



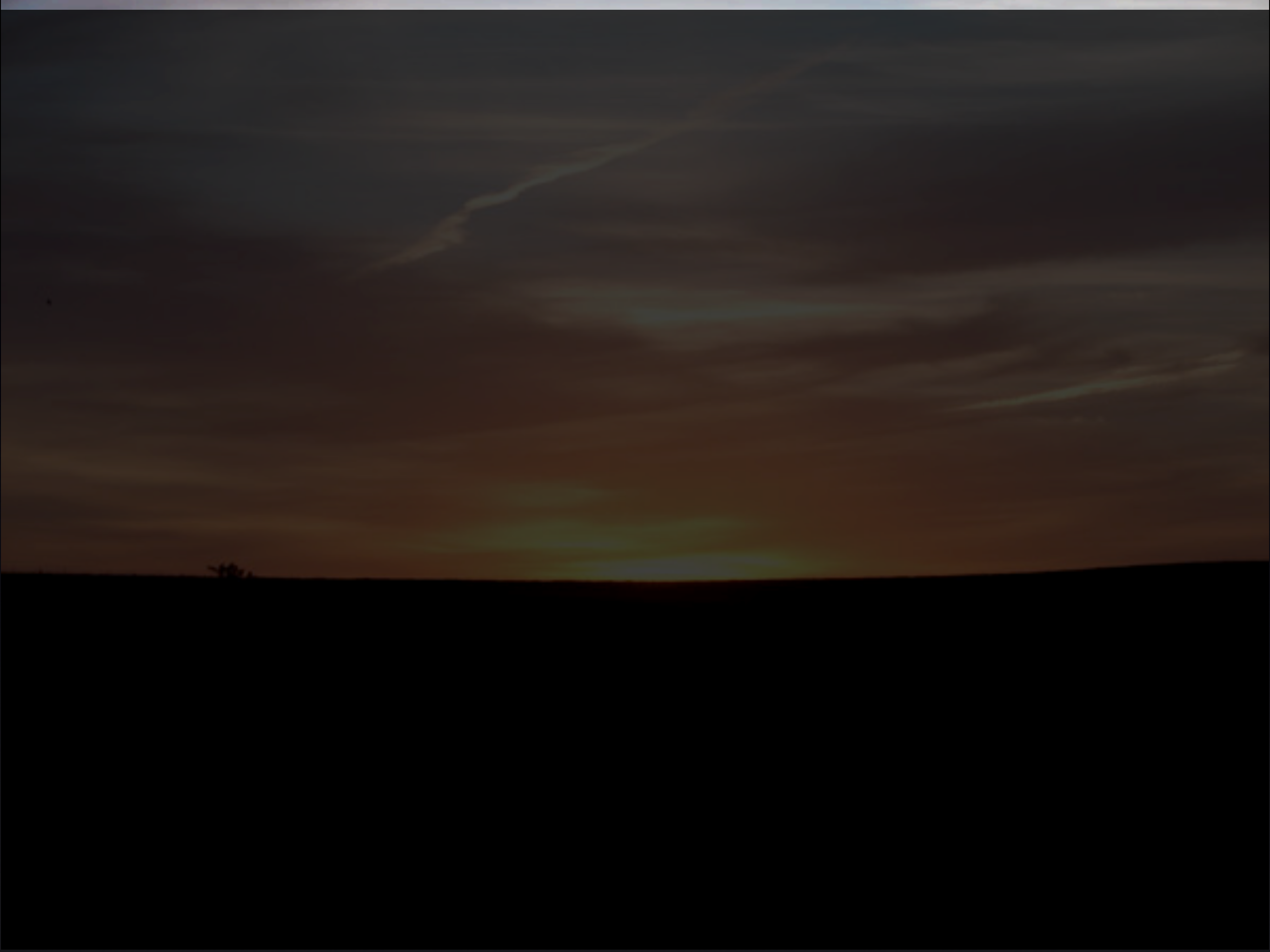


“If going underground,
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sunscreen...”

J.A. Formaggio

MIT

October 16th, 2008



The background of the slide is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise. A bright, glowing light source is positioned just above the horizon line, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the sky with warm, orange, and yellow tones. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds that catch the light. The foreground is a dark, silhouetted landscape, possibly a field or a body of water, which contrasts sharply with the bright sky.

Outline of Talk:

The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric landscape. It features a cloudy sky with subtle gradients of brown, grey, and blue. A faint, bright horizon line is visible, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The foreground is a dark, silhouetted landscape with some distant, indistinct shapes.

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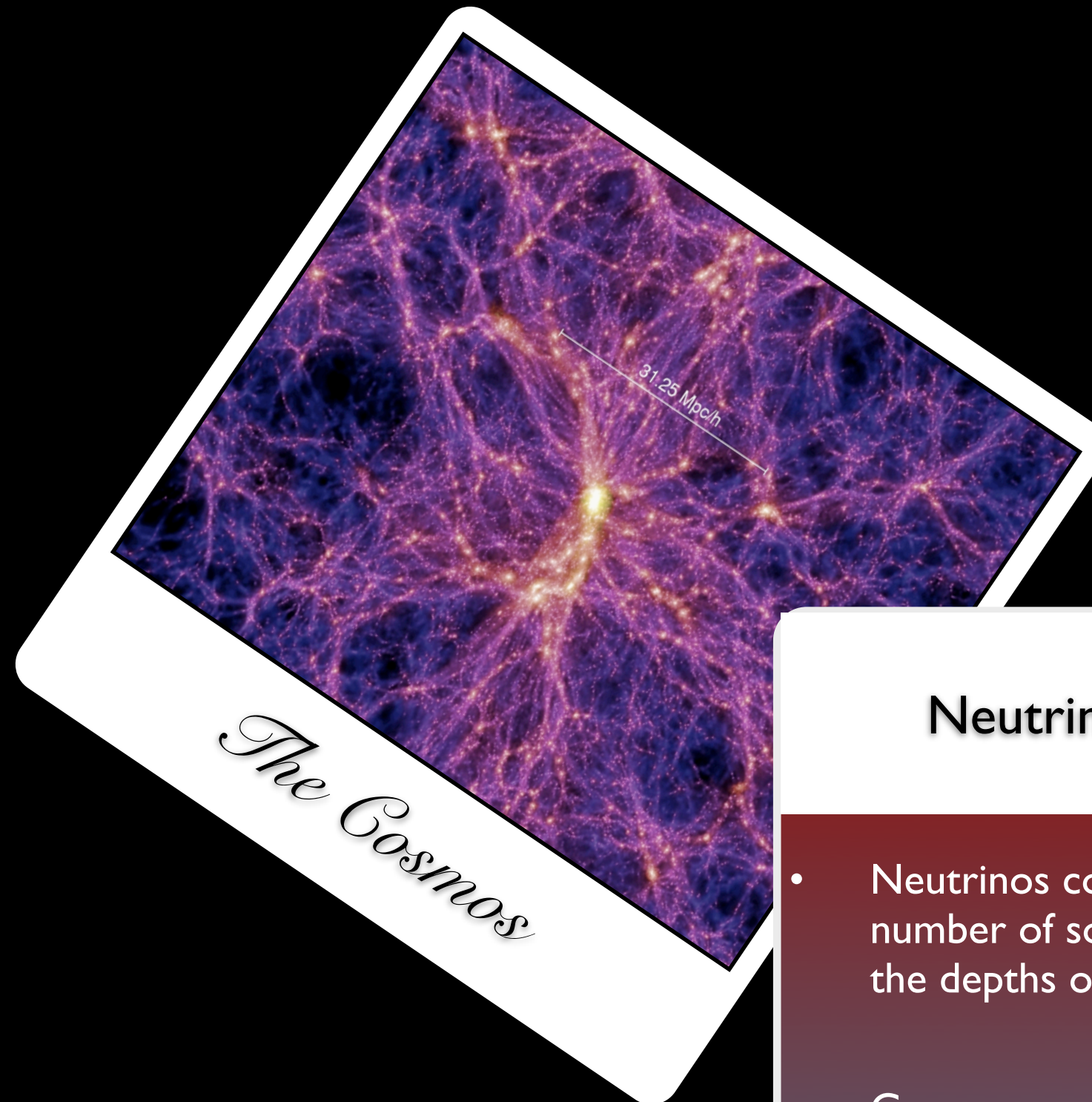


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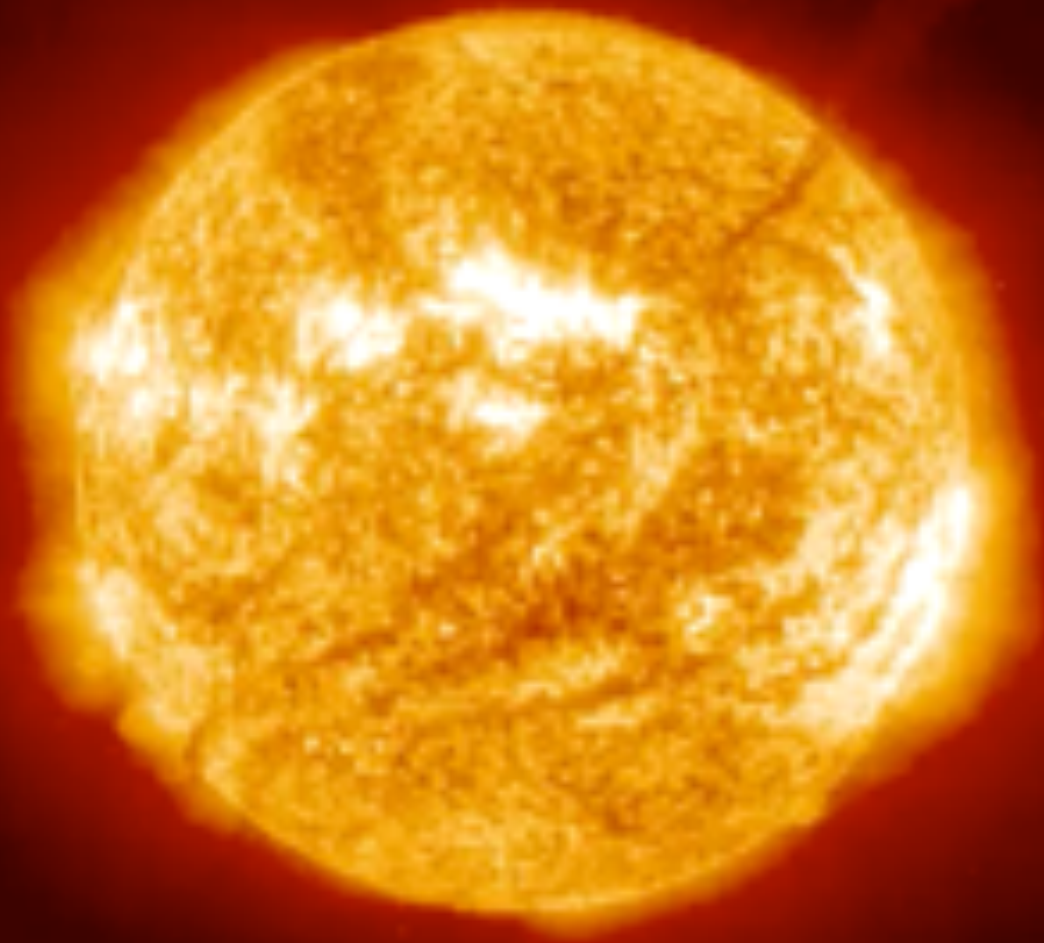
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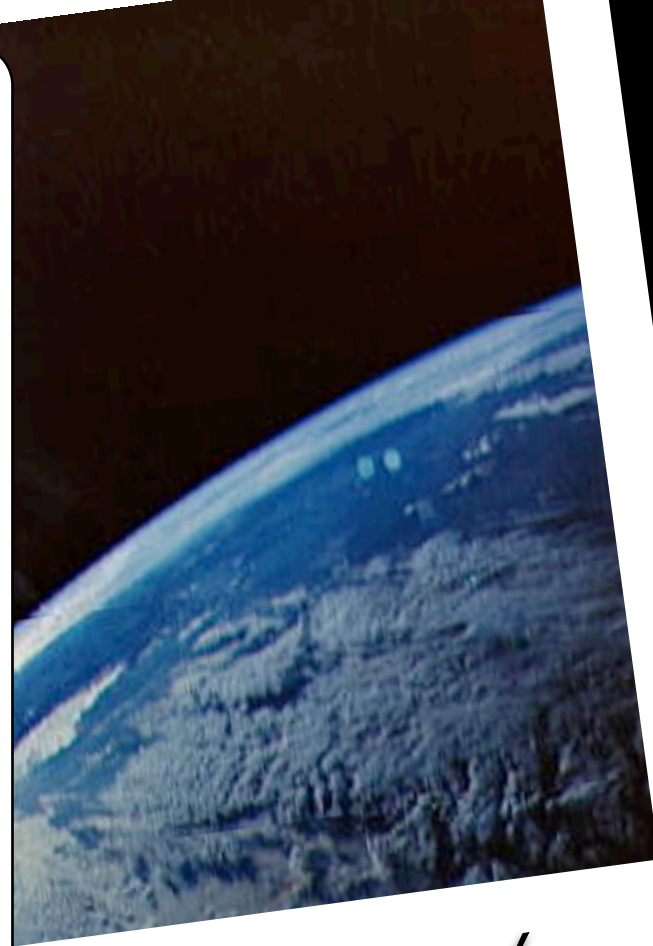
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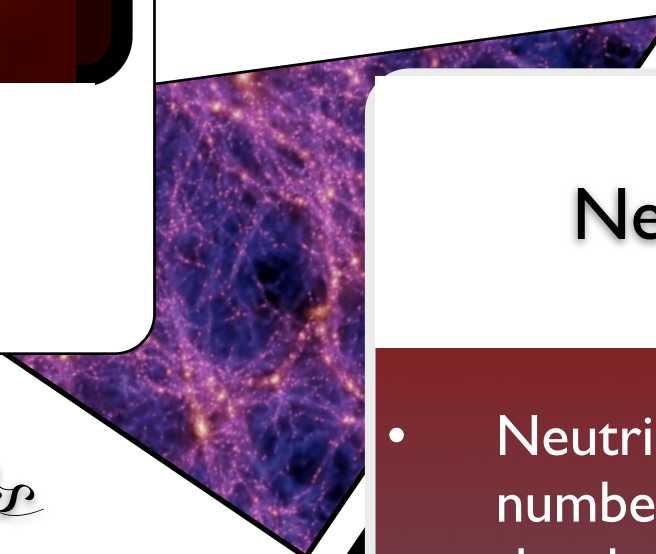
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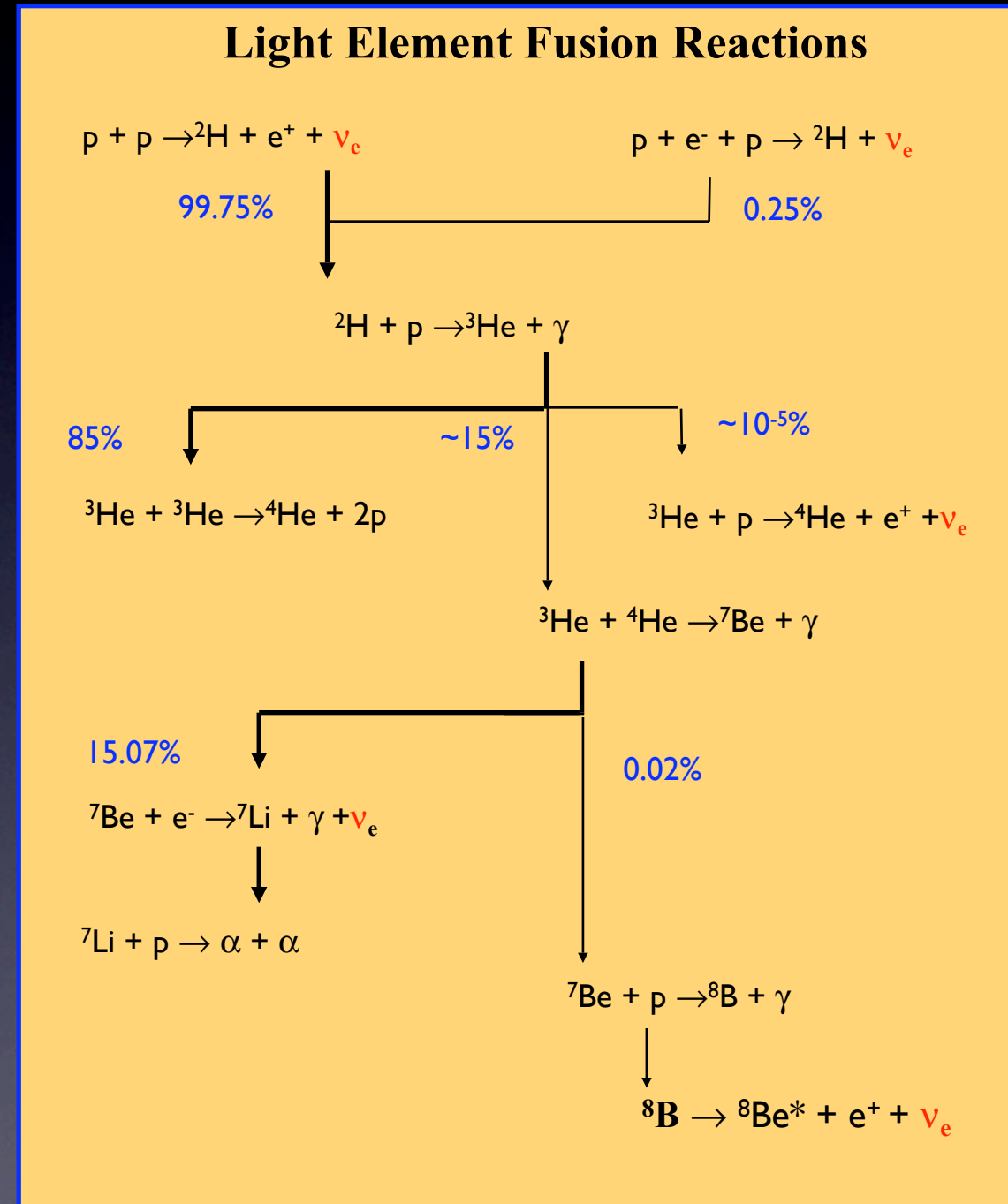
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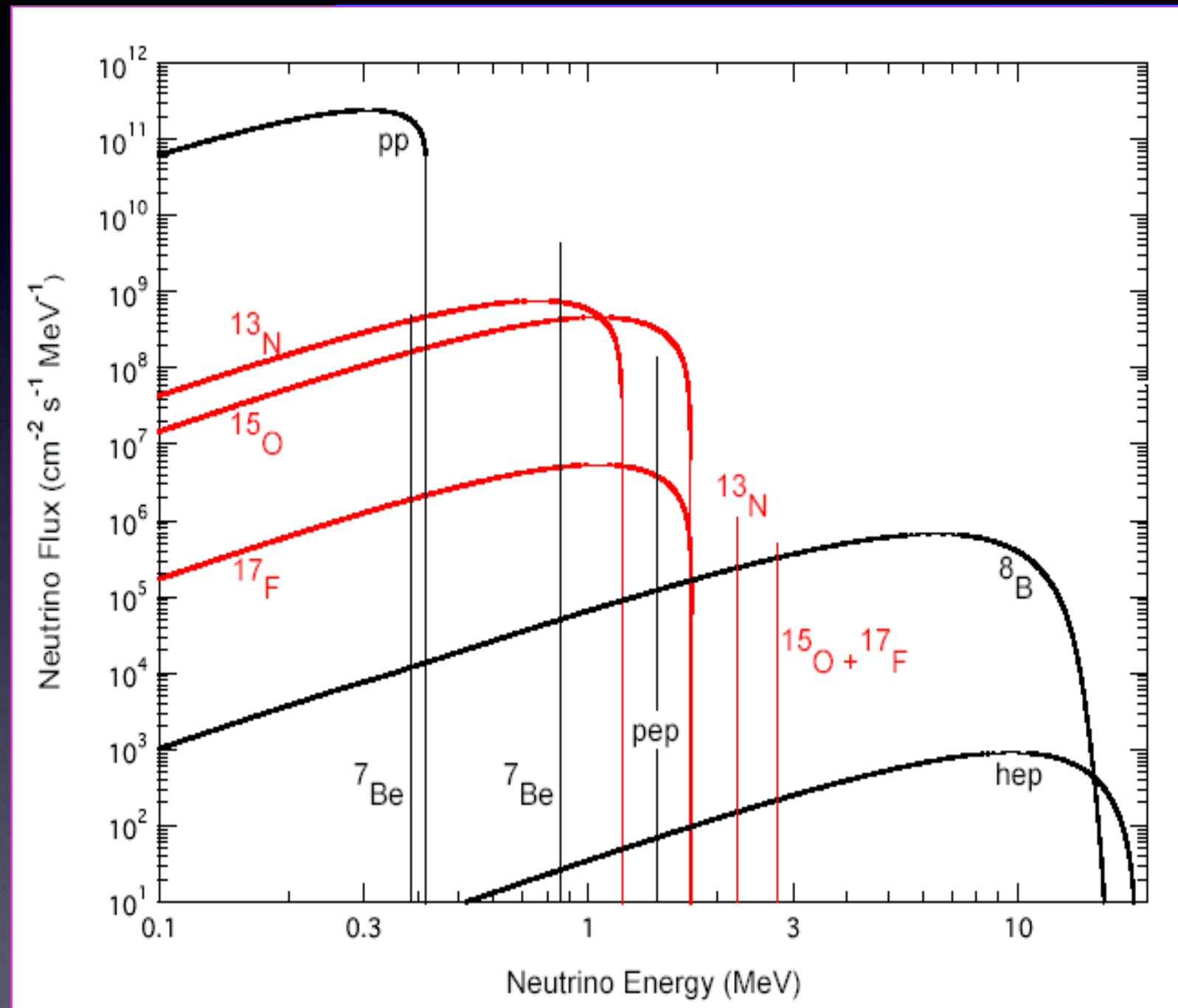
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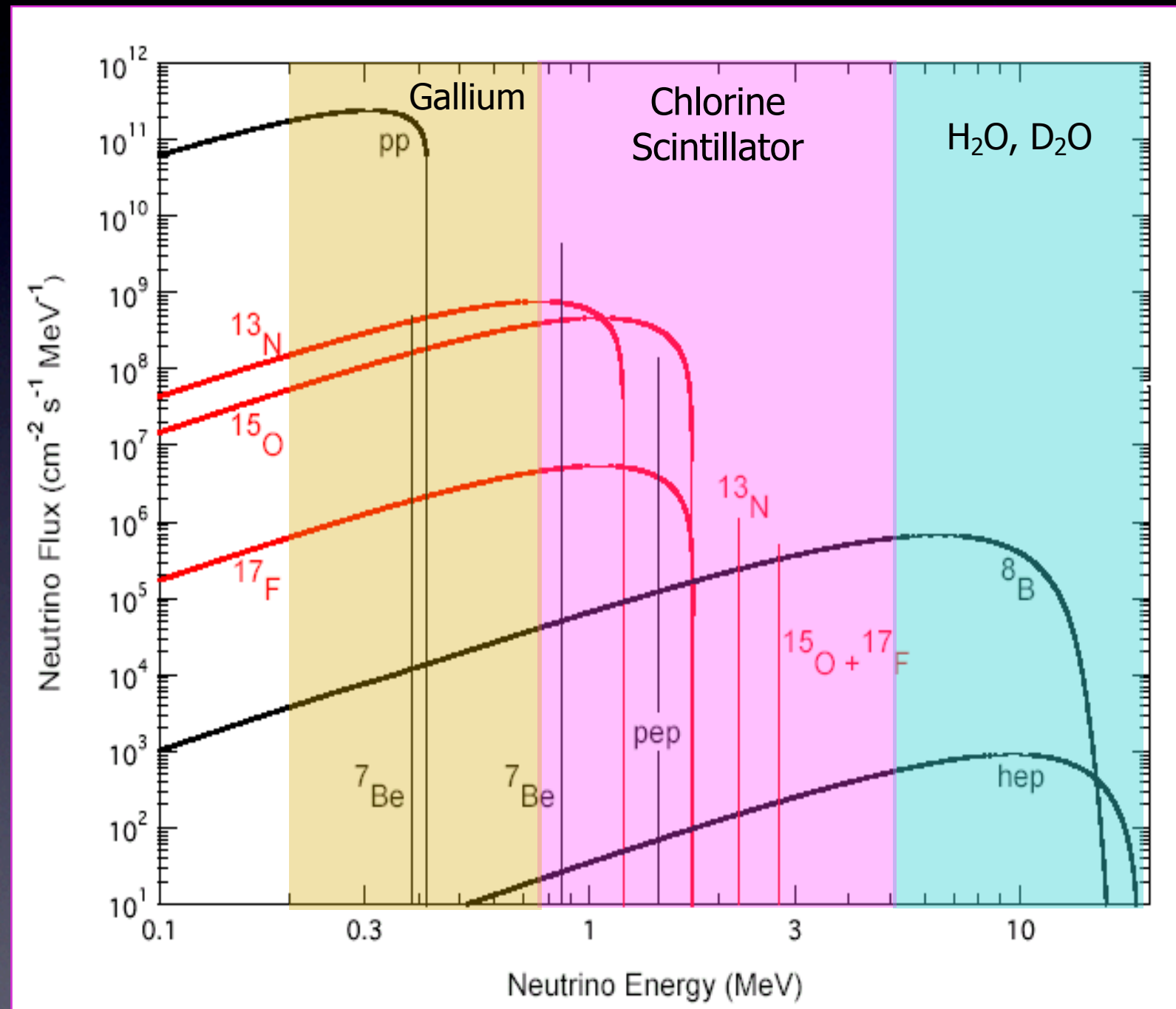
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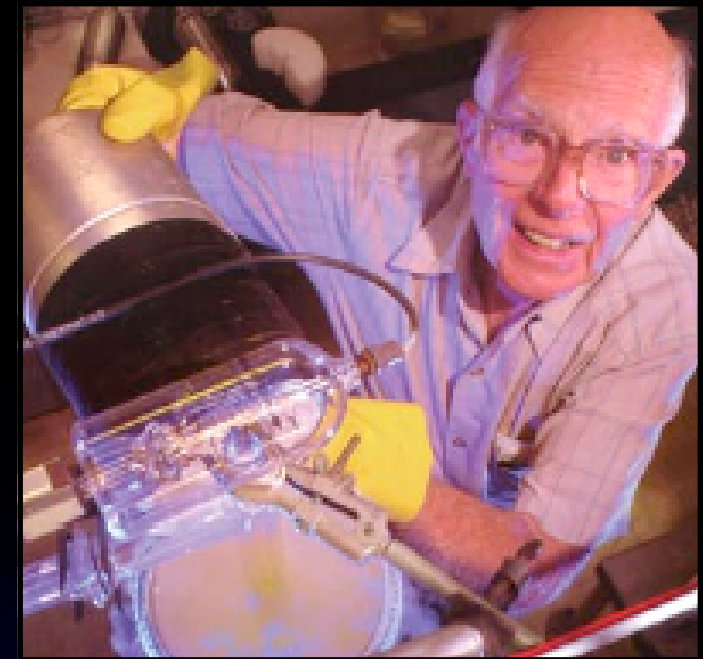


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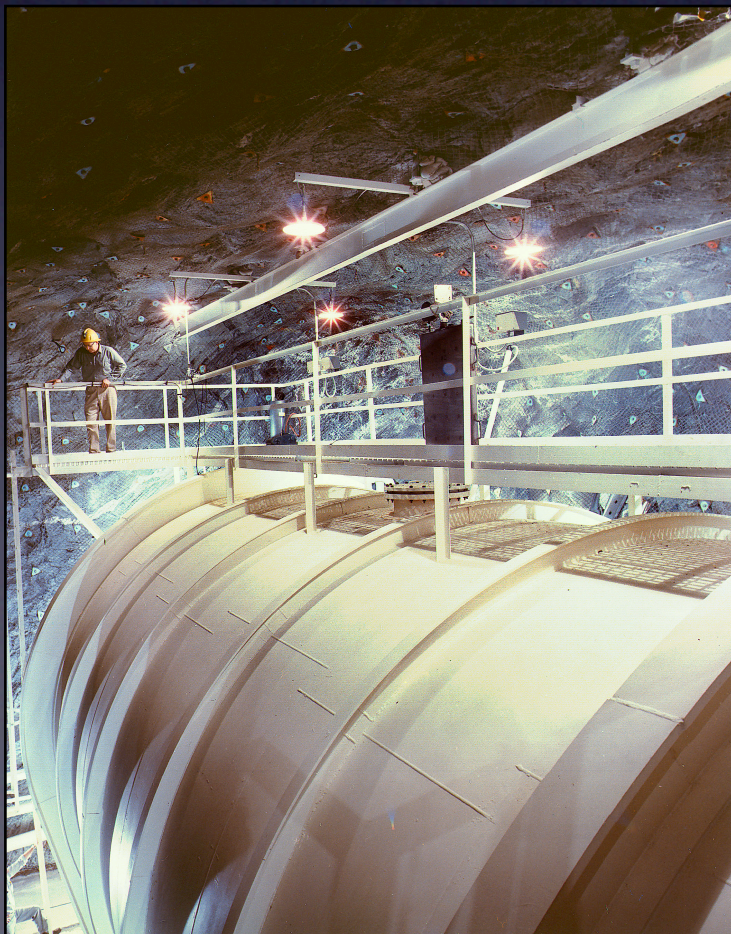
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Ray Davis begins
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MSW mechanism
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GALLEX (^{71}Ga) online

Super-K (H_2O) online

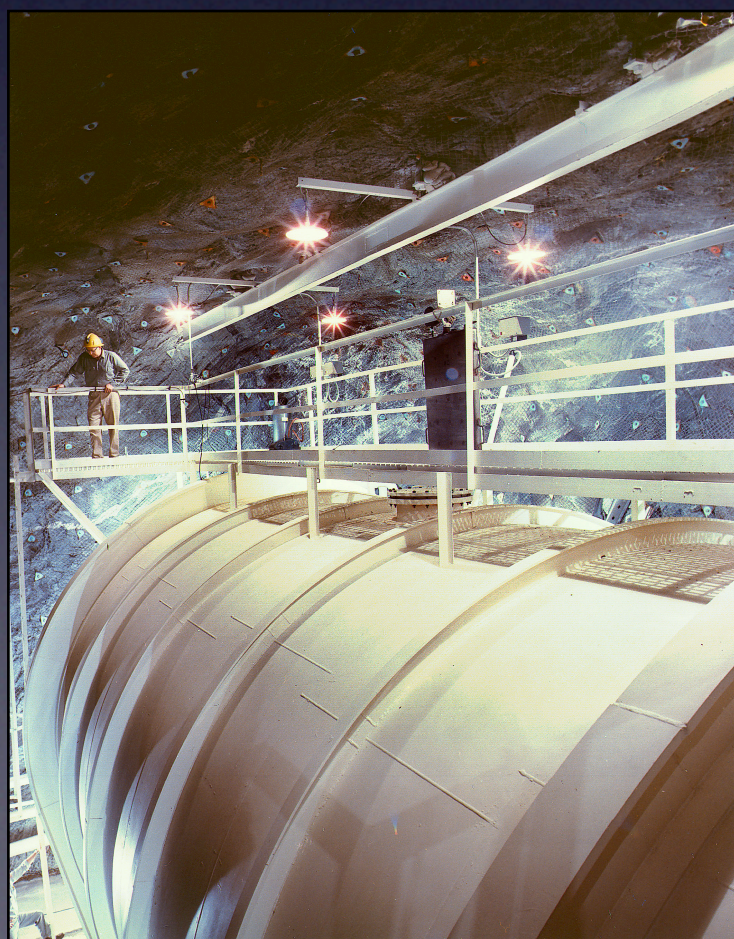
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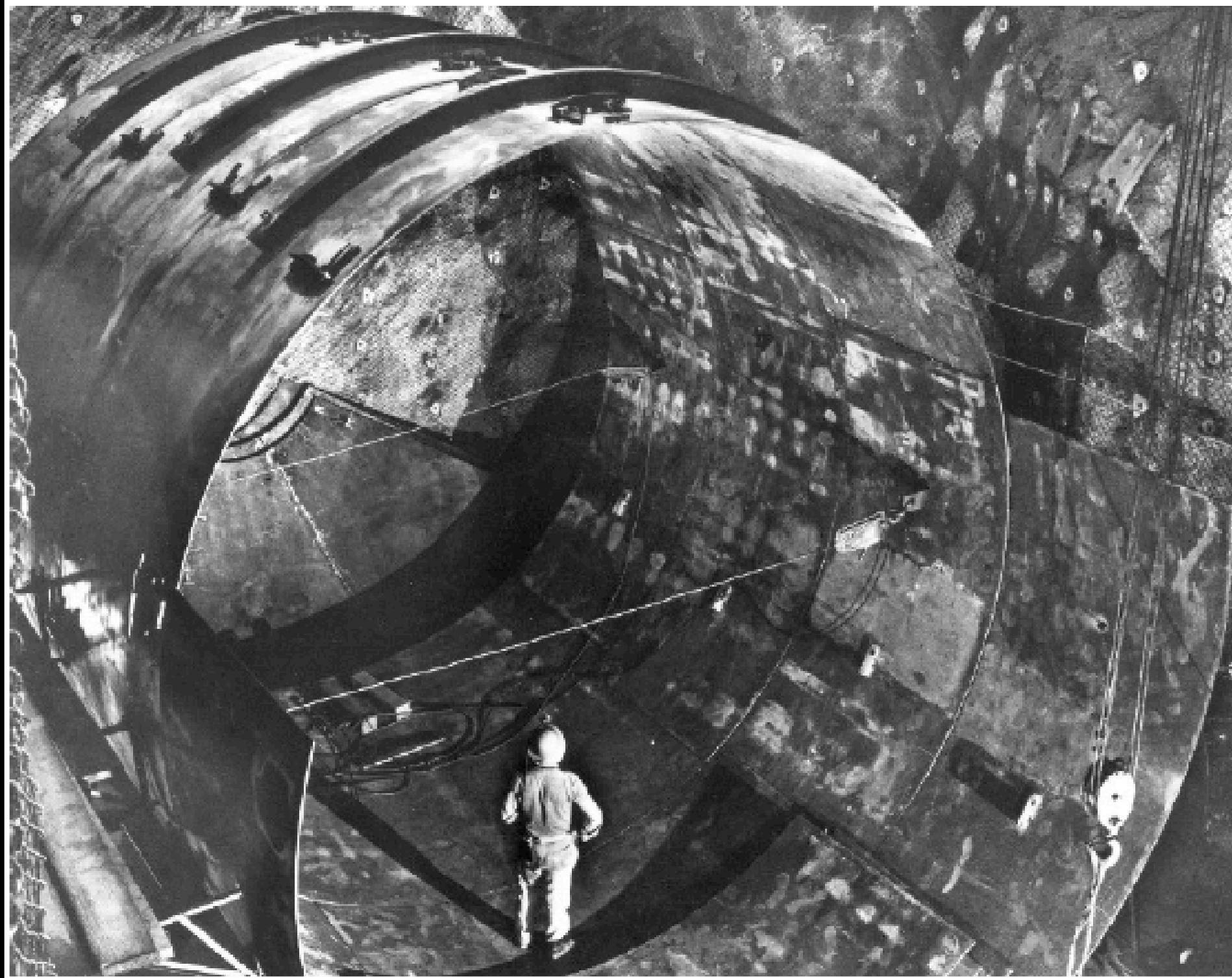
SNO (D_2O) takes data

1st results from
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Borexino!



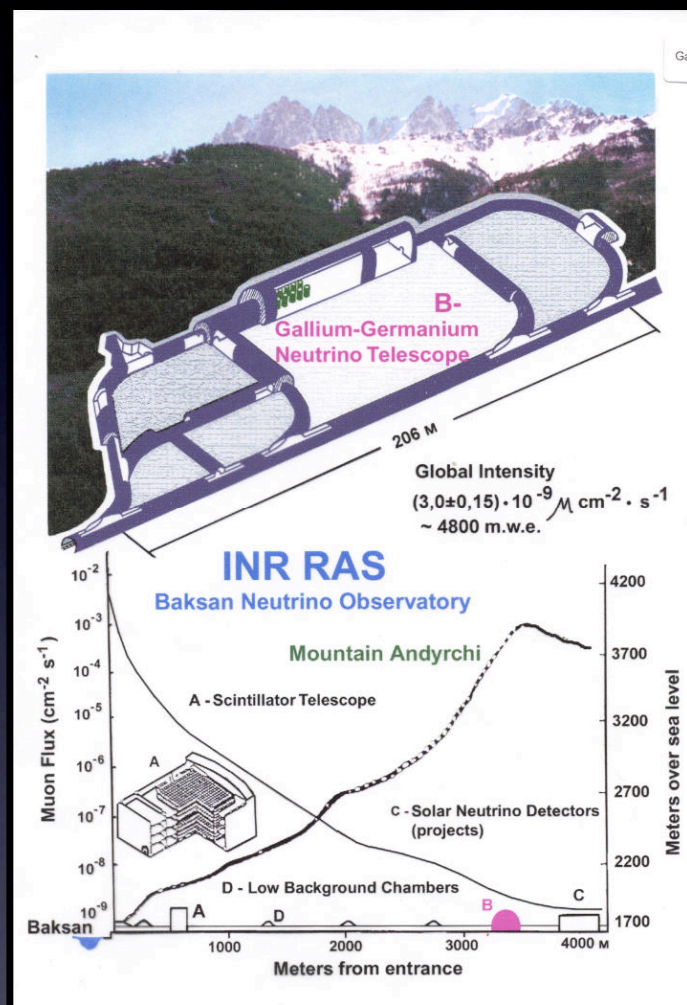


Experimenting Underground

Ray Davis before the Homestake experiment...

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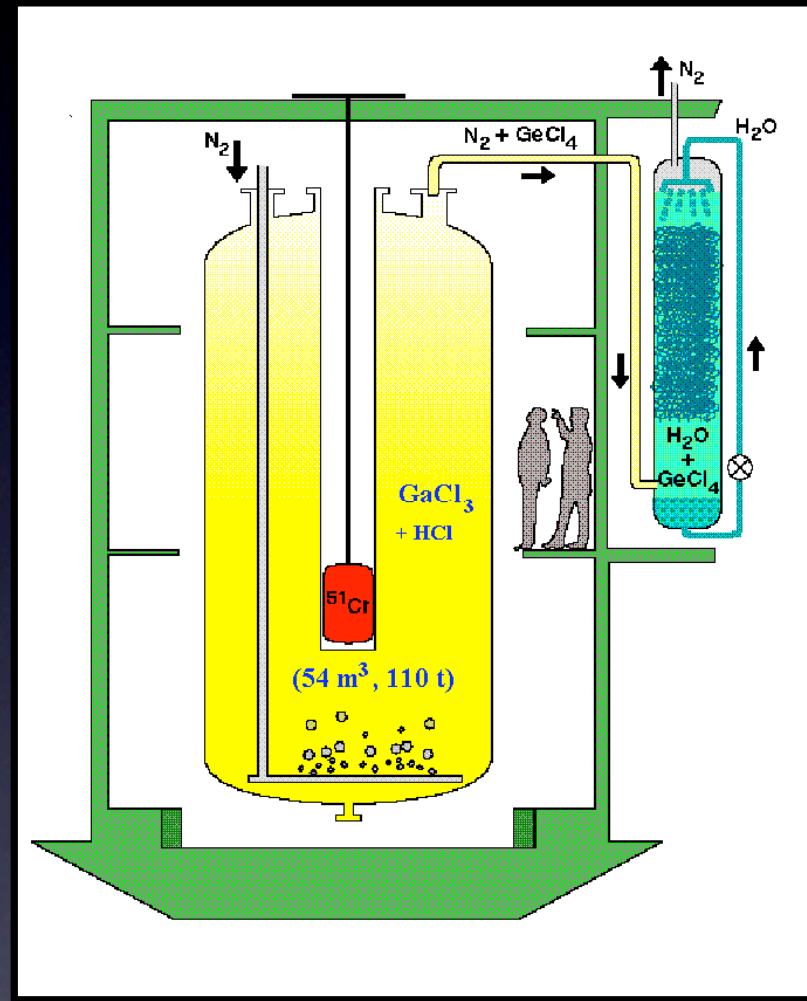
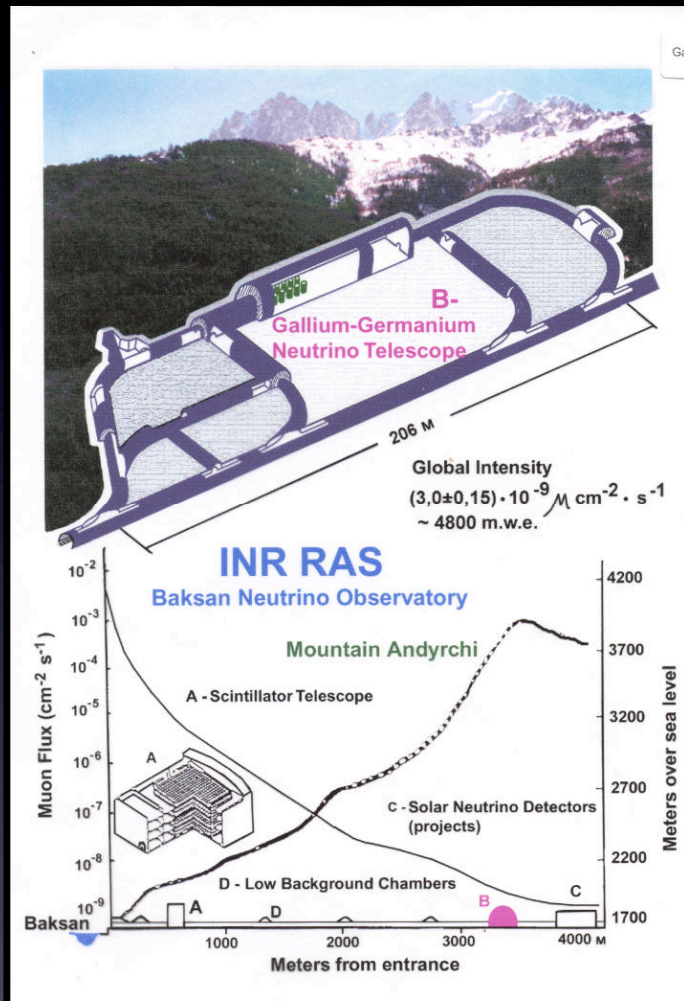


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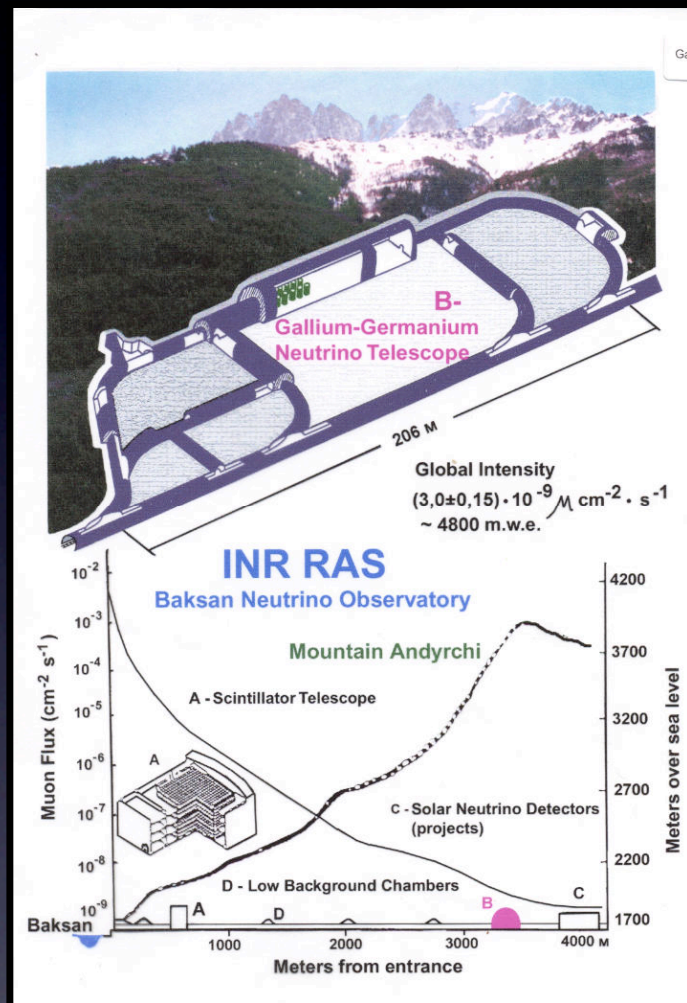
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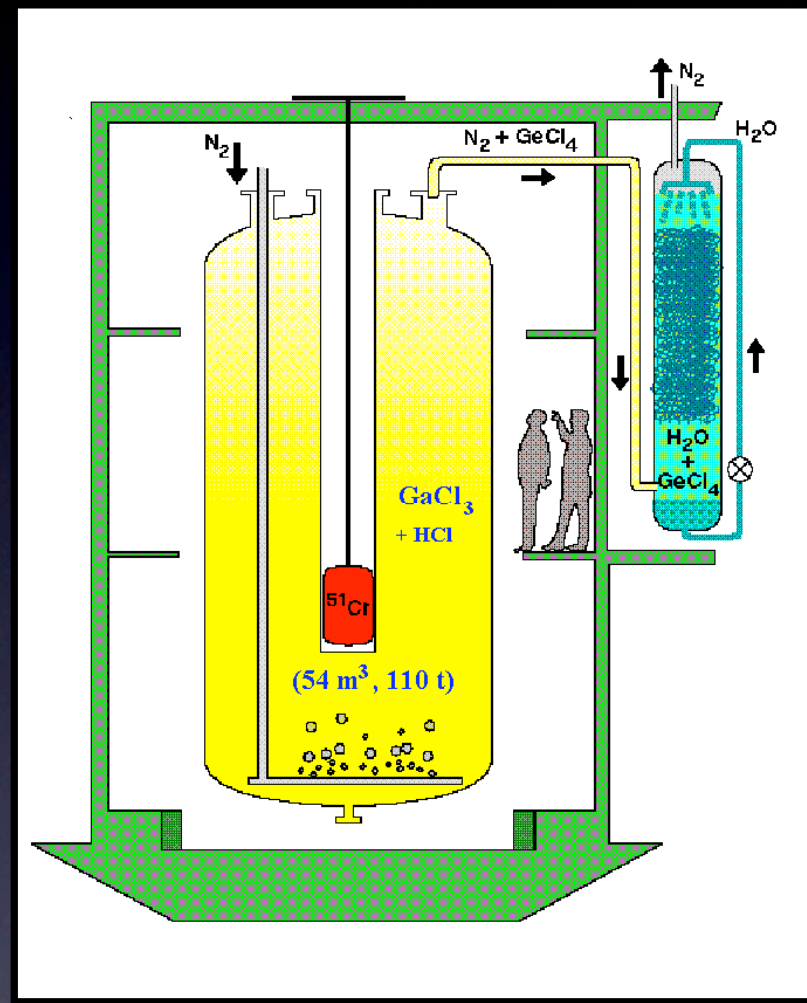
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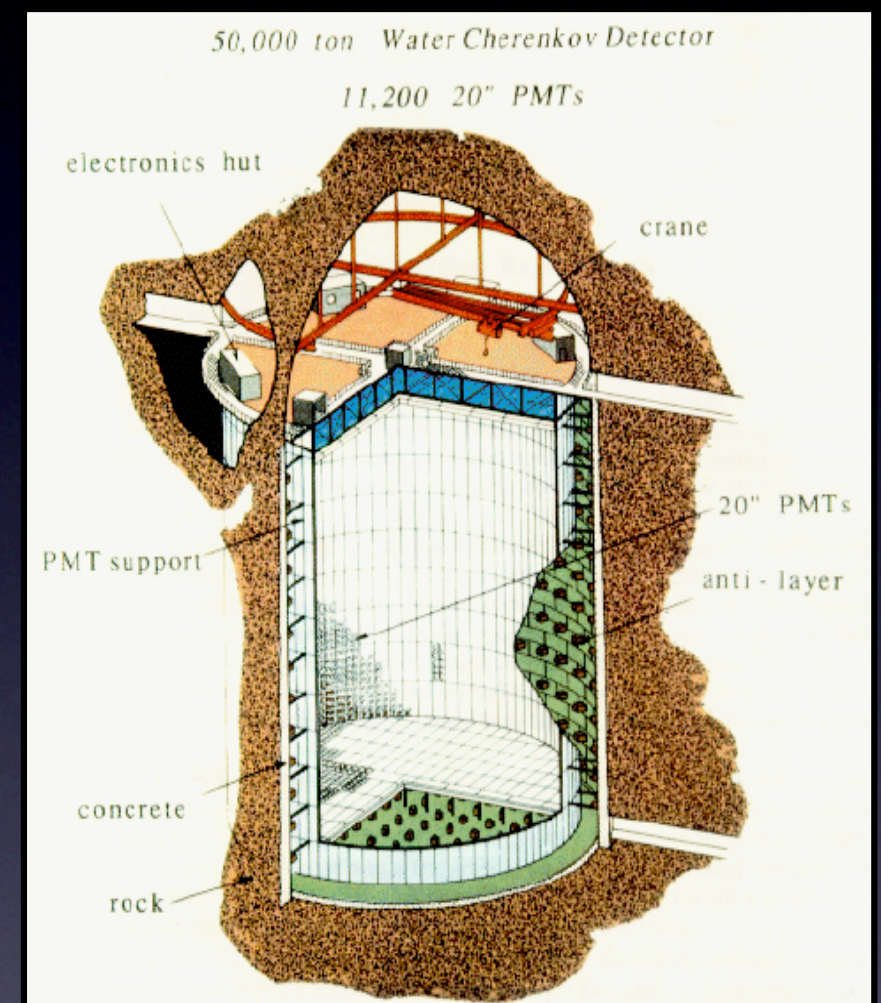
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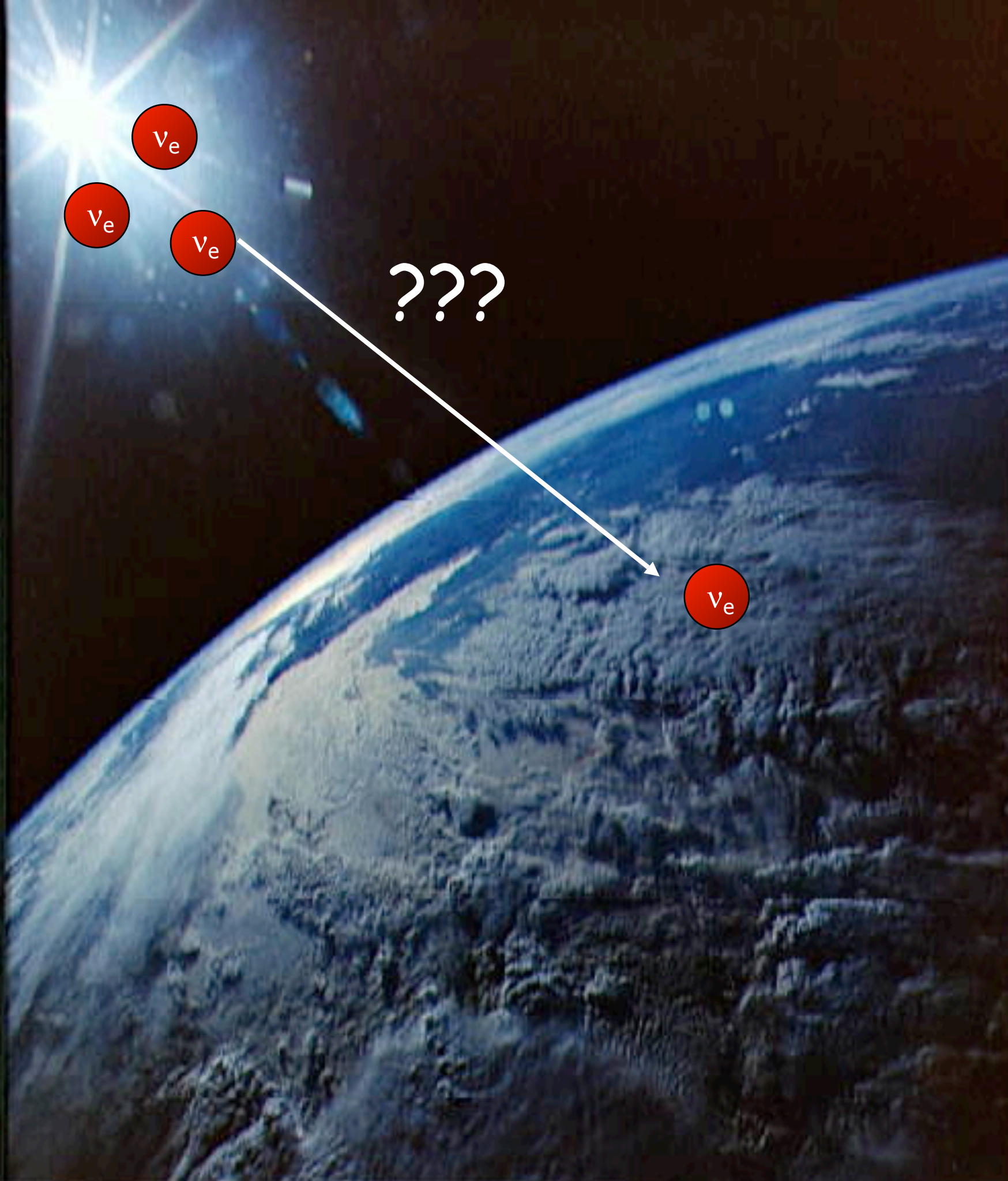
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Super-Kamiokande



Measures 40% of expected flux

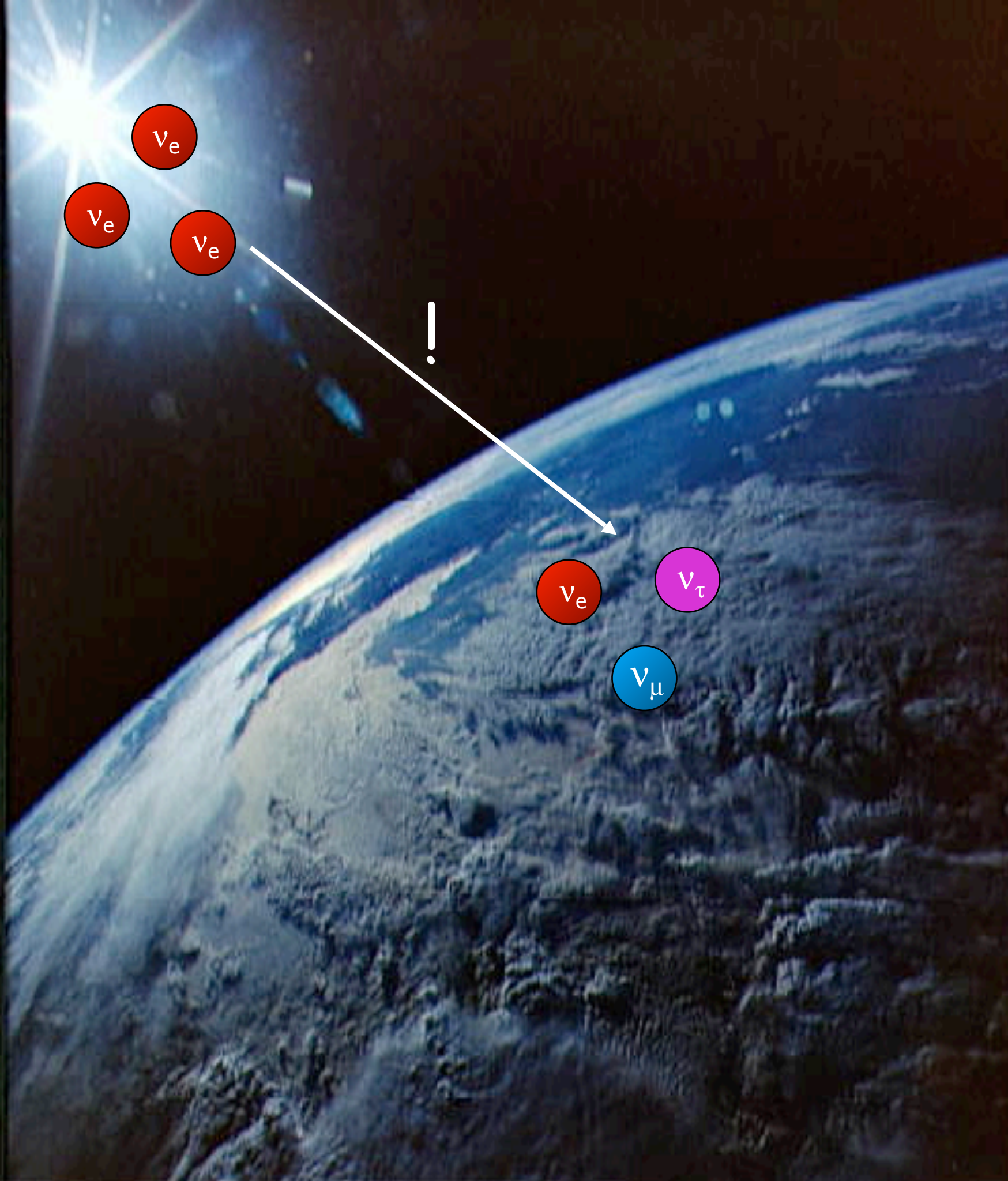


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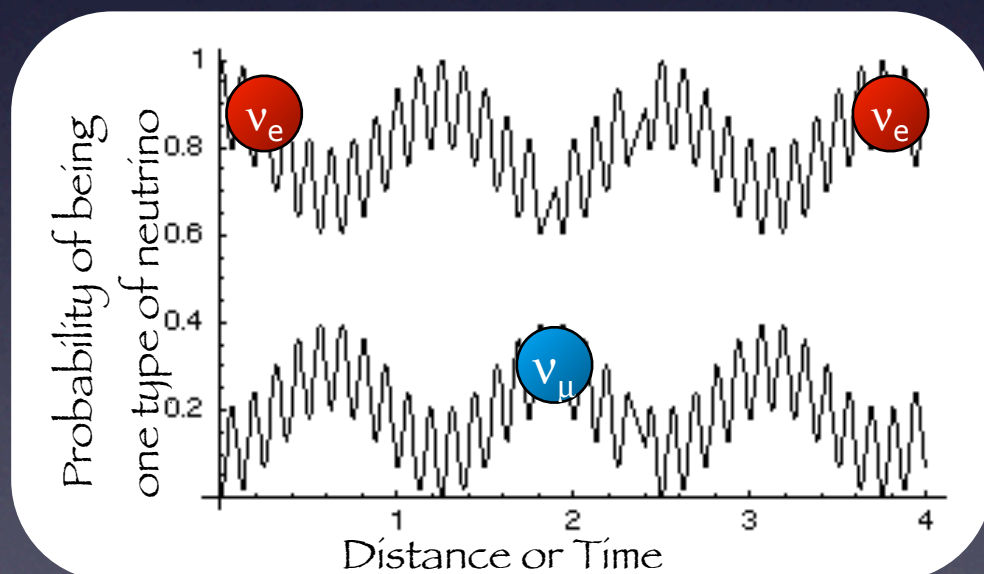
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The SNO Collaboration



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- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Louisiana State University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Washington

- University of British Columbia
- Carleton University
- University of Guelph
- Laurentian University
- Queen's University
- TRIUMF
- University of Oxford
- LIP, Lisbon, Portugal



The SNO Collaboration at MIT



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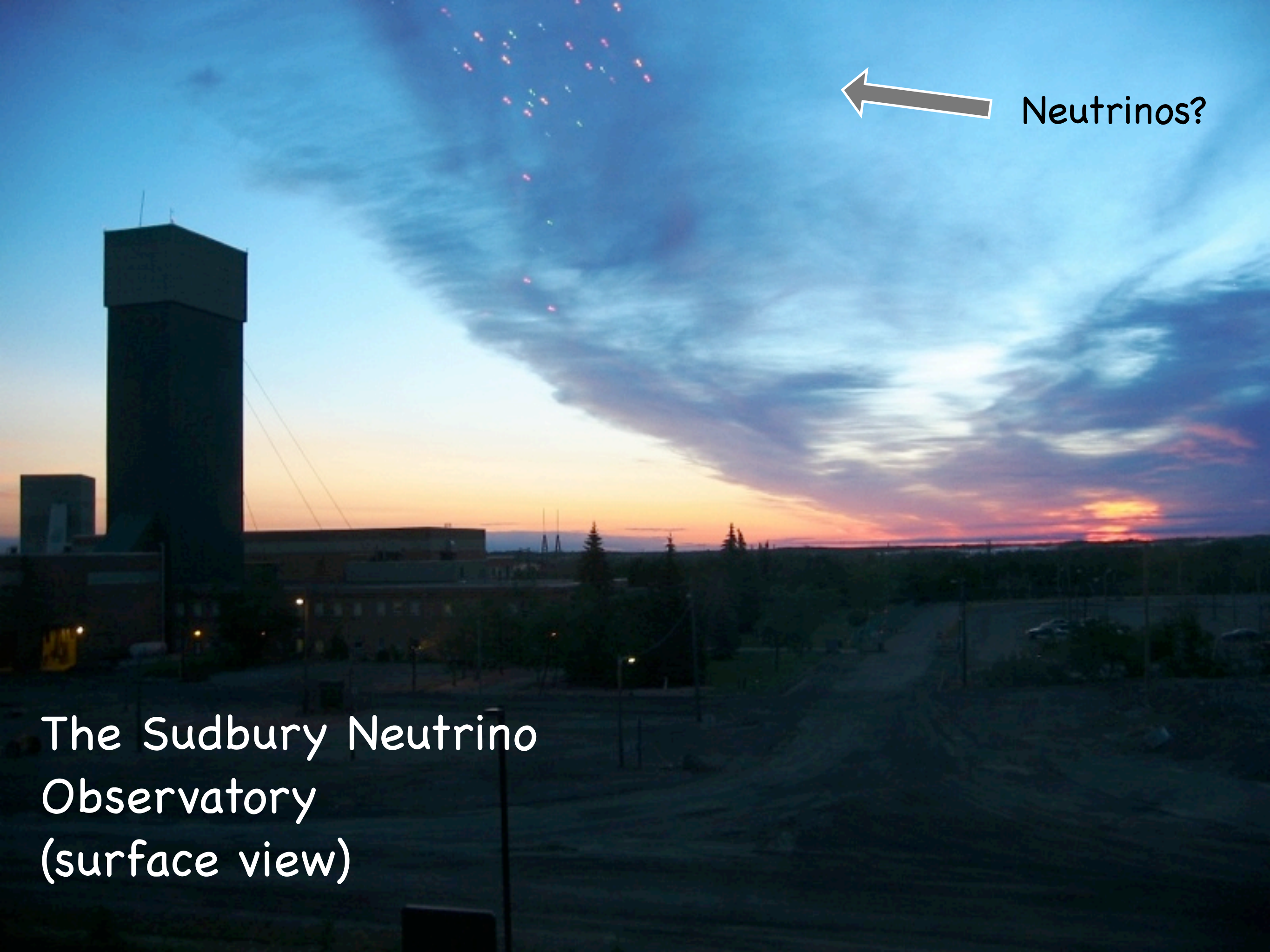
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Neutrino & Dark Matter Group at MIT circa 2007



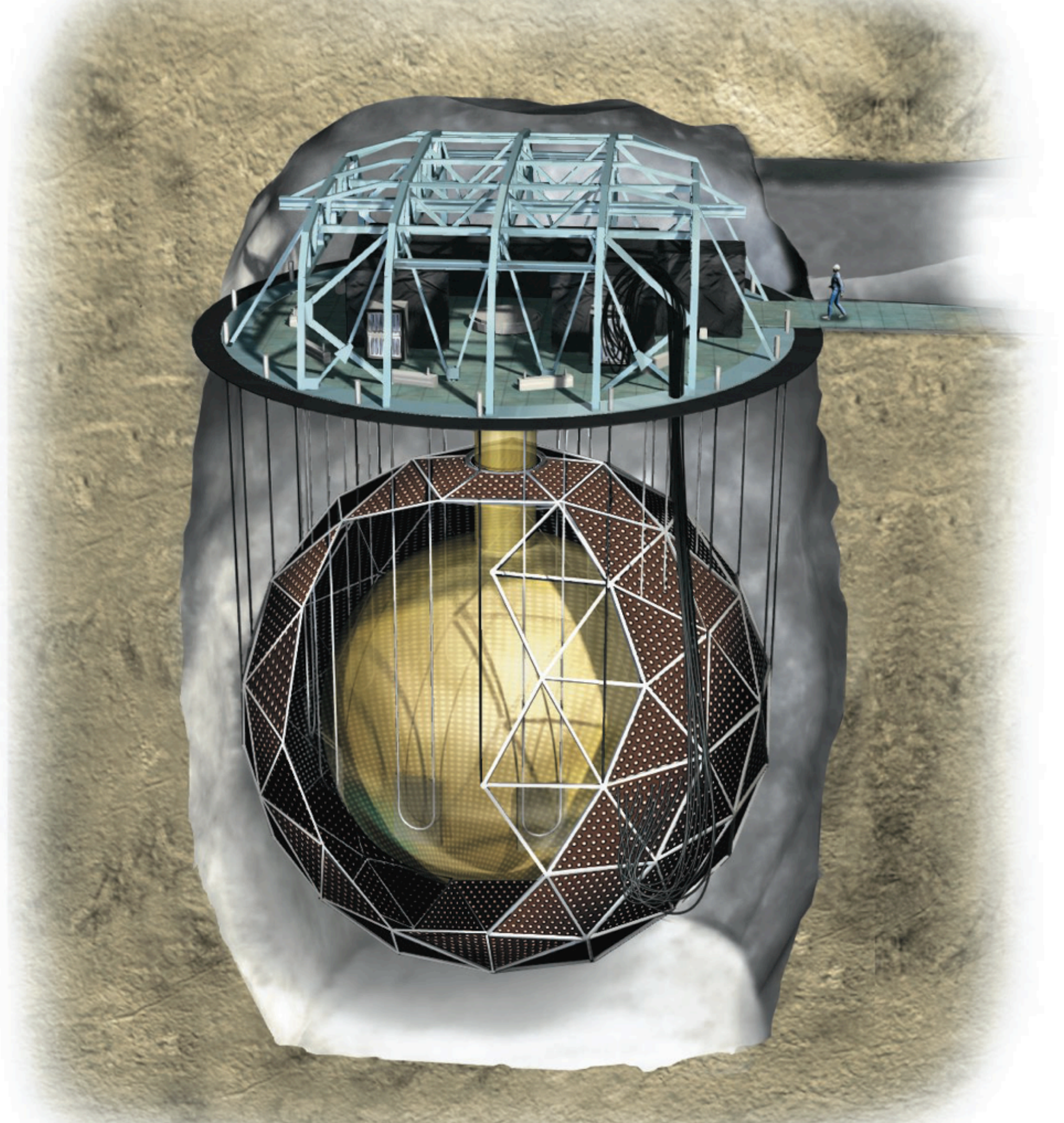
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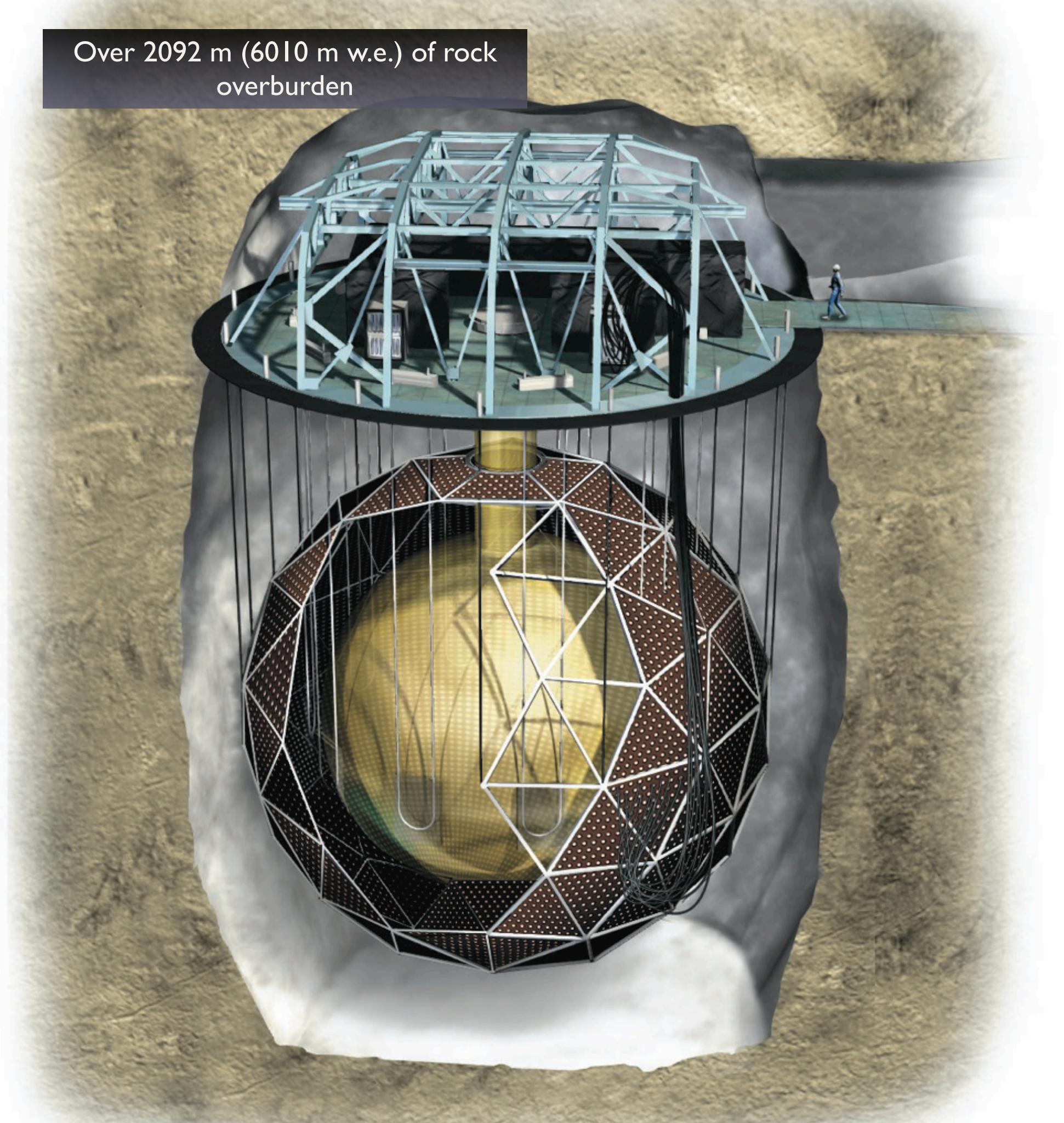
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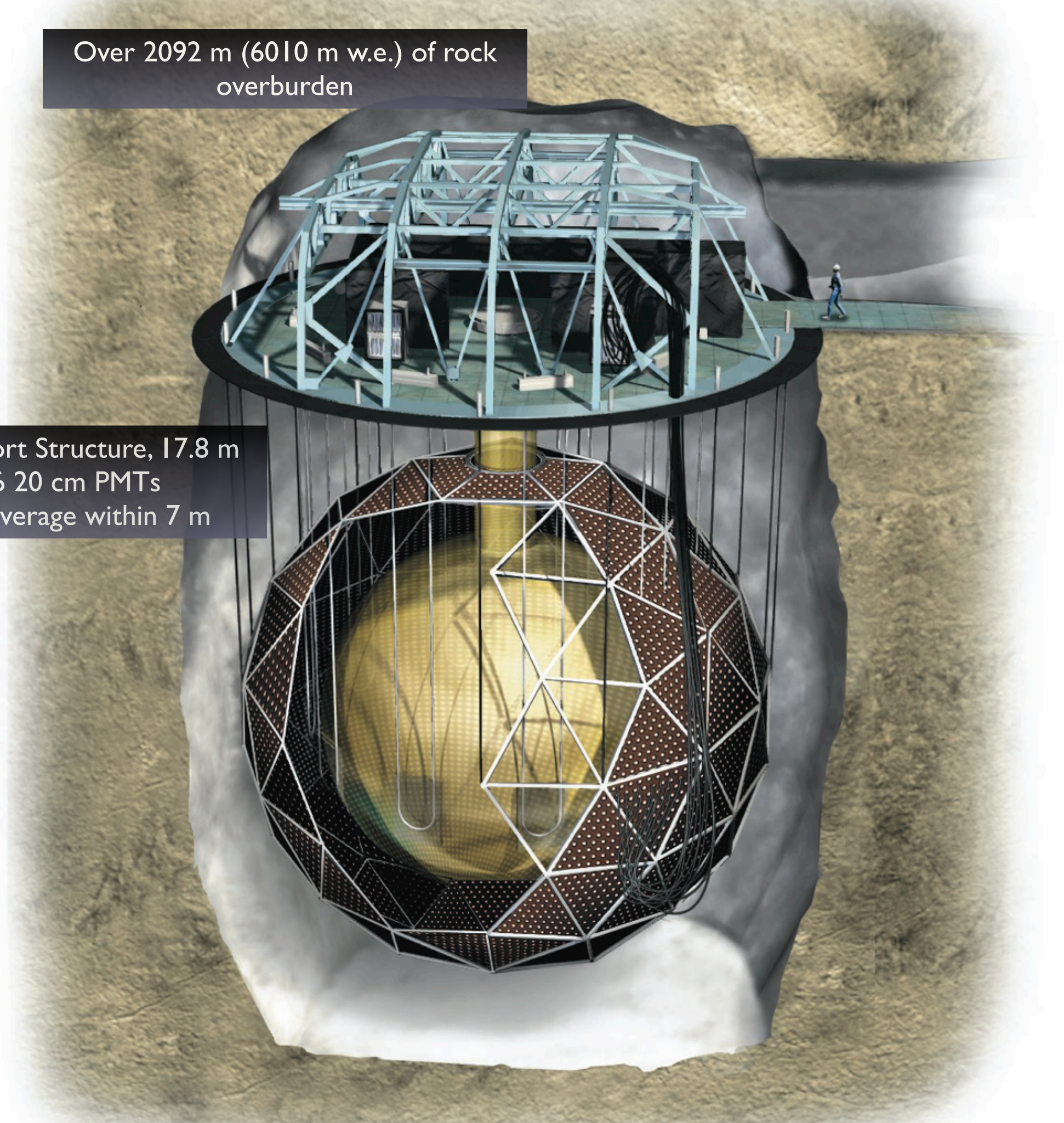
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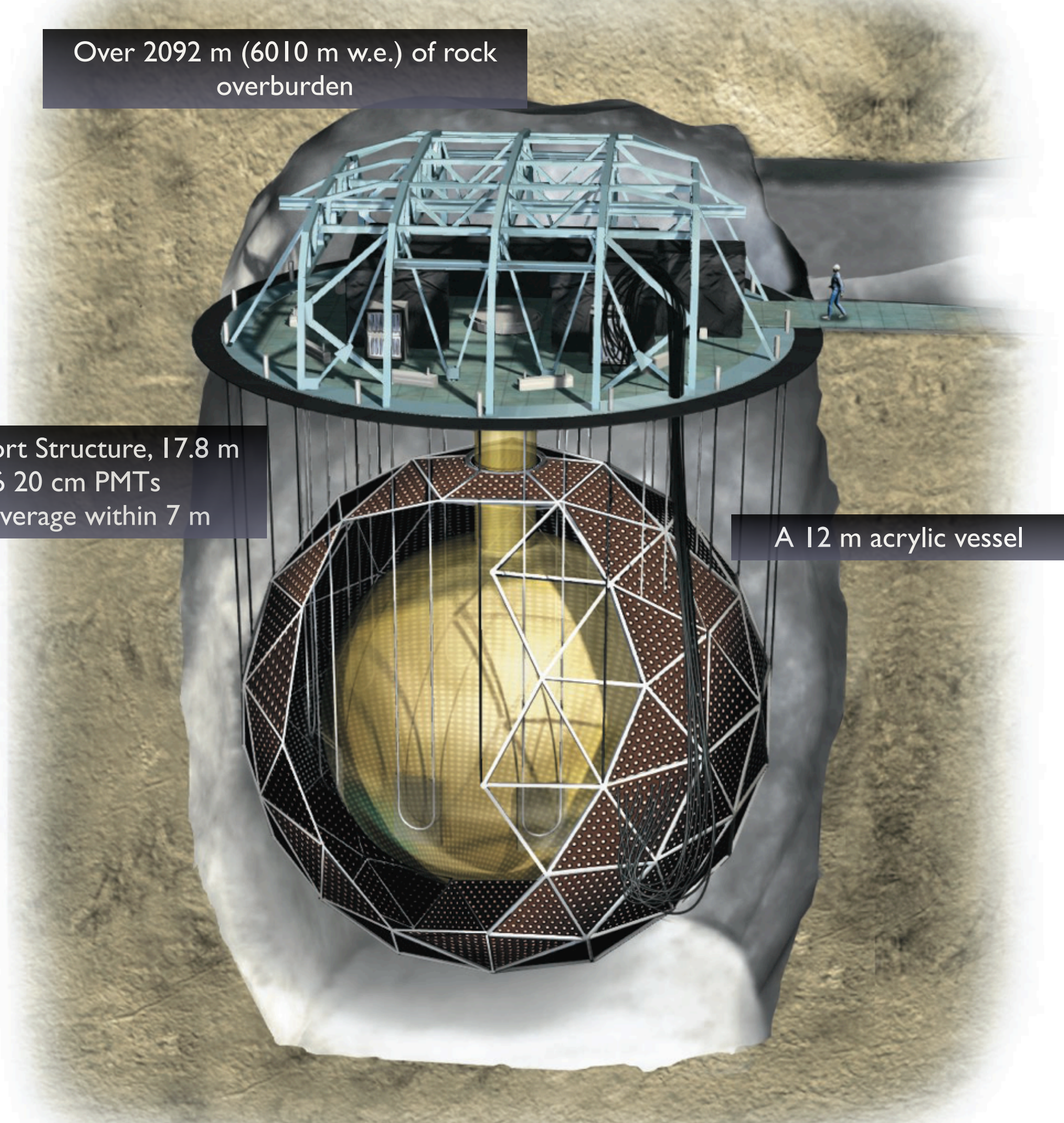


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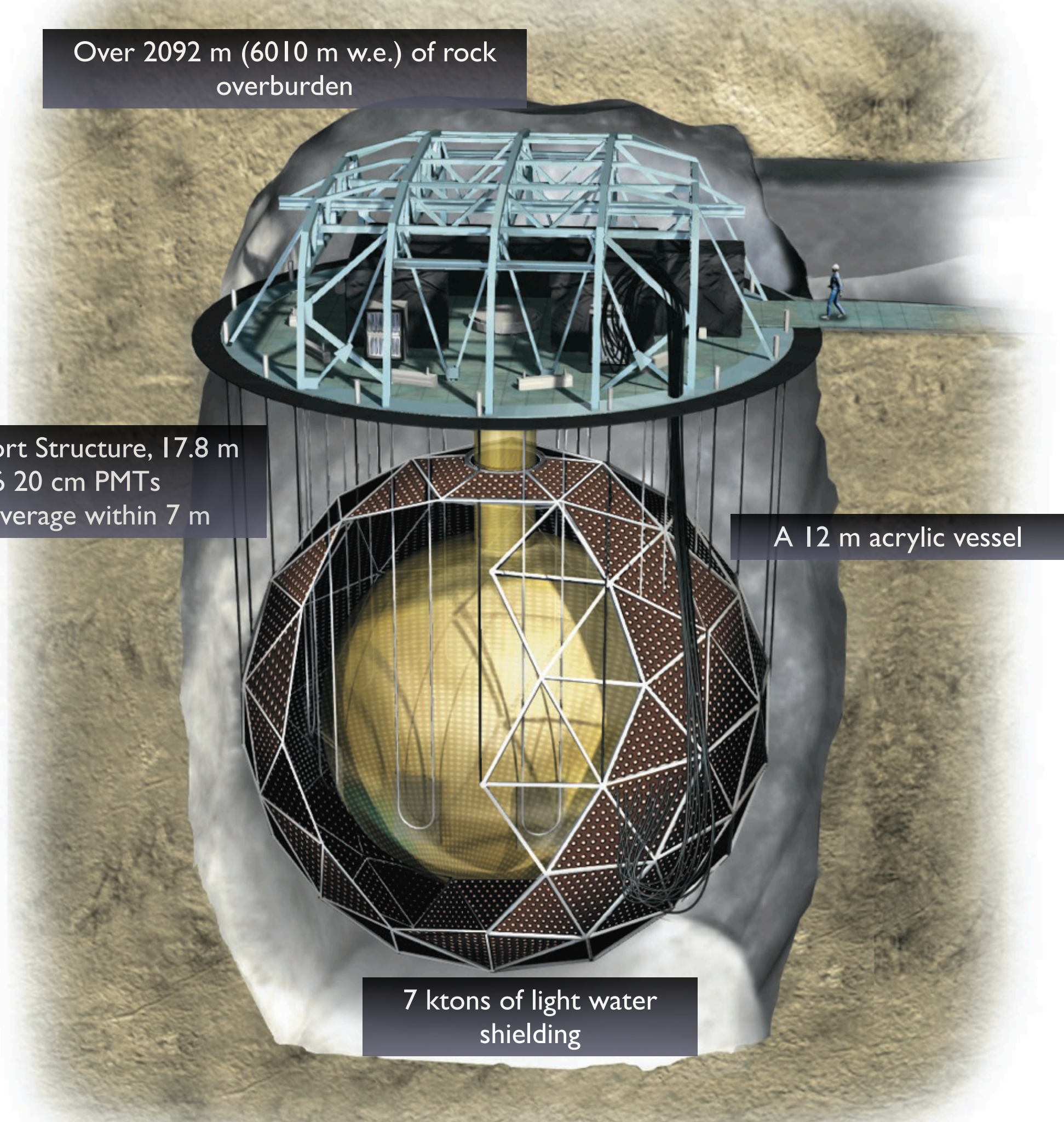
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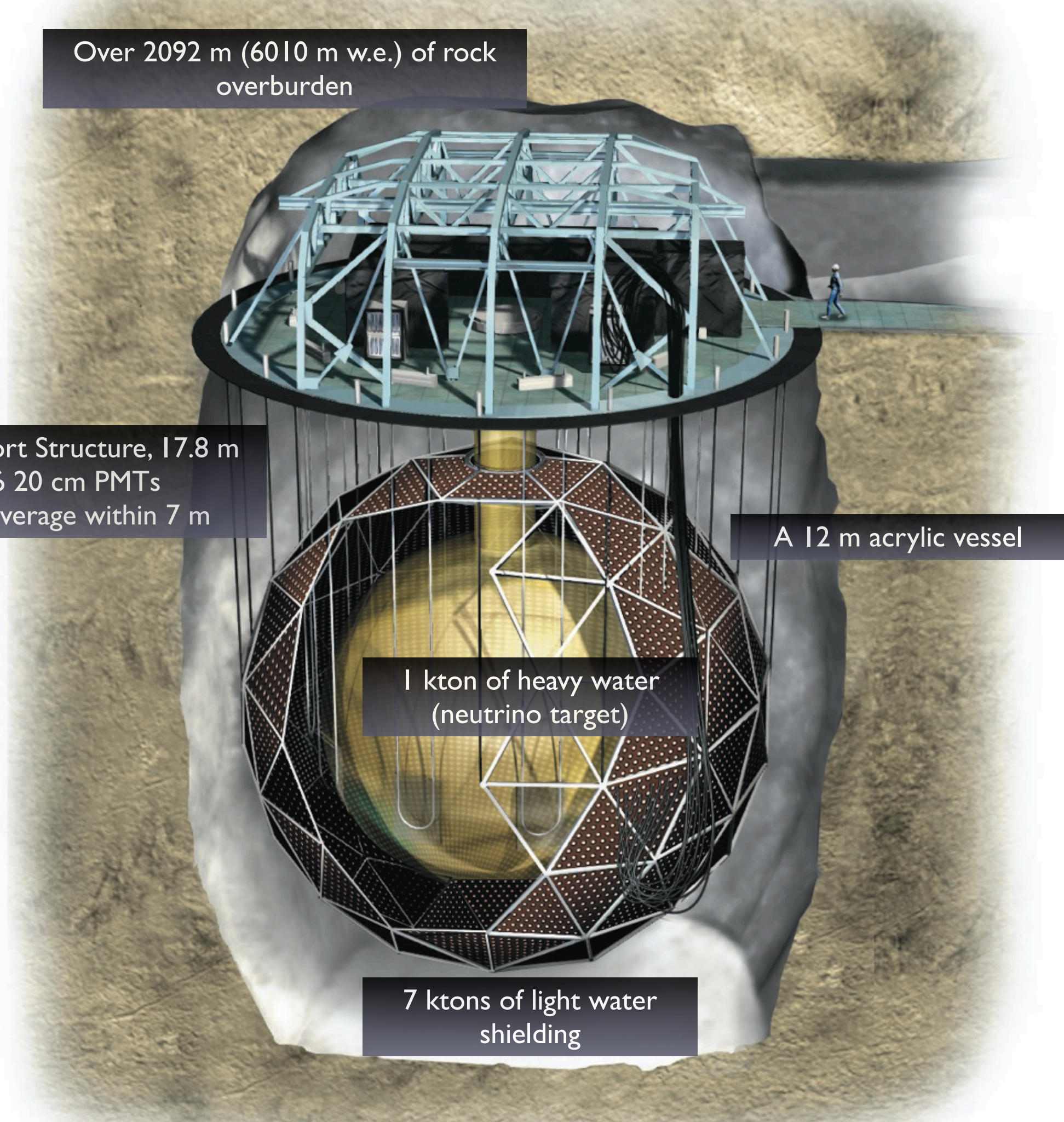
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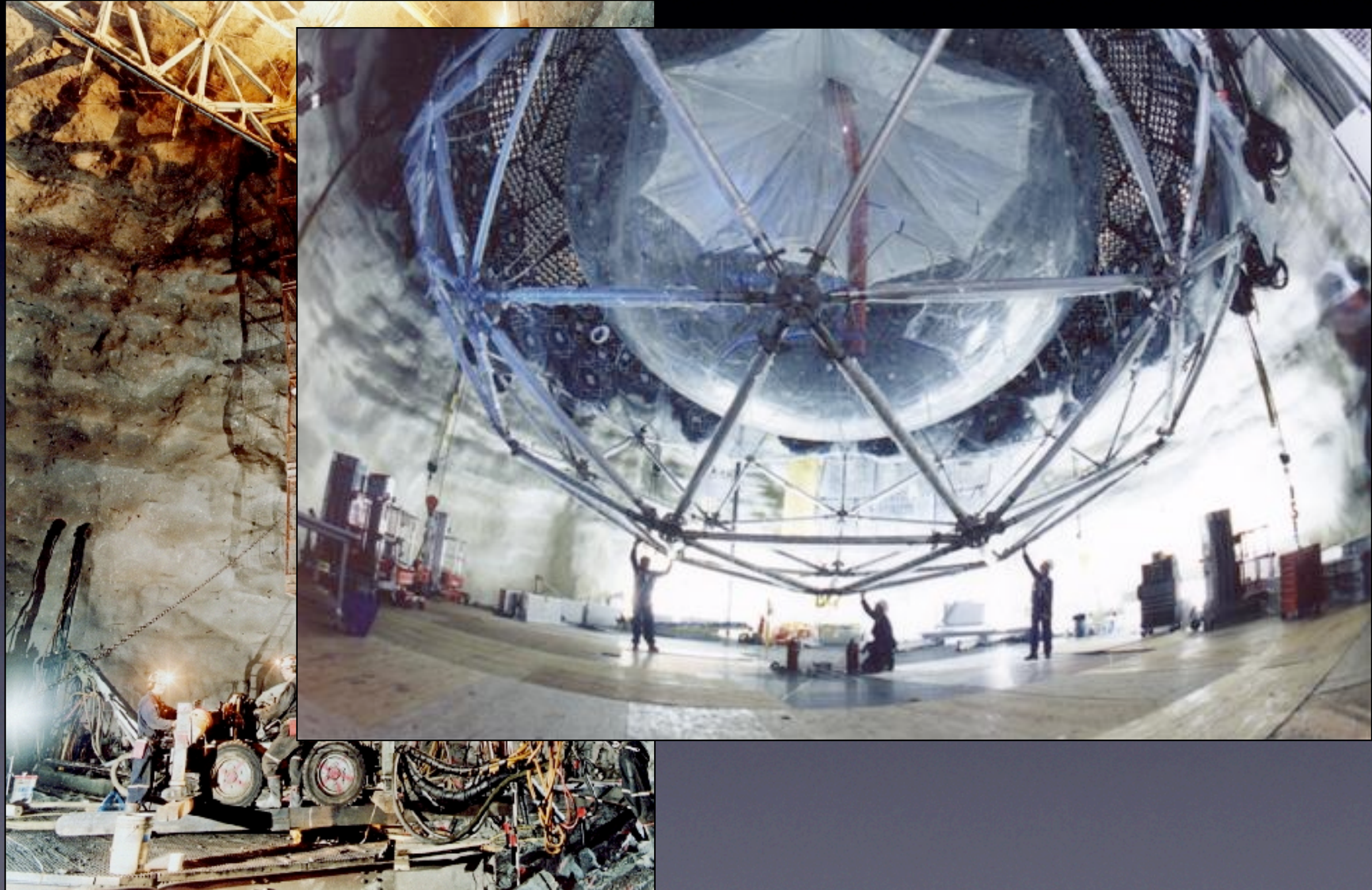


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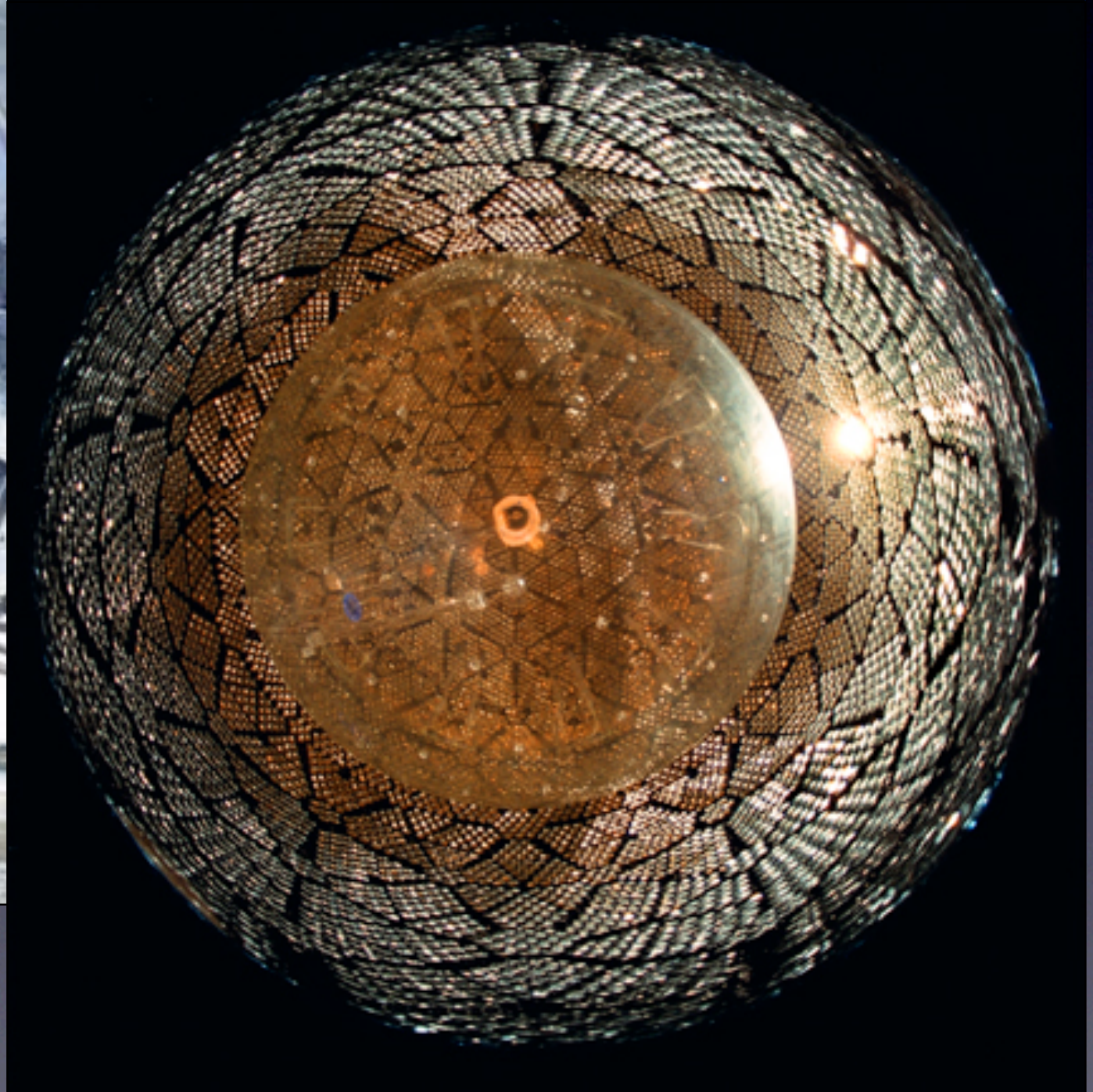
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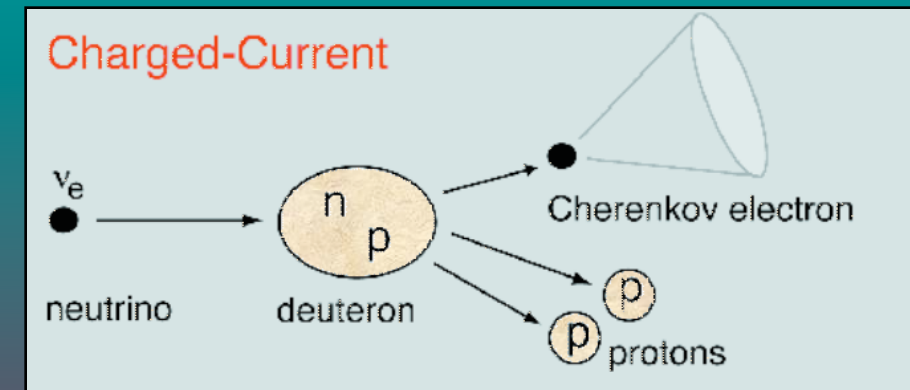
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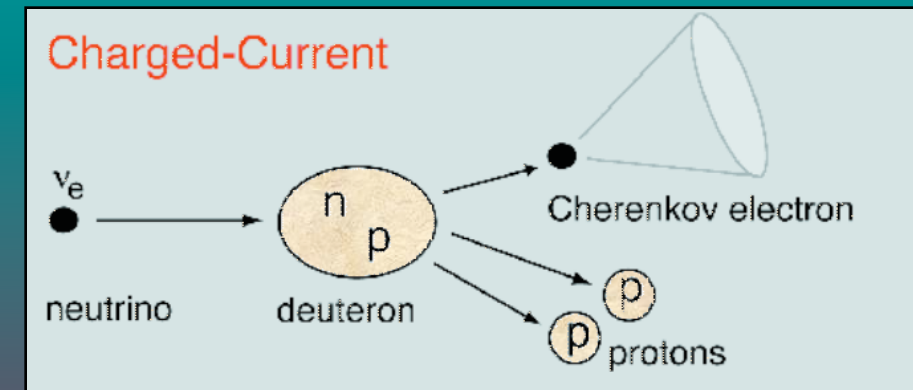


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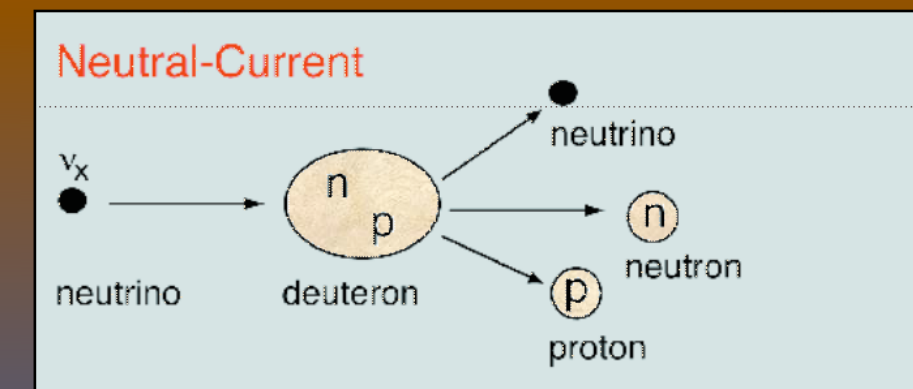
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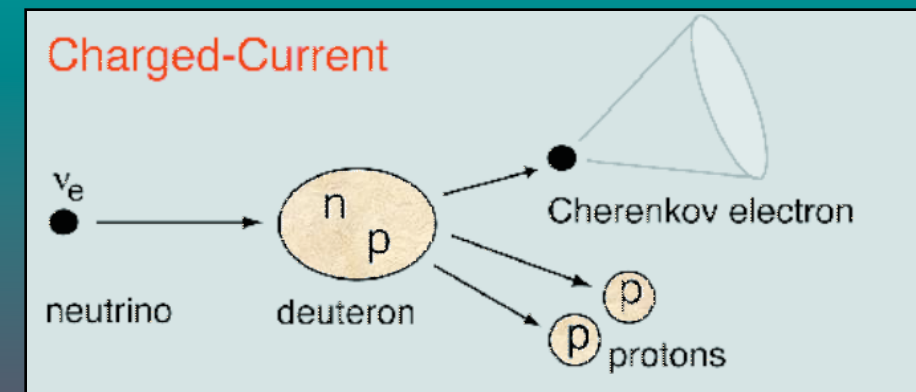


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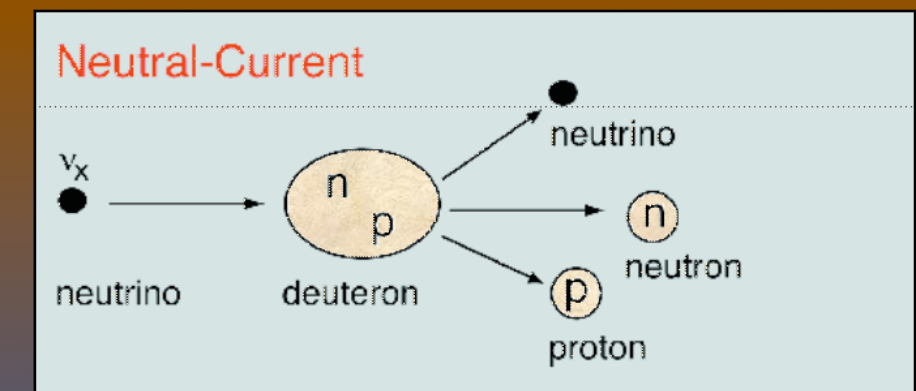
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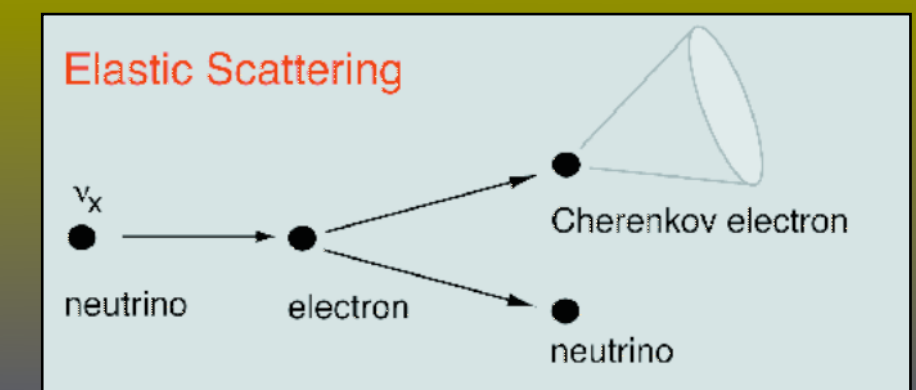
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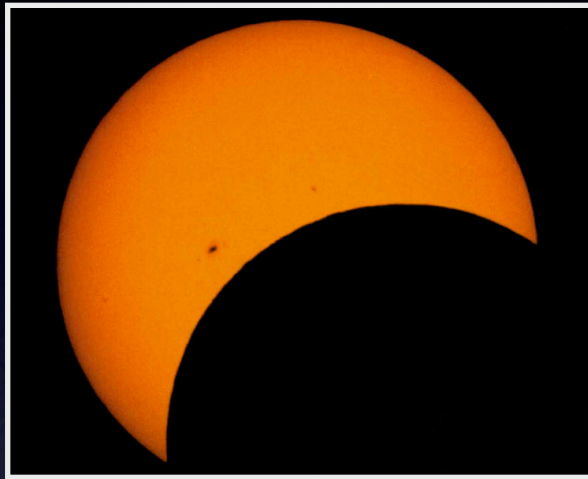
Signature: Electron with high directional correlation to the sun

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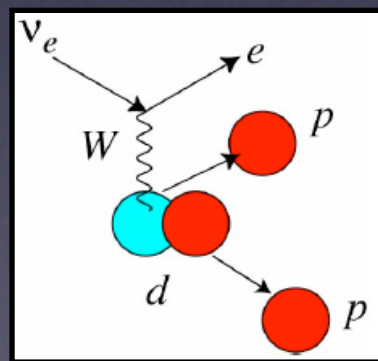


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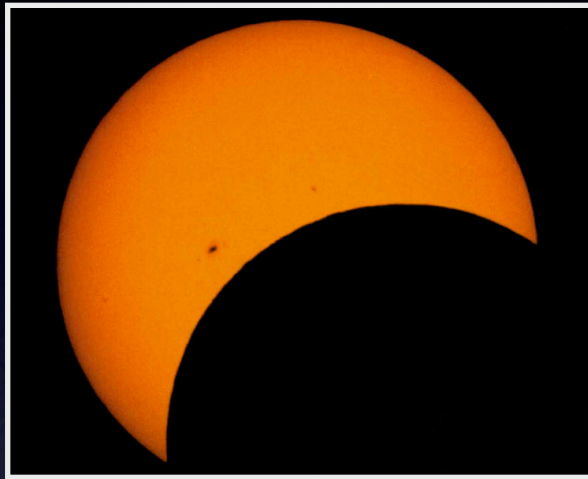


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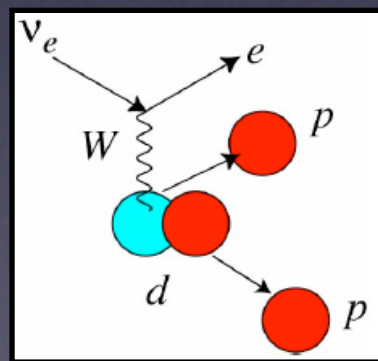


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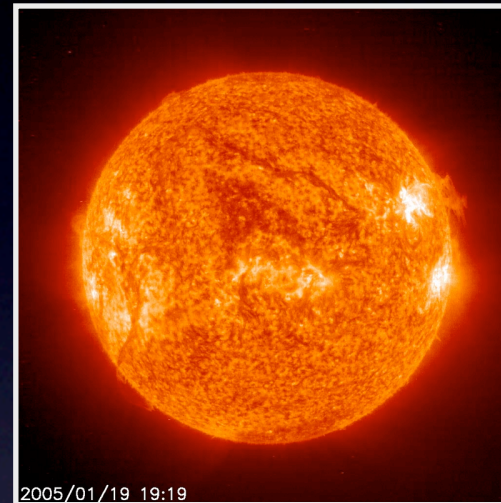
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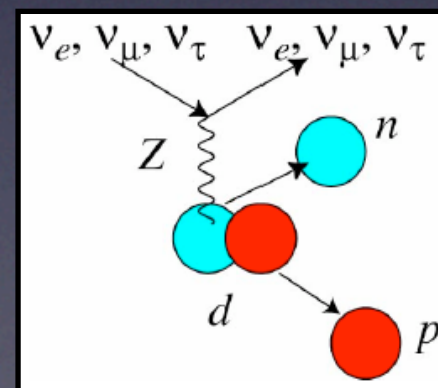
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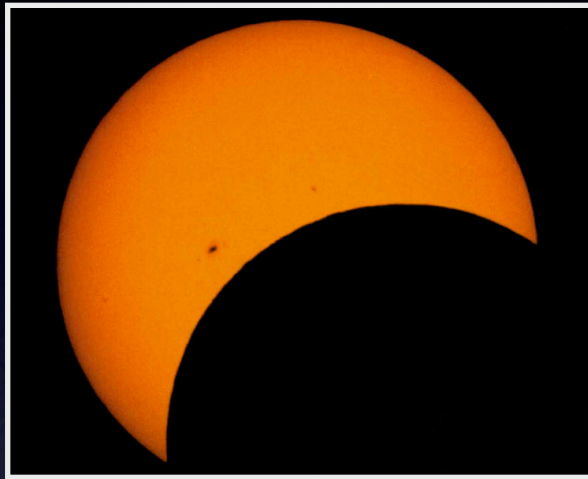


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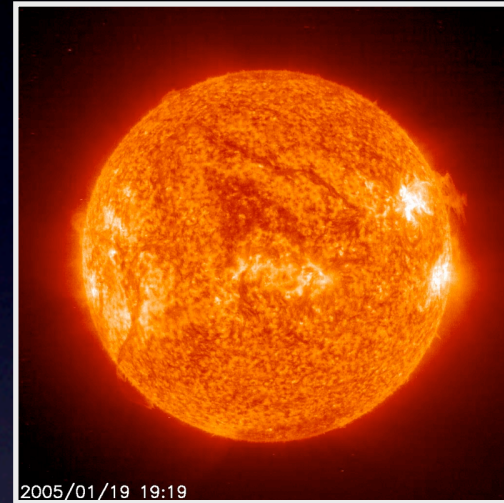


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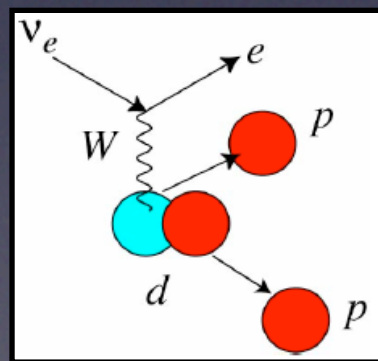


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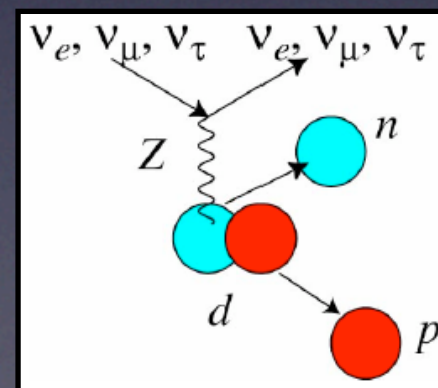
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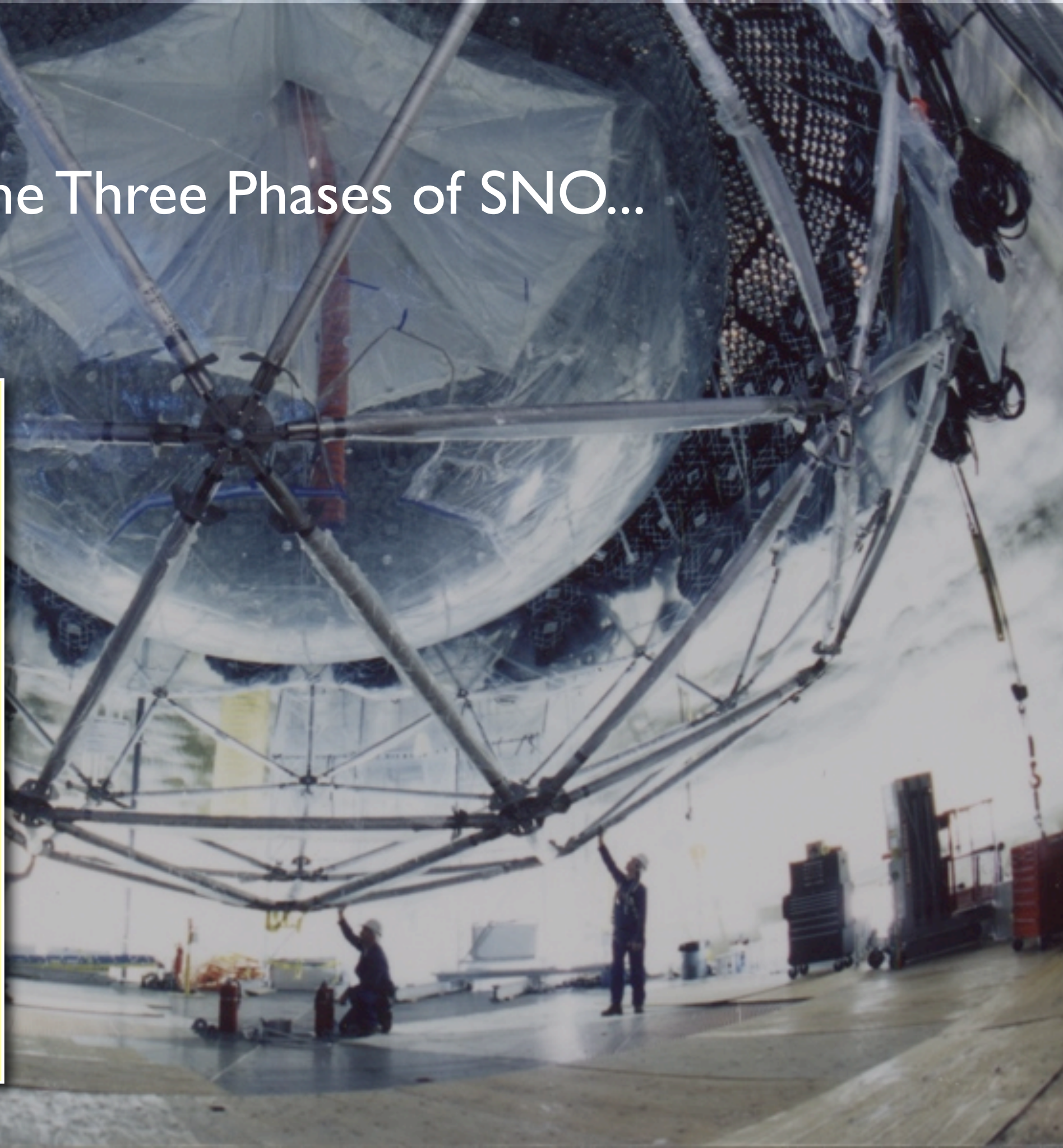
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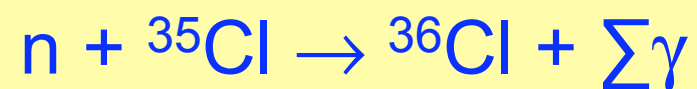


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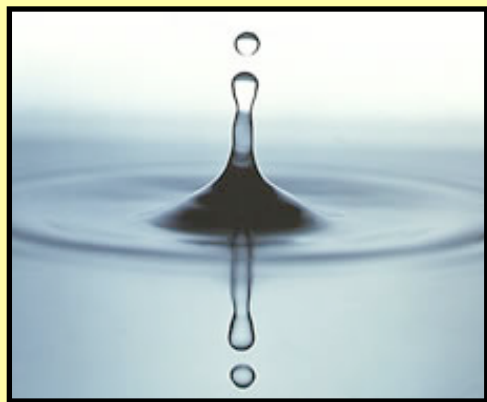
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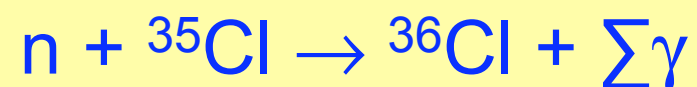


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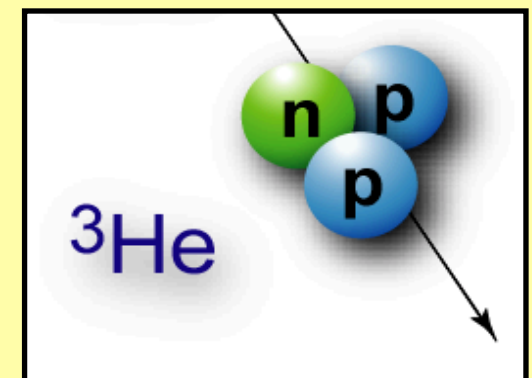
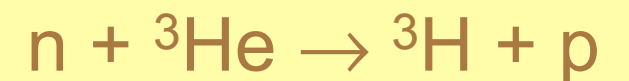


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NCD

Neutral Current Detectors

Capture on neutron counters
Run from 2004–2007
(385 live days)



Measure NC rate with entirely *different* detection systems

The Three Phases of SNO...

Comm.

D₂O

NaCl

D₂O

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³He Counters

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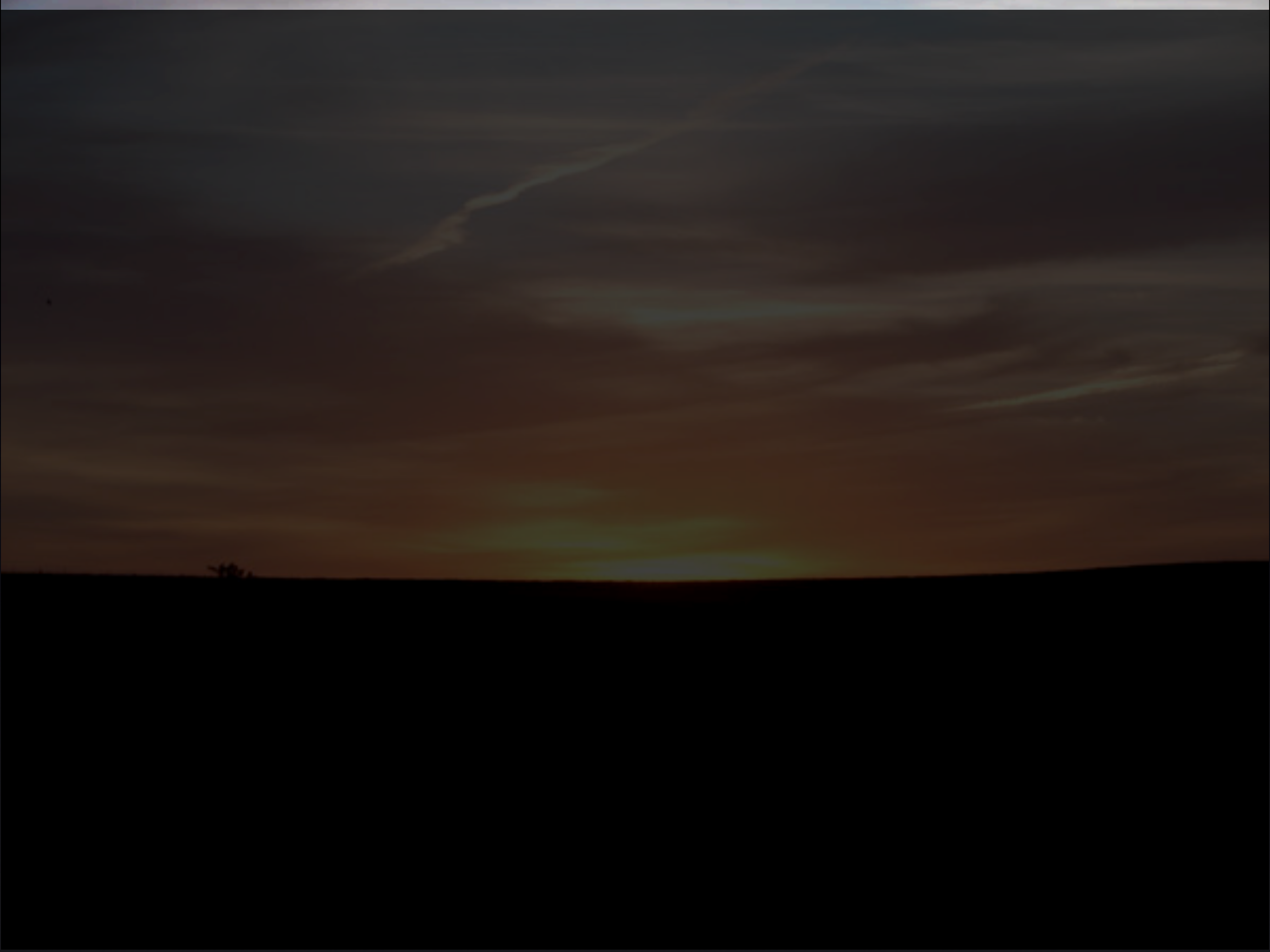
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Challenges of the Experiment:

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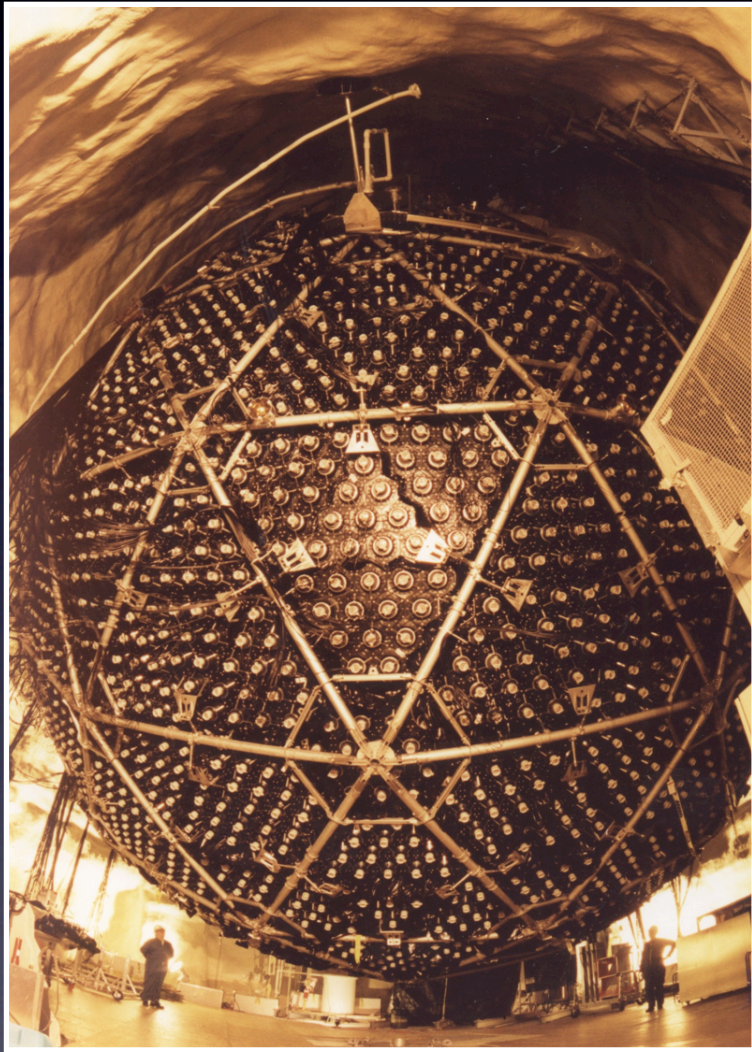
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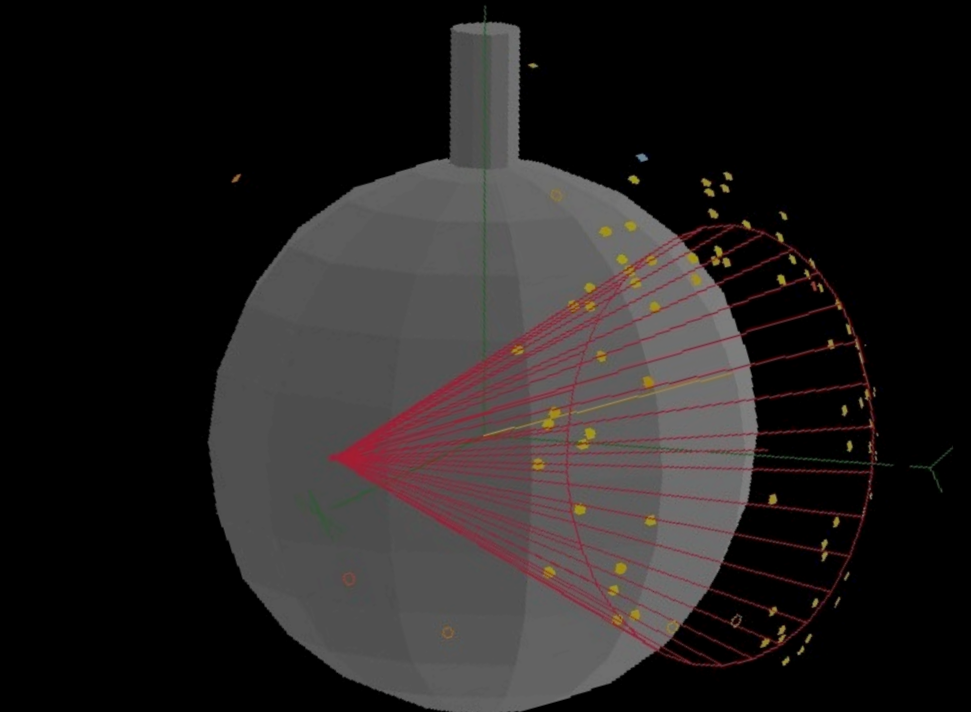
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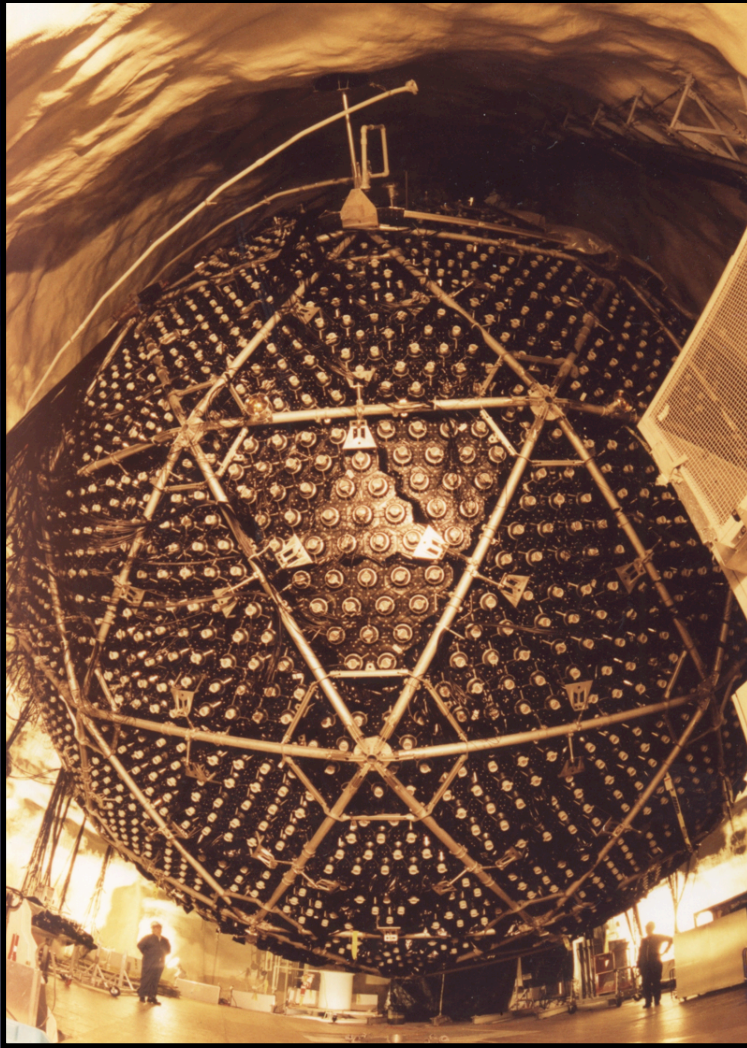


PMT Hit Pattern

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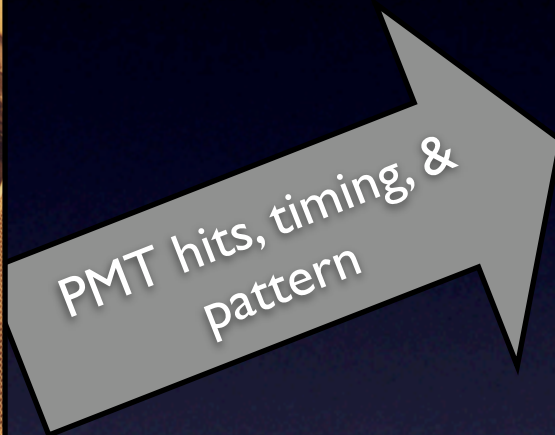
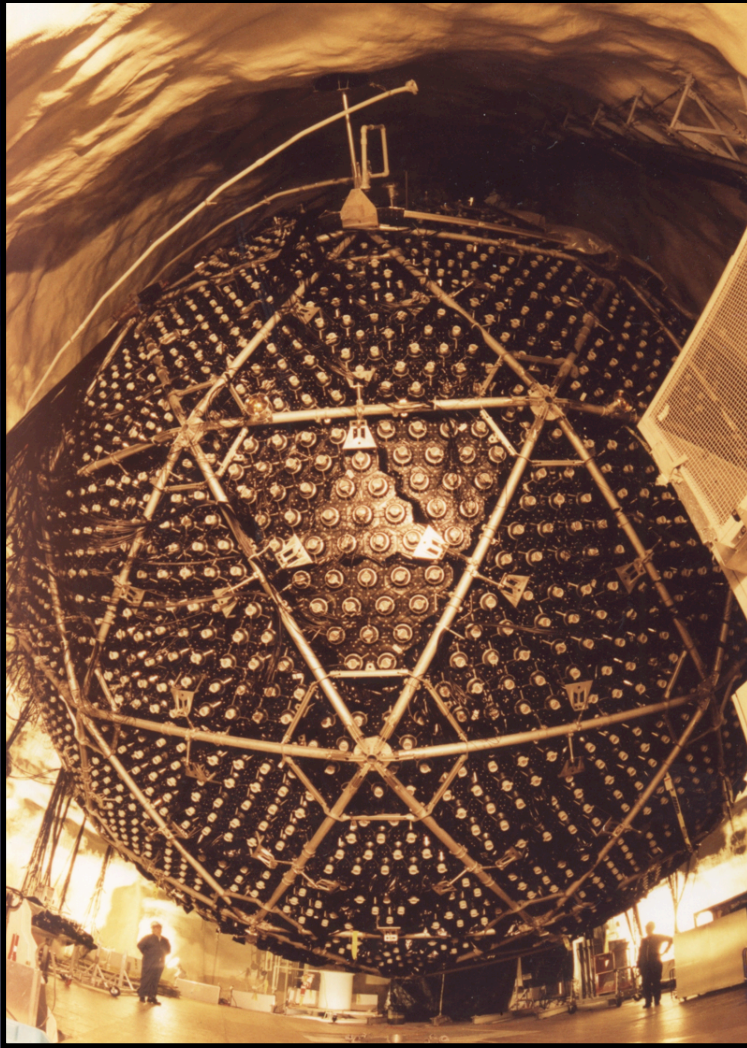
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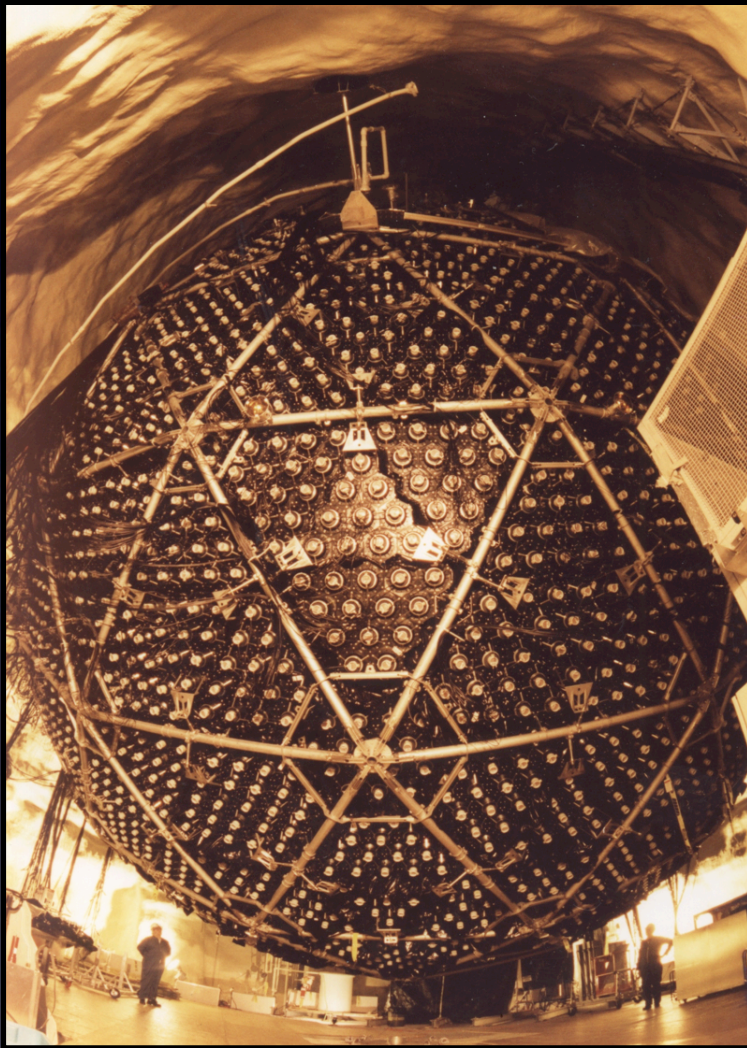


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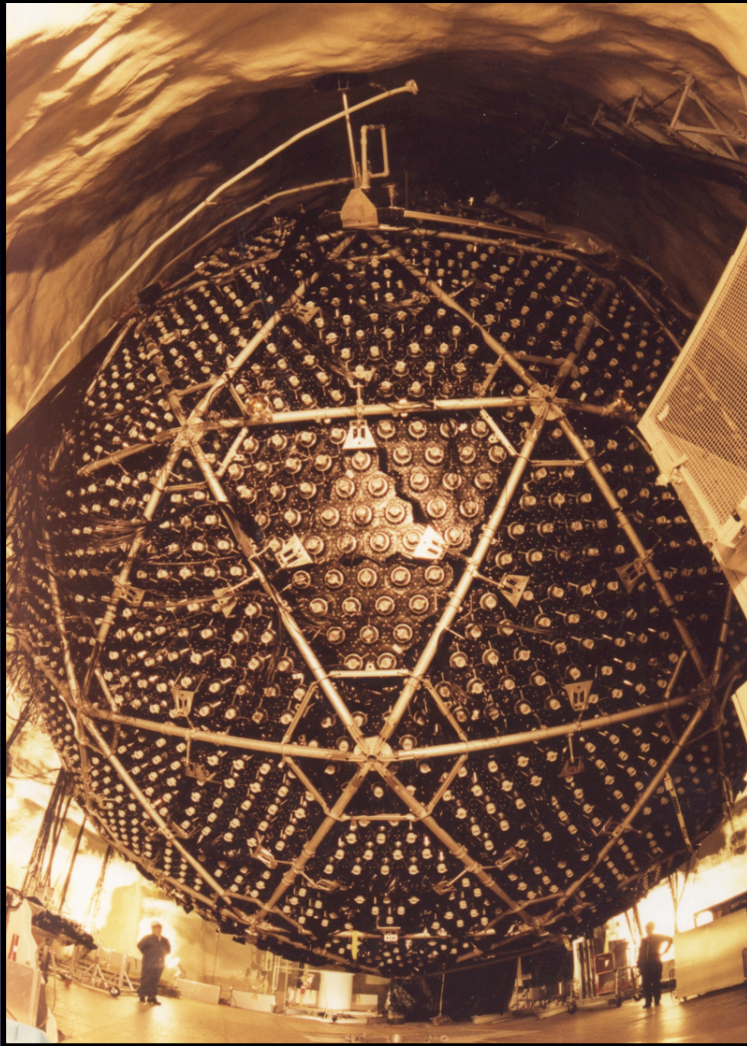
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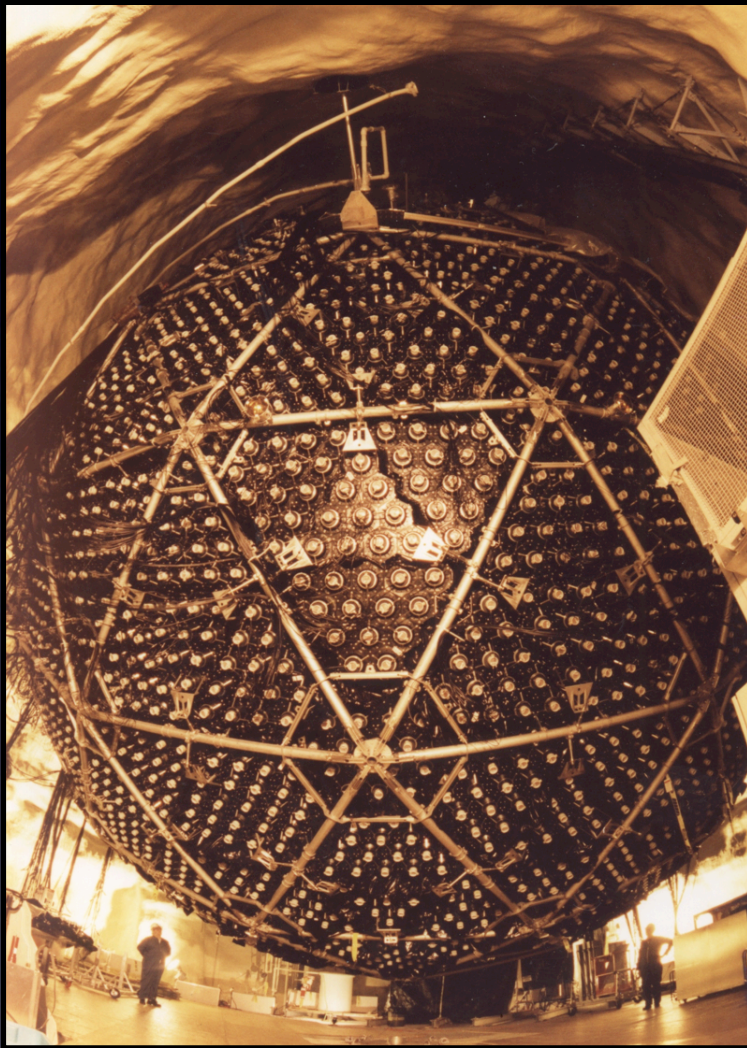
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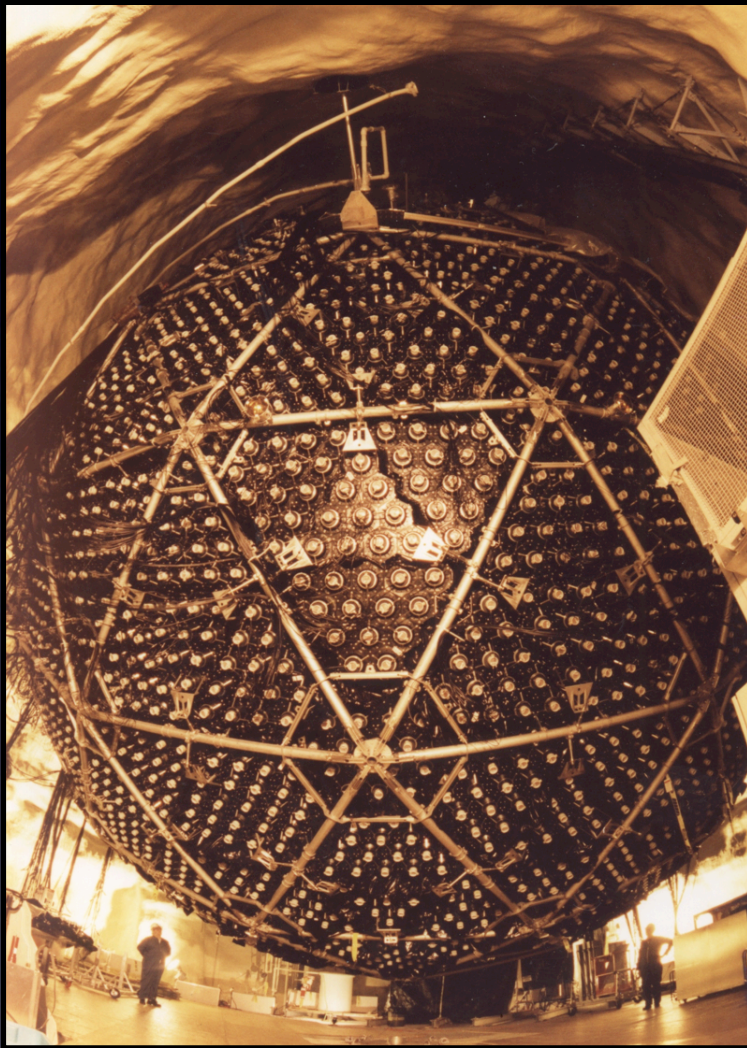
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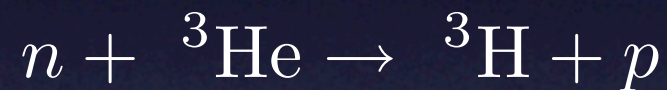
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Isotropy:

Helps separate signal from background

Understanding the detector (the neutron)

- Use ^3He proportional counters to capture and detect neutrons.

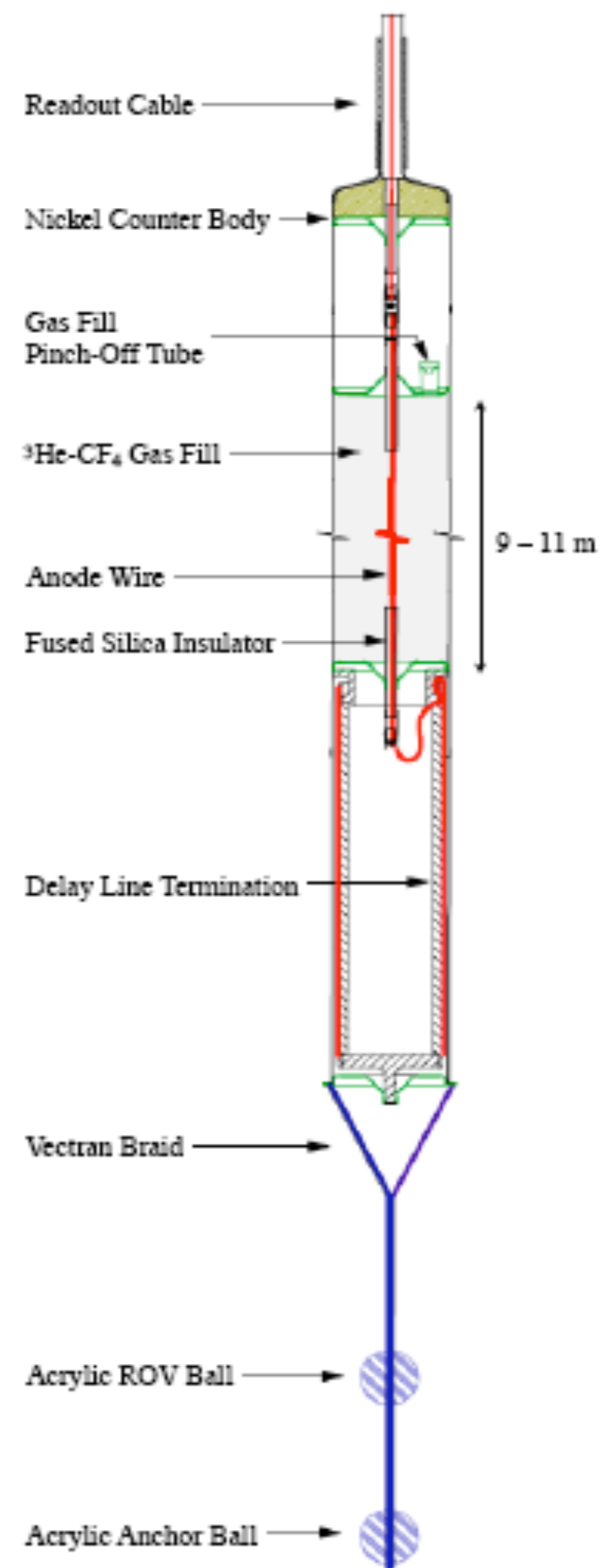


- Nickel tubes filled with $^3\text{He}\text{-CF}_4$ gas with single anode wire for signal detection.
- Record (part per trillion) cleanliness.

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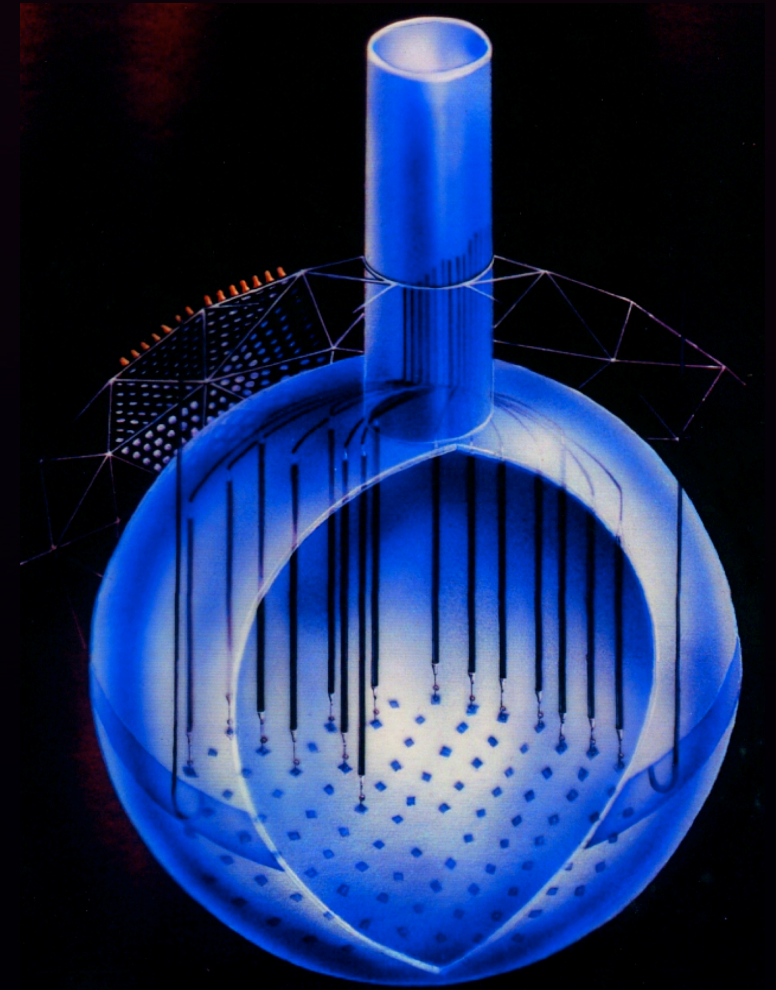
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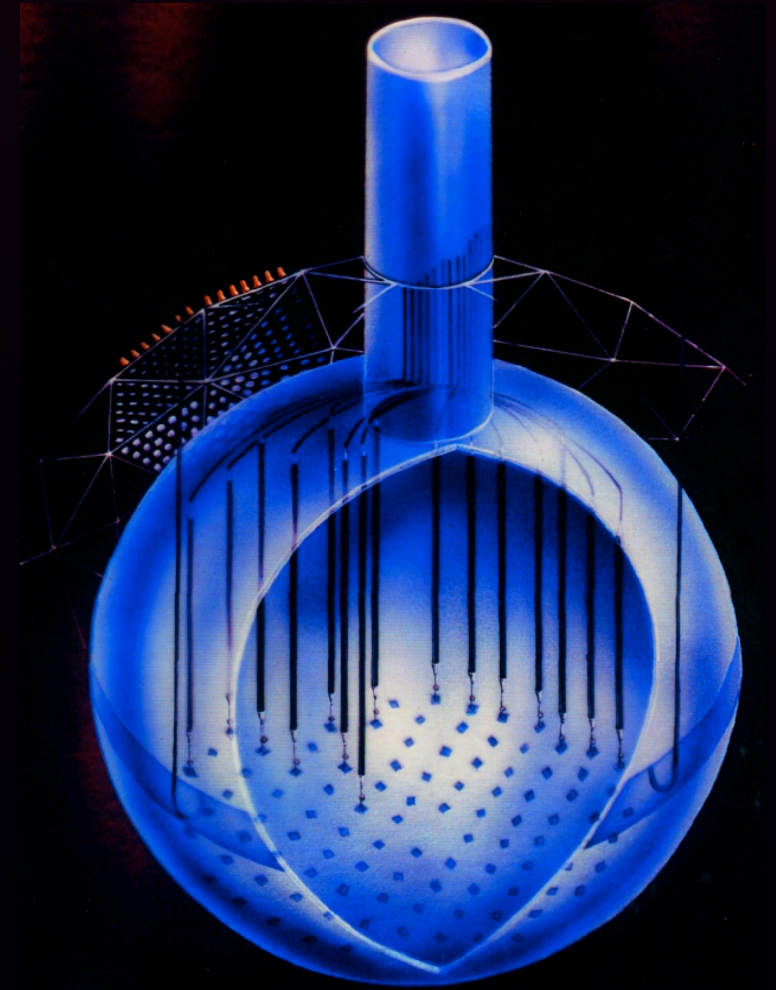
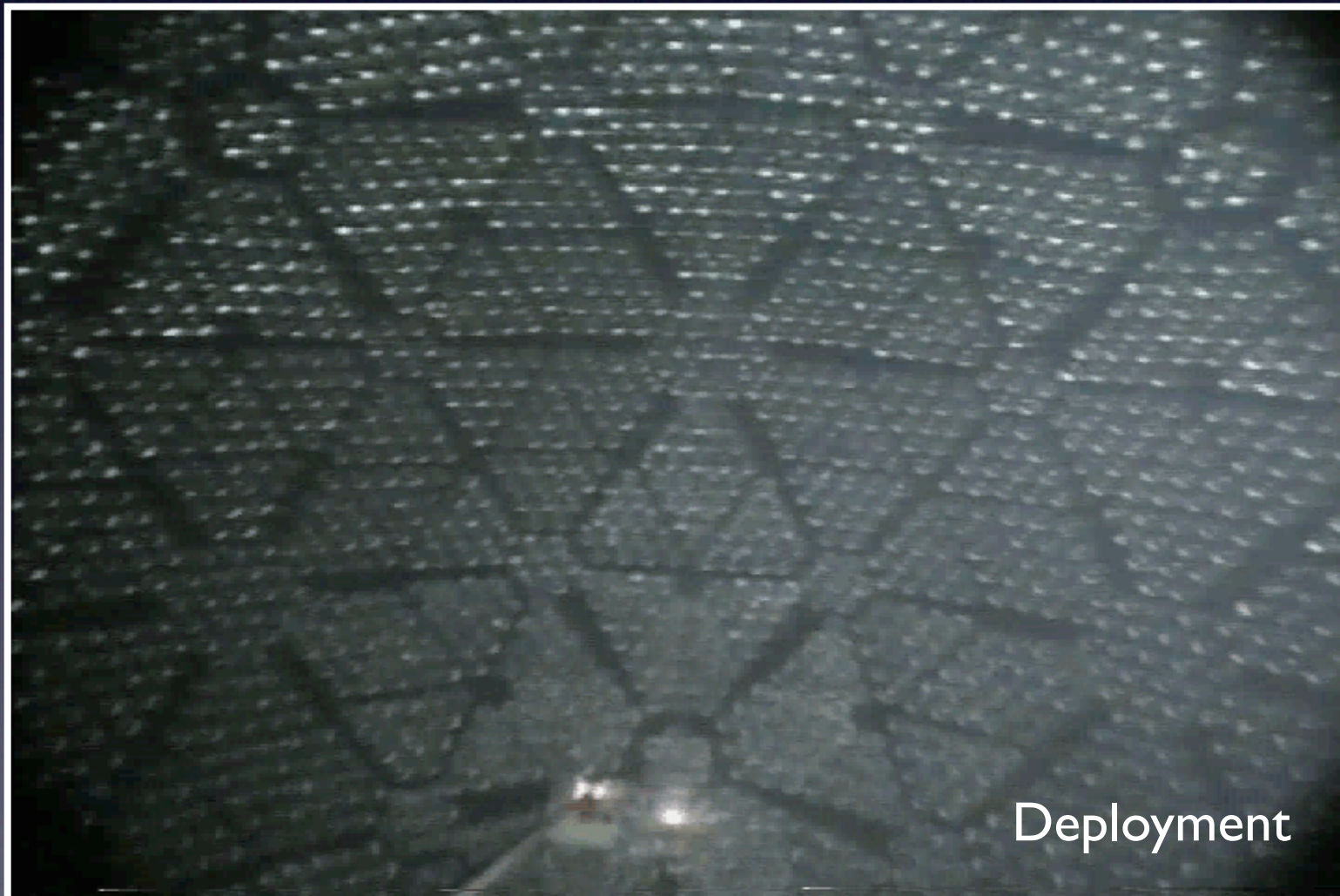


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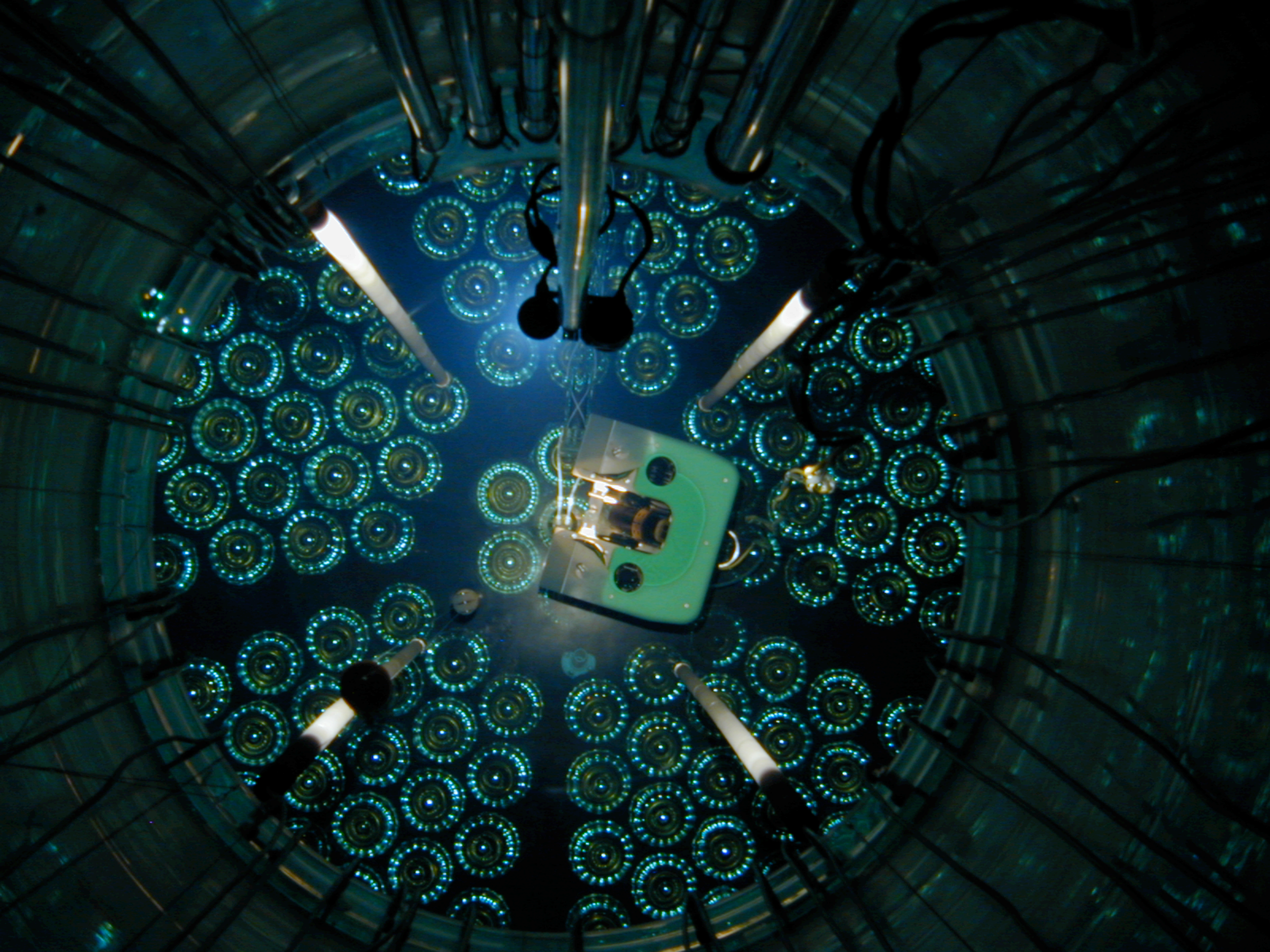
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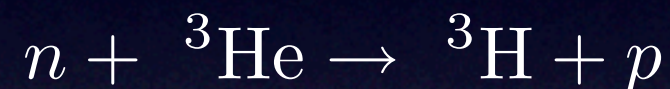


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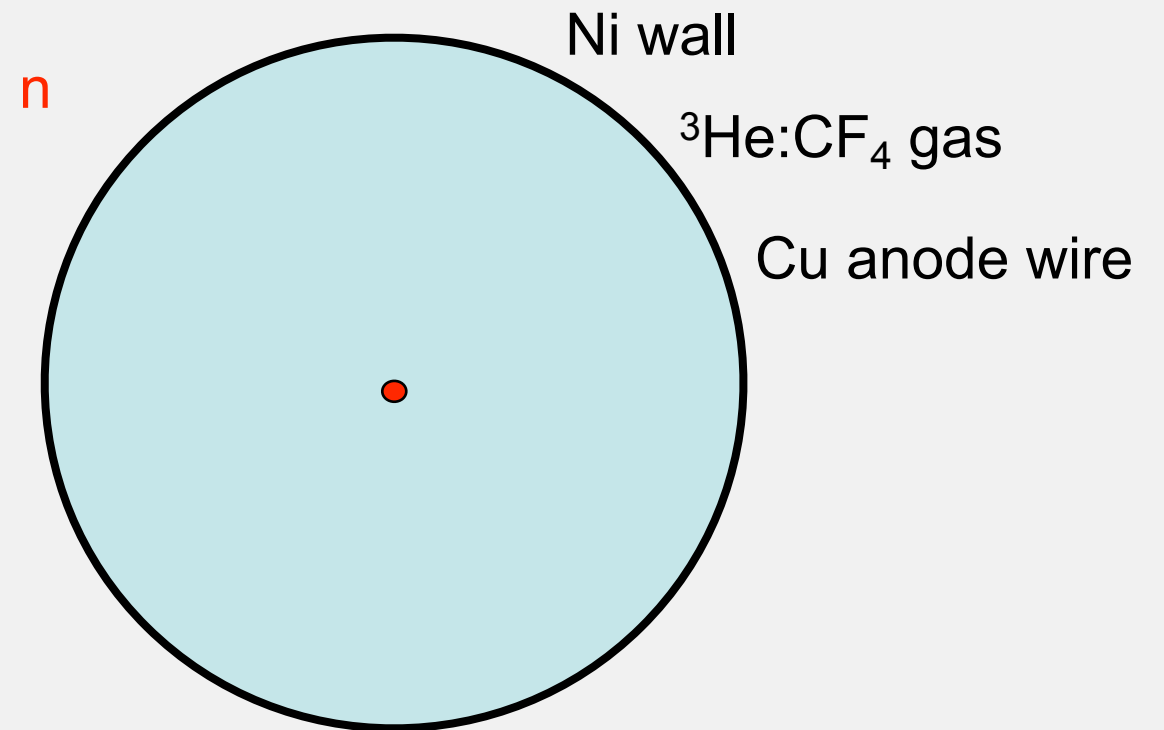


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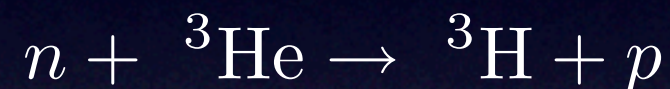


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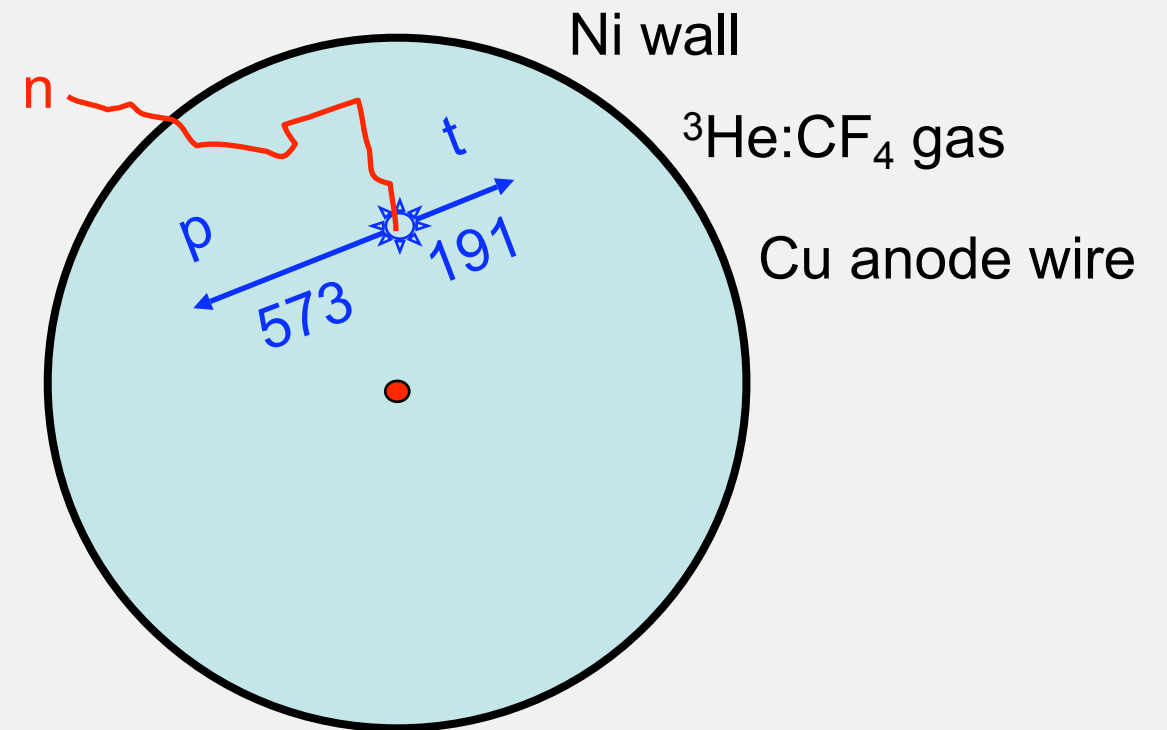


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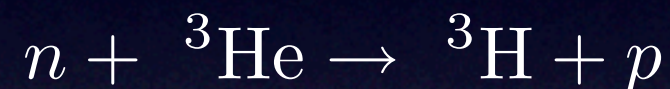


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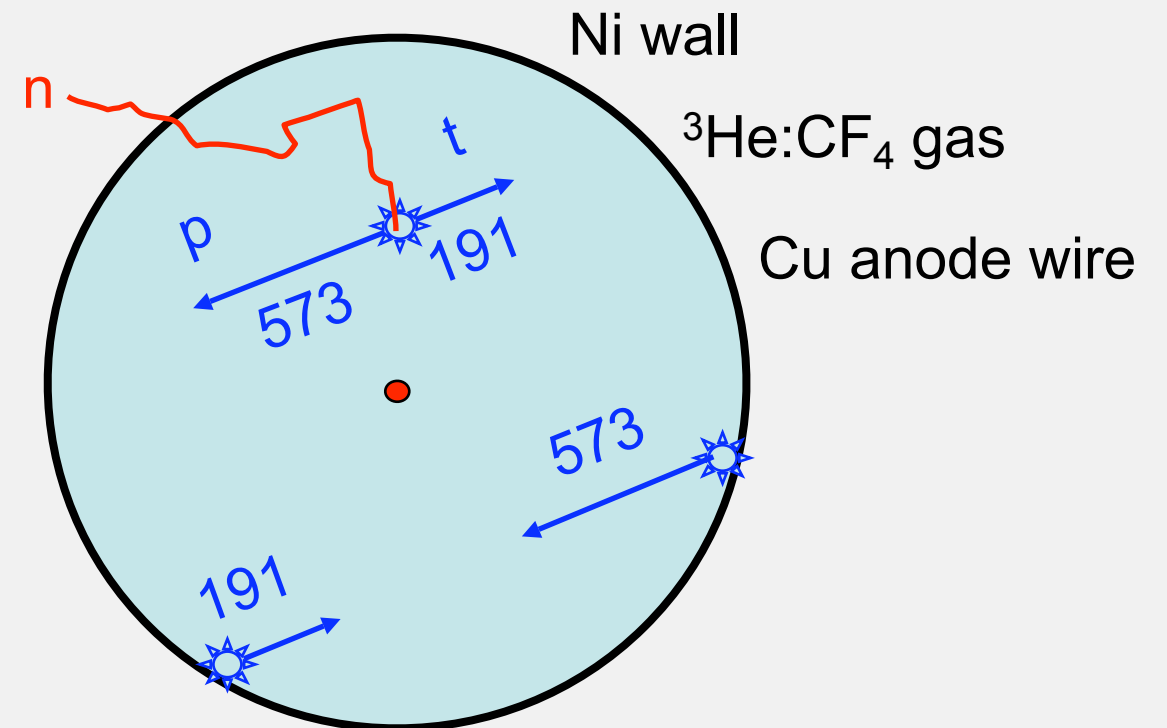


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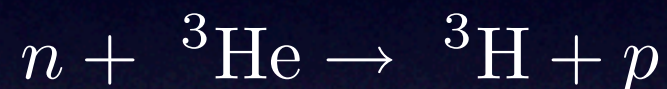


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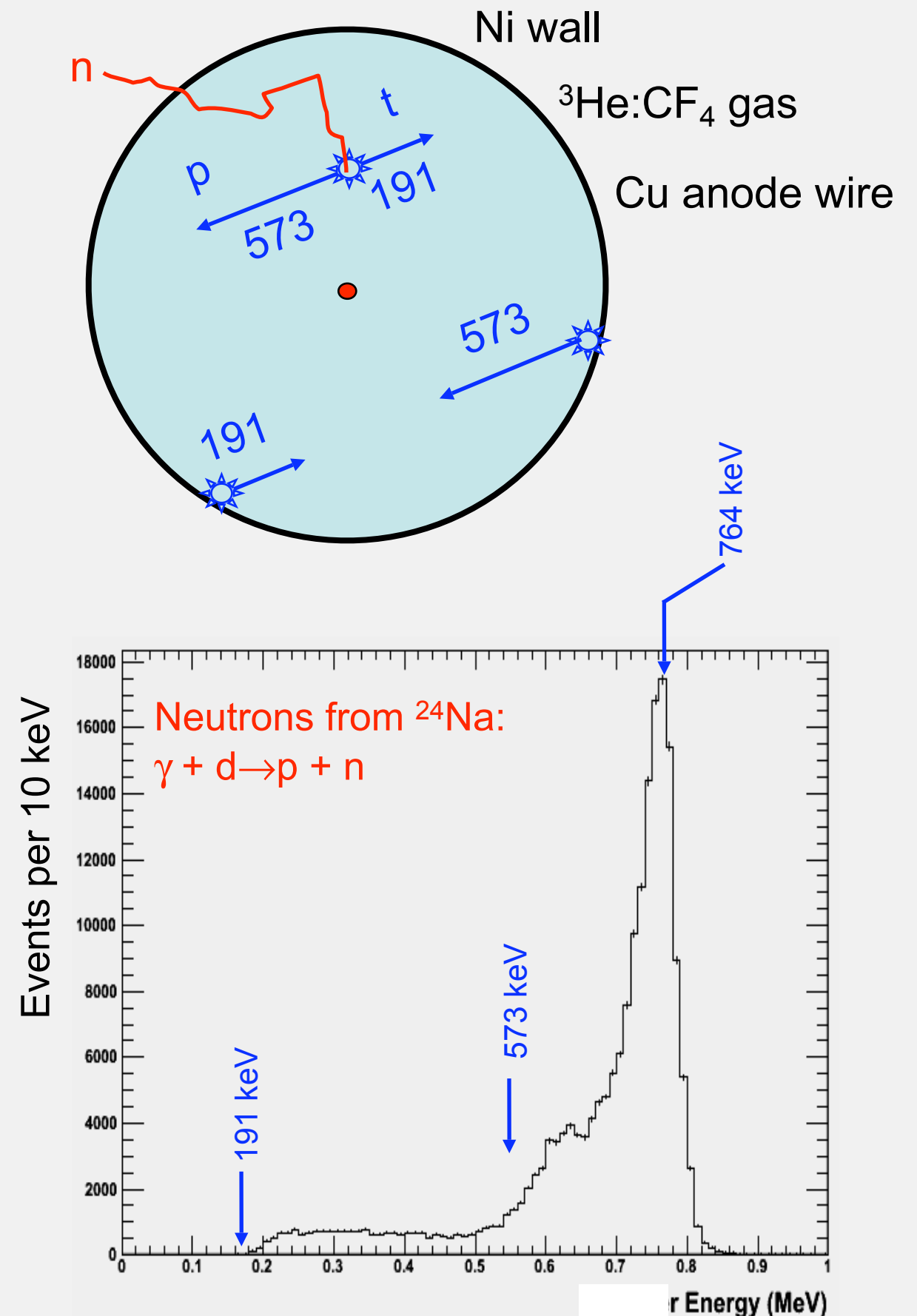


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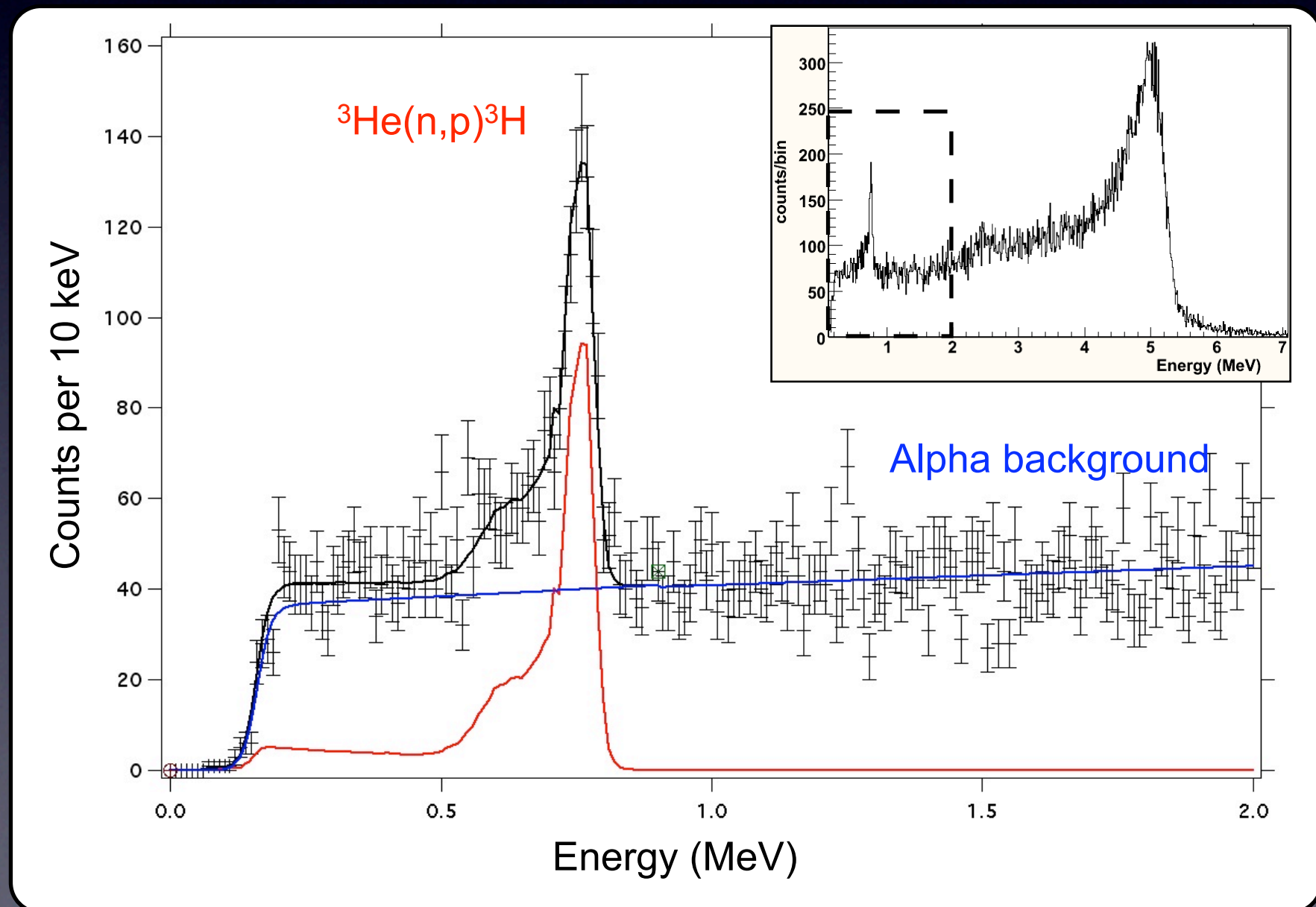
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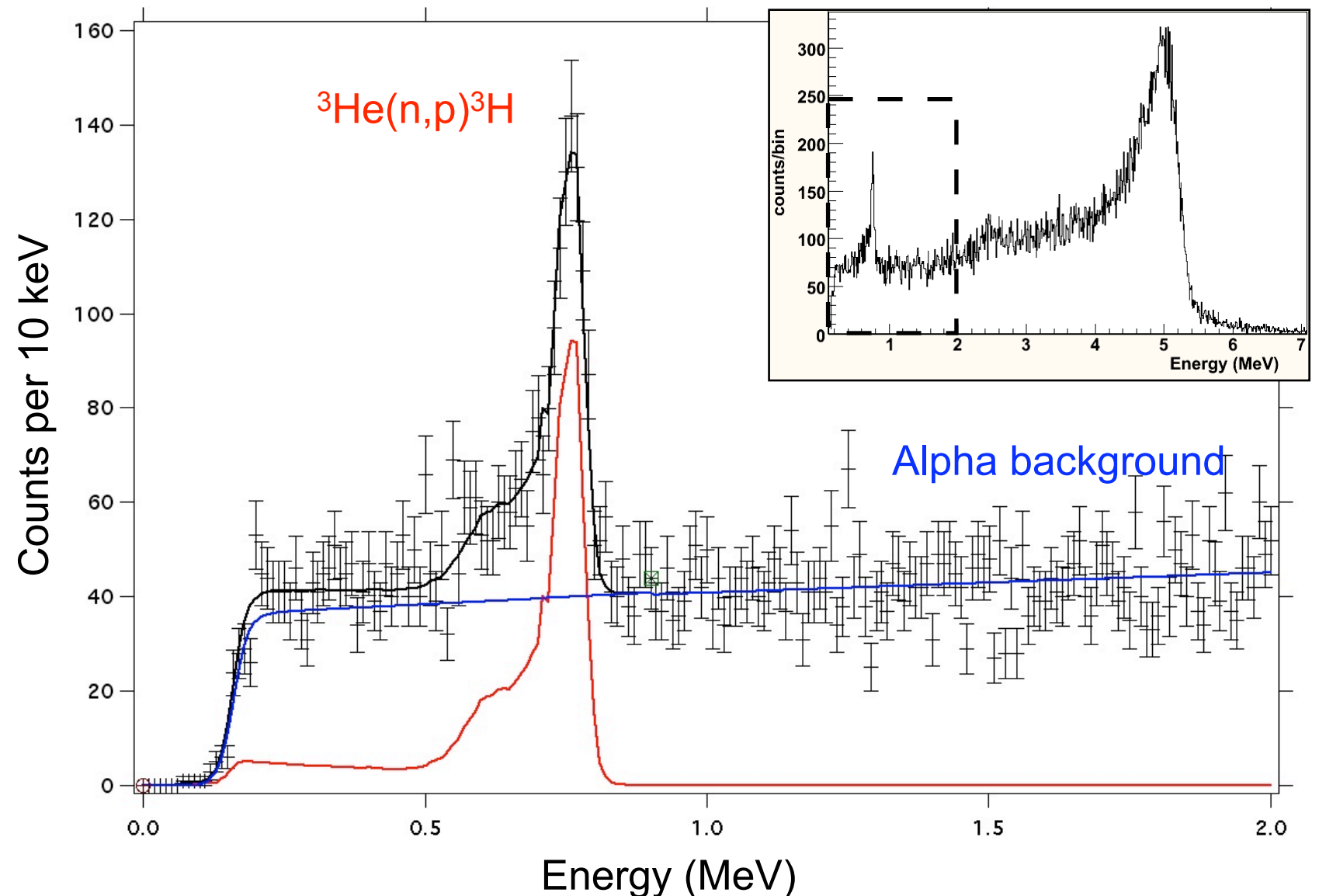
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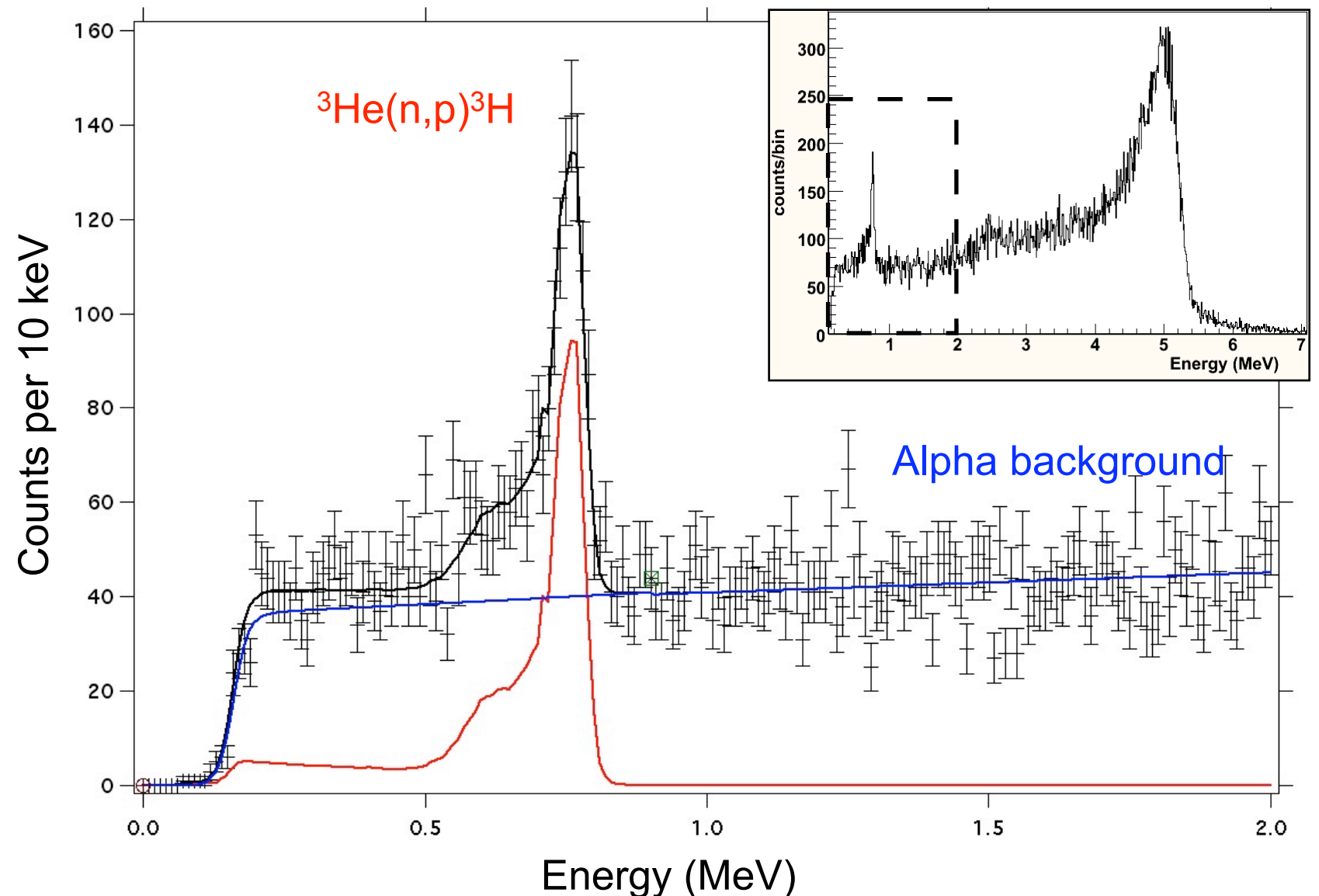
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- Use Monte Carlo, pulse shape, and test counters to help constrain backgrounds.

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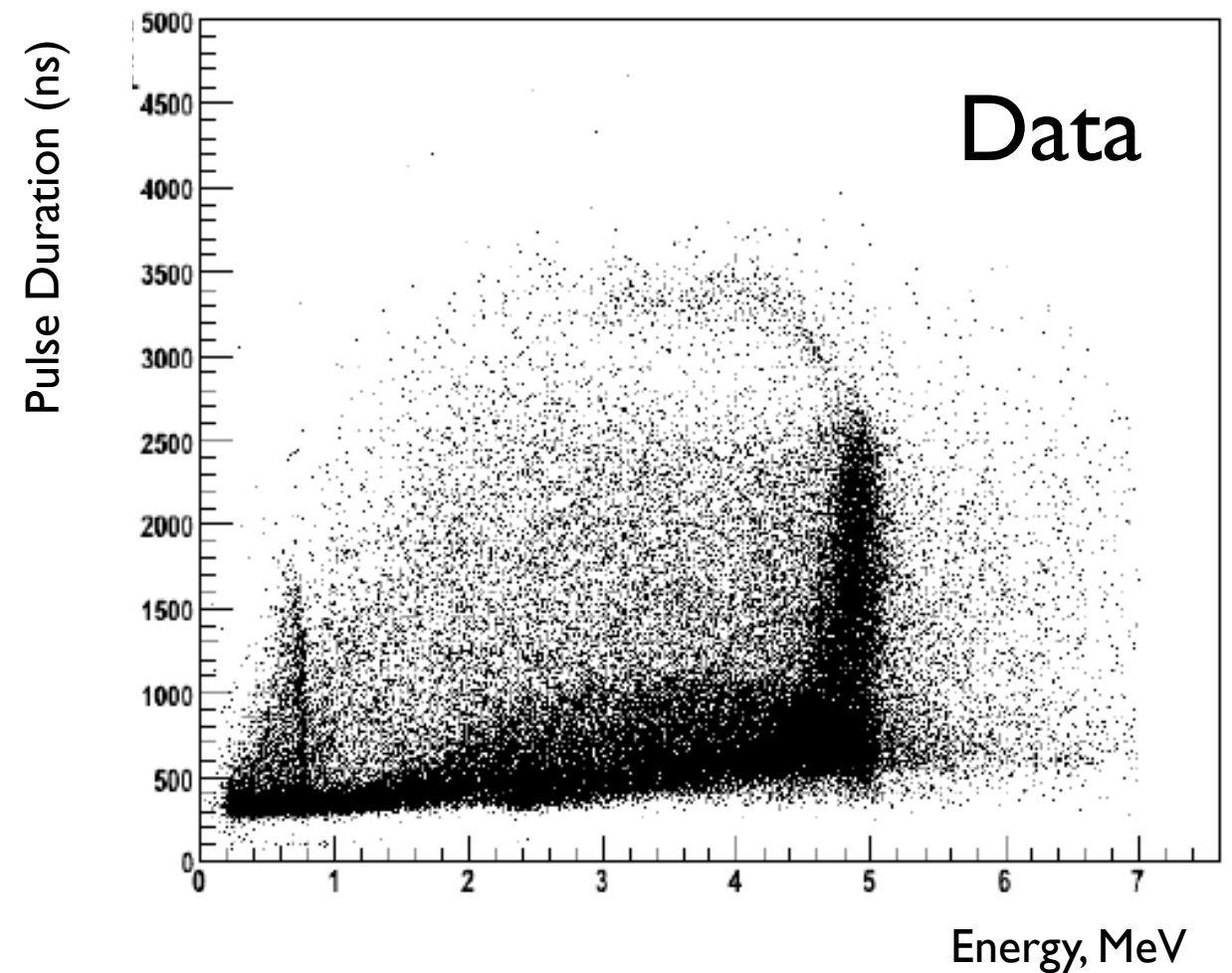
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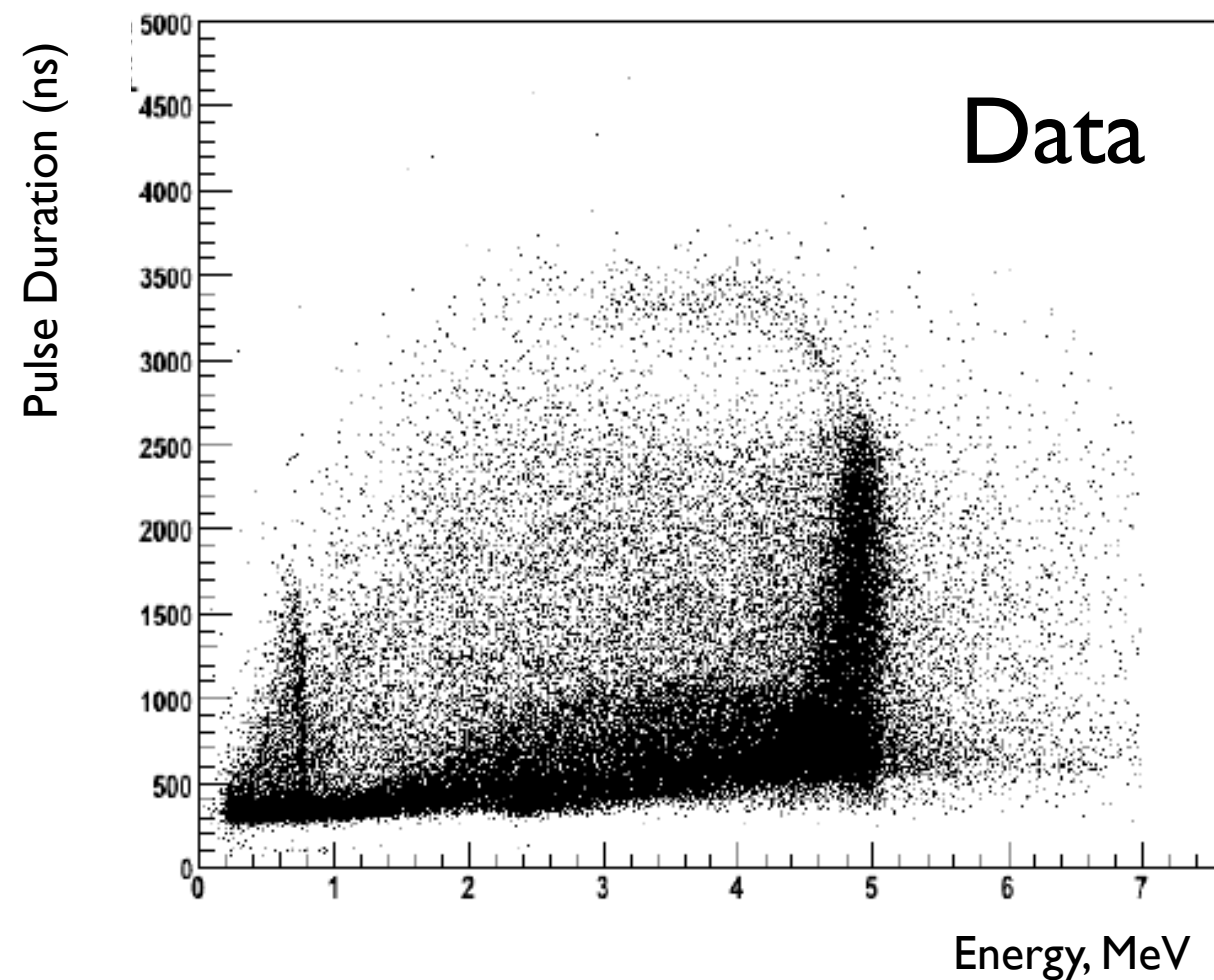
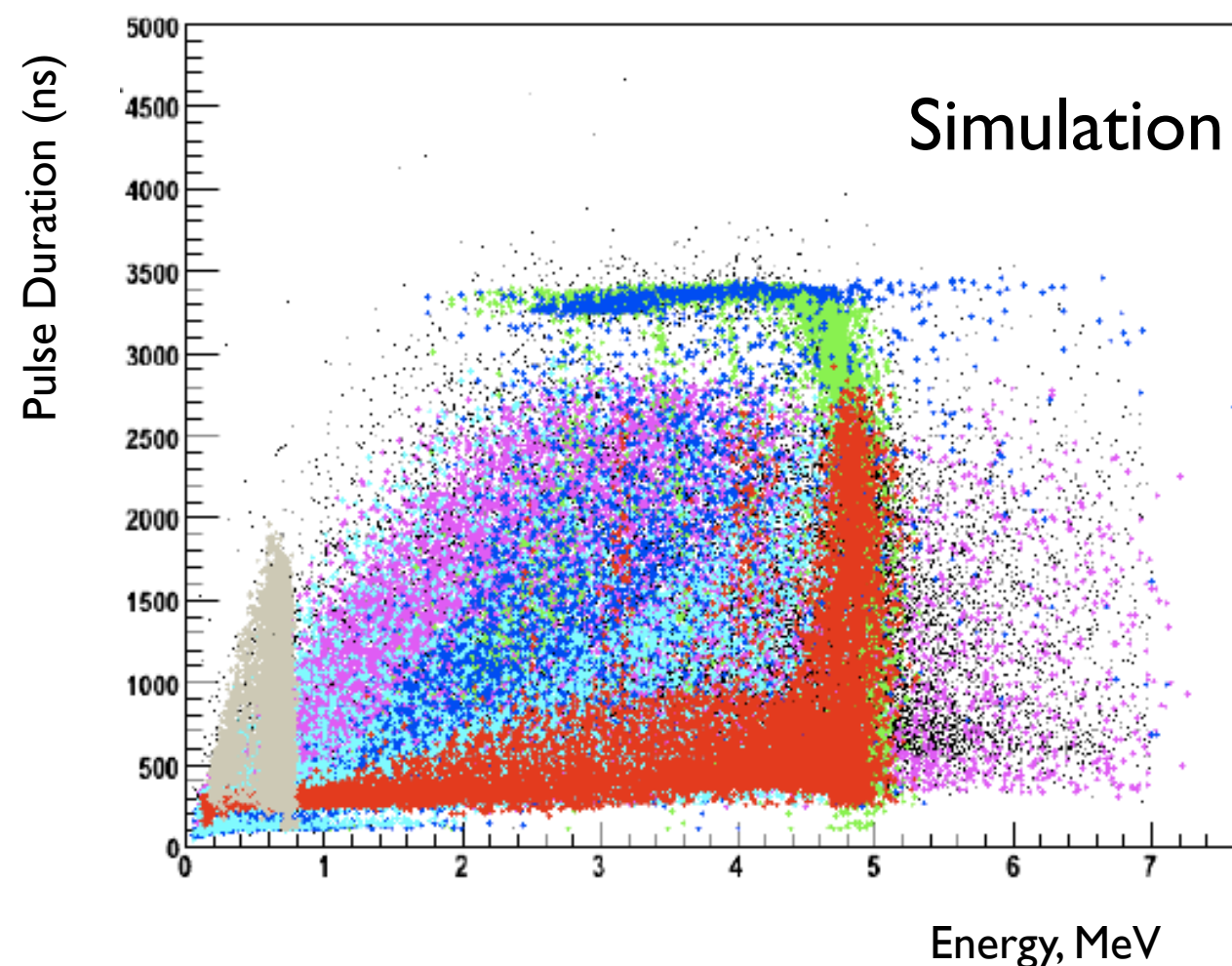
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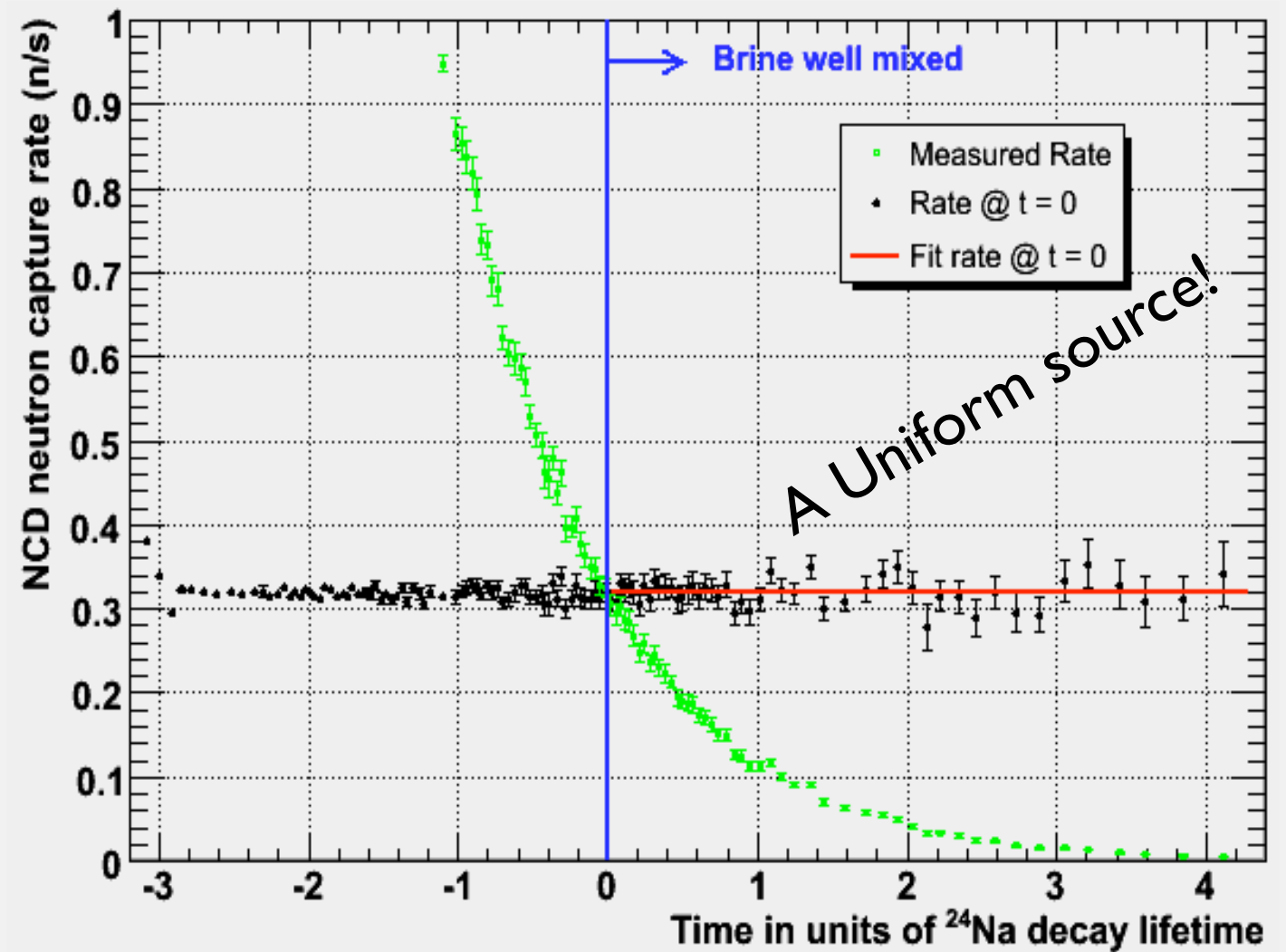
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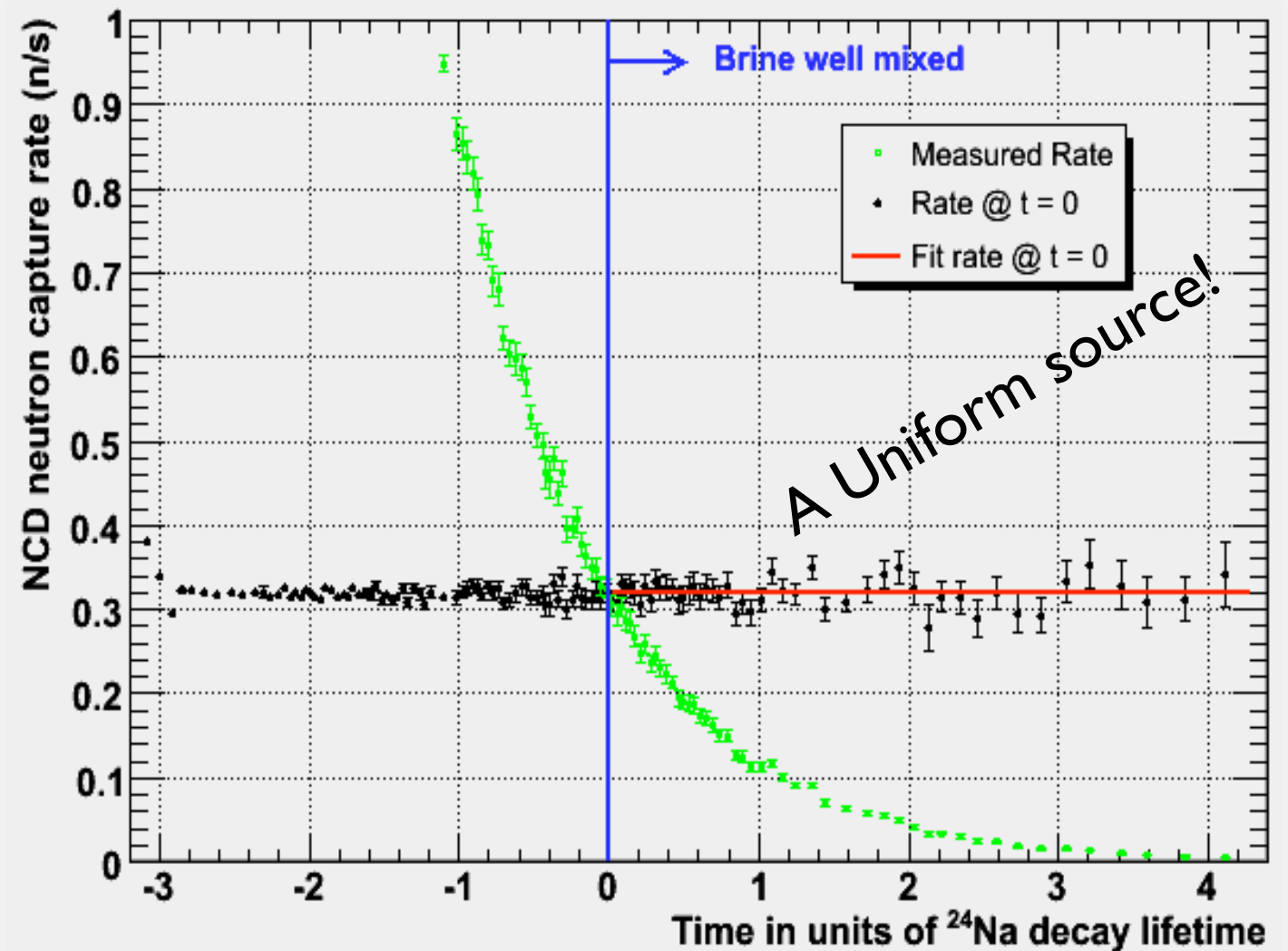
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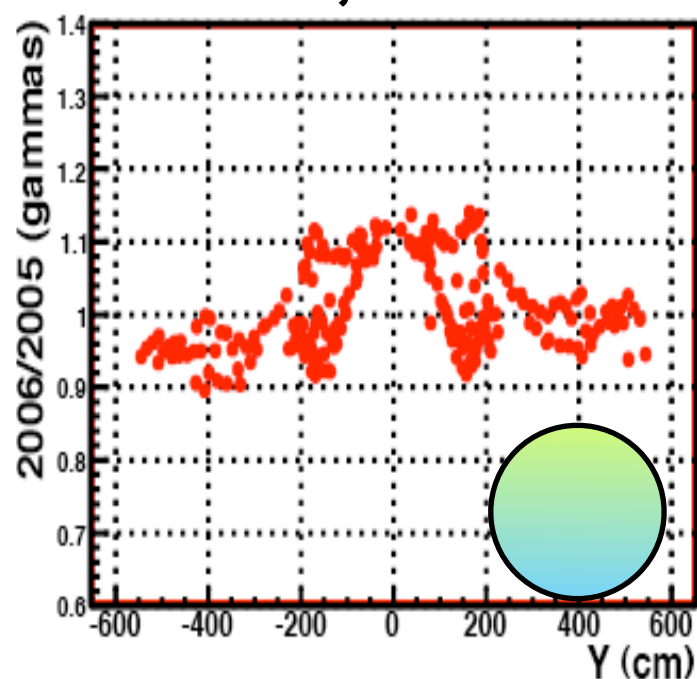


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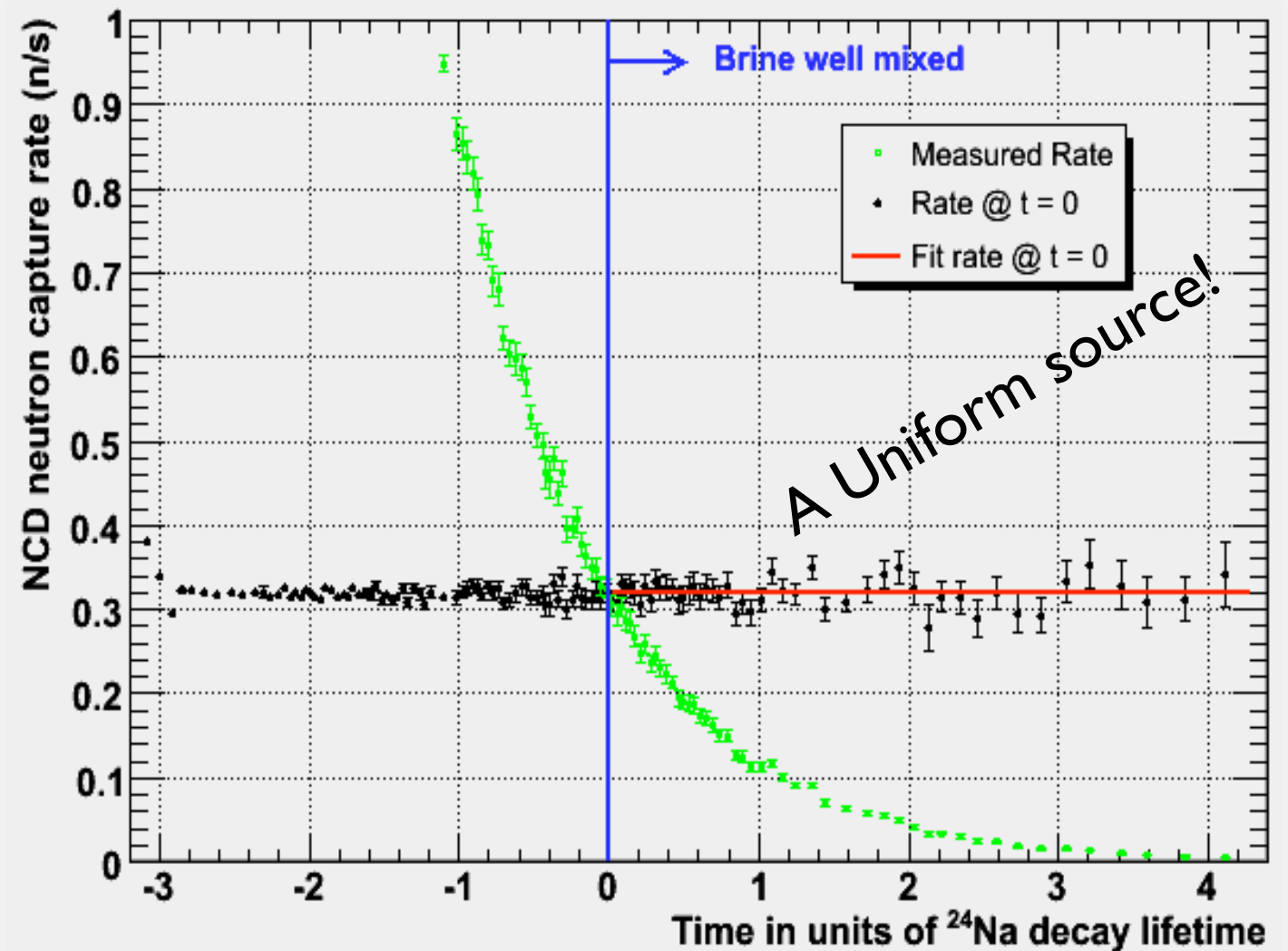


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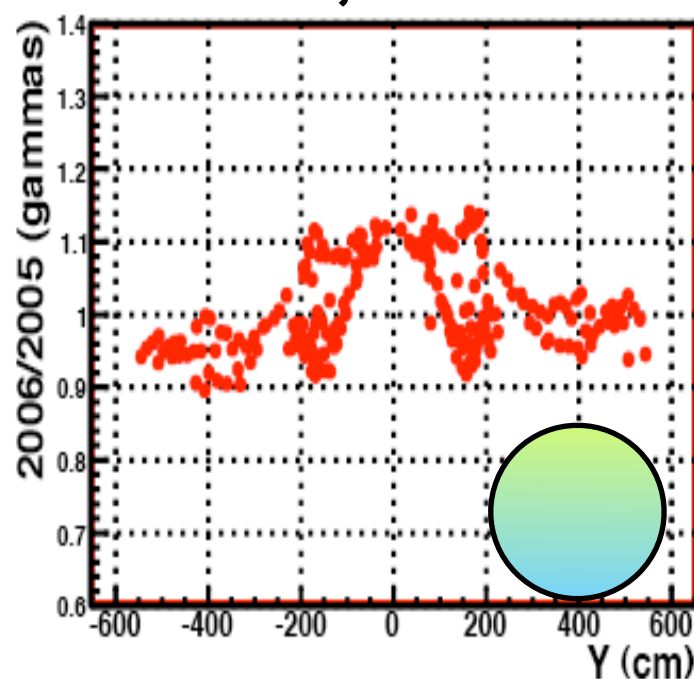


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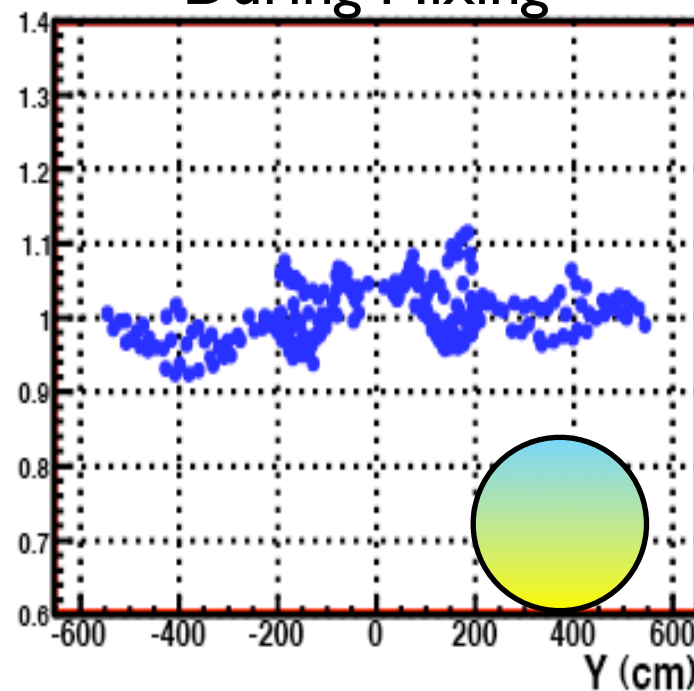
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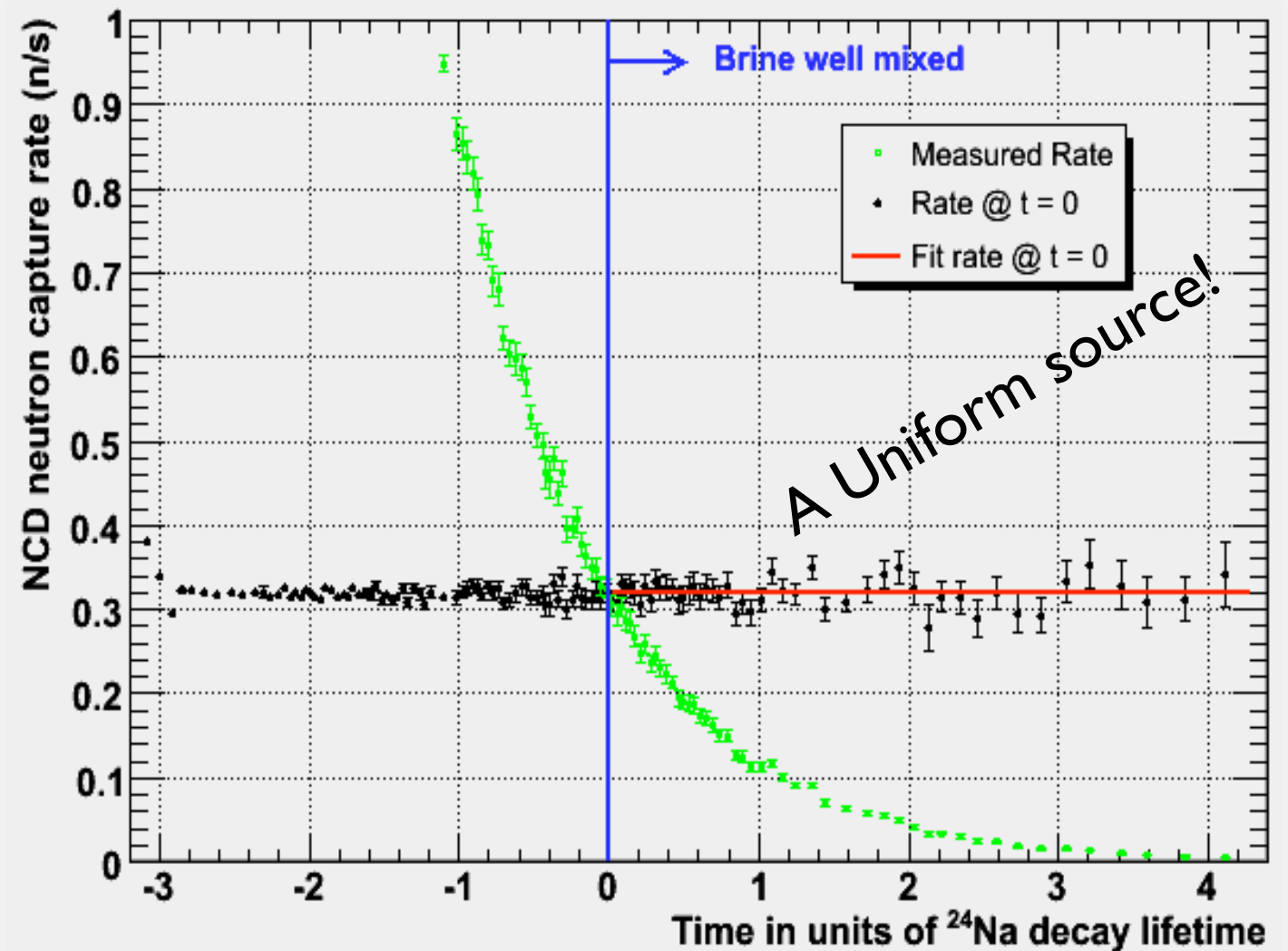


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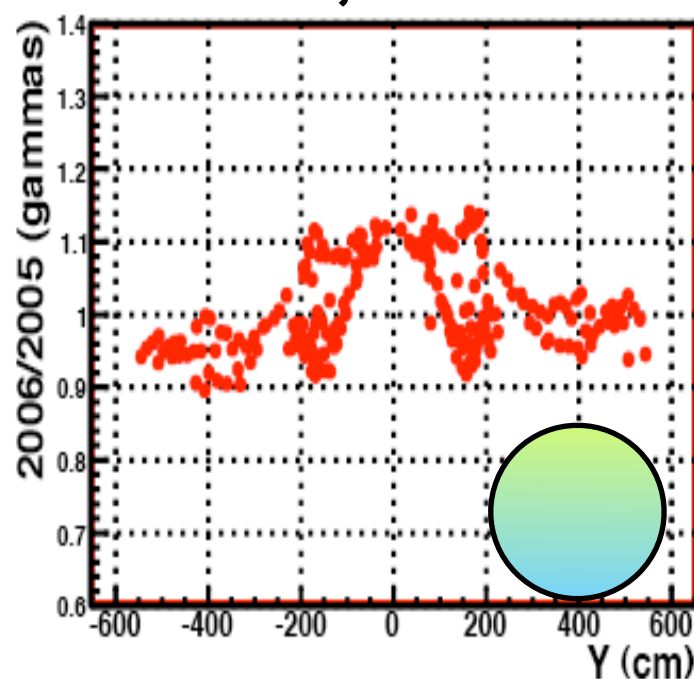


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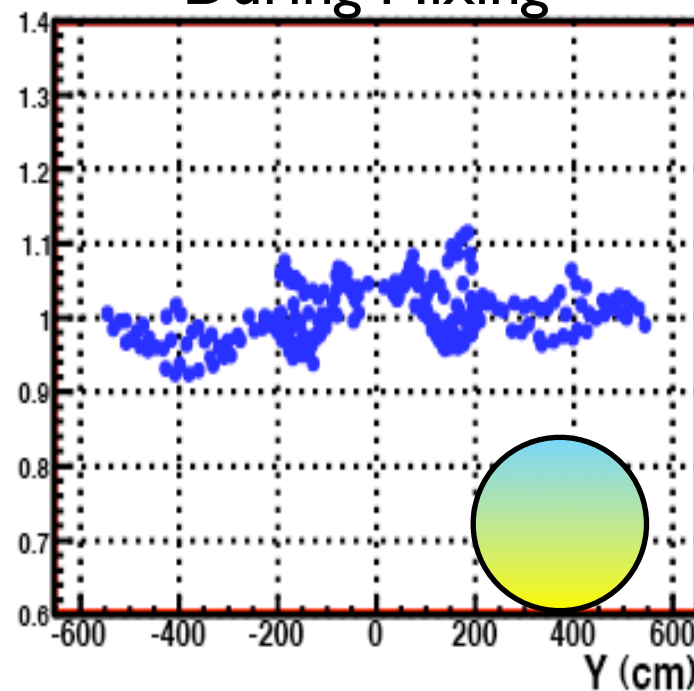
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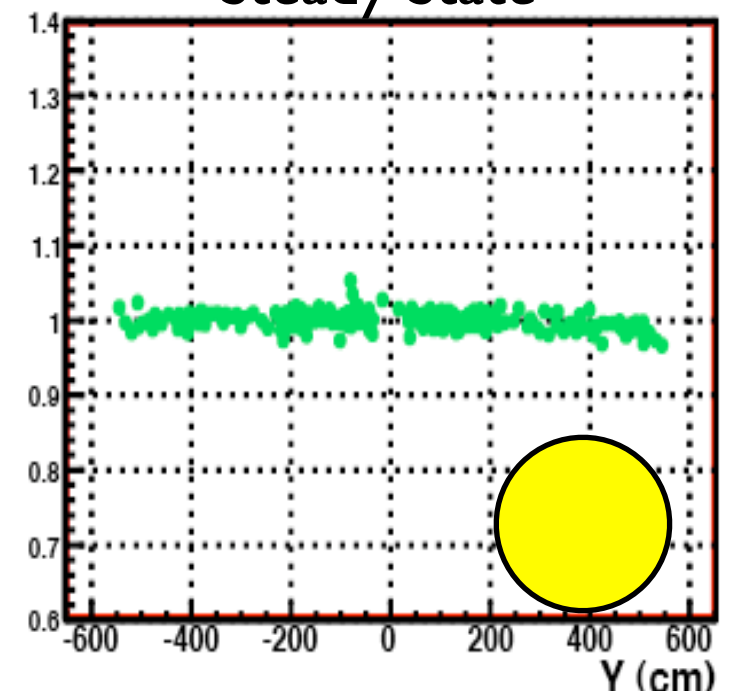
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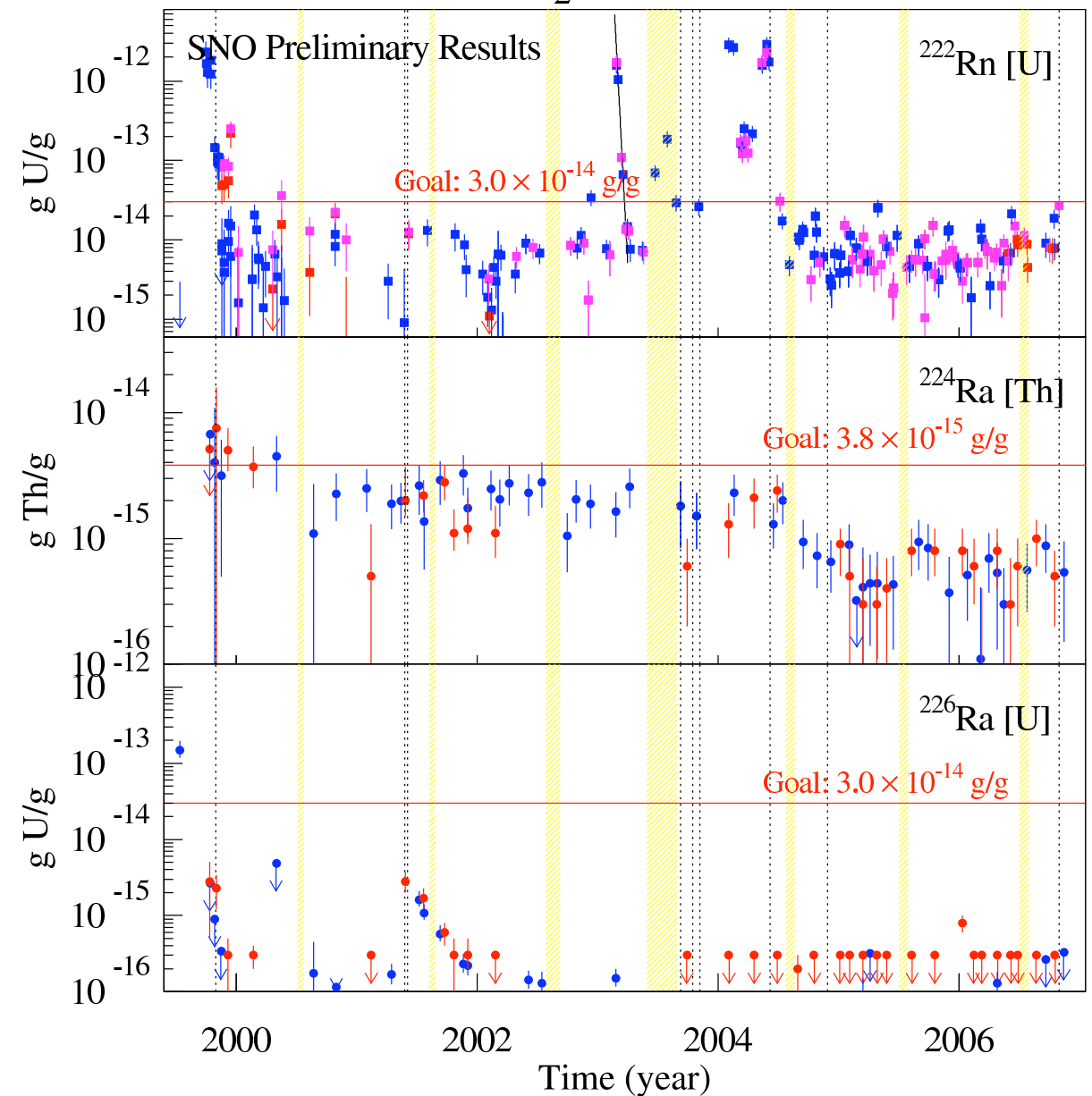
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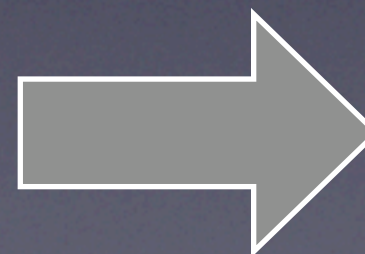
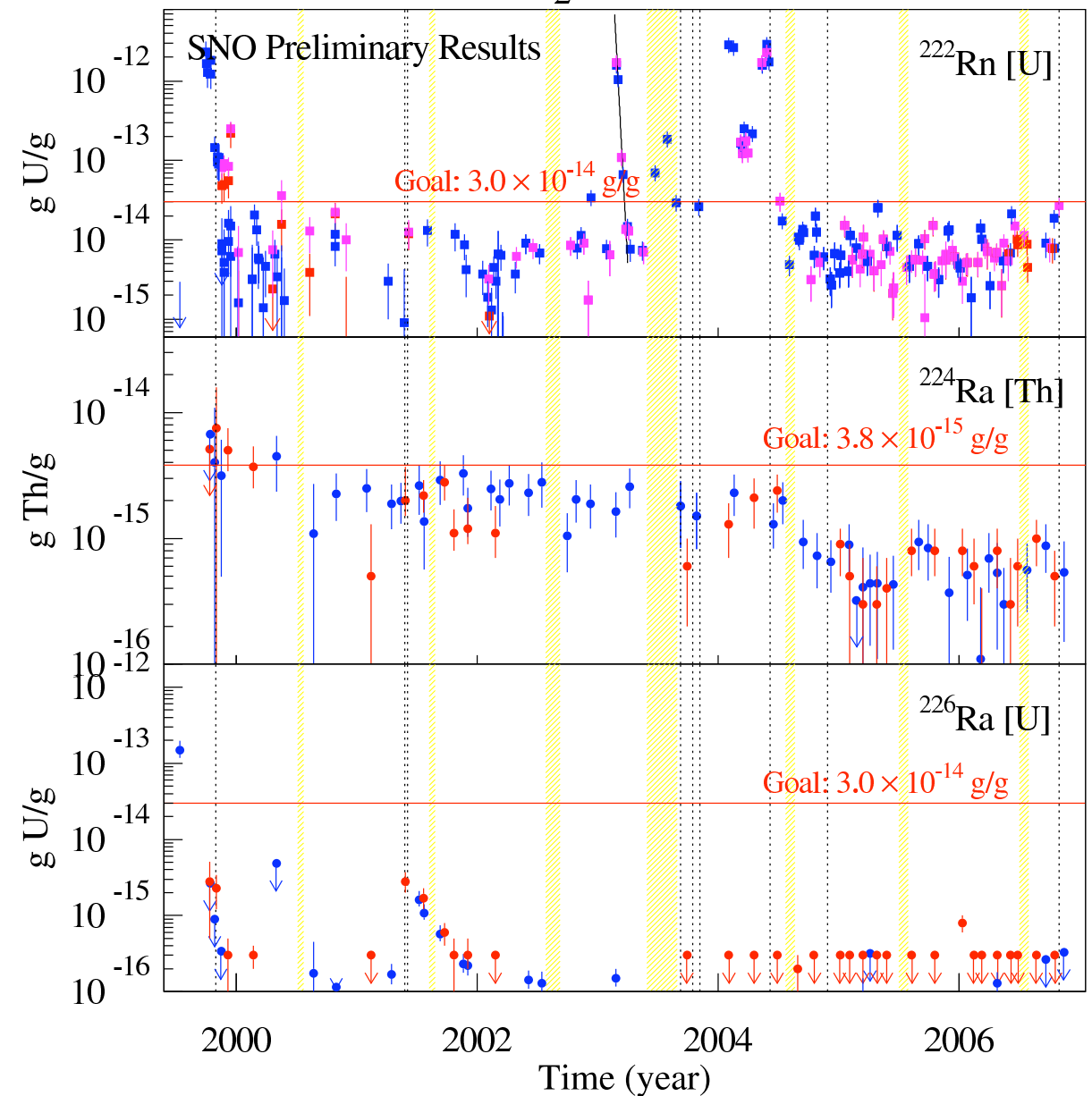
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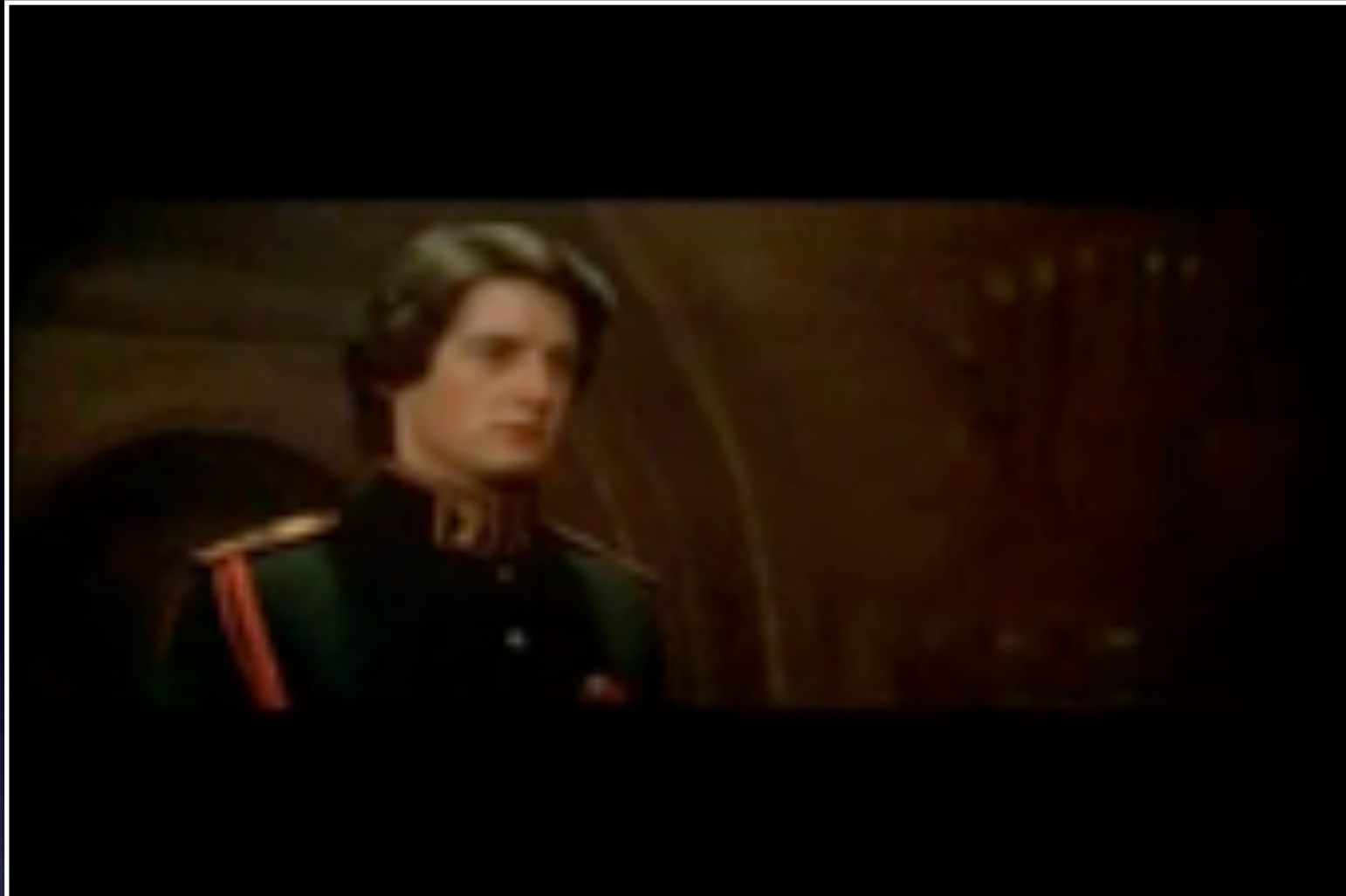
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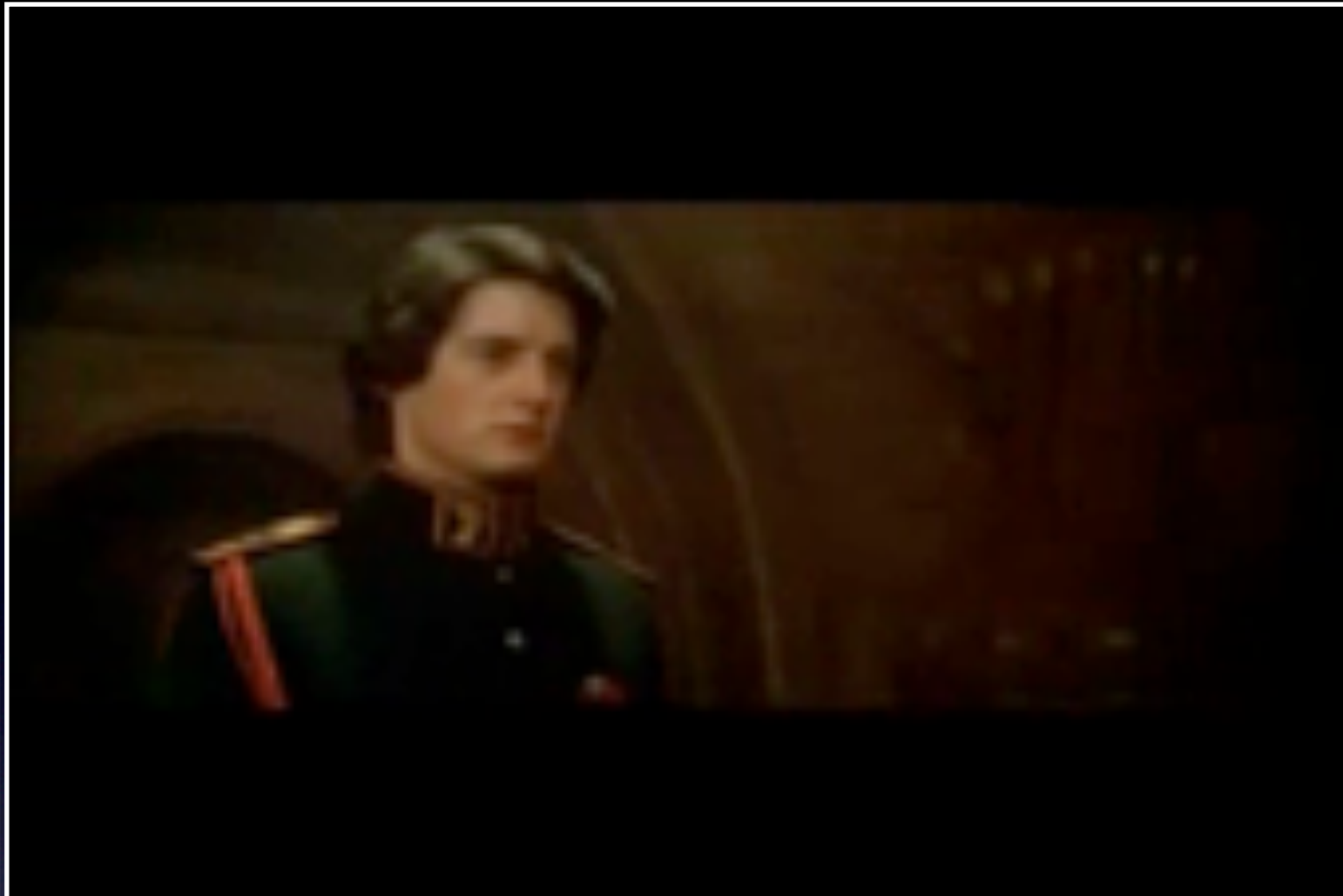
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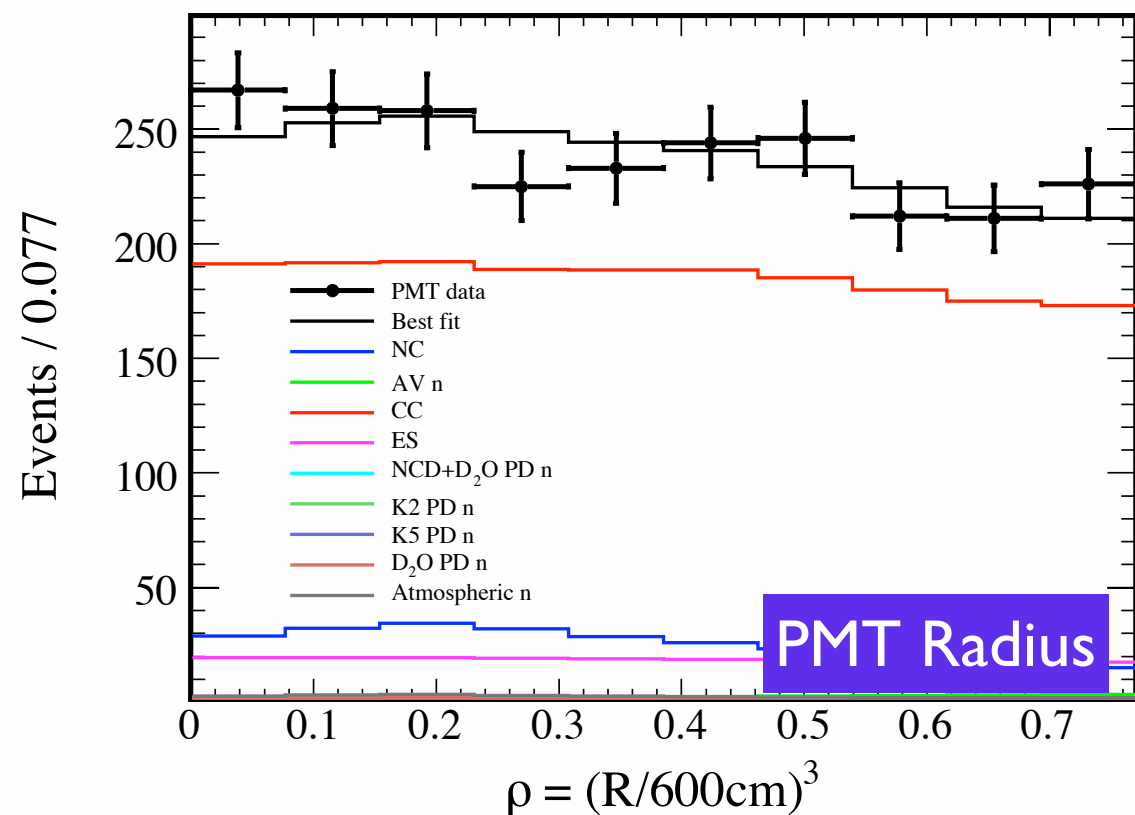
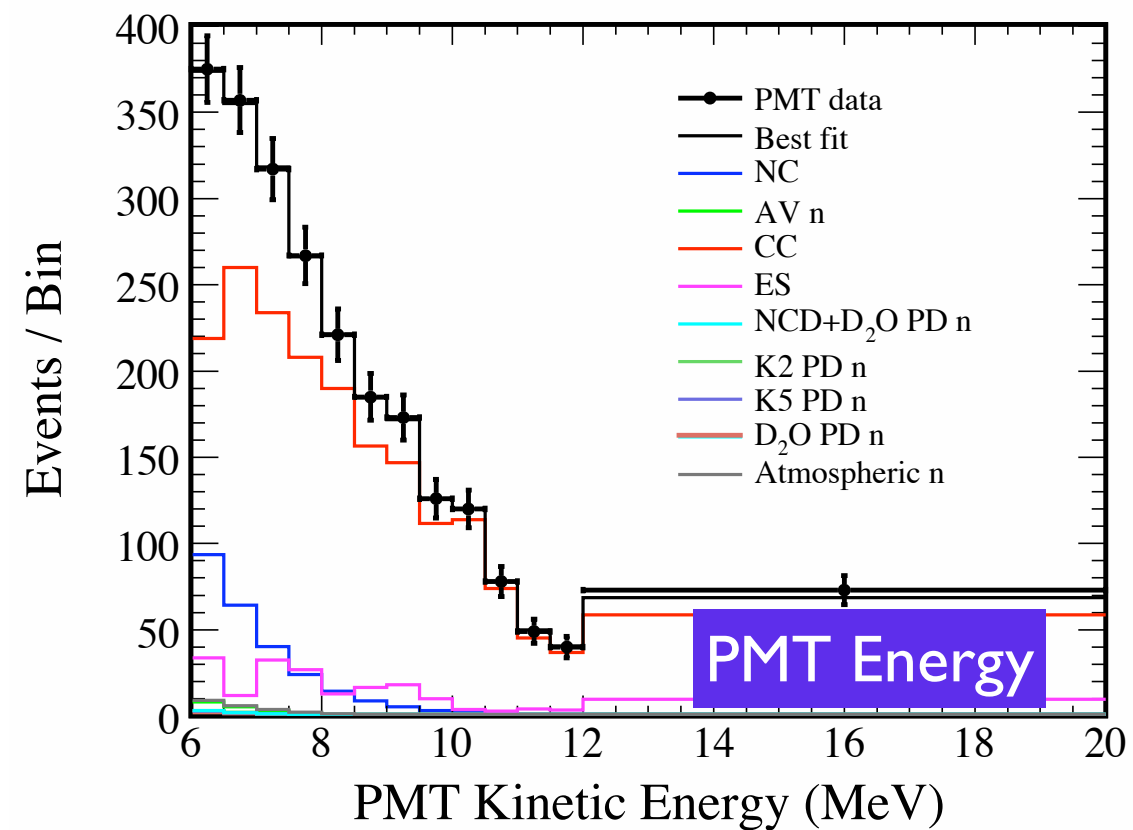
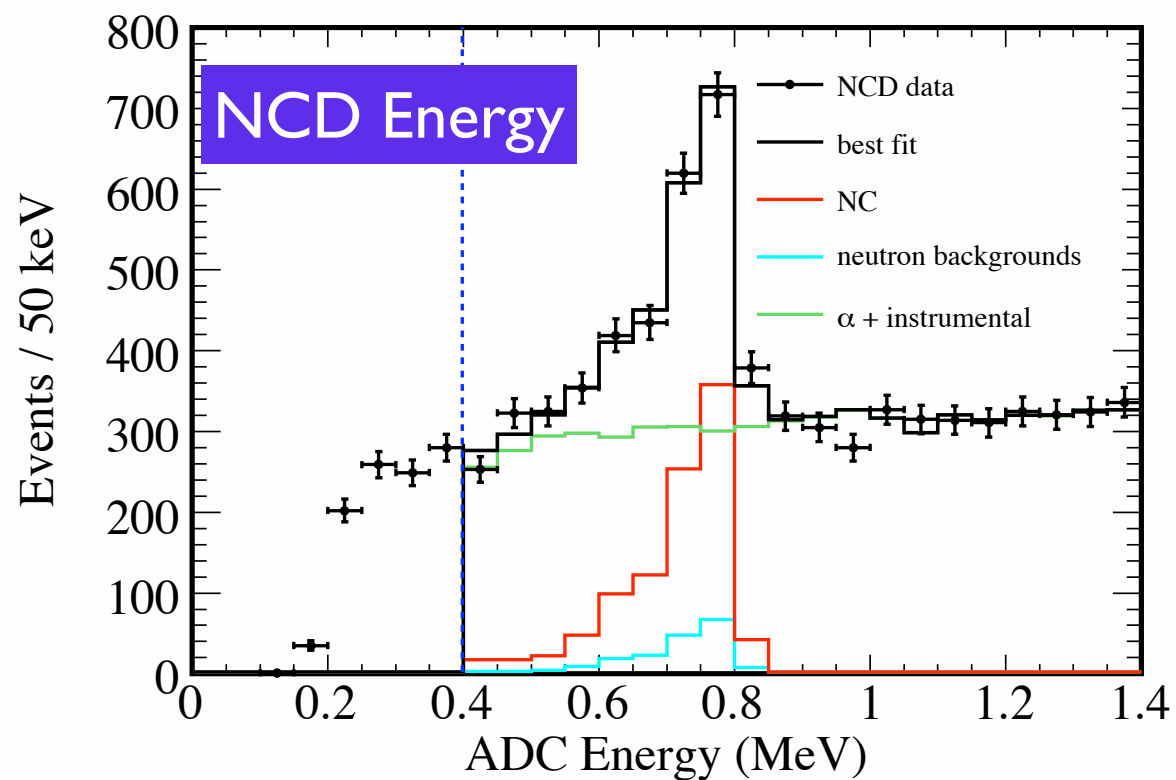
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Signal Extraction

Data from signal paths combined to determine neutrino fluxes.

Clean separation of charged and neutral current signals

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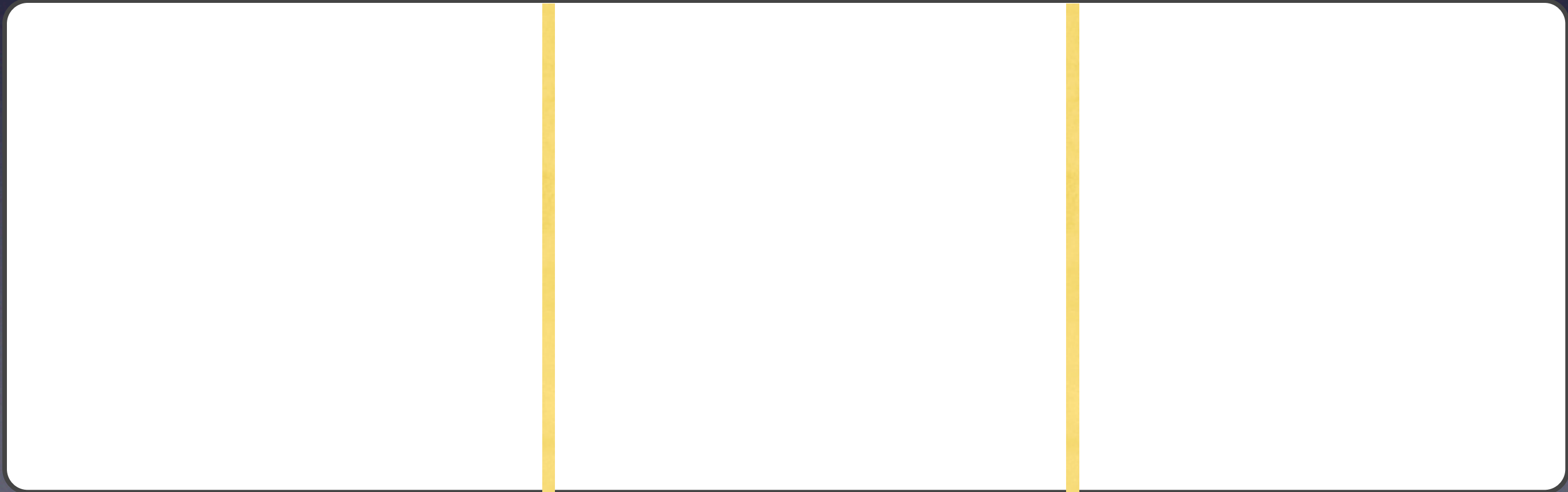
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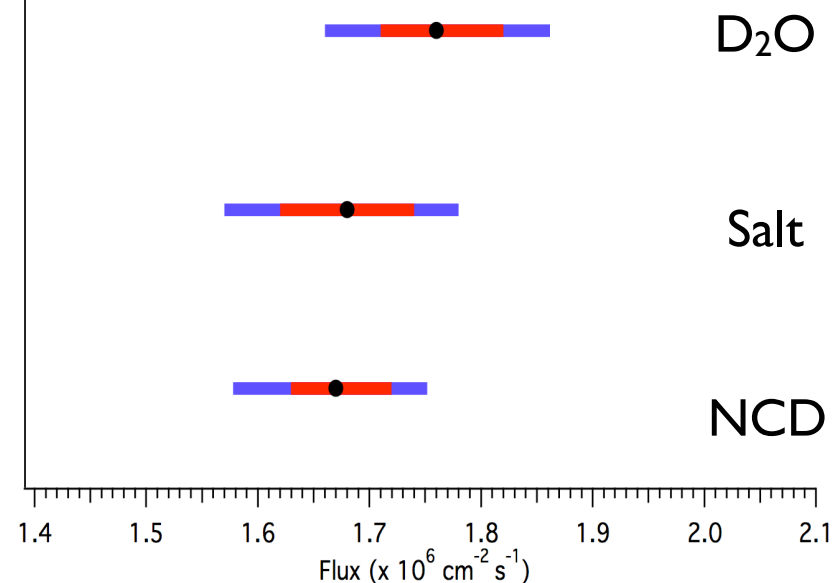
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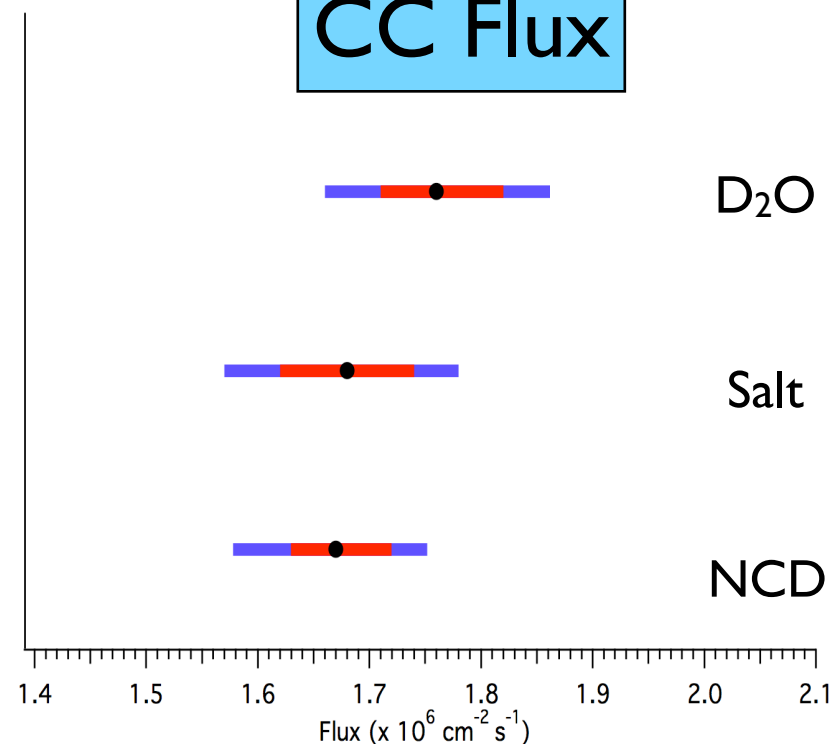
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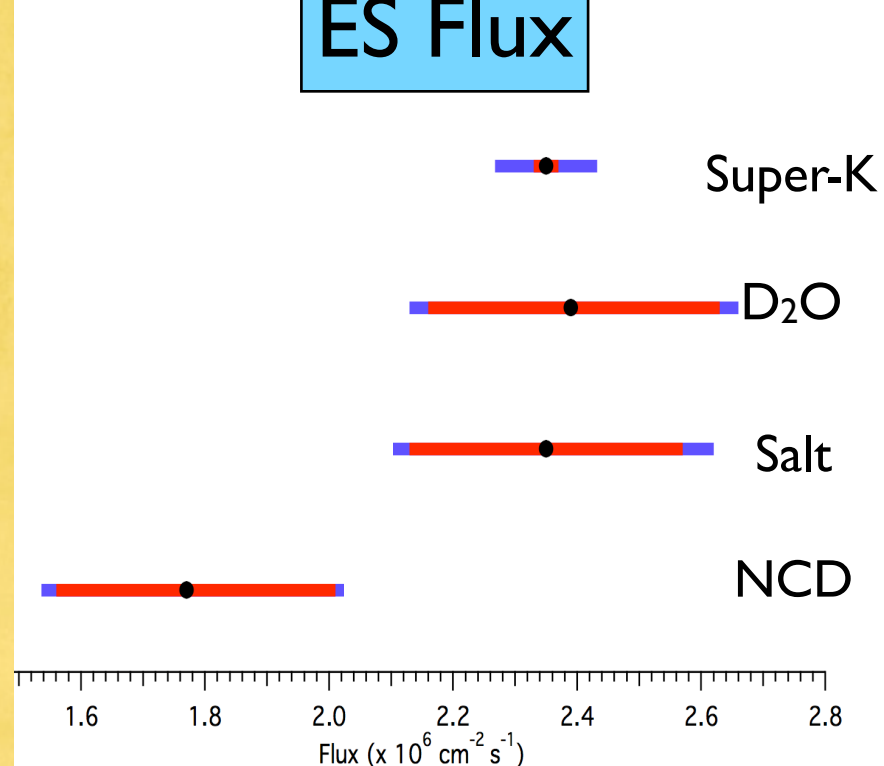
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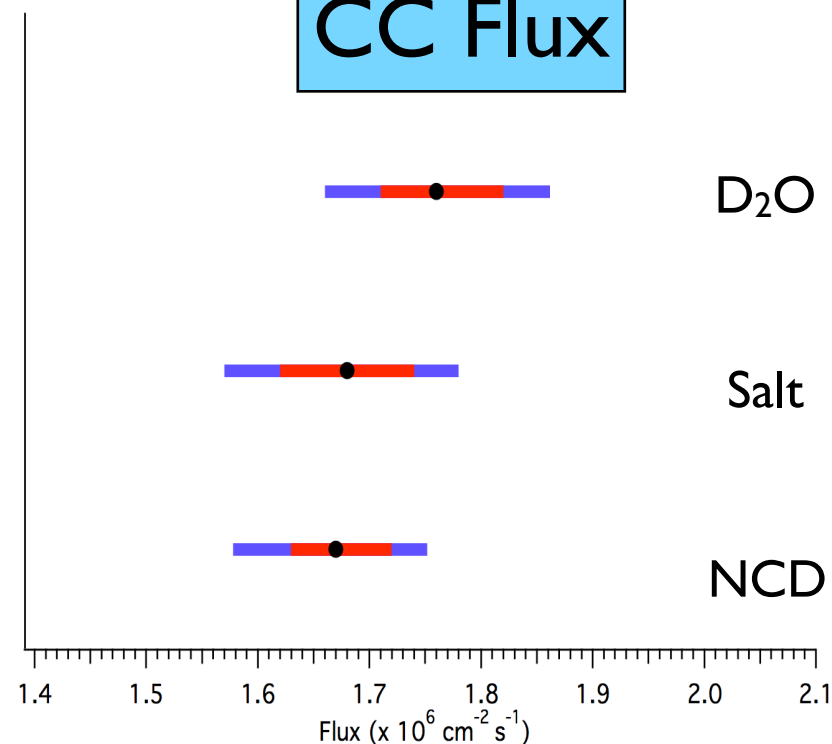
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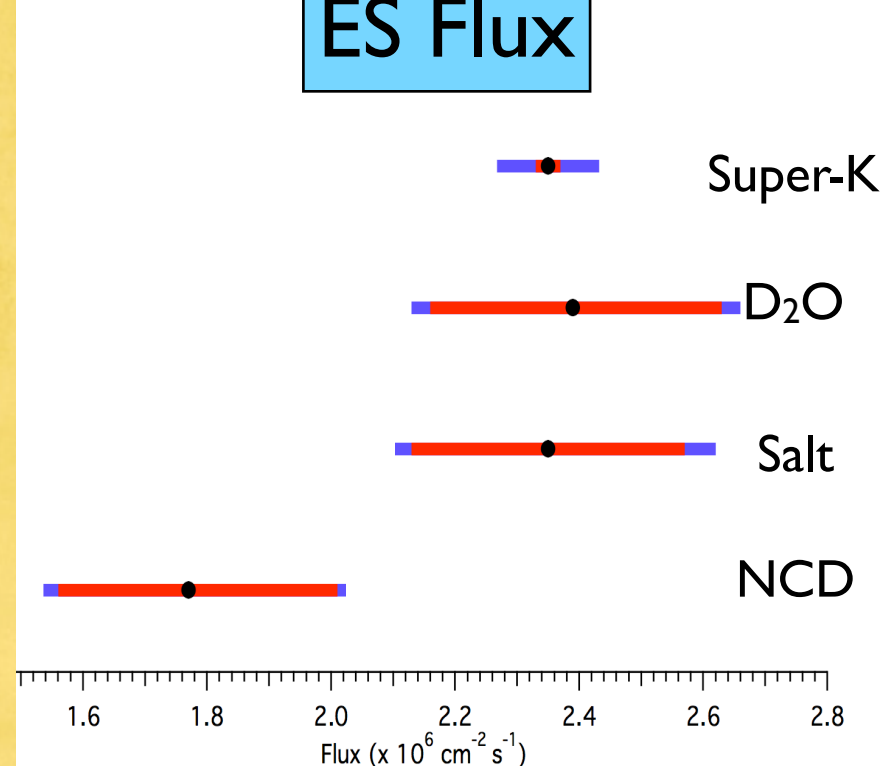
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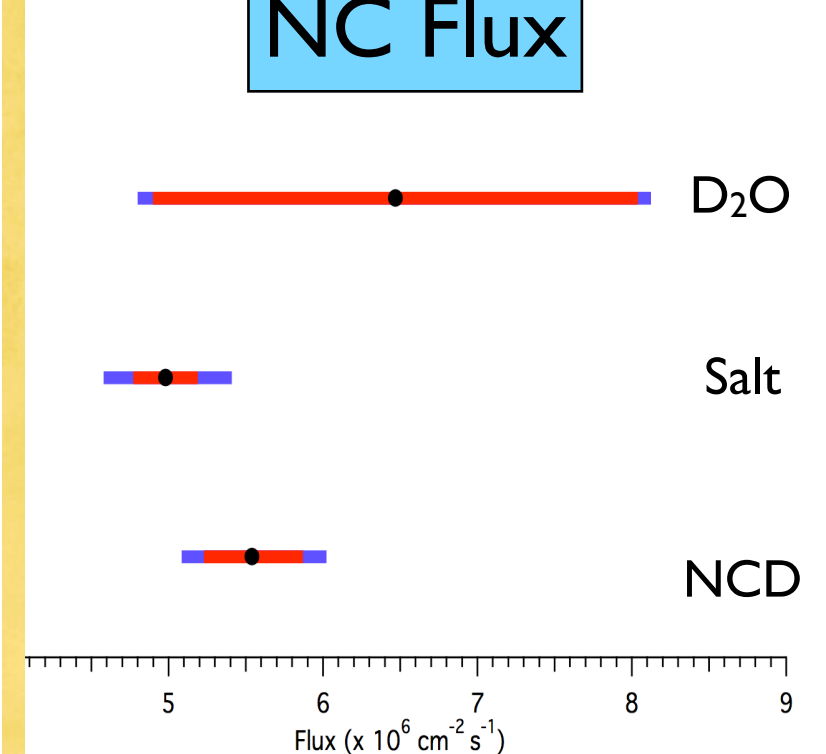
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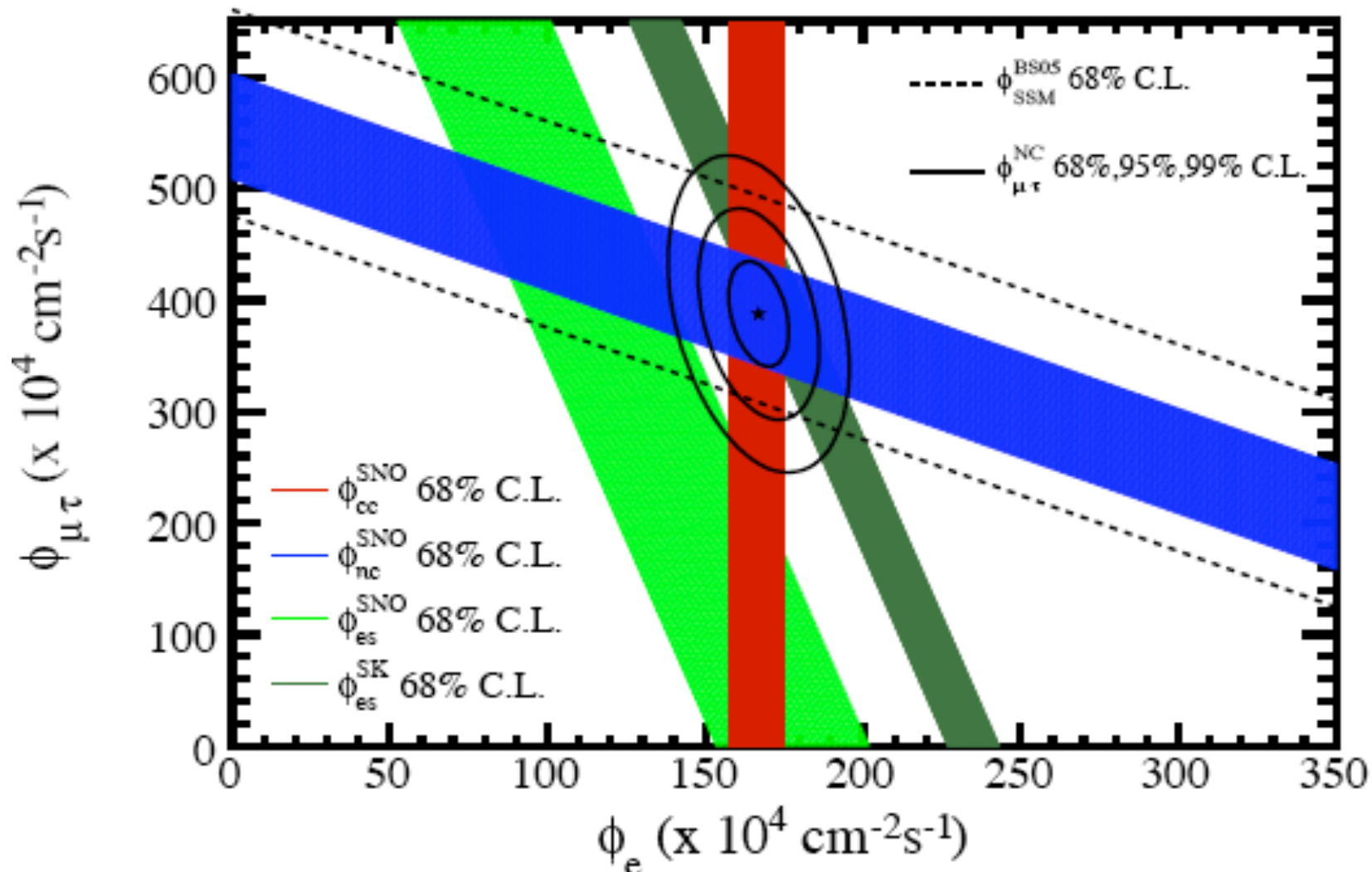


NC Flux



Results from the NCD Phase

$$\frac{\phi_{CC}}{\phi_{NC}} = 0.301 \pm 0.033 = \cos^4(\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\theta_{12})$$



Fluxes

($10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)

$$\nu_e: 1.67 \pm 0.09$$

$$\nu_{ES}: 1.77 \pm 0.26$$

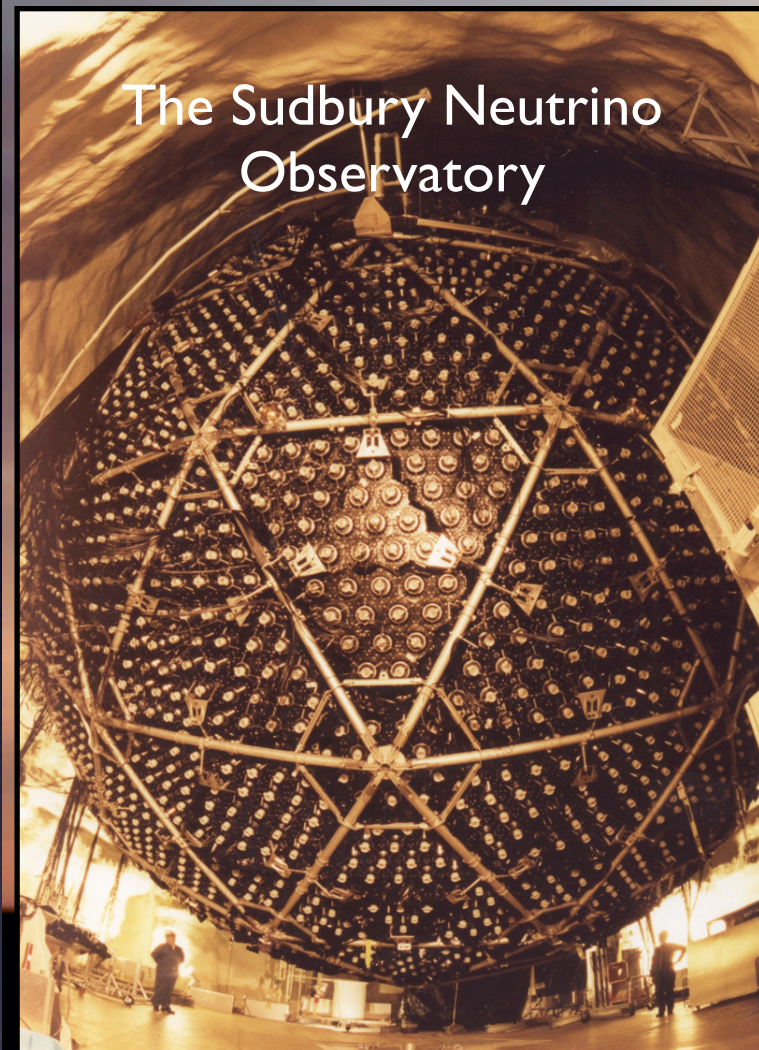
$$\nu_{\text{total}}: 5.54 \pm 0.48$$

$$\nu_{\text{SSM05}}: 5.69 \pm 0.91$$

SNO Collaboration, arXiv:0806.0989
Submitted to Physical Review Letters

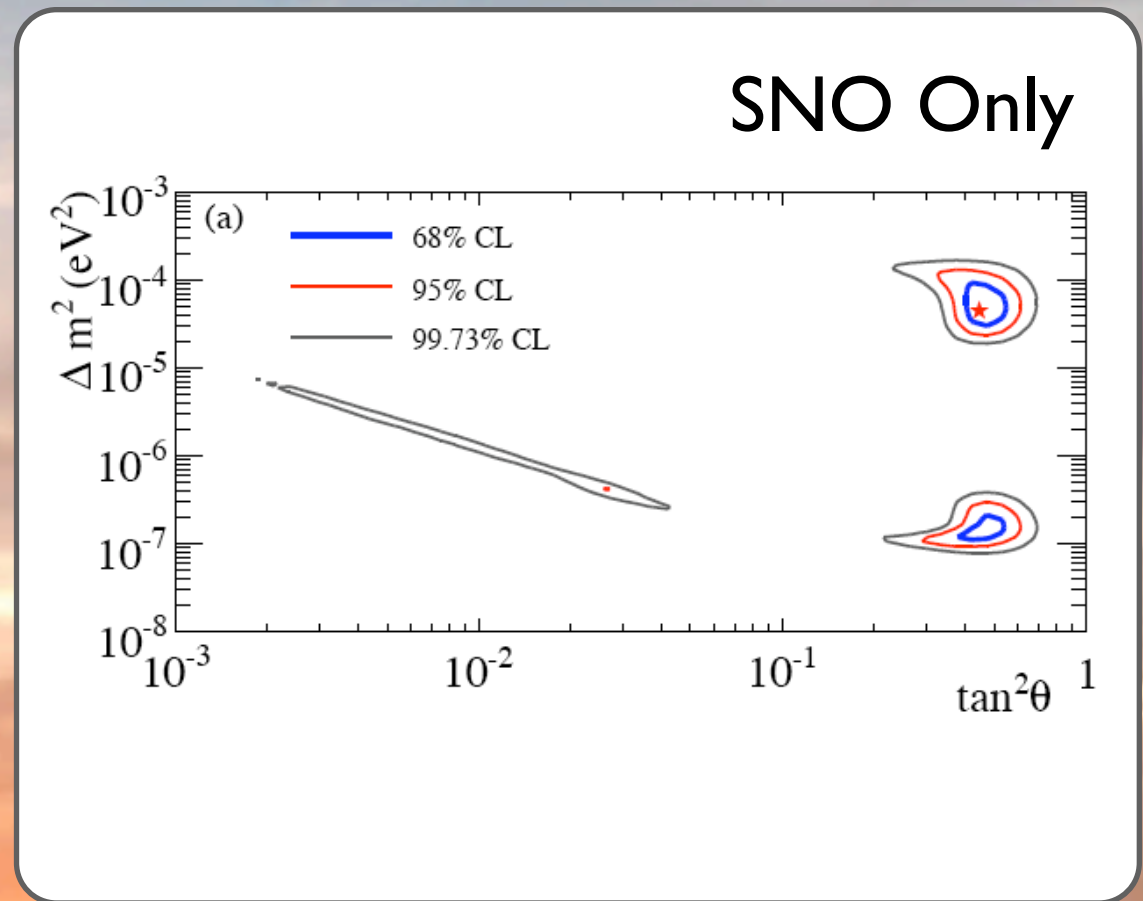
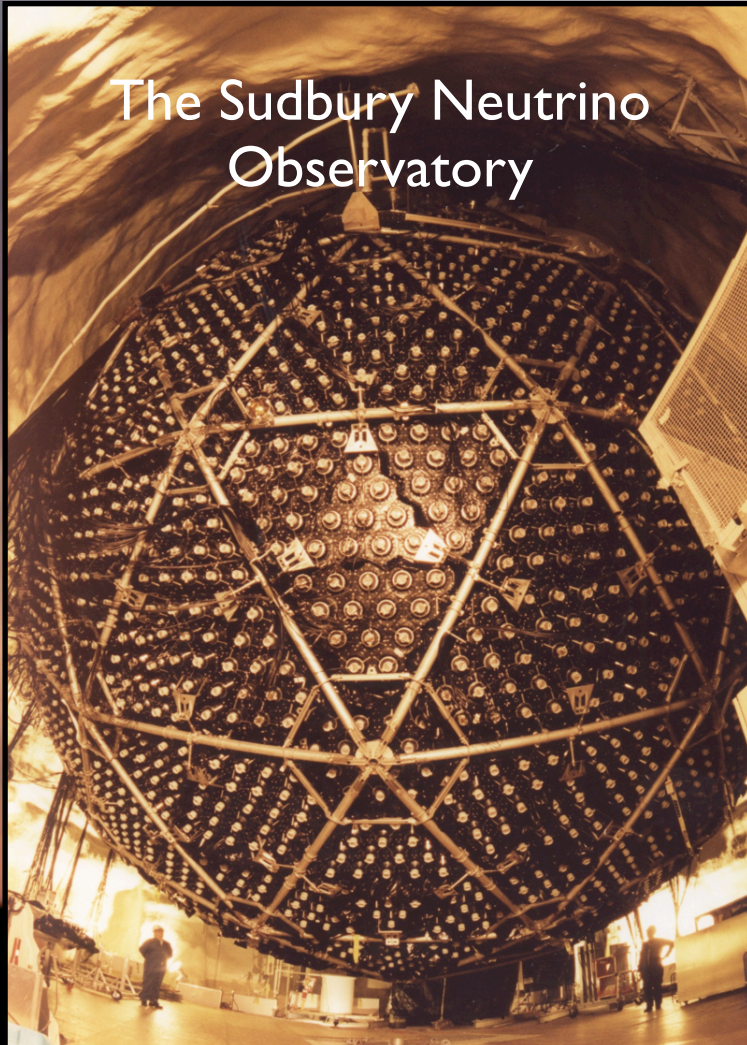
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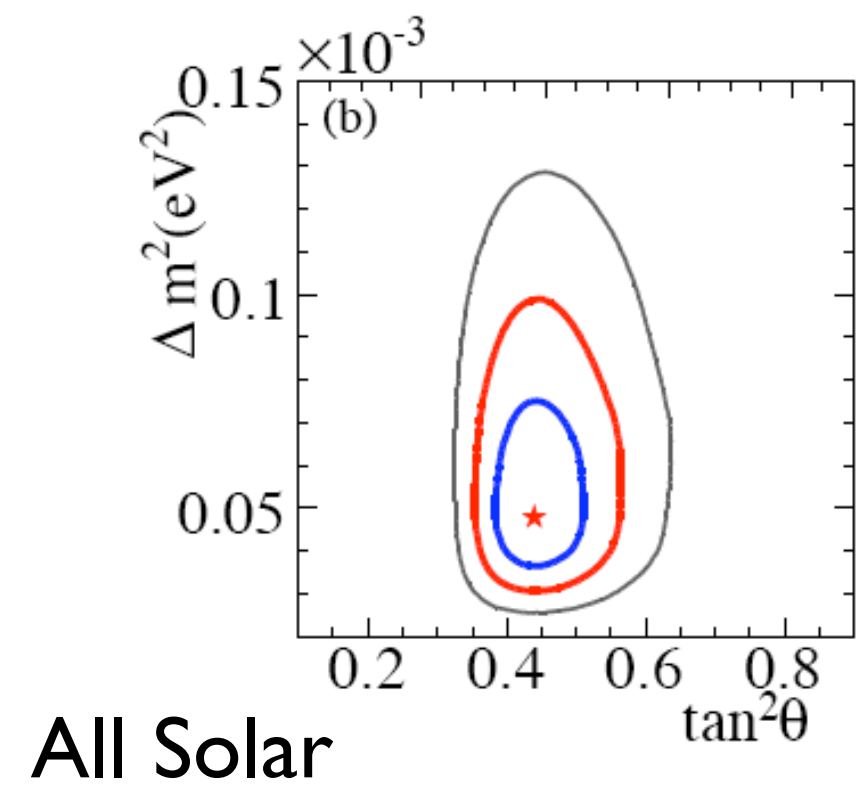
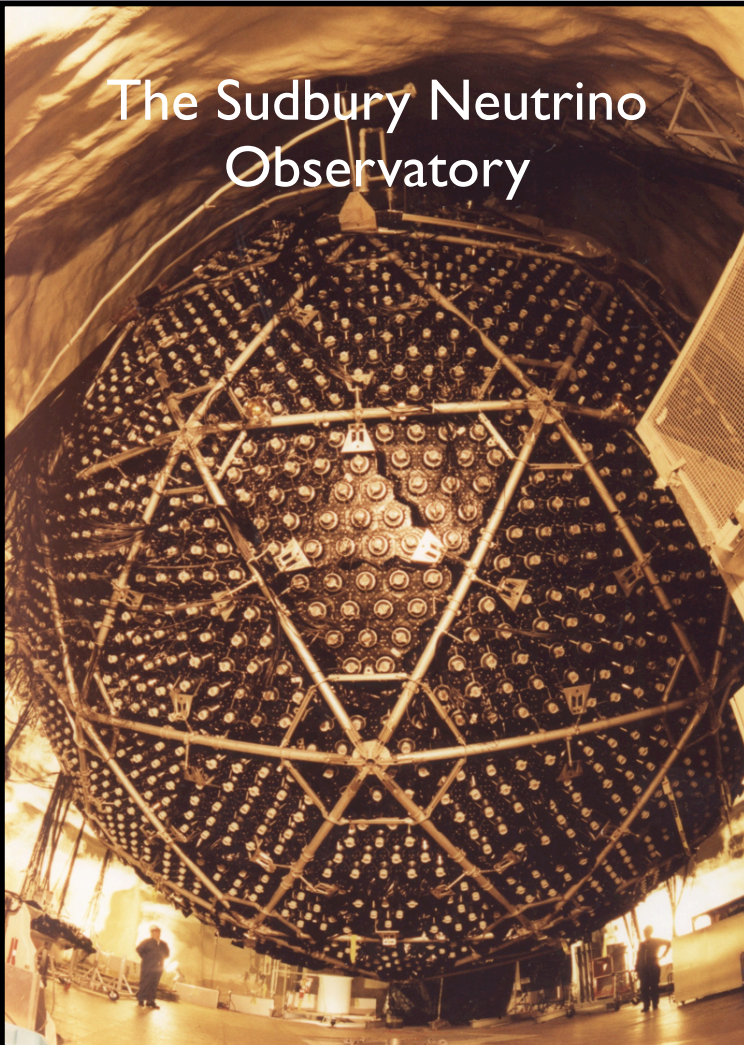
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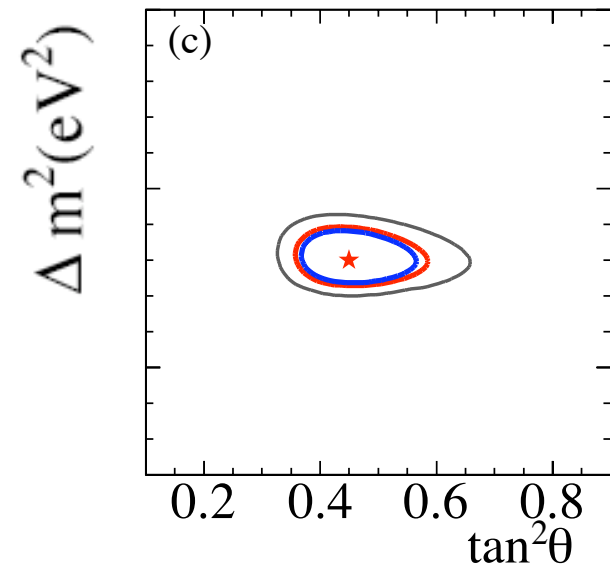
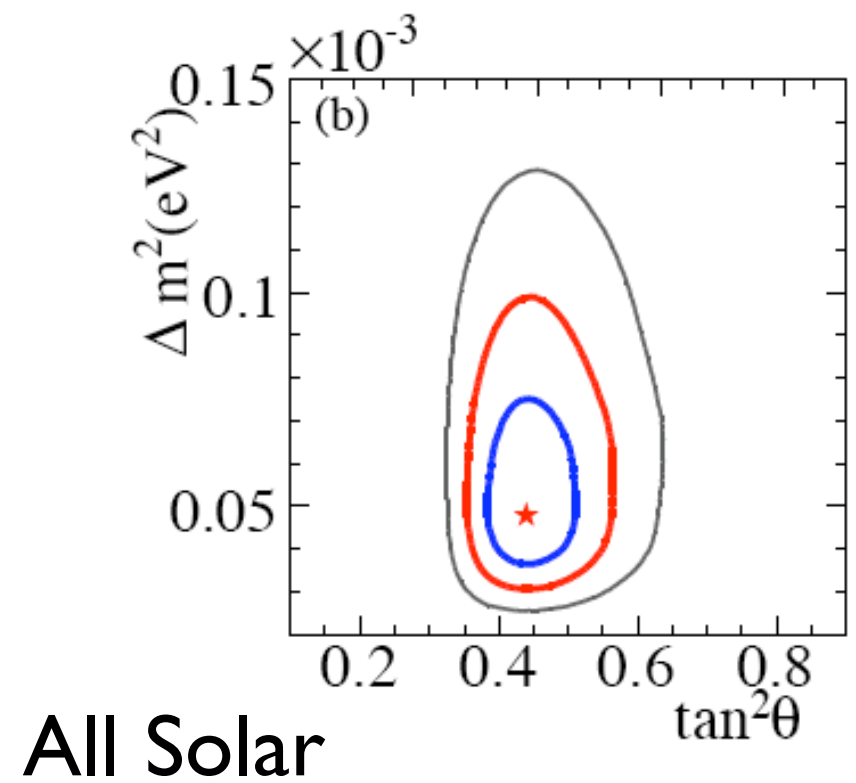
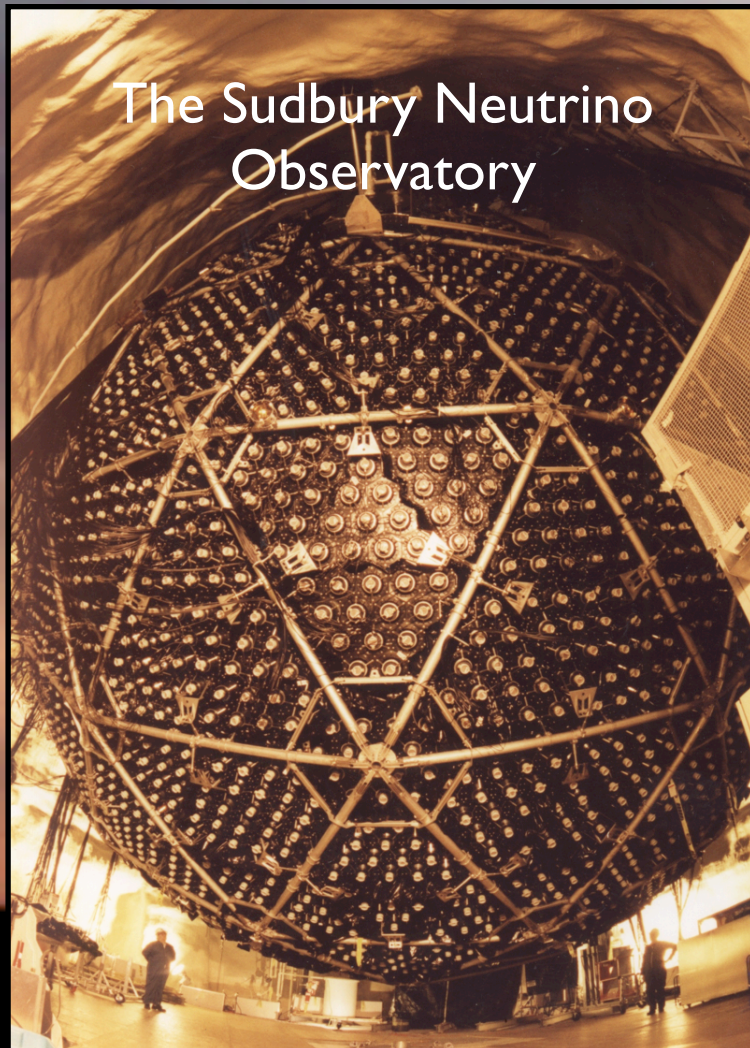
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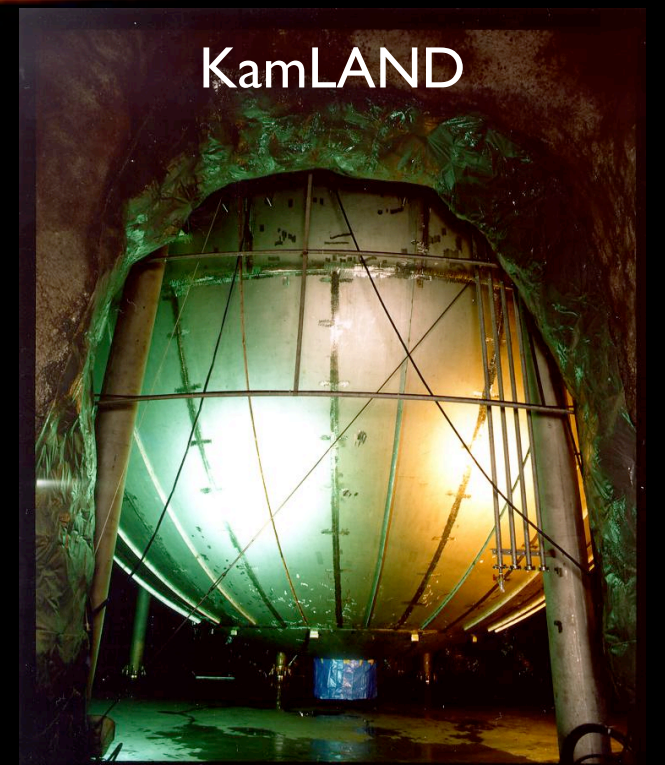


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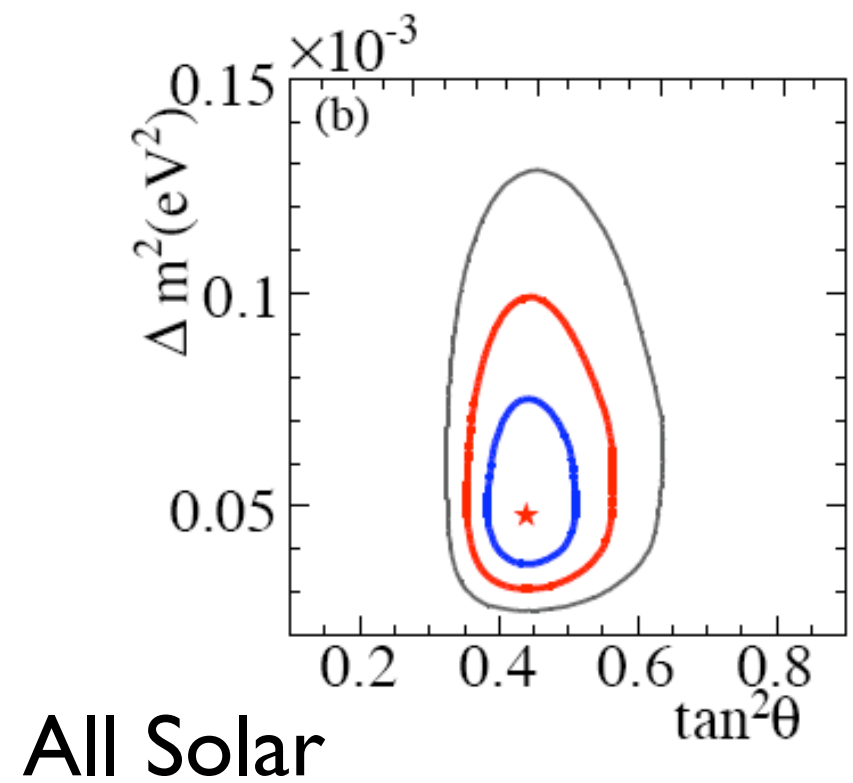
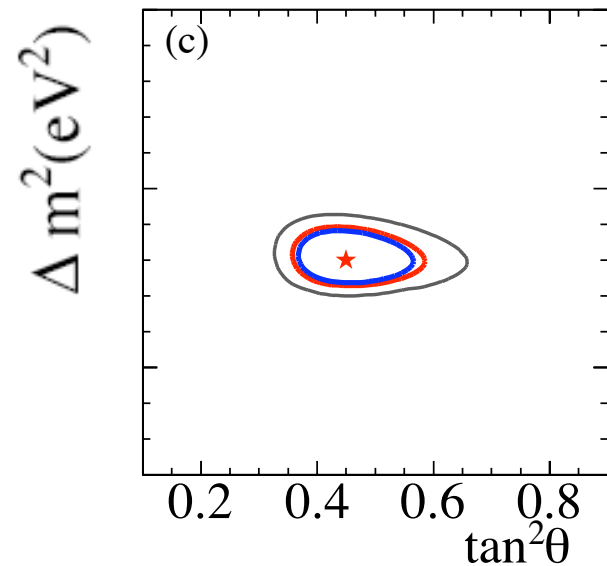
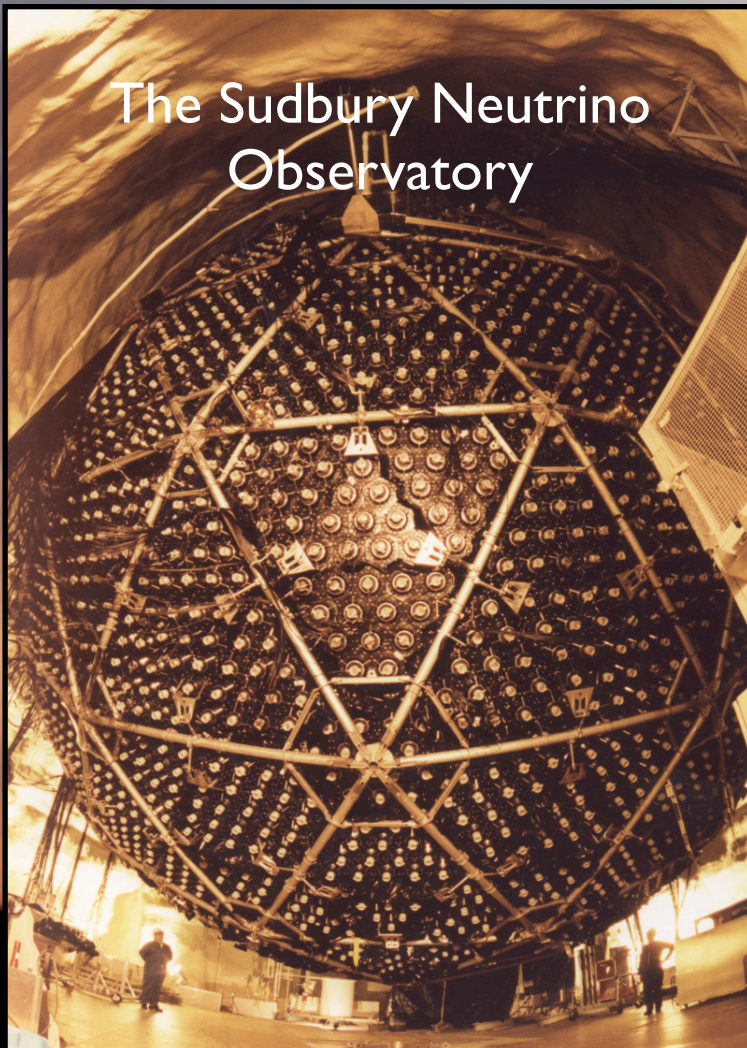


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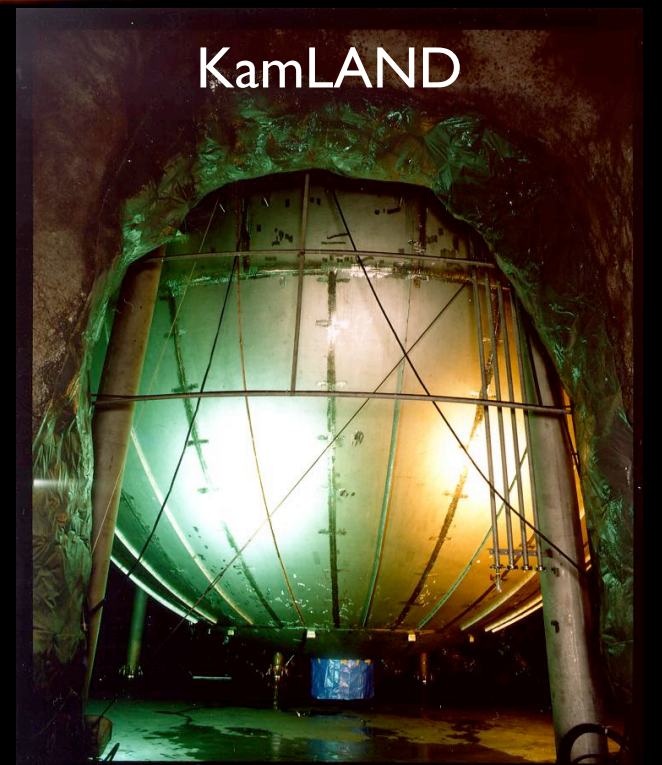
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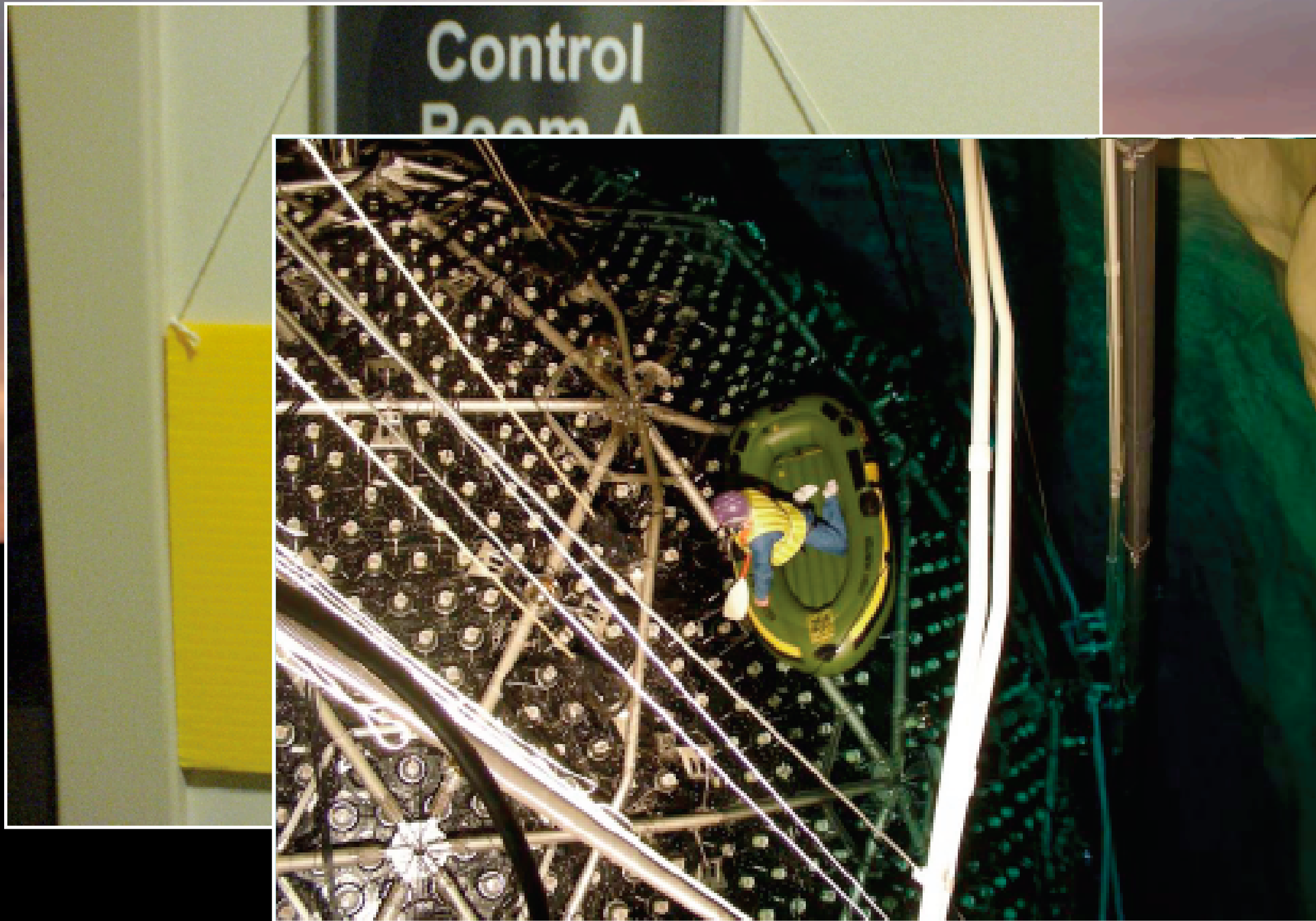
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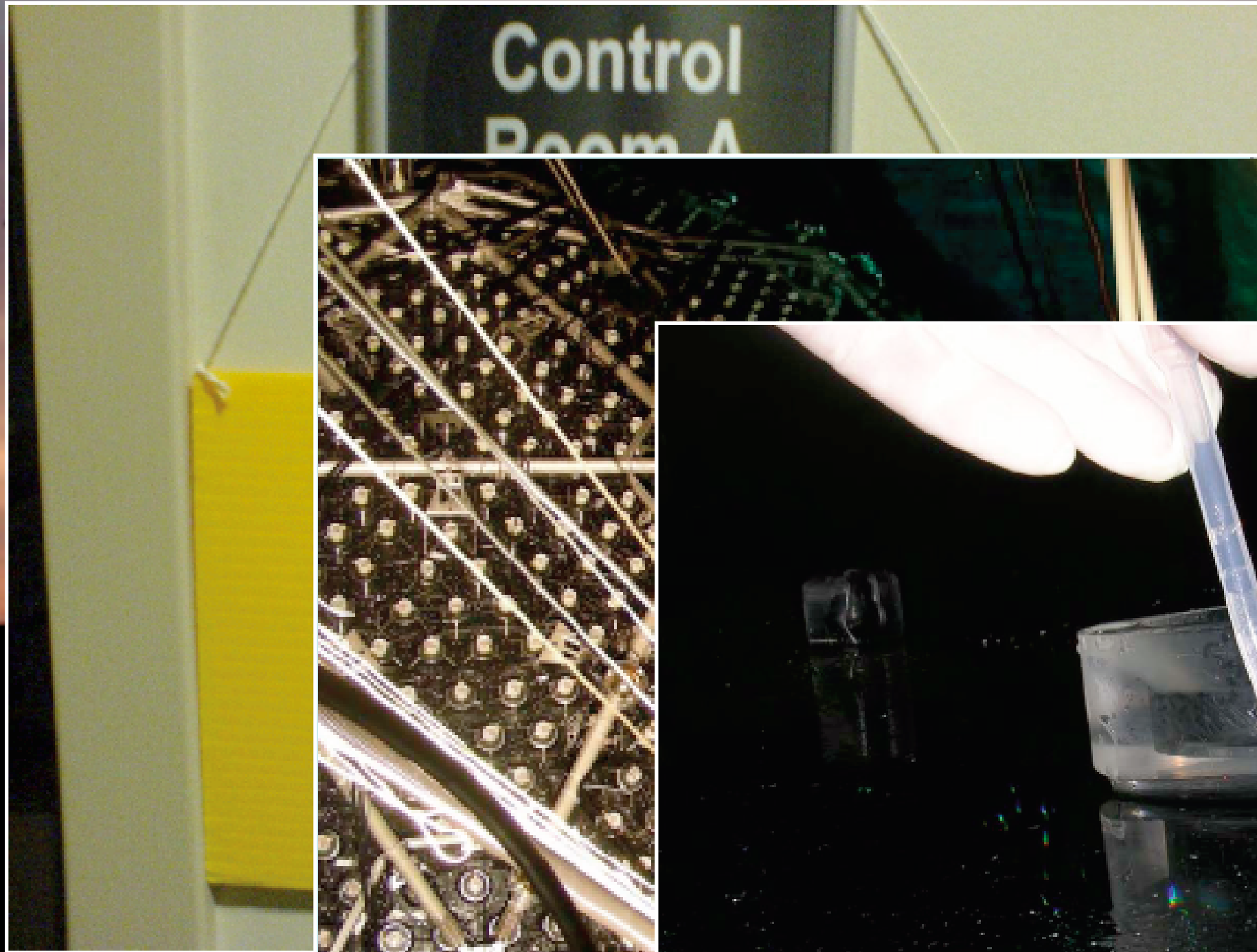
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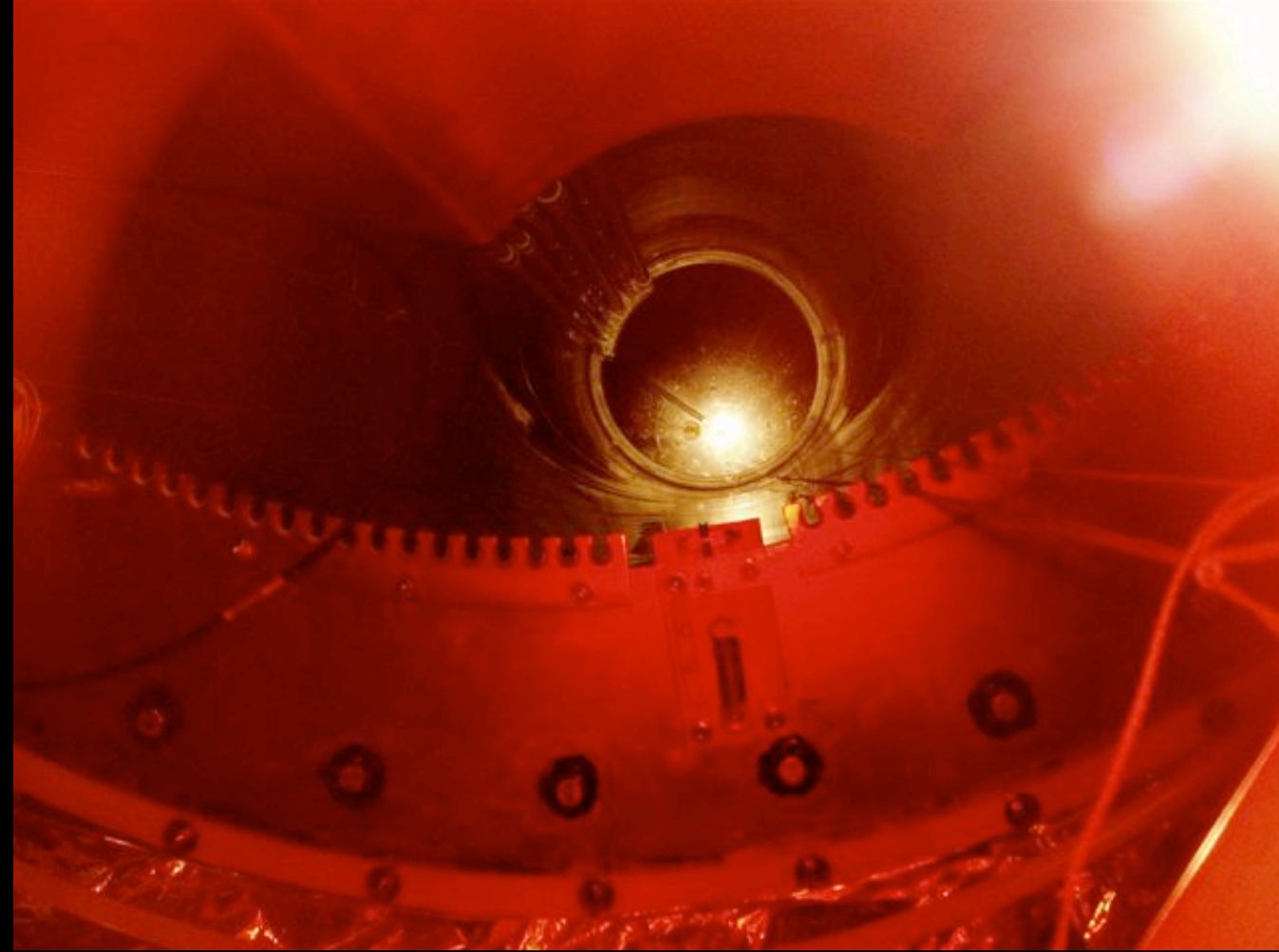


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The First Crack of the Standard Model



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- Questions remain: what can we learn from neutrino oscillations and from neutrino masses?

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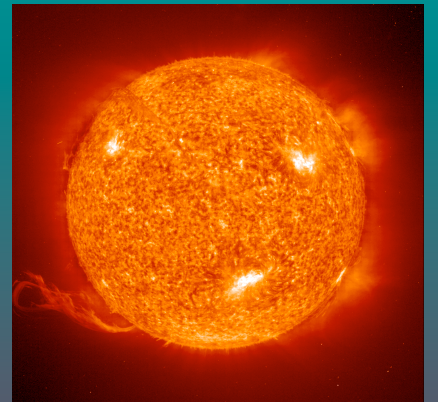
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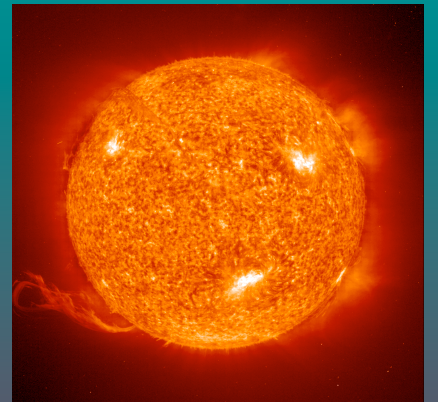
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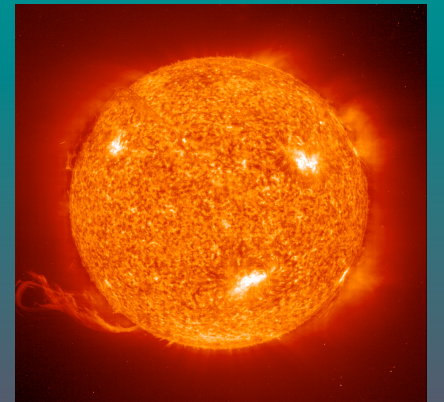
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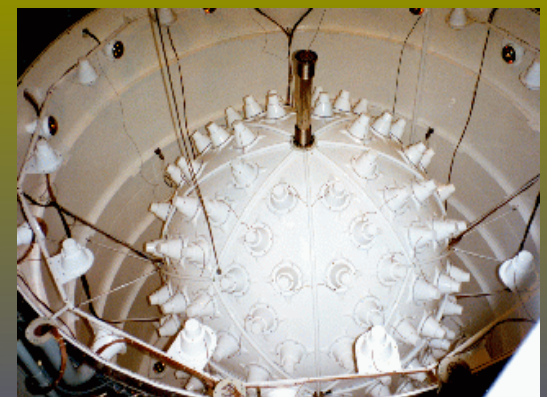


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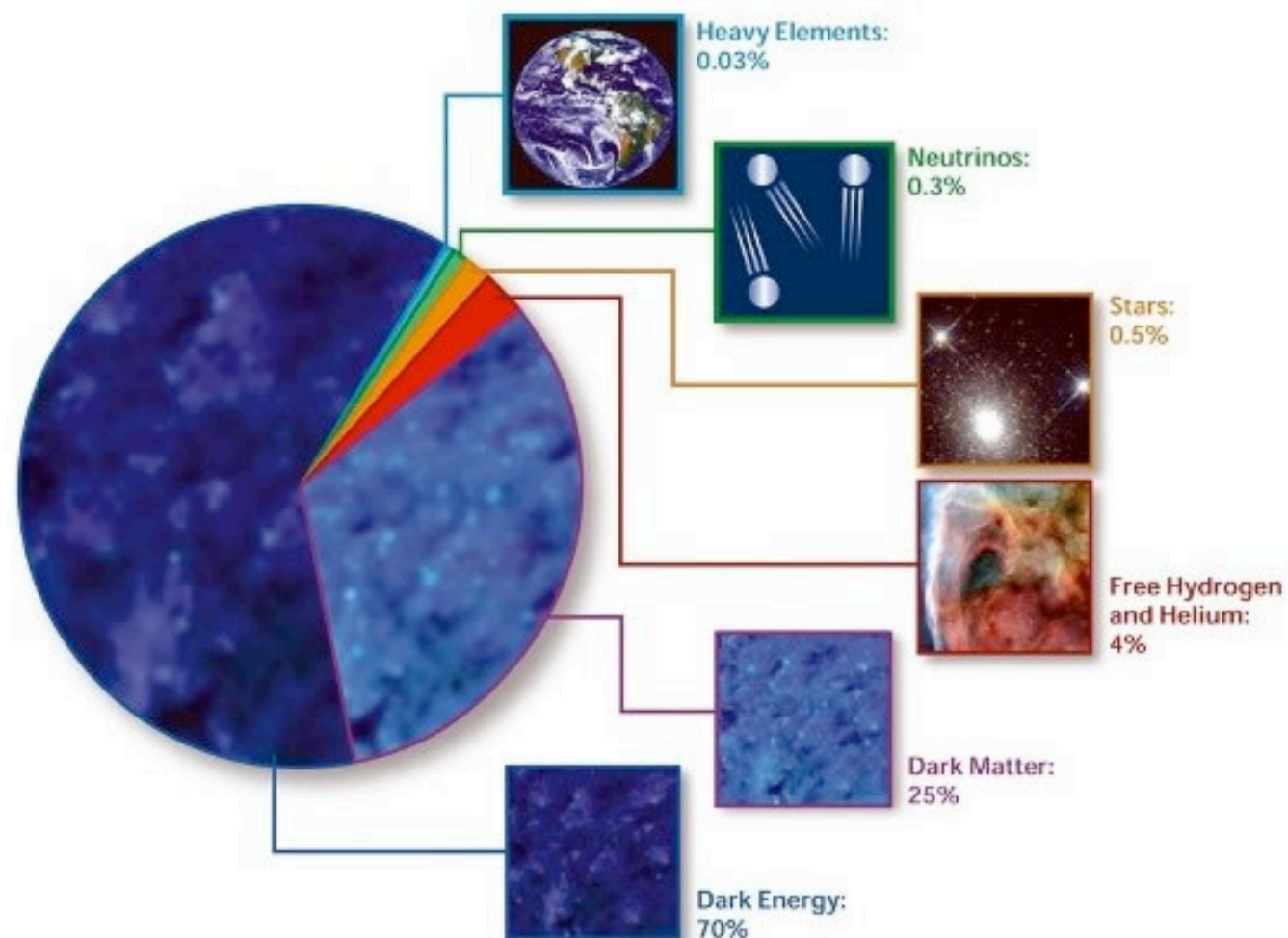
(LSND, CHOOZ, Palo Verde, etc...)

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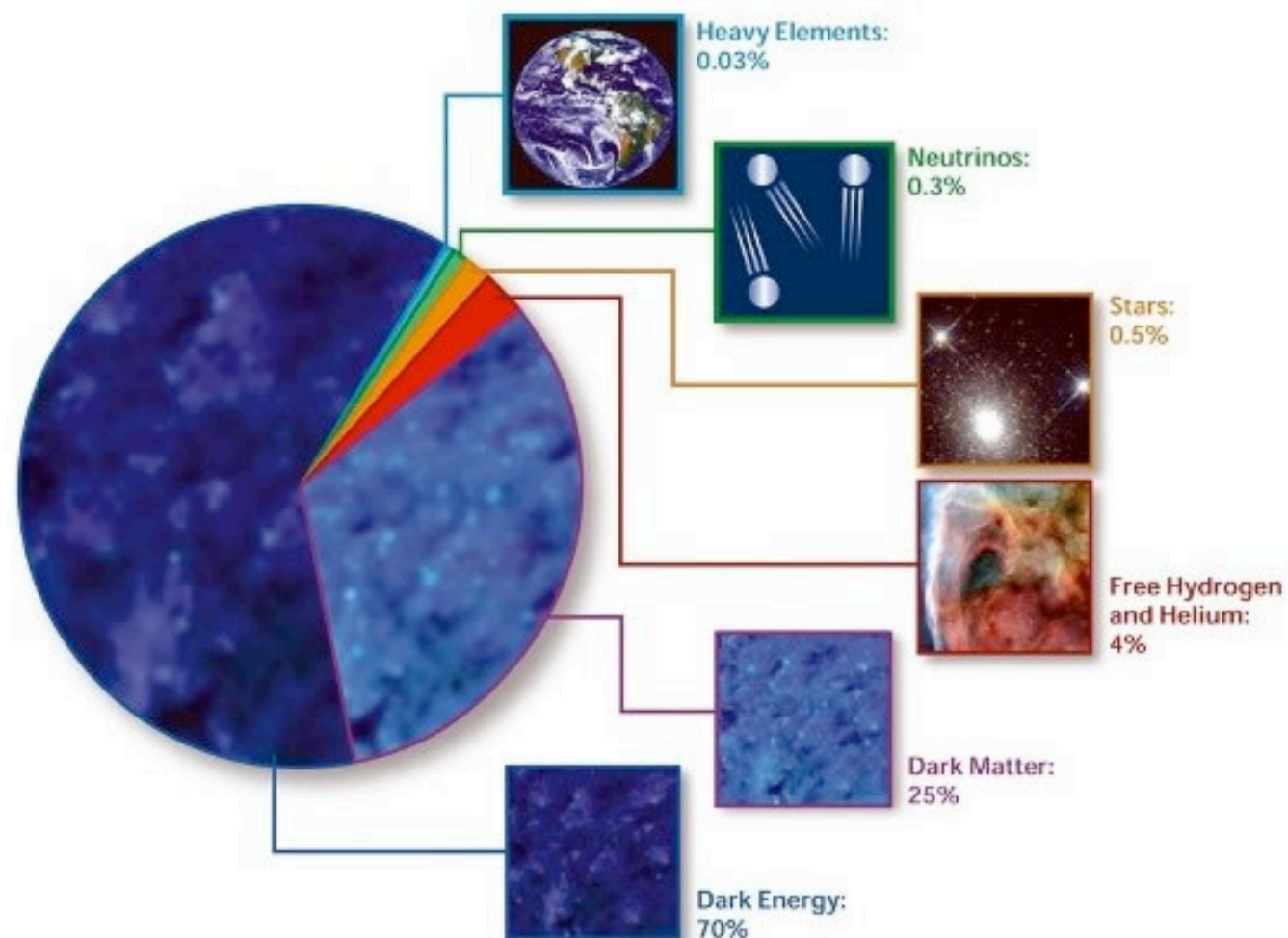


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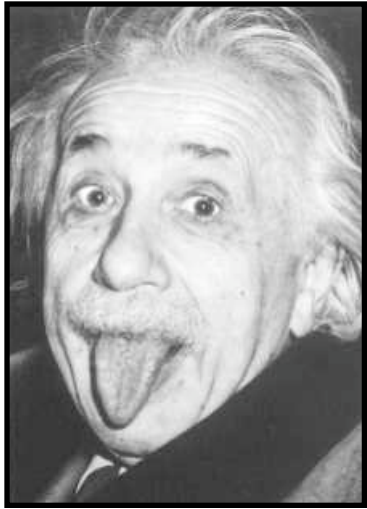


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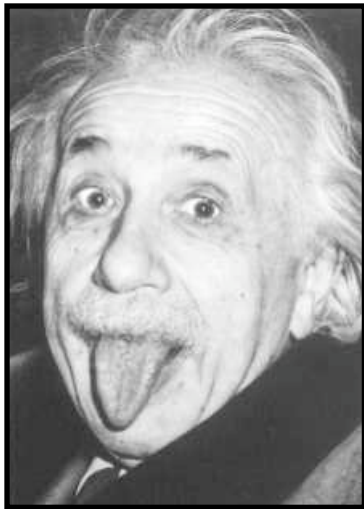
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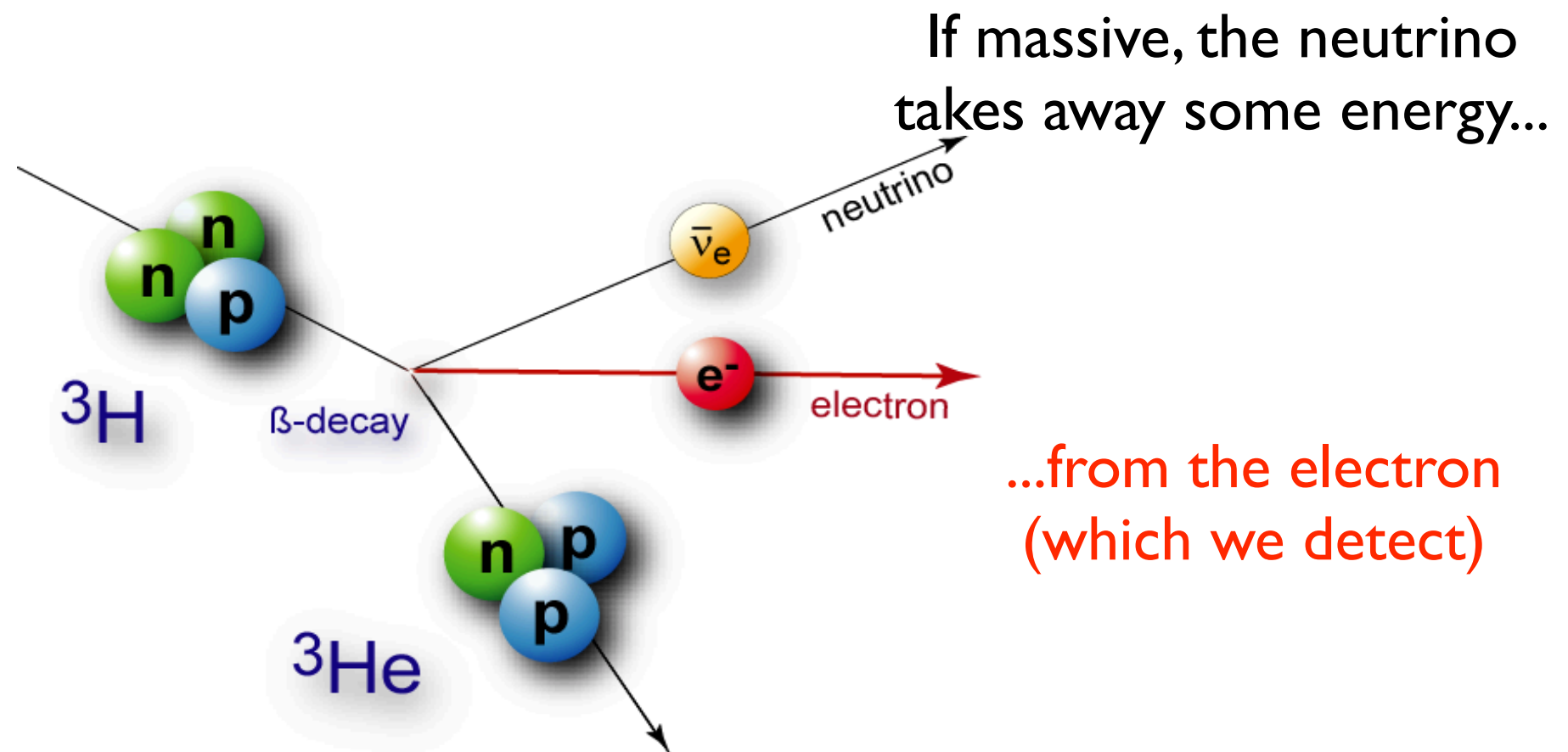
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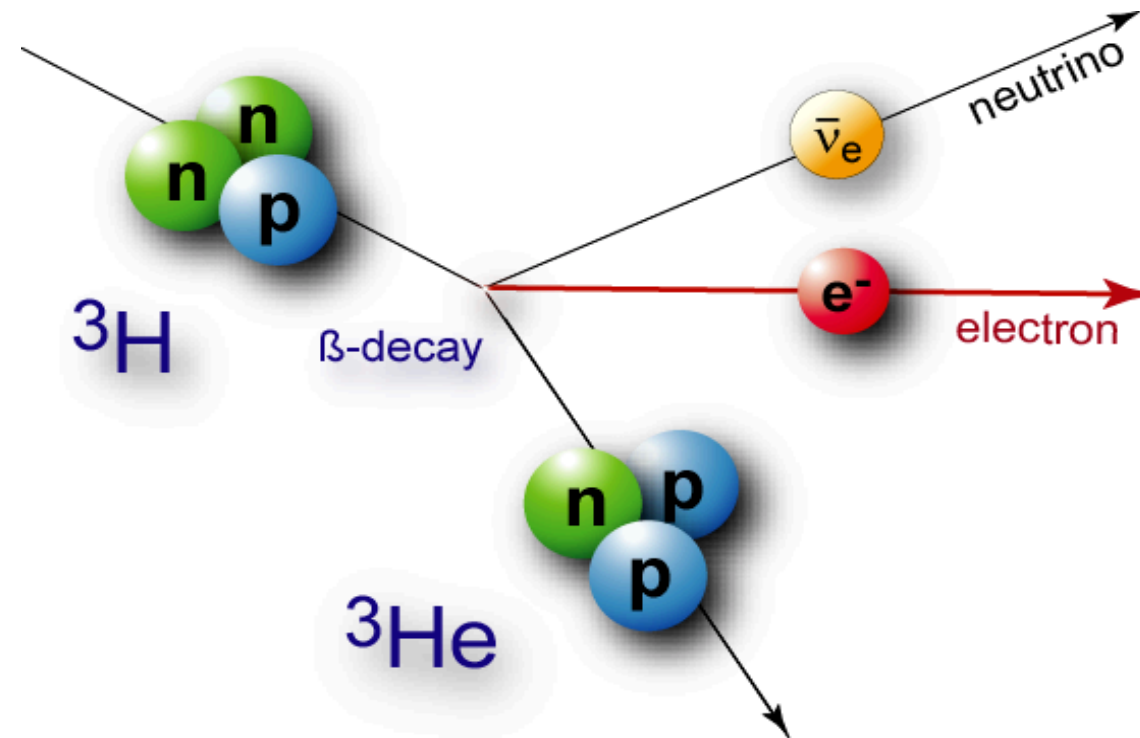


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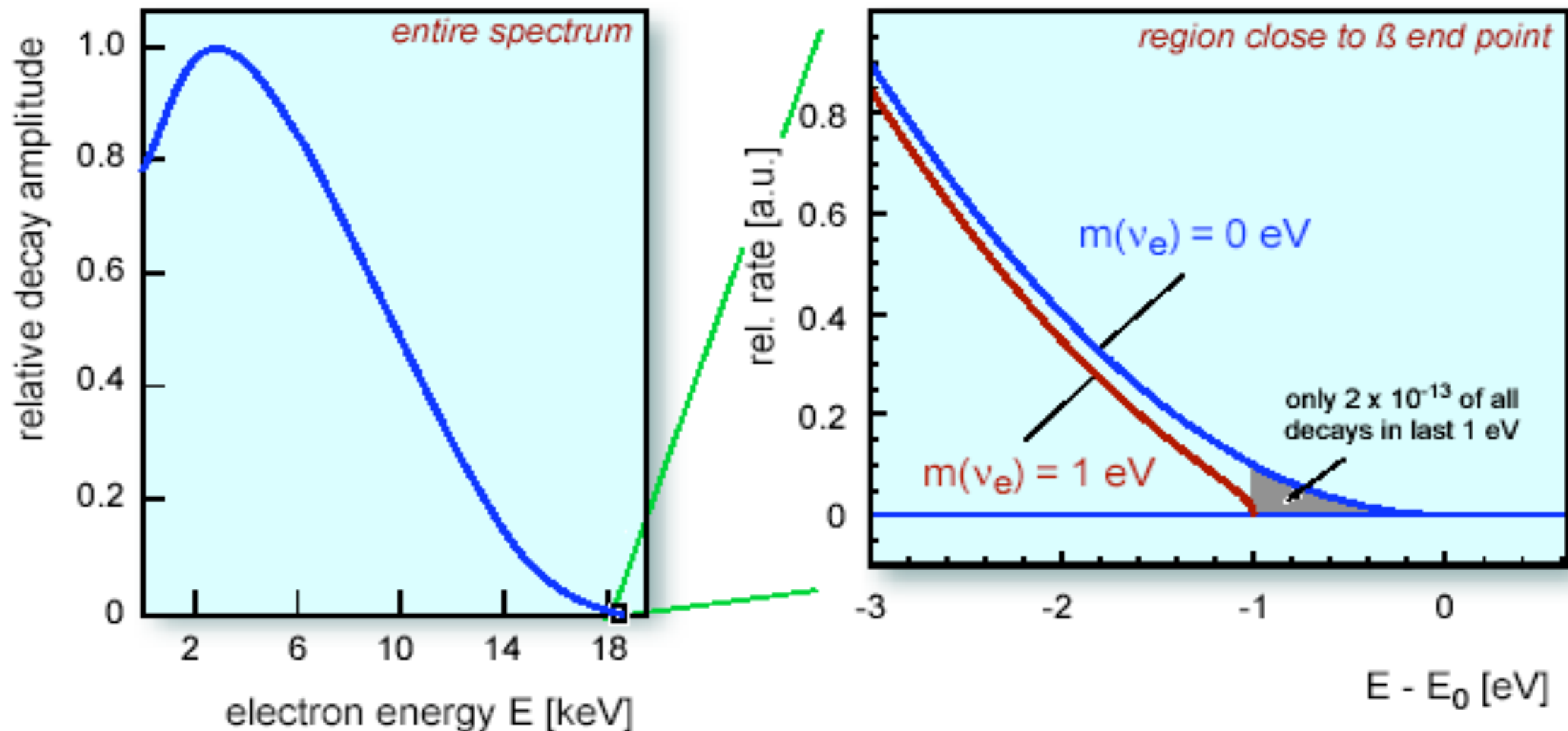
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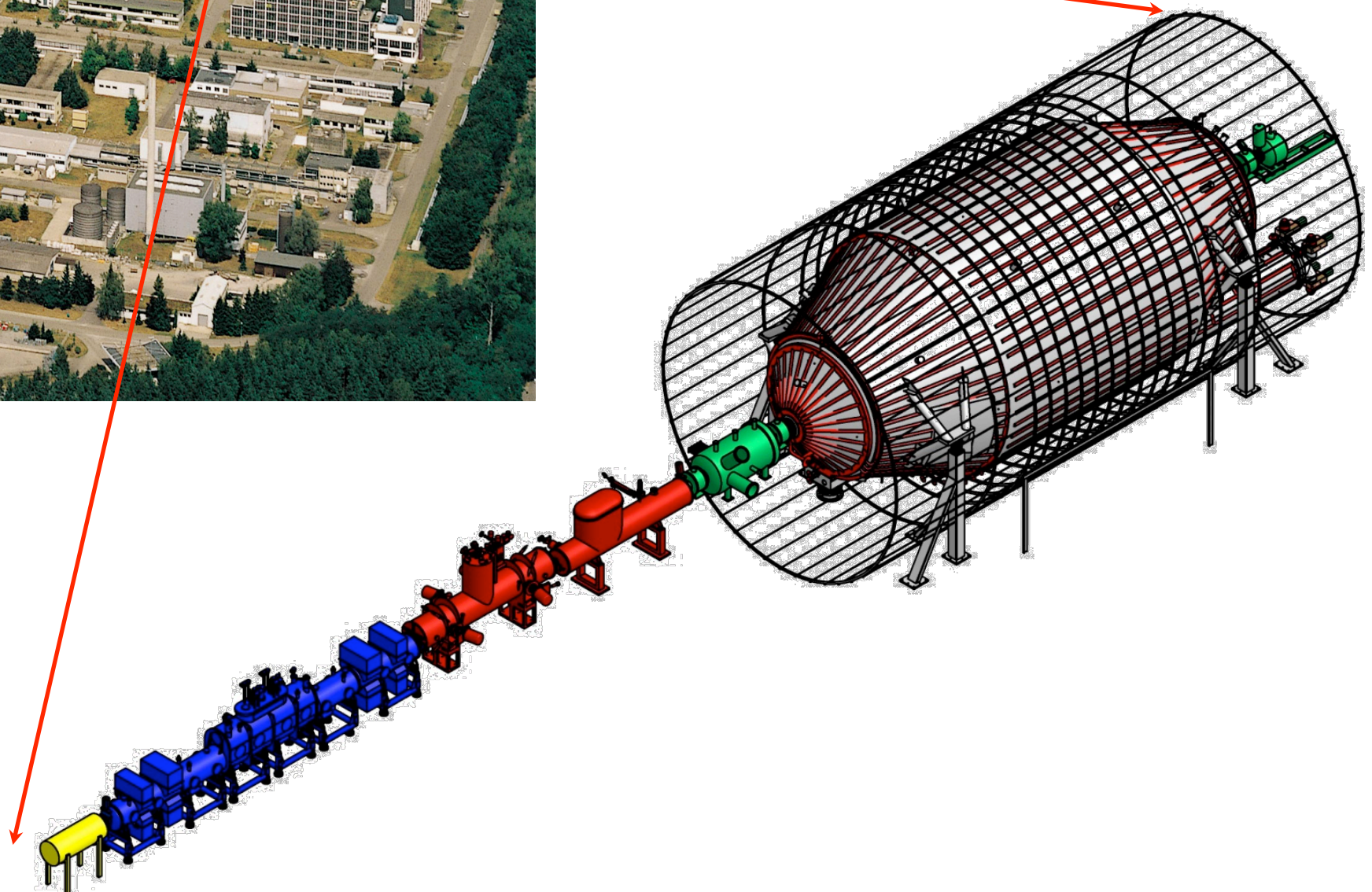
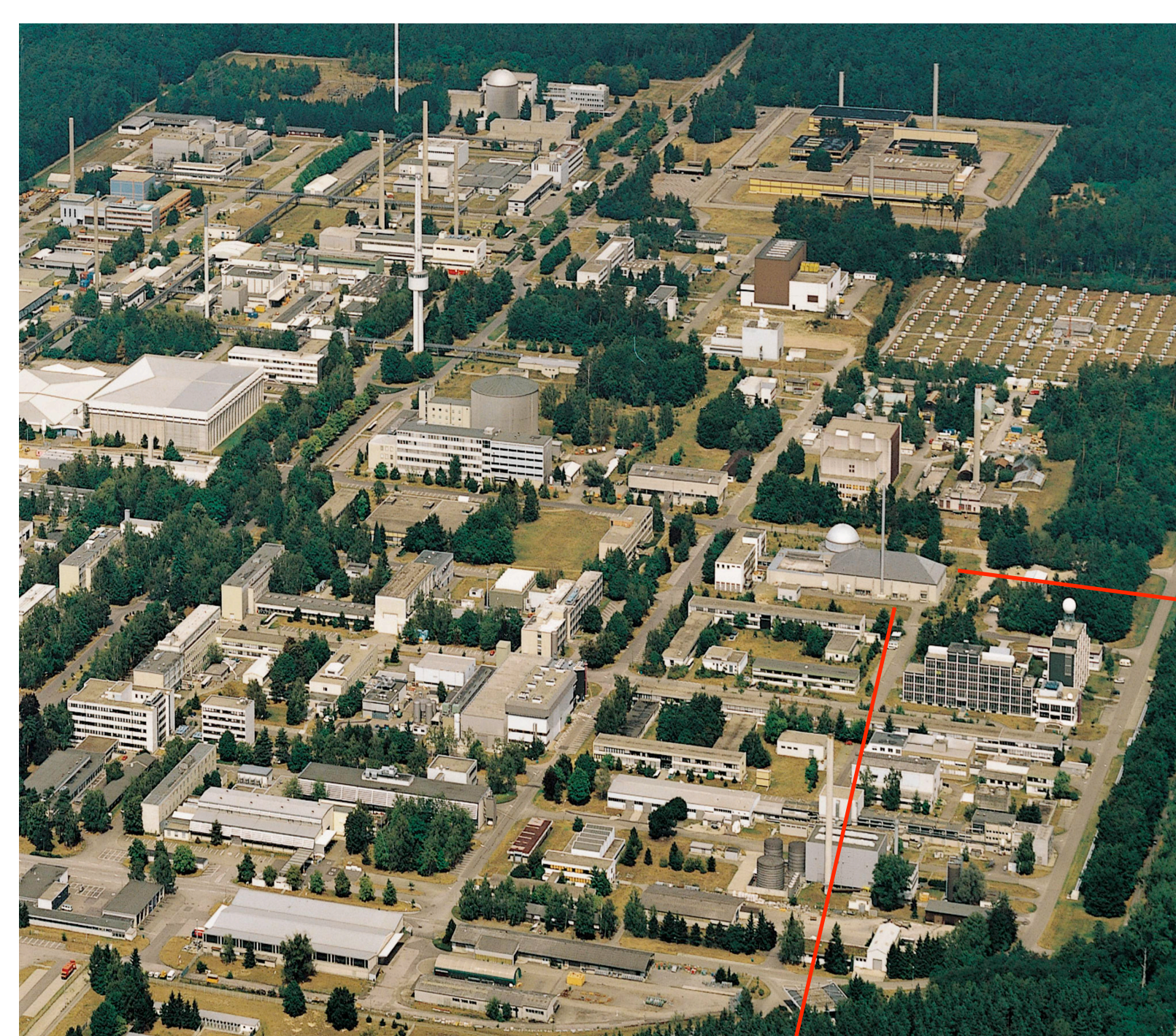
$$\frac{dN}{dE} = C \times |M|^2 F(Z, E) p_e(E + m_e^2) (E_0 - E) \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 \sqrt{(E_0 - E)^2 - m_i^2}$$

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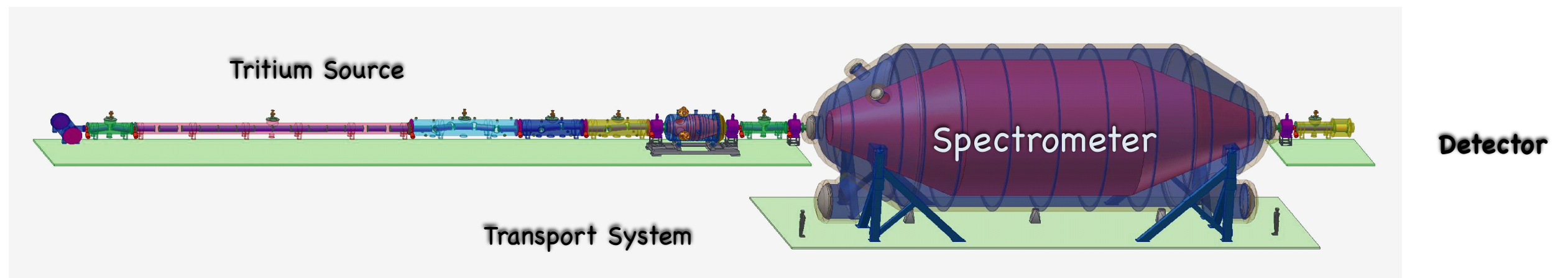
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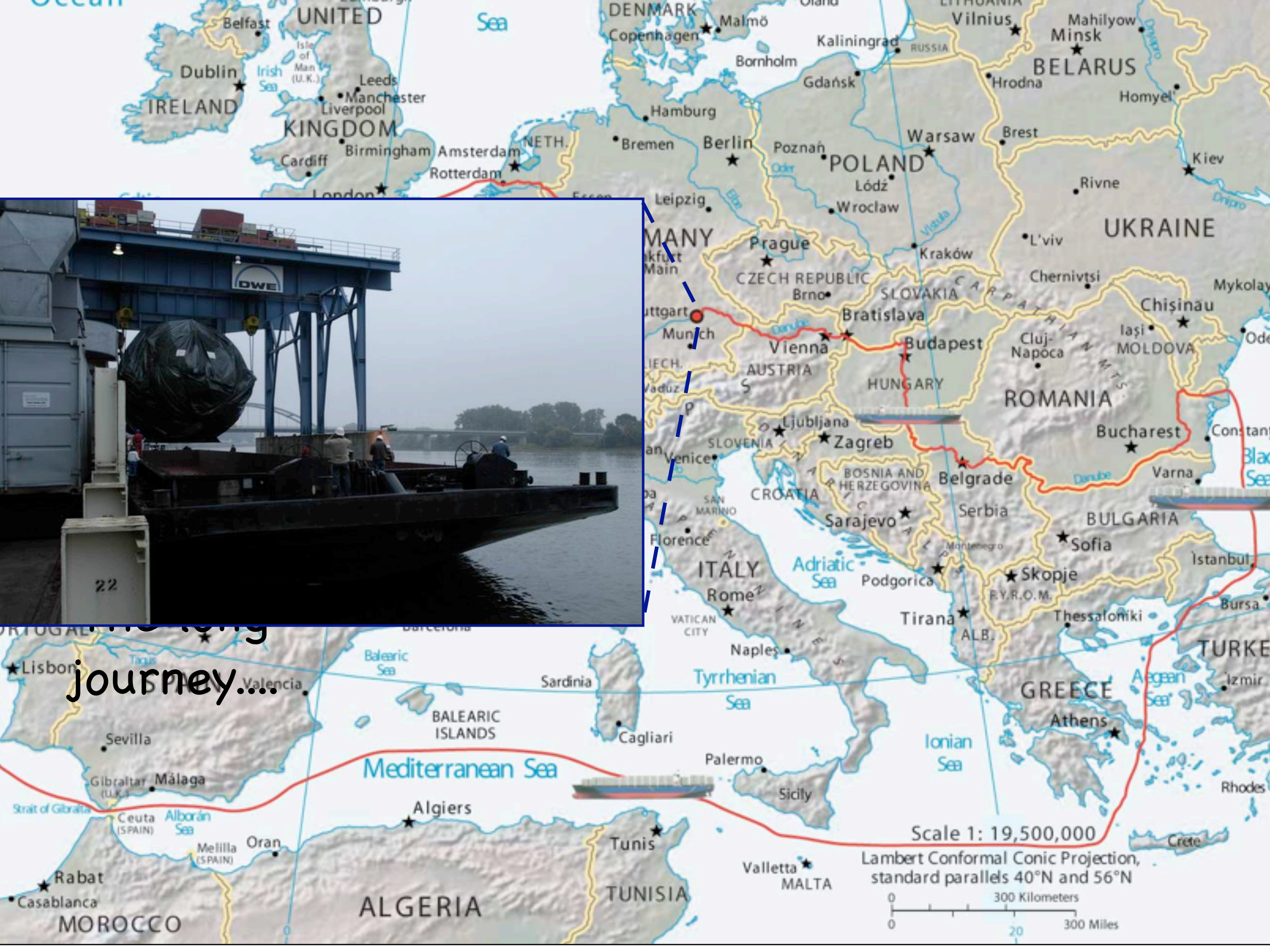
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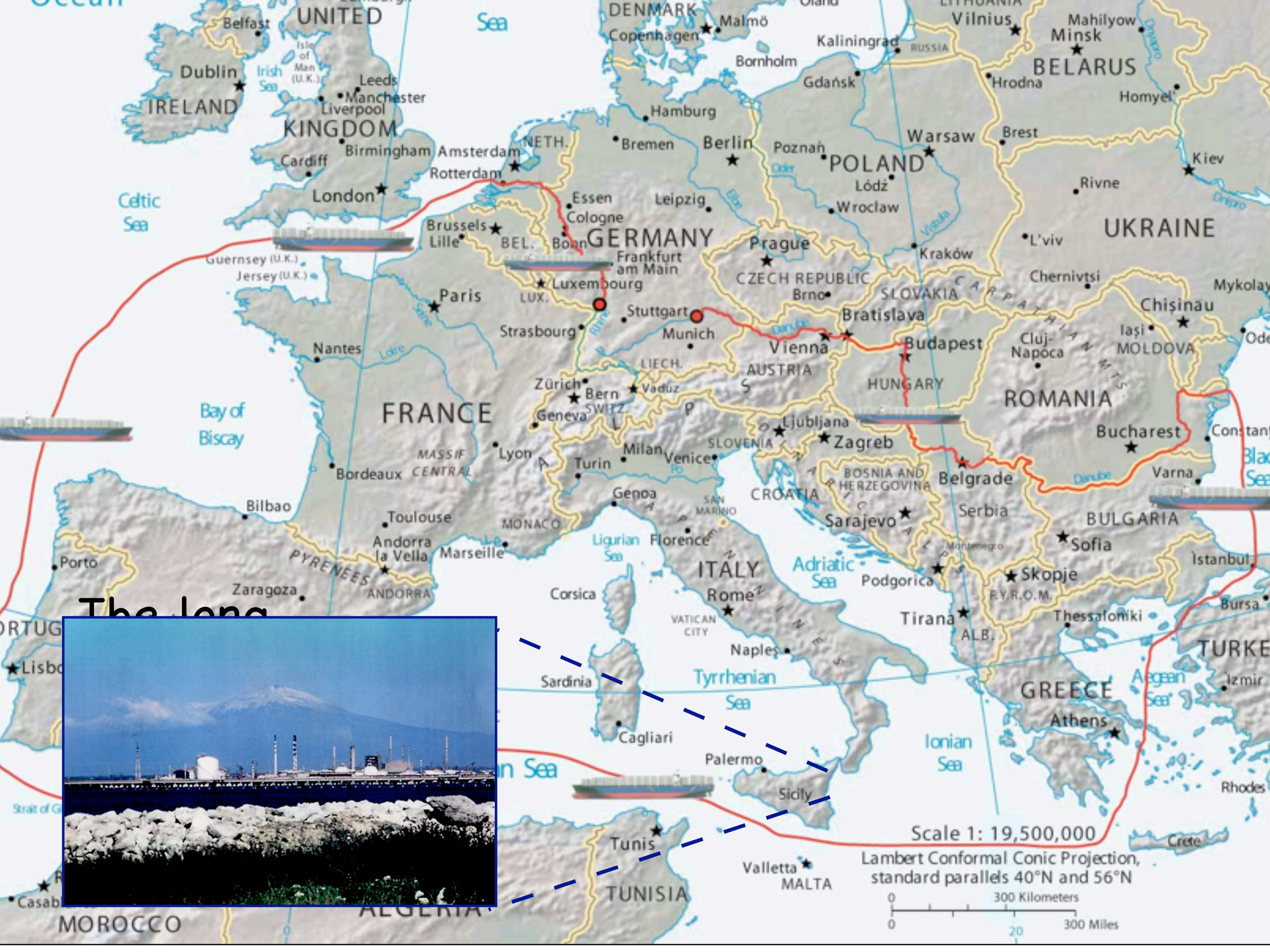




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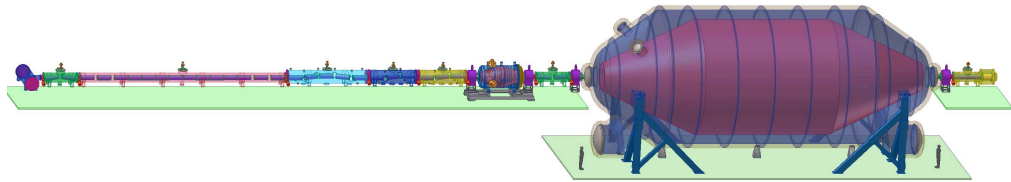




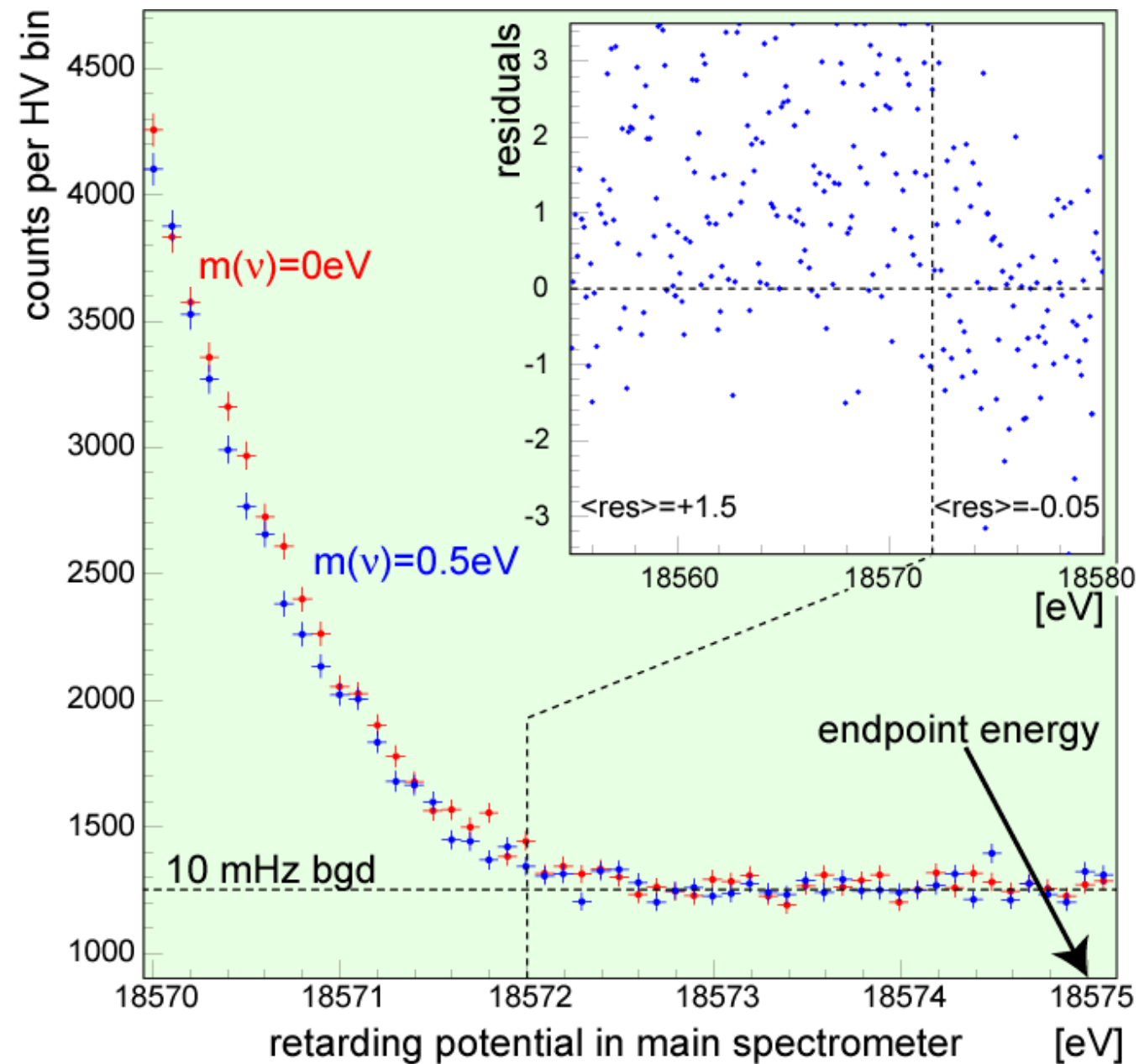
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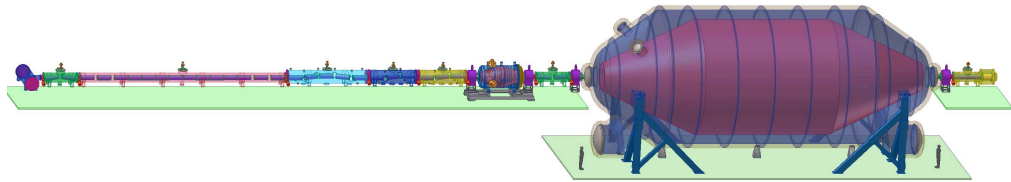


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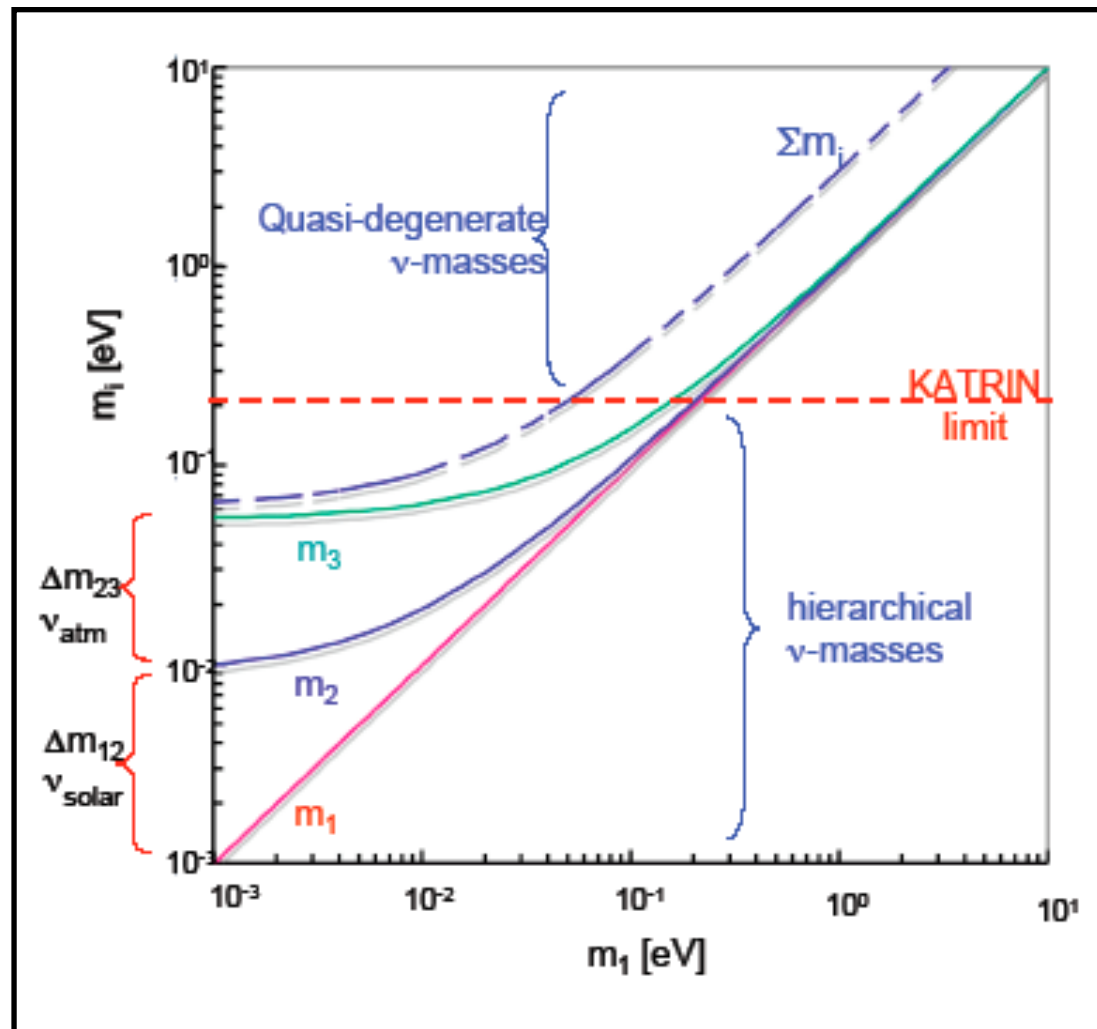


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Twilight, again...

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- We are now beginning a new chapter in the question of neutrino masses, as we transition from asking “Do neutrinos have mass?” to “What does this all mean?”
- More answers to be sought as a new day begins...



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