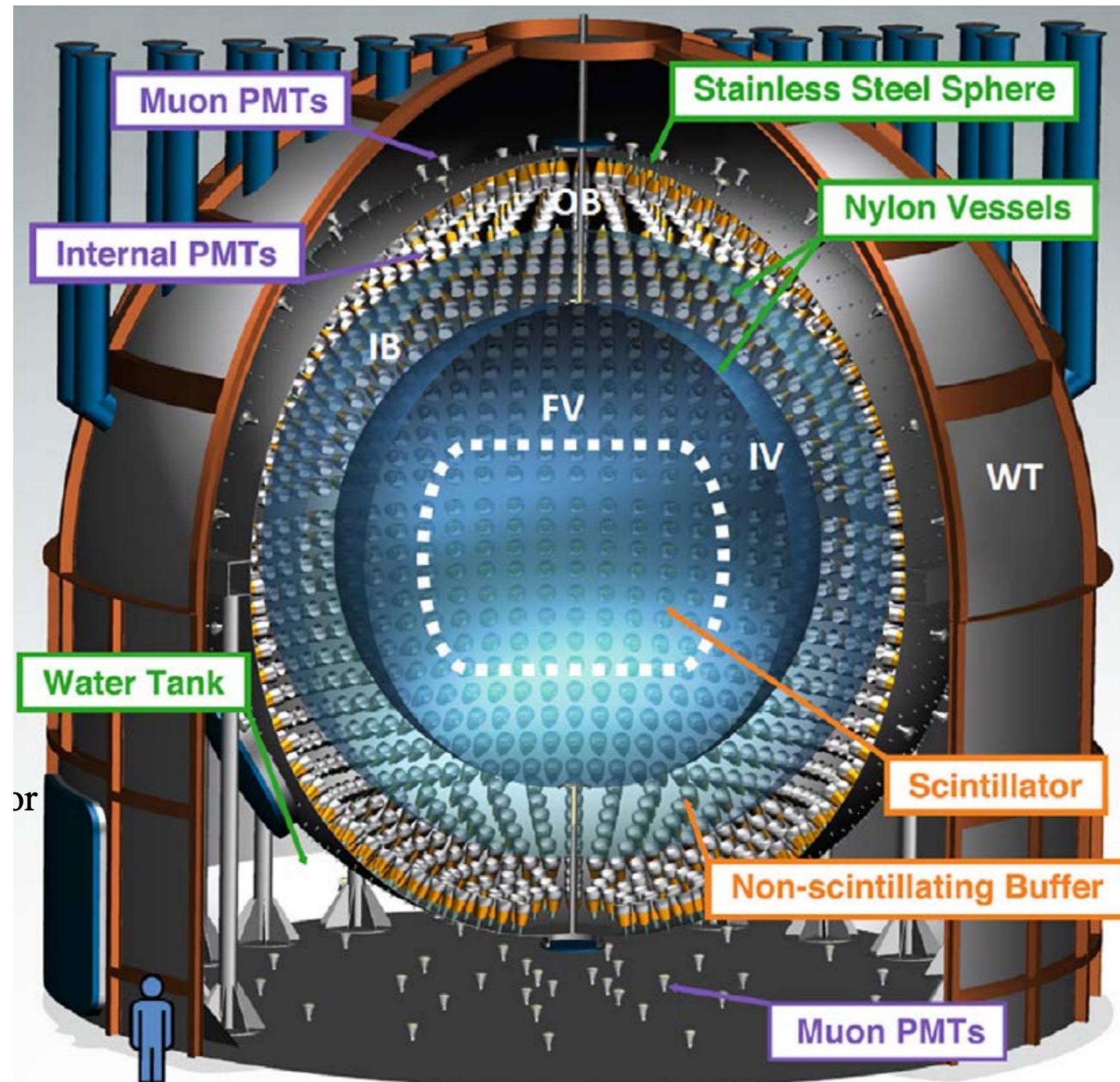


Basics about solar neutrinos



- Two types of $4\text{H} \Rightarrow ^4\text{He}$: pp-chain and CNO-cycle.
- Solar neutrinos are produced during the fusion.

Borexino detector



- Located at hall C of LNGS, Italy.
- Active volume 280 tons of liquid scintillator
- Detect solar neutrinos via elastic scattering off electrons of the scintillator, threshold at 60 keV

Physics program of Borexino

2007 May-2010 May

Phase-I

- Be7** Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 141302 (2011)
- pep** Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 051302 (2012)
- pp** Nature 512, 383-386 (28 August 2014)
- 3 MeV B8** Phys. Rev. D82:033006 (2010)
- geo-neutrino** PLB 687, 299-340 (2010)
- Day-night symmetry** PLB 707-1, 22-26, (2012)

2010-2011

Purification +
Calibration

2011 Dec-2016 May

Phase-II

- pp+Be7+pep+CNO+⁸B** Nature 2018, PRD 100, 082004, PRD 101.062001
- neutrino magnetic moment** PRD 96, 091103 (2017)
- gravitational wave** ApJ 850-21 (2017)
- Be7 seasonal modulation** AP, 92, 21-29 (2017)
- gamma ray burst** AP, 86, 11-17, (2017)
- electric charge conservation** PRL 115, 231802 (2017)
- geo-neutrino** PRD 93, 031101 (2015)

Experimental evidence of CNO neutrinos, Nature 2020

Sensitivity to CNO neutrinos, EPJC 80, 10912020

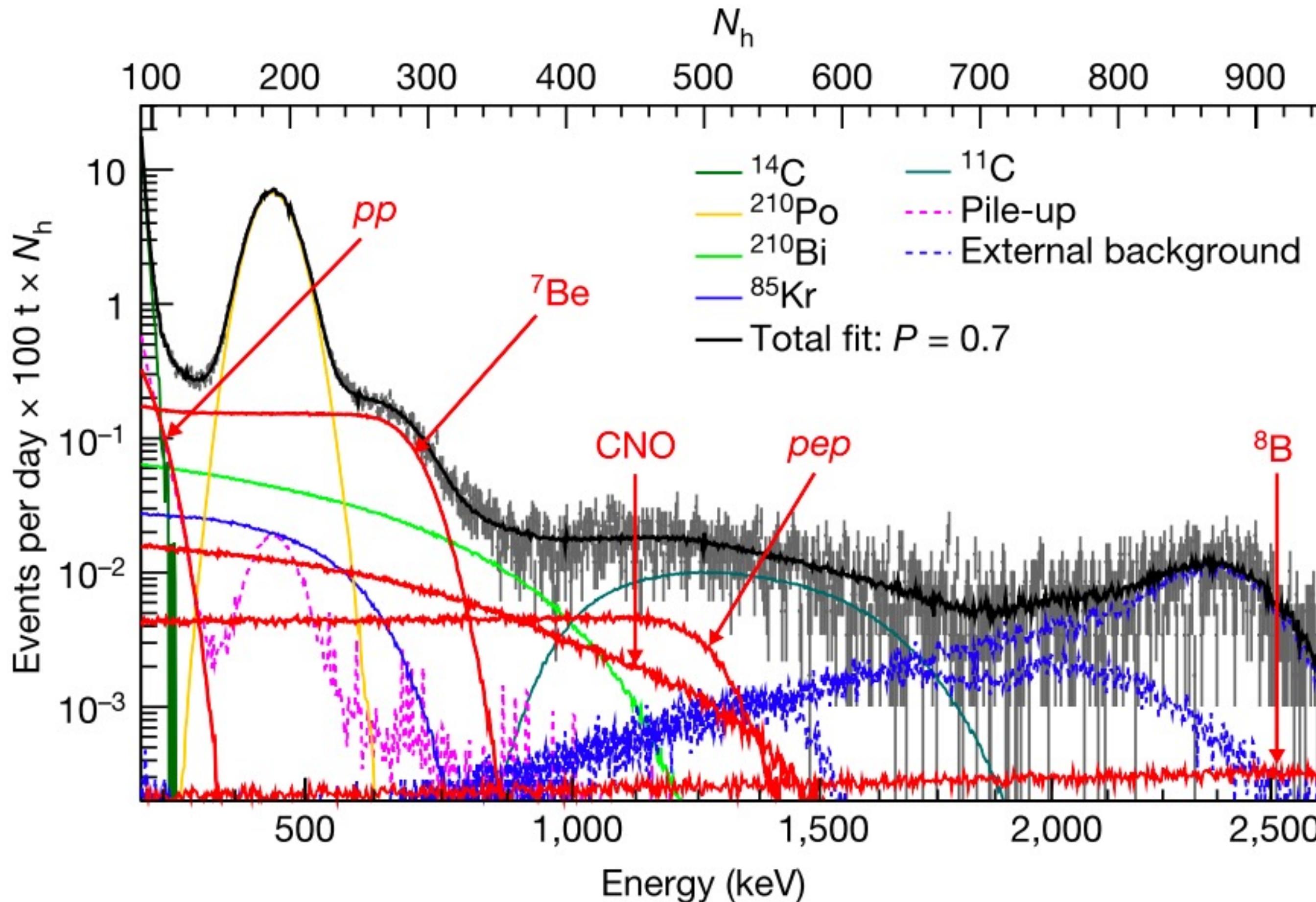
Search for low energy neutrinos from astrophysical sources,
ApJ 102509, 2020

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2016 June - 2021 October

Phase-III

Signals and backgrounds in Borexino



- Recoil electron induced by solar neutrinos (pp , ^7Be , CNO, pep , ^8B)
- Internal natural radioactivity (^{210}Po , ^{210}Bi , ^{85}Kr)
- External natural radioactivity
- Cosmogenic radioactivity (^{11}C)
- Pile-up

Unprecedented radiopurity



2007-2010: **Phase-I**

^{238}U 5×10^{-18} g/g

^{232}Th 3×10^{-18} g/g

^{210}Pb $\sim 2 \times 10^{-24}$ g/g

^{85}Kr ~ 20 cpd/100ton

2010-2012
Purification + Calibration

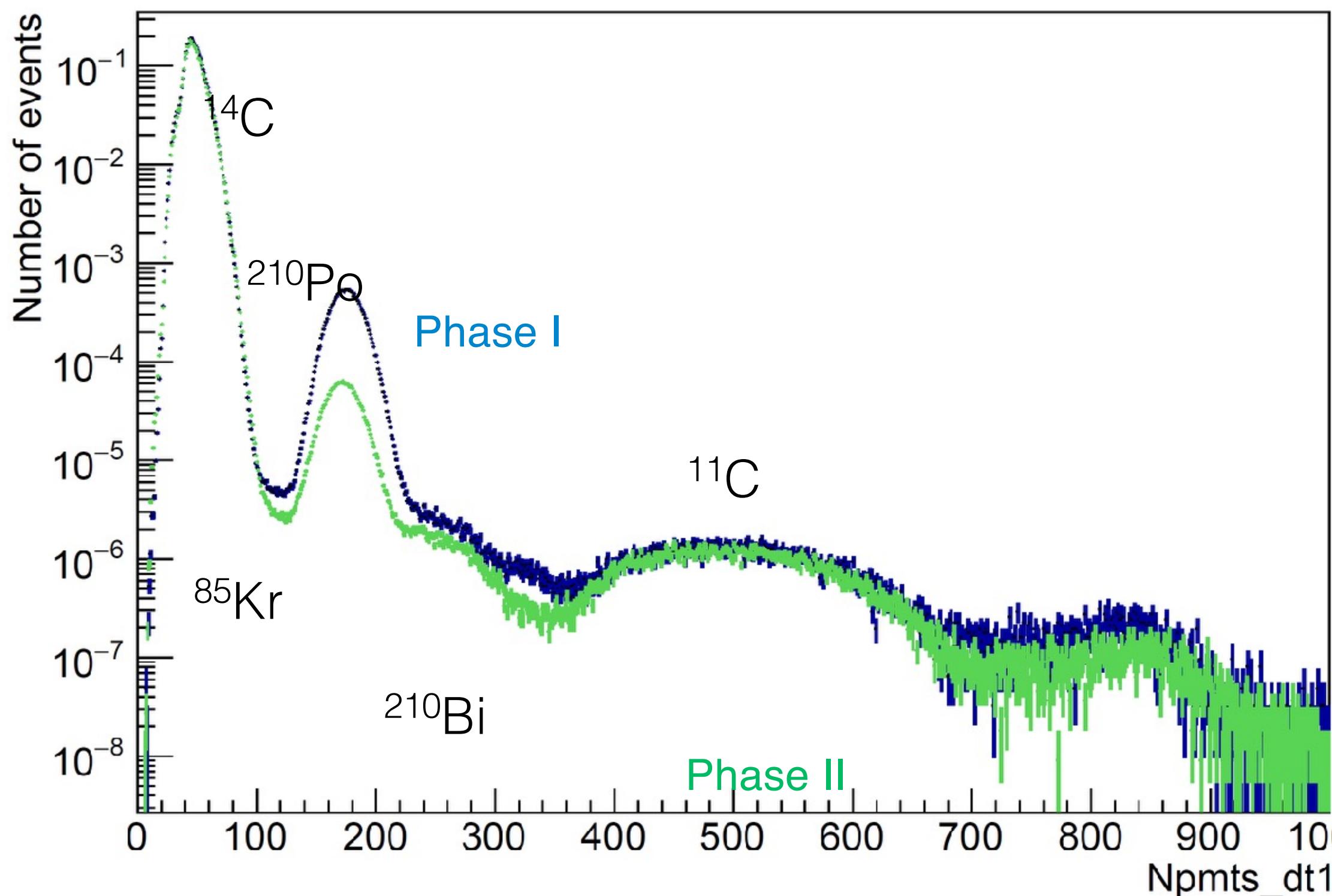
2012-now: **Phase-II**

^{238}U $< 9.4 \times 10^{-20}$ g/g

^{232}Th $< 5.7 \times 10^{-19}$ g/g

^{210}Pb $\sim 9 \times 10^{-26}$ g/g

^{85}Kr ~ 5 cpd/100ton

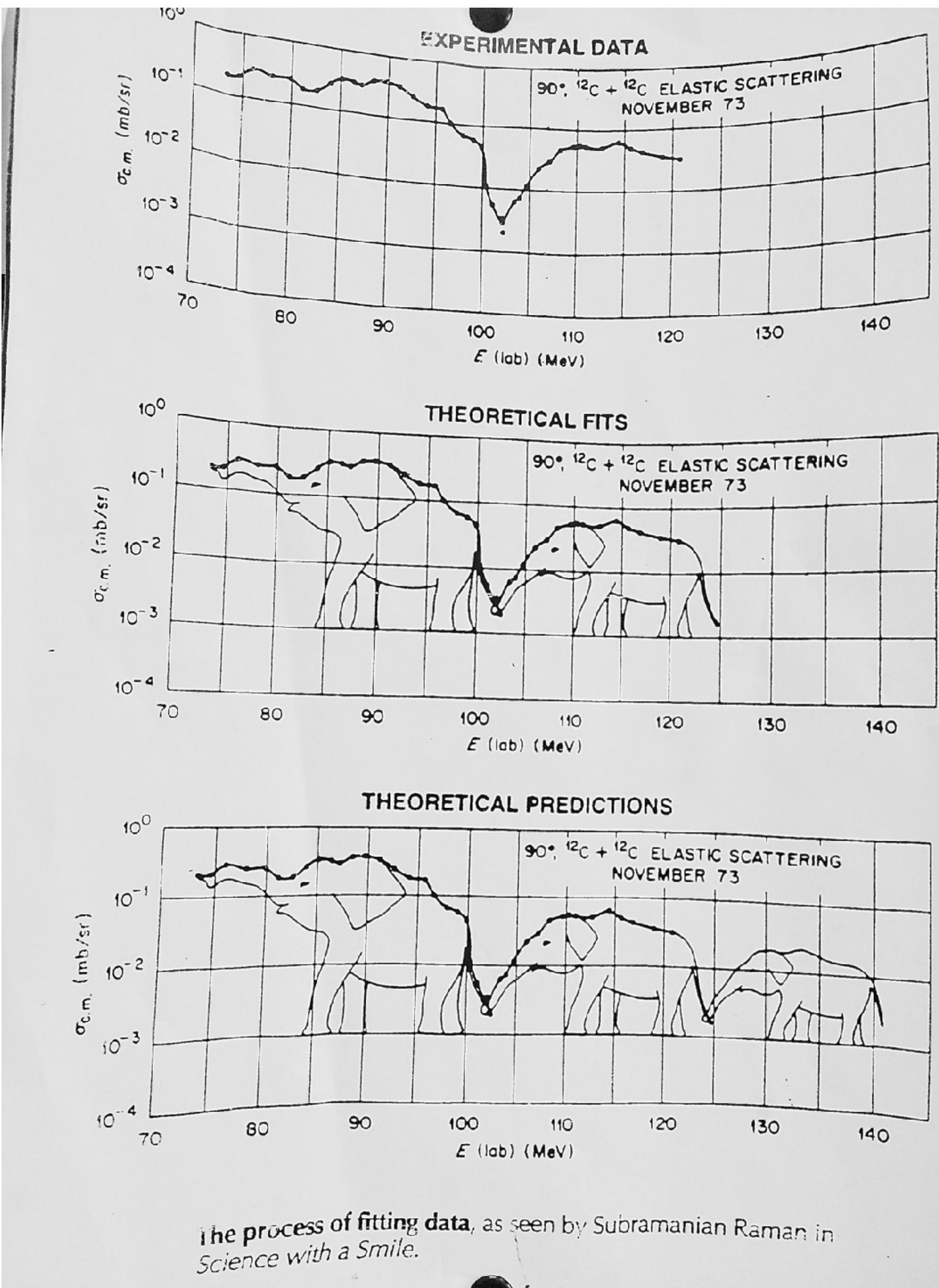


$^{238}\text{U} < 1.2 \times 10^{-12}$ Bq/kg
mineral water ~ 10 Bq/kg
 $\Rightarrow 10^{-13}$ reduction

Work1: Fit, and GPU

The art of fitting

- Give me 8 parameters, I can fit an elephant



Published Online: May 2010 Accepted: October 2009

Drawing an elephant with four complex parameters

American Journal of Physics 78, 648 (2010); <https://doi.org/10.1119/1.3254017>

- Occam's Razor: free it if you are sensitive

Jürgen Mayer

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Khaled Khairy

Impact factor ~ NIM/JINST

more...



ABSTRACT FULL TEXT FIGURES SUPPLEMENTAL CITED BY TOOLS

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ABSTRACT

We define four complex numbers representing the parameters needed to specify an elephantine shape. The real and imaginary parts of these complex numbers are the coefficients of a Fourier coordinate expansion, a powerful tool for reducing the data required to define shapes.

Systematics of fitting from detector response

Method 1: fit with varying models

- MC: during each iteration of the fit, vary kb / absorption length spectrum etc. re-simulate and produce new pdf on the fly —> when one day computer is fast enough
 - ~200, 000 CPU x years per fit
- Full analytical: non-linearity + resolution models
 - ~2 hours per fit

Analytical Model of Detector Response

- Analytical shape of spectrum of mono-energetic events
 - Momentum based approximation
 - Match the average (energy scale + non-linearity model)
 - Match the variance (energy resolution model)
 - Match the skewness
 - ... (—> simplified)
- We can simplify because
 - Borexino response is simple: small FV in center, low energies
 - We are not sensitive..
- Fit full MC to get the bias introduced in simplification

Detector response model: NL

$$M : f(E) \mapsto g(\text{charge}) = \int_0^{E_{\text{end}}} dE \cdot f(E) \cdot \text{RPF}[\text{charge}; \mu(E), \text{var}(\mu)]$$



Energy scale + non-linearity:
scaling/stretching/compressin

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- Liquid scintilator:
quenching, Cherenkov..
- More: Electronics,
Clustering..

Detector response model: resolution

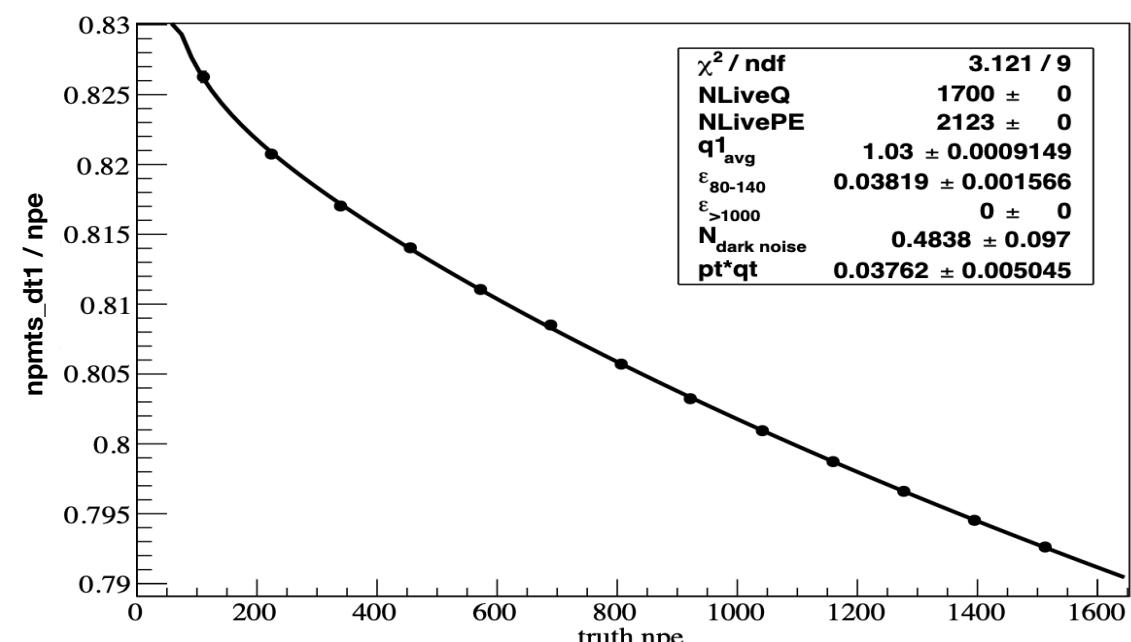
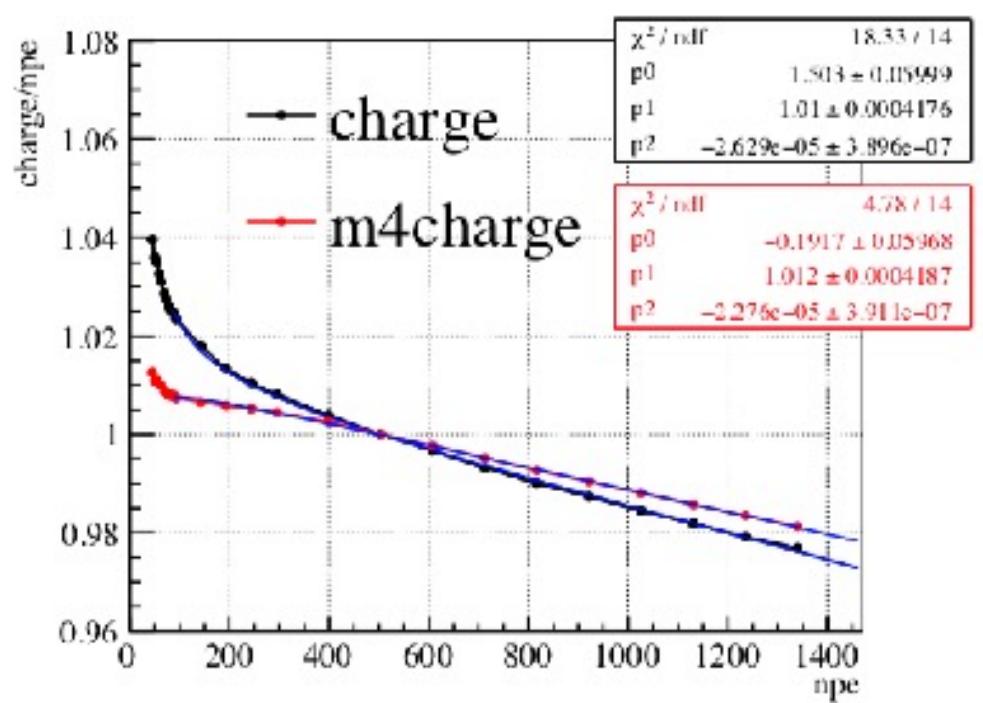
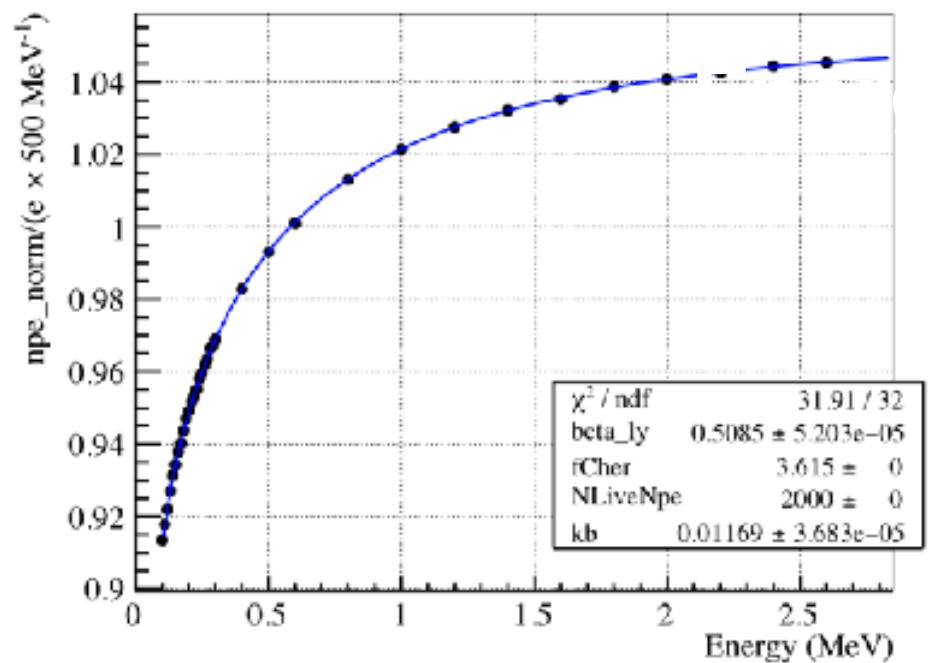
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resolution
blur

- Poisson..
- single p.e. charge fluctuations..
- residual non-uniformity

Analytical Model – energy scale and non-linearity



$$\text{EToNpe}(E) = E \cdot \text{Quenching}(k_b, E) \cdot \text{LY}_{\text{ph}} \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{scitillation}}(\text{ph.} \rightarrow \text{p.e.})$$

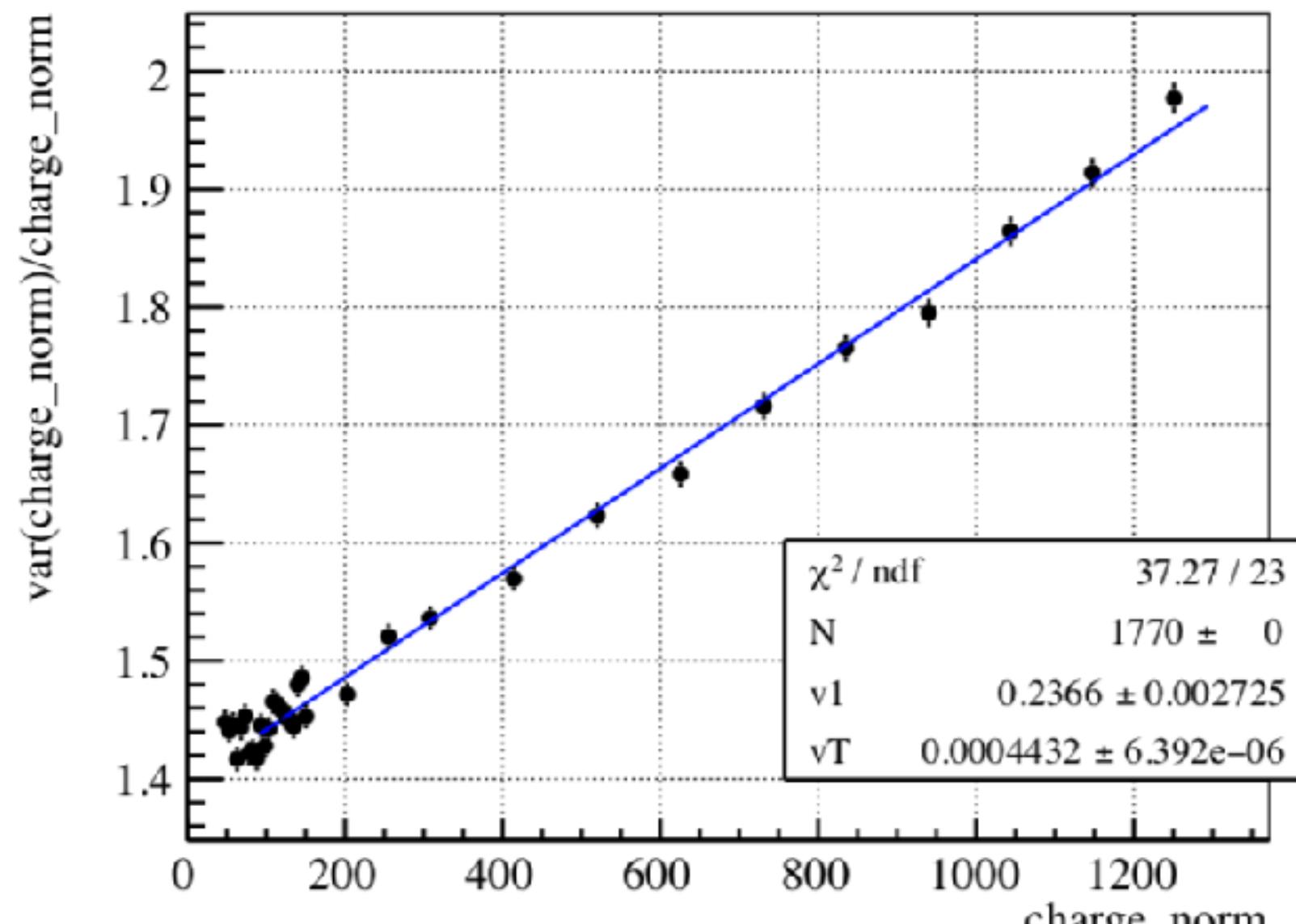
$$+ N(\text{Cherenkov ph.}) \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{Cherenkov}}(\text{ph.} \rightarrow \text{p.e.})$$

$$\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{npe}} = \frac{p_{\text{dn}} + (1 + p_{\text{miscalib}}) \cdot \text{npe} + p_{\text{quadr}} \cdot \text{npe}^2}{\text{npe}}$$

$$\text{NpeToNpmt}(\text{npe}) = \text{NLiveT}' \cdot [1 - \exp(-\mu) \cdot (1 - pt \cdot \mu)] (1 - gc \cdot \mu)$$

$$\mu = \frac{\text{npe}}{\text{NLiveNpe}'} + \frac{N_{\text{dark noise}}}{\text{NLiveT}'}$$

Analytical Model – energy resolution model



$$\text{var}(\text{charge}) = f_{\text{eq}}(1 + v_1) \cdot \text{charge} + \frac{v_T}{2000} \cdot \text{charge}^2$$

- If you do not apply non-linearity correction, resolution dependence can be parameterized with physics parameter

Analytical Model – mono-energetic line shape

- Modified Gaussian

$$f(Q; \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{a + b \cdot Q}} \exp\left(-\frac{(Q - \mu + b)^2}{2(a + b \cdot Q)}\right)$$

- Generalized

$$f(Q; \mu) = \frac{2\beta^\alpha \mu^{2\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \exp(-\beta\mu^2)$$

gamma

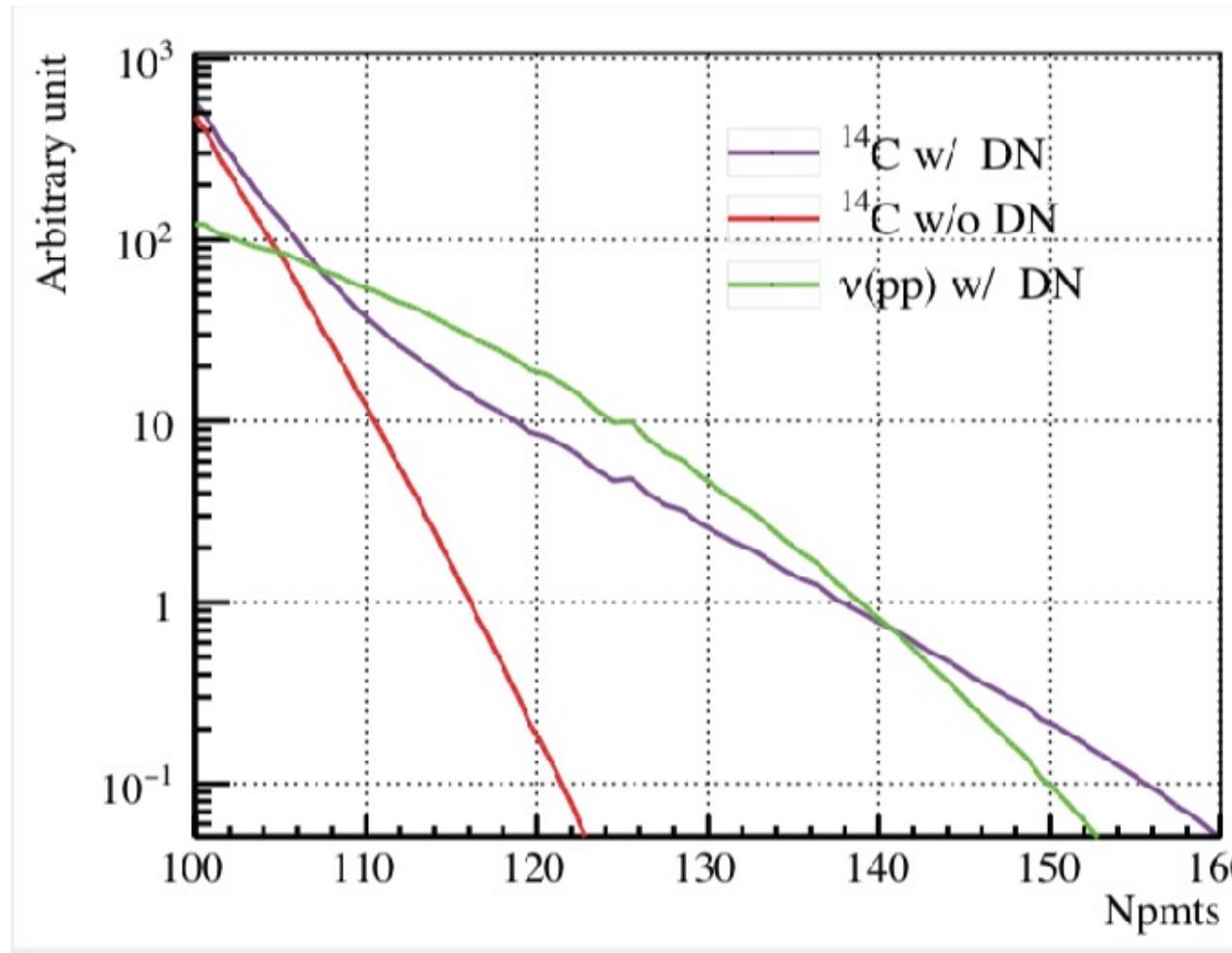
$$\text{Poisson}(x; \mu) = \frac{\mu^k}{\Gamma(k+1)} e^{-\mu}$$

$$\text{RawSP}(x; \mu, \text{var}) = \frac{\text{Poisson}(\frac{x}{s}, \frac{\mu}{s})}{s} \quad s = \frac{\text{var}}{\mu}$$

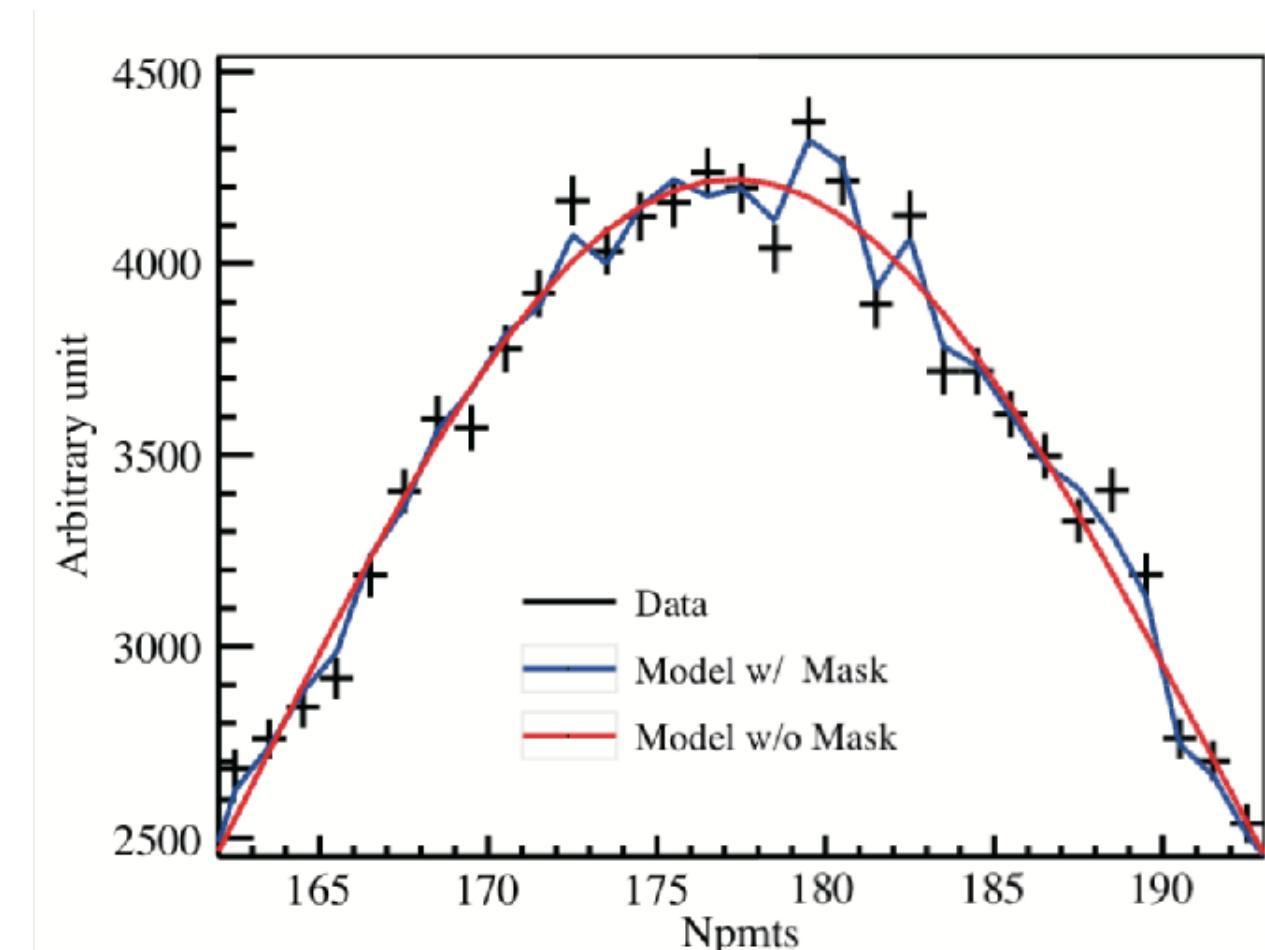
- Scaled Poisson

$$\text{SP}(x; \mu, \text{var}) = \frac{\text{RawSP}(x) + 4 \cdot \text{RawSP}(x + 0.5) + \text{RawSP}(x + 1)}{6}$$

Analytical Model – More details



- Pile-up effect: Hits from more than one source piled up.
 - Dark noise, ^{14}C
 - Crucial background for pp analysis
- Solution: “Dark noise convolution”

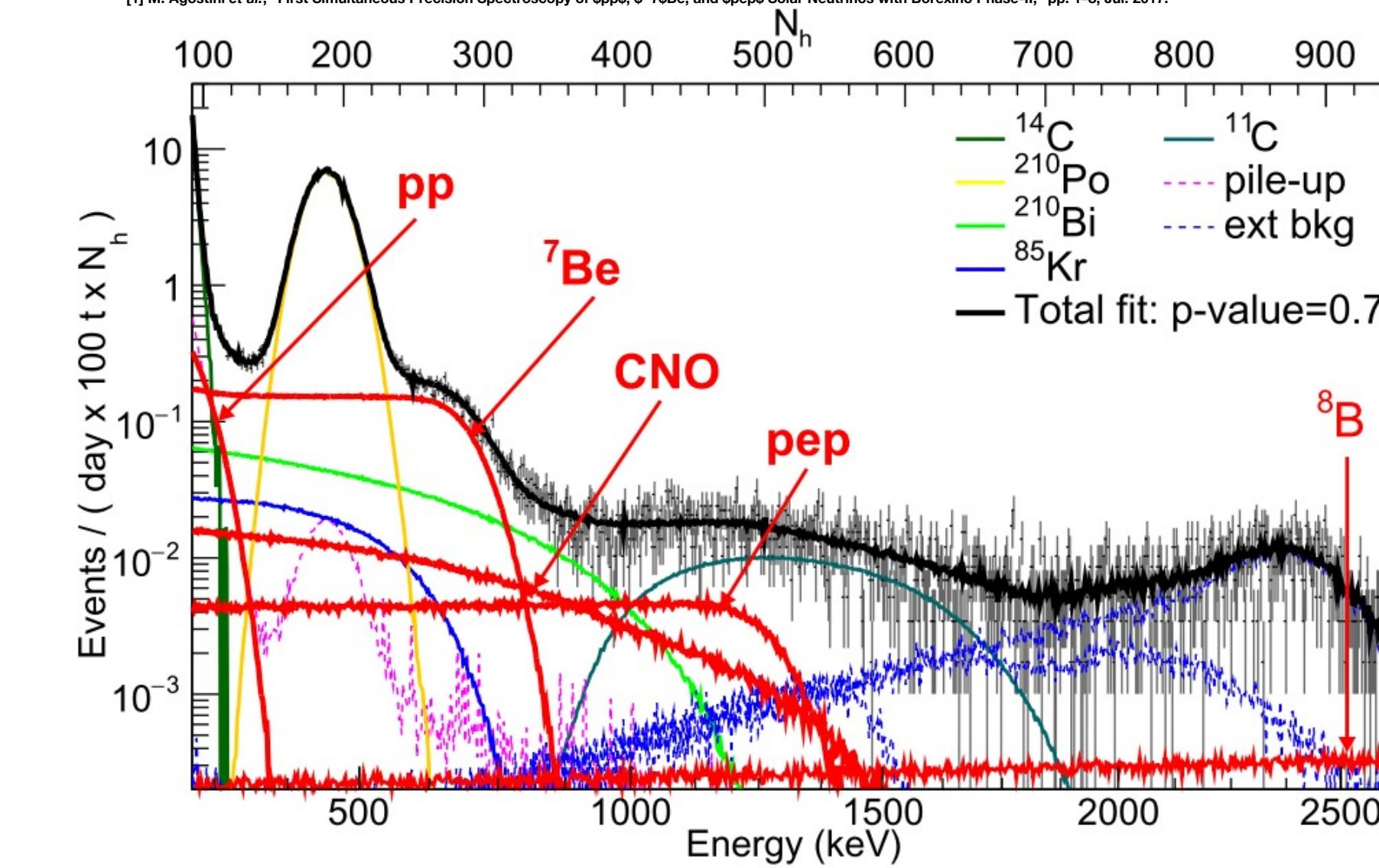
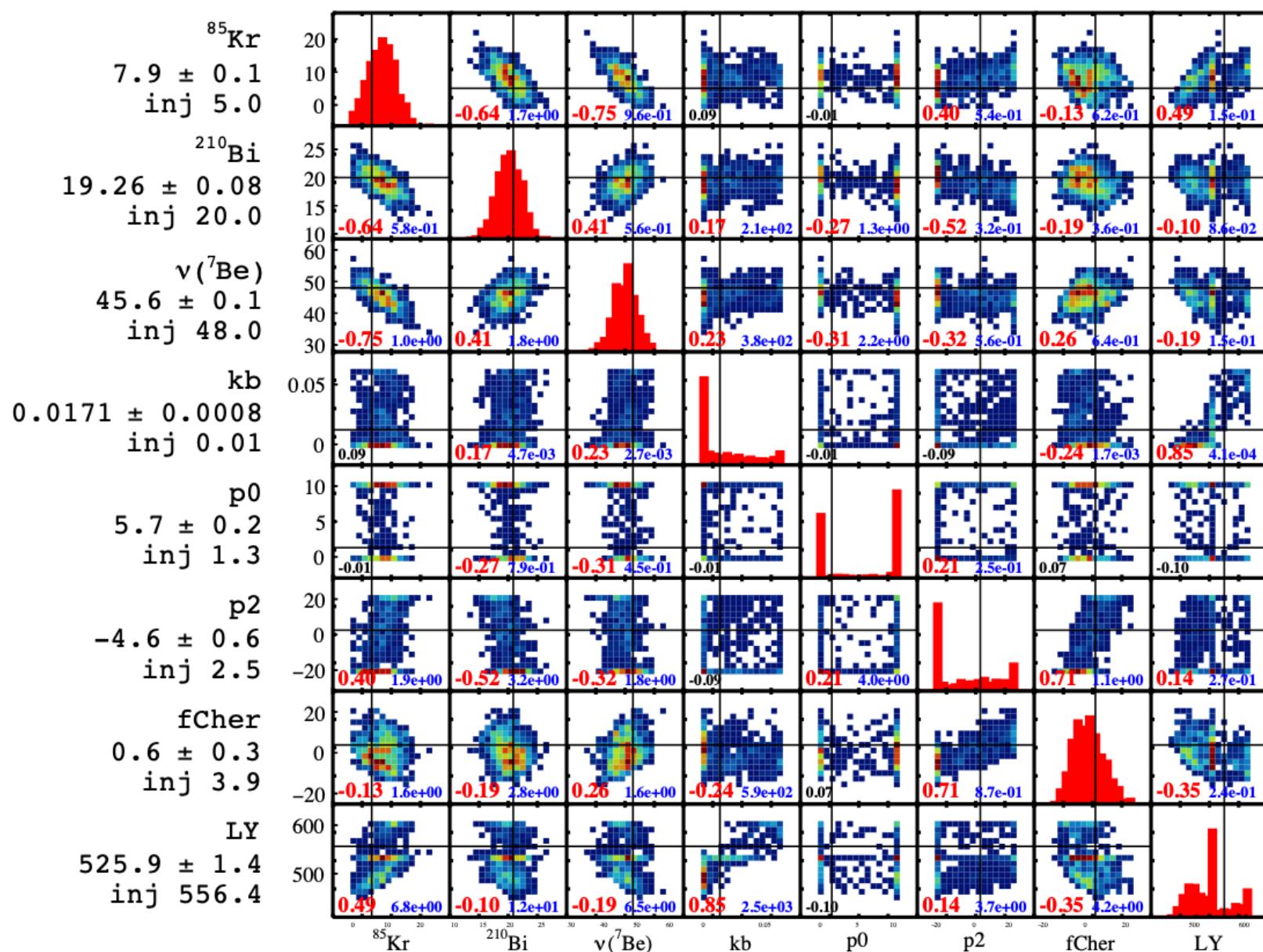


- Npmt is an integer variable
- Spikes appeared after normalization $2000/\text{NLive}$
- **Solution: Apply “mask”**

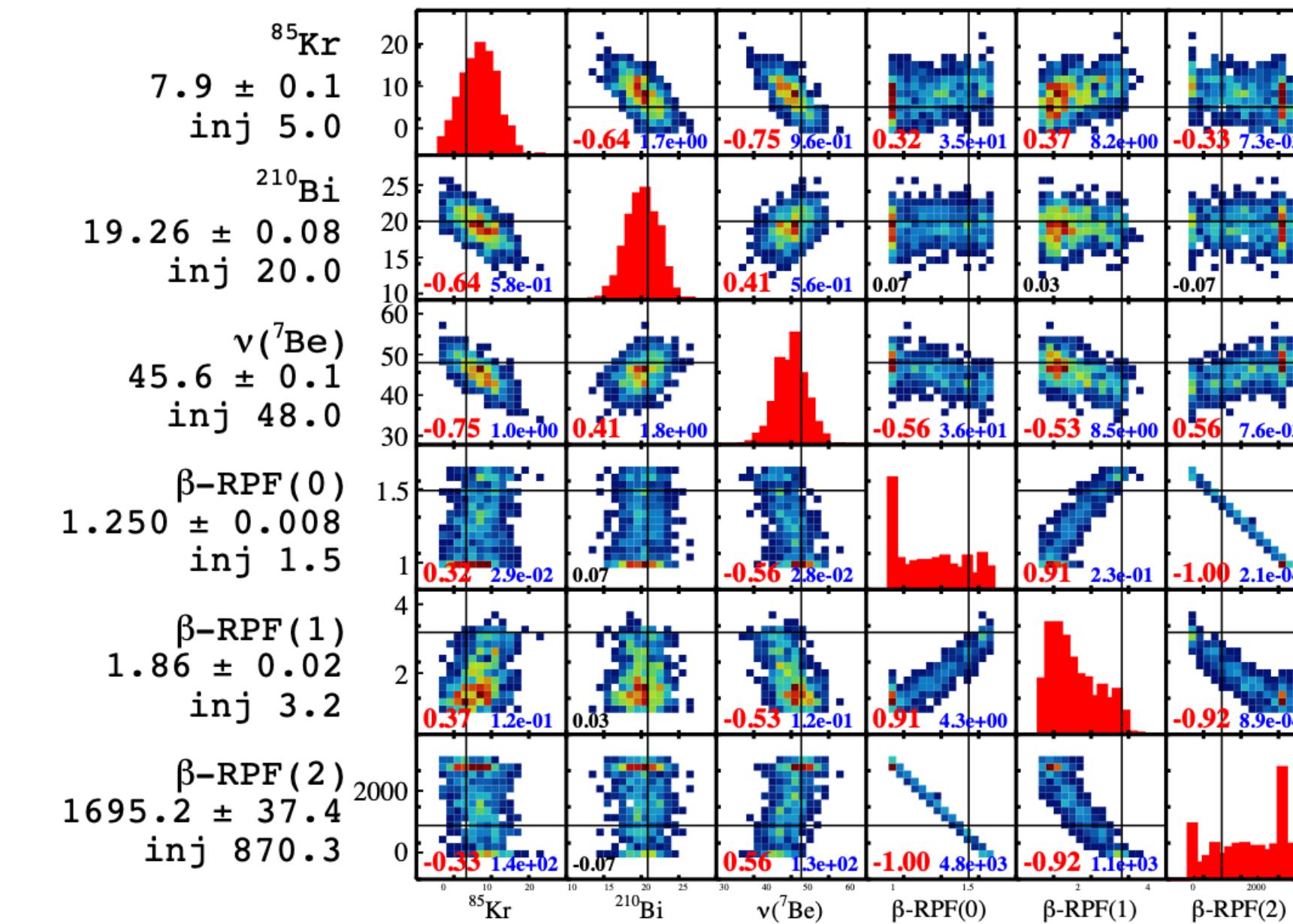
Results: correlation with NL/resolution

- Using full analytical response function, we can see the correlation with detector responses

correlation with NL



correlation with res



GooStats: multivariate fitting package

- Speed multivariate up fitting with GPU.

May 19, 2018

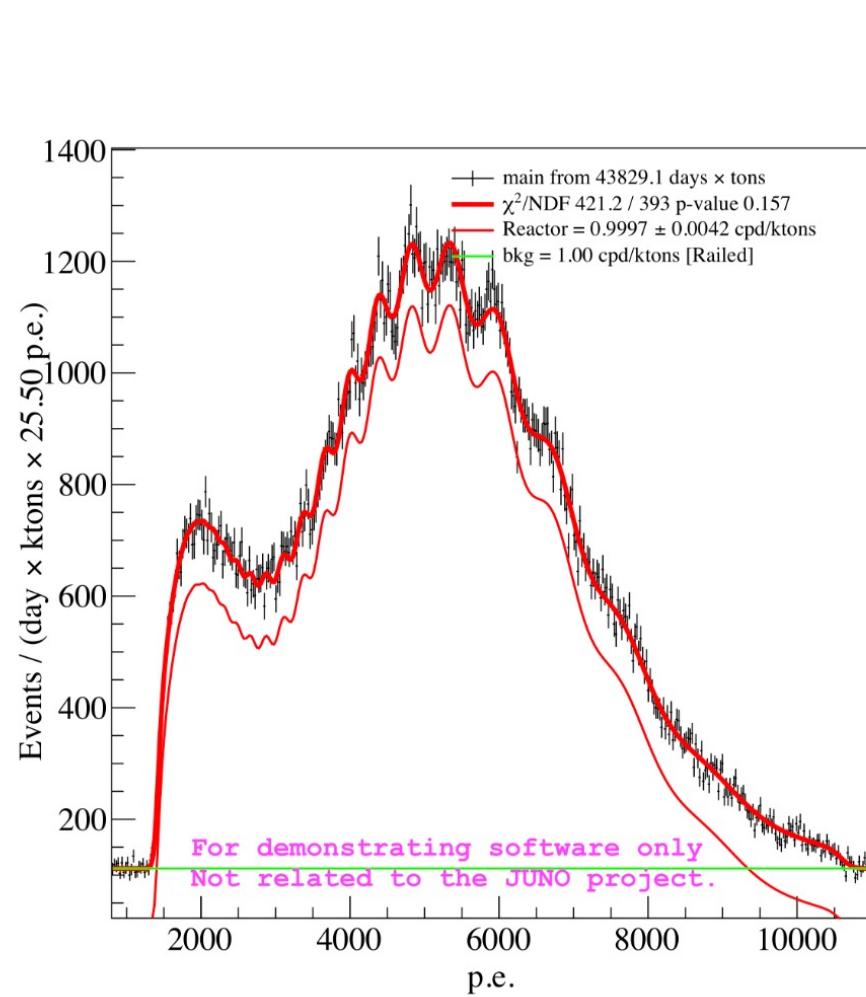
Software Open Access

GooStats, a multivariate spectrum fitting analysis package for particle physics accelerated by graphic processing units

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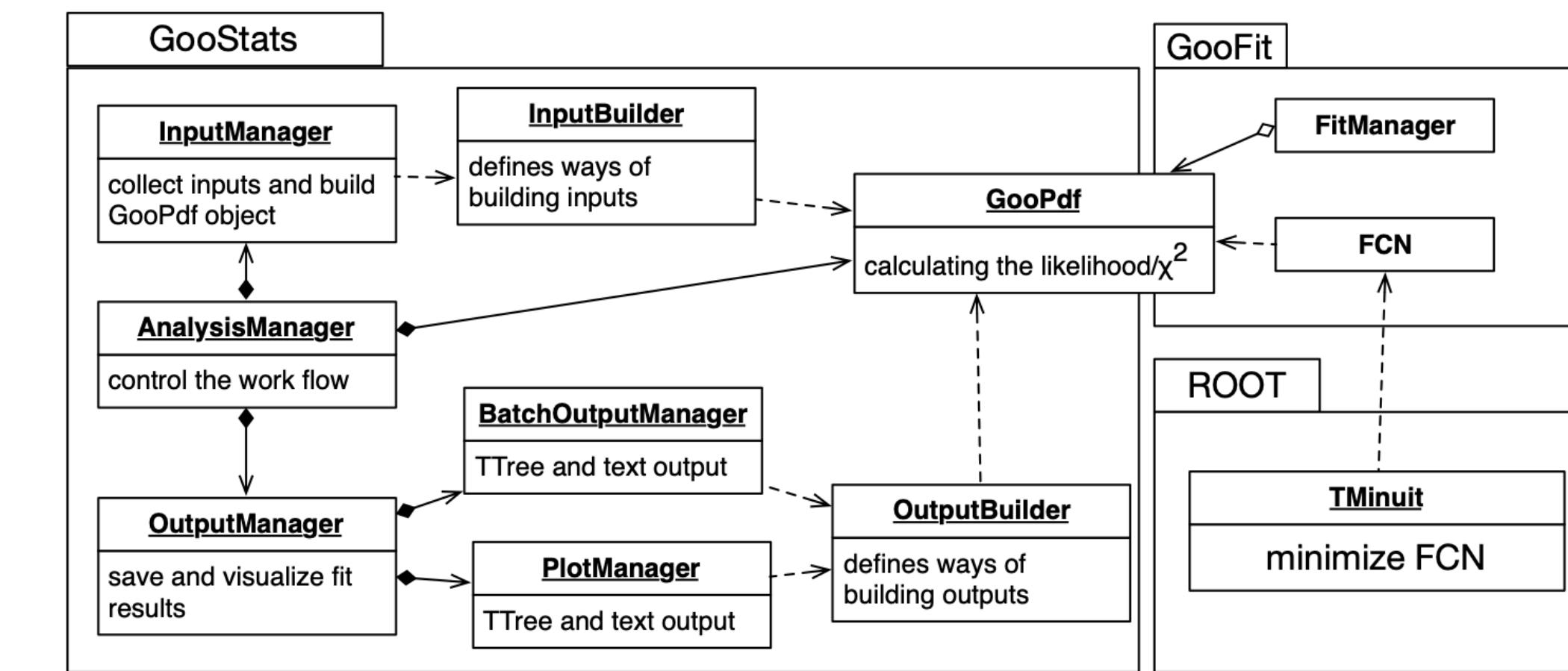
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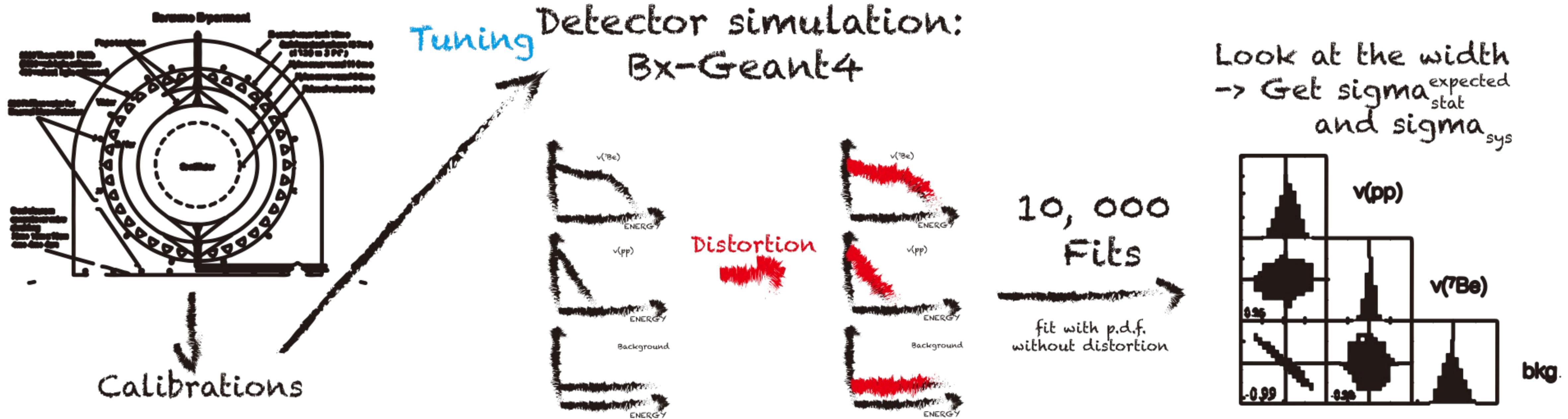
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Effects influencing the energy non linearity of liquid scintillators and $\bar{\nu}_e$ compensation, Xuefeng Ding
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Method 2: Monte Carlo method



- pseudo-experiment spectra without distortion → **statistical sensitivity**
- pseudo-experiment spectra with distortion → **statistical \oplus systematic**

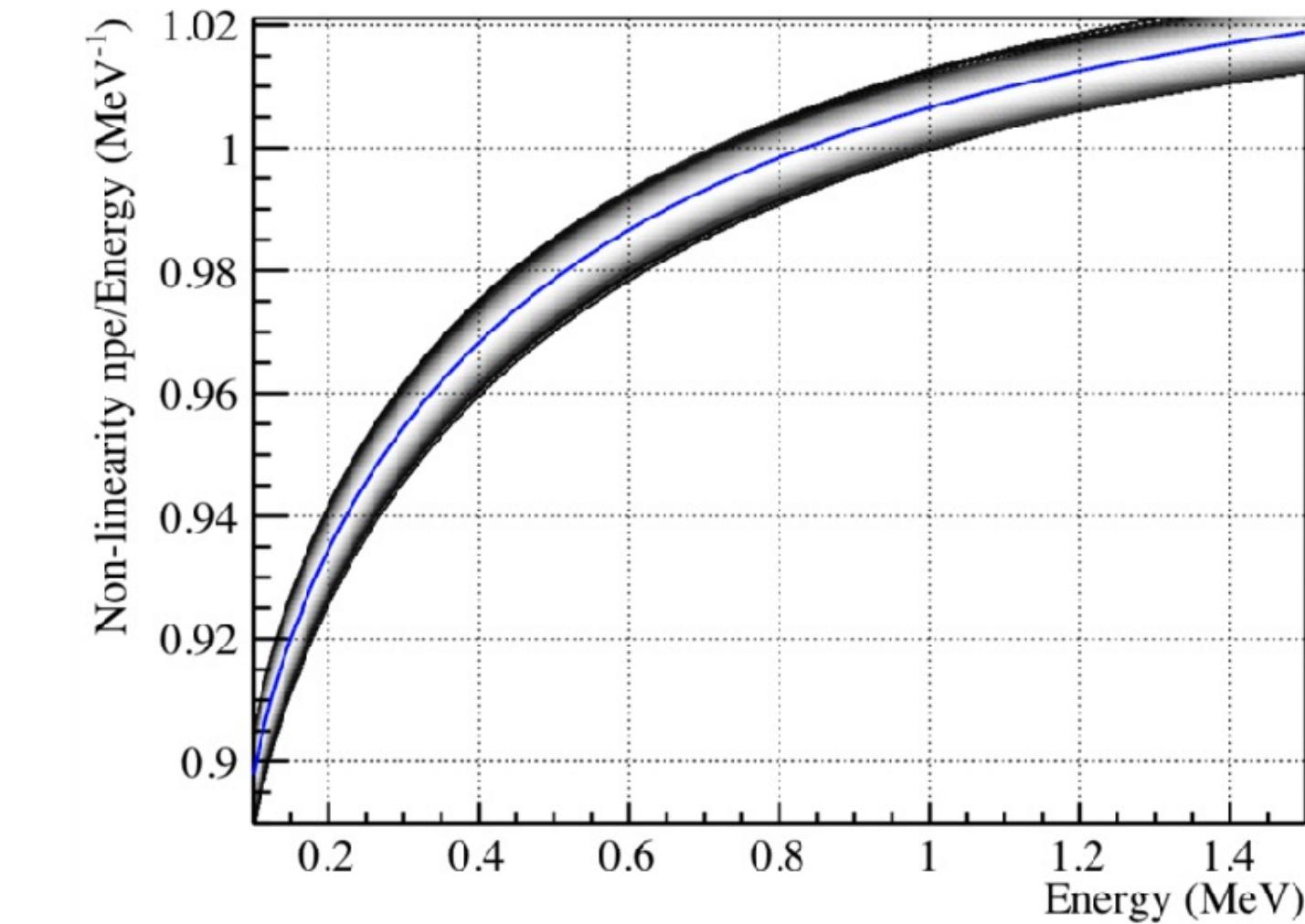
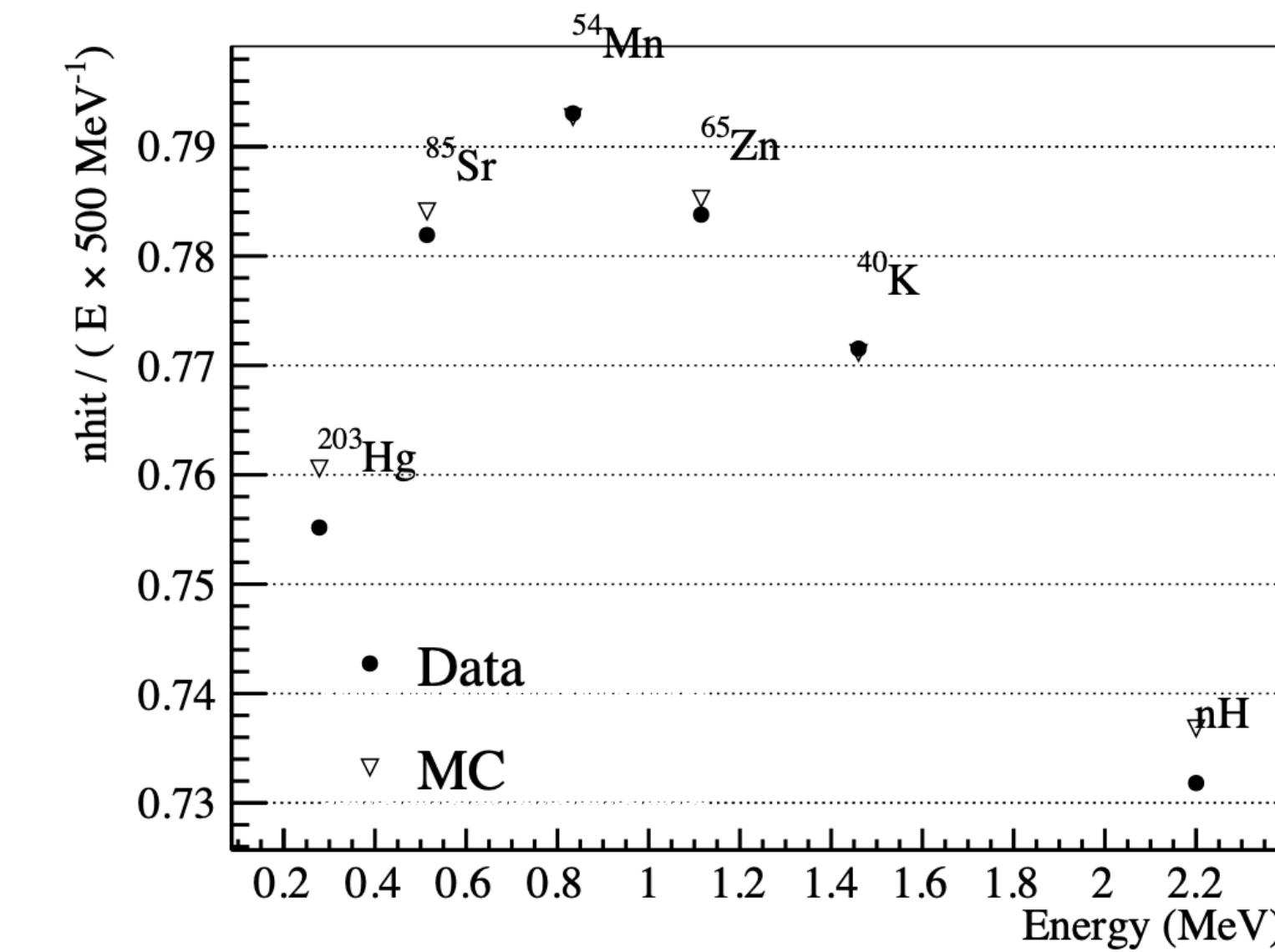
Method 2 : Energy non-linearity related systematics

- **Determine 1- σ band of allowed NL**

- Precision of MC (γ)
- Assume same Precision of e^-/e^+

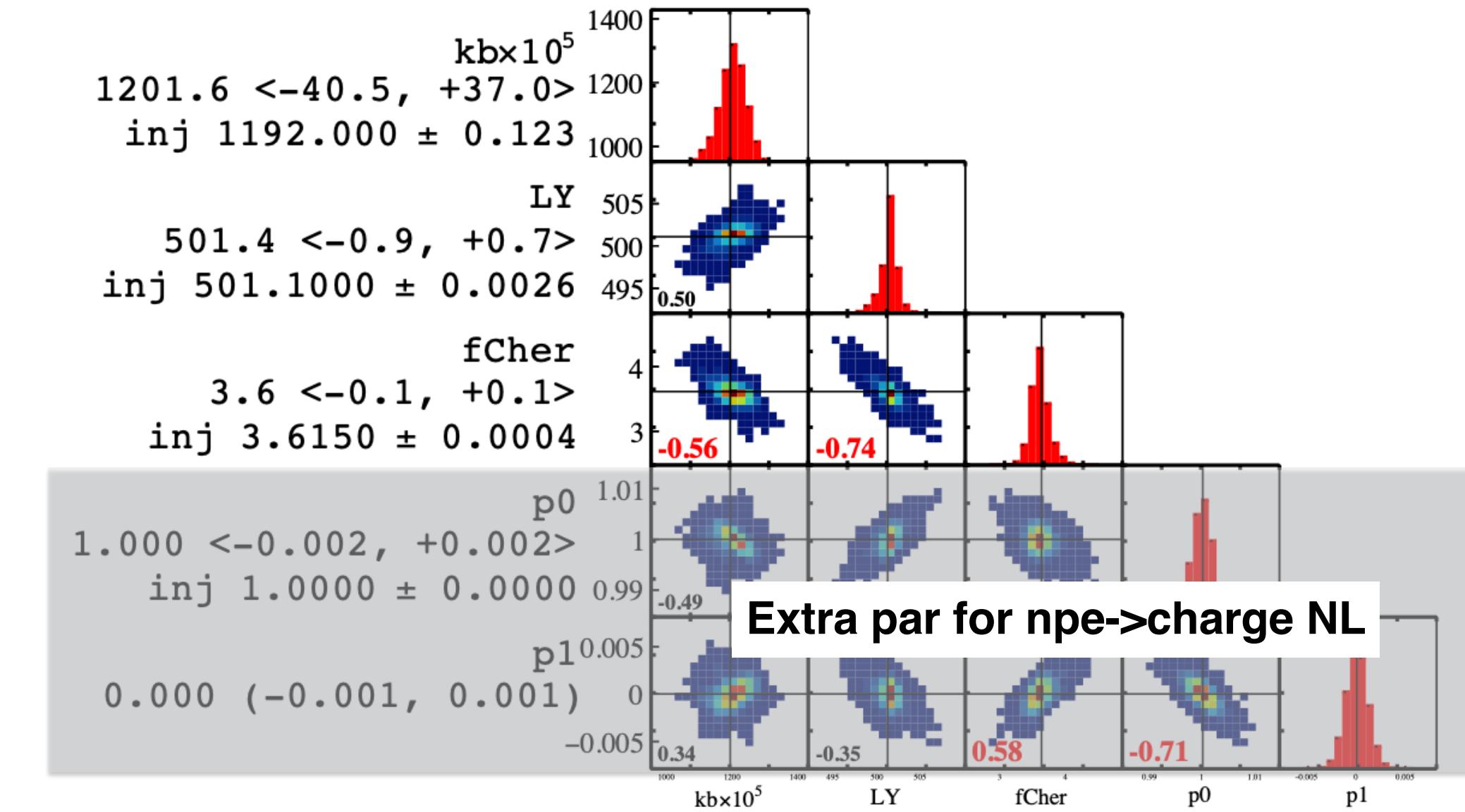
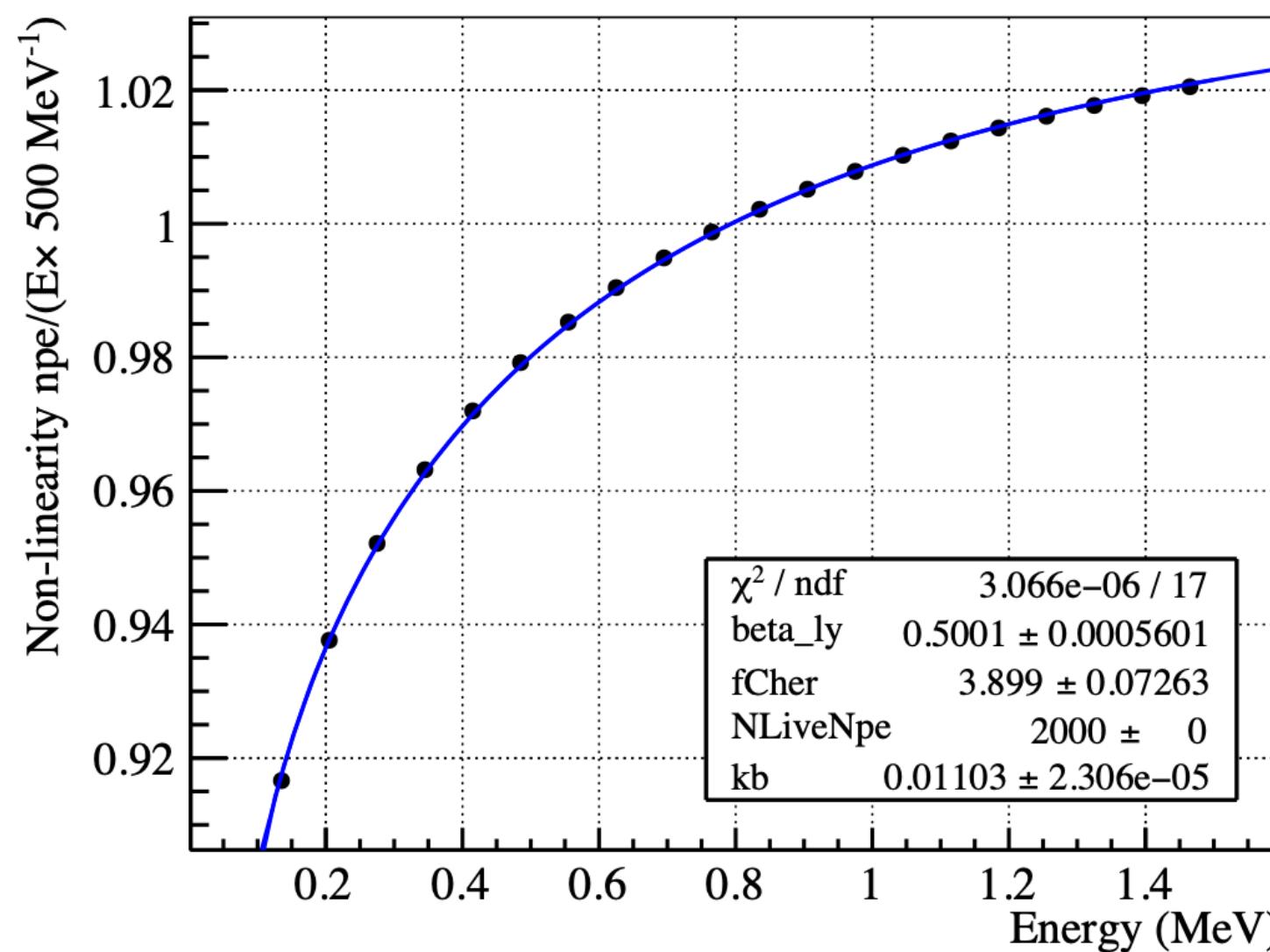
- **Generate the ensemble of models**

- Find a presentation, say, $E' = E (a+bE)$
- Decide the distribution of coordinate
- Generate pseudo-experiment spectra and verify the density plot of sampled models



Phase-space of NL model ensemble

- Generate NL: **(MC NL)x(a+bE)**, vary **(a,b)**
- Fit NL with $\mu = \mathbf{LY}^*[Q_{ch}(\mathbf{kb}, E) + \mathbf{fCh}_{\mathbf{er}}^* \text{Cherenkov}(E)]$
- Our ensemble covers certain phase-space of $(\mathbf{kb}, \mathbf{LY}, \mathbf{fCh}_{\mathbf{er}})$



Summary: analytical vs MC
MC need a lot of fitting

So, GPU fitter would be nice

A few numbers..

- **For analytical pmt fitting.. how much speed up?**

	original fitter	GooStats	speed up
single fit + dn	~ 1 hour	~4 seconds	x600
complementary + dn	~ 2 hours	~7 seconds	x1000
dn+comp.+MV	unknown (> 1 week)	~5 minutes	> x2000

History & path

- 2016 Feb. Ilia: I added MINOS option so we can get precise error but it takes 8 hours.. me: hmm??
- 2017 New Year's Eve, GooStats v0.001
- 2017 Feb. 03 bx-GooStats-charge
- 2017 Mar. 19 bx-GooStats-MC-MV
- 2017 Mar. 23 bx-GooStats-npmt
- 2017 April Alina, Omer et al start to produce physics result with bx-GooStats



GooStats hosted on GitHub

<https://github.com/GooStats/GooStats.git>

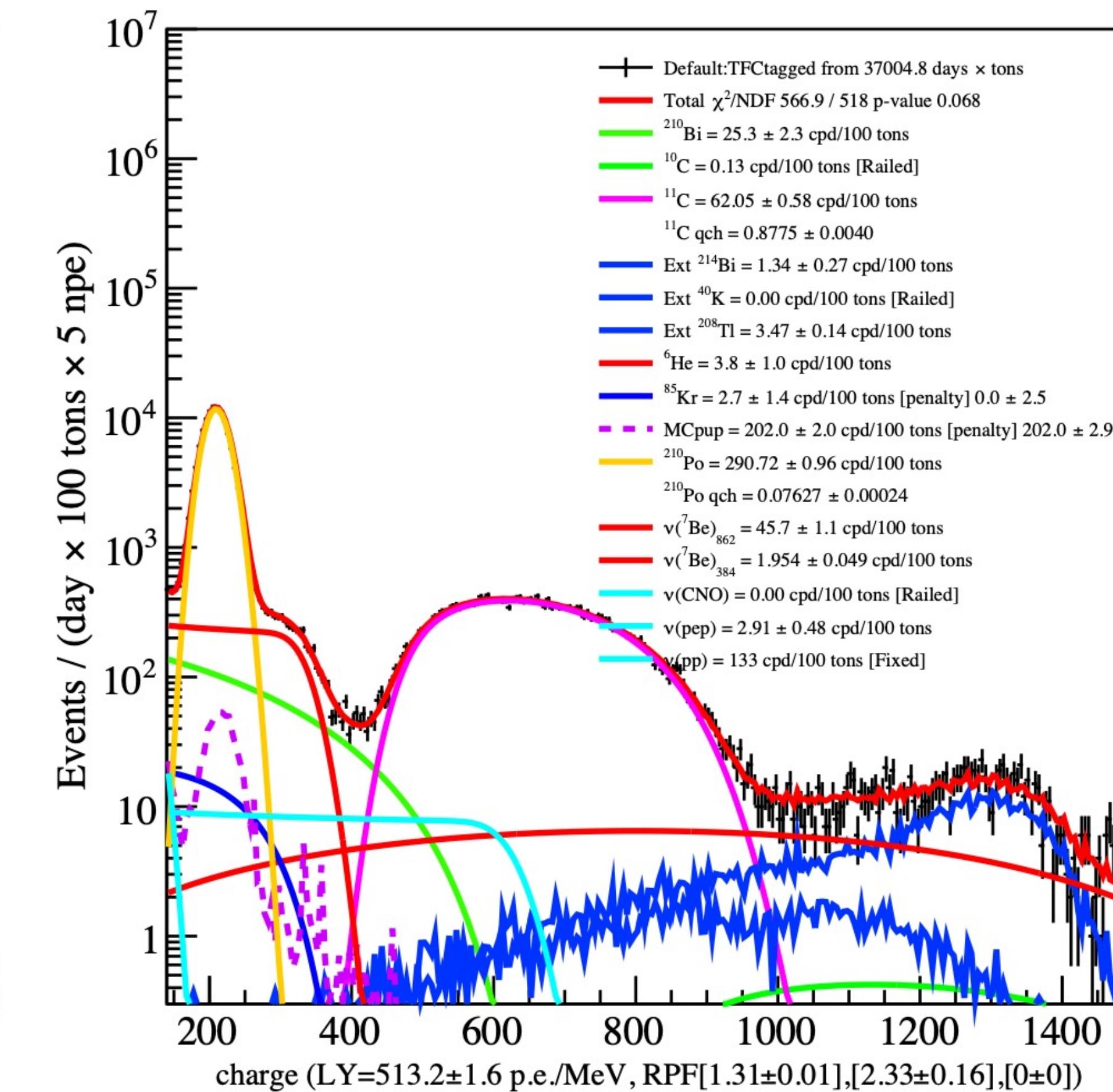
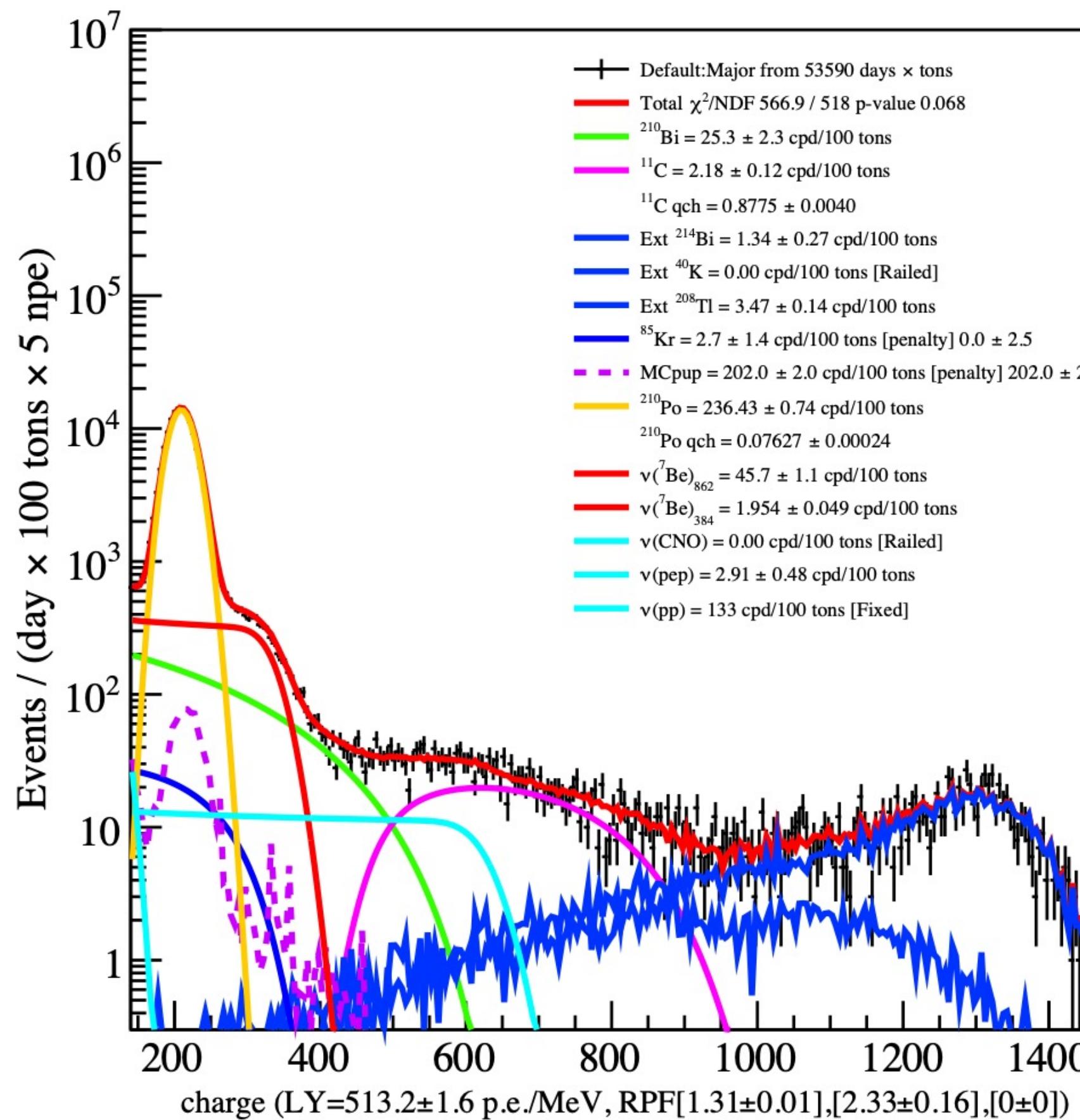
The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'GooStats / GooStats'. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Code', 'Issues 0', 'Pull requests 0', 'Projects 0', 'Wiki', 'Insights', and 'Settings'. Below this, tabs for 'Releases' (selected) and 'Tags' are visible. A pre-release named 'v5.0.0-alpha-p2' is listed, released by DingXuefeng on Nov 25, 2018, with 3 commits to master since the release. The release is marked as 'Verified'. The 'Assets' section contains two items: 'Source code (zip)' and 'Source code (tar.gz)'. A bulleted list below the assets details changes made in this release:

- Simplify CMakeLists.txt
- Add `simpleFit` and `statAnalysis` projects, for the JINST paper

Git version tree

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* | d73baa5 - (3 months ago) fix the logic in use_MC - Xuefeng Ding
* | 09a7ffd - (3 months ago) Merge branch 'MVfit_dev' into dingxf_dev - Xuefeng Ding
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| * | fc455c0 - (3 months ago) enable assert by building Debug. update startbin.. etc - Xuefeng Ding
| * | 4ec0eb4 - (3 months ago) bug fix: could not use static.. fix wrong start/end bin - Xuefeng Ding
| * | c8c08e4 - (3 months ago) now the logic is correct.. - Xuefeng Ding
| * | 3b6df49 - (3 months ago) bug fix: use memcp to symbol.. - Xuefeng Ding
| * | 12c2f9e - (3 months ago) bug fix: return -log(L). bug fix: MEMCPY_TO_SYMBOL is operating on symbol. you cannot pass th
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| * | 582d6e3 - (3 months ago) final bug fix. constant symbol cannot be passed. now you can run it - Xuefeng Ding
| * | 616ab96 - (3 months ago) can compile, yet cannot run. invalid device symbol - Xuefeng Ding
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Physics Result with bx-GooStats



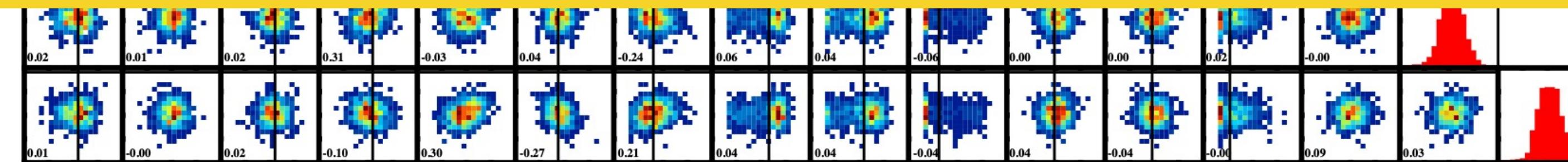
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$^{11}\text{C qch}$	891.87 (-2.31 +1.99) inj 0.809 ± 0.071	
$^{11}\text{C}_{\text{TFC-tagged}}$	53.70 (-0.49 +0.51) inj 53.760 ± 0.016	
^{210}Po	299.75 (-0.72 +0.74) inj 300.000 ± 0.024	
$^{210}\text{Po qch}$	78.429 (-0.018 +0.018) inj 0.0711 ± 0.0006	
$\nu(^7\text{Be})$	48.19 (-1.44 +1.45) inj 48.000 ± 0.048	
^{85}Kr	4.98 (-2.56 +2.62) inj 5.000 ± 0.085	
^{210}Bi	23.1 (-14.4 +3.5) inj 20.00 ± 0.30	
$\nu(\text{pep})$	3.12 (-2.17 +0.81) inj 2.800 ± 0.049	
$\nu(\text{CNO})$	0.0 (-0.0 +16.5) inj 5.00 ± 0.27	
Ext ^{208}Tl	4.036 (-0.153 +0.144) inj 4.0	
	2.05 inj 2	
	0.93 inj 0	
	516.27 inj 556	
	0.219 (-0.005 +0.006) inj 0.3019 ± 0.0002	
g_2	1.643 (-0.164 +0.173) inj 2.3700 ± 0.0056	

SOURCE OF SYSTEMATICS

SYSTEMATICS

- MC SAMPLER
- NO DISTORTION APPLIED
- NO GEO-CORRECTION INJ/FIT
- BIAS AS SYSTEMATICS
- 68% CL SHOWN ON 2ND ROW

Physics Result with bx-GooStats

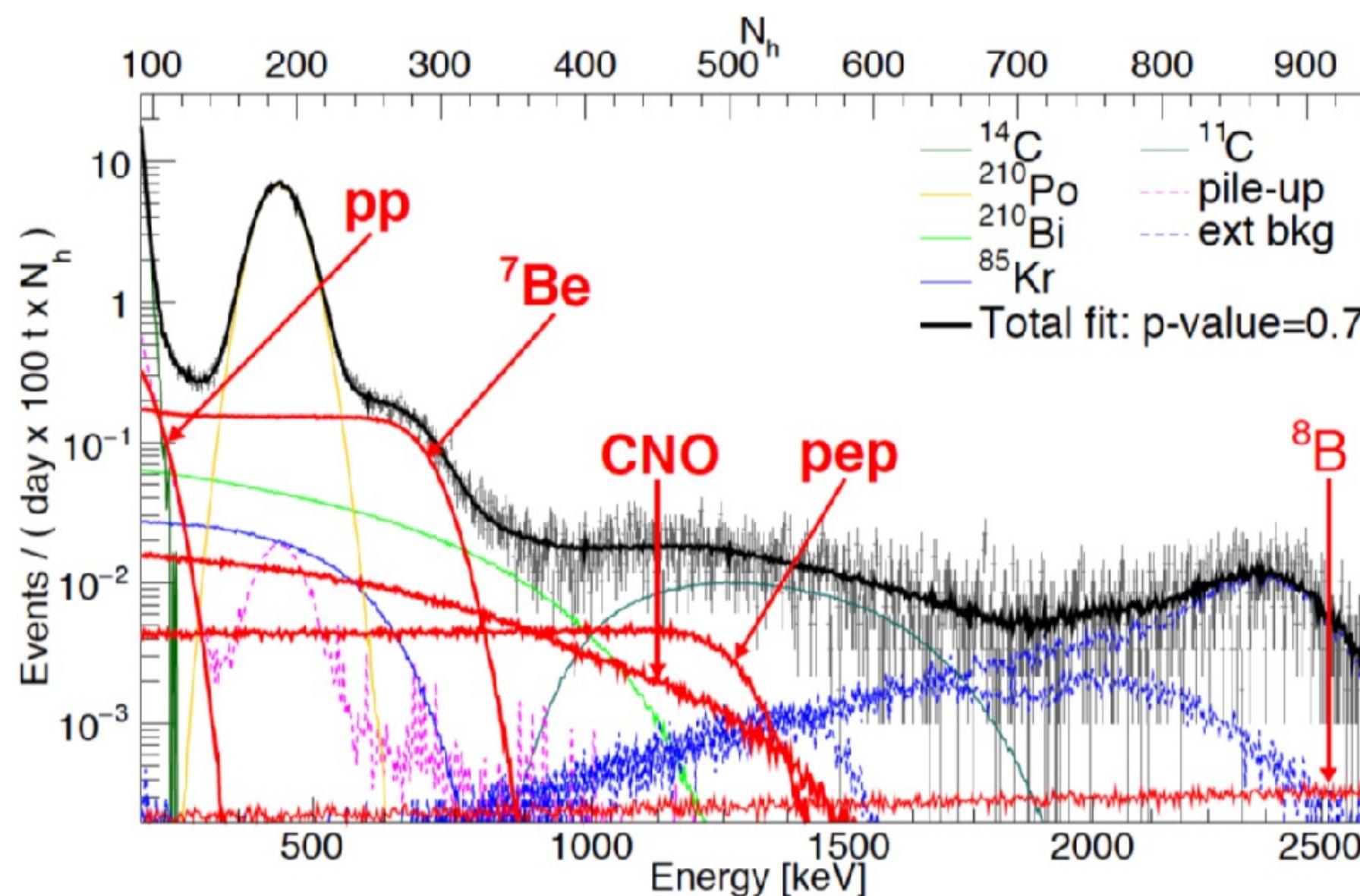


Contributions to **borex_phys** cluster

- **``AgosiniPlot'' correlation test**
 - 1000 fit x ~60 test (charge) = 60 day x 20 CPU
- **Normal fit**
 - Julich group: >4000 Analytical MultiVariate Fit
 - Pros: See result in 10 seconds
 - Cons: No time to eat sandwiches and watch Youtube anymore..

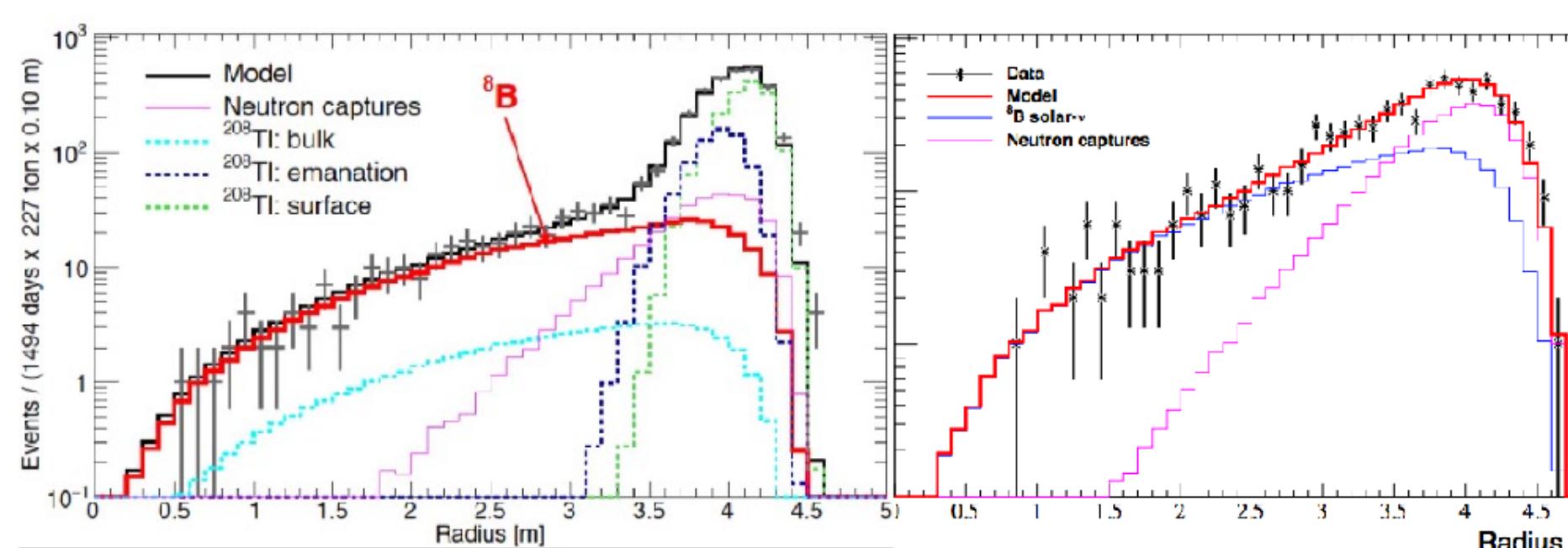
Borexino Phase-II result

Analysis Overview



Low Energy Region (LER)

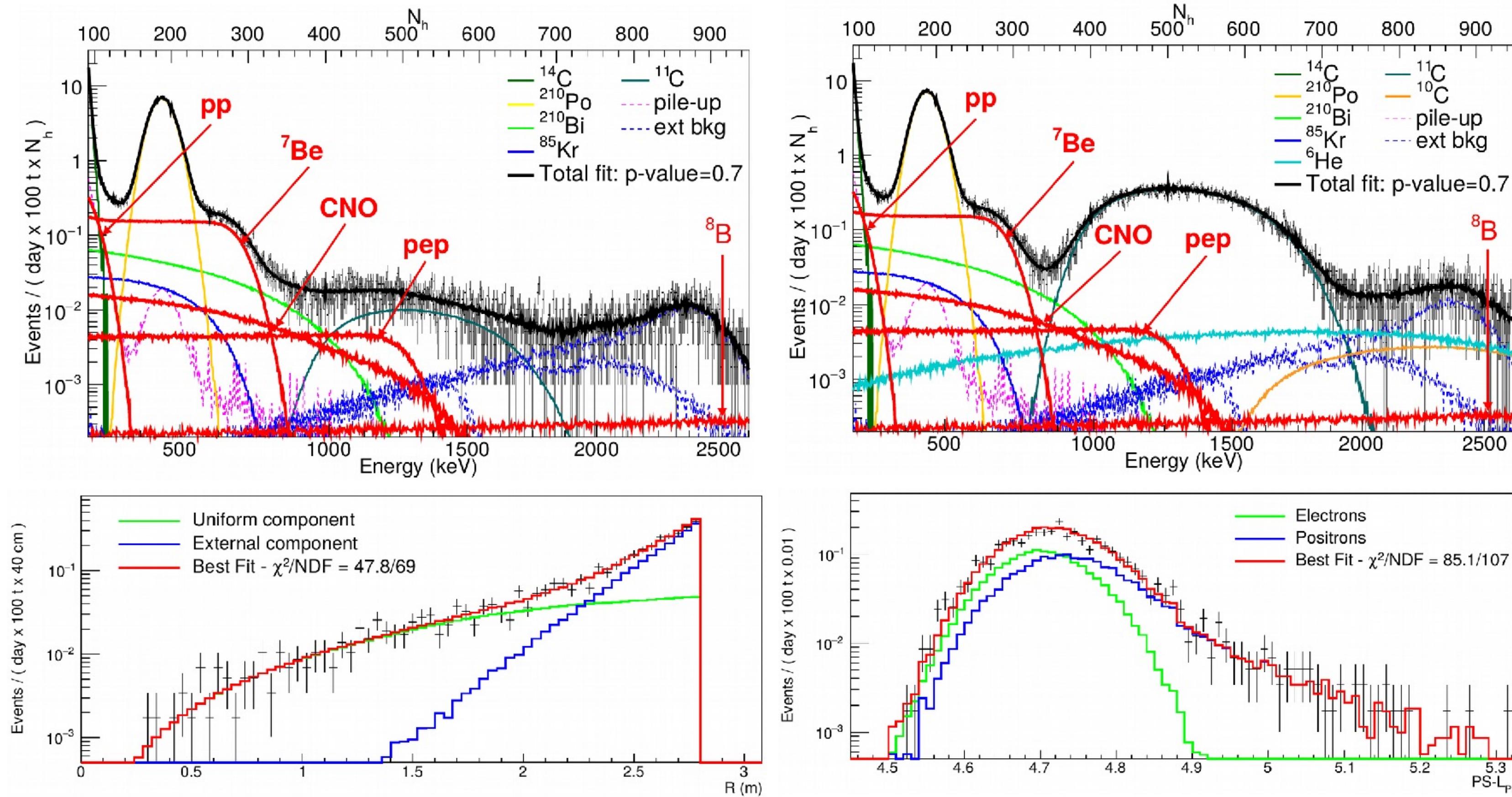
- **MultiVariate fit**
 - Energy + Radius + PS
- **0.19 ~ 2.93 MeV**



High Energy Region (HER)

- **Radial spectral fit**
 - HER-I 3.2~5.7 MeV
 - HER-II 5.7~17 MeV

LER Highlight: Multi-Variate analysis



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{MV}} \left(\vec{\theta} \right) = \mathcal{L}_{\text{TFC-sub}} \left(\vec{\theta} \right) \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text{TFC-tagged}} \left(\vec{\theta} \right) \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text{RD}} \left(\vec{\theta} \right) \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text{PS}} \left(\vec{\theta} \right)$$

- Scaling factor introduced to remove bias.

[1] S. Davini, "Measurement of the pep and CNO solar neutrino interaction rates in Borexino-I," Eur. Phys. J. Plus, vol. 128, no. 8, p. 89, Aug. 2013.

Systematic uncertainties

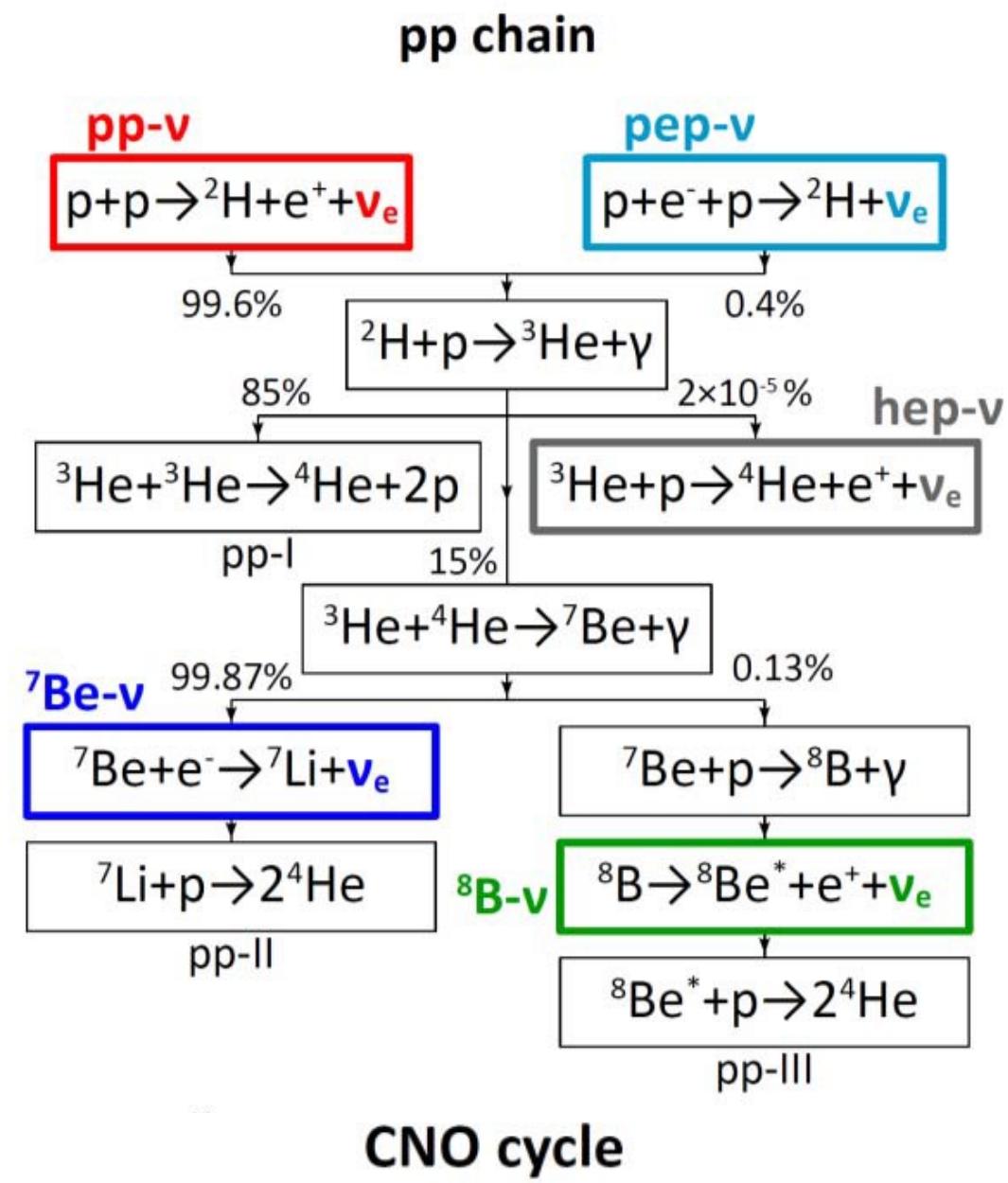
Systematic errors in the <i>LER</i> analysis						
Source of uncertainty	<i>pp</i> neutrinos		<i>7Be</i> neutrinos		<i>pep</i> neutrinos	
	-%	+%	-%	+%	-%	+%
Fit models (see text)	-4.5	+0.5	-1.0	+0.2	-6.8	+2.8
Fit method (analytical/MC)	-1.2	+1.2	-0.2	+0.2	-4.0	+4.0
Choice of the energy estimator	-2.5	+2.5	-0.1	+0.1	-2.4	+2.4
Pile-up modeling	-2.5	+0.5	0	0	0	0
Fit range and binning	-3.0	+3.0	-0.1	+0.1	-1.0	+1.0
Inclusion of the ^{85}Kr constraint	-2.2	+2.2	0	+0.4	-3.2	0
Live Time	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05
Scintillator Density	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05
Fiducial Volume	-1.1	+0.6	-1.1	+0.6	-1.1	+0.6
Total systematics (%)	-7.1	+4.7	-1.5	+0.8	-9.0	+5.6

Systematic errors in the <i>HER</i> analysis (8B neutrinos)						
Source of uncertainty	<i>HER-I</i>		<i>HER-II</i>		<i>HER</i> (tot)	
	-%	+%	-%	+%	-%	+%
Target Mass	-2.0	+2.0	-2.0	+2.0	-2.0	+2.0
Energy scale	-0.5	+0.5	-4.9	+4.9	-1.7	+1.7
z-cut	-0.7	+0.7	0	0	-0.4	+0.4
Live time	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05
Scintillator density	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05
Total systematics (%)	-2.2	+2.2	-5.3	+5.3	-2.7	+2.7

LER

HER

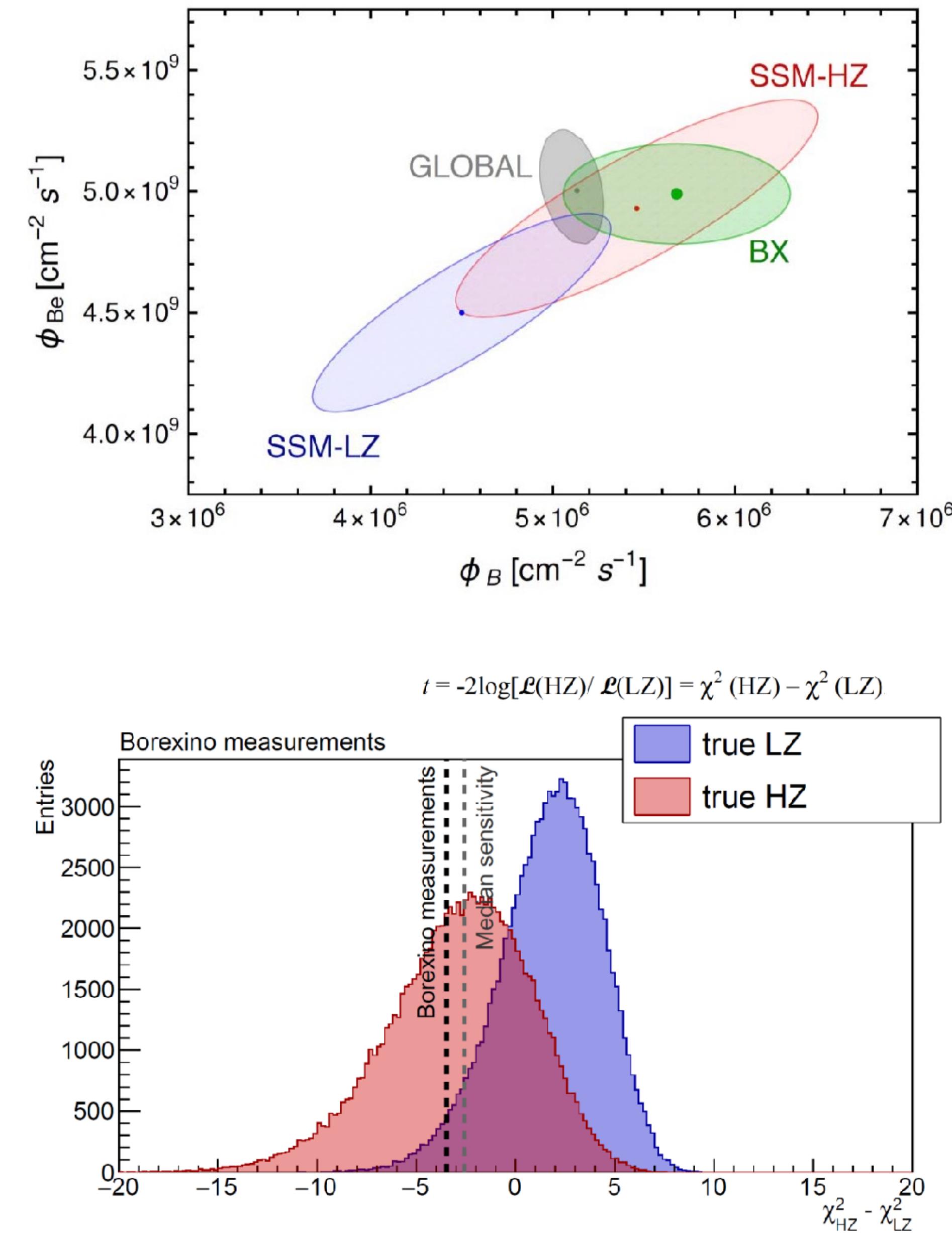
Unique results on **solar physics**



- We measured the luminosity from neutrino to be **$(3.89^{+0.35}_{-0.42}) \times 10^{33} \text{ erg/s}$** ,
- **Consistent** with results from photons $(3.846 \pm 0.015) \times 10^{33} \text{ erg/s}$

$$R = 2\Phi(^7\text{Be}) / [\Phi(pp) - \Phi(^7\text{Be})]$$

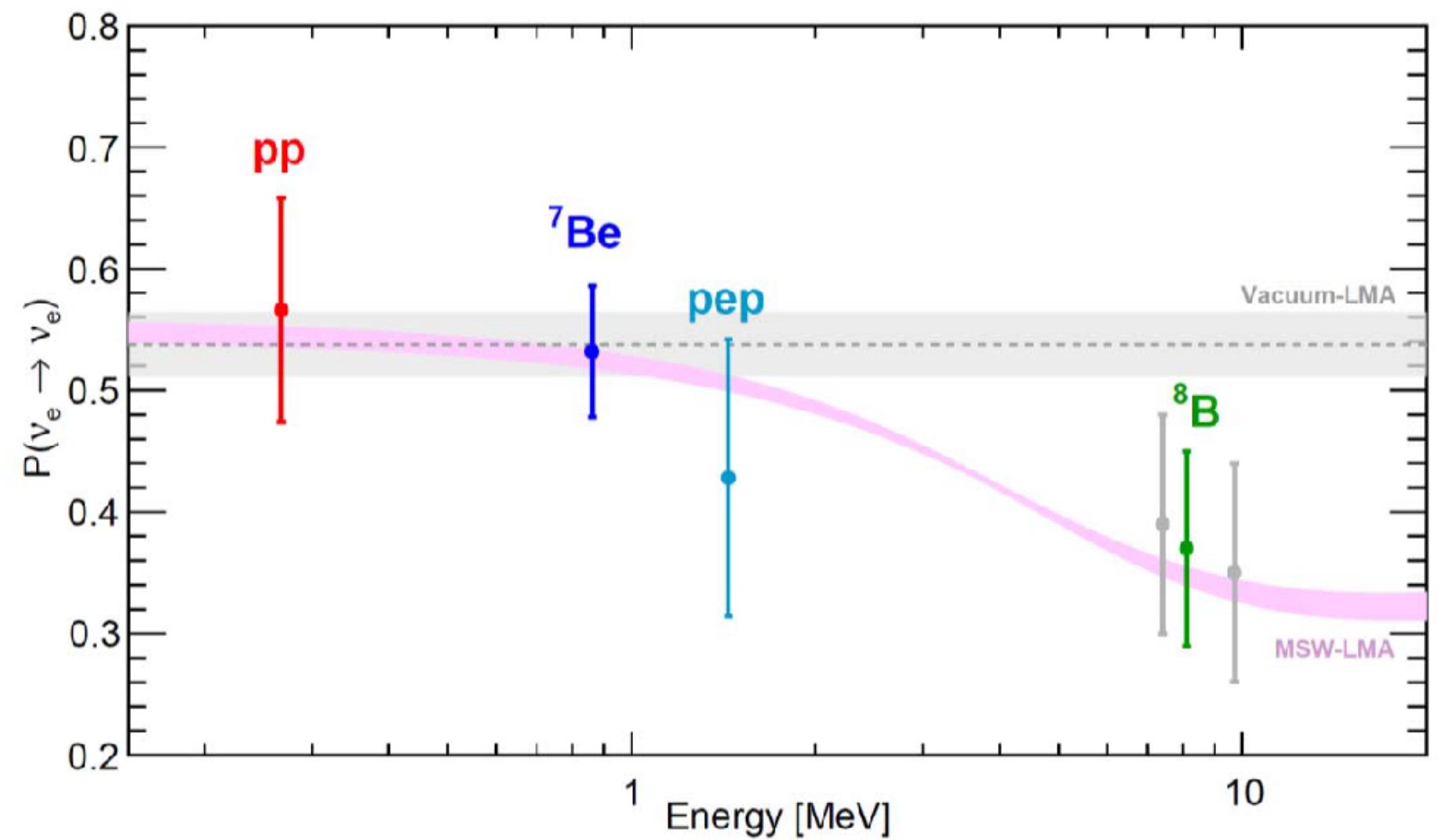
- pp-I vs pp-II B.R. **$0.178^{+0.027}_{-0.023}$**
- **Consistent** with both HZ (0.180 ± 0.011) and LZ (0.161 ± 0.010) model



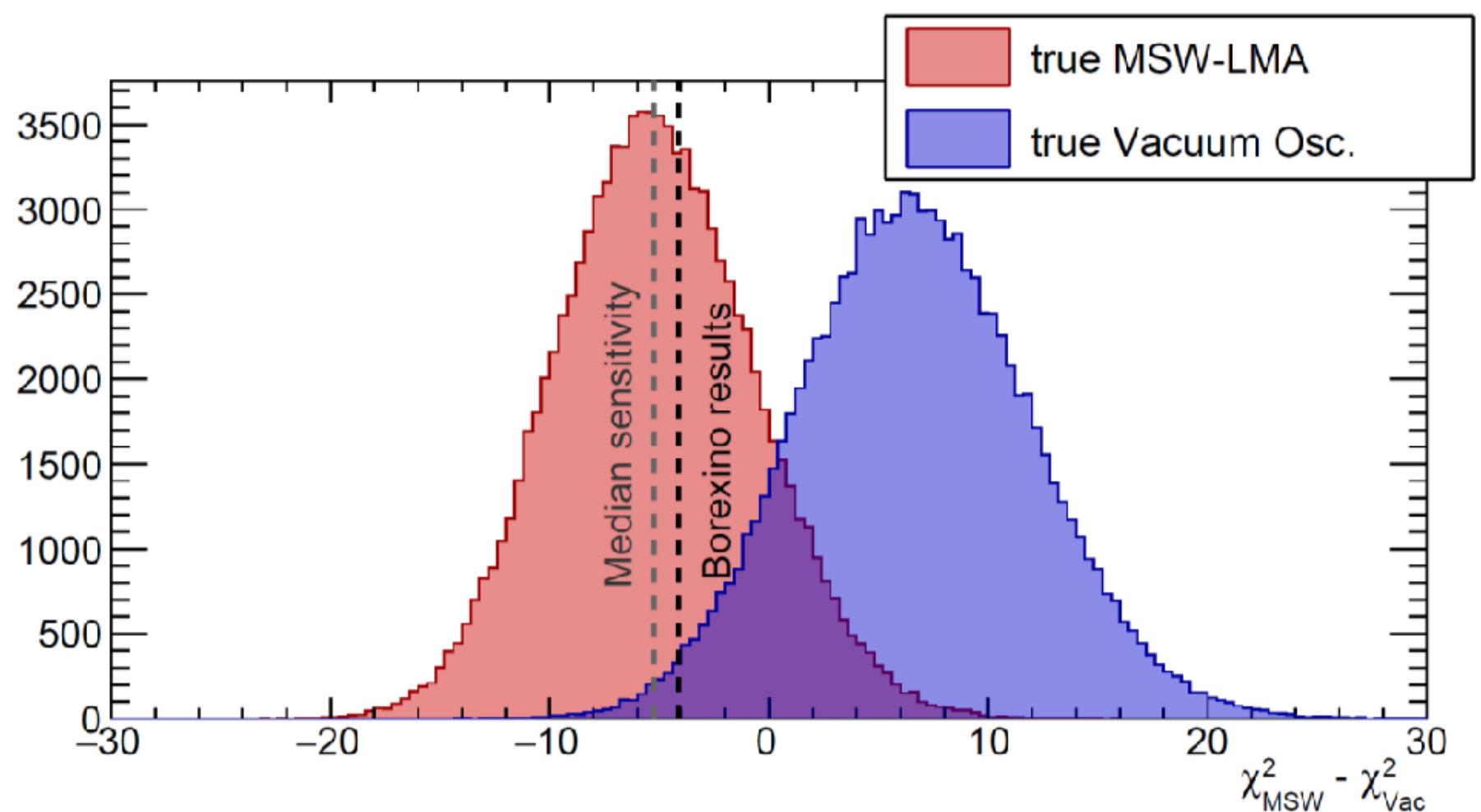
Results on **solar neutrino flux**

- Precision on $\nu^7\text{Be}$ 3% is better than the model precision 7%
- With Borexino results alone we **reject LZ model at 96.6% C.L.**, slightly better than the expected median sensitivity 93.8%.
- Including superK etc. both models are compatible

Results on P_{ee}



$$t = -2\log[\mathcal{L}(\text{MSW})/\mathcal{L}(\text{vacuum})] = \chi^2(\text{MSW}) - \chi^2(\text{vacuum})$$



- Including uncertainty from theoretical flux prediction
- With Borexino results alone we **reject Vacuum-LMA model at 98.2% C.L.**,

How to model the Sun?

2.1.4 Full Set of Equations and Boundary Conditions

The complete set of standard equations describing the evolution of stars, and in particular of the Sun, is given by Eqs. (2.2), (2.5), (2.6), (2.10), (2.19) and the set of N Eqs. (2.42). Together, they form the system of $4 + N$ partial differential equations:

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial m} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2 \rho} \quad (2.43a)$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial m} = -\frac{Gm}{4\pi r^4} \quad (2.43b)$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial m} = \epsilon_{\text{nuc}} - \epsilon_v + \epsilon_{\text{gr}} \quad (2.43c)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial m} = -\frac{GmT}{4\pi r^4 P} \begin{cases} \nabla_{\text{rad}} & \text{radiative regions} \\ \nabla & \text{convective regions} \end{cases} \quad (2.43d)$$

$$\frac{\partial X_i}{\partial t} = \left. \frac{\partial X_i}{\partial t} \right|_{\text{conv}} + \left. \frac{\partial X_i}{\partial t} \right|_{\text{mic}} + \left. \frac{\partial X_i}{\partial t} \right|_{\text{nuc}} \quad (2.43e)$$

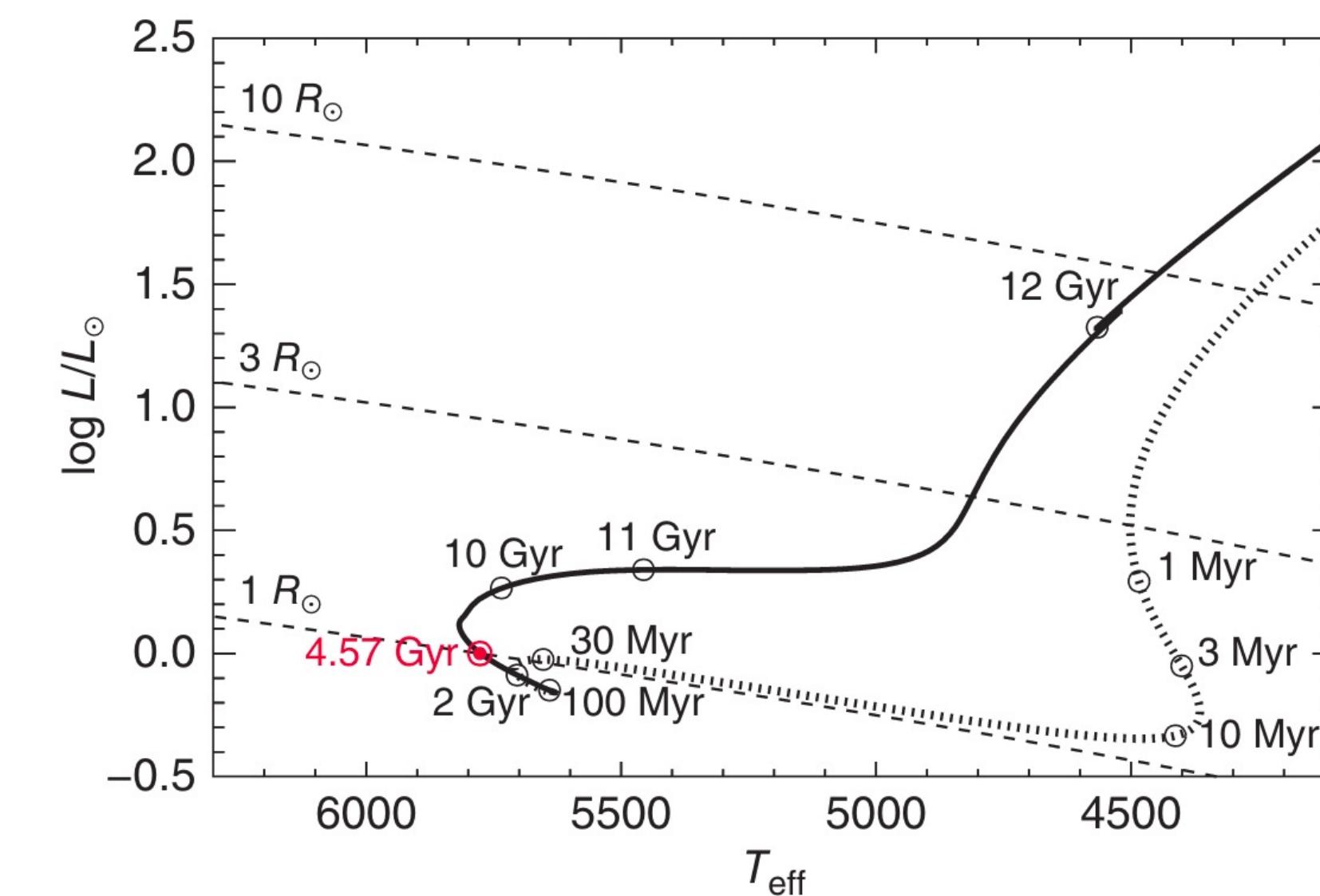


Figure 2.9 Hertzsprung–Russell diagram showing the evolution of a $1 M_\odot$ stellar model. Curves of constant stellar radii are shown with dashed lines and the age of the model is indicated at several locations. The location of the present-day Sun is indicated with the \odot symbol, at $\tau_\odot = 4.57$ Gyr. Pre-main sequence evolution is indicated with dashed lines.

Neutrinos produced in the Sun

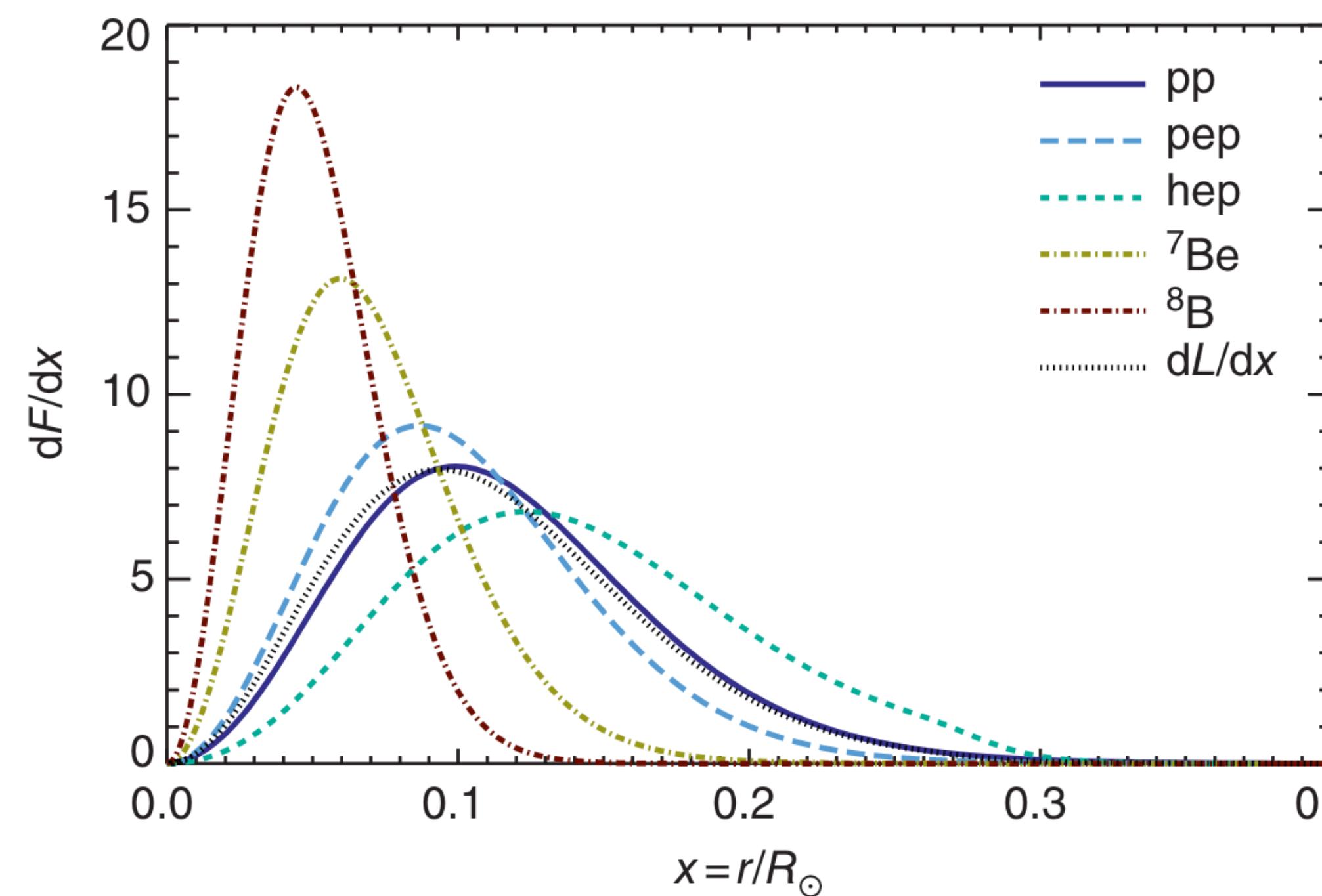
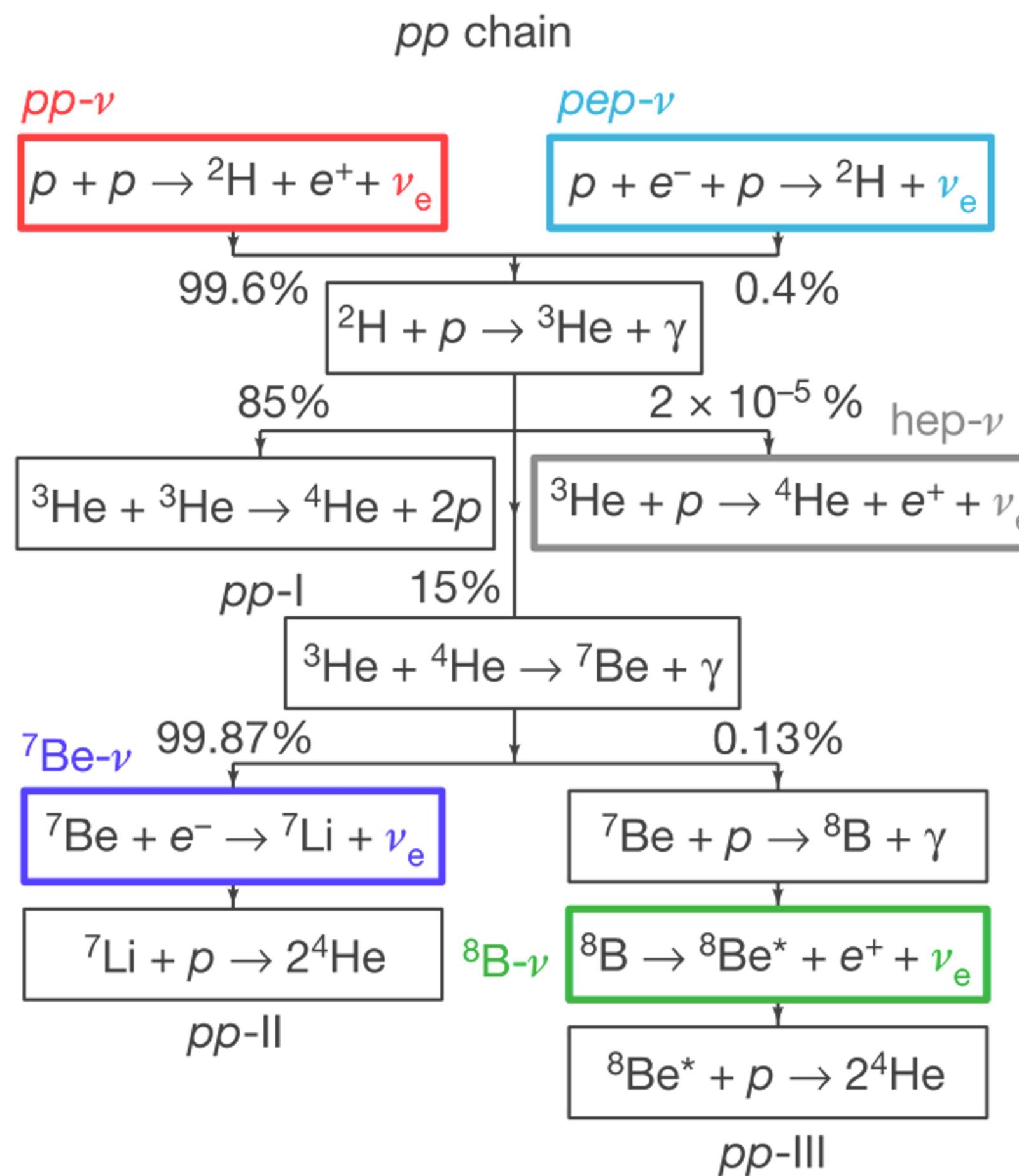
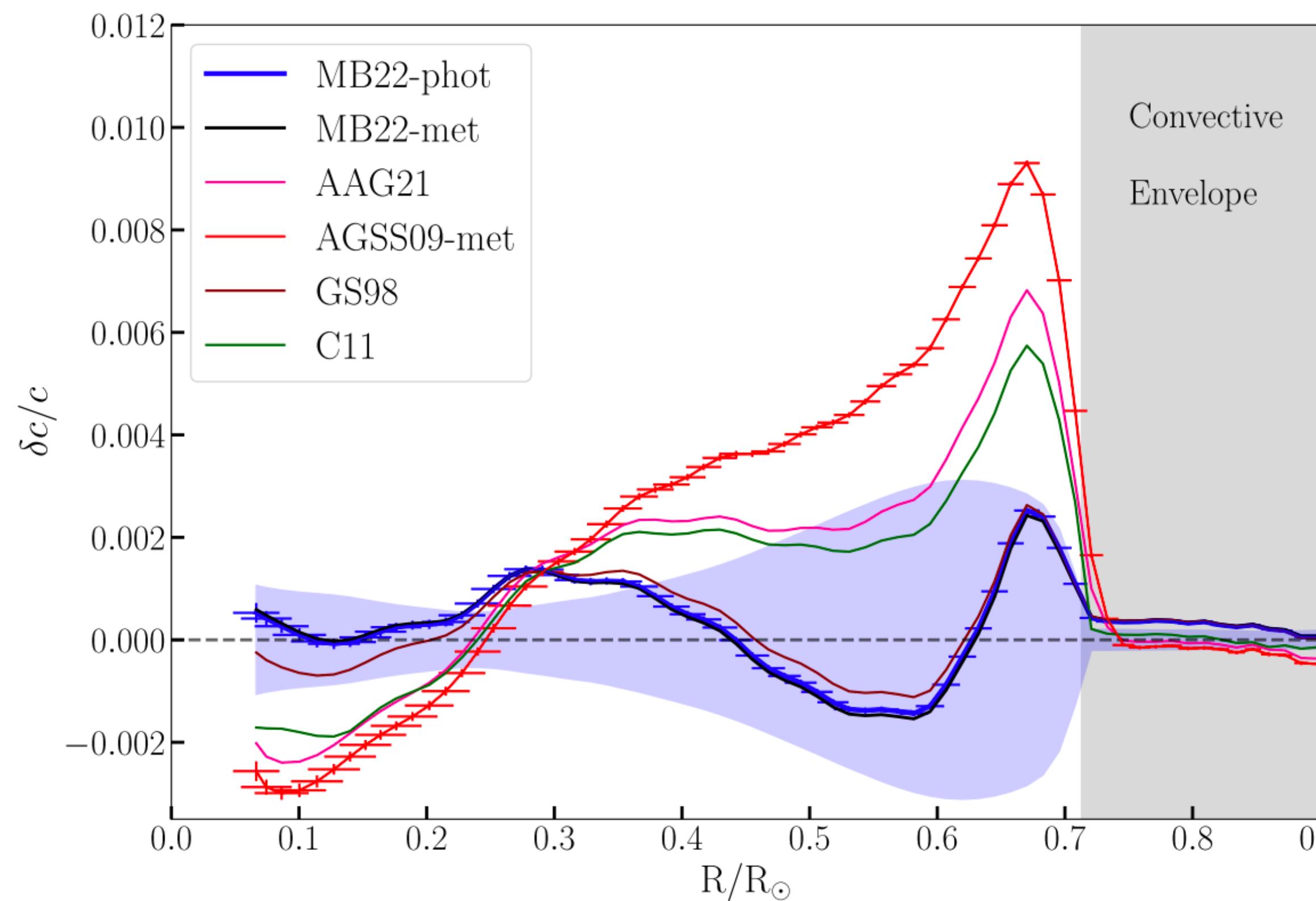


Figure 2.14 Distribution functions of the production of neutrinos in the pp chains and of the solar total luminosity.

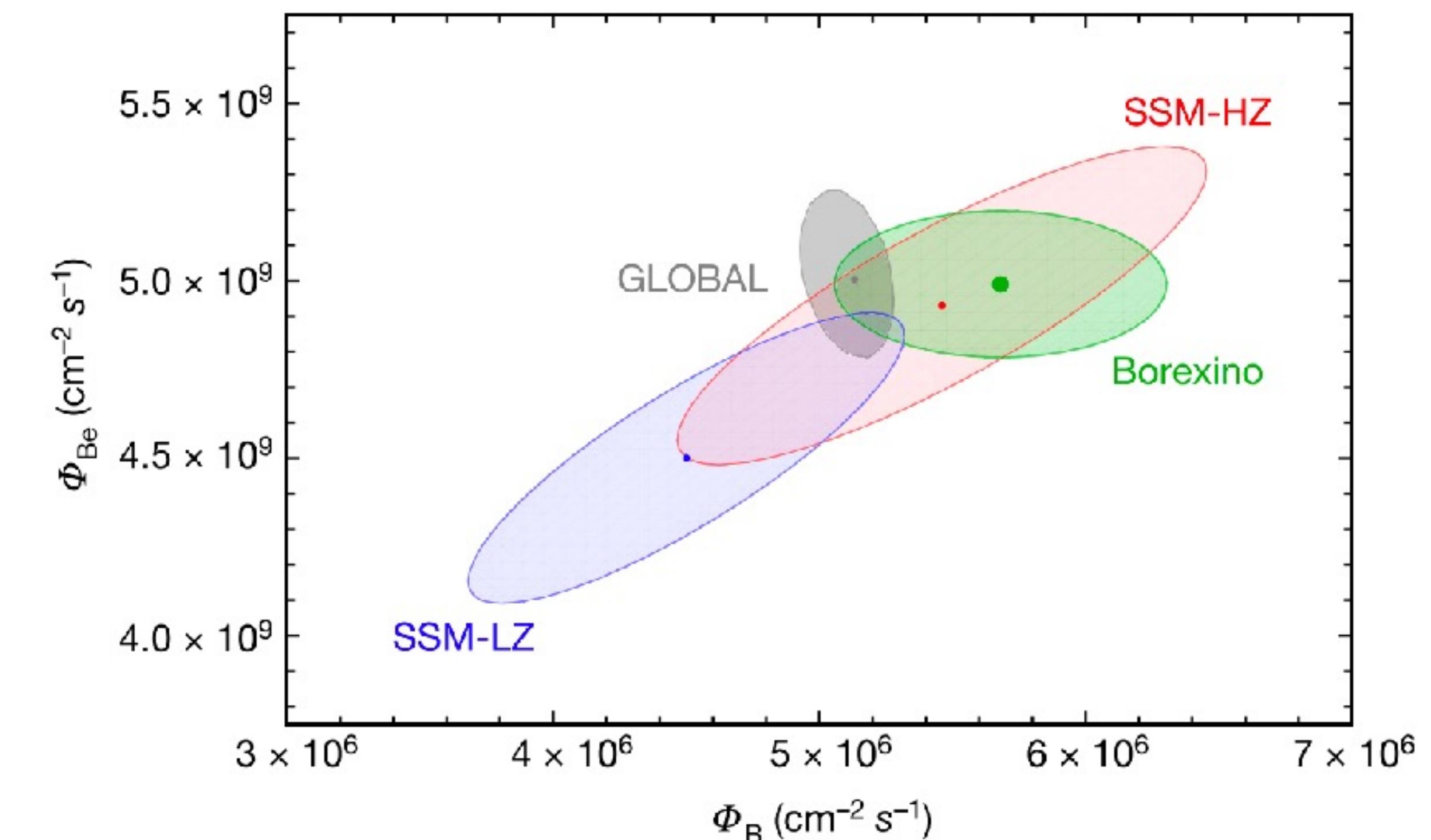
The metallicity problem

Sound speed profile



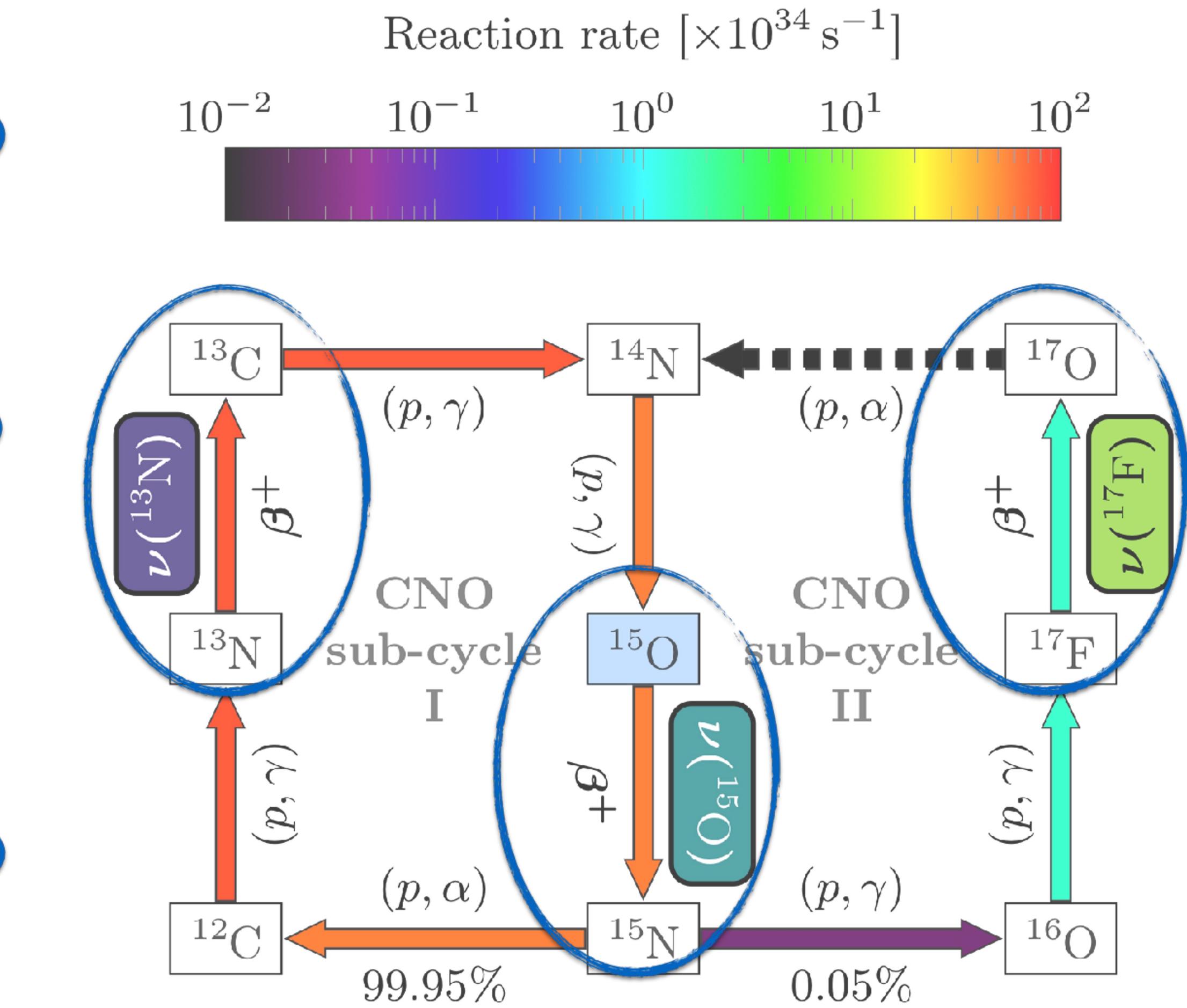
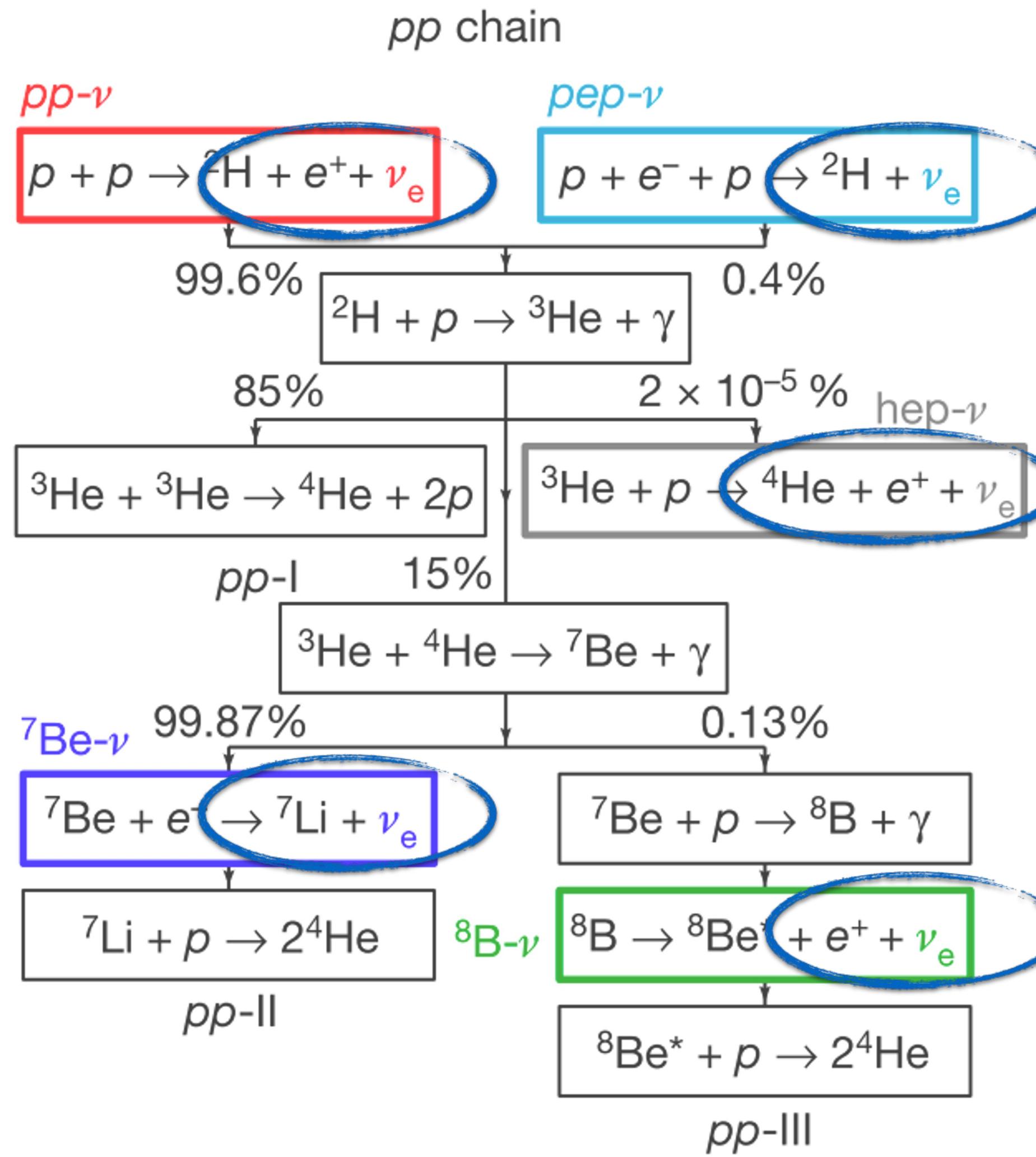
E. Magg et al. v2203.02255

Solar neutrino fluxes



Borexino Collaboration (2018). Comprehensive measurement of pp-chain solar neutrinos. Nature, 562(7728), 505–510.

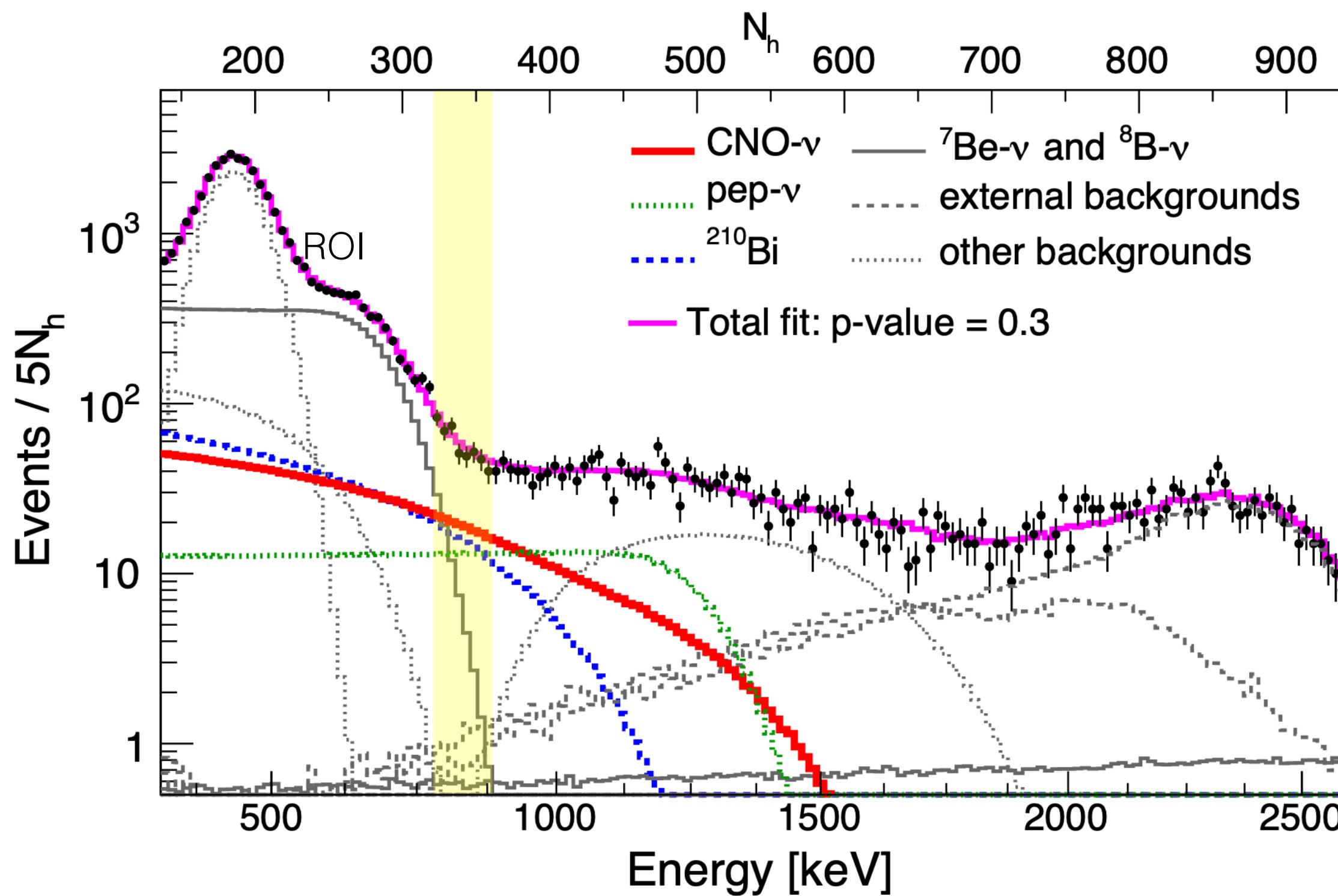
The pp-chain vs CNO-cycle



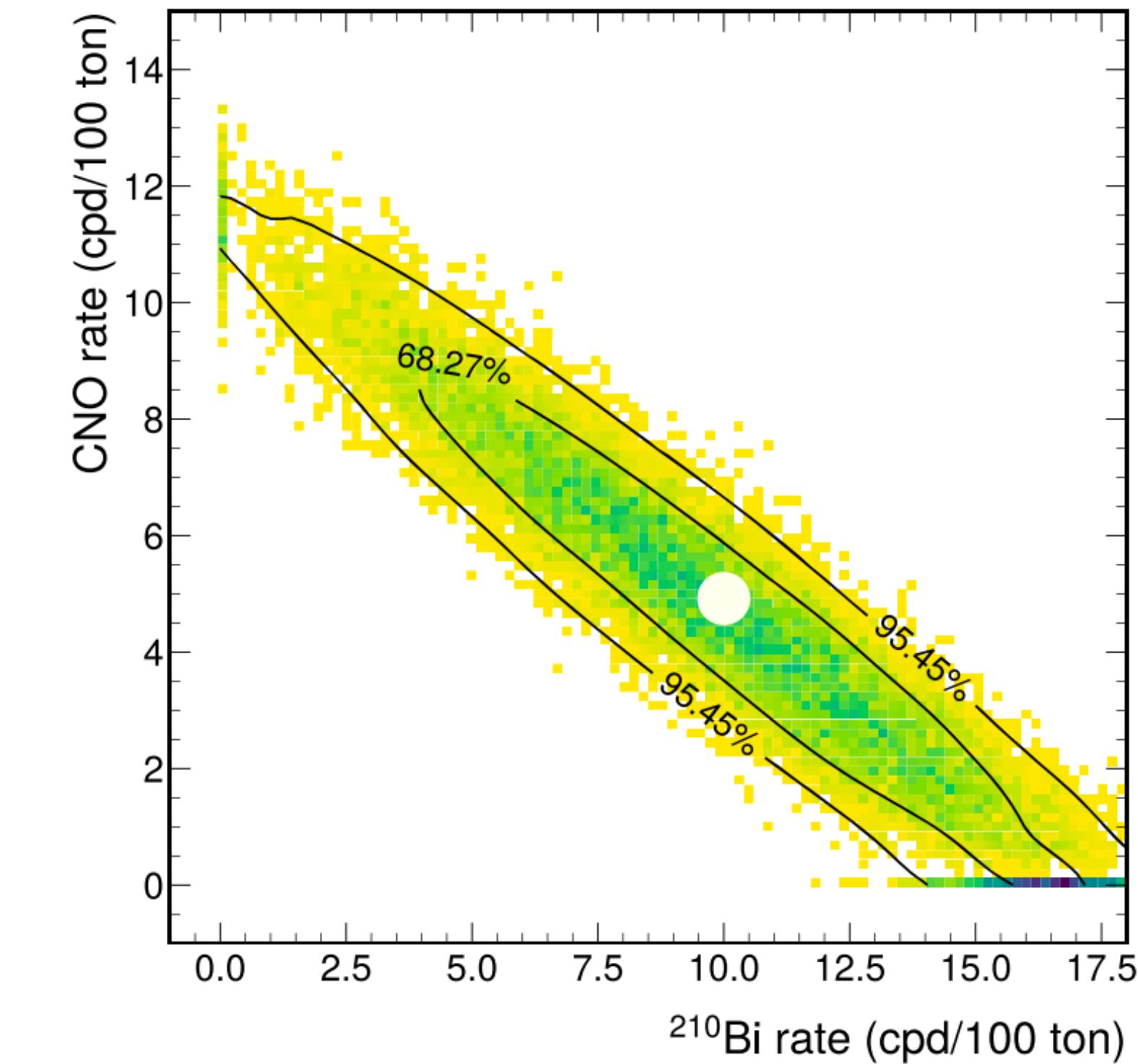
Borexino Phase-III: CNO

Measuring CNO with Borexino

Shape of CNO and ^{210}Bi



Fit results of CNO and ^{210}Bi of toy MC datasets



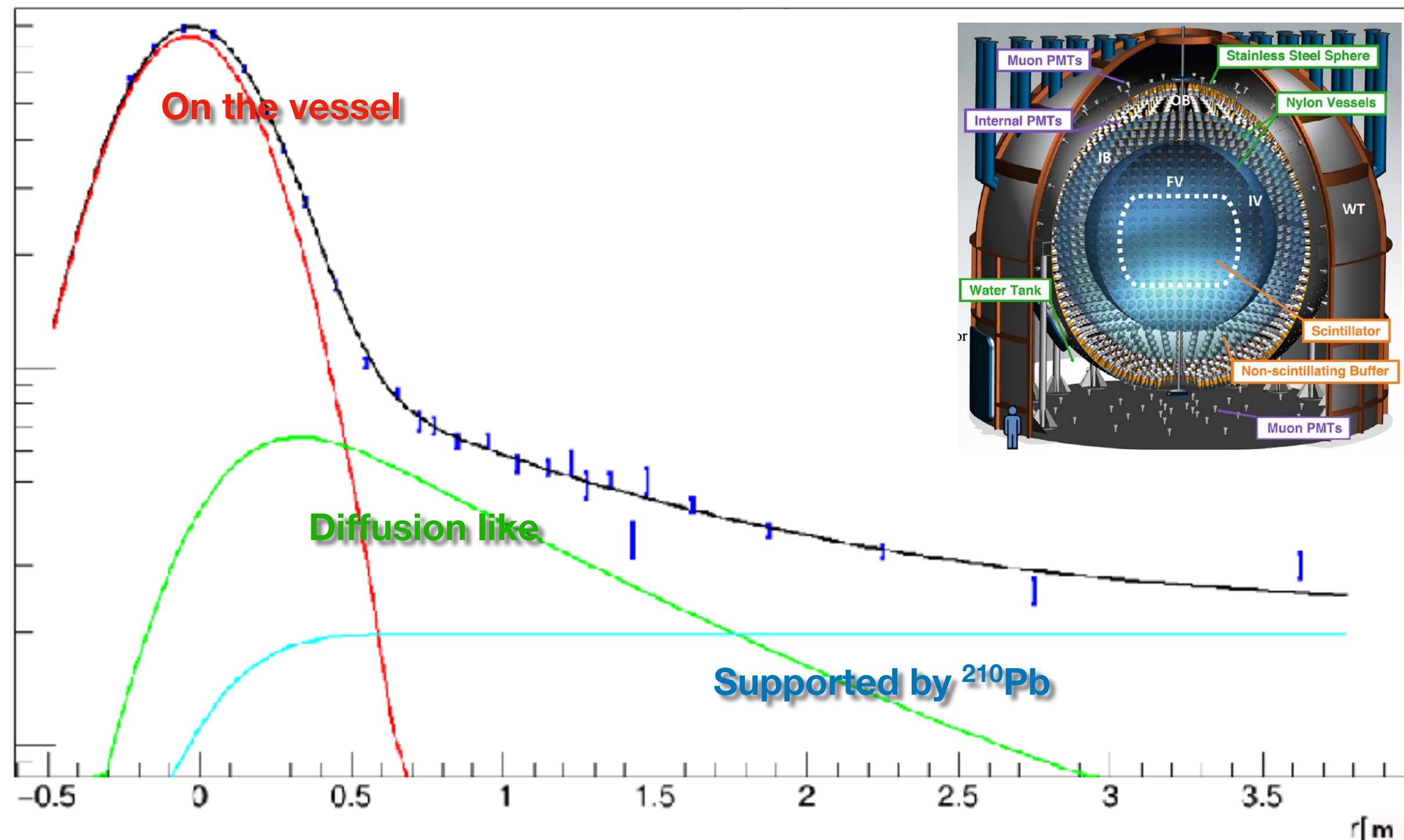
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First detection of solar neutrinos from CNO cycle with Borexino. G. Ranucci. Neutrino 2020

- Bulk sensitivity from 0.8—1 MeV. With pep fixed, 0.6 $^{210}\text{Bi}+\text{CNO}$ is known well.
- **Once ^{210}Bi is determined, CNO will be measured.**

How to measure ^{210}Bi

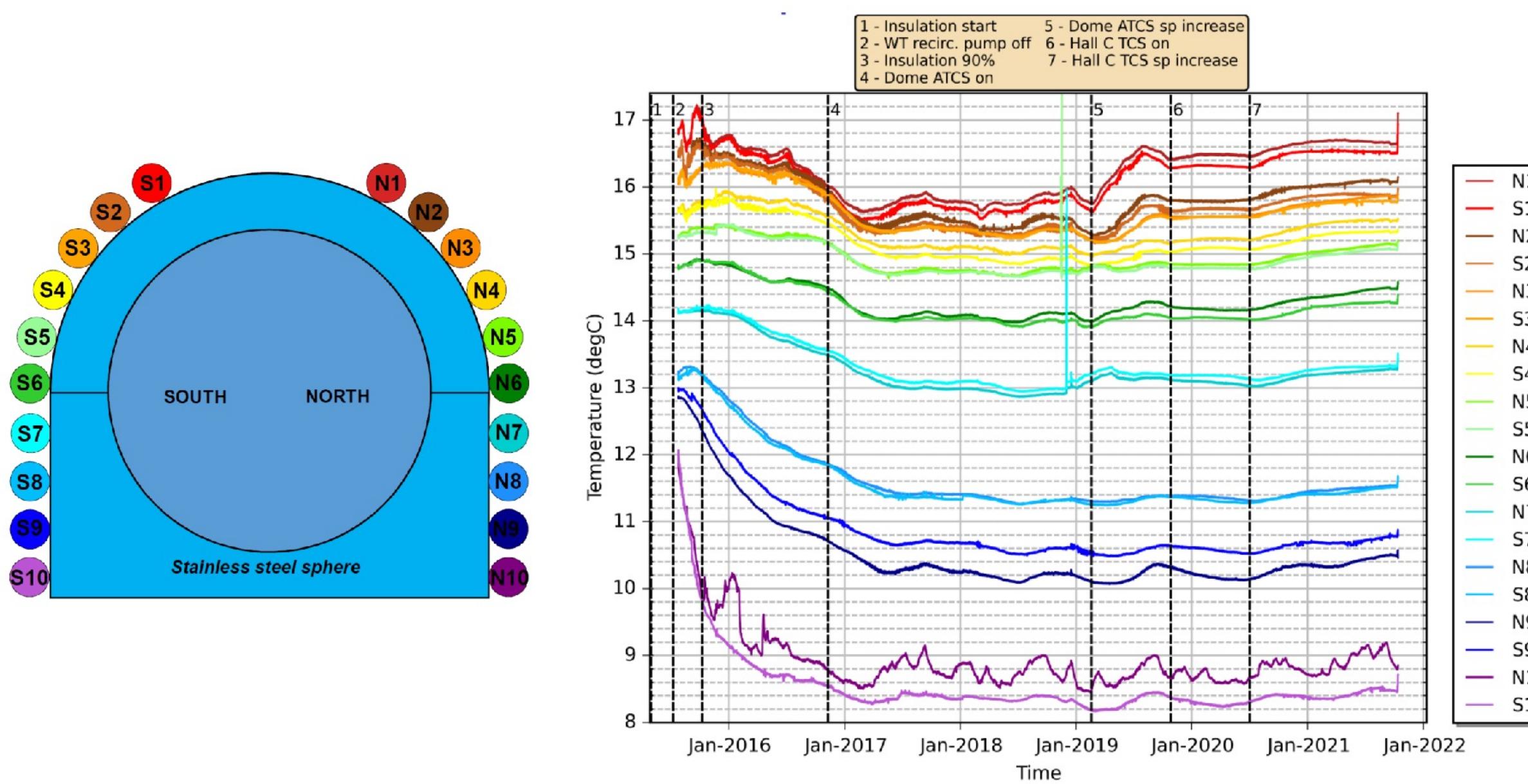
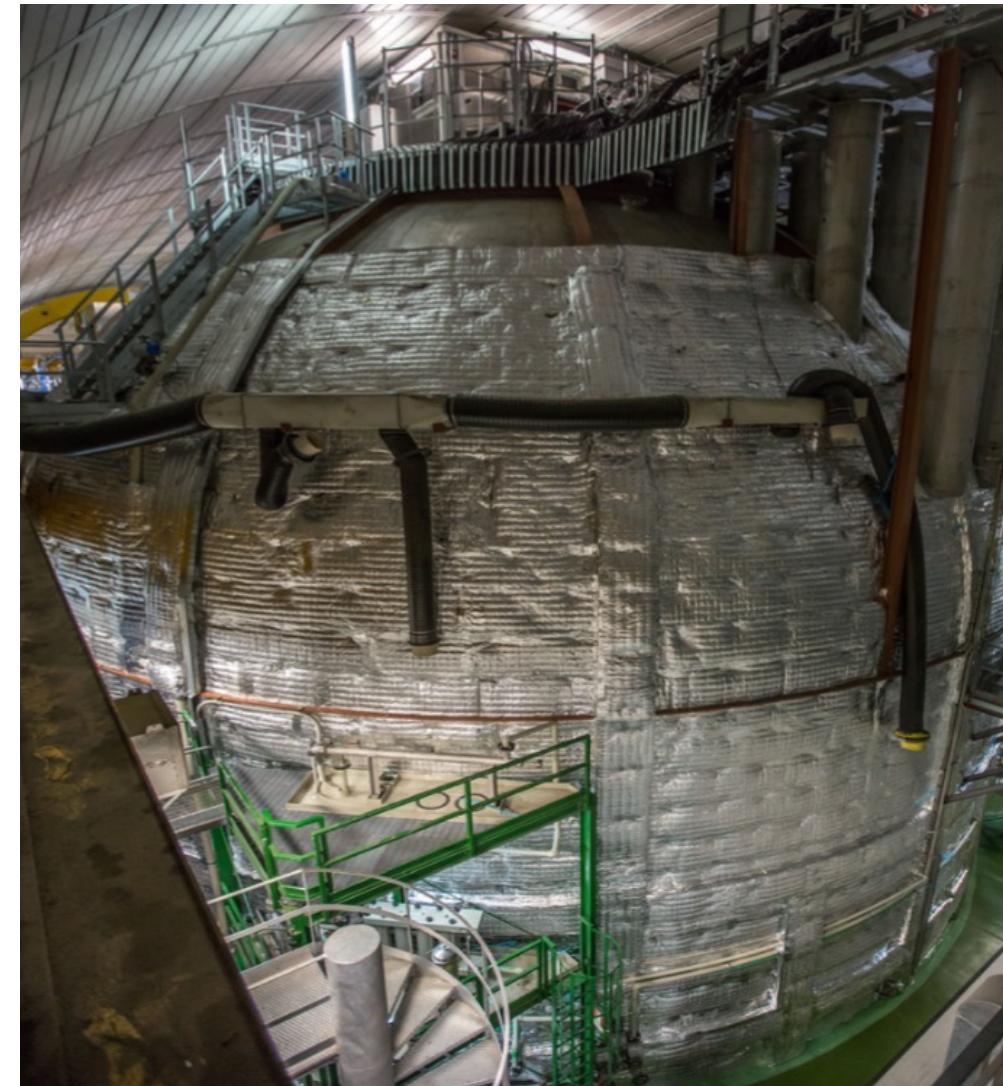
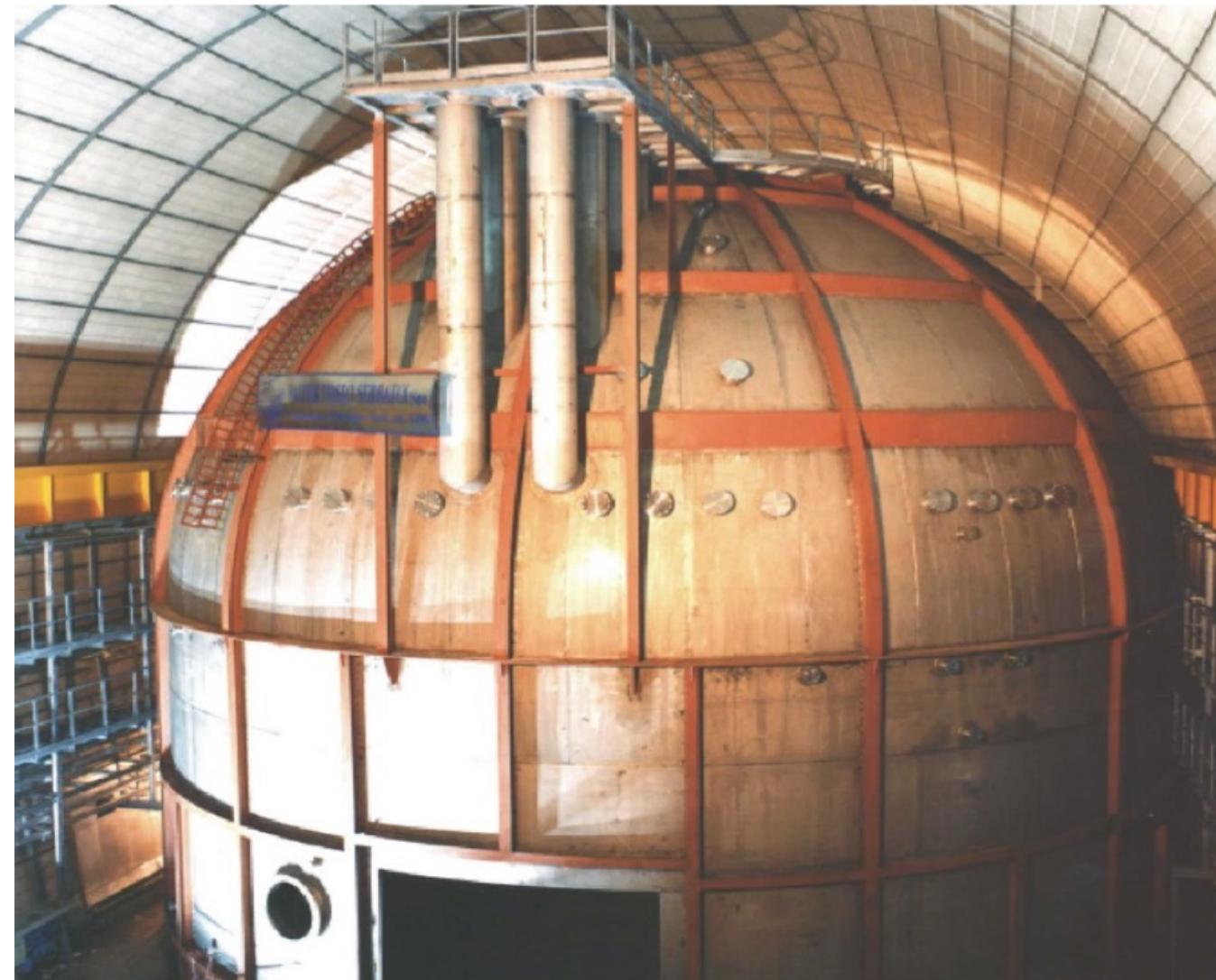
Distribution of ^{210}Po events



- ^{210}Po is the decay daughter of ^{210}Bi ;
- $^{210}\text{Bi} = ^{210}\text{Po}$ @ secular equilibrium;
- Extra ^{210}Po brought into FV by convection & migration:

$$R(^{210}\text{Bi}) < R(^{210}\text{Po}) + \text{migrated } ^{210}\text{Po}$$

Efforts to suppress the convection motion.

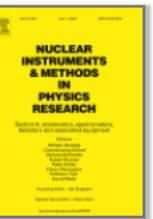


First Direct Experimental Evidence of CNO neutrinos, BOREXINO, 2020, hep-ex/2006.15115



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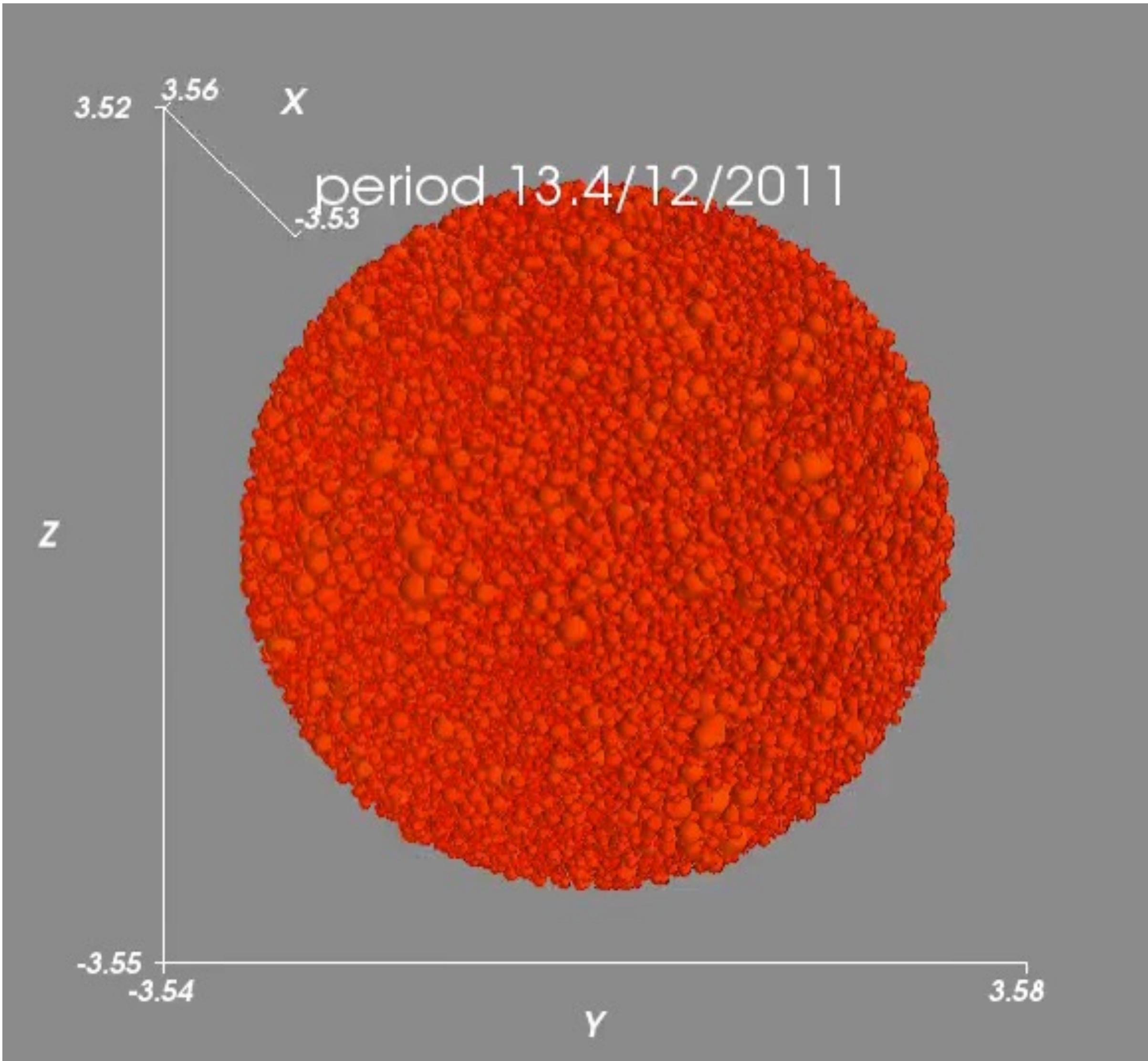


Fluid-dynamics and transport of ^{210}Po in the scintillator Borexino detector: A numerical analysis

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- Double layer of mineral wool for **insulation** & Active Temperature Control System (**ATCS**) (2014—2016)
- Temperature Probes (2014—2016)
- Fluid dynamical simulations
- Hall C Temperature stabilization (2019)

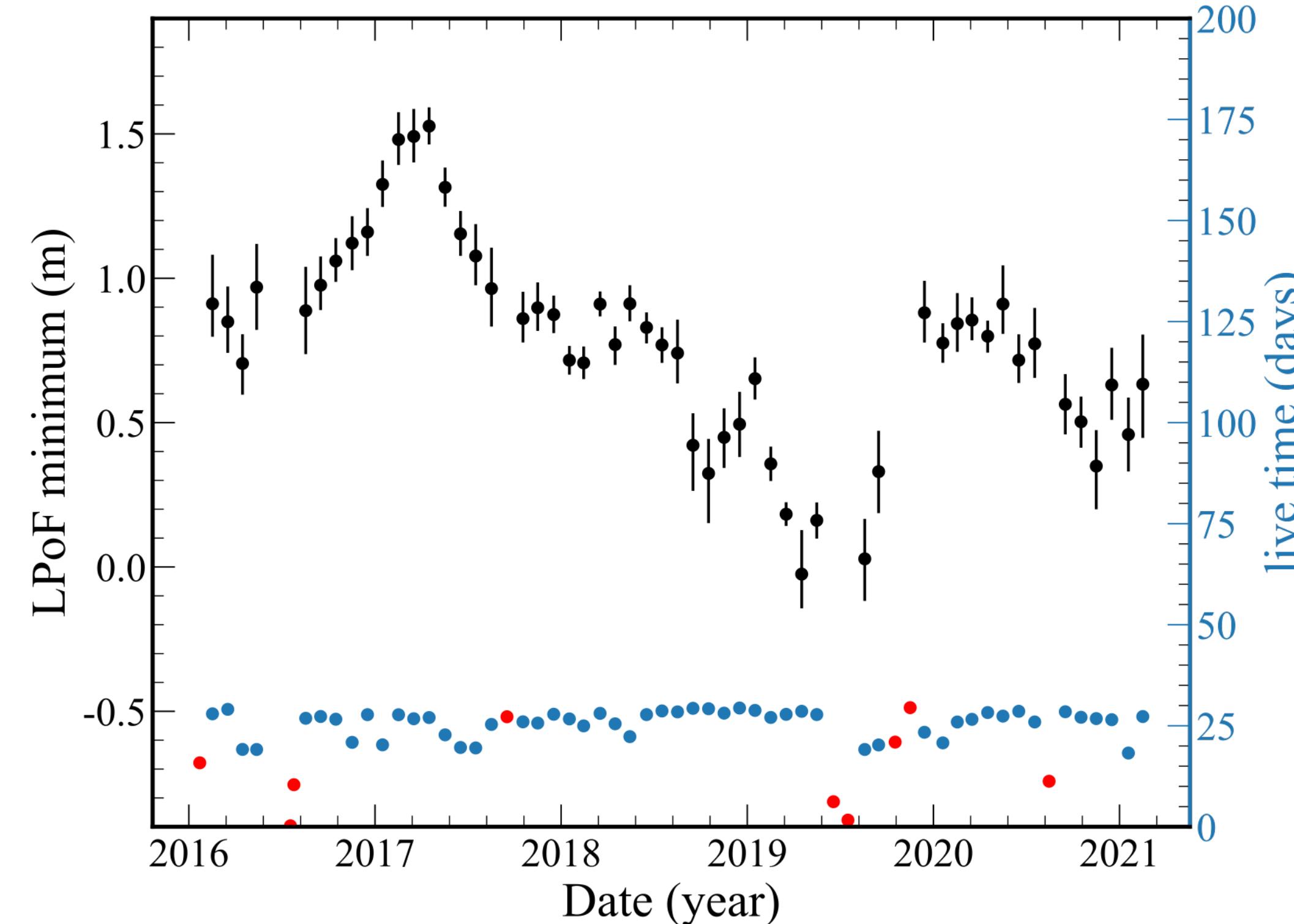
Formation of Low Polonium Field (LPoF)



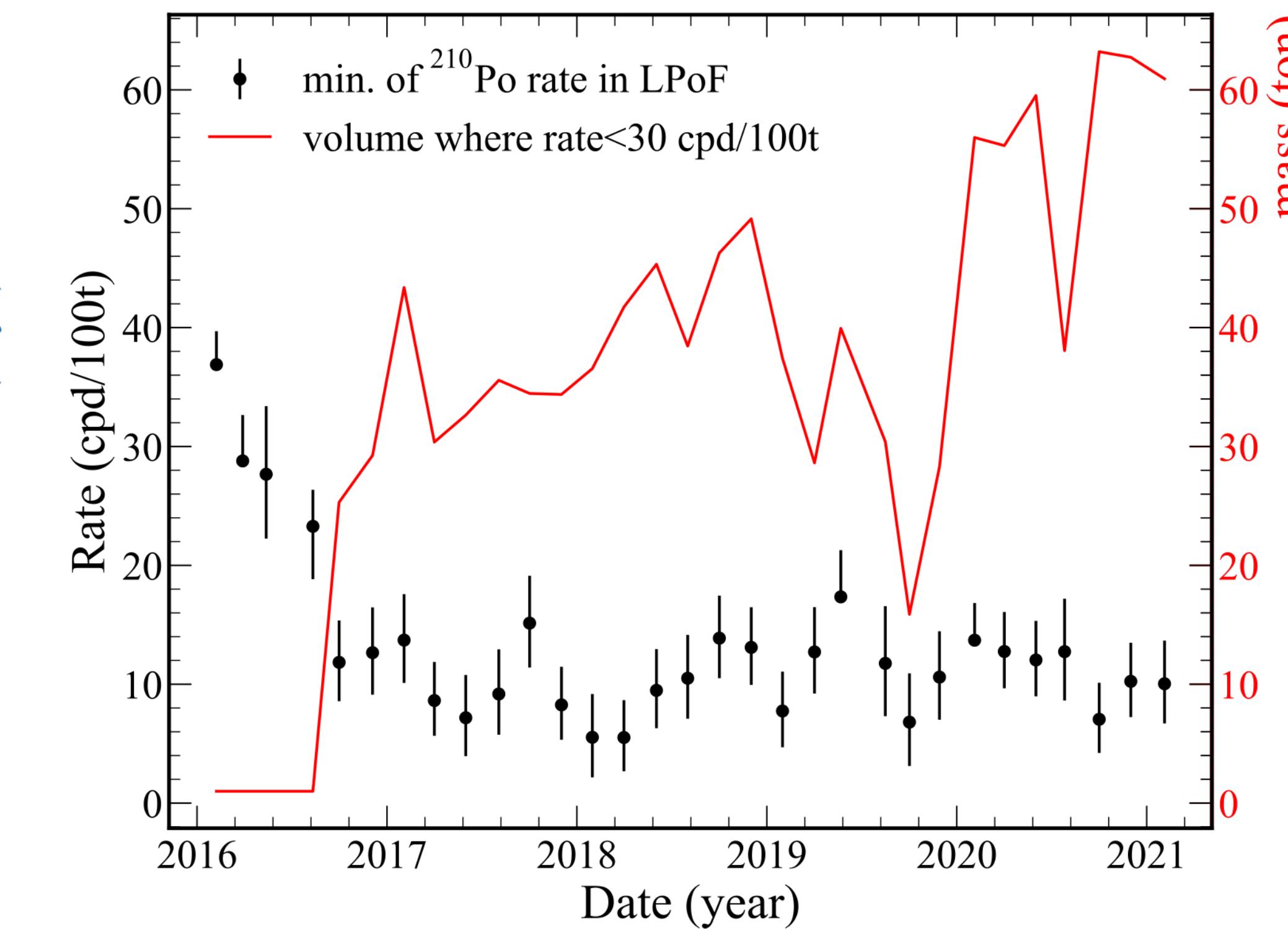
- Large cold dot: low rate;
Small hot dot: high rate
- 2011-2013: high rate of ^{210}Po left after purification
- 2014-2016: seasonal up and down of low Polonium region (LPoF)
- After 2016: **LPoF relatively stable**

Behavior of Low Polonium Field

Position



Rate

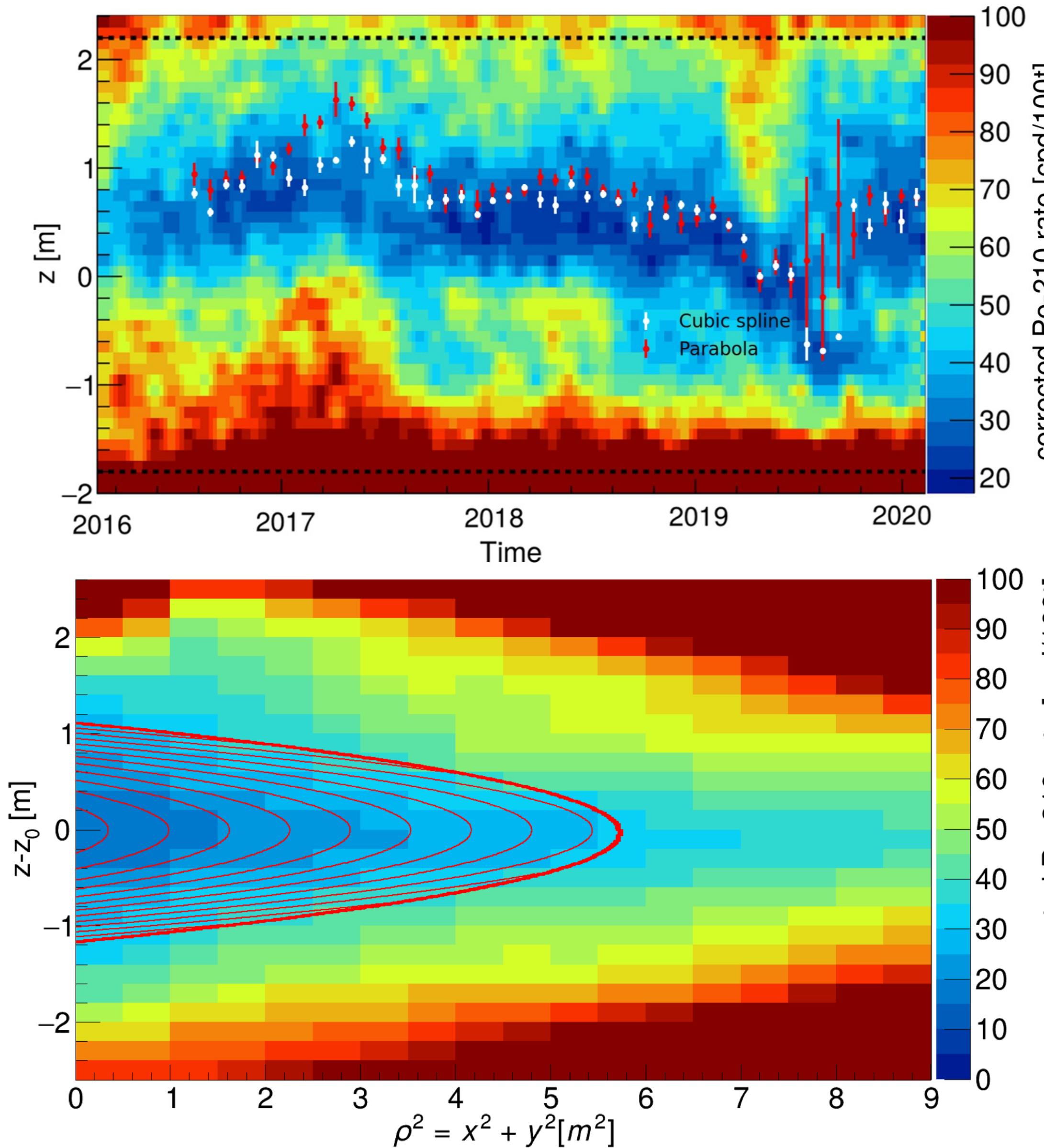


- Relatively stable, but still moving
- Rate @ minimum stable, maybe convection free



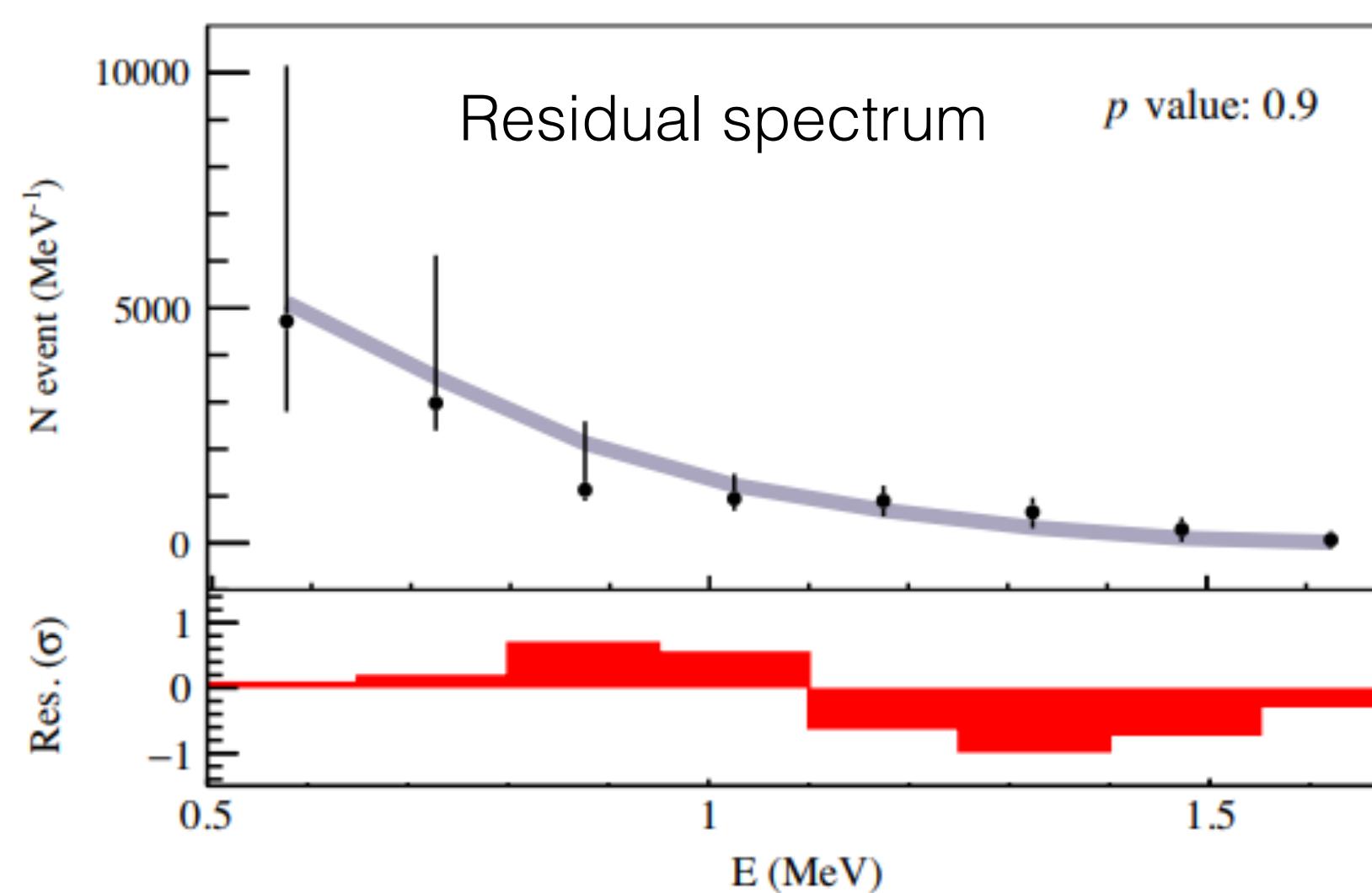
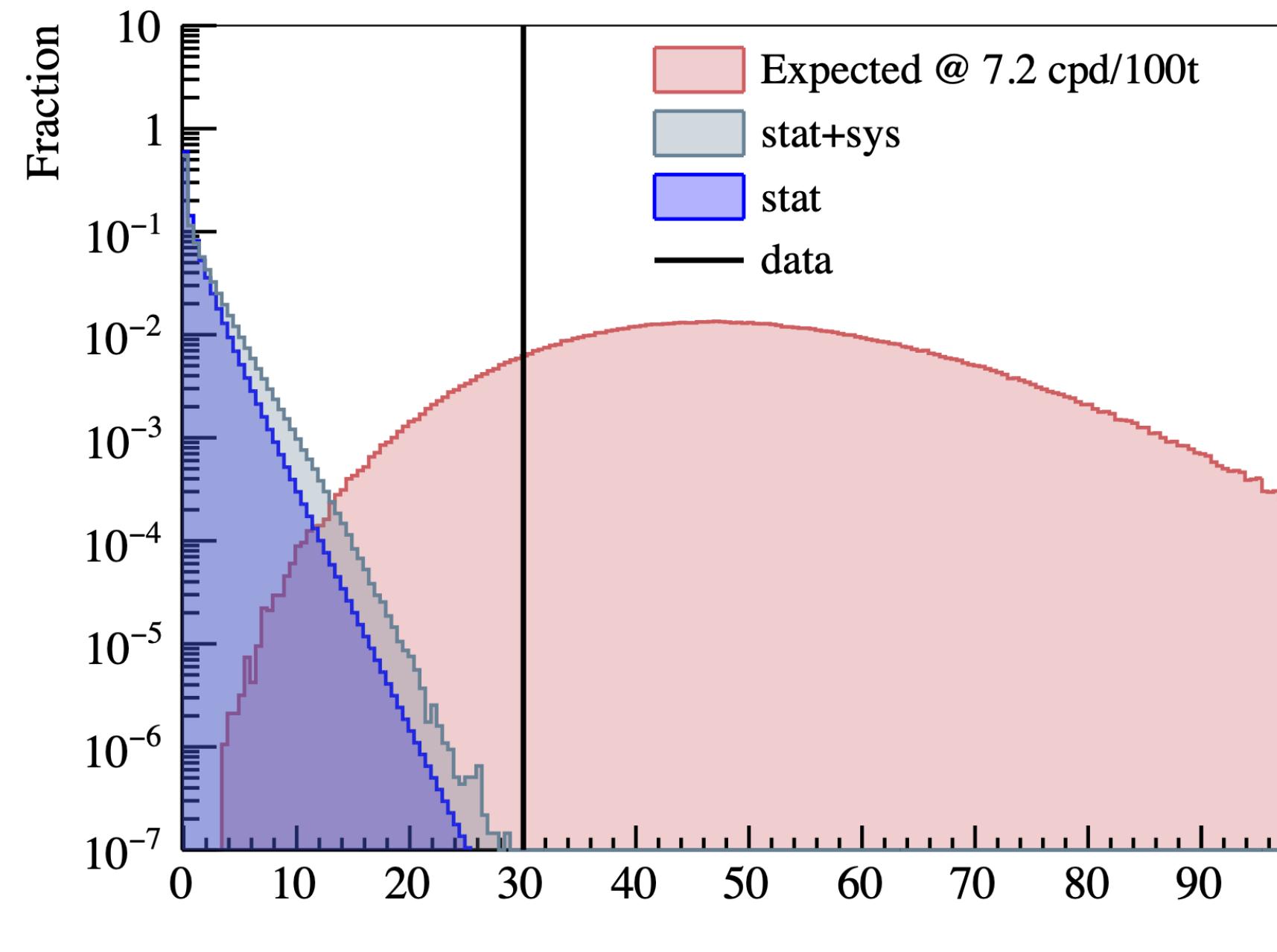
**Blind Aligned Merged
parabolic Bubble fit
(BAMBI)**

Low Polonium Field (LPoF) analysis



- Residual convection remains
- Low Polonium Field formed at center
- Correct movement of LPoF (Blind alignment)
- Fit event distribution in a bubble shape region in 2D with parabolic functions (bubble fit)
- Previous analyses: no correction, 1D fit; ($2\sigma > 5\sigma$)

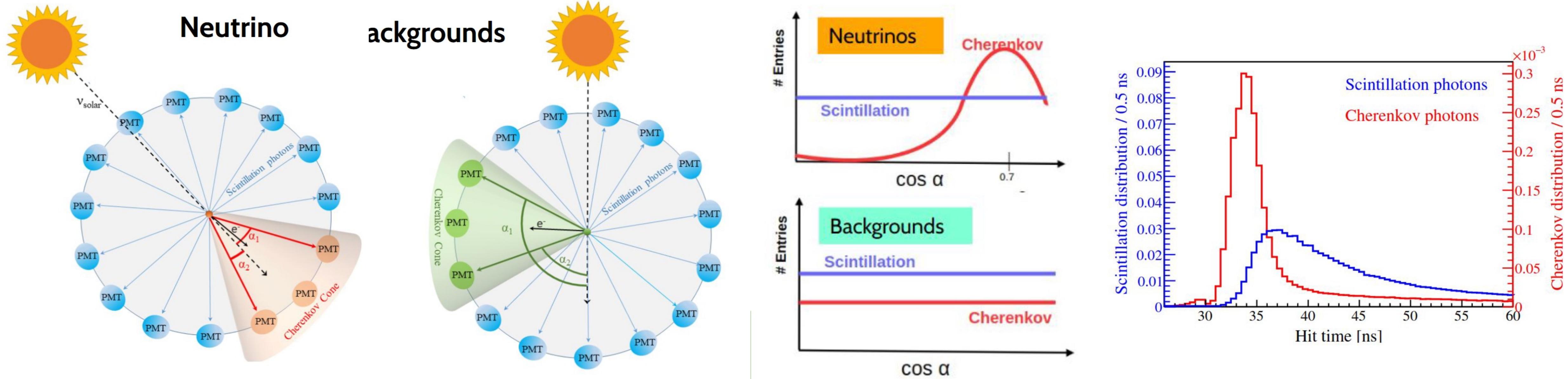
Test against no-CNO hypothesis



- Profile likelihood as the test statistic
- Use toy-MC method to get the distribution of test statistic. Evaluated p-value has statistical uncertainty.
- Simulated & Fitted 14million dataset
- **5 σ^* rejection of no-CNO hypothesis**

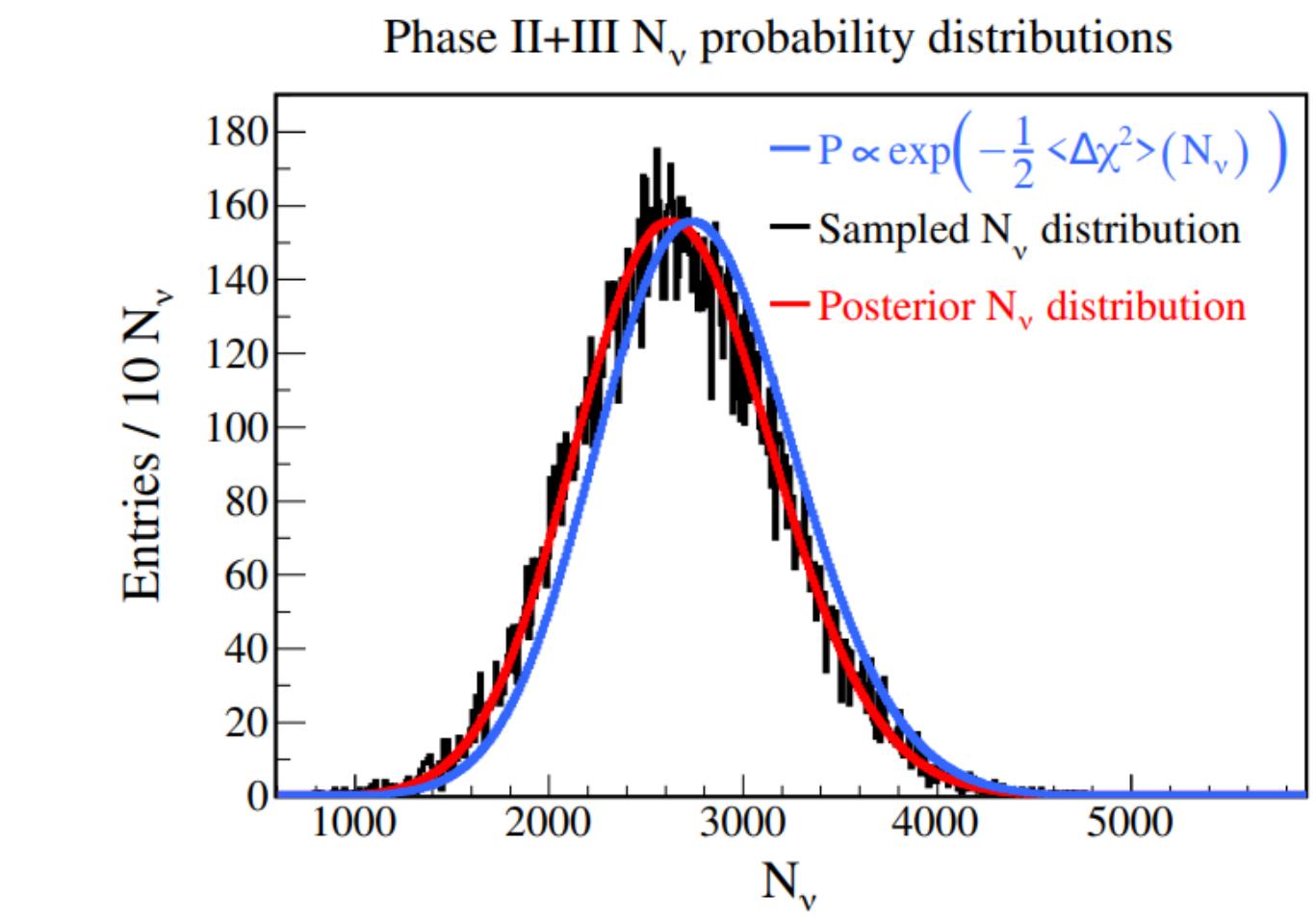
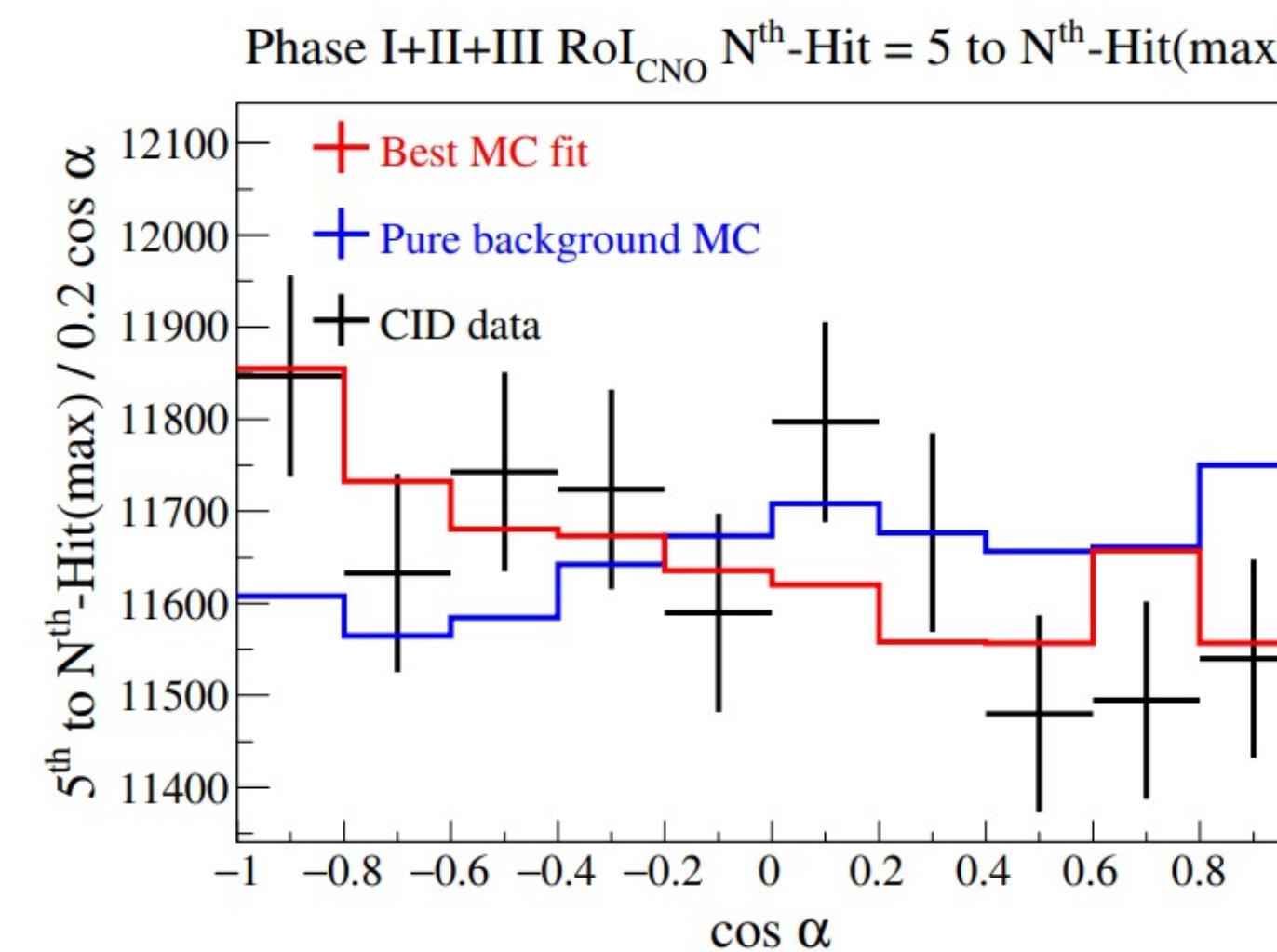
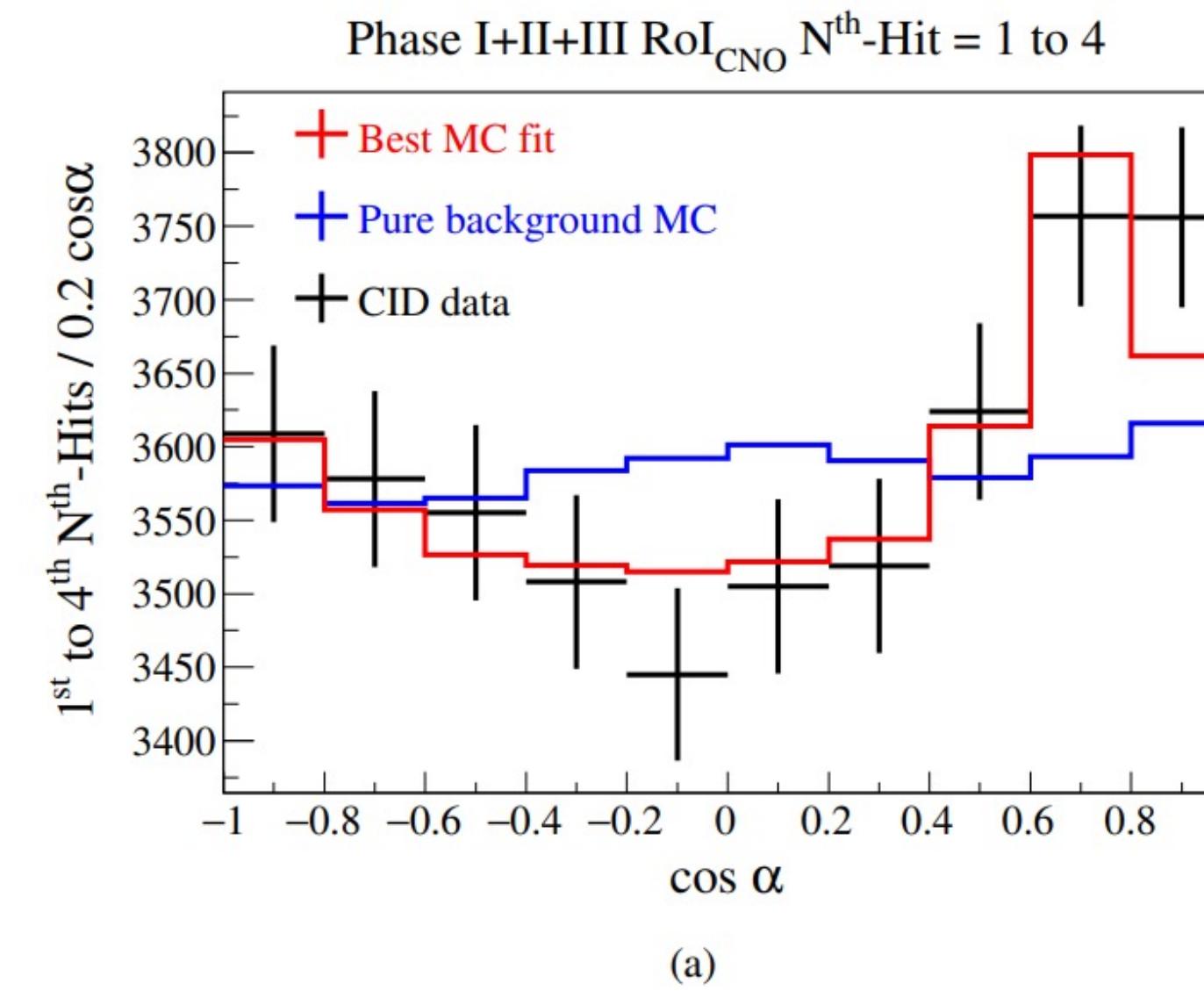
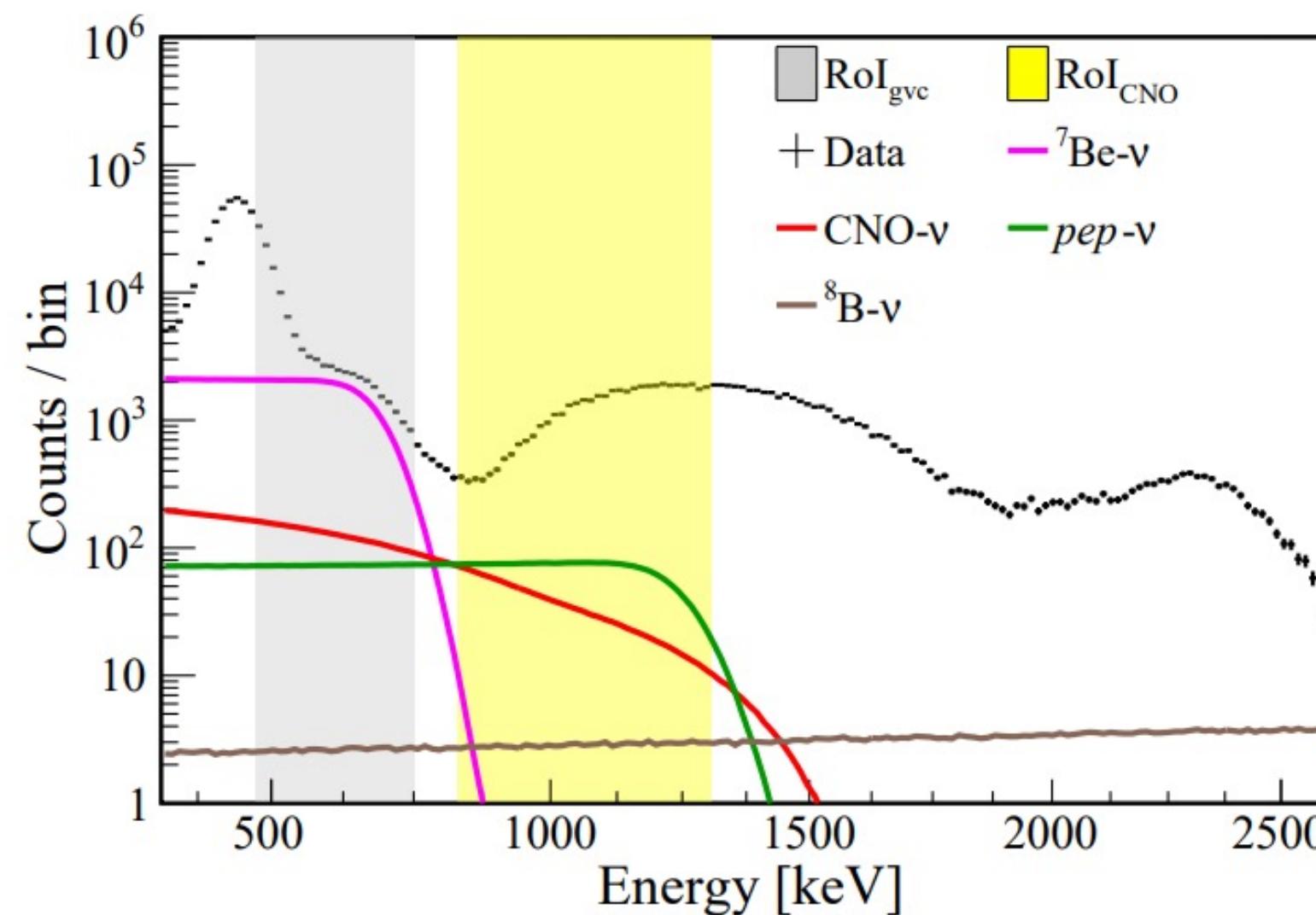
*Evaluated with toyMC method and it's $>5\sigma$ at 99% C.L.

Technology of Correlated and Integrated Directionality (CID)



- Use integrated hit-level directional distribution to distinguish between solar events and uniform backgrounds.
- Discriminate Cherenkov photons and Scintillation photons with hit order.

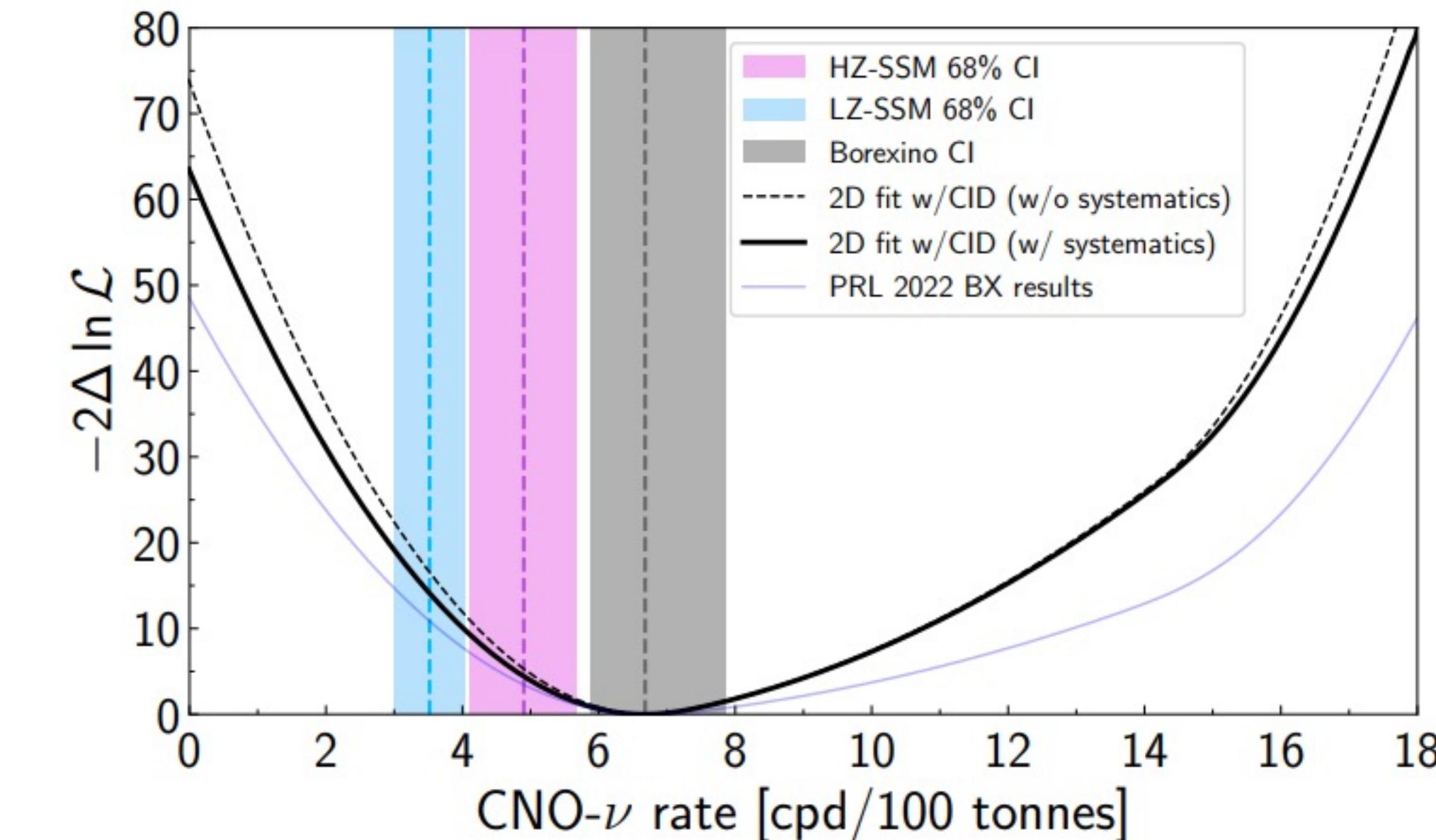
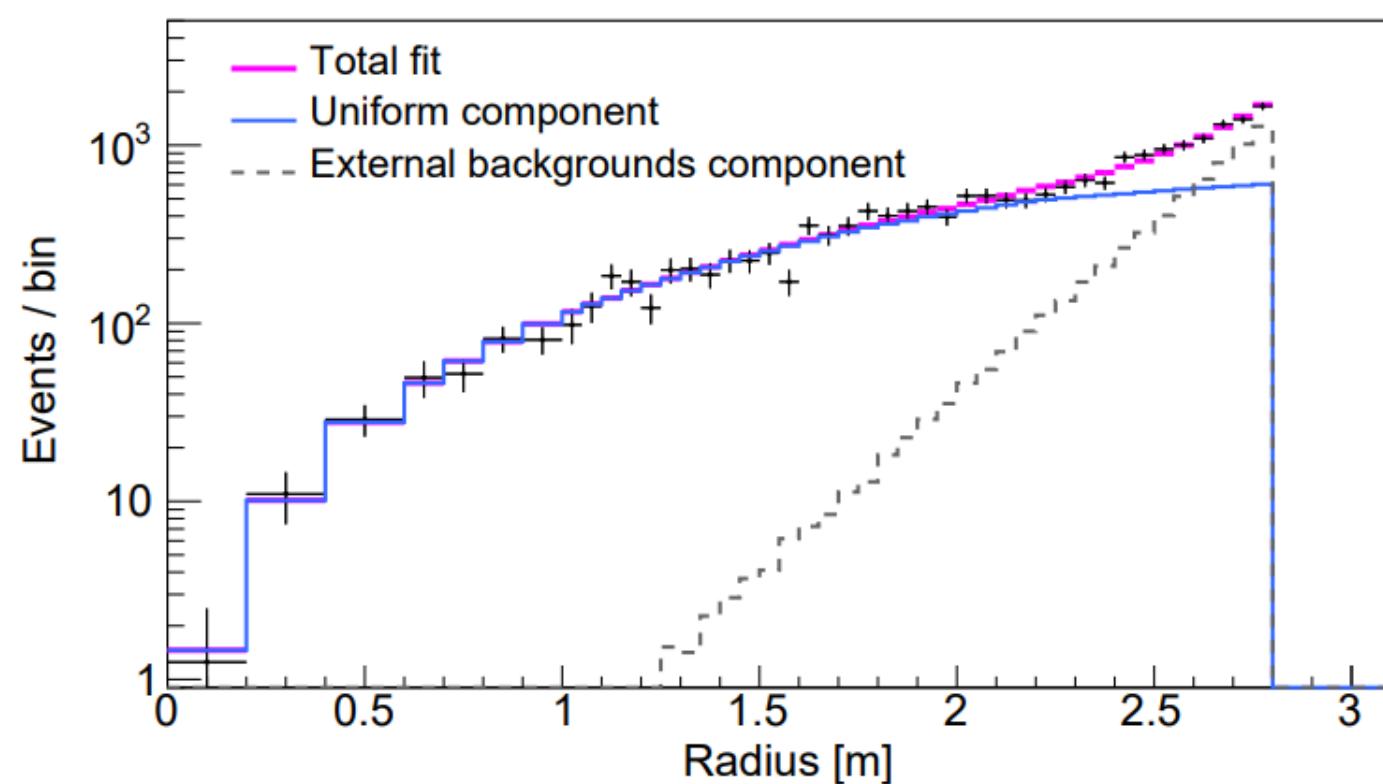
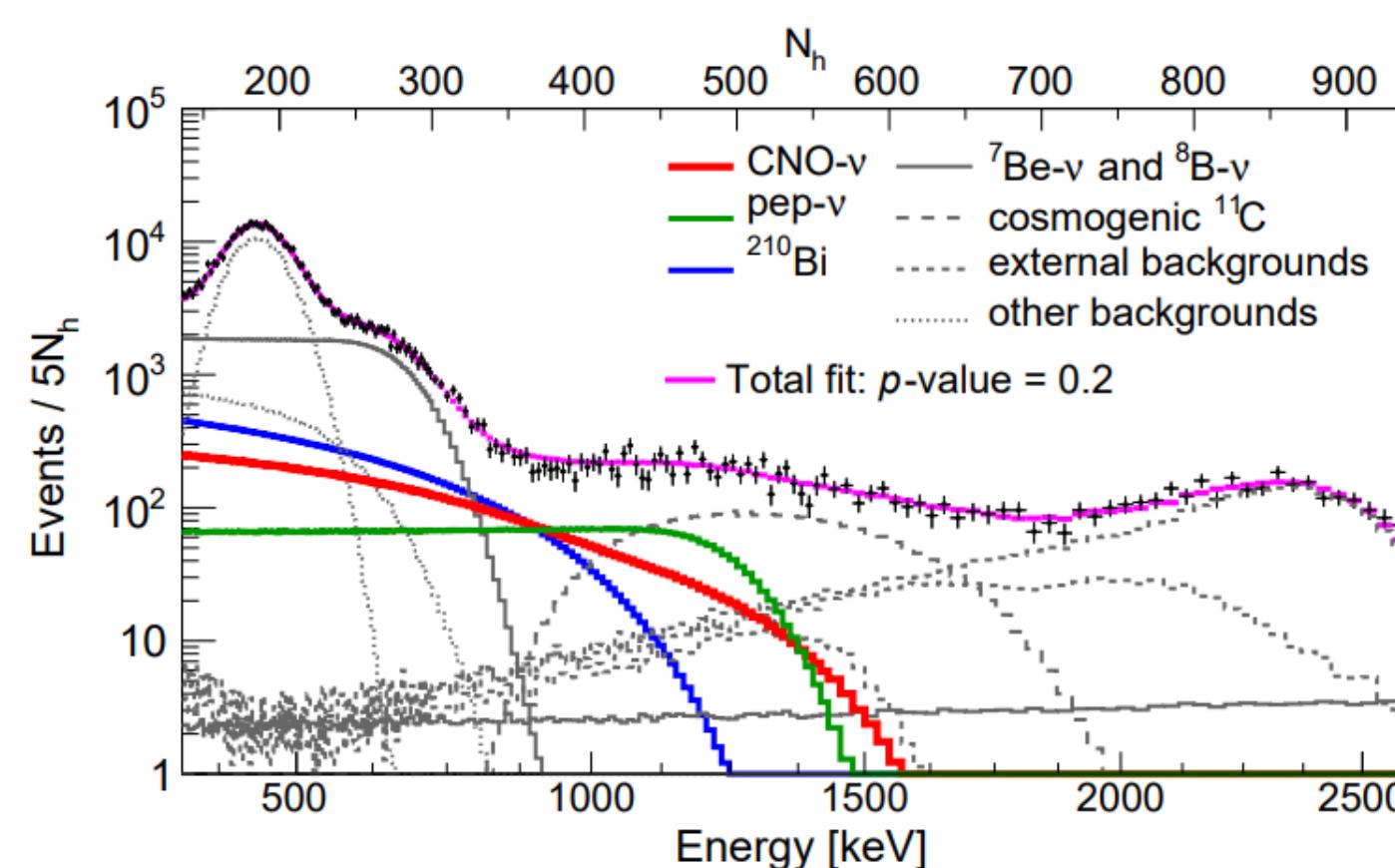
Borexino CNO with CID only



- CID with events in the CNO region of interest, $7.2^{+2.8}_{-2.7}$ cpd/100t
- Consistent with fit results.
- See Final results of Borexino on CNO solar neutrinos, [arXiv:2307.14636 \[hep-ex\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.14636)

Borexino CID + MV fit

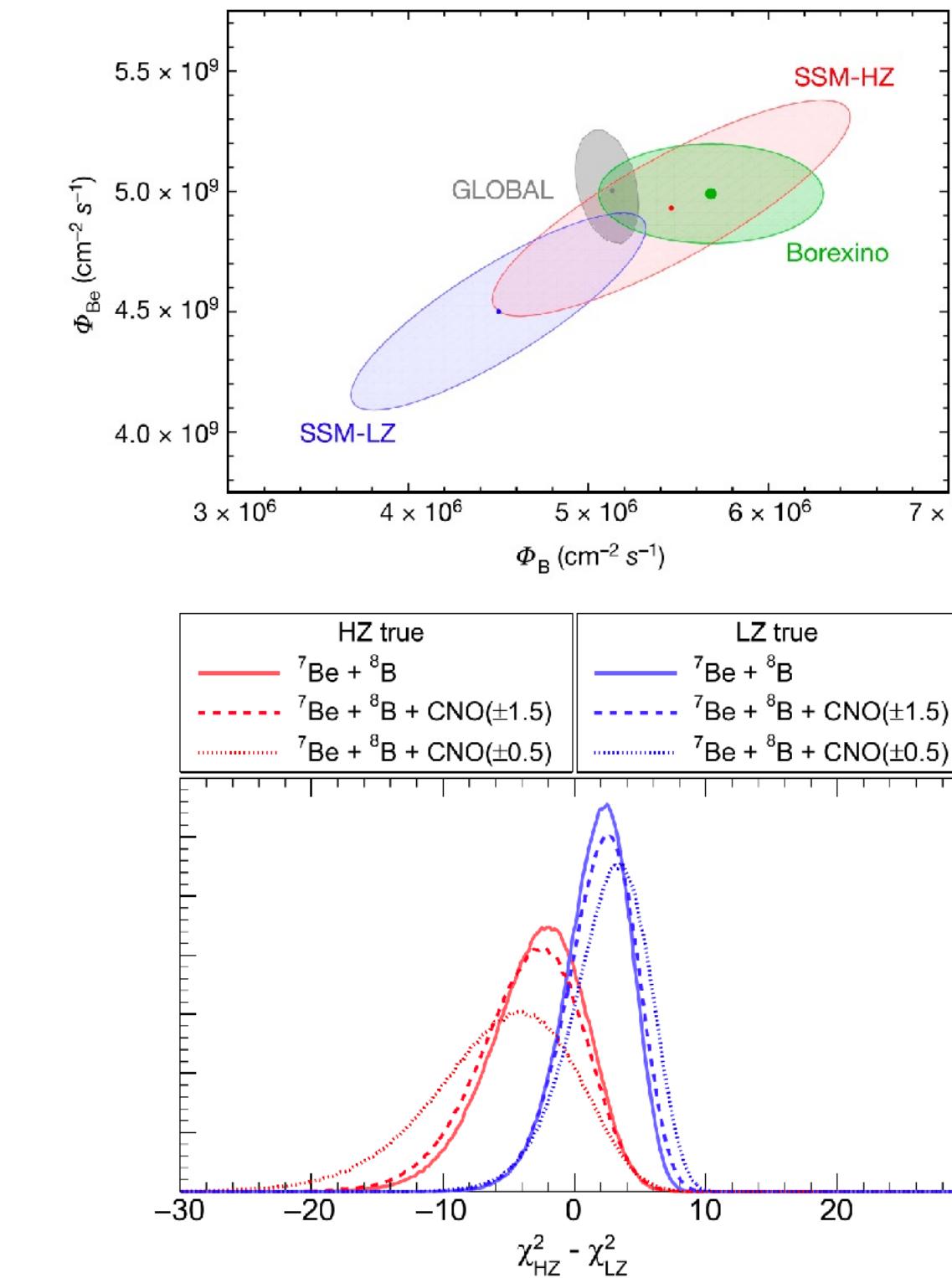
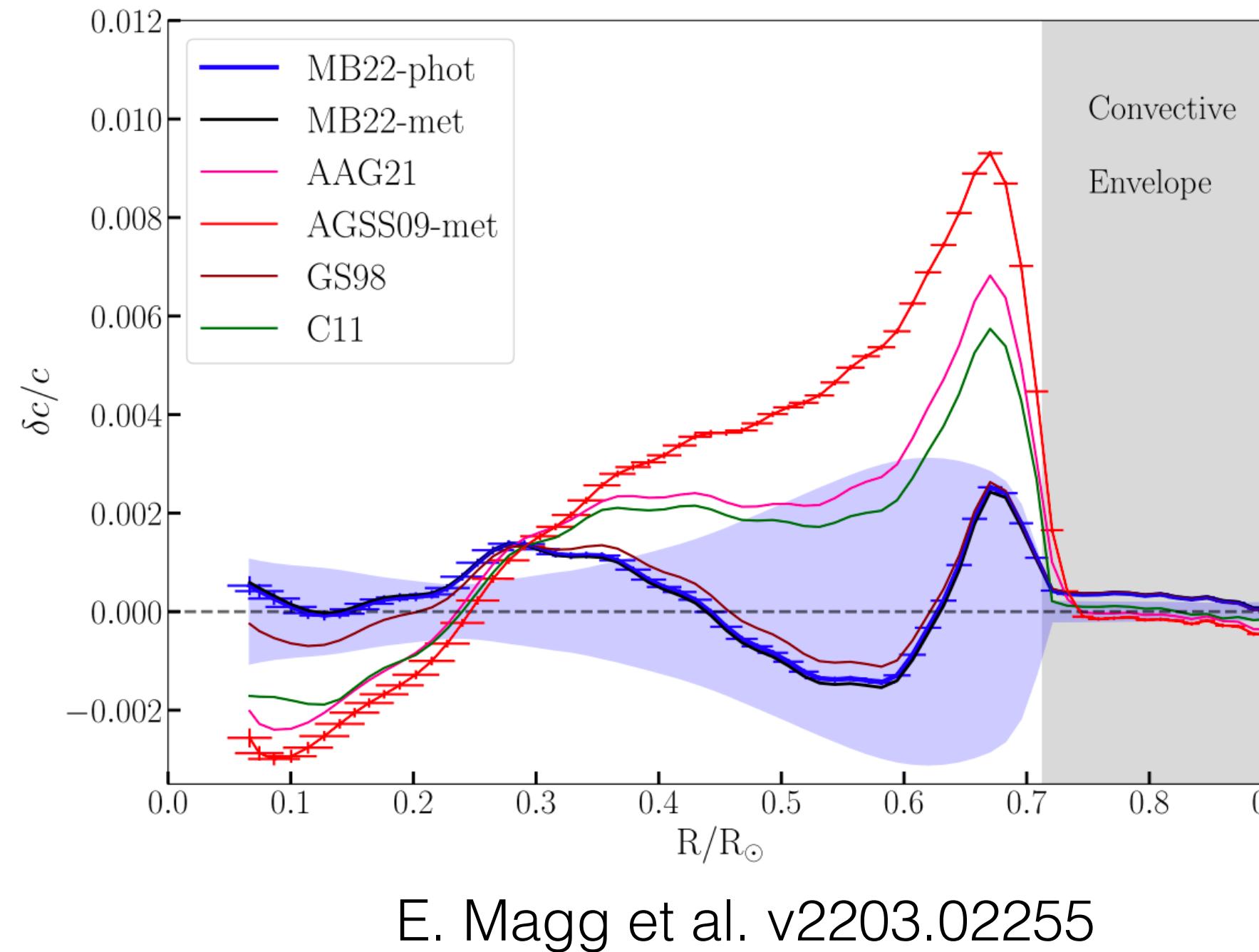
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{MV+CID}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{MV}} \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text{pep}} \cdot \mathcal{L}_{^{210}\text{Bi}} \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text{CID}}^{\text{P-I}} \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text{CID}}^{\text{P-II+III}} \quad (4)$$



- Combining MV fit, CID analysis, Borexino obtained CNO as $6.7^{+1.2}_{-0.8}$ cpd/100t
- See Final results of Borexino on CNO solar neutrinos, [arXiv:2307.14636 \[hep-ex\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.14636)

Solar abundance problem and Solar neutrinos

Sound speed profile



- Volatile metal abundances is reconstructed from absorption lines.
- Various (say, HZ vs LZ) models exists. Neutrino fluxes can be used to test them.

pp-chain + CNO-cycle cancellation

- SSM inputs
 - Environmental, impact T_c (core temperature) Solar parameters, Heavy metal abundance;
 - Nuclear, not impacting T_c Nuclear matrix element
 - If we modify “env without CN”, T_c is modified,
 $\ln \Phi(^8\text{B})$ vs $\ln \Phi(^{15}\text{O})$ graph fall on the diagonal line
 - If we modify also nuclear + CN: Environmental, impact T_c
 $\ln \Phi(^8\text{B})$ vs $\ln \Phi(^{15}\text{O})$ move away from diagonal
 - Jacobian $\Phi(^8\text{B})$ vs $\Phi(^{15}\text{O})$ => **$\ln \Phi(^8\text{B})$ vs $\ln \Phi(^8\text{B}) - \kappa \ln \Phi(^{15}\text{O})$**
 - $\ln \Phi(^8\text{B}) - \kappa \ln \Phi(^{15}\text{O})$ insensitive to “env without CN”;
 - $\ln \Phi(^8\text{B}) - \kappa \ln \Phi(^{15}\text{O})$ (almost) only depend on nuclear + CN

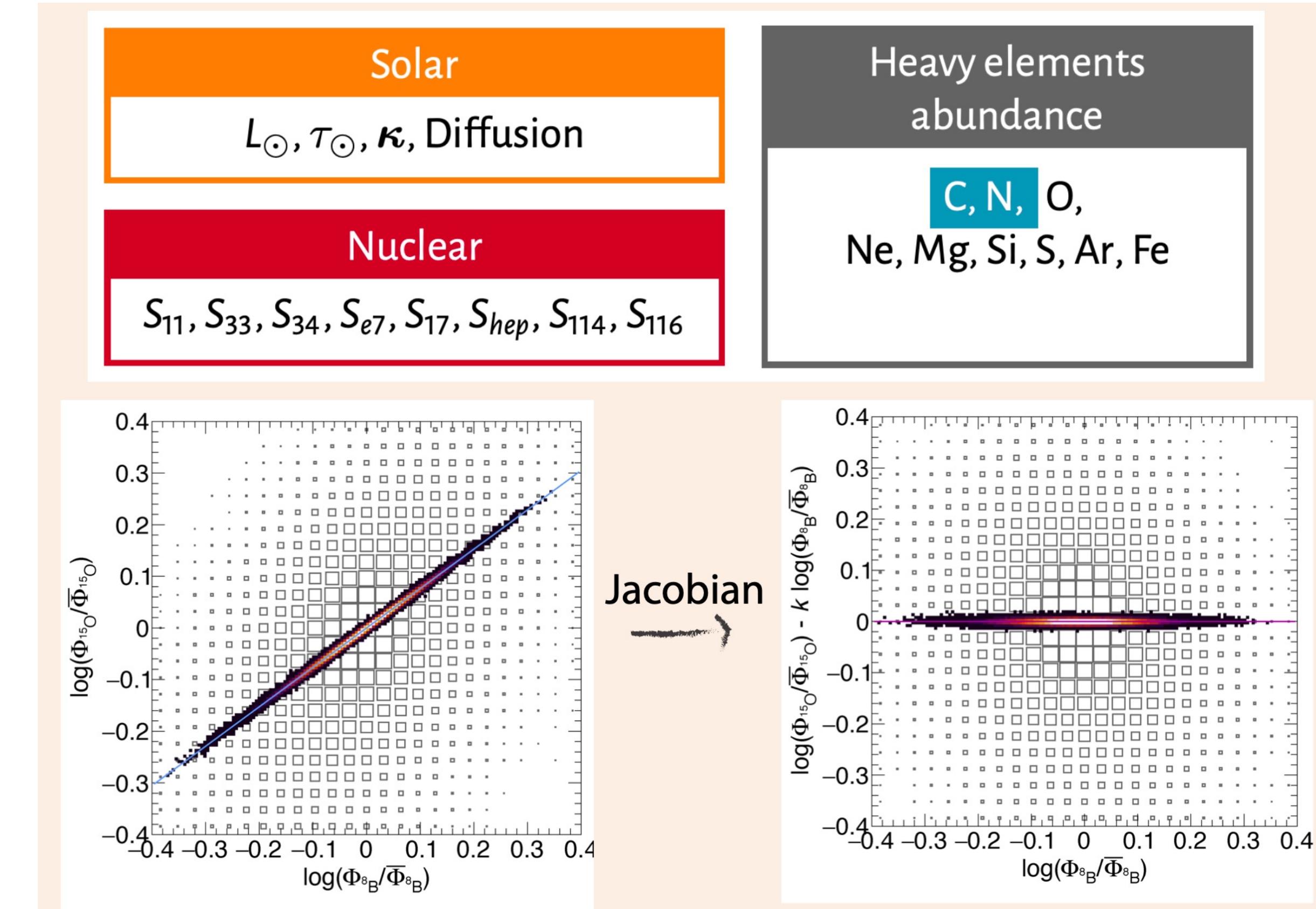
Definitions

$\{Q\}$: SSM outputs	$q_i = Q_i / Q_i^{\text{SSM}}$
$\{\beta\}$: SSM inputs	$x_i = \beta_i / \beta_i^{\text{SSM}}$
$\alpha(i, j)$:	$\frac{\partial \ln q_i}{\partial \ln x_j}$

$$q_i = \prod_j^{\text{sol}} (x_j)^{\alpha(i,j)} \cdot \prod_j^{\text{nuc}} (x_j)^{\alpha(i,j)} \cdot \prod_j^{\text{met}} (x_j)^{\alpha(i,j)}$$

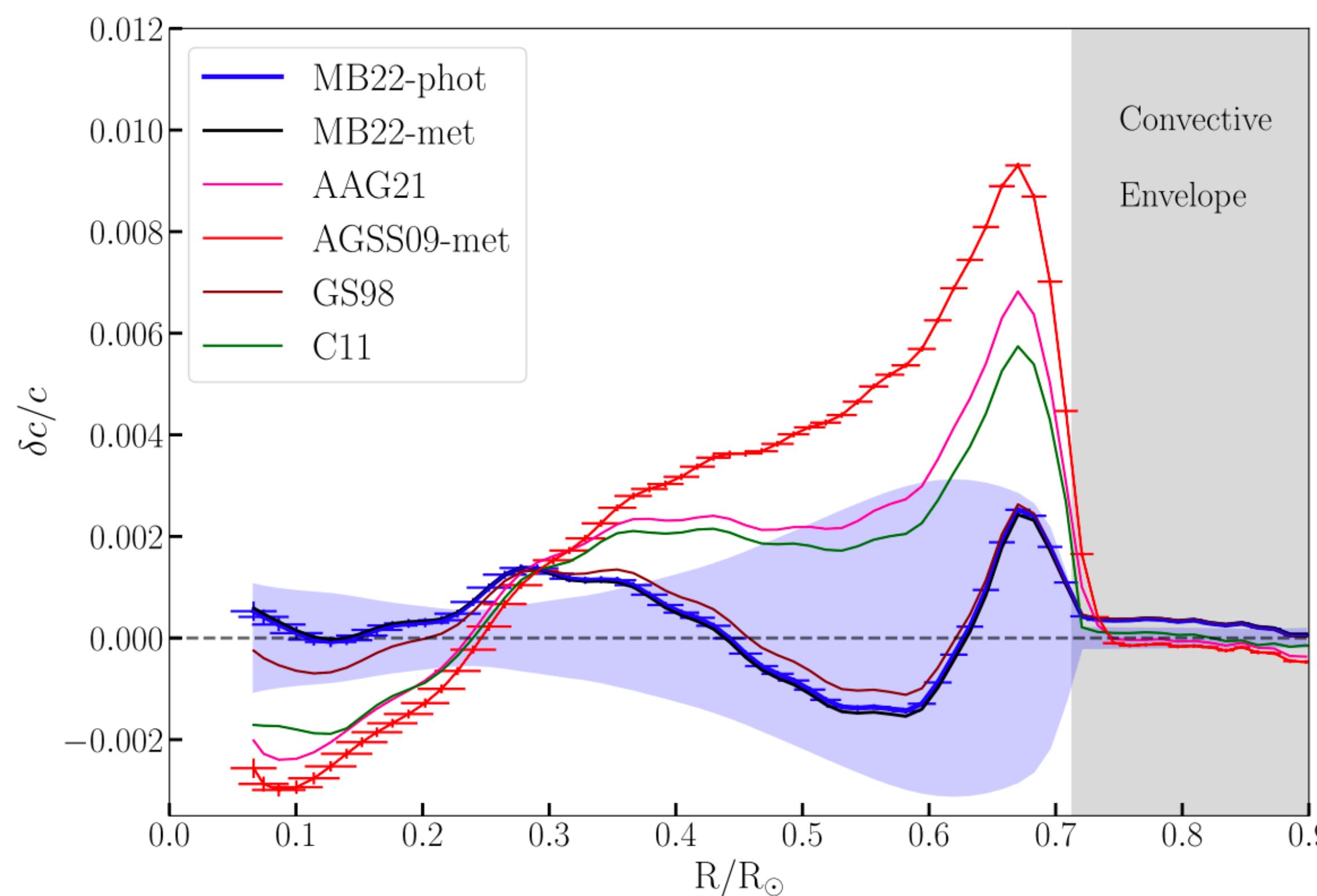
find κ which minimize Var

$$\text{Var} \left[\frac{\varphi_{^{15}\text{O}}}{\varphi_{^8\text{B}}^k} \right] = \sum_j^{\text{env}} [\alpha(^{15}\text{O}, j) - k\alpha(^8\text{B}, j)]^2 \cdot (\delta x_j)^2$$

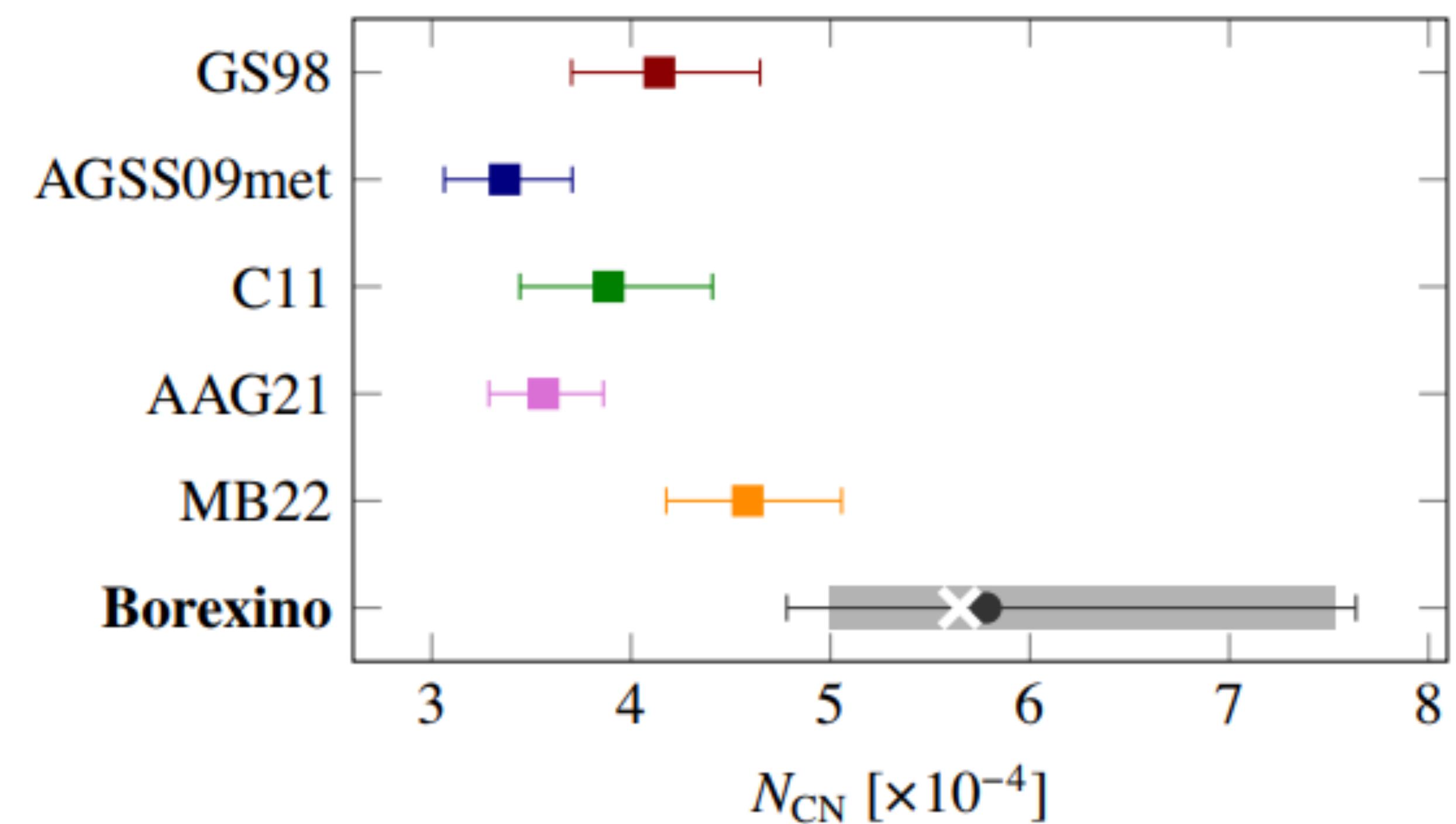


Results: CN abundance from solar neutrinos

Comparison on sound speed
(E. Magg et al. v2203.02255)



Comparison on CN abundance
(Borexino, PRL 2022)

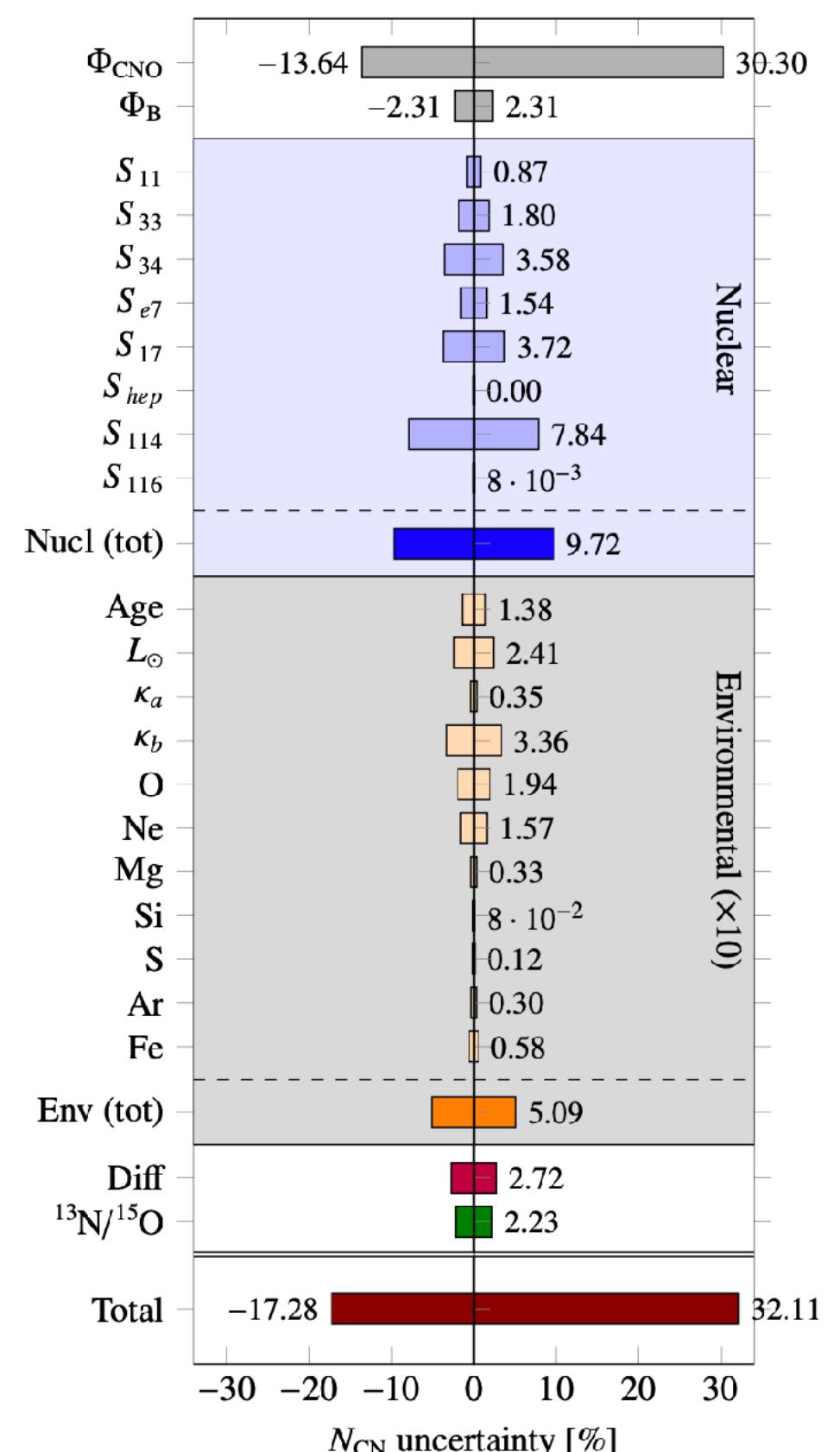


More to expect?

- DARWIN claimed may measure pp neutrinos at 0.15% level with 300ty (DARWIN, EPJC 80, 1133, 2020).
- May be used together with luminosity to constrain CNO neutrino flux (Francesco Vissani, Solar Neutrinos, 121-141, 2019)
- Metallicity measurement limited by fusion cross-section measurement. To be updated. LUNA-MV
- Next generation experiments may establish evidence of solar neutrinos from *hep* branch (SoLAr).

$$0.9800 \times \varphi_{\text{pp}} + 0.0939 \times \varphi_{\text{Be}} + 0.0092 \times \varphi_{\text{CNO}} + \\ + 0.0089 \times \varphi_{\text{pep}} + \text{small terms} = 6.379 \times (1 \pm 0.4\%)$$

Francesco Vissani, Luminosity constraint and entangled solar neutrino signals
, Solar Neutrinos, pp. 121-141 (2019)



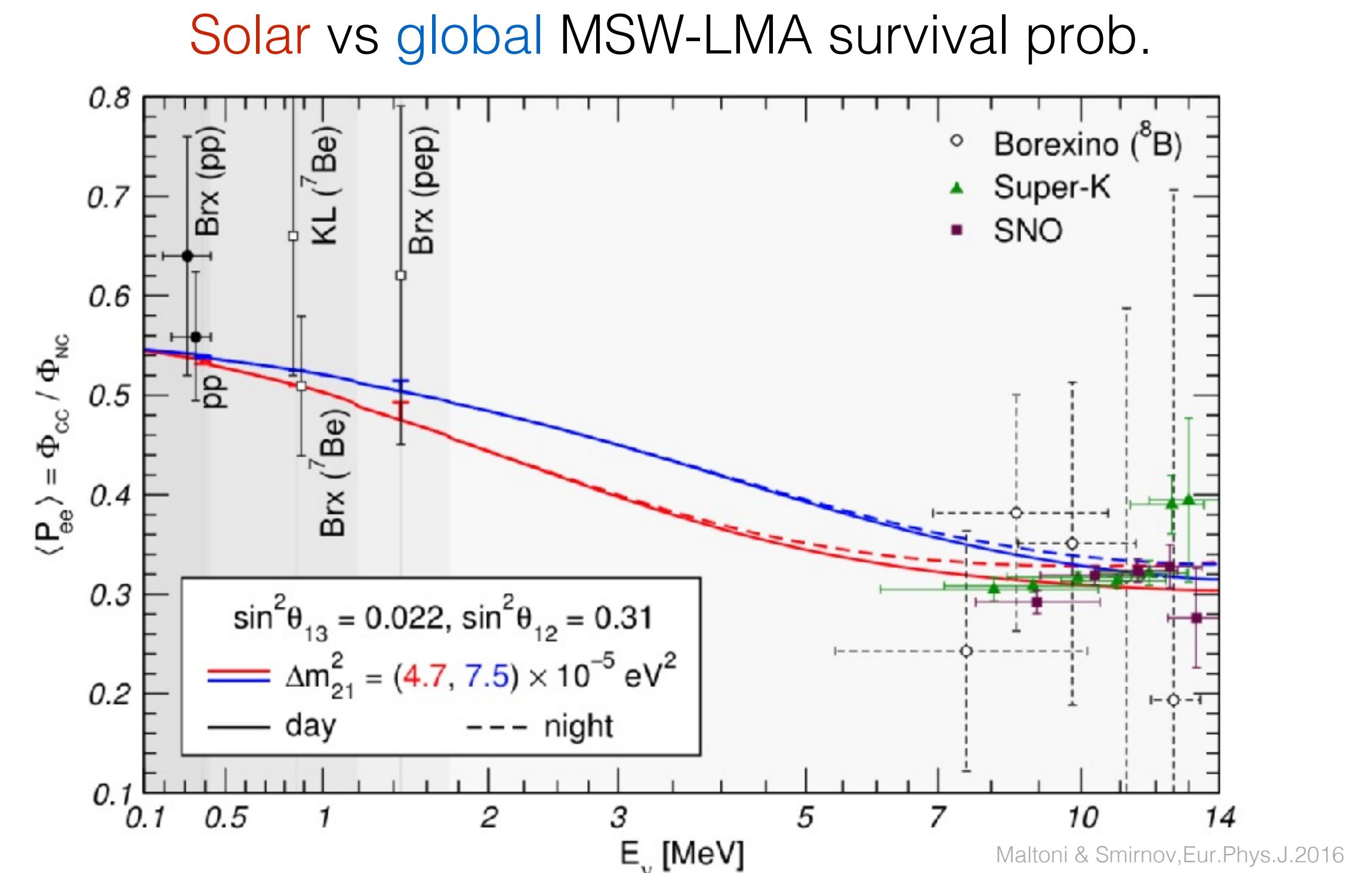
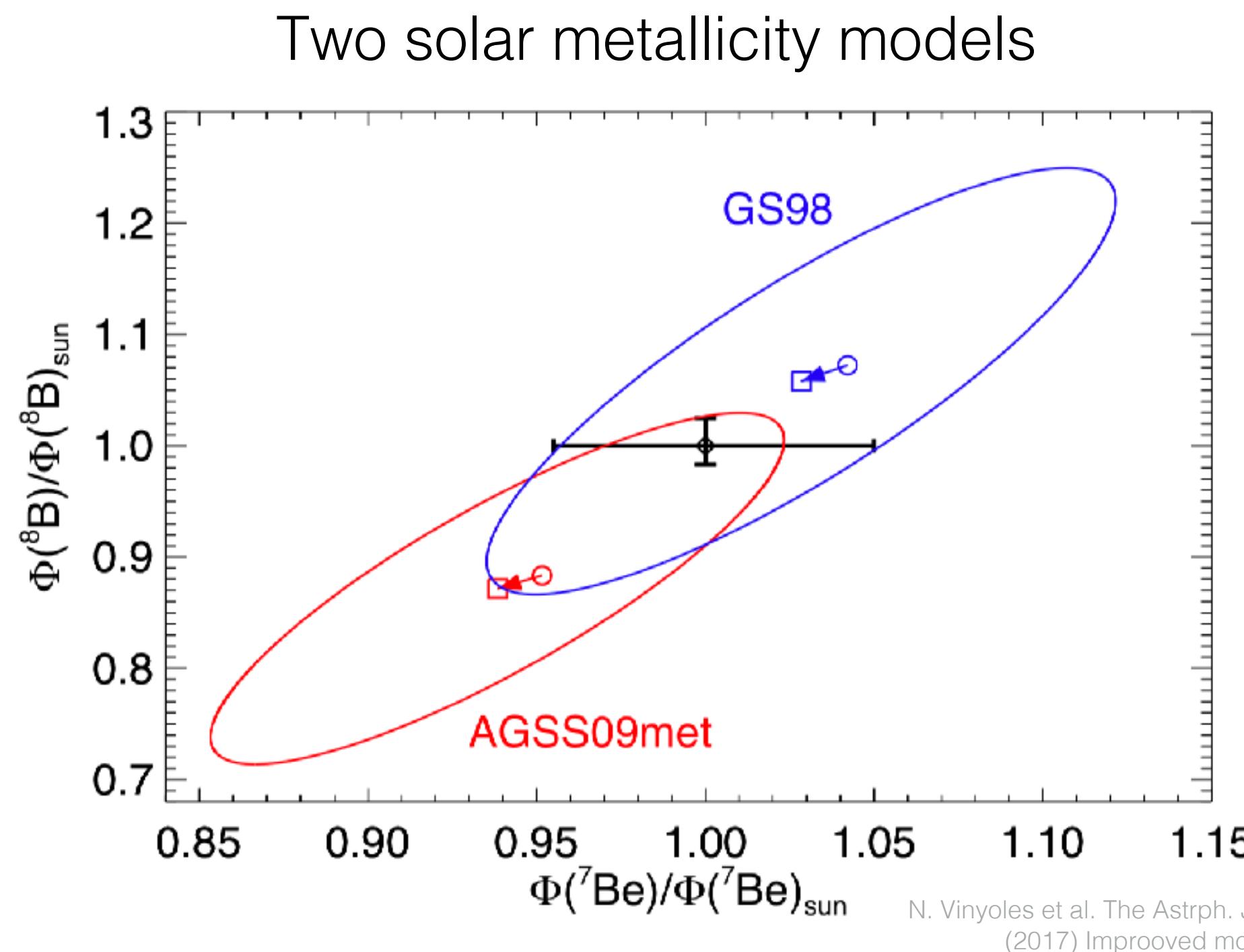
systematics in
measurement of
metallicity using
solar neutrinos

(From talk of Borexino on Neutrino 2022)

JUNO

Why solar neutrinos for JUNO

- Solar neutrino is produced in the **core region of the sun**. => study the core of the sun
- Solar neutrino propagate through **ultra-high-density region** and become **flavor-stable**
=> study MSW resonance



The MSW effect

- Matter effect: additional “potential” term.
- Solar neutrinos: no “oscillation” due to averaging.

$$i \frac{d}{dx} \Psi_\alpha = \mathcal{H}_F \Psi_\alpha . \quad (9.54)$$

This equation has the structure of a Schrödinger equation with the effective Hamiltonian matrix \mathcal{H}_F in the flavor basis given by

$$\mathcal{H}_F = \frac{1}{2E} (U \mathbb{M}^2 U^\dagger + \mathbb{A}) . \quad (9.55)$$

In the case of three-neutrino mixing, we have

$$\Psi_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\alpha e} \\ \psi_{\alpha \mu} \\ \psi_{\alpha \tau} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{CC} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (9.56)$$

where

$$A_{CC} \equiv 2 E V_{CC} = 2 \sqrt{2} E G_F N_e . \quad (9.57)$$

$$\overline{P}_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e}^{\text{adiabatic}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\vartheta_M^{(i)} \cos 2\vartheta ,$$

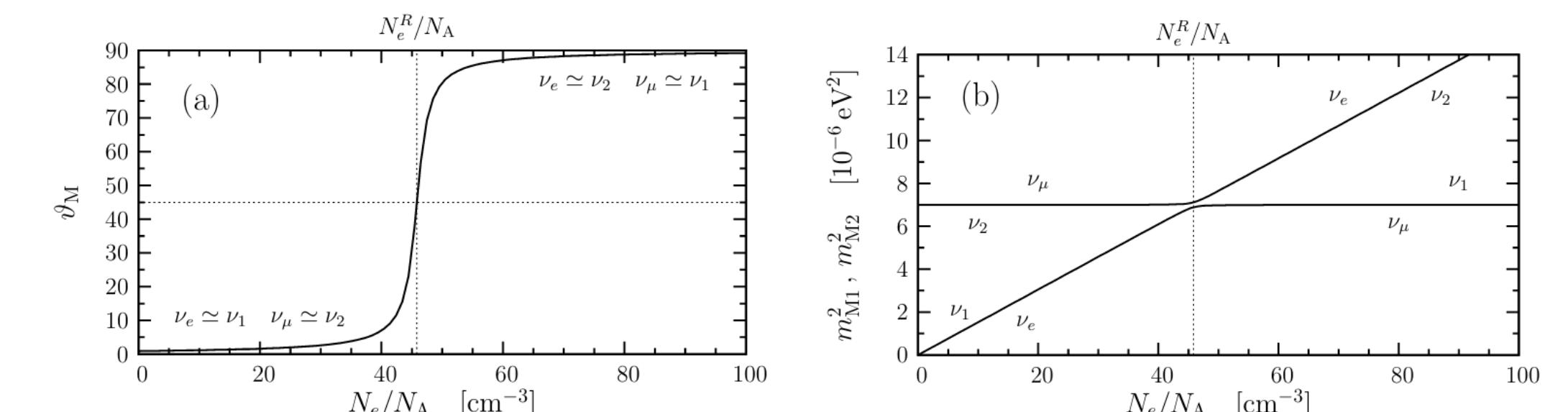


FIG. 9.2. Effective mixing angle ϑ_M (a) and the effective squared-masses m_{M1}^2 , m_{M2}^2 (b) in matter as functions of the electron number density N_e divided by the Avogadro’s number N_A , for $m_1 = 0$, $\Delta m^2 = 7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}^2$, $\sin^2 2\vartheta = 10^{-3}$ and $E = 1 \text{ MeV}$. $N_e^R \equiv \Delta m^2 \cos 2\vartheta / 2\sqrt{2}EG_F$ is the electron number density at the resonance, where $\vartheta_M = 45^\circ$.

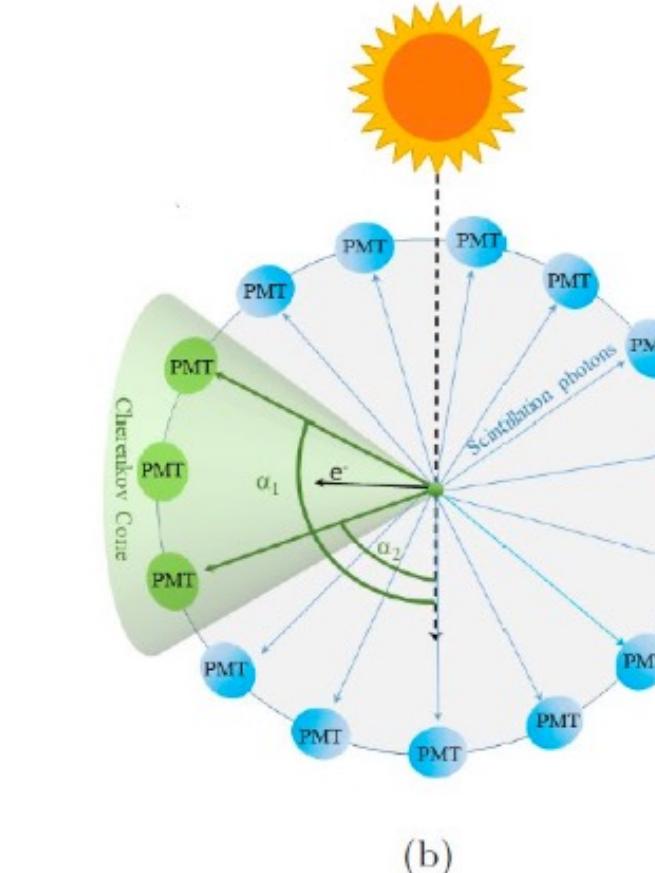
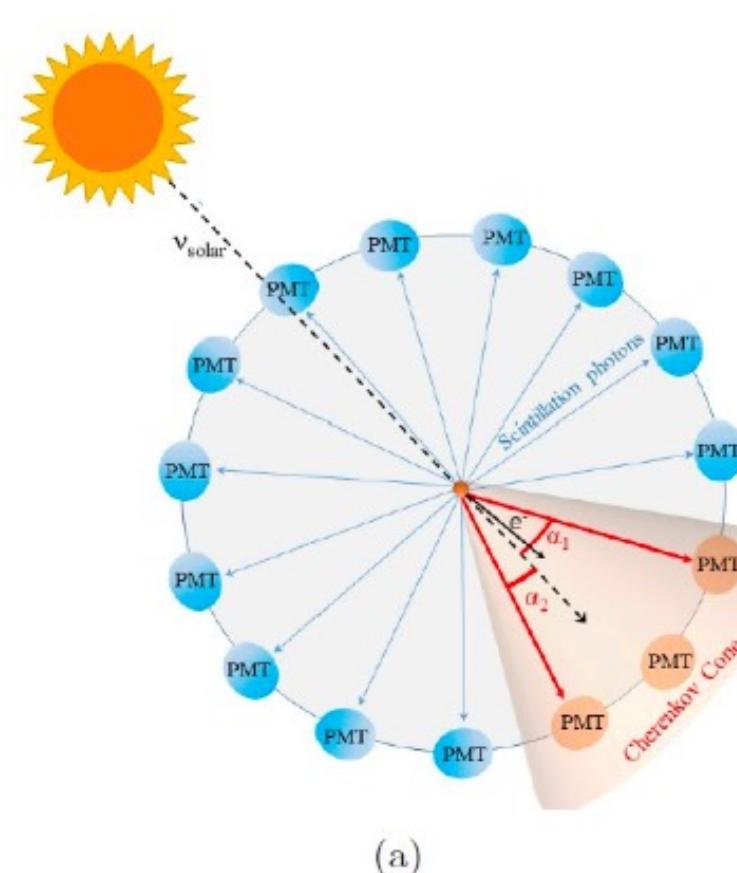
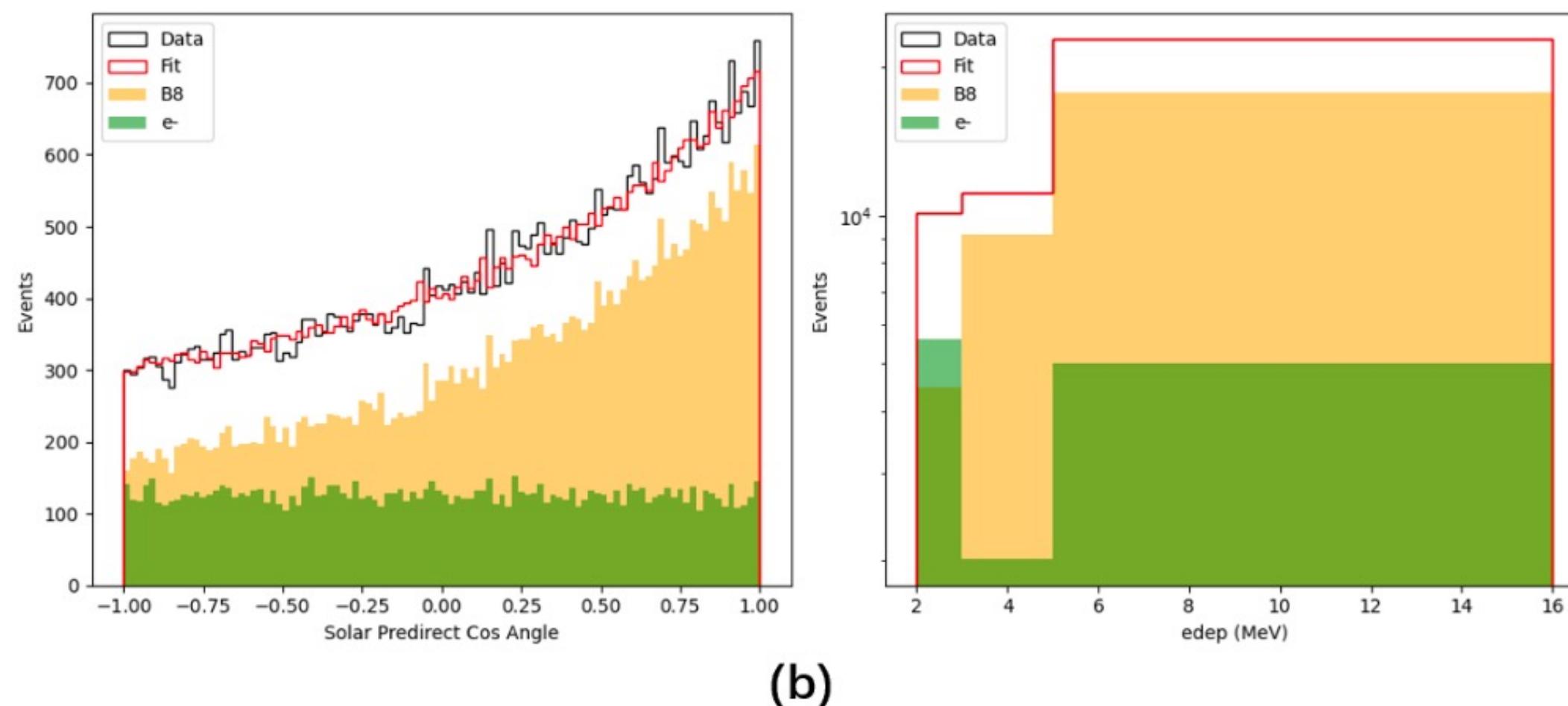
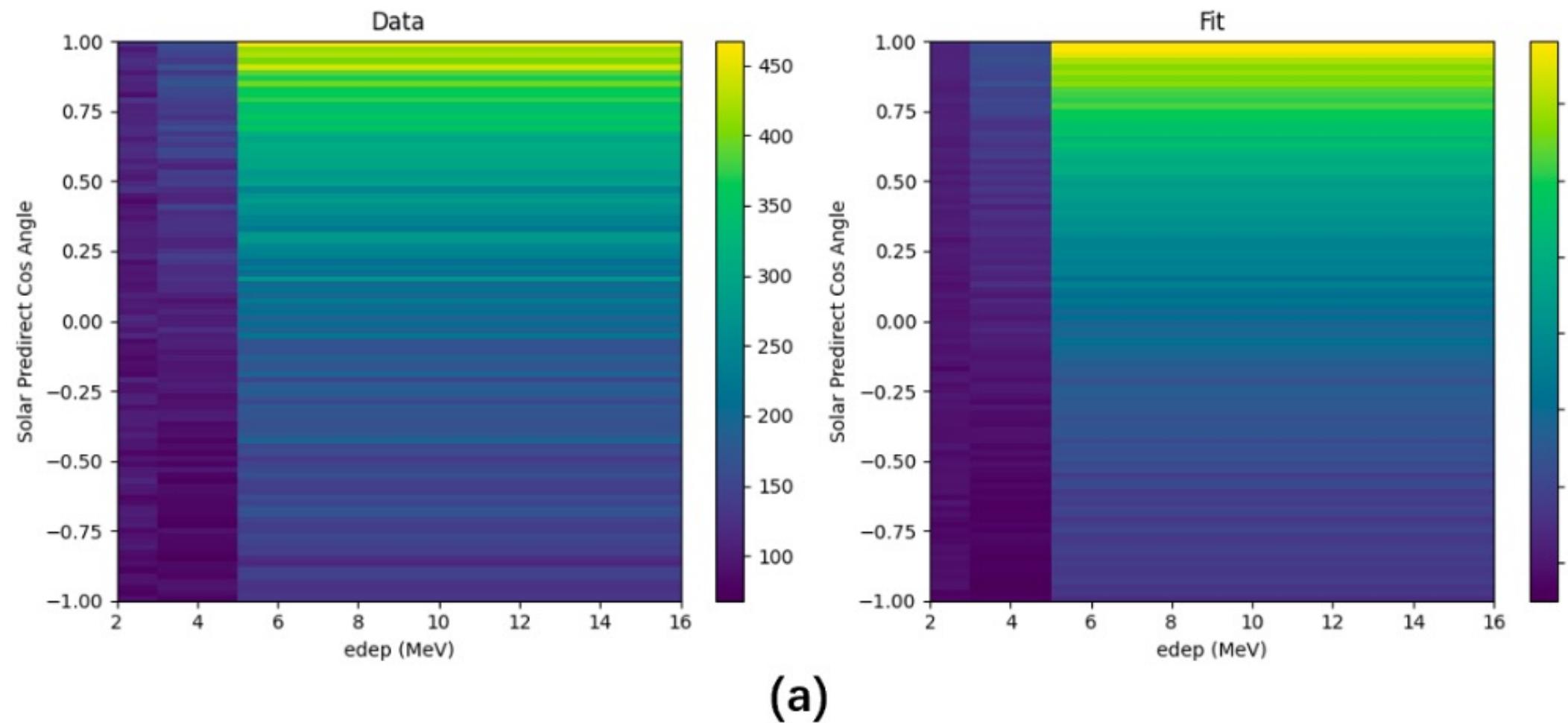


⁸B太阳中微子灵敏度分析

结合方向重建的二维拟合



$$F_{\text{cost}} = \sum_{i,j}^{N,M} (-\lambda_{ij} + k_{ij} \log(\lambda_{ij}) - \log(k_{ij}!))$$



拟合变量:

- 事例重建方向与太阳方位夹角余弦 (Solar cos angle)
- 沉积能量 (edep)

与一维拟合相比，二维流强拟合相对误差降低，证明了方向信息能够有效提升⁸B中微子的测量精度。

拟合结果:

Type	E (MeV)	Fit rate (cpd/kton)	Relative error
⁸ B	(2, 3)	0.340	0.161
	(3, 5)	0.404	0.063
	(5, 16)	0.586	0.027
e^-	(2, 3)	0.360	0.150
	(3, 5)	0.096	0.260
	(5, 16)	0.185	0.830

相对误差降低

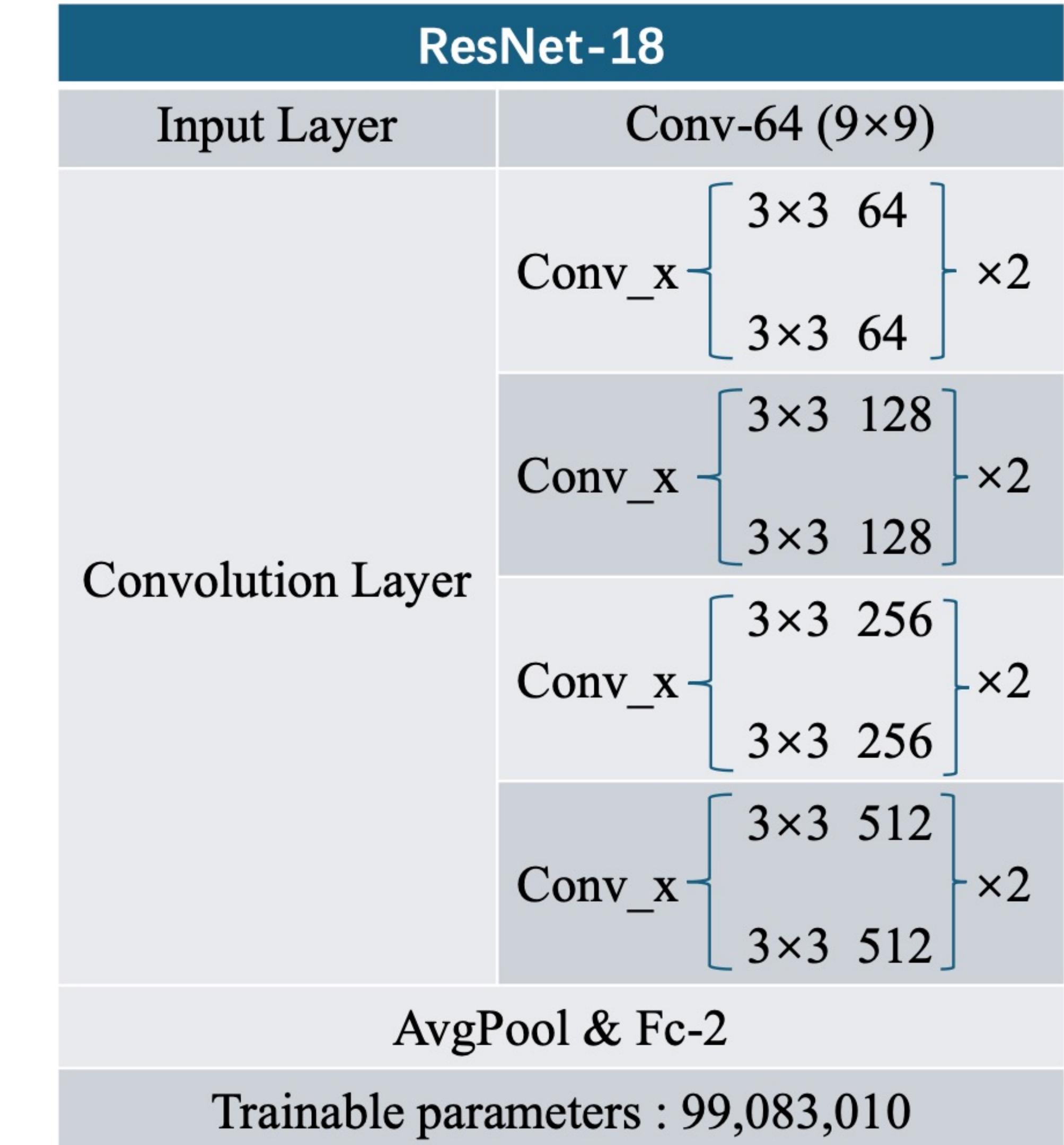


基于深度学习的方向重建

卷积神经网络



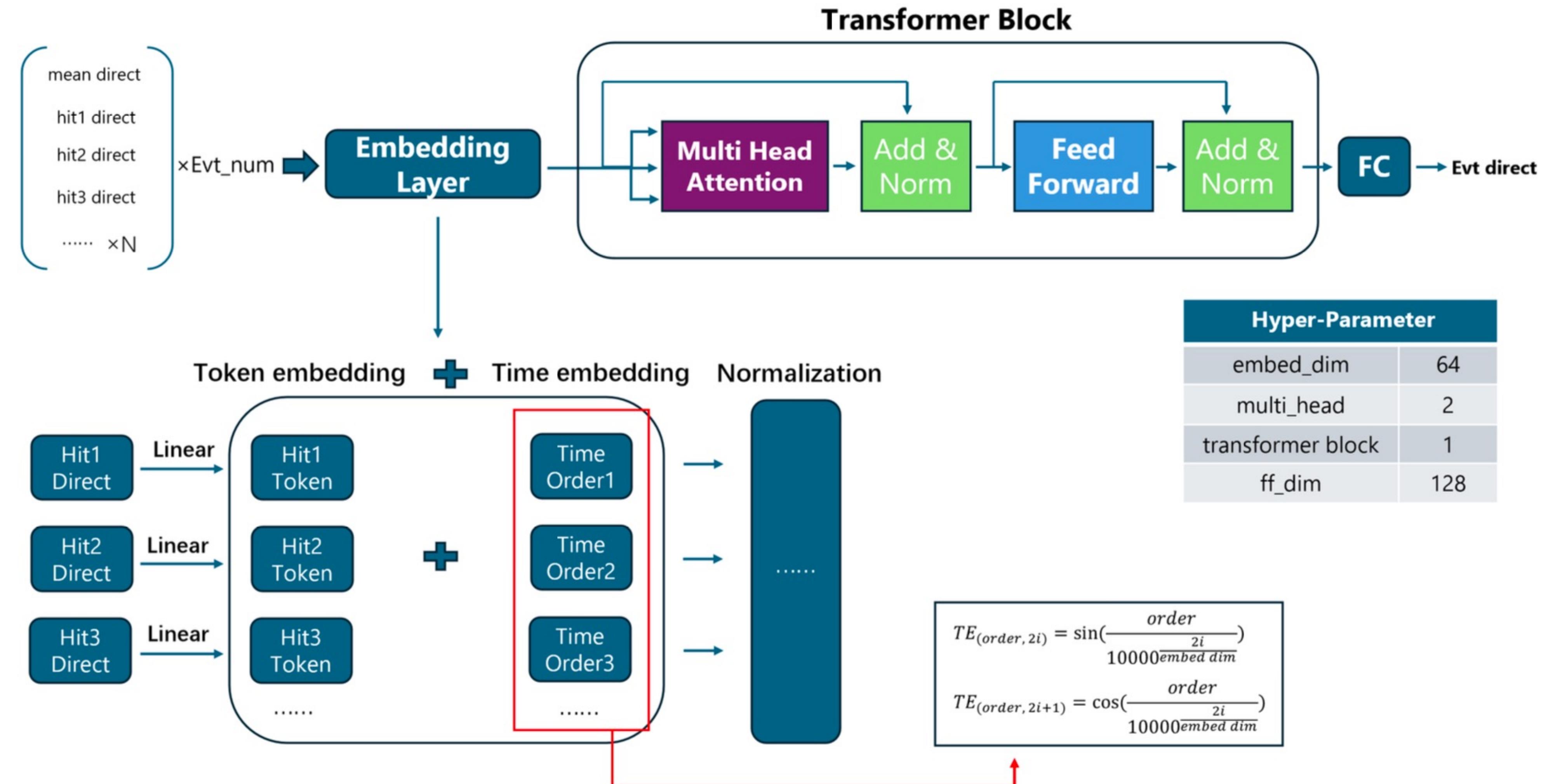
CRCP (CNN based)	
Input Layer	Conv2d-32 (9×9)
Feature Extraction Layers	Conv2d-64 (3×3) Conv2d-128 (3×3) Conv2d-256 (3×3) Conv2d-512 (3×3) Conv2d-512 (3×3)
Flatten Layer	
Fully Connected Layers	FC-128 FC-2
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基于深度学习的方向重建

Transformer模型

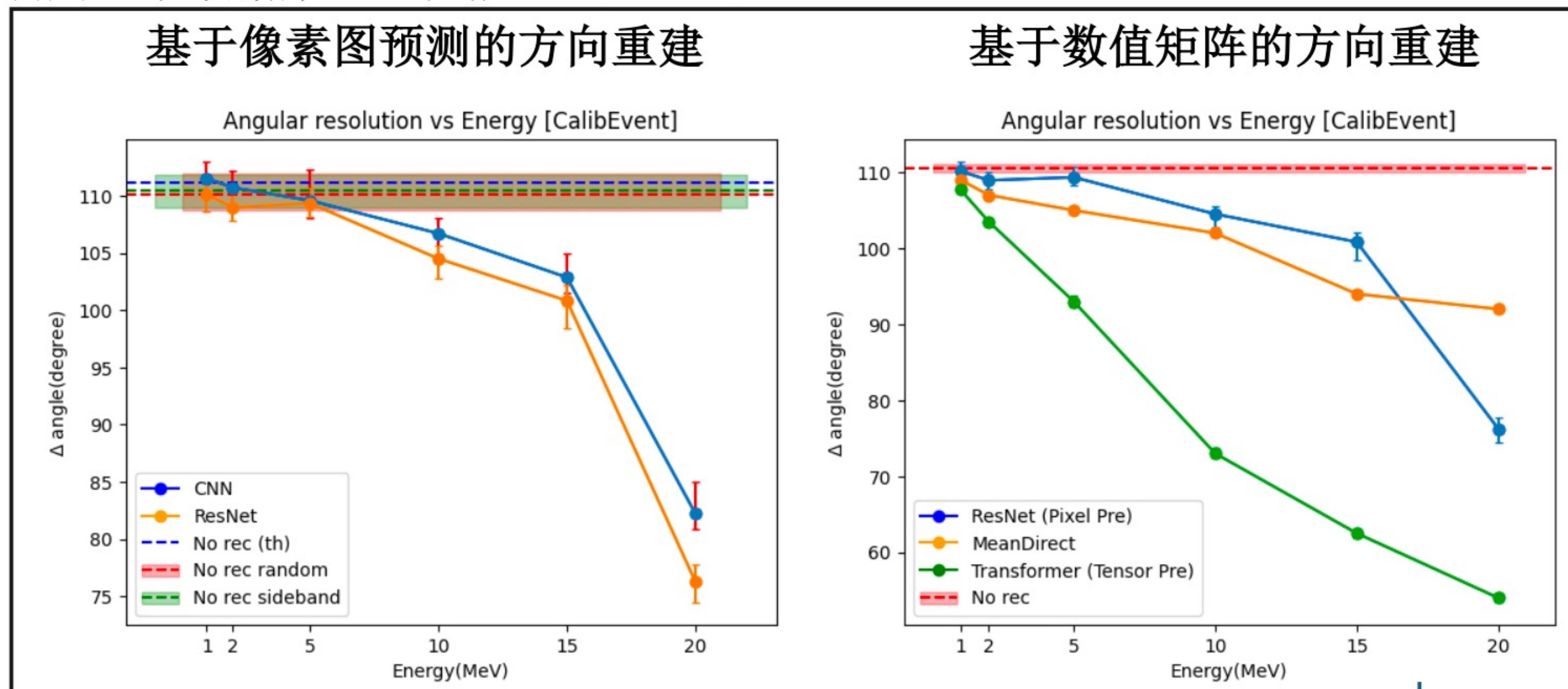




基于深度学习的方向重建

重建性能

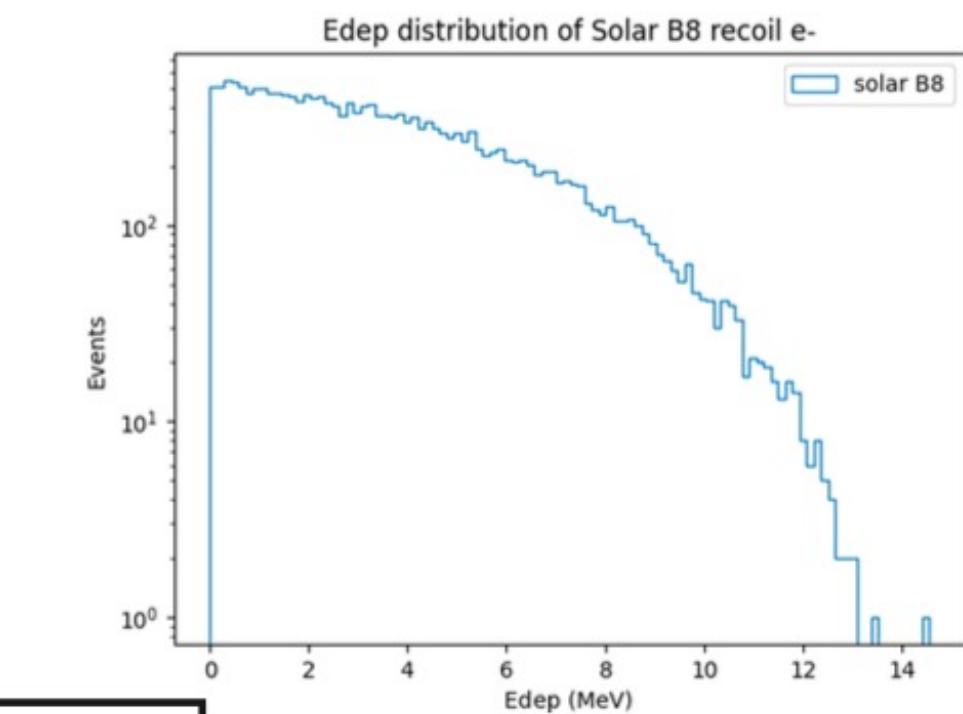
利用电子数据集验证性能：（角度重建精度越小，重建效果越好）



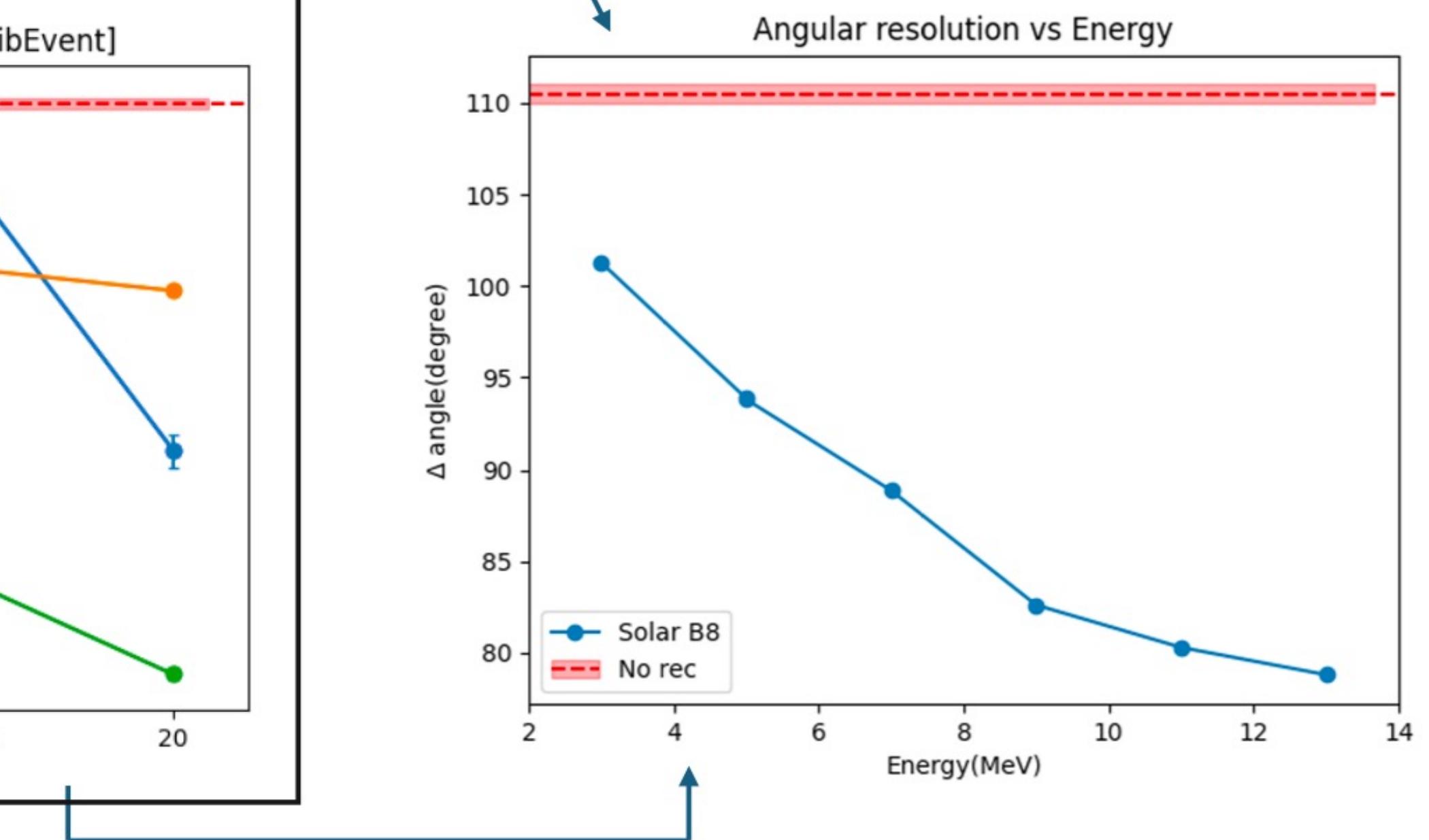
Energy: 电子动能

Δ angle: 重建方向与实际方向间夹角一倍标准偏差值（重建角度精度）

- 像素图识别法: 高能区表现良好, 但低能区效果不明显。
- Transformer算法: 1~20 MeV全能区的重建效果优越, 整体优于传统方法和图像识别法, 应用于⁸B中微子事例同样有明显重建性能



⁸B中微子事例方向重建



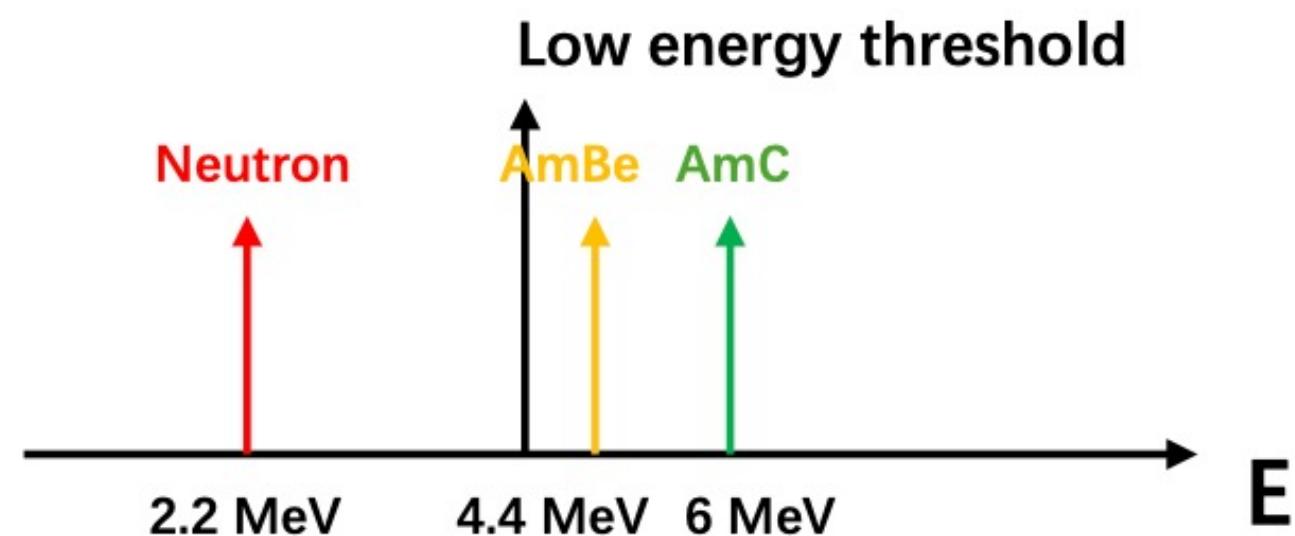
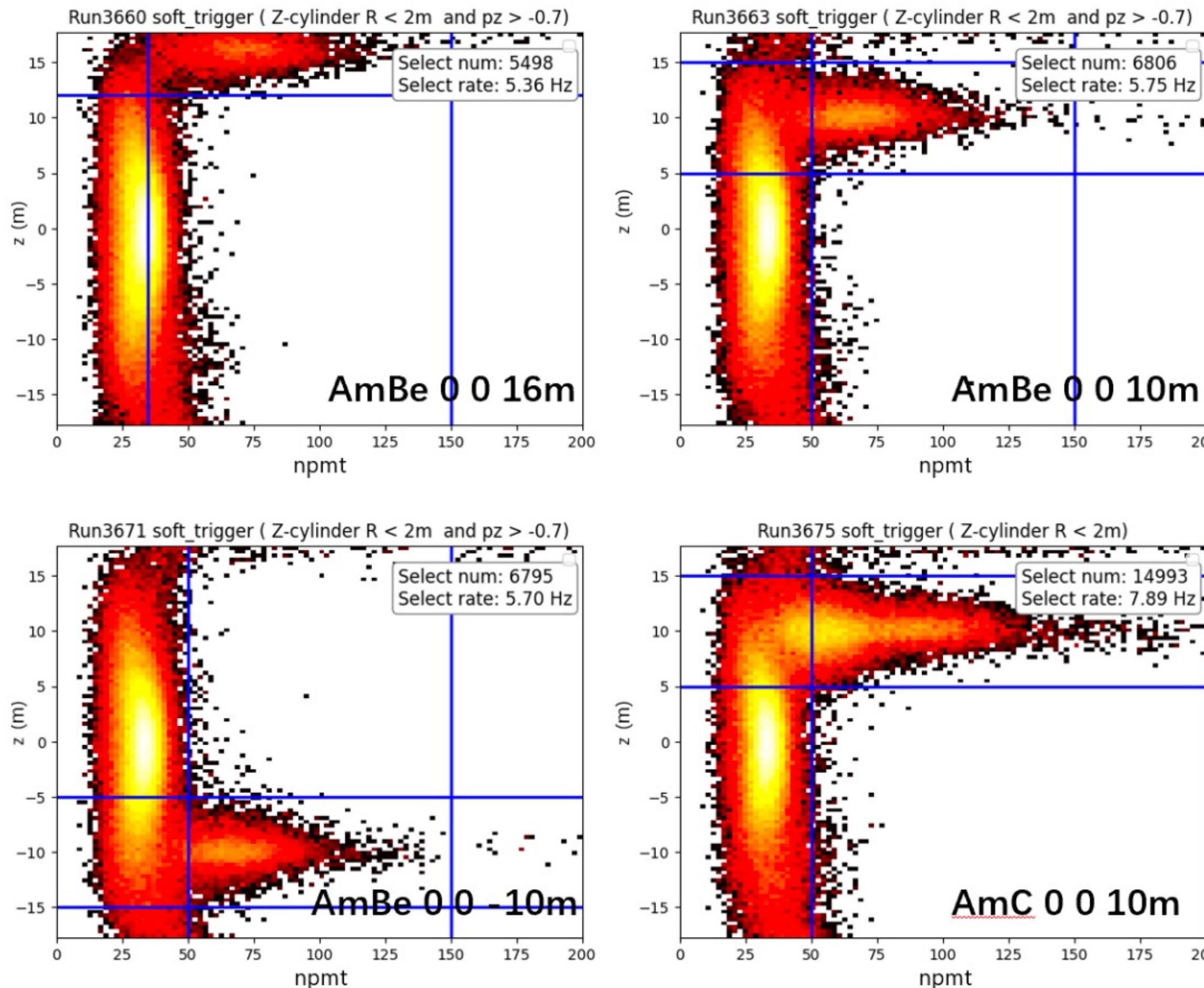


JUNO水相真实数据分析

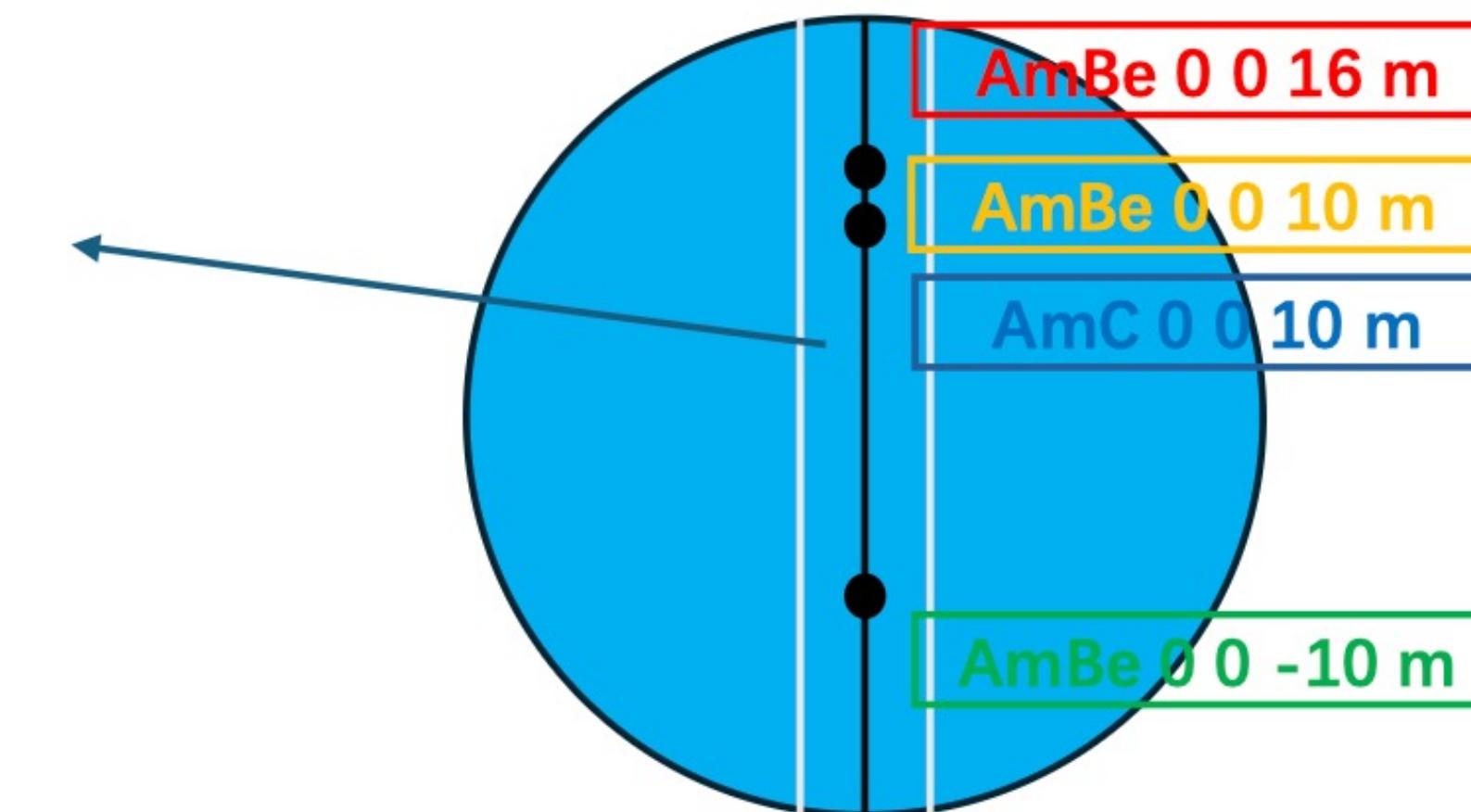
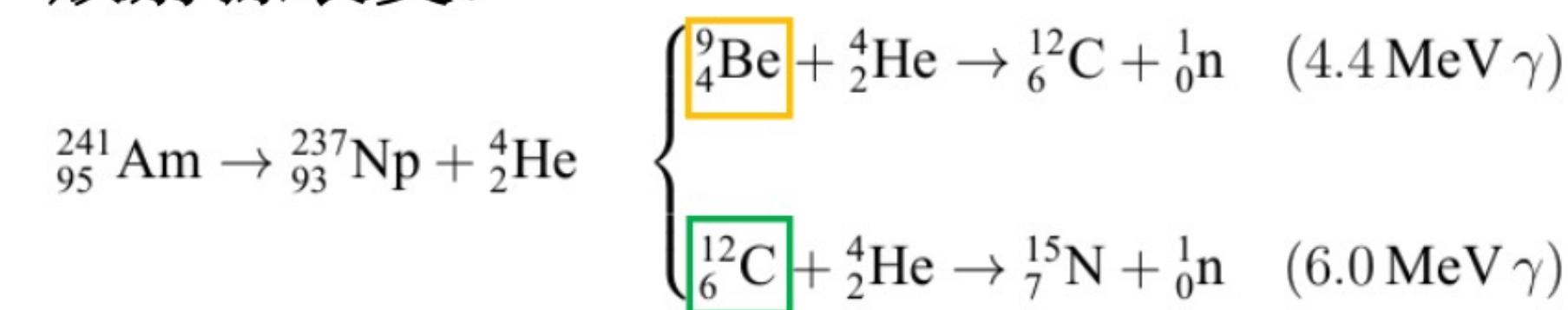
水相低能阈值测量



Am-Be和Am-C事例观测：



放射源衰变：



观测到了Am-Be和Am-C事例，低能阈值降低至4 MeV。能量阈值越低，能够探测到的⁸B能区范围越广。



JUNO水相真实数据分析

尝试寻找水相⁸B中微子信号



真实数据中本底汇总:

Type	Target	Subtype	Cut strategy
Internal	Center Detector	²³⁸ U	npmt > 80
		²³² Th	
		²²² Rn	
External	Water Pool	²³⁸ U, ²³² Th, ²²² Rn	R < 14m
	PMT Glass	²¹⁴ Bi, ²⁰⁸ Tl	
	Node & Bar	²³⁸ U, ²³² Th, ⁴⁰ K, ⁶⁰ Co	
	Acrylic	²³⁸ U, ²³² Th, ⁴⁰ K	
Cosmogenic	Center Detector	⁶ He, ¹⁰ C, ¹¹ C	npmt > 80
		¹² B, ⁹ Li, ⁹ C, ⁸ Li, ⁸ B	muon track veto*
		¹¹ Be	TFC veto*
Other	Center Detector	LS event	z < 10m
		Dark noise	npmt > 80
		Flasher	pz > 0.0 npmt > 80

(*号代表此策略未被应用于本研究)

取数日期: 2.07 ~ 2.14

取数时间: 共 ~100h (~4 days)

残余事例数: ~3500 (预估⁸B信号事例数: 22)

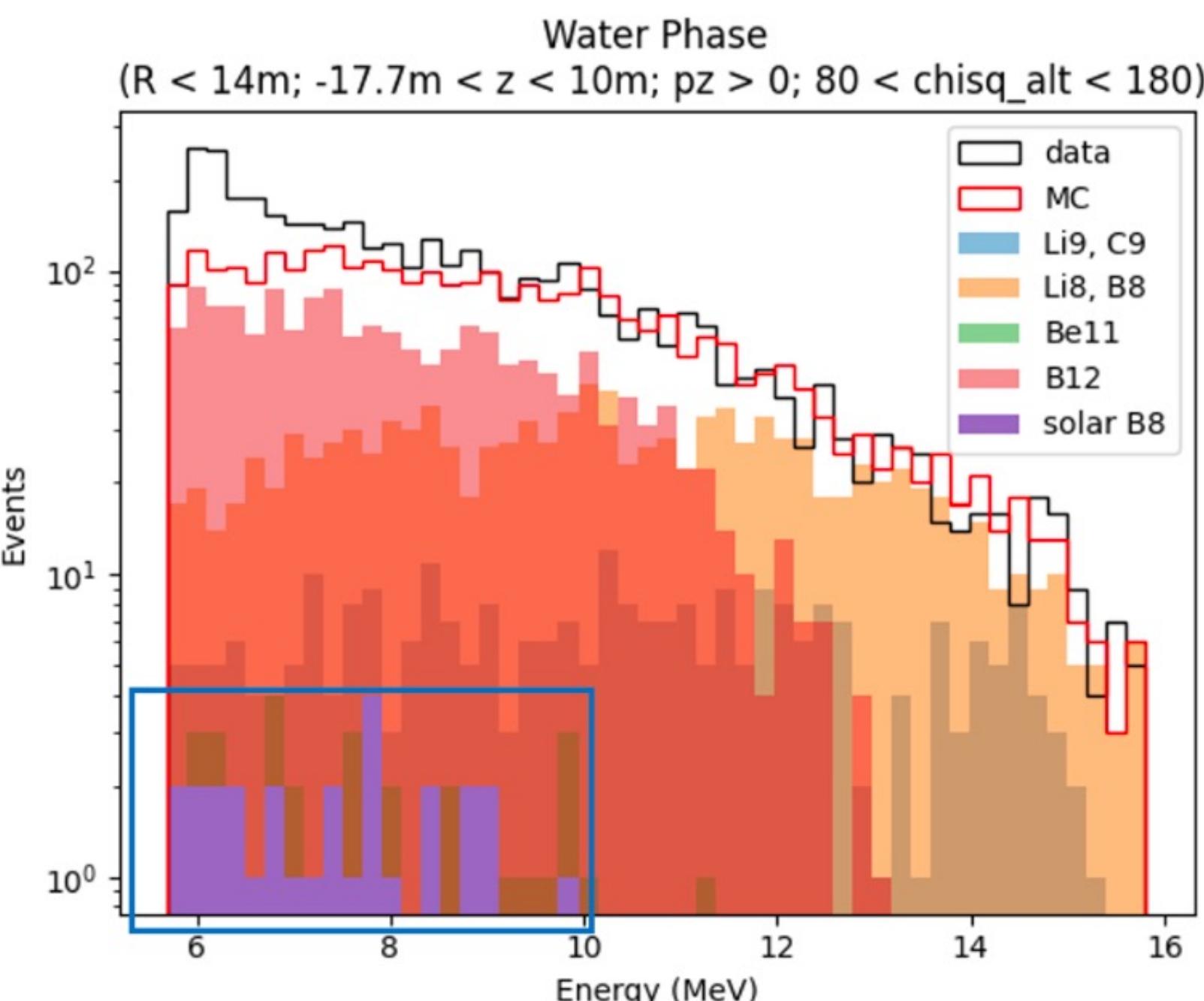
本底去除策略
效率估计

预期残余事例构成:

Type	Isotope	Events
Cosmogenic background	⁹ Li, ⁹ C	227
	⁸ Li, ⁸ B	972
	¹¹ Be	34
	¹² B	1297
Signal	Solar ⁸ B	22

(信噪比约1:150)

模拟与数据对比



残余事例中大部分为宇宙线本底，无法观测到明显的⁸B中微子信号。

Summary

- Borexino: pp-chain + CNO-cycle are measured
- JUNO: Many opportunities