



Neutrino Oscillation Phenomenology - I

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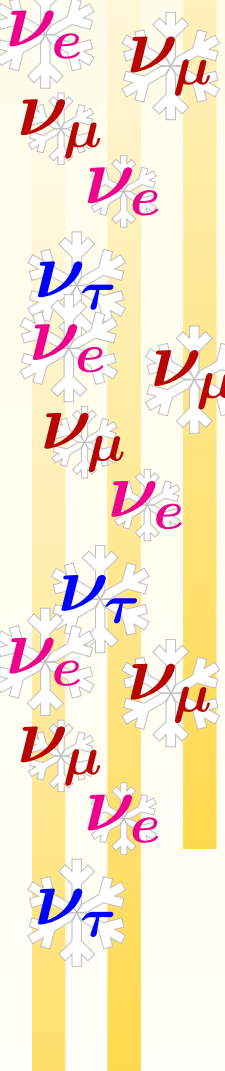
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- “Survival Probability”

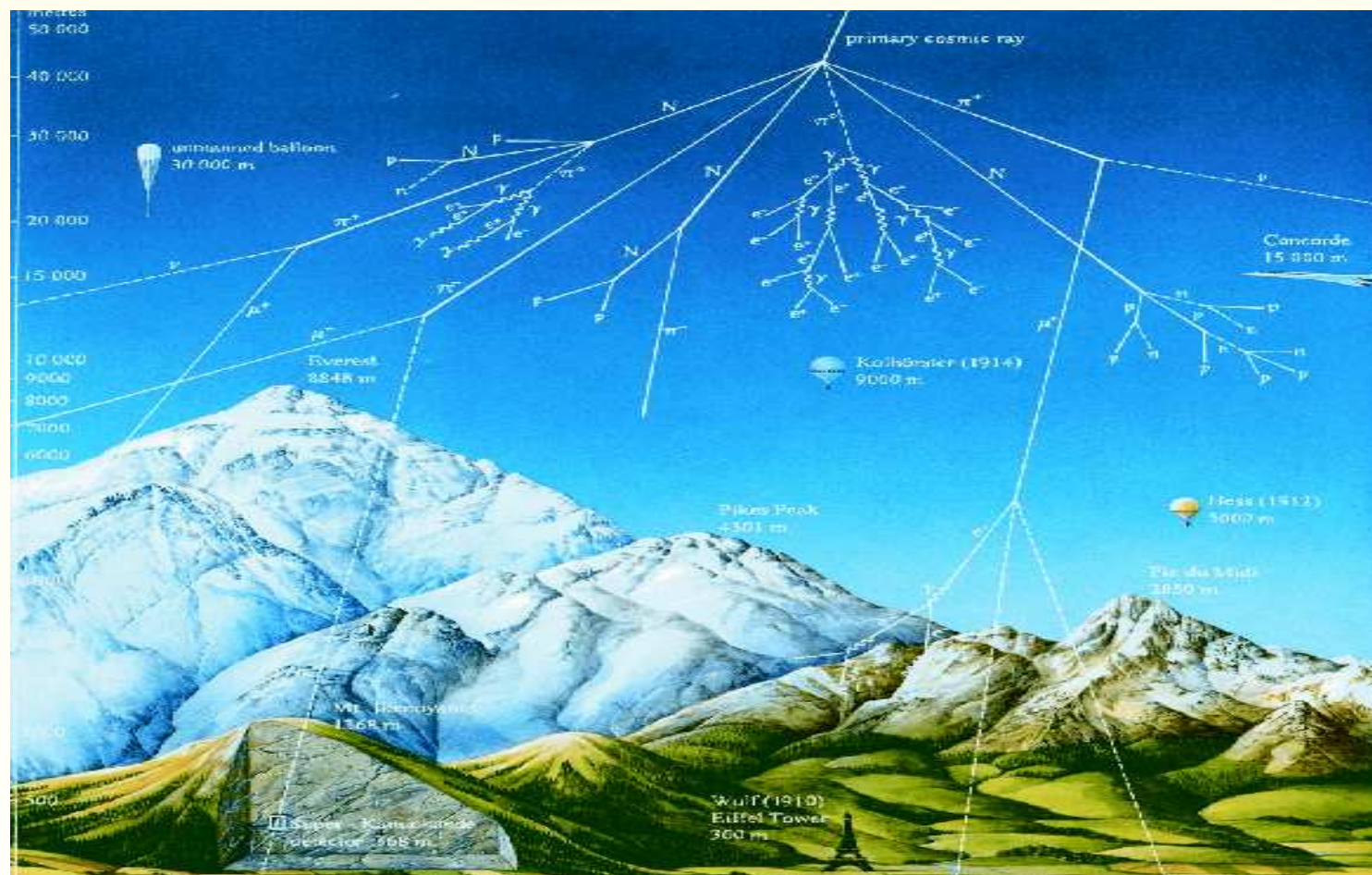
$$P_{ee} = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E} \right) \quad (\Delta m^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2)$$



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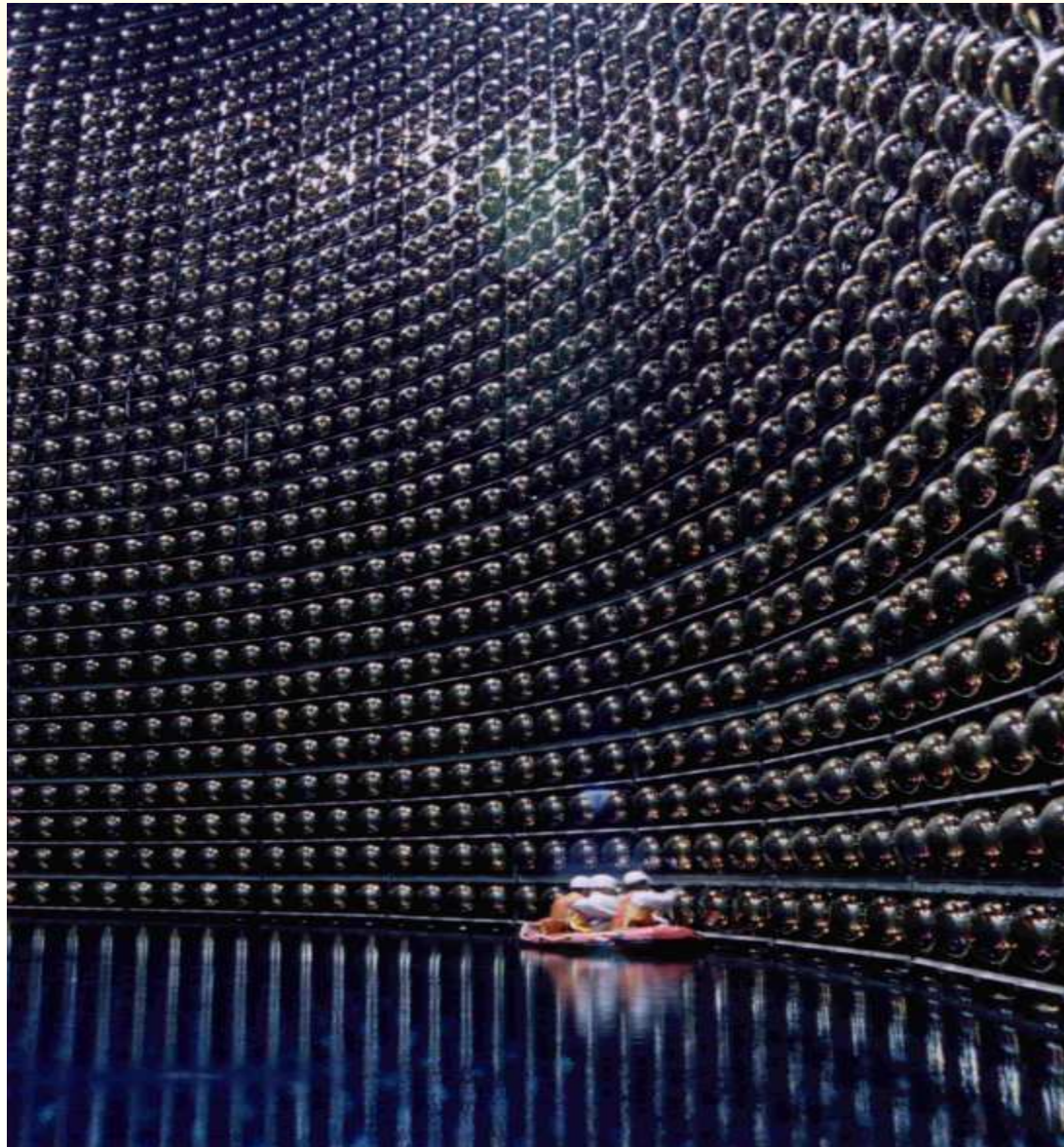


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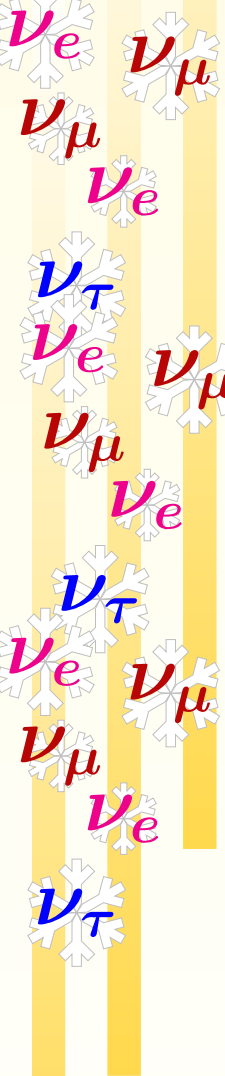
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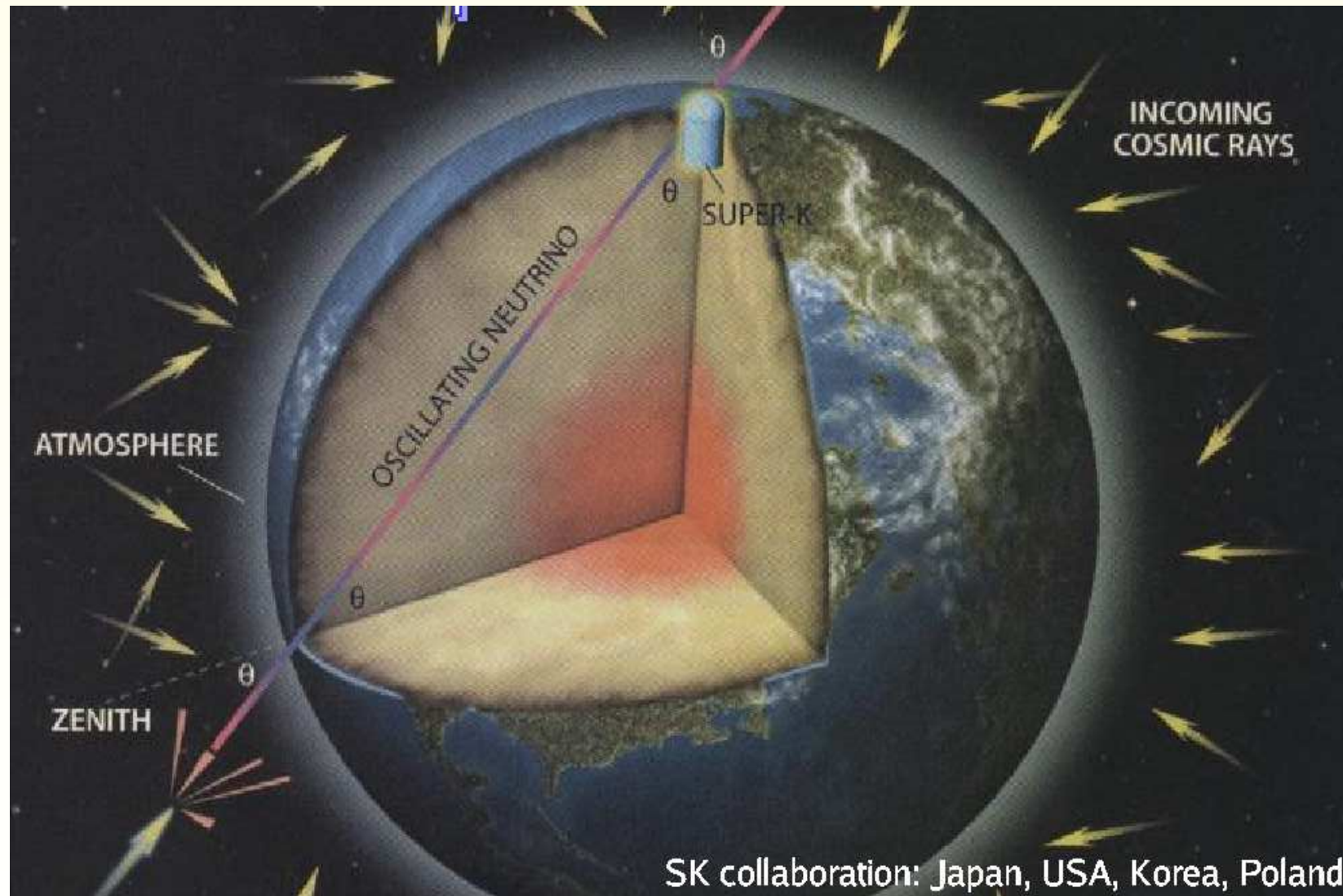
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Detected in SK via:
 $\nu_l + N \rightarrow l + N'$



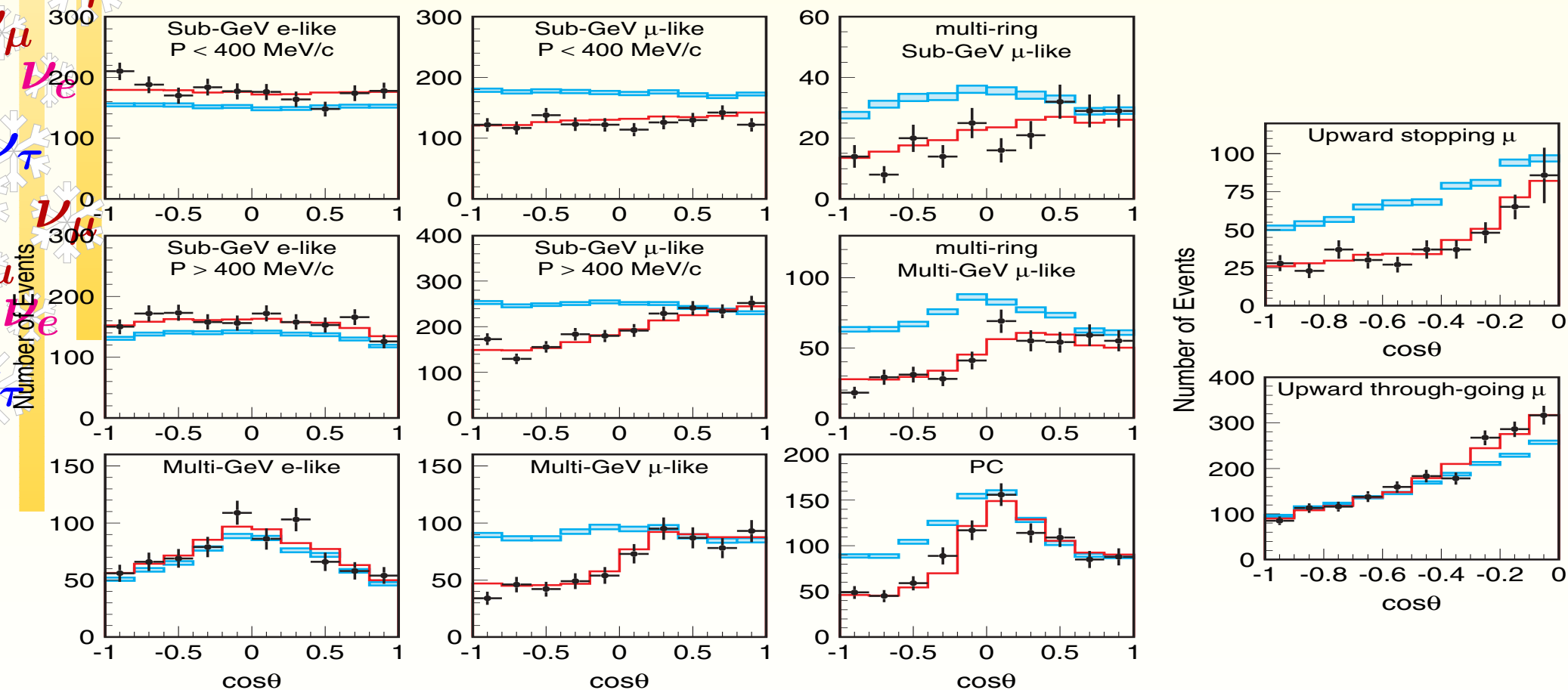
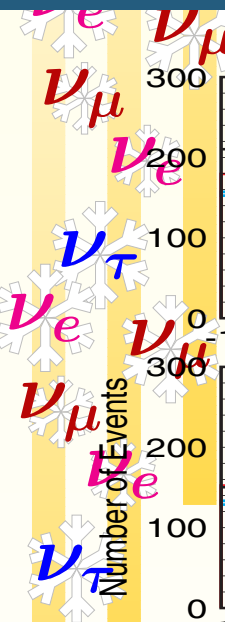
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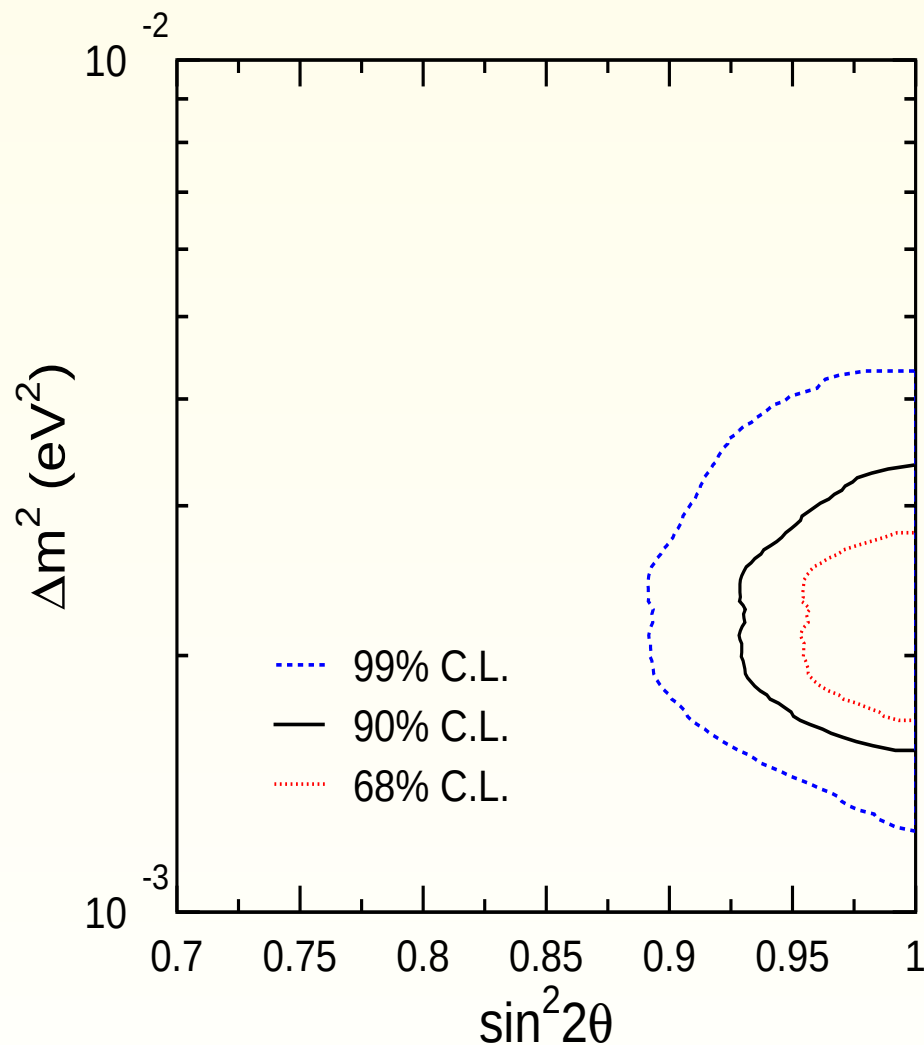
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Zenith Angle Distributions





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Data best explained by

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ vacuum oscillations:

$$P_{\mu\mu} = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E}$$

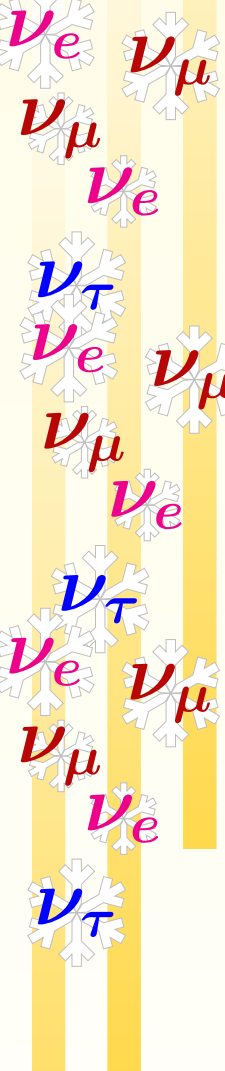
Best-Fit:

$$\Delta m_{31}^2 = 2.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

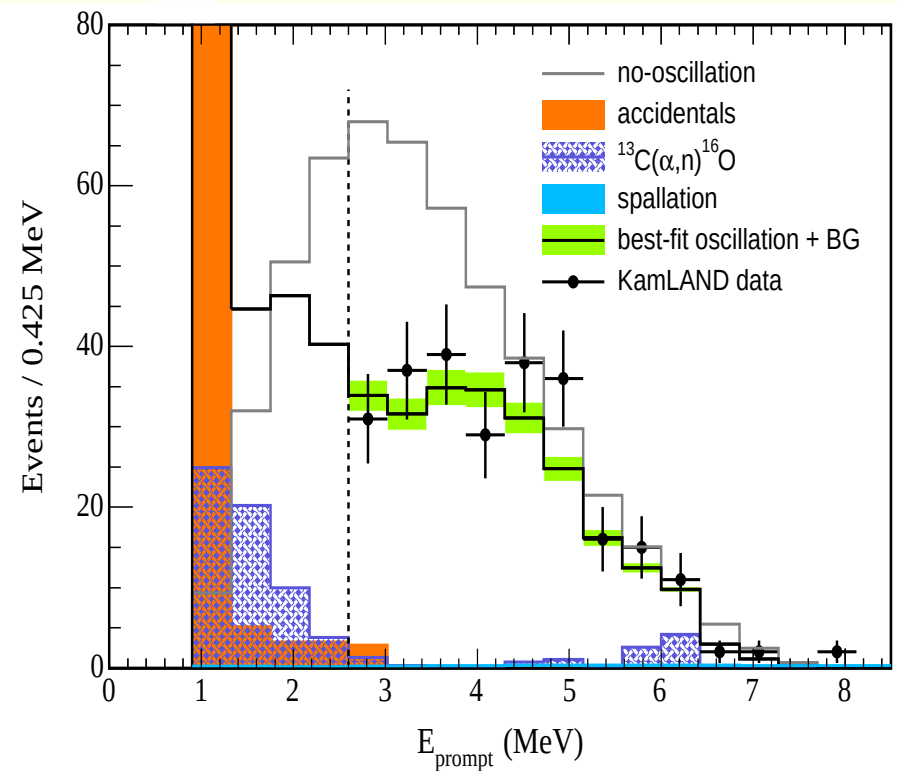
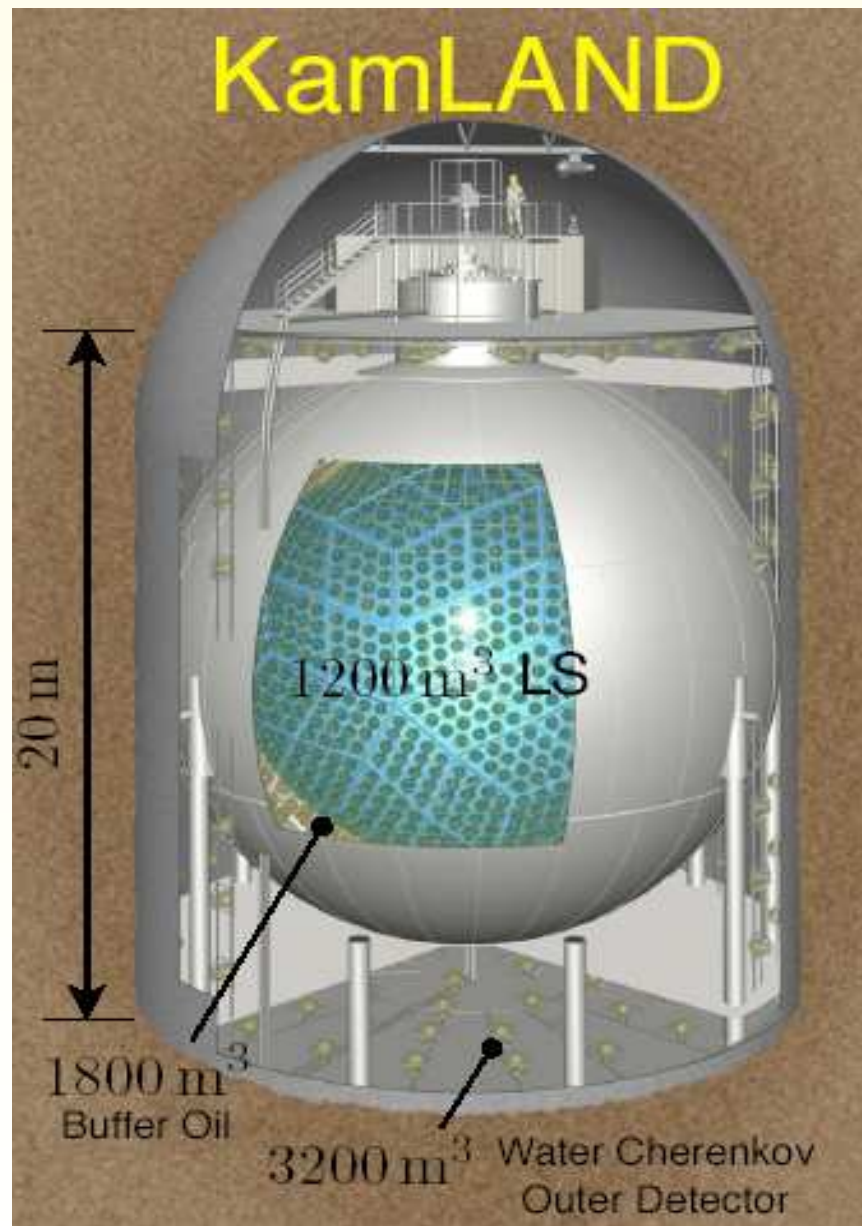
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{23} = 1.0$$

SK Collaboration, hep-ph/0501064

● Results confirmed by K2K (Japan) and MINOS (US)



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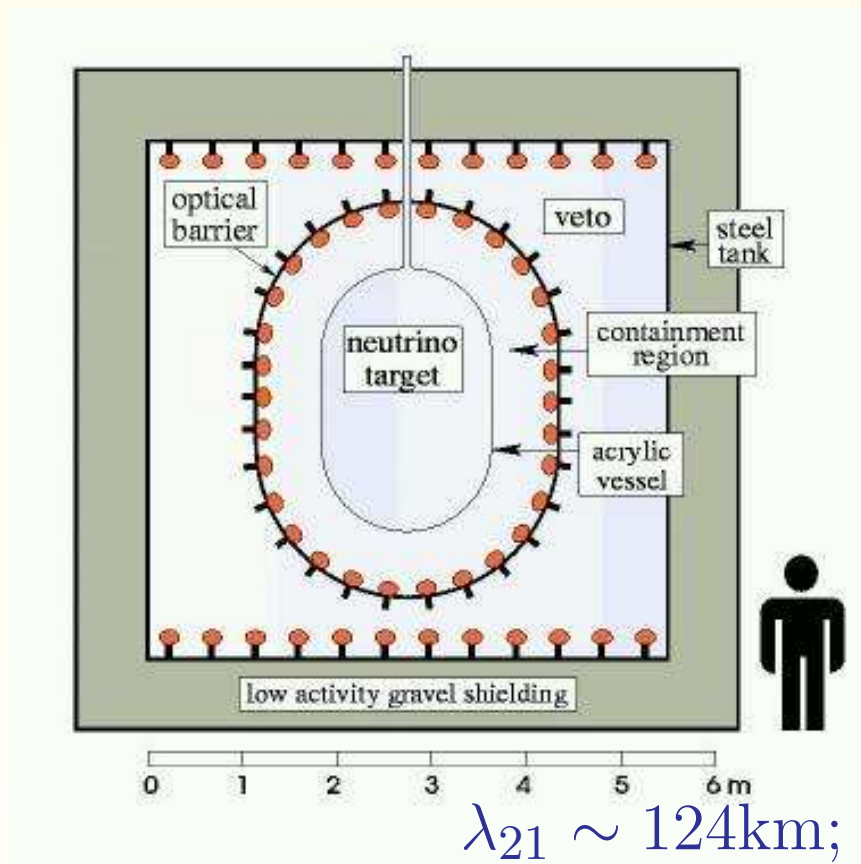
● Reactor antineutrinos detected in liquid scintillator

● $p + \bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow n + e^+$

● $\frac{\text{Observed}}{\text{Expected}} = 0.686 \pm 0.063$

● $\Delta m_{21}^2 = 8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2, \sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.3$

CHOOZ



- Detects $\bar{\nu}_e$ through



- $L \approx 1 \text{ km}$
- $E \sim 4 \text{ MeV}$
- $L/E \sim 250 \text{ km/MeV}$

$$\lambda_{21} \sim 124 \text{ km}; \lambda_{31} \sim 4 \text{ km}$$

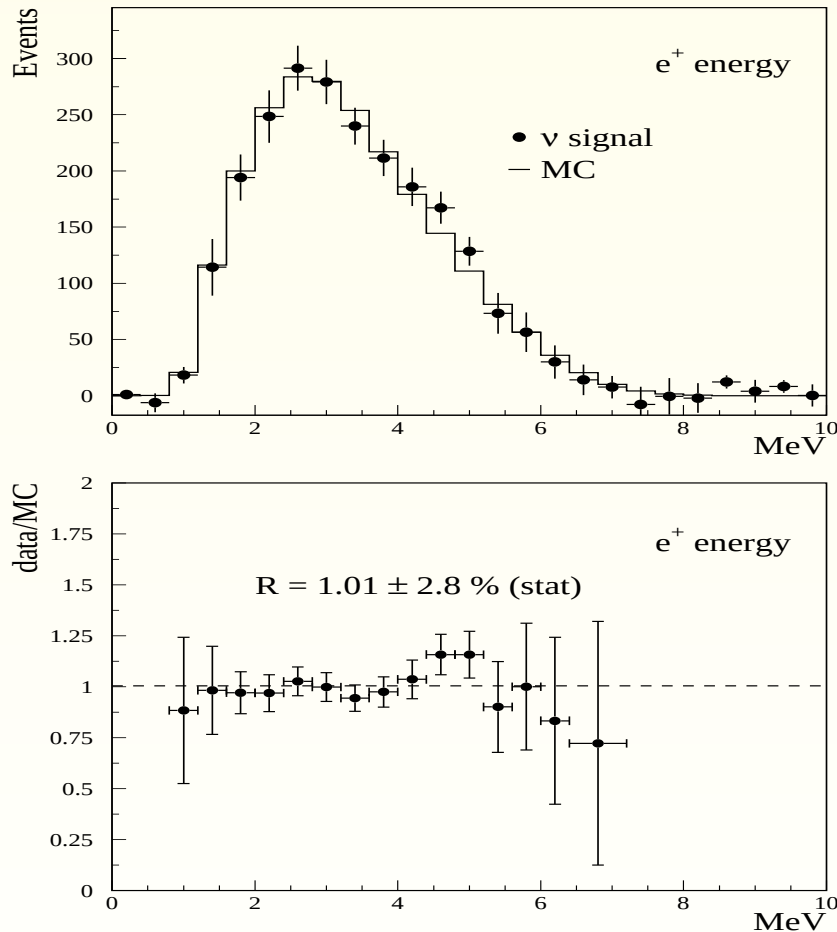
$$L \ll \lambda_{21} \Rightarrow \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \rightarrow 0$$

- Δm_{31}^2 driven oscillations will be relevant

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$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{ee} &= 1 - 4 \sum_{j>i} |U_{ei}|^2 |U_{ej}|^2 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{ji}^2 L}{4E} \\
 &= 1 - 4 |U_{e1}|^2 |U_{e2}|^2 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \\
 &\quad - 4 |U_{e1}|^2 |U_{e3}|^2 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} - 4 |U_{e2}|^2 |U_{e3}|^2 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \\
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 &= 1 - 4 |U_{e1}|^2 |U_{e2}|^2 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} - 4 |U_{e3}|^2 (1 - |U_{e3}|^2) \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \\
 &\approx 1 - 4 |U_{e3}|^2 (1 - |U_{e3}|^2) \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E}
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CHOOZ



● No depletion of events observed

● $P_{ee}(\text{observed}) \approx 1$

● $P_{ee}(Th) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E}$

● We know that Δm_{31}^2 was relevant for oscillations

● Therefore $\theta_{13} \rightarrow \text{small}$

At 3σ , $\sin^2 \theta_{13} < 0.04$

● Limit on θ_{13} will come from a χ^2 analysis of the data and will be determined mainly by the **error involved**.

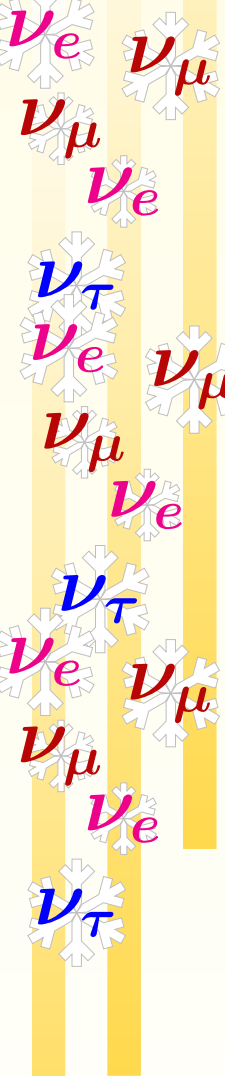


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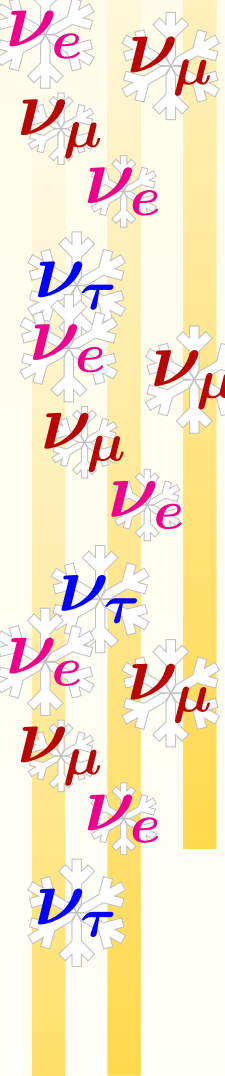
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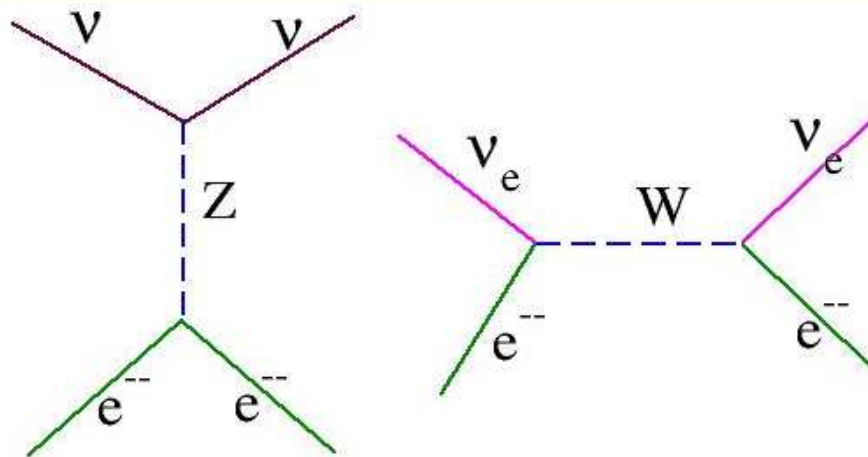
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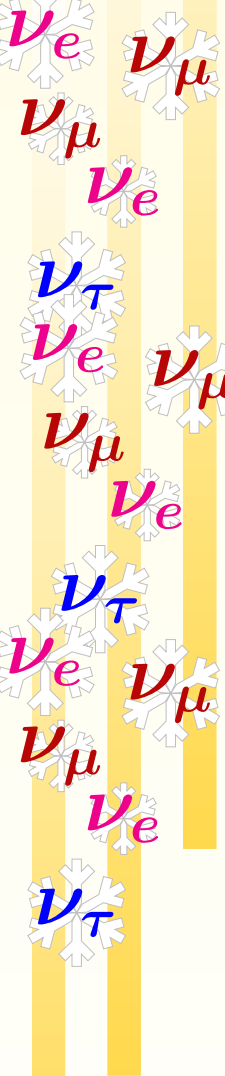
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- A has dimensions of eV^2
- $A = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \left(\frac{E}{\text{MeV}} \right)$ [core of sun]
- $A = 1.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \left(\frac{\rho}{4.5 \text{ gm/cc}} \right) \left(\frac{E}{5 \text{ GeV}} \right)$ [earth]

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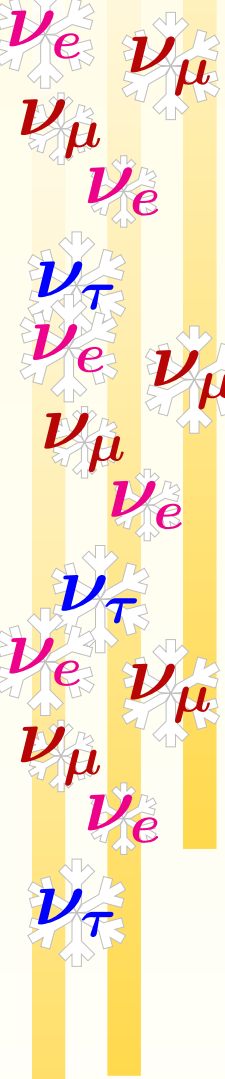
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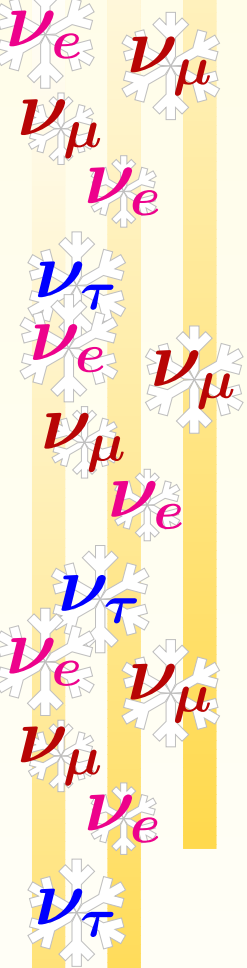


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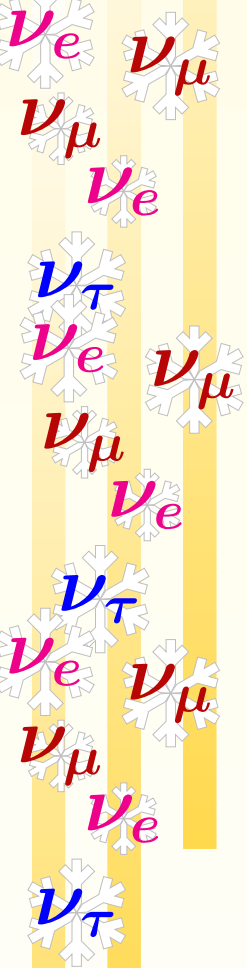
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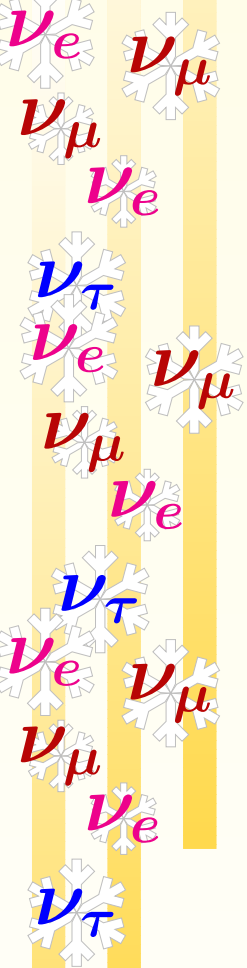
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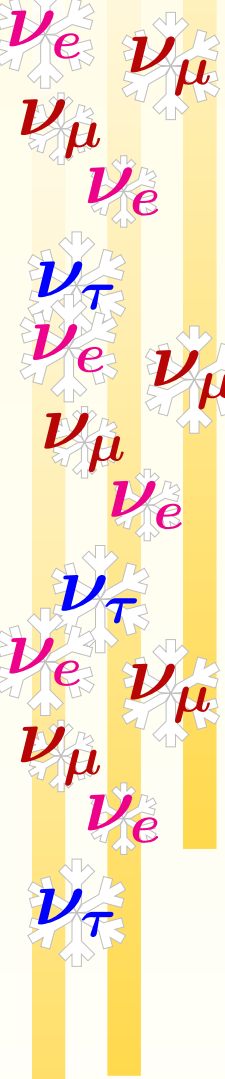
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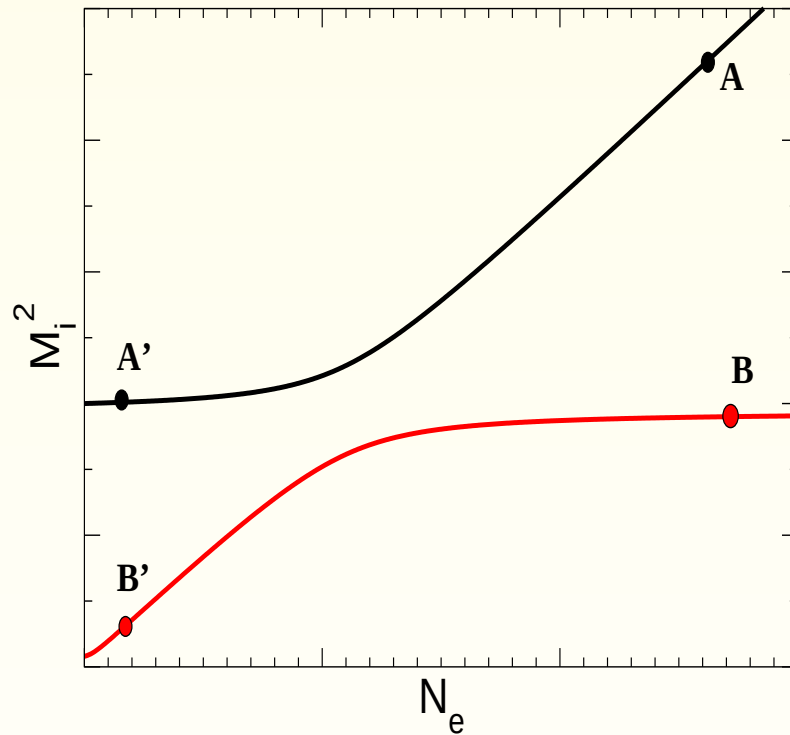
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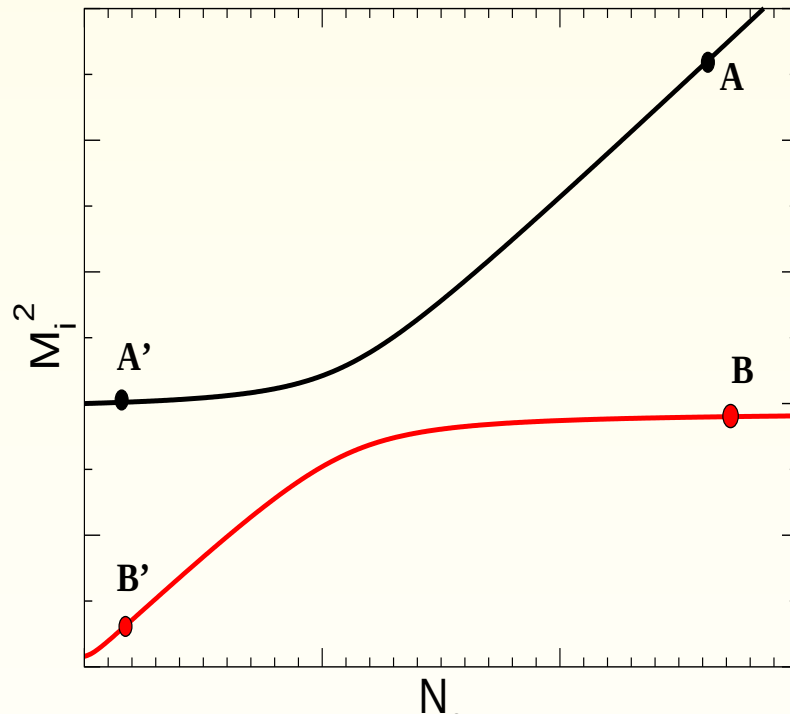
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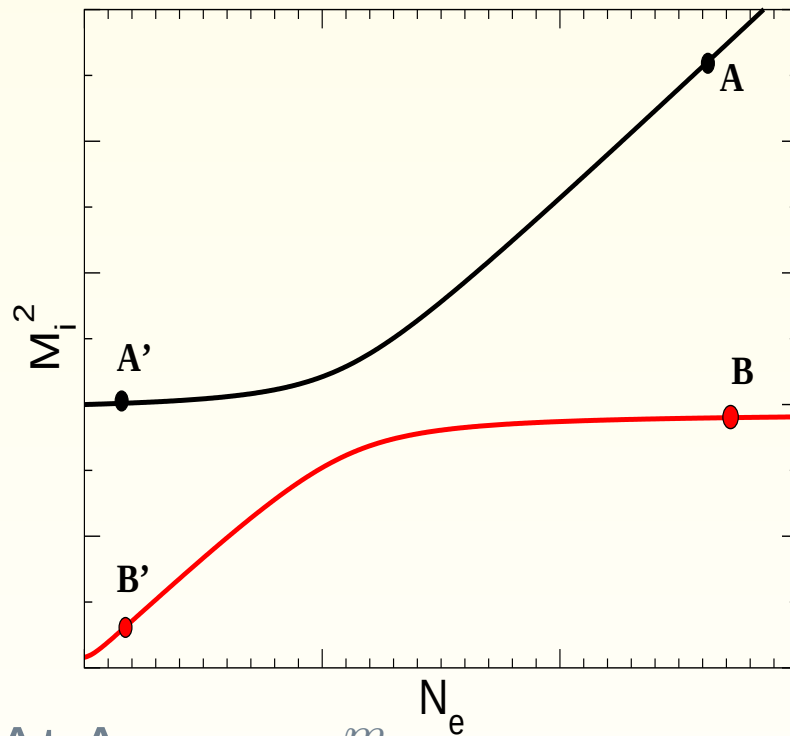


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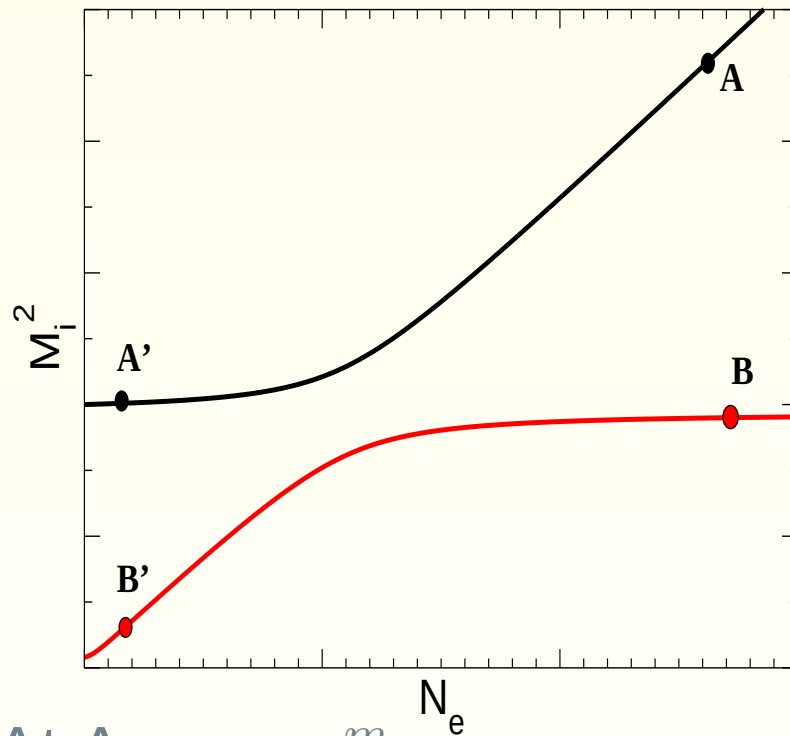
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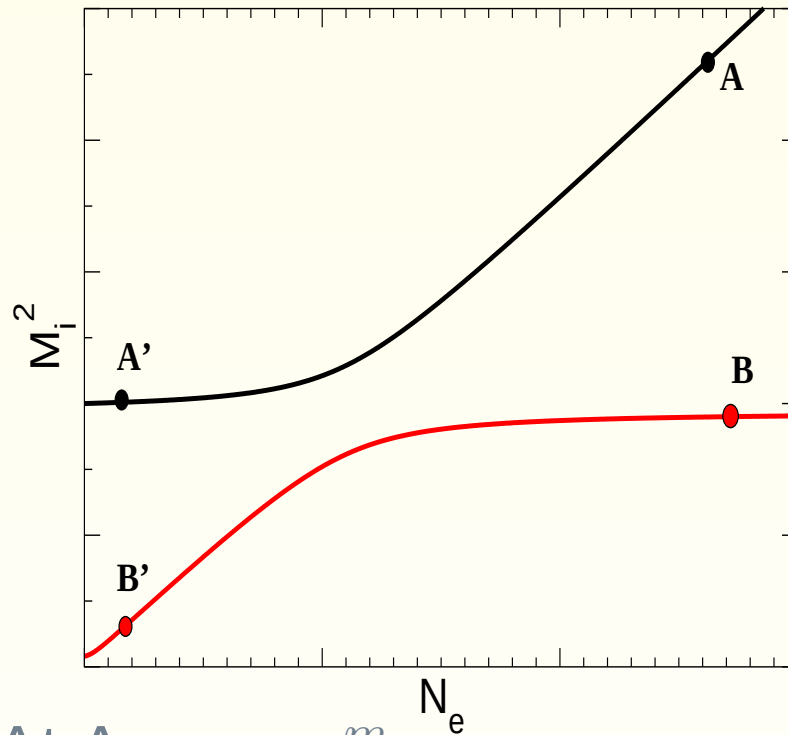


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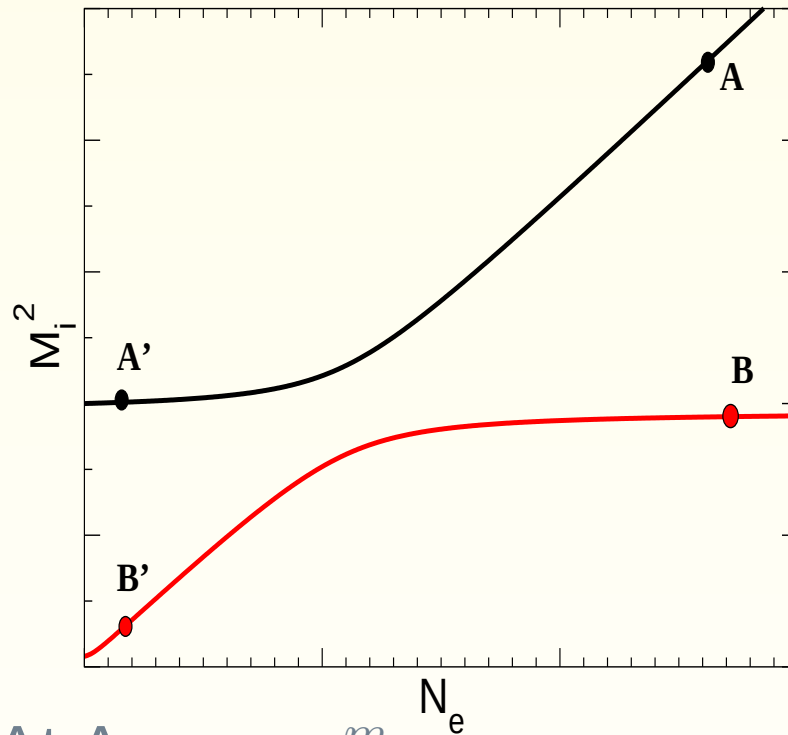
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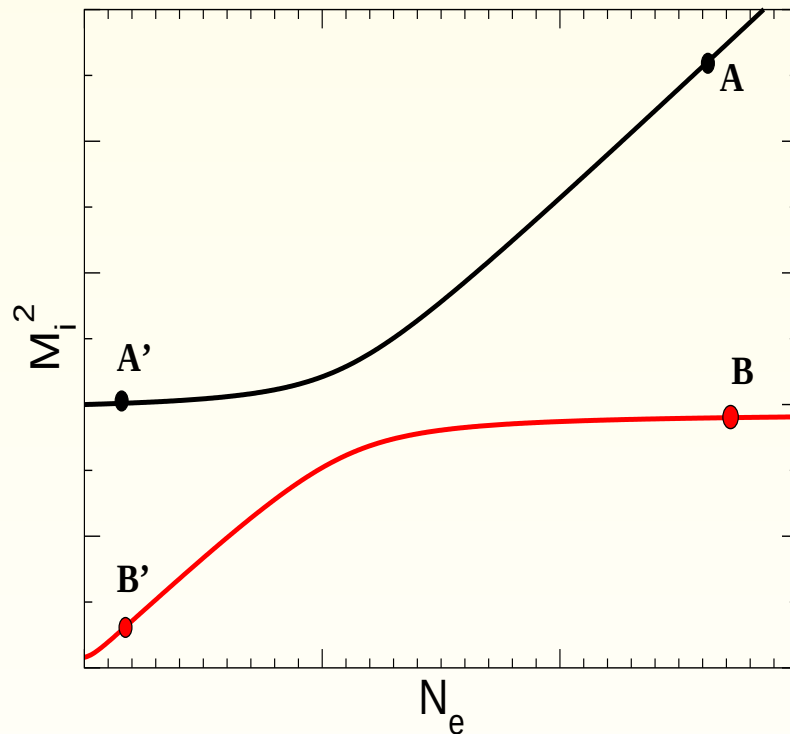
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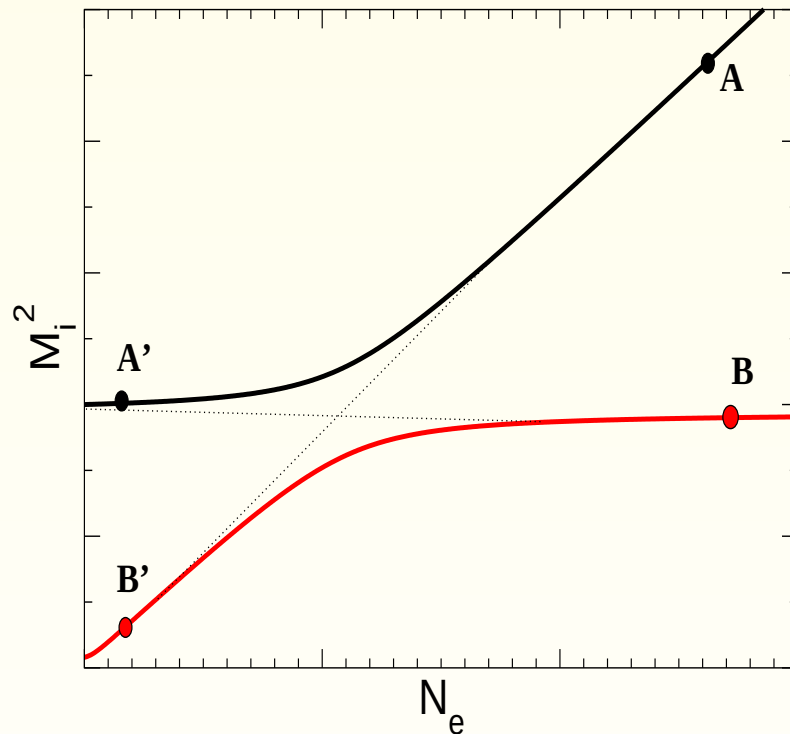
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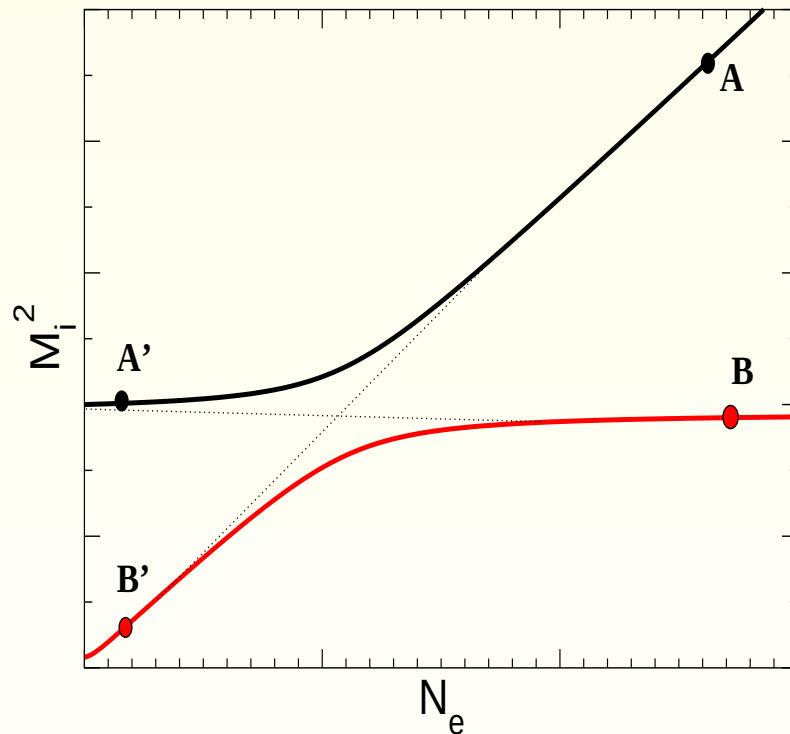
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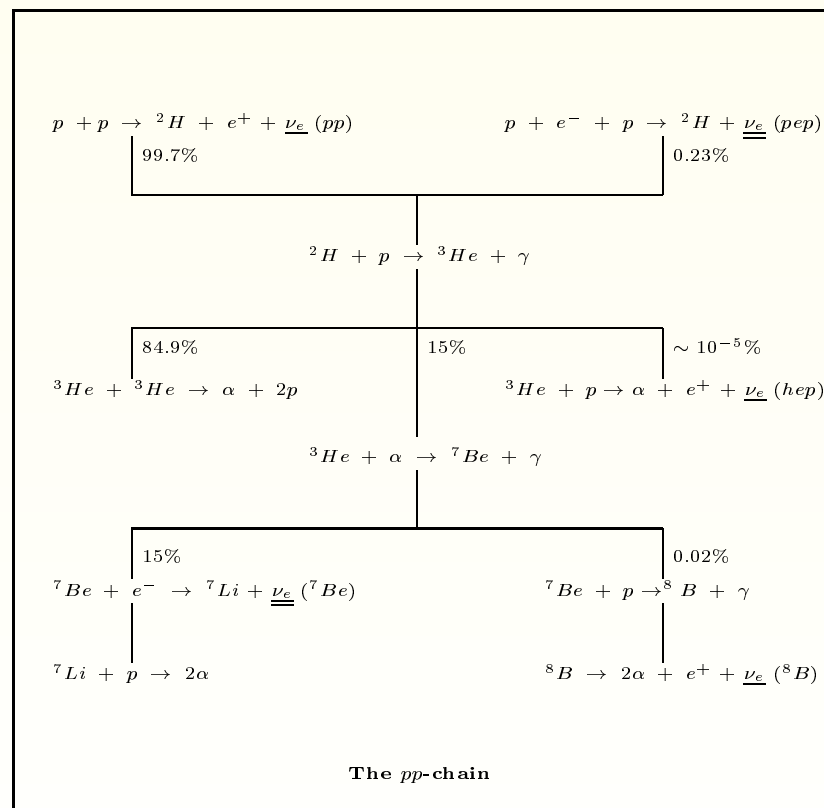
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Solar Neutrinos



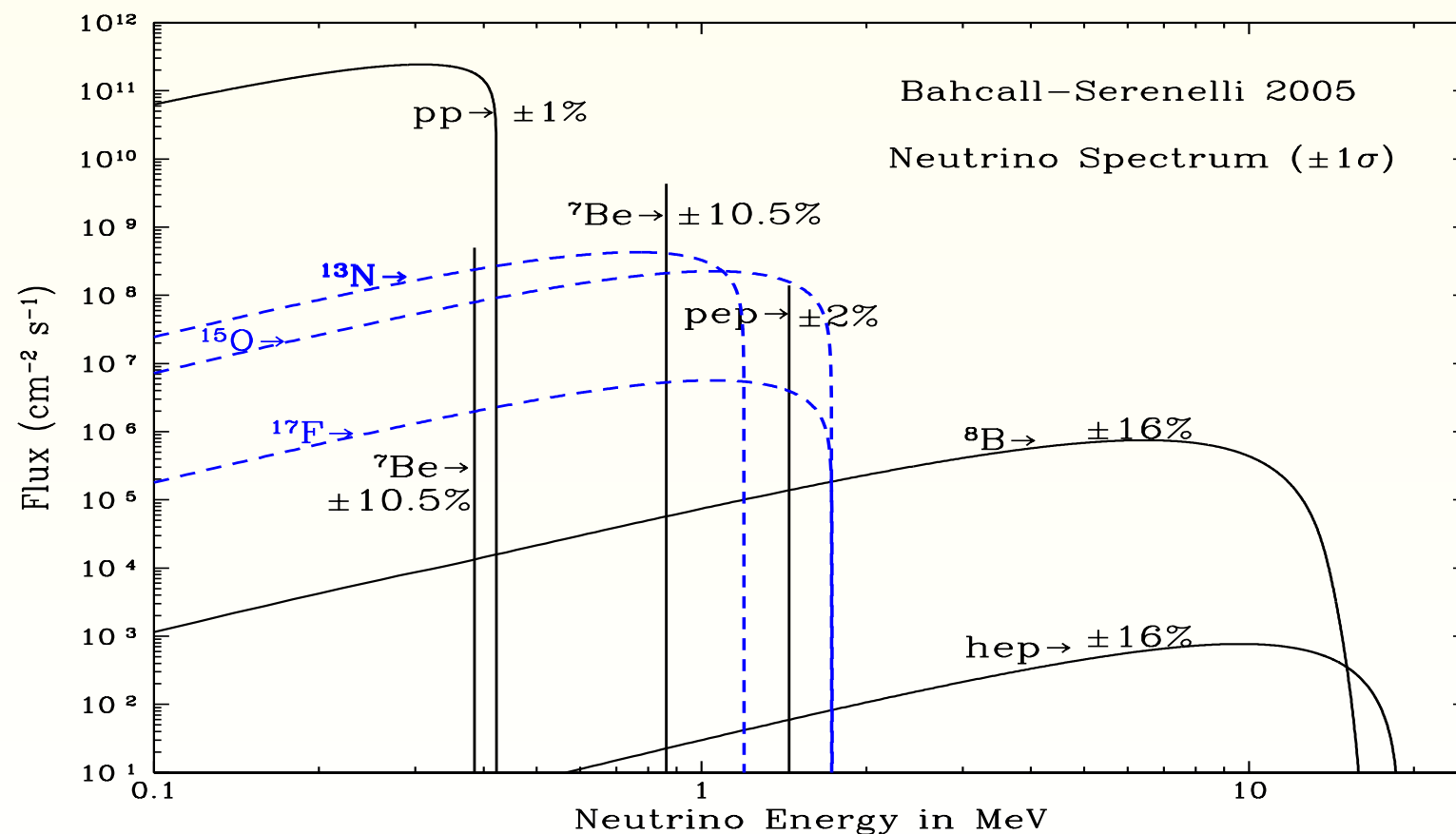
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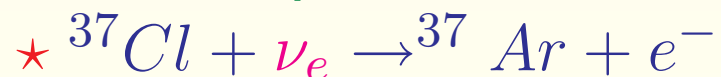
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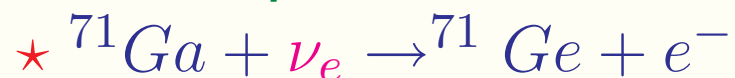
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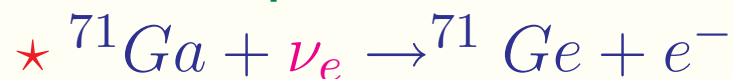
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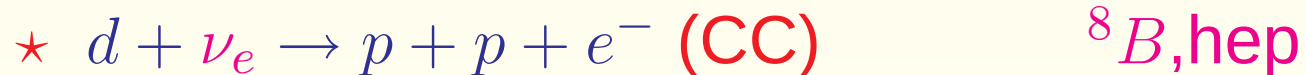


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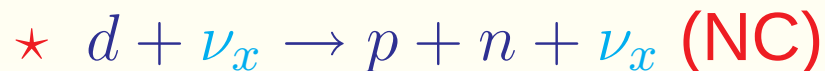
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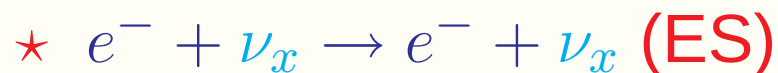
$$T_{e,th} = 5.0 \text{ MeV}$$



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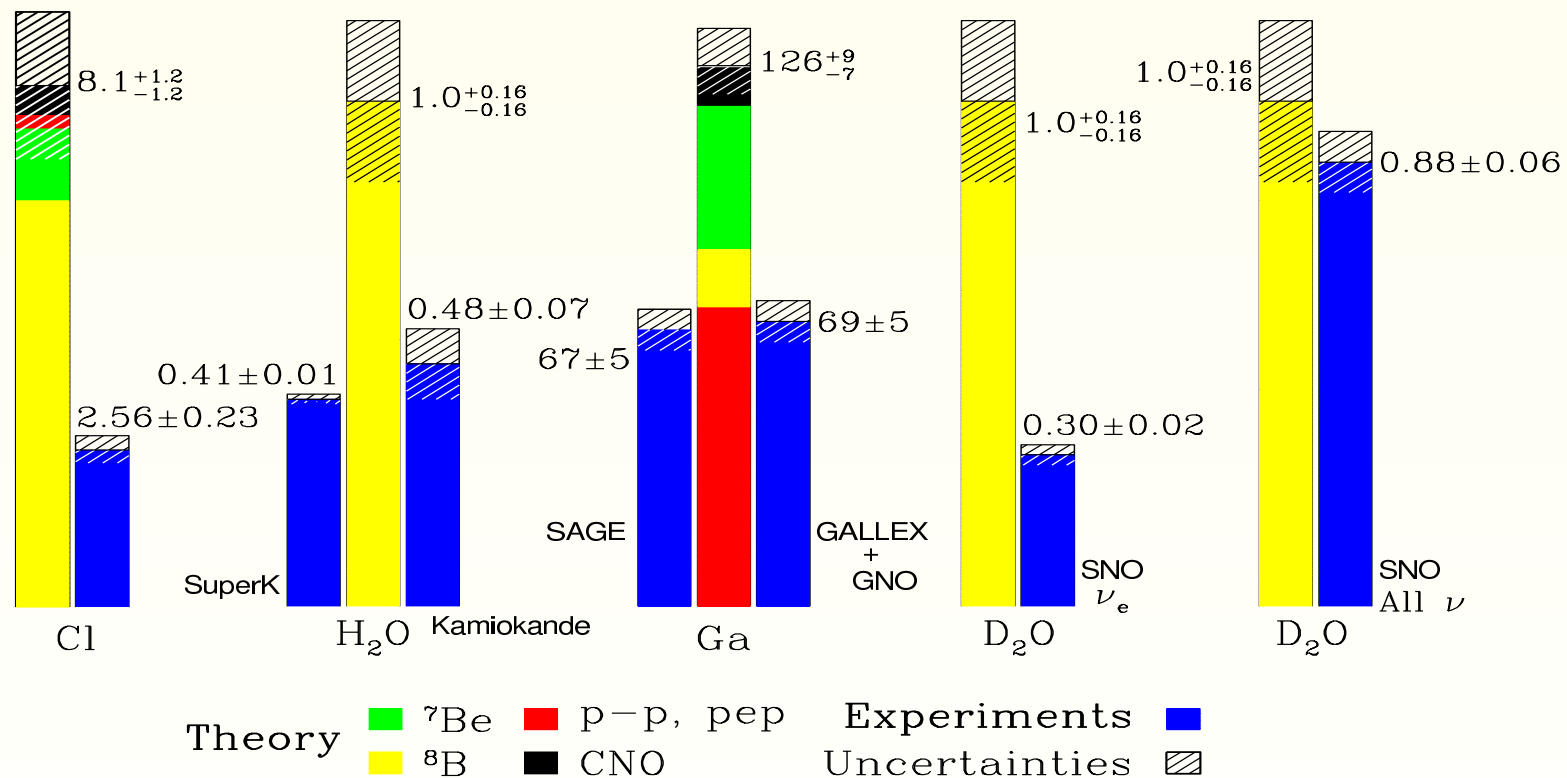
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Total Rates: Standard Model vs. Experiment
Bahcall–Serenelli 2005 [BS05(OP)]

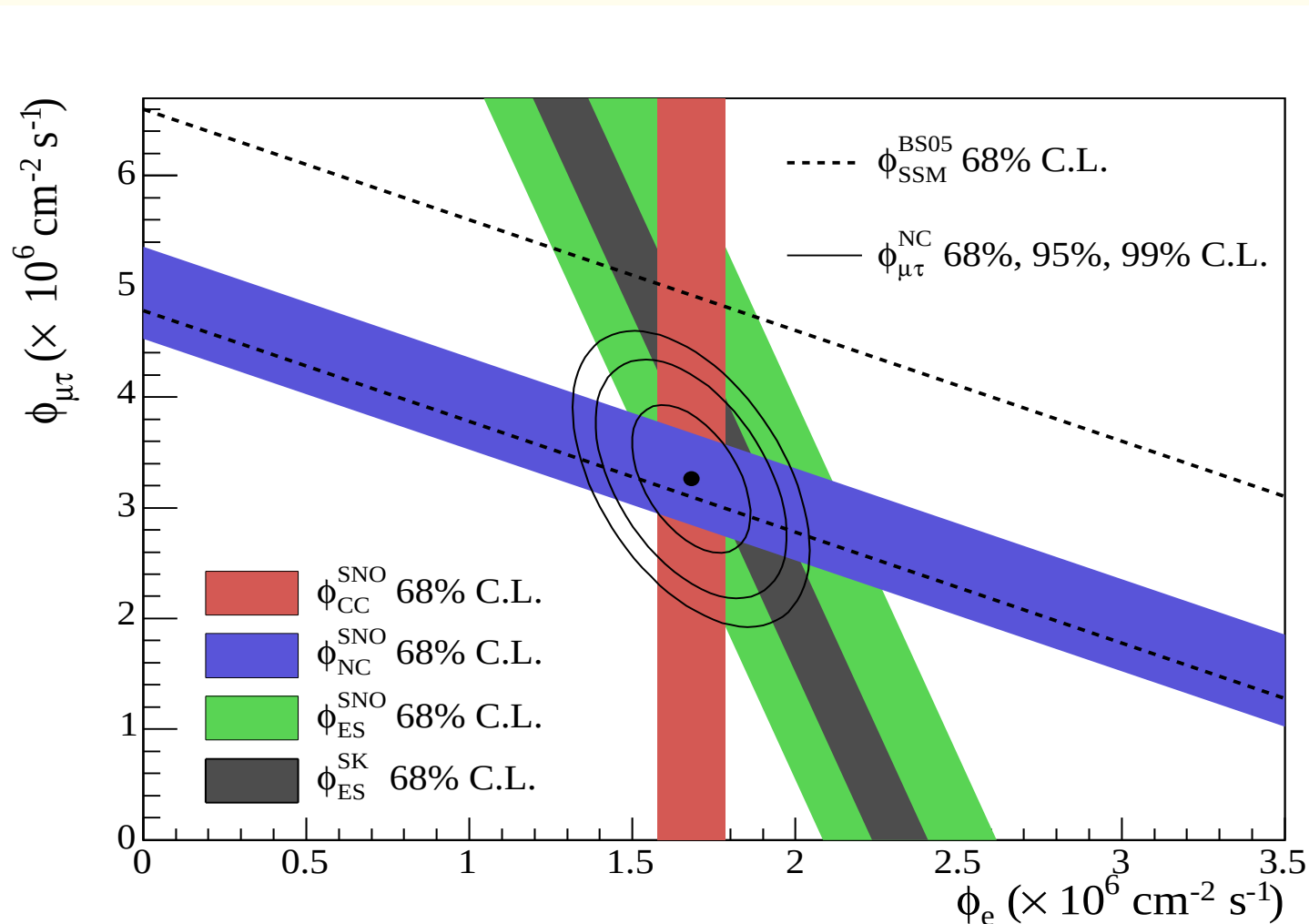


J.N. Bahcall, <http://www.sns.ias.edu/jnb/>

● Neutrinos are definitely oscillating



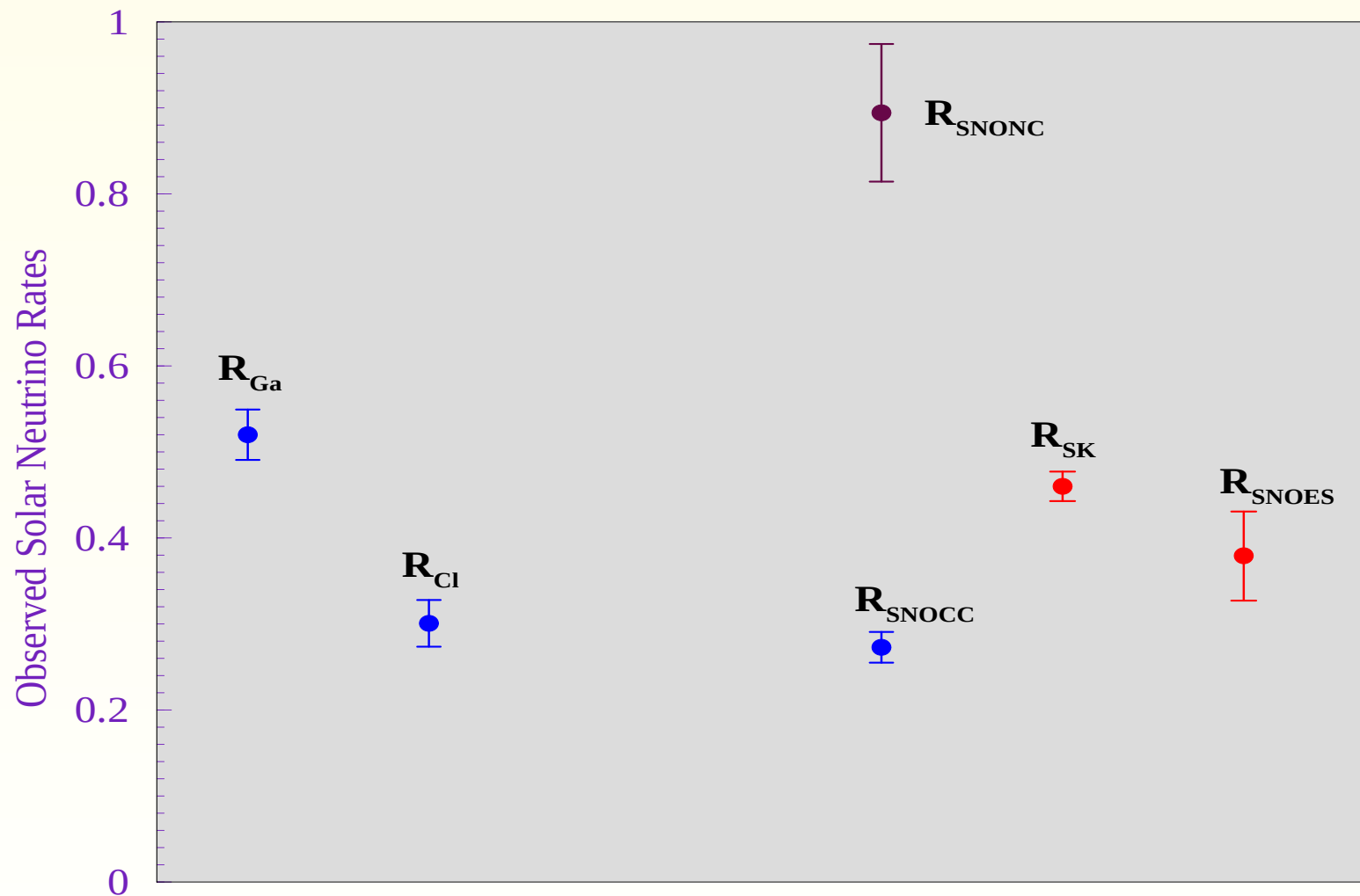
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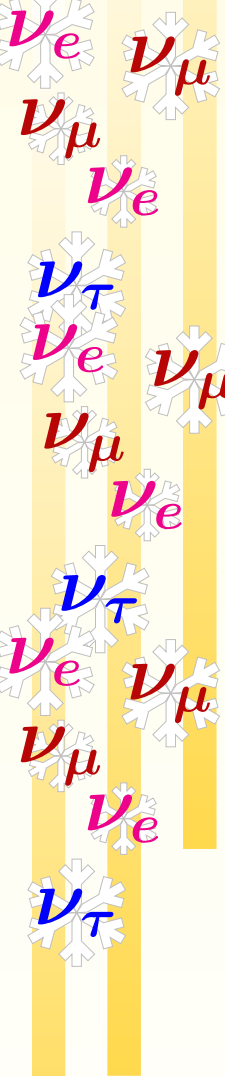
SNO Collaboration, hep-ph/050202

● No doubt about the presence of ν_{μ} and/or ν_{τ} .

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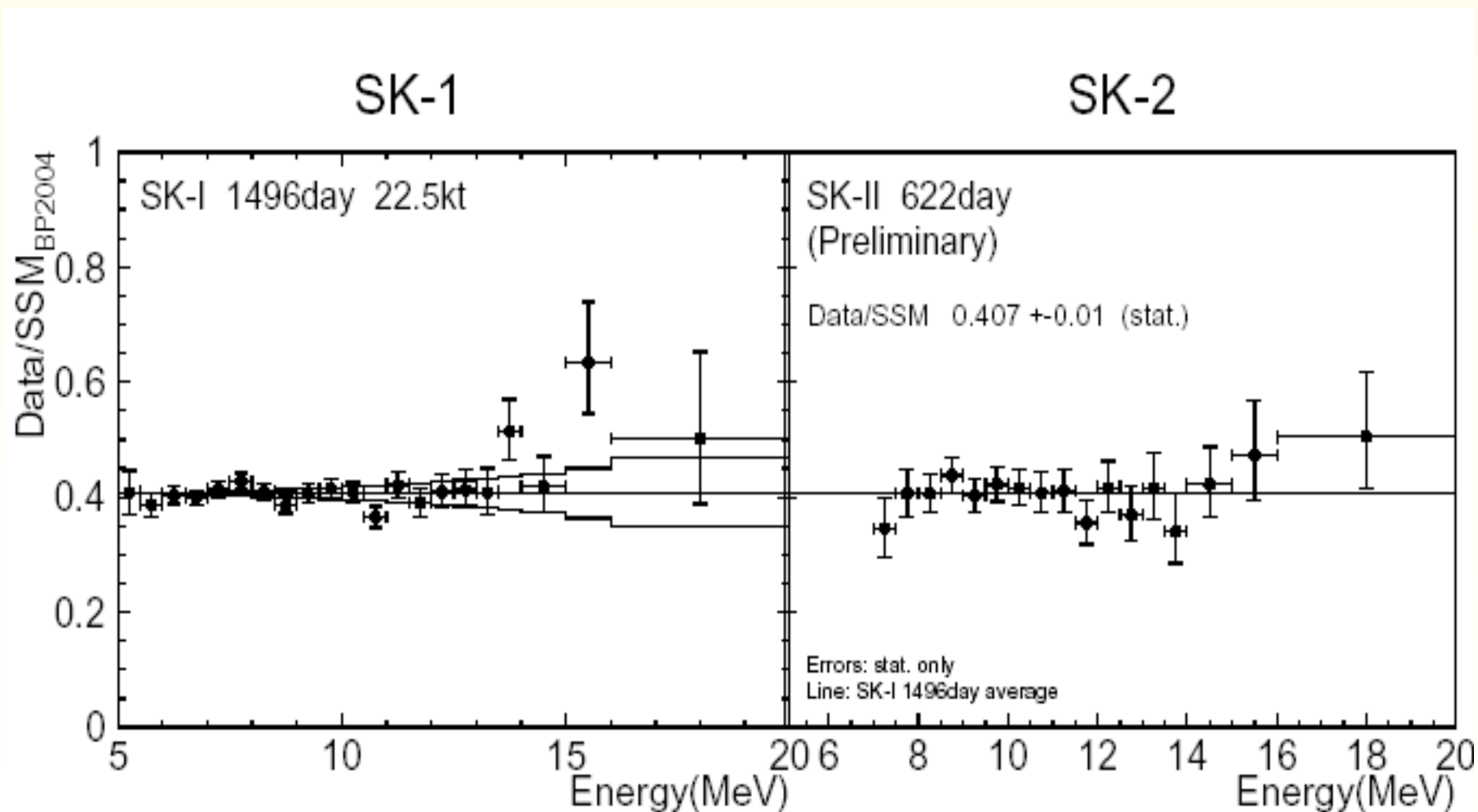


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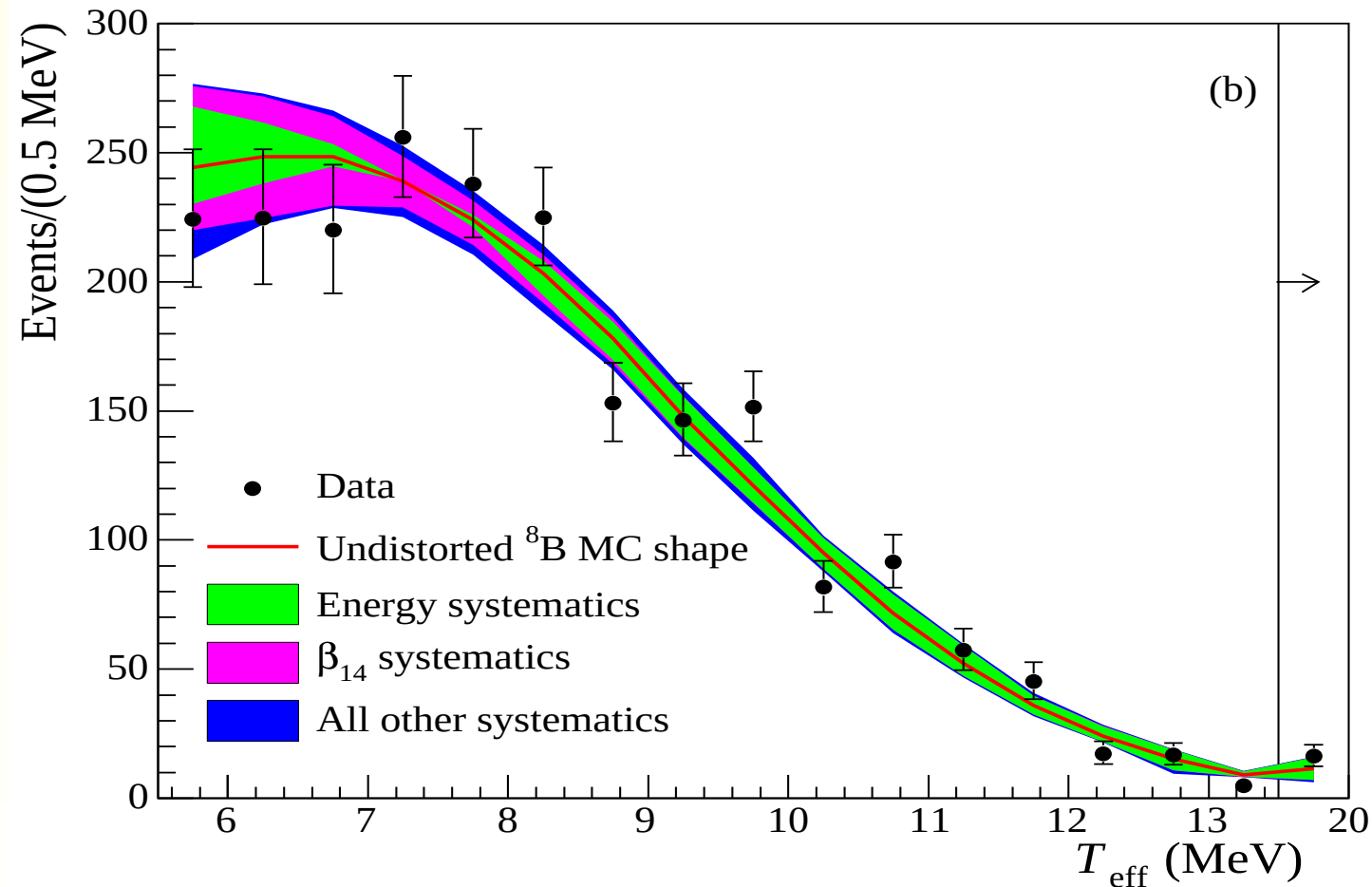
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SK Collaboration

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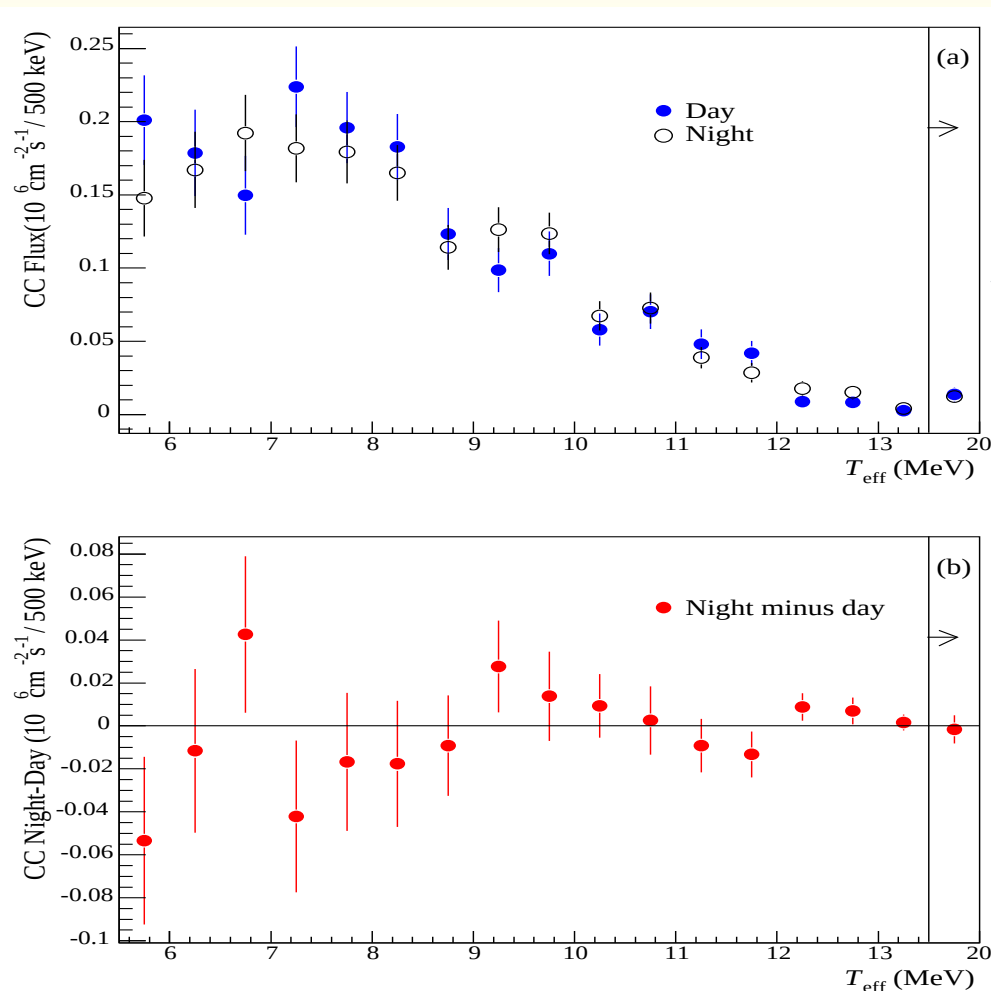
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Features of Solar Neutrino Data

- Small difference between the rates at day and night



$$A_{CC} = 2 \frac{\phi_N - \phi_D}{\phi_N + \phi_D} = -0.21 \pm 0.063 \pm 0.035$$

SNO Collaboration, hep-ph/050202

- There are similar results from SK.



Neutrino Oscillations can explain ALL features of the solar neutrino data



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$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^N (R_i^{data} - R_i^{theory})(\sigma_{ij}^2)^{-1}(R_j^{data} - R_j^{theory}) ,$$

$$\sigma_{ij}^2 = \delta_{ij}\sigma_i\sigma_j + \sum_{k=1}^K \sigma_i^k \sigma_j^k \rho_{ij}, \quad N \rightarrow \text{bins}, \quad K \rightarrow \text{theory errors}$$

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$$\chi^2 = \min_{\xi_k} \left[\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{R_i^{data} - (R_i^{theory} + \sum_{k=1}^K \xi_k \sigma_k)}{\sigma_i^{uncorr}} \right)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^K \xi_k^2 \right]$$

$\xi_k \rightarrow$ free parameters,

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- Detection Channel: $^{37}\text{Cl} + \nu_e \rightarrow ^{37}\text{Ar} + e^-$
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$$R(E_A, E_T) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \left(-\frac{(E_T - E_A)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right)$$

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SK Experiment

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$$\sigma_{CC} = \int_{E_A^{th}} dE_A \int_0^\infty dE_T R(E_A, E_T) \frac{d\sigma_{\nu_e d}(E_T, E_\nu)}{dE_T}$$

$$\sigma_{SNO} = (-0.131 + 0.383\sqrt{(E_T - m_e)} + 0.03731(E_T - m_e))$$

- Expected **NC** event rate in **SNO** is

$$R_{NC}^{th} = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_{5.5}^\infty \lambda_\nu(E_\nu) \frac{d\sigma}{dE_T} R(E_A, E_T) dE_\nu dE_A dE_T$$

- Expression for **ES** event rate is similar to **SK**



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- To understand that we will have to look at the solar neutrino oscillation survival probability.

Survival Probability of $\nu_{e\odot}$

Since solar neutrinos travel through

- (1) solar matter
- (2) vacuum between sun and earth
- (3) earth matter

The amplitude of a ν_e to remain a ν_e is

$$A_{ee} = A_{e1}^{\odot} A_{11}^{vac} A_{1e}^{\oplus} + A_{e2}^{\odot} A_{22}^{vac} A_{2e}^{\oplus}$$

- $A_{ek}^{\odot} (k = 1, 2)$ gives the probability amplitude of $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_k$ transition at the solar surface,
- A_{kk}^{vac} is the survival amplitude from the solar surface to the surface of the Earth,
- $A_{ke}^{\oplus}$ is the $\nu_k \rightarrow \nu_e$ transition amplitudes inside Earth.

Survival Probability of $\nu_{e\odot}$

$$A_{ek}^{\odot} = a_{ek}^{\odot} e^{-i\phi_k^{\odot}}$$

where $\phi_k^{\odot}$ is the phase picked up by the neutrinos on their way from the production point in the central regions to the surface of the Sun and

$$a_{e1}^{\odot 2} = \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - P_J\right) \cos 2\theta_m$$

θ_m is the mixing angle at the production point of the neutrino, P_J is the non-adiabatic jump probability

$$A_{kk}^{vac} = e^{-iE_k(L-R_{\odot})}$$

$A_{ke}^{\oplus}$ will depend on whether neutrinos cross the earth or not. For no earth effect

$$A_{1e}^{\oplus} = \cos \theta; \quad A_{2e}^{\oplus} = \sin \theta$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{ee} &= A_{e1}^{\odot} A_{11}^{vac} A_{1e}^{\oplus} + A_{e2}^{\odot} A_{22}^{vac} A_{2e}^{\oplus} \\
 P_{ee} &= |A_{ee}|^2 \\
 &= a_{e1}^{\odot 2} |A_{1e}^{\oplus}|^2 + a_{e2}^{\odot 2} |A_{2e}^{\oplus}|^2 \\
 &\quad + 2a_{e1}^{\odot} a_{e2}^{\odot} \text{Re}[A_{1e}^{\oplus} A_{2e}^{\oplus *} e^{i(E_2 - E_1)(L - R_{\odot})} e^{i(\phi_2^{\odot} - \phi_1^{\odot})}]
 \end{aligned}$$

Identifying $P_{\odot} = a_{e1}^{\odot 2}$ and $P_{\oplus} = |A_{1e}^{\oplus}|^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{ee} &= P_{\odot} P_{\oplus} + (1 - P_{\odot})(1 - P_{\oplus}) \\
 &\quad + 2\sqrt{P_{\odot}(1 - P_{\odot})P_{\oplus}(1 - P_{\oplus})} \cos \xi
 \end{aligned}$$

● ξ contains all the phases collected in Sun and Vacuum.

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$$P_{ee} = P_{\odot}P_{\oplus} + (1 - P_{\odot})(1 - P_{\oplus}) + 2\sqrt{P_{\odot}(1 - P_{\odot})P_{\oplus}(1 - P_{\oplus})} \cos(\Delta m^2(L - R_{\odot})/2E)$$

- $\Delta m^2/E \lesssim 5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ eV}^2/\text{MeV} \Rightarrow \text{extremely non-adiabatic}$
- $P_{\odot} = \frac{1}{2} + (\frac{1}{2} - P_J) \cos 2\theta_m$
- So, $\theta_m \approx \pi/2$, $P_{\odot} \approx P_J \approx \cos^2 \theta$ and $P_{\oplus} = \cos^2 \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{ee}^{vac} &= \cos^4 \theta + \sin^4 \theta + 2 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta \cos(\Delta m^2(L - R_{\odot})/2E) \\ &= 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2(\Delta m^2(L - R_{\odot})/4E) \end{aligned}$$

Vacuum Oscillations Regime

Survival Probability of $\nu_{e\odot}$

$$P_{ee} = P_{\odot}P_{\oplus} + (1 - P_{\odot})(1 - P_{\oplus}) + 2\sqrt{P_{\odot}(1 - P_{\odot})P_{\oplus}(1 - P_{\oplus})} \cos(\Delta m^2(L - R_{\odot})/2E)$$

For $\Delta m^2/E \gtrsim 10^{-8} \text{ eV}^2/\text{MeV}$, the $\cos(\Delta m^2(L - R_{\odot})/2E)$ term averages out to zero.

$$P_{\odot} = \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - P_J\right) \cos 2\theta_m, \quad 1 - P_{\odot} = \frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2} - P_J\right) \cos 2\theta_m$$

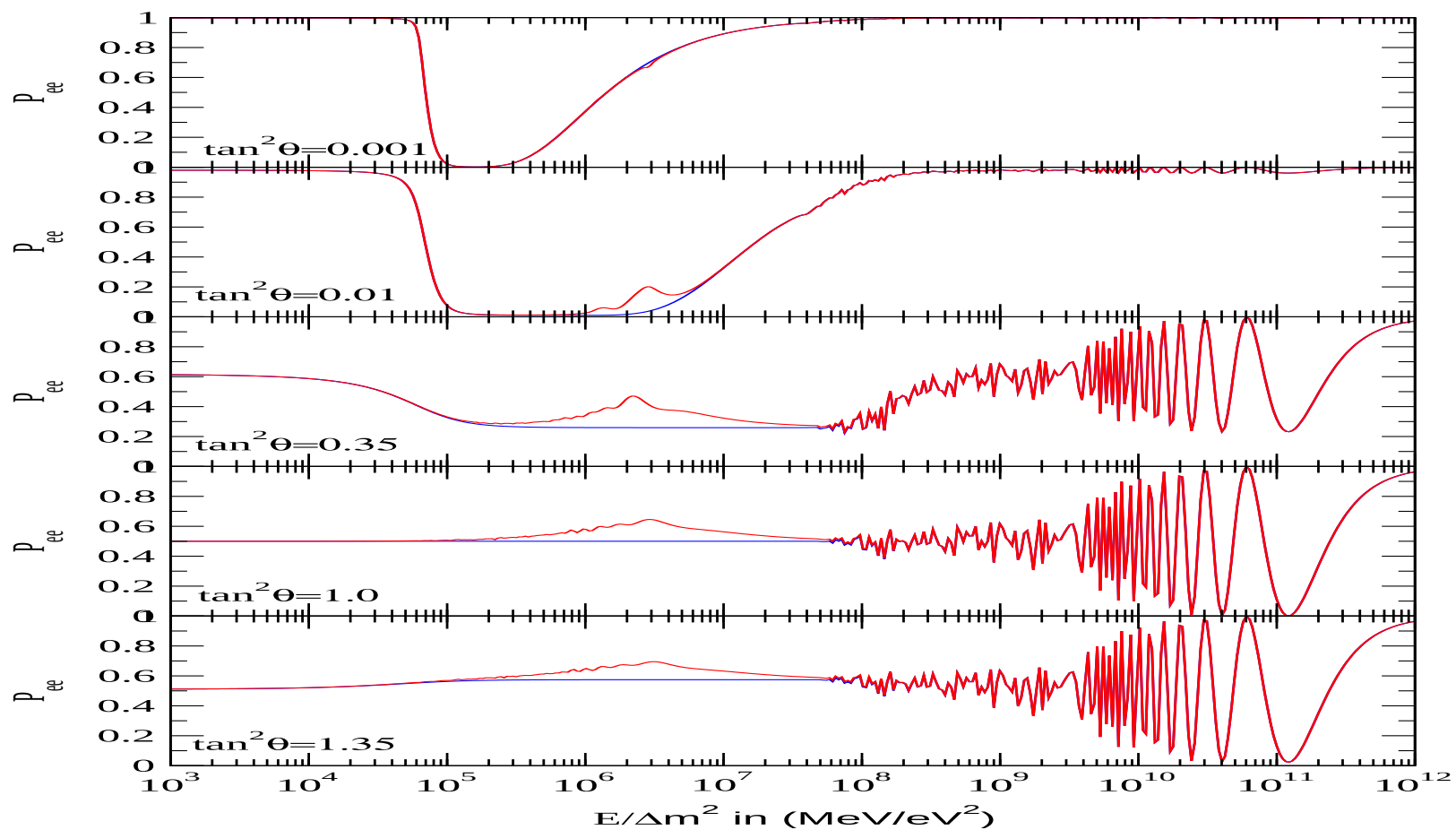
$$P_{ee}^{MSW} = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - P_J\right) \cos 2\theta_m\right) \cos^2 \theta + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2} - P_J\right) \cos 2\theta_m\right) \sin^2 \theta$$

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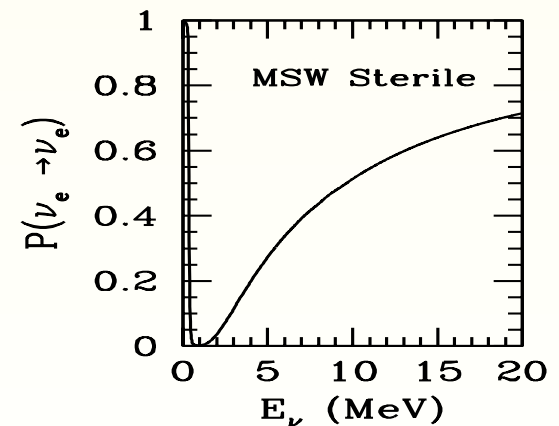
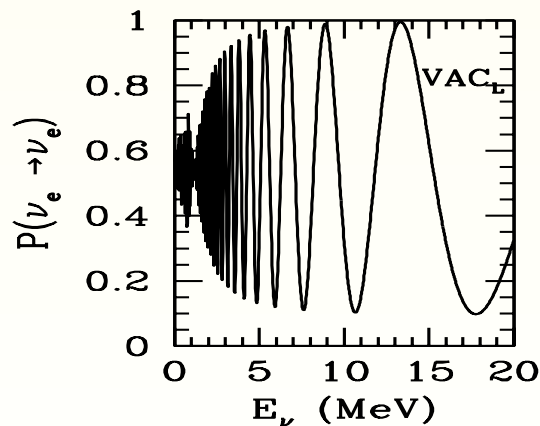
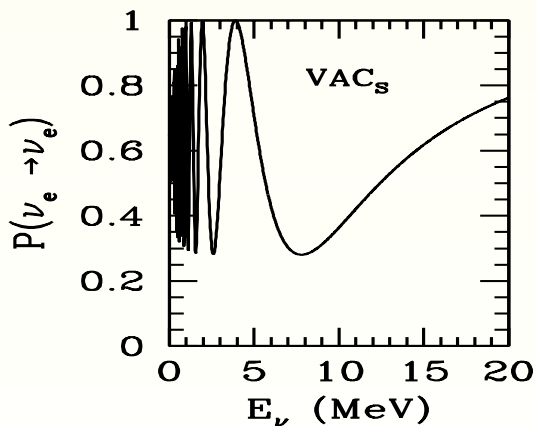
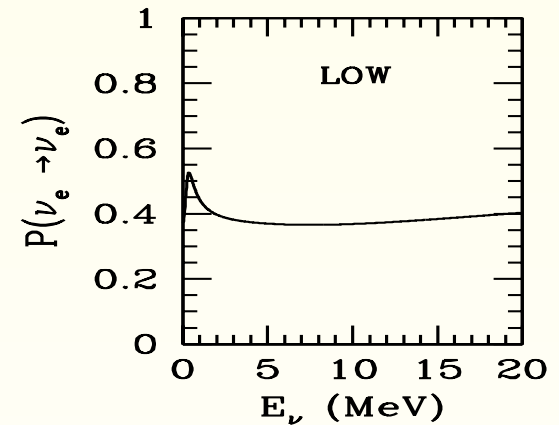
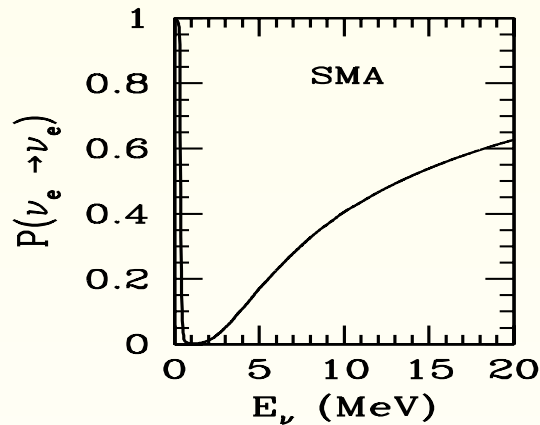
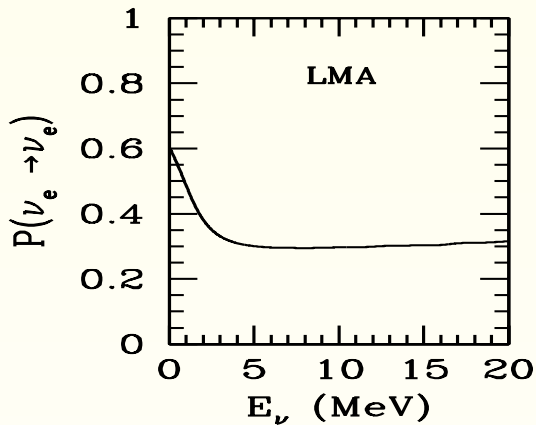
MSW Regime – LMA, SMA, LOW



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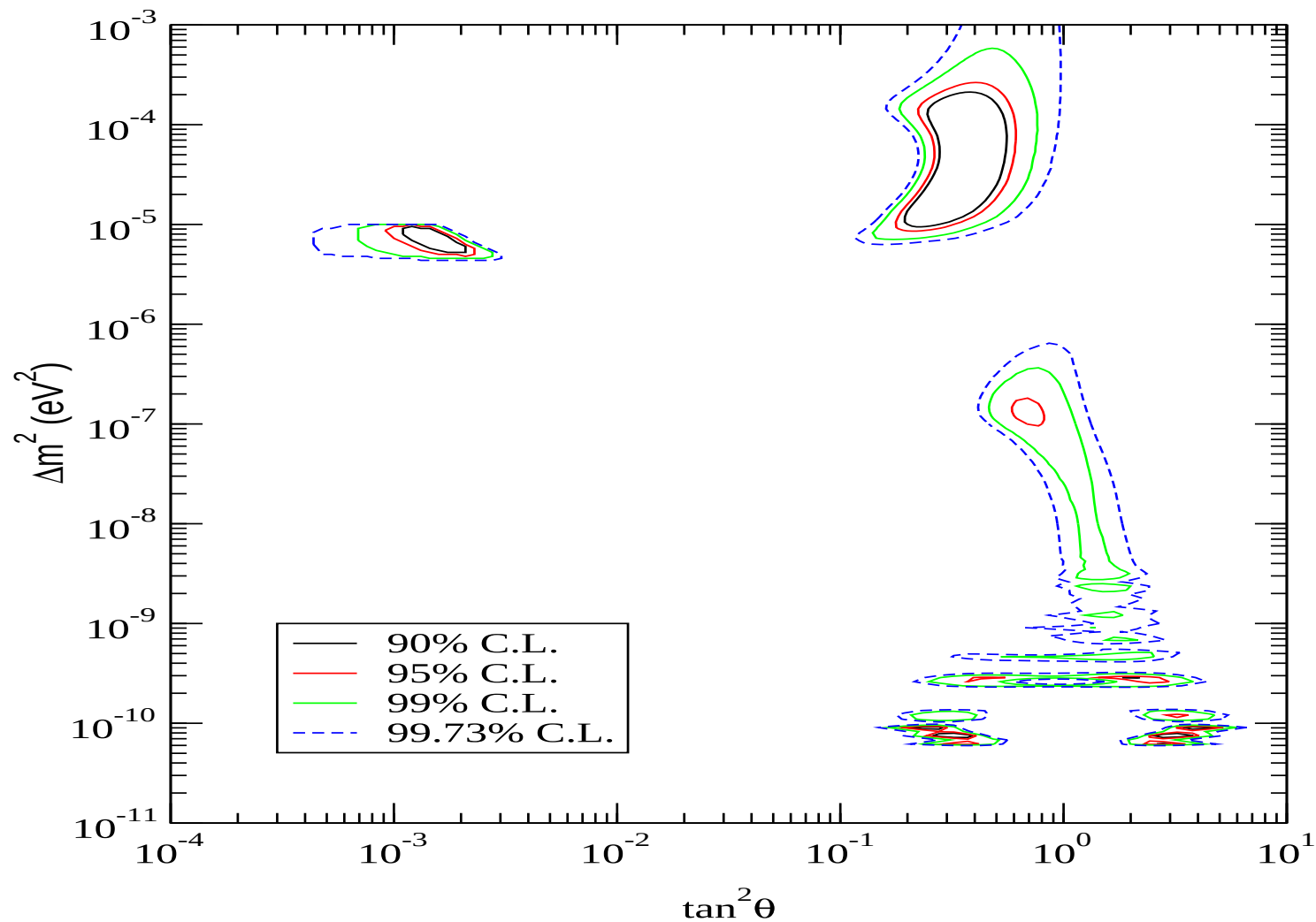


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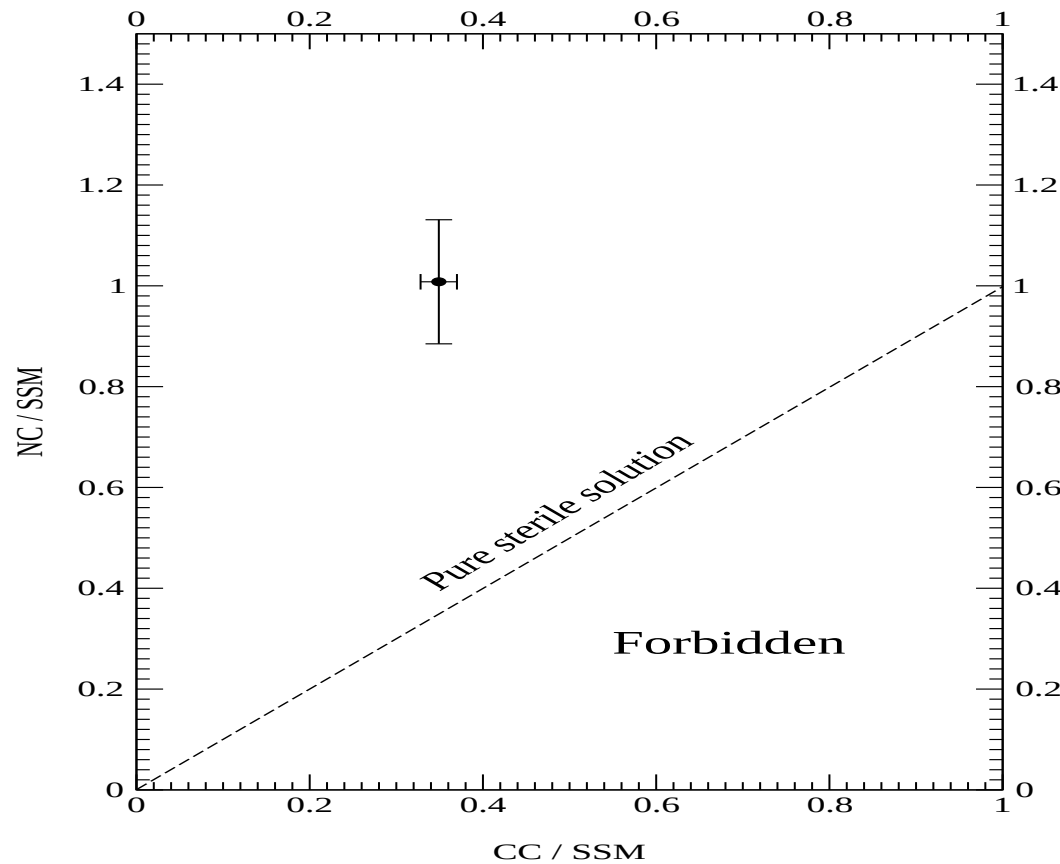
● LMA was not even the favored solution!!



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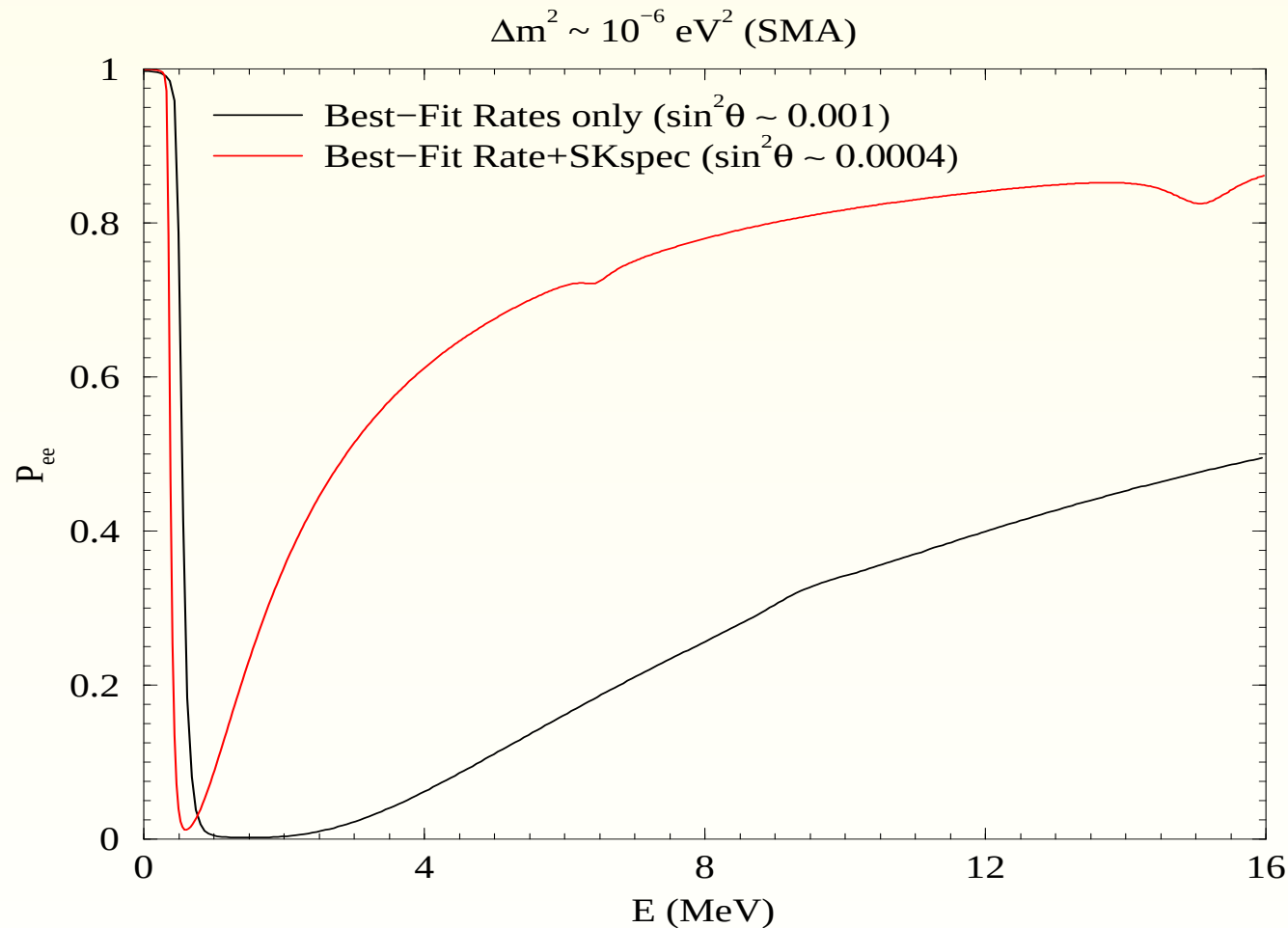
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- Now increased to 7.8σ with latest SNO data

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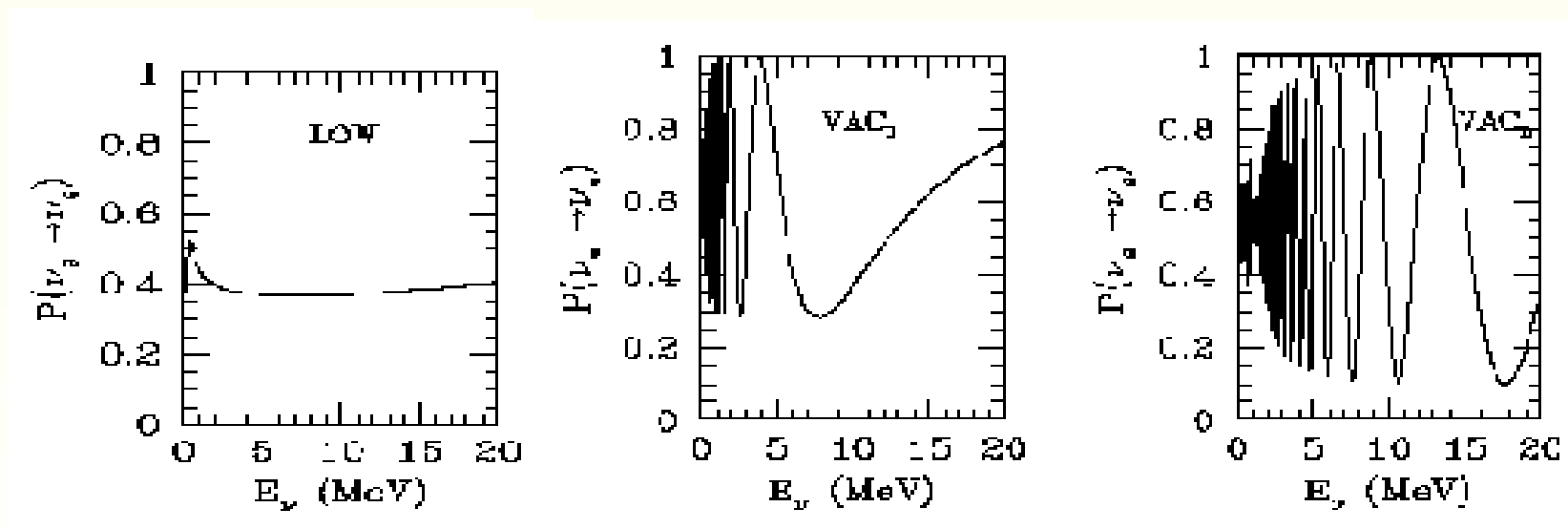
- SMA is ruled out from SNO CC and SK spectrum



- $\sin^2 \theta \sim 10^{-3}$ soln cannot explain the SK spectrum
- $\sin^2 \theta \sim 10^{-4}$ soln cannot explain the SK and CC rates

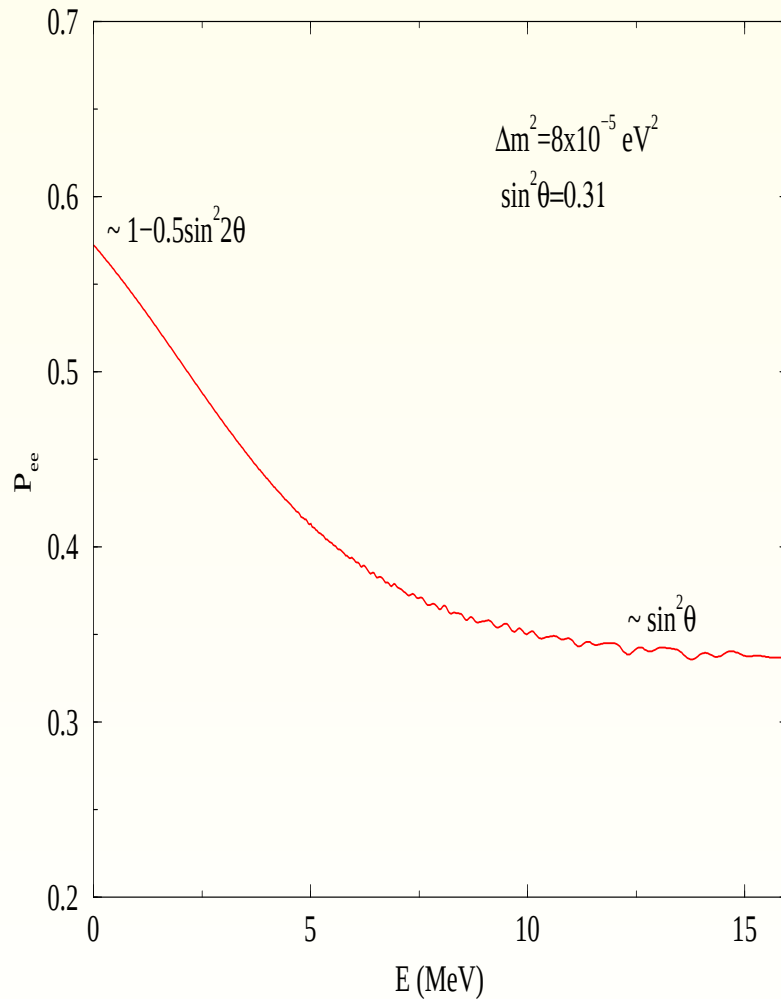
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- LOW, and Vacuum Oscillation solutions and Maximal Mixing are **ruled out** by the SNO salt phase NC data



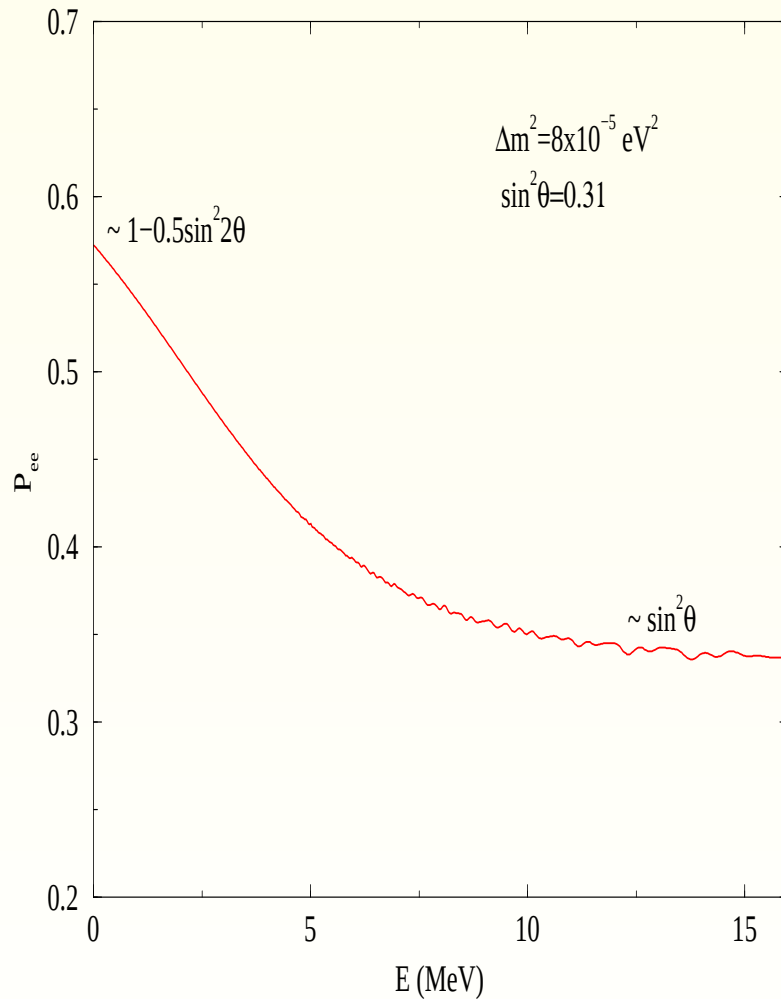
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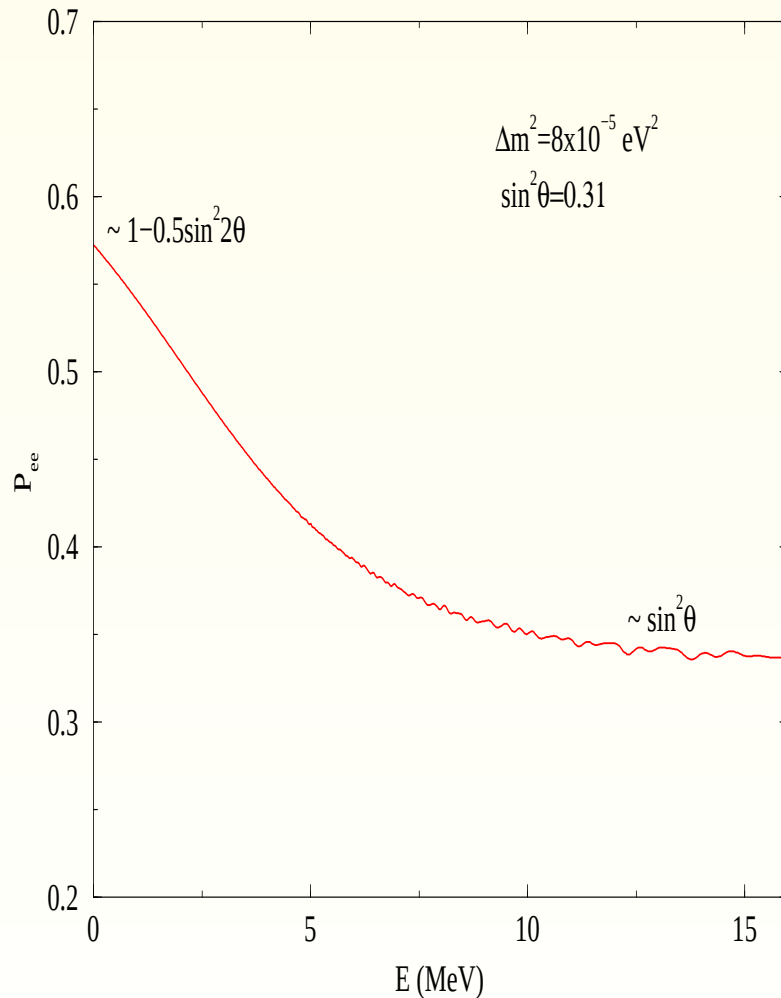
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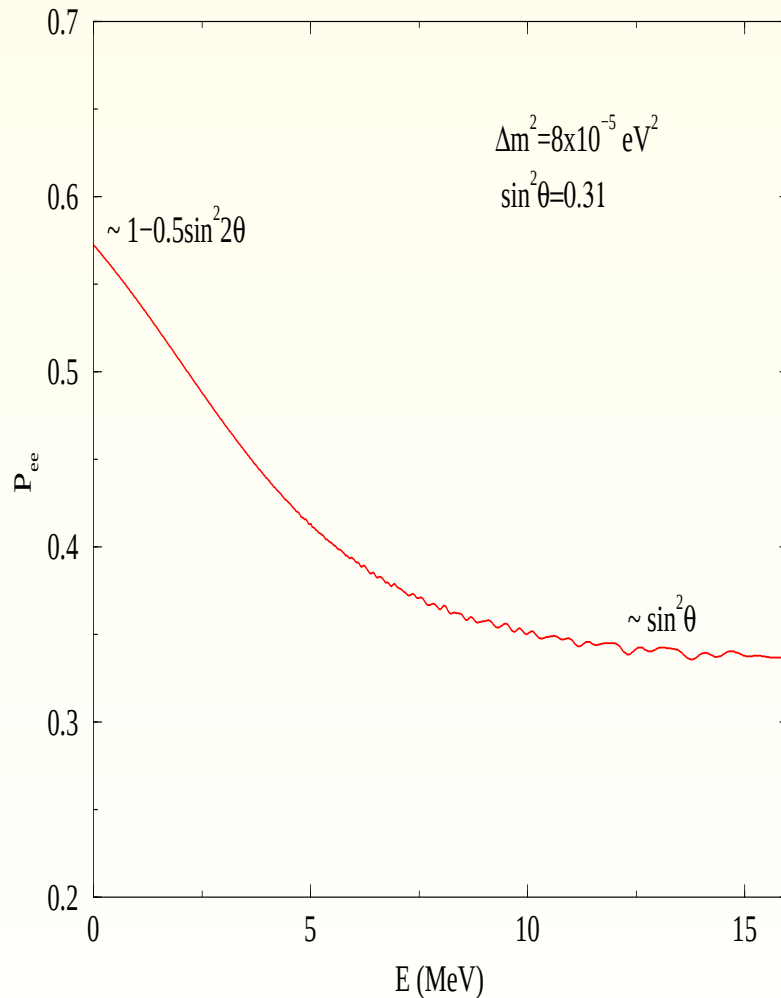
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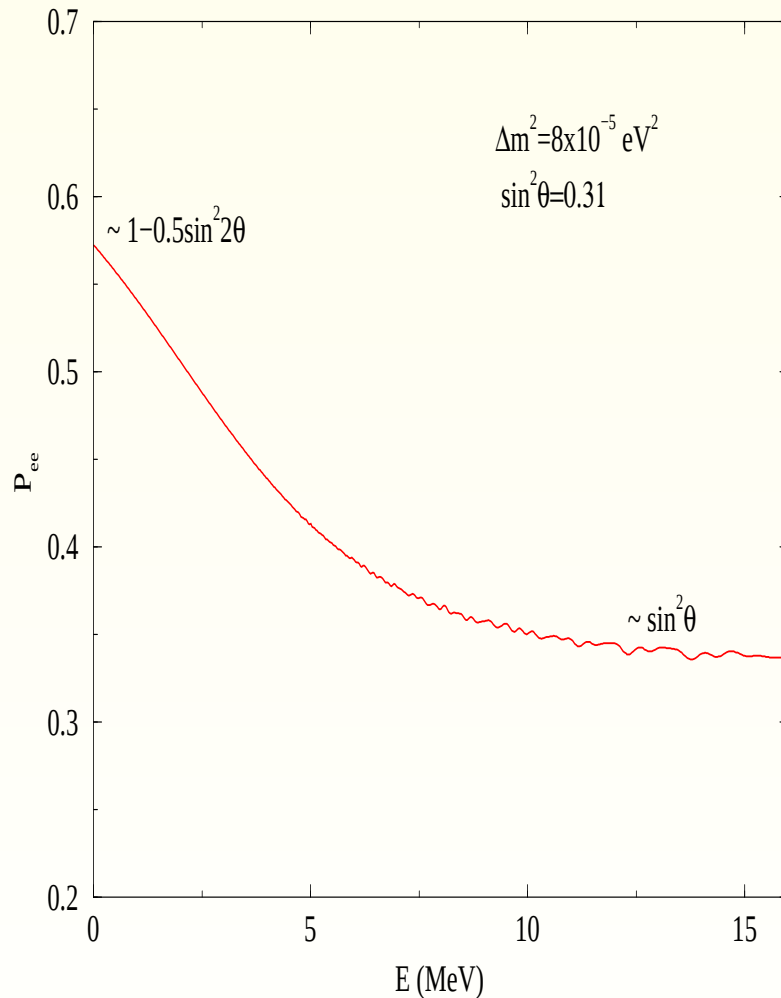
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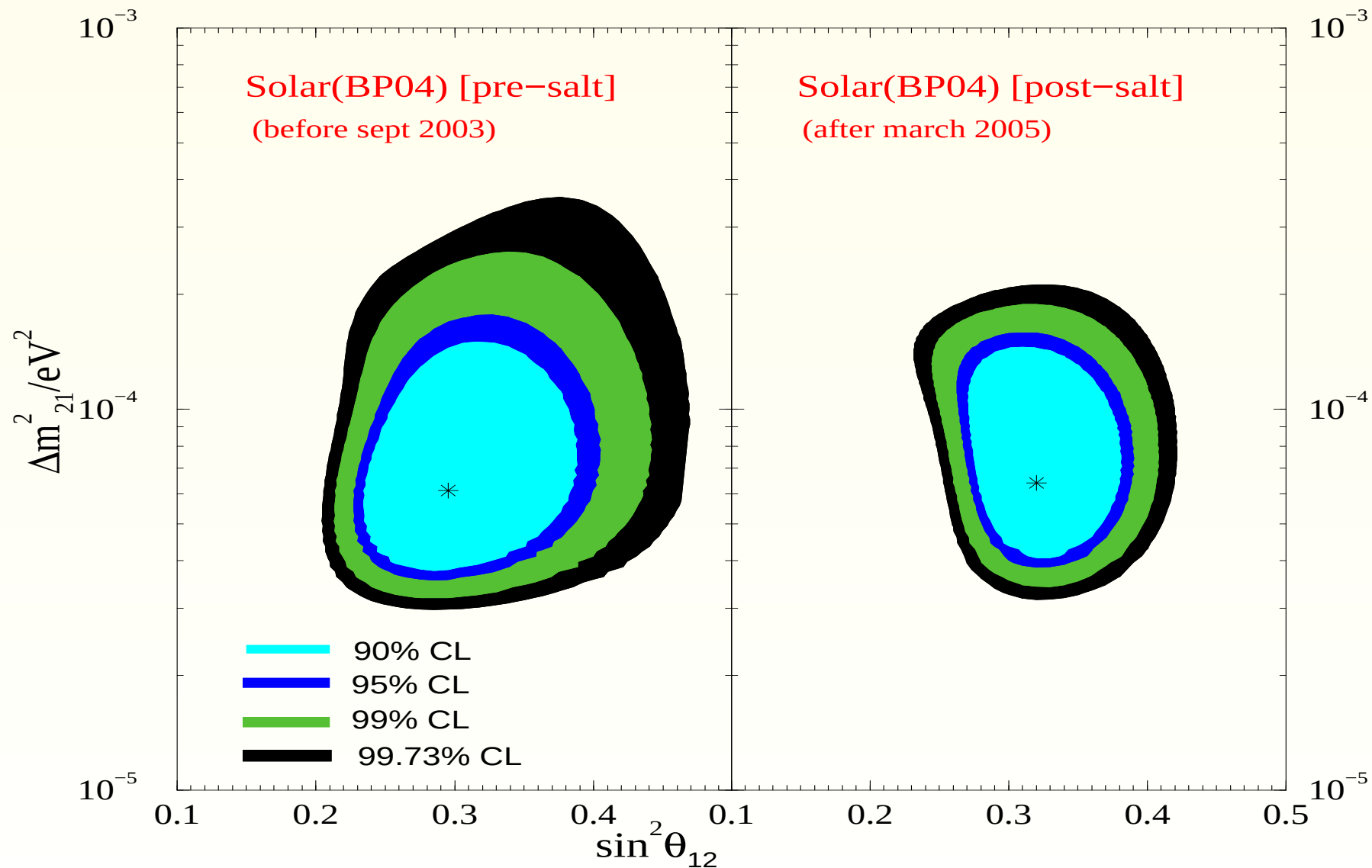
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