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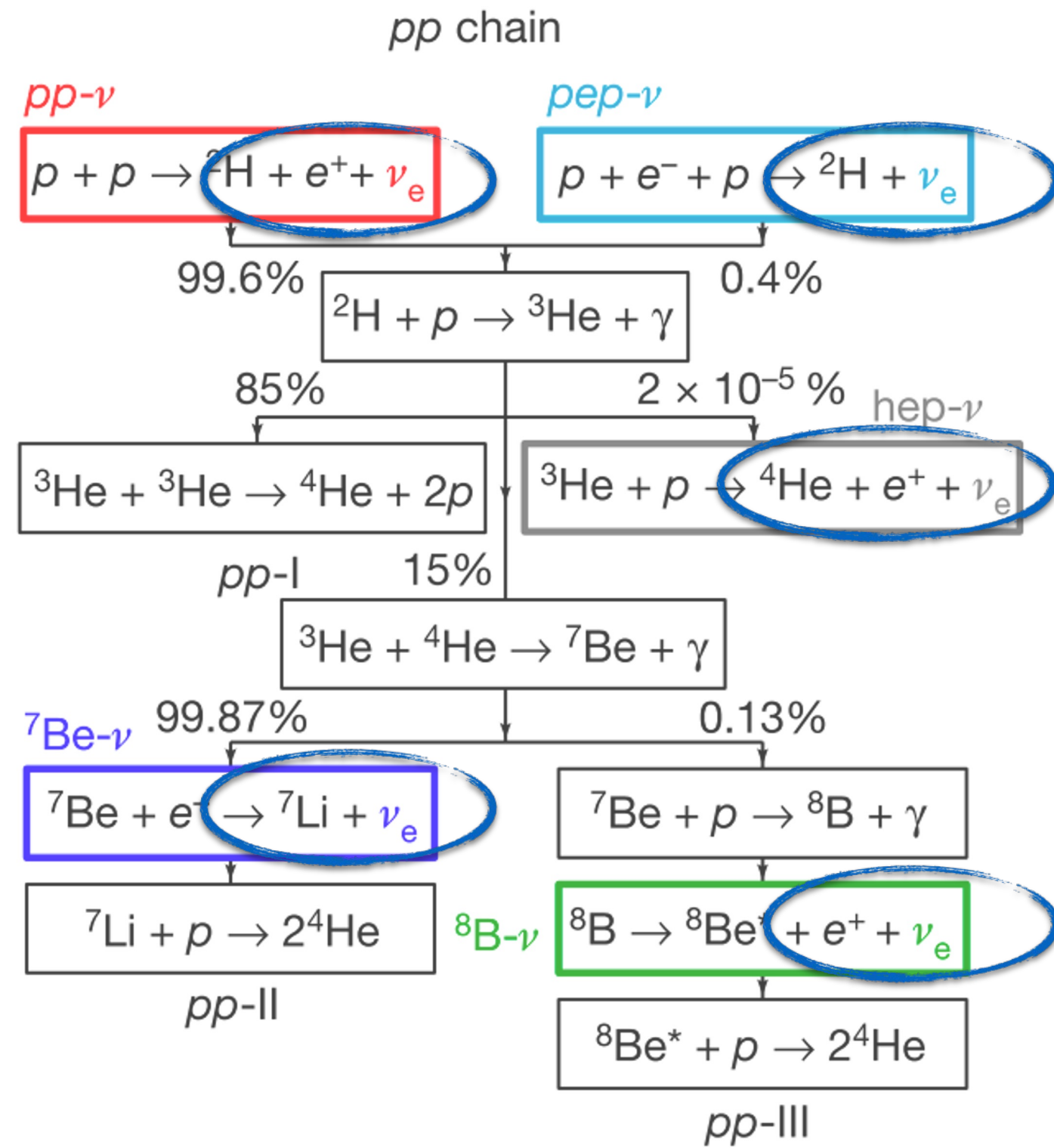
# Borexino对CNO太阳中微子的测量 及其对标准太阳模型的影响

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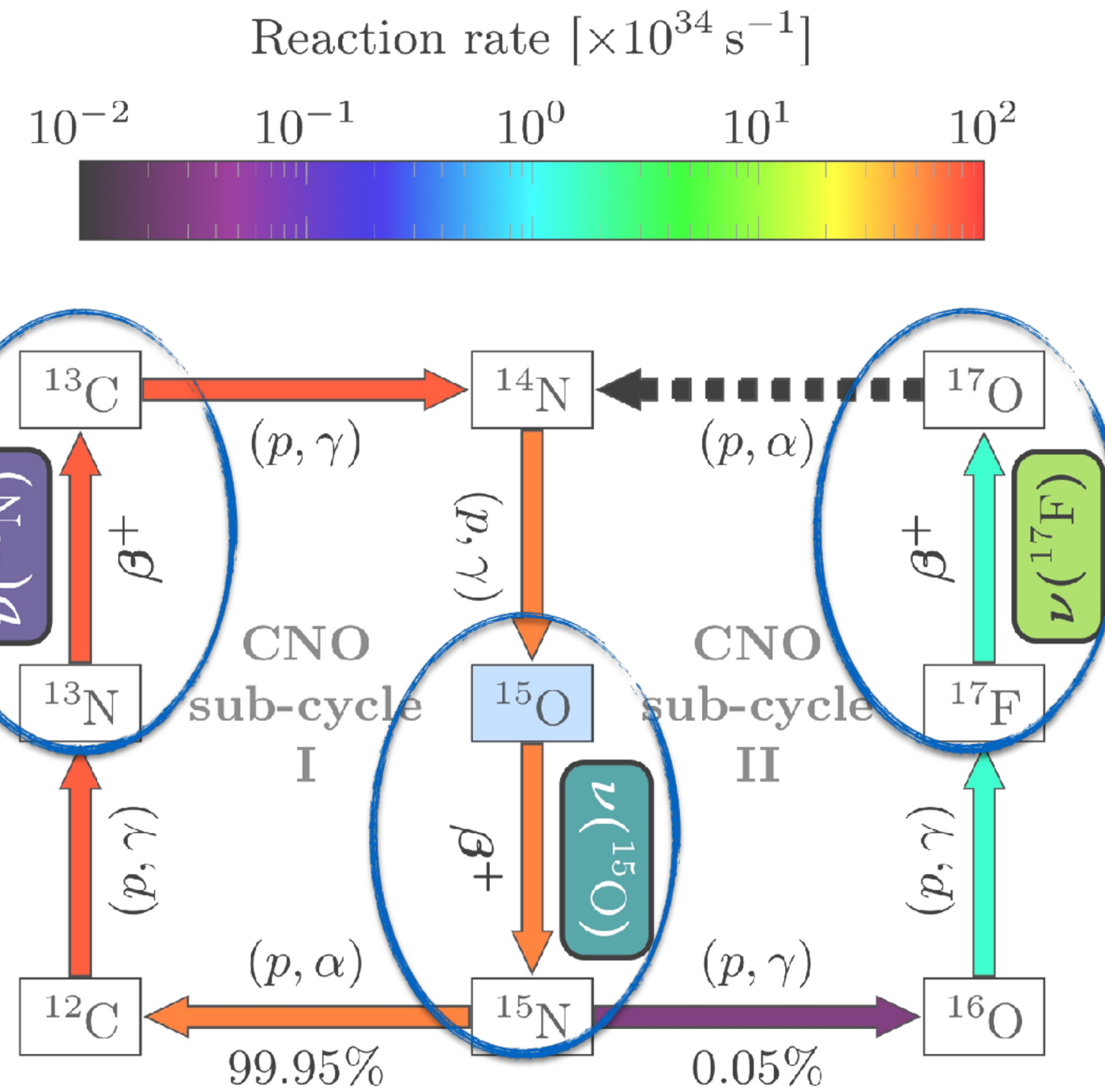
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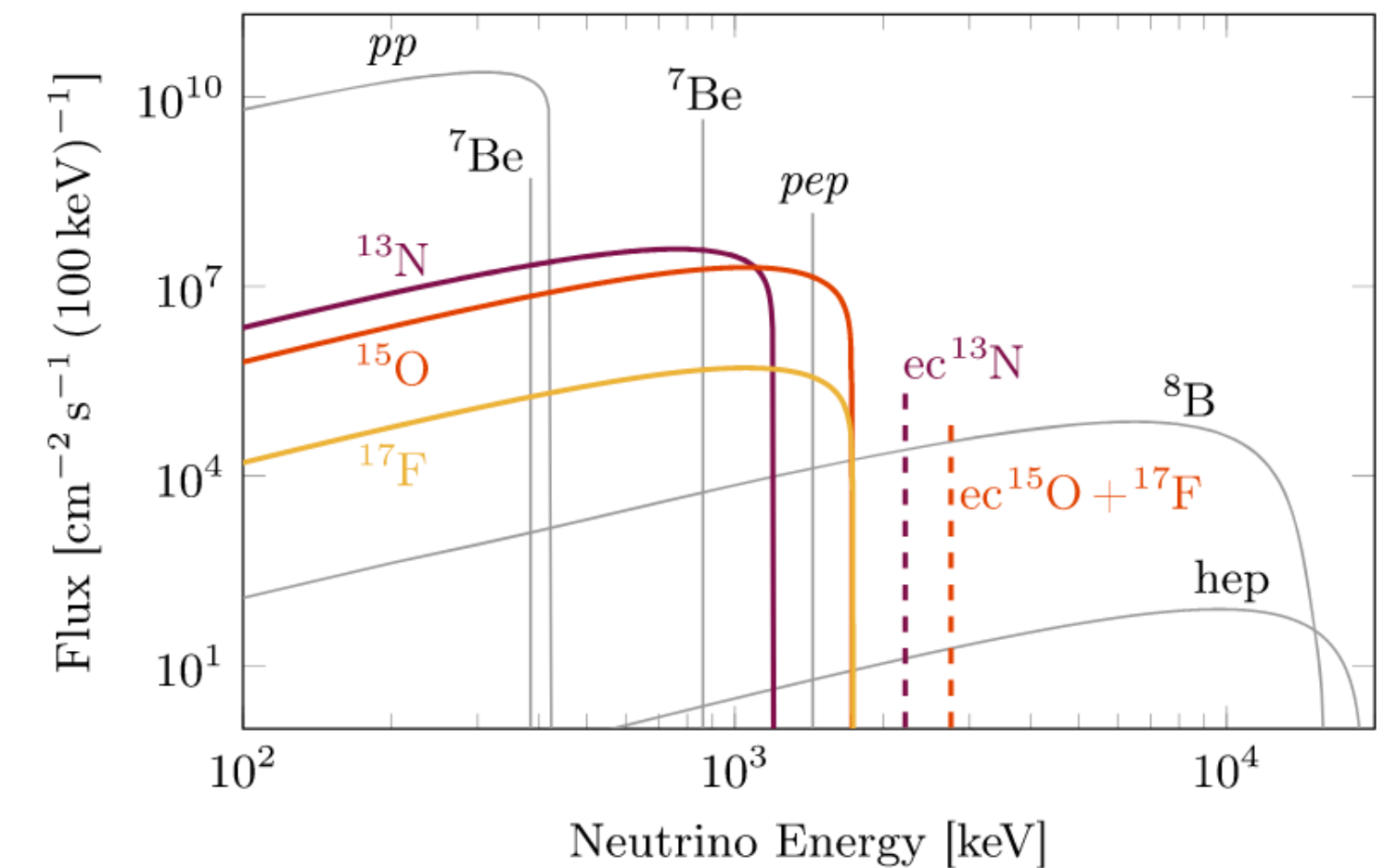
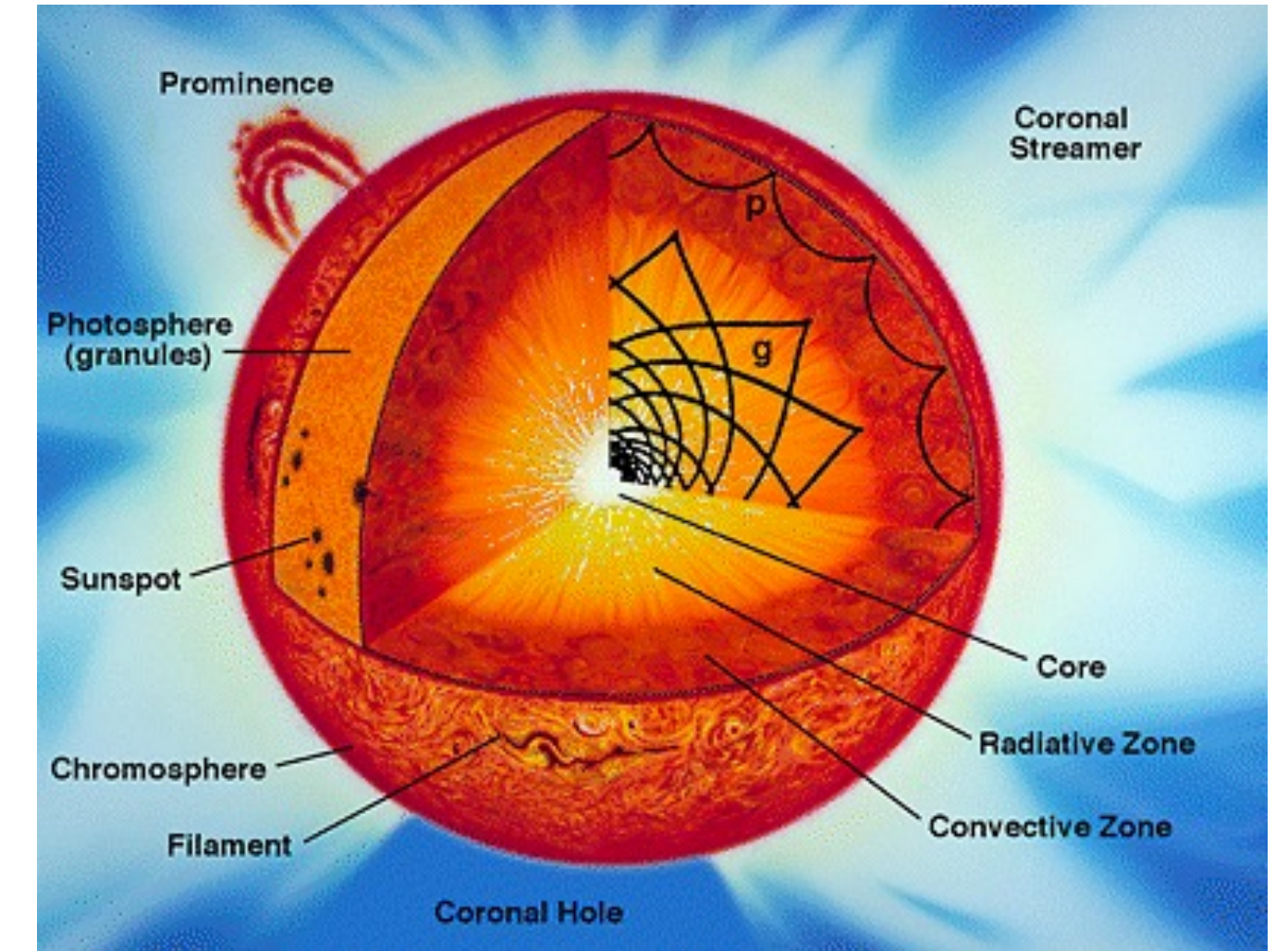
# What is CNO cycle



Comprehensive measurement of pp-chain solar neutrinos, BOREXINO, 2018, Nature



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



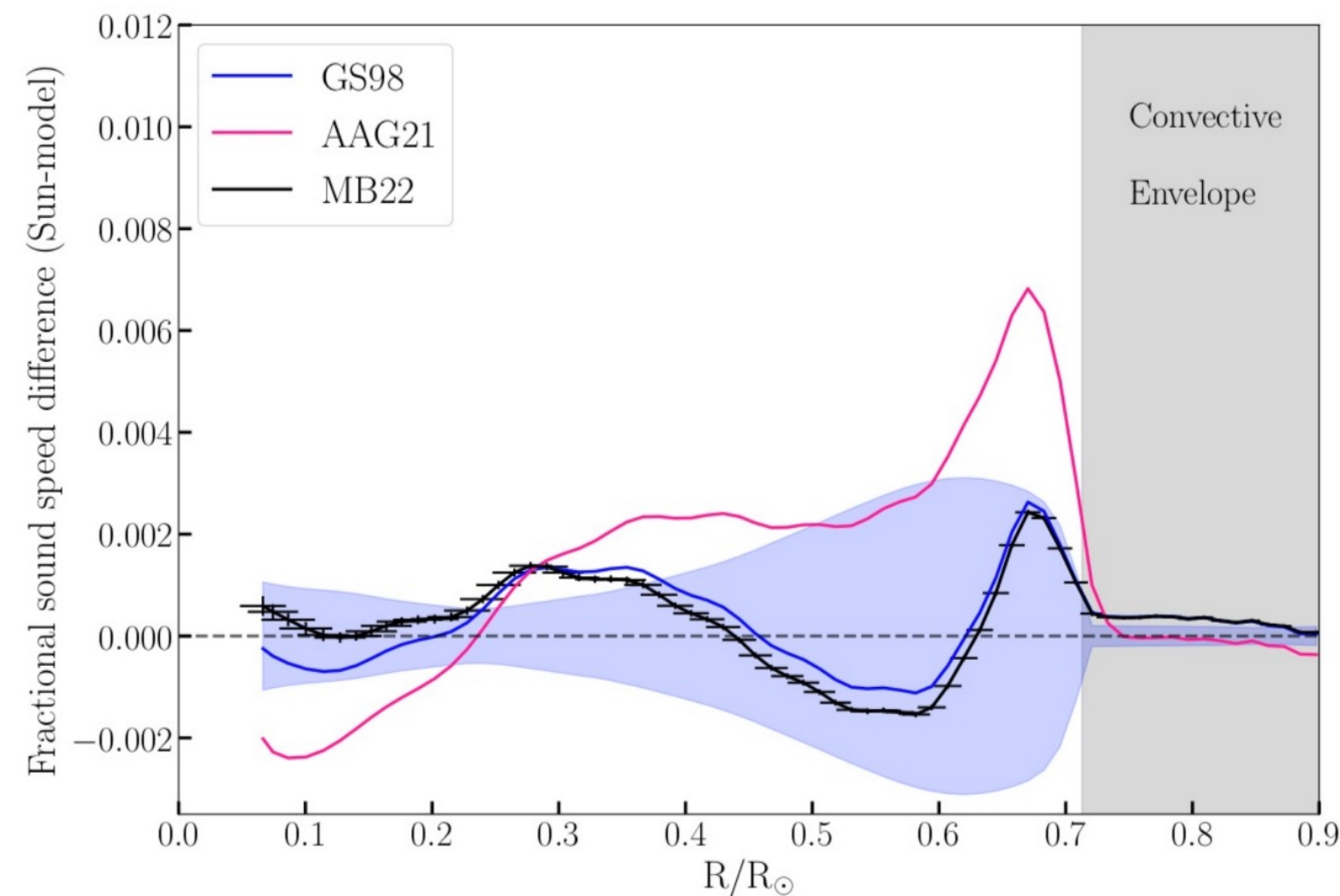
Agostini, M., K. Altenmüller, S. Appel, V. Atroshchenko, Z. Bagdasarian, D. Basilico, G. Bellini, et al. "Sensitivity to Neutrinos from the Solar CNO Cycle in Borexino." *European Physical Journal C* 80, no. 11 (November 26, 2020): 1091. <https://doi.org/10.1140/epjc/s10052-020-08534-2>.

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

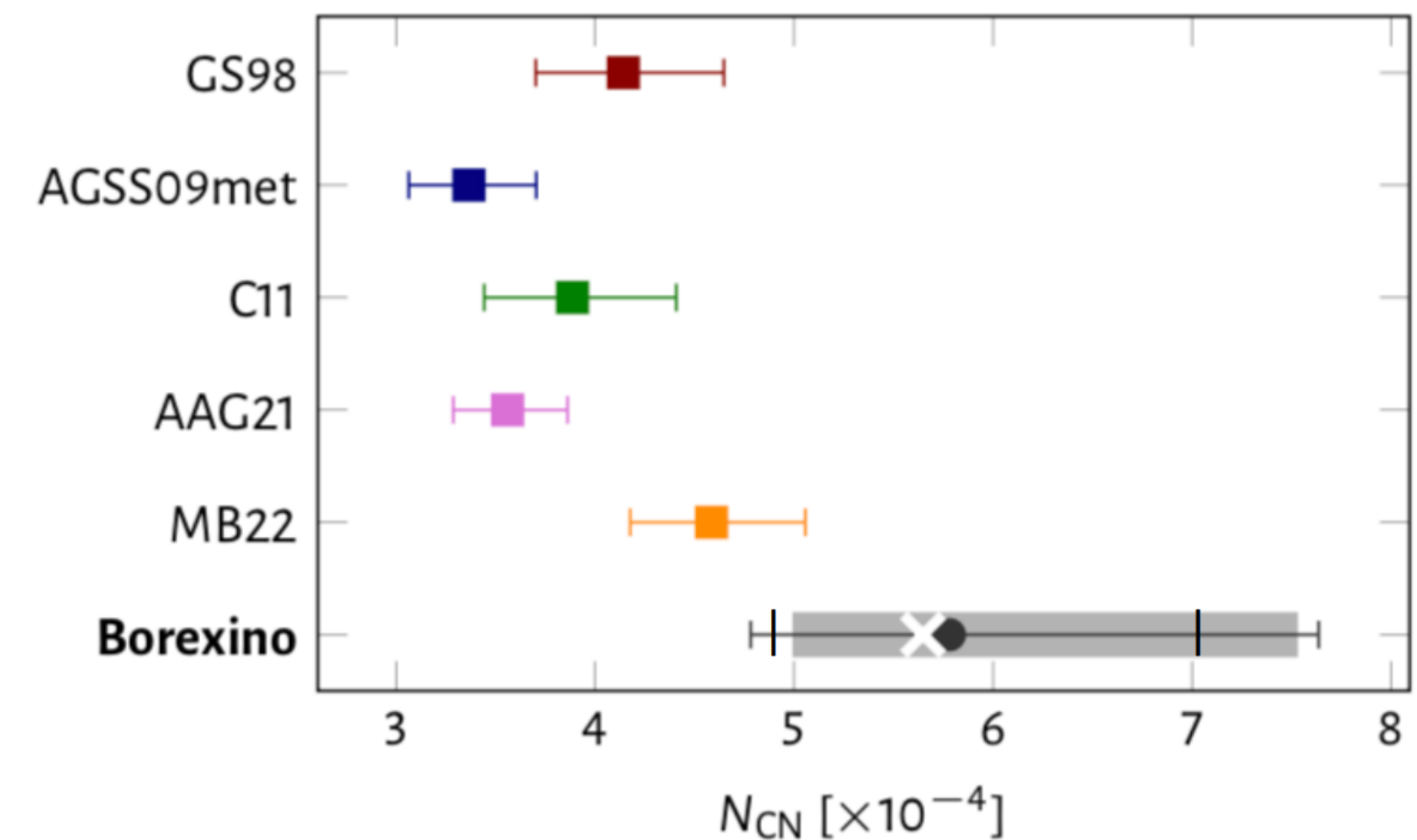
# Motivation to measure CNO solar $\nu$

- Study SSM. Test solar metallicity problem.
- Backgrounds and detector response are key points.

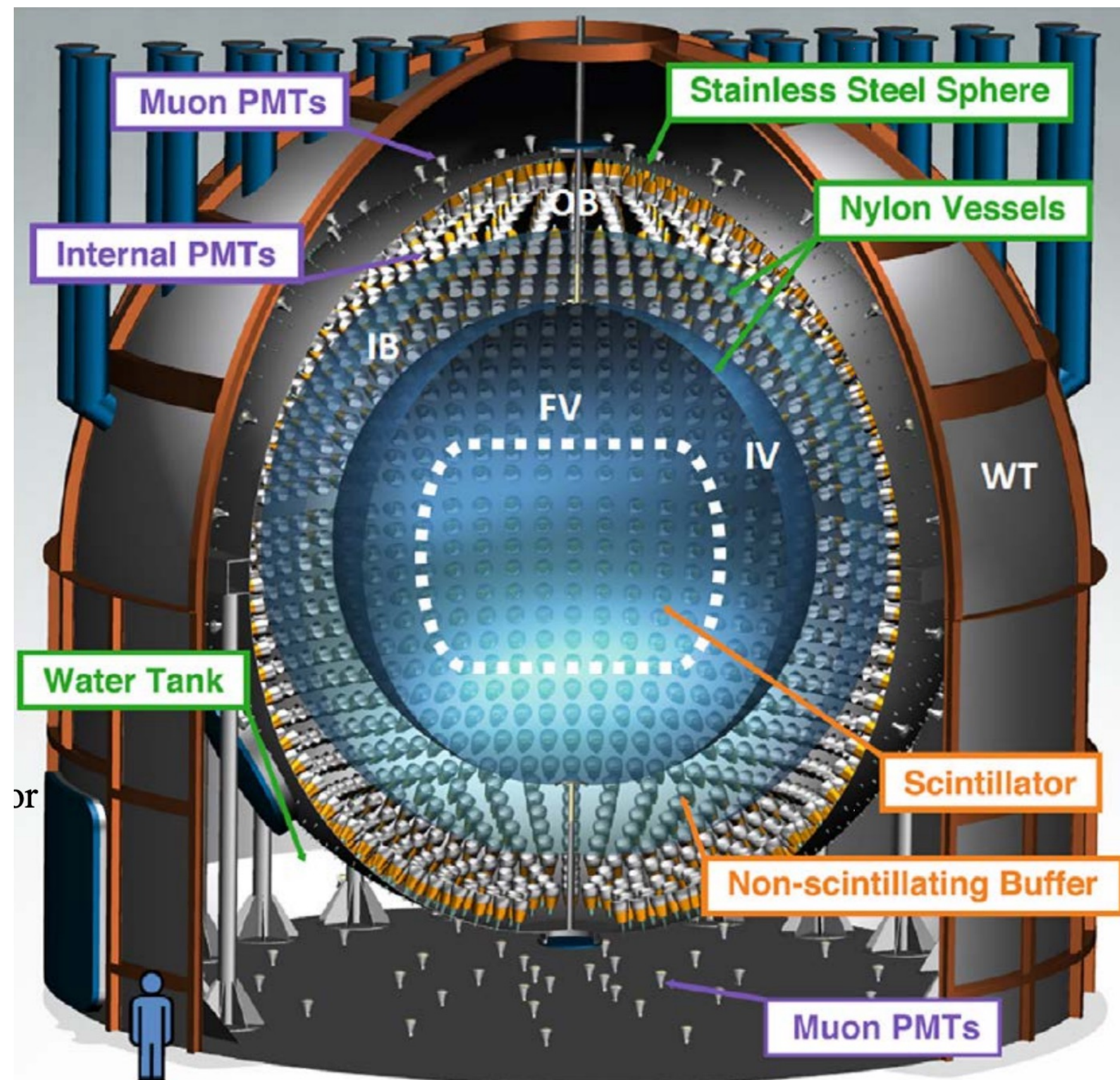
Consistency with helioseismology data



Determination of metallicity with solar neutrinos

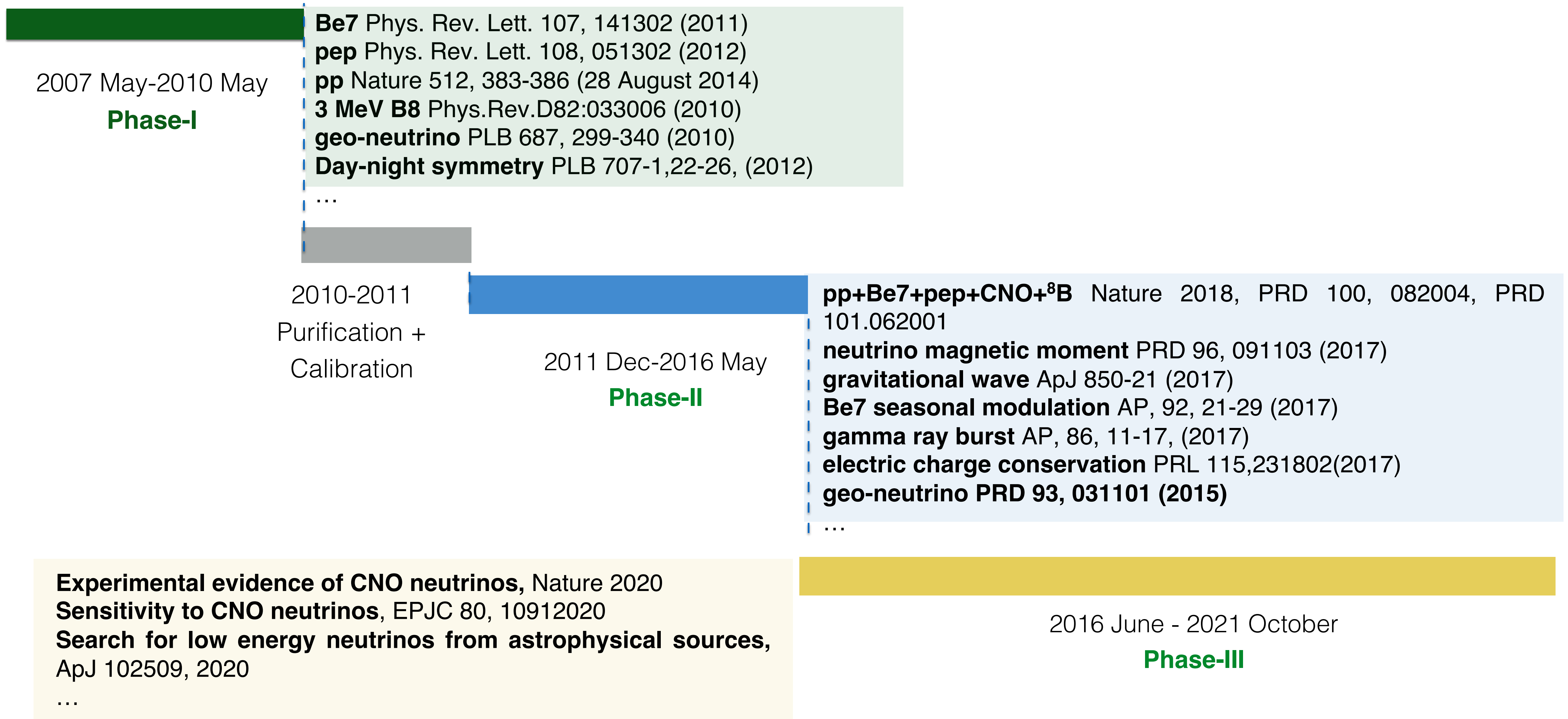


# Borexino detector

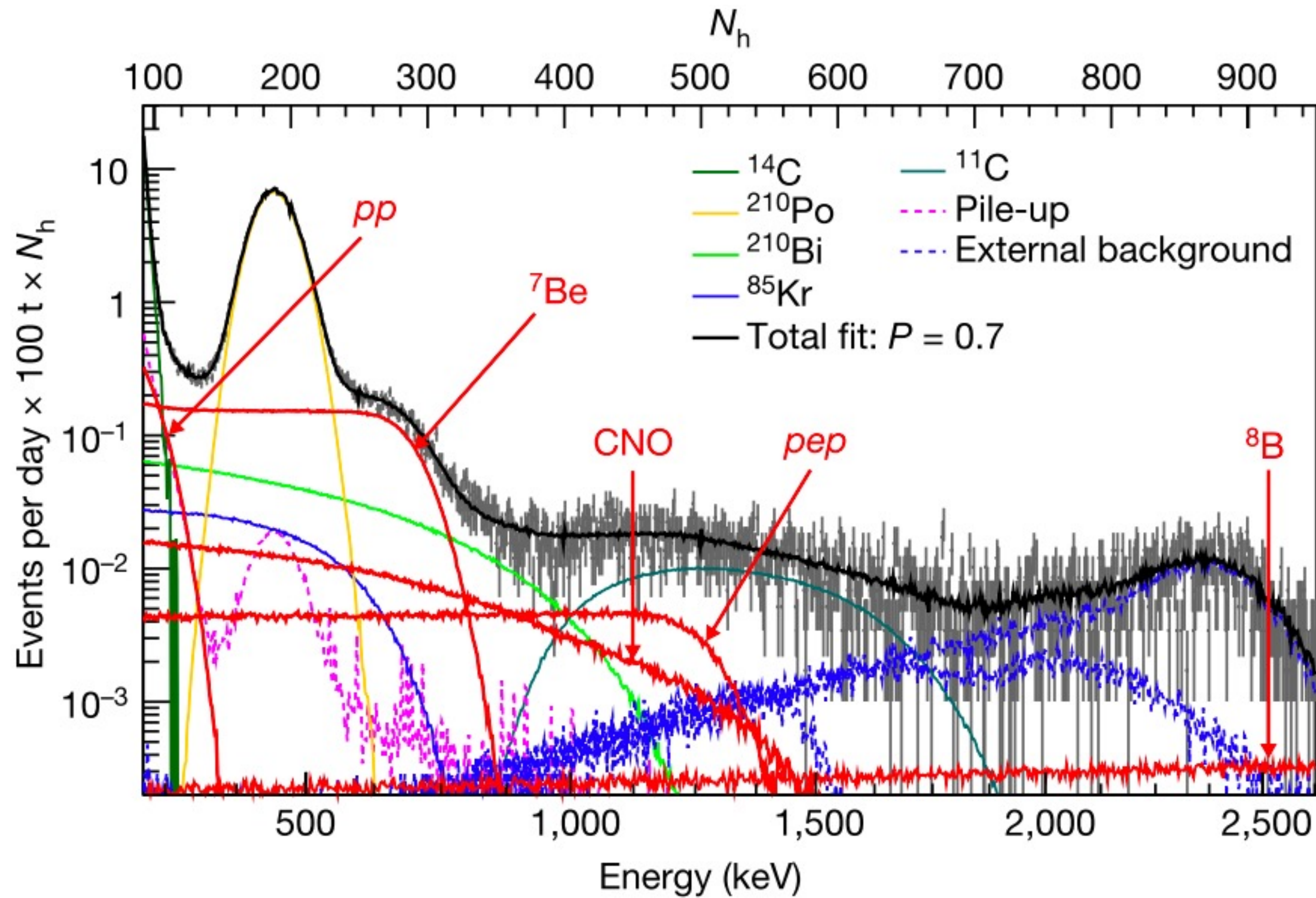


- Located at hall C of LNGS, Italy.
- Active volume 280 tons of liquid scintillator
- Detect solar neutrinos via elastic scattering off electrons of the scintillator, threshold at 60 keV

# Physics program of Borexino

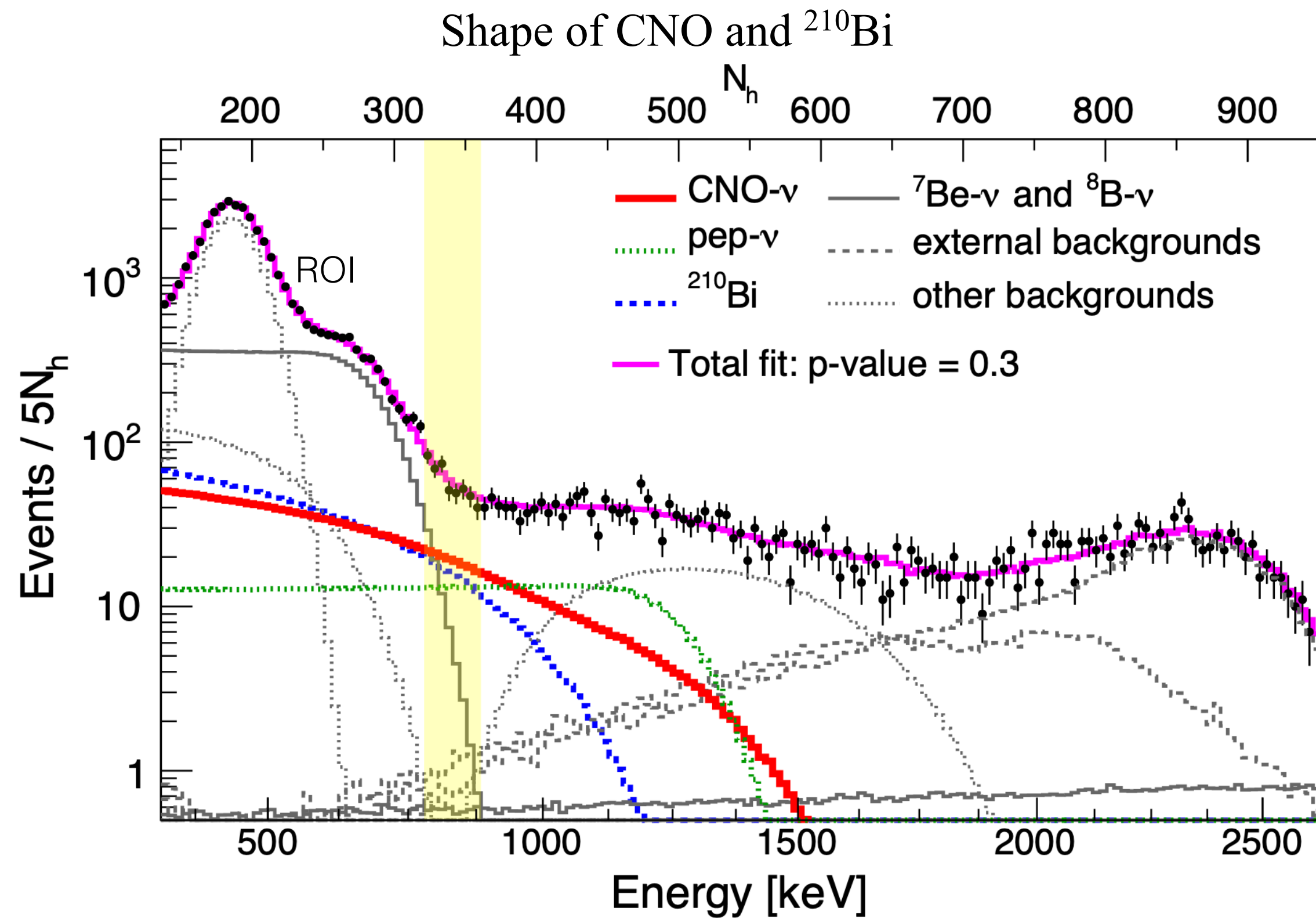


# Signals and backgrounds in Borexino

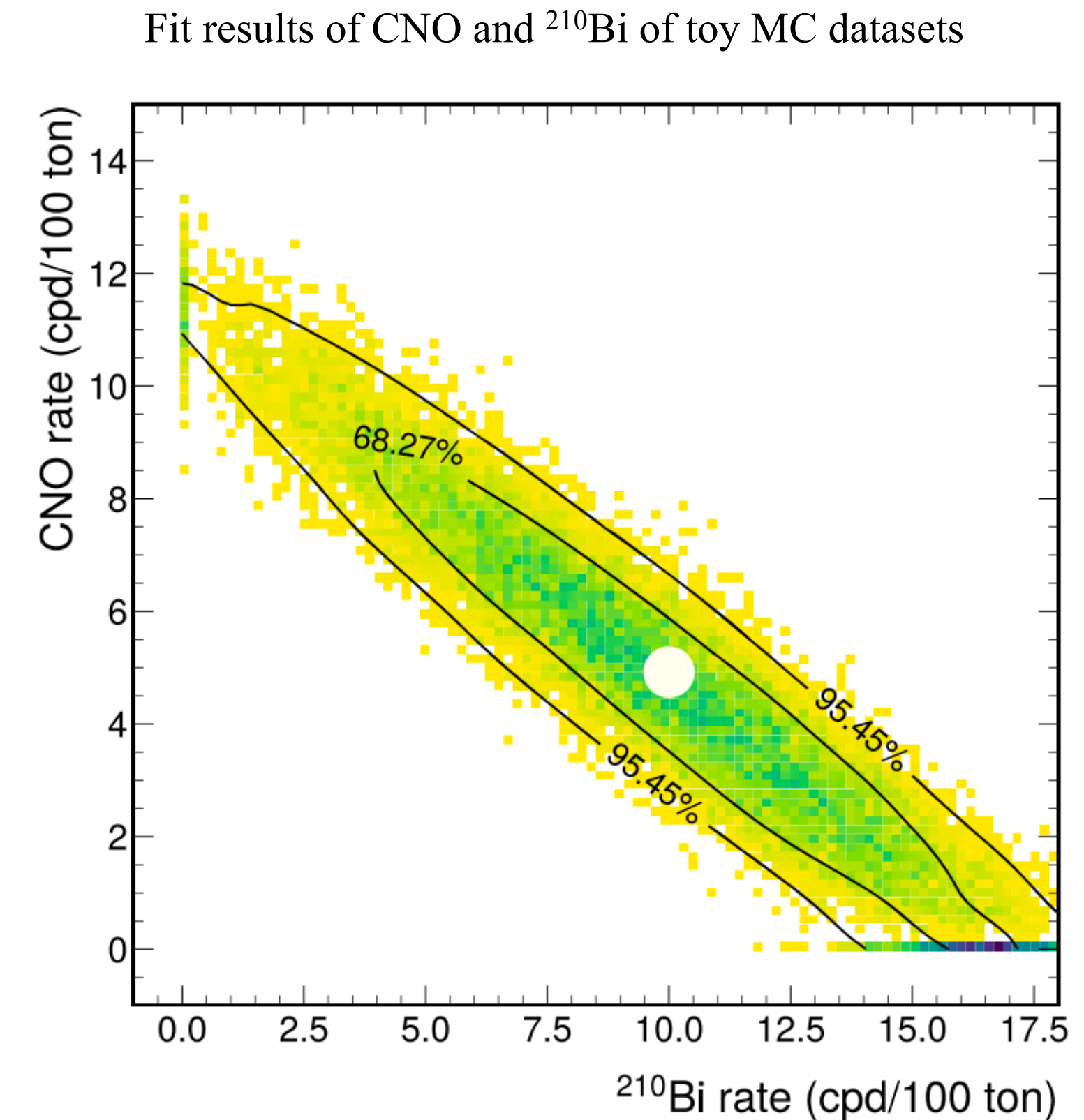


- Recoil electron induced by solar neutrinos ( $pp$ ,  $^7\text{Be}$ , CNO,  $pep$ ,  $^8\text{B}$ )
- Internal natural radioactivity ( $^{210}\text{Po}$ ,  $^{210}\text{Bi}$ ,  $^{85}\text{Kr}$ )
- External natural radioactivity
- Cosmogenic radioactivity ( $^{11}\text{C}$ )
- Pile-ups

# Measuring CNO with Borexino



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

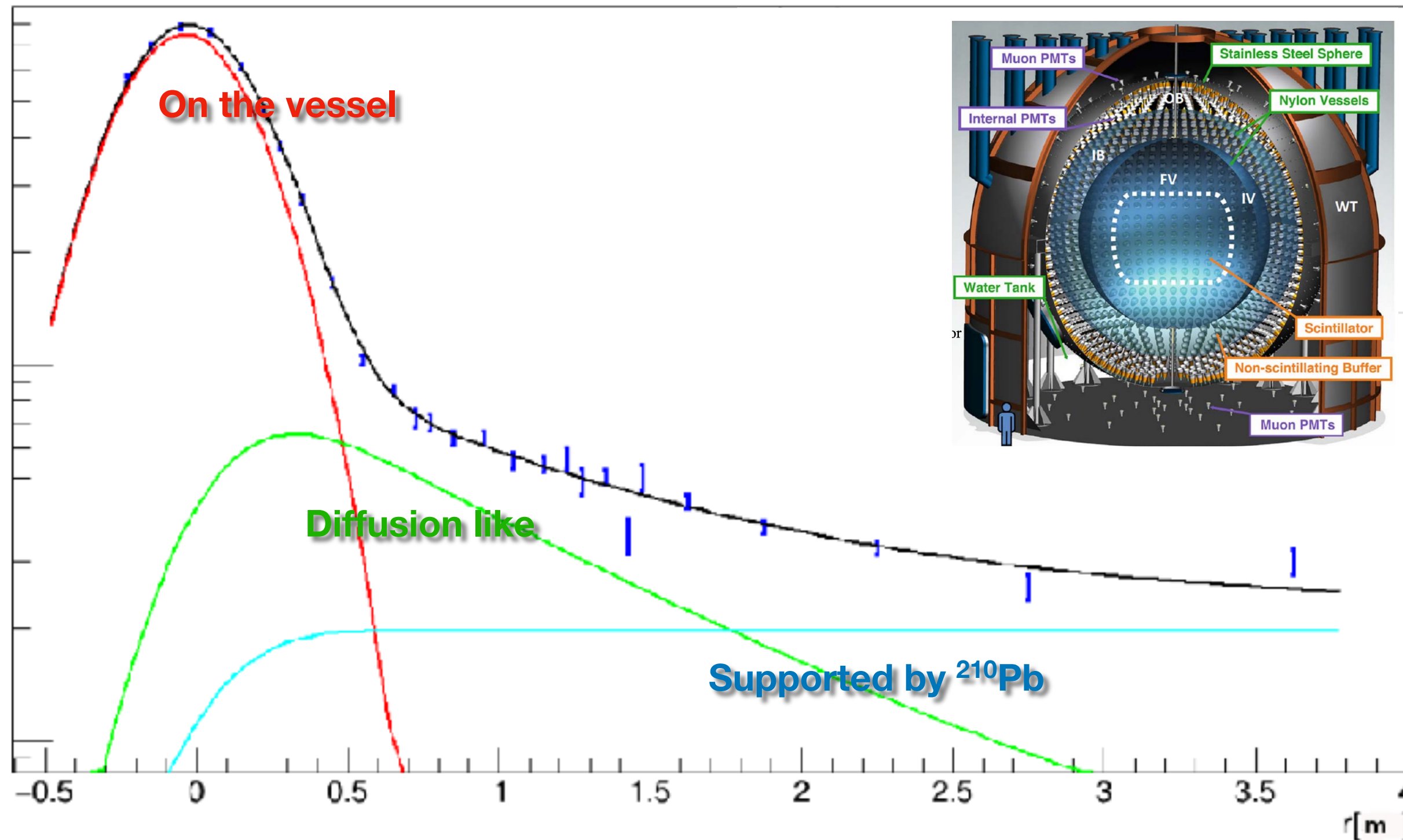


Borexino Collaboration. (2020). Sensitivity to neutrinos from the solar CNO cycle in Borexino. European Physical Journal C, 80(11). <https://doi.org/10.1140/epjc/s10052-020-08534-2>

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

# How to measure $^{210}\text{Bi}$

Distribution of  $^{210}\text{Po}$  events

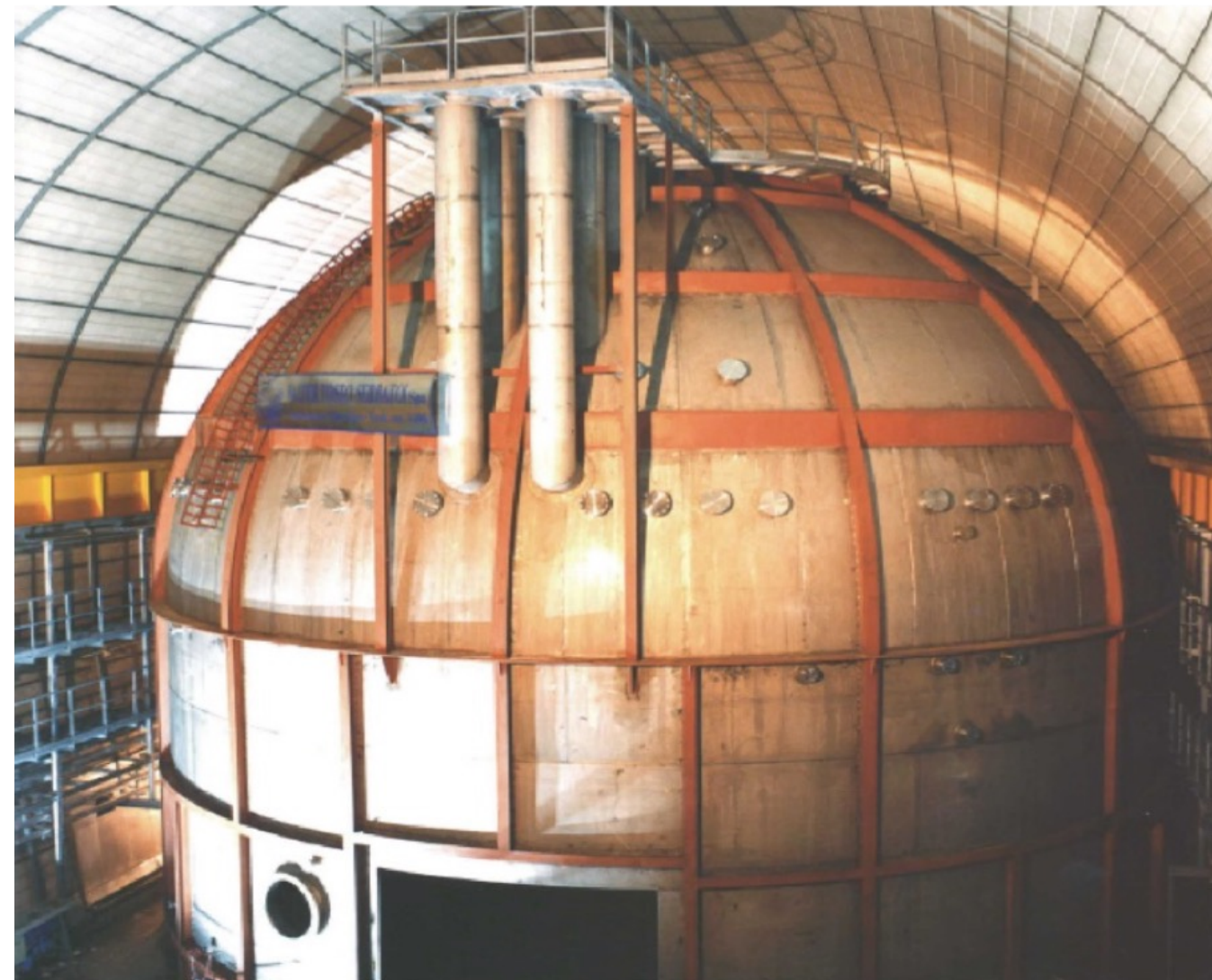


- $^{210}\text{Po}$  is the decay daughter of  $^{210}\text{Bi}$ ;
- $^{210}\text{Bi} = ^{210}\text{Po}$  @ secular equilibrium;
- Extra  $^{210}\text{Po}$  brought into FV by convection & migration:

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



# Efforts to suppress the convection motion.



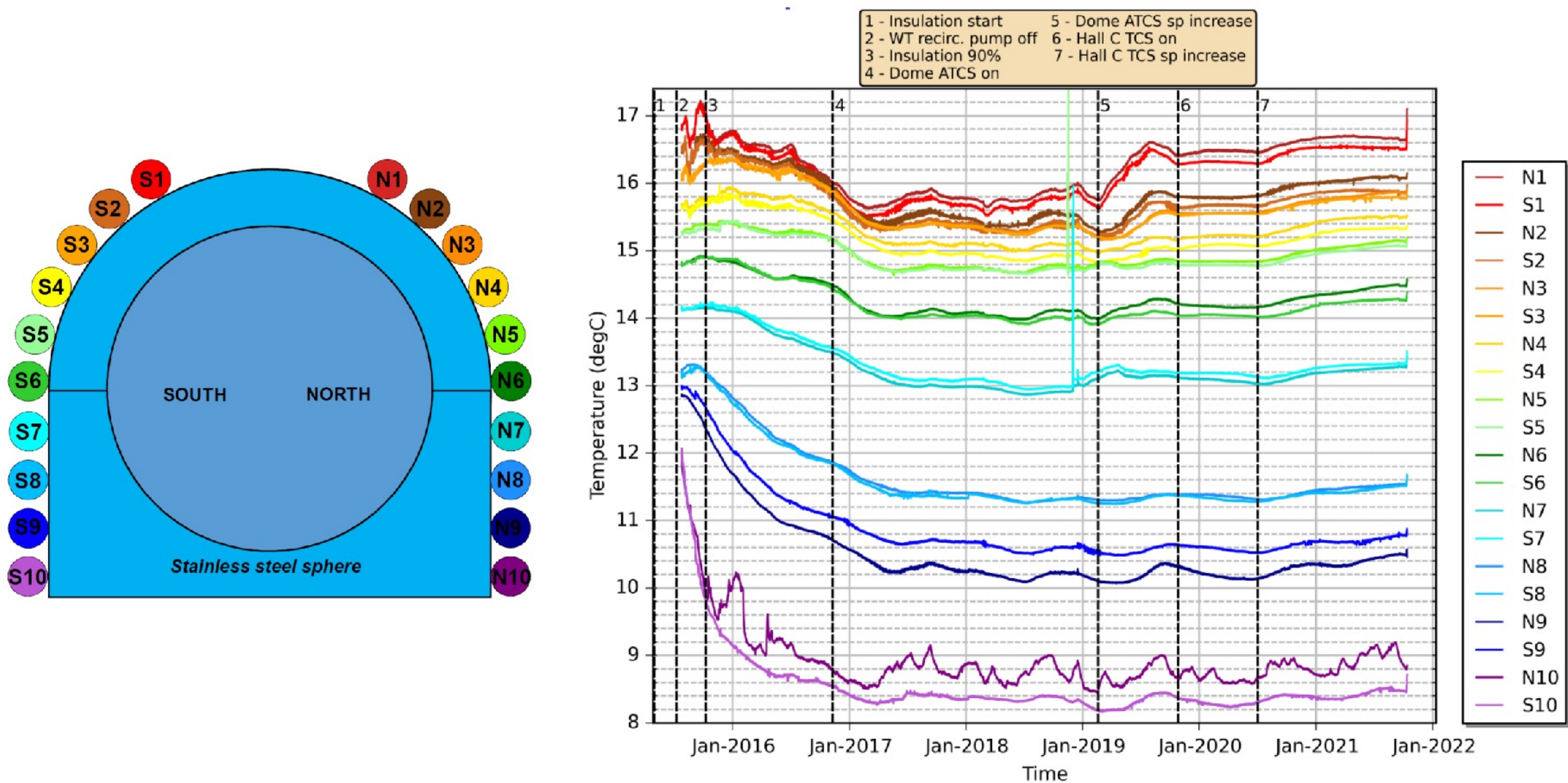
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## Fluid-dynamics and transport of $^{210}\text{Po}$ in the scintillator Borexino detector: A numerical analysis

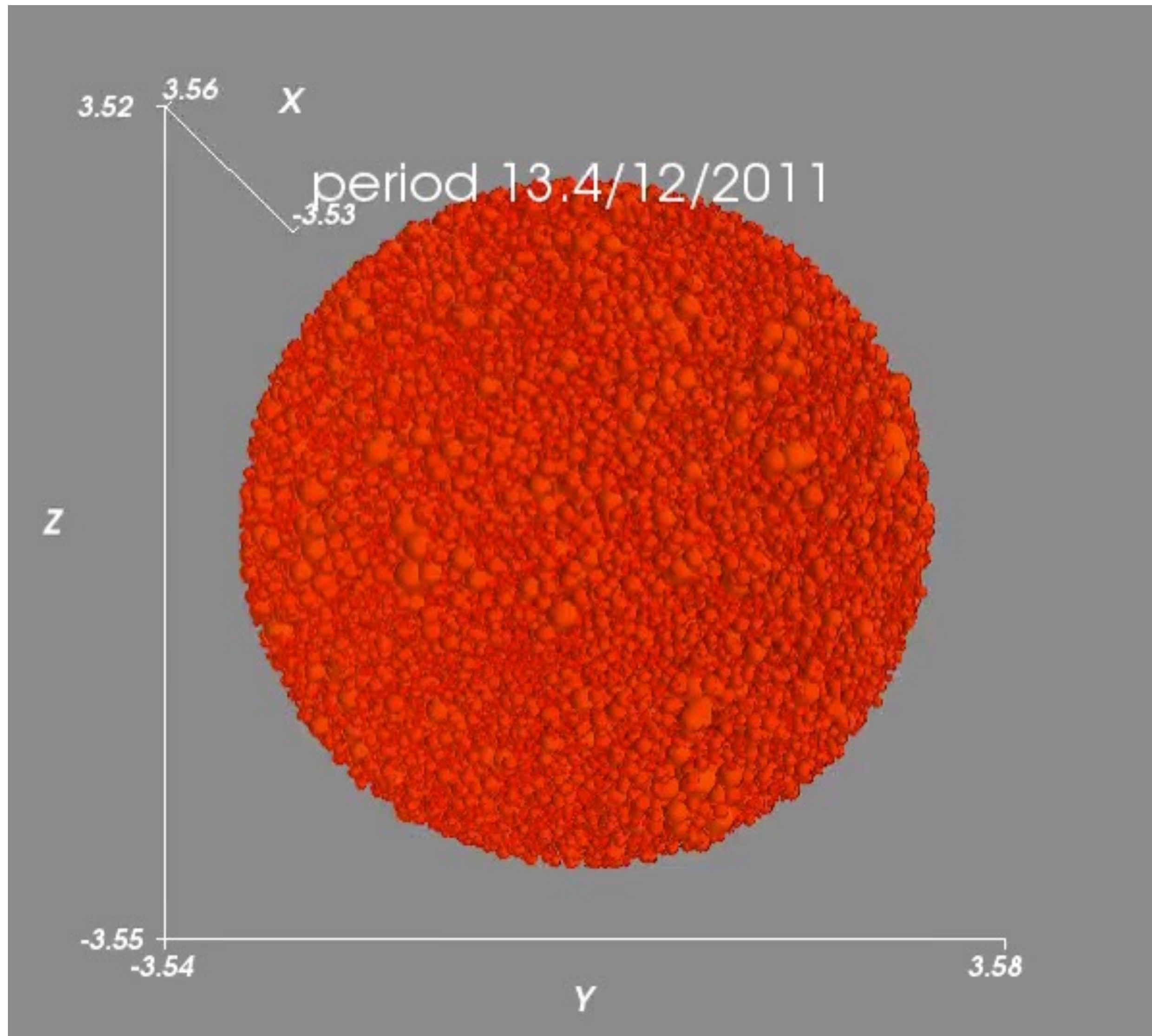
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- Double layer of mineral wool for **insulation** & Active Temperature Control System (**ATCS**) (2014—2016)
- Temperature Probes (2014—2016)
- Fluid dynamical simulations
- Hall C Temperature stabilization (2019)

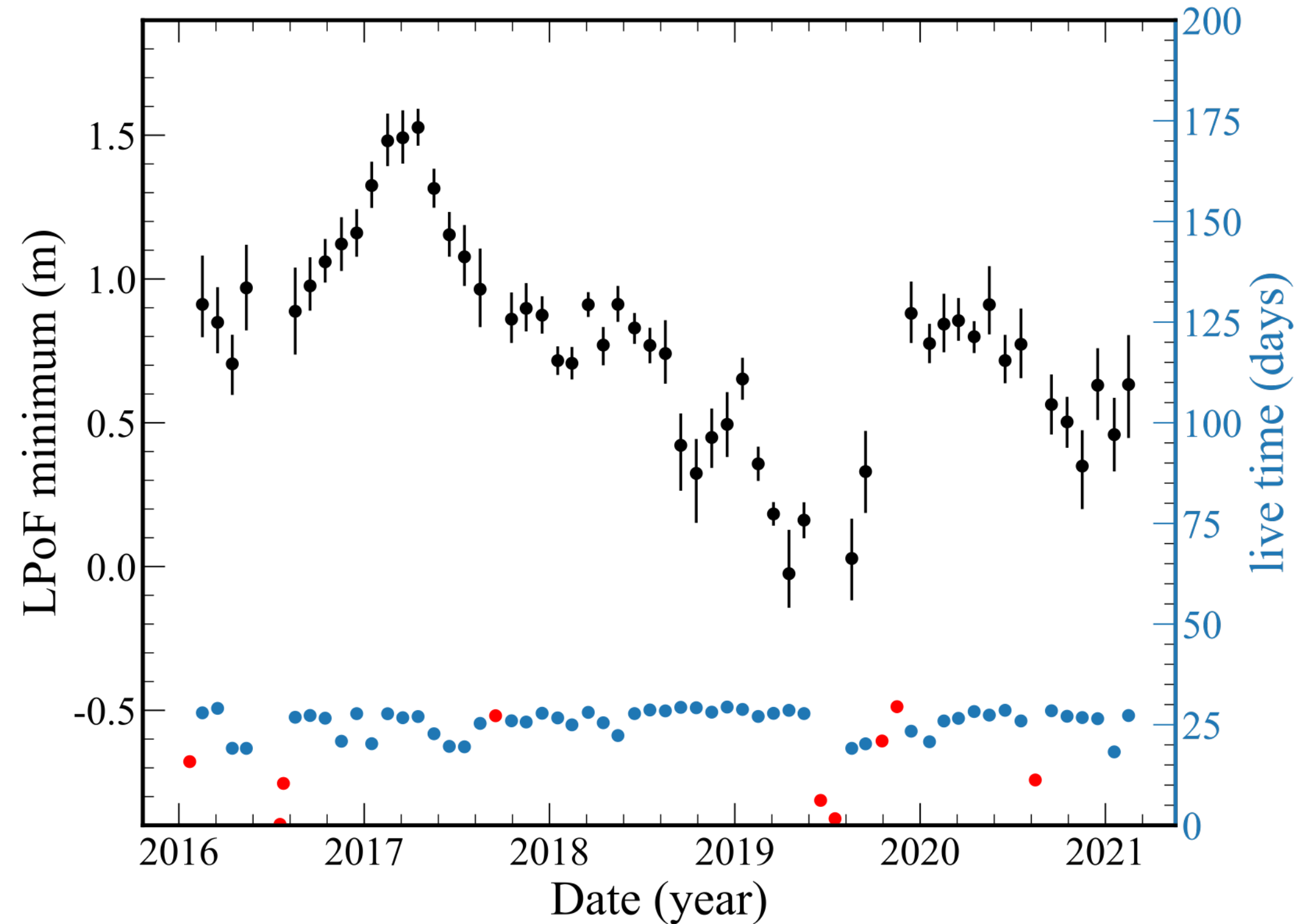
# Formation of Low Polonium Field (LPoF)



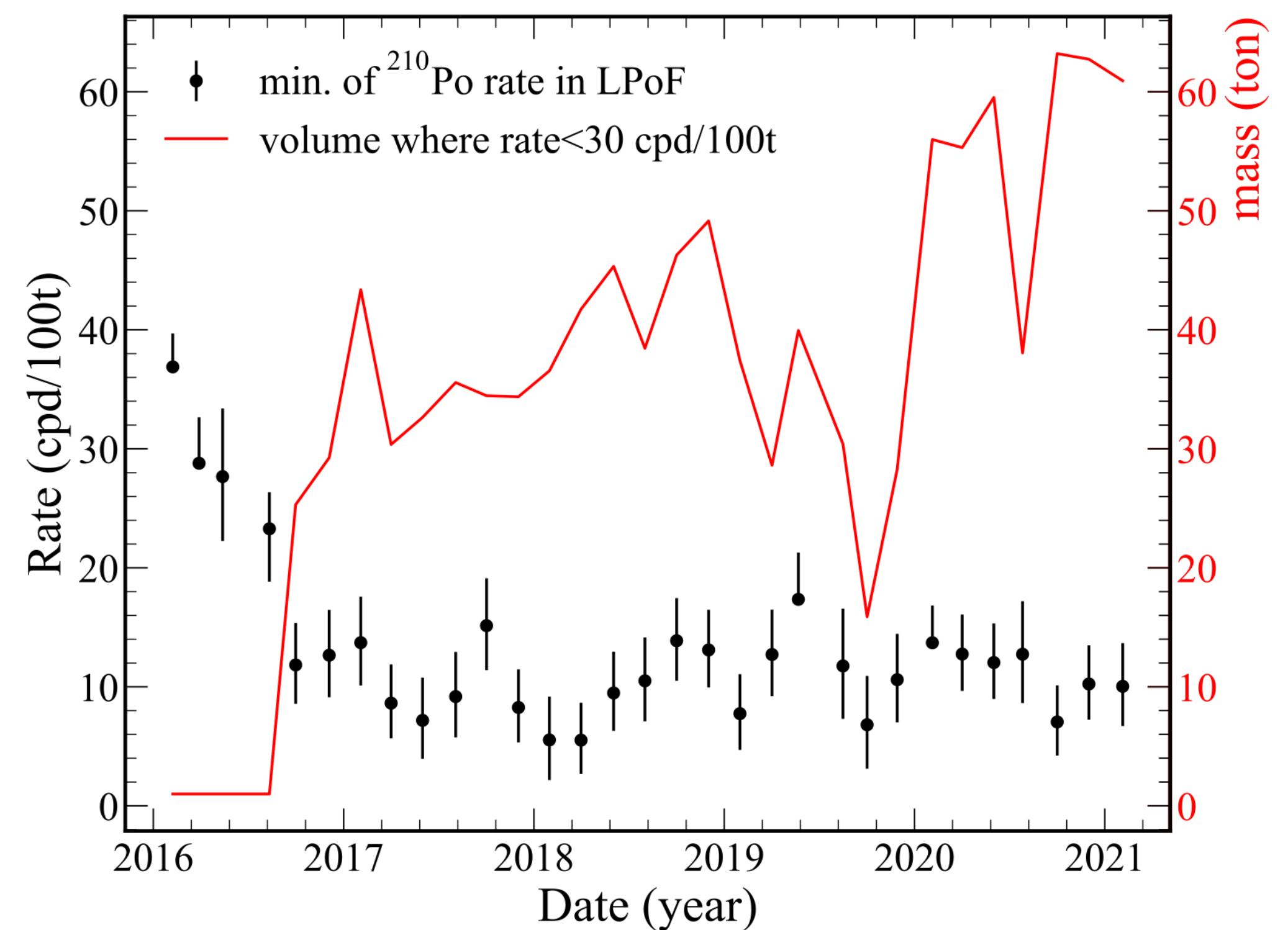
- Large cold dot: low rate;  
Small hot dot: high rate
- 2011-2013: high rate of  $^{210}\text{Po}$  left after purification
- 2014-2016: seasonal up and down of low Polonium region (LPoF)
- After 2016: **LPoF relatively stable**

# Behavior of Low Polonium Field

## Position



## Rate



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

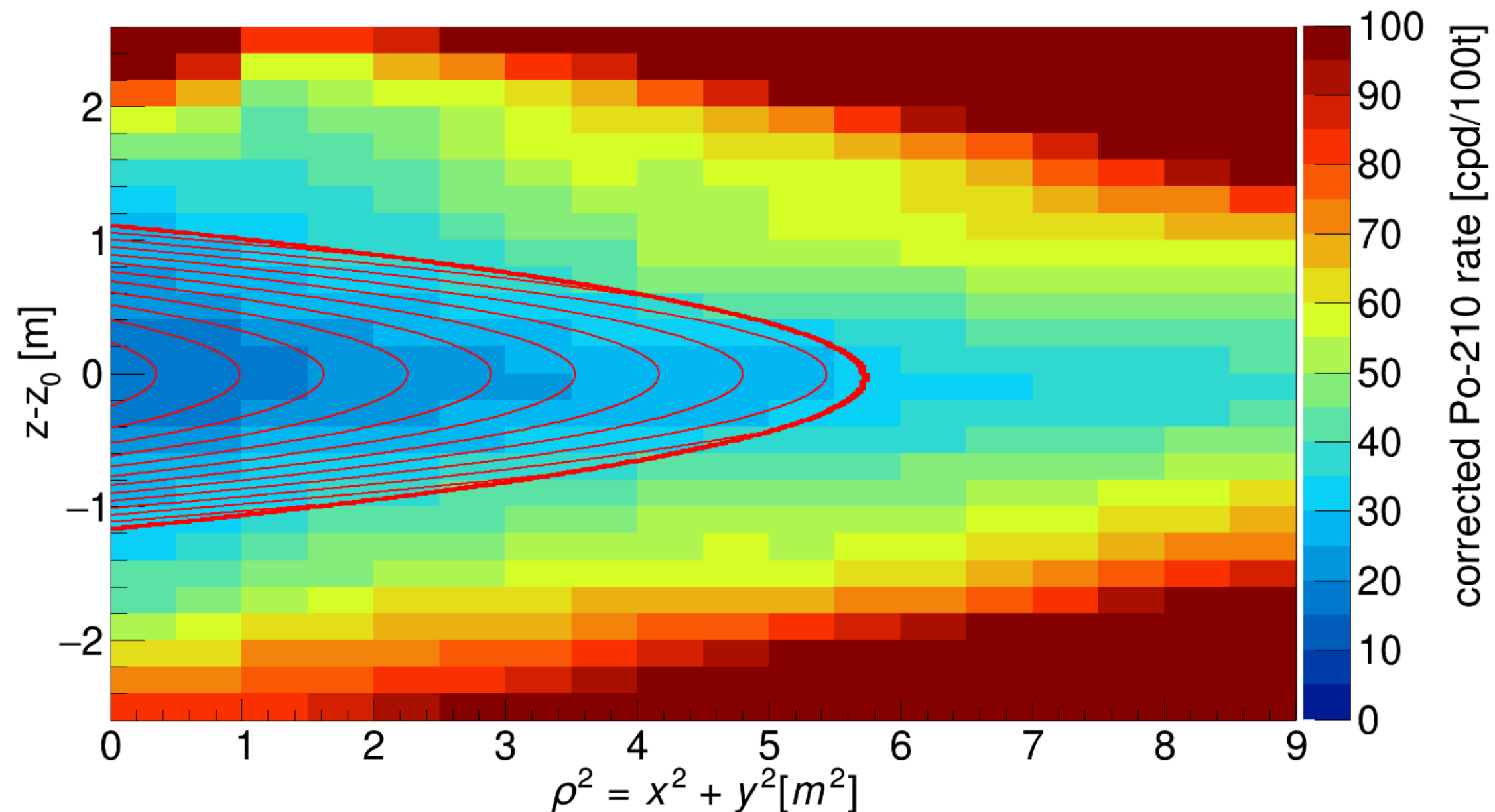
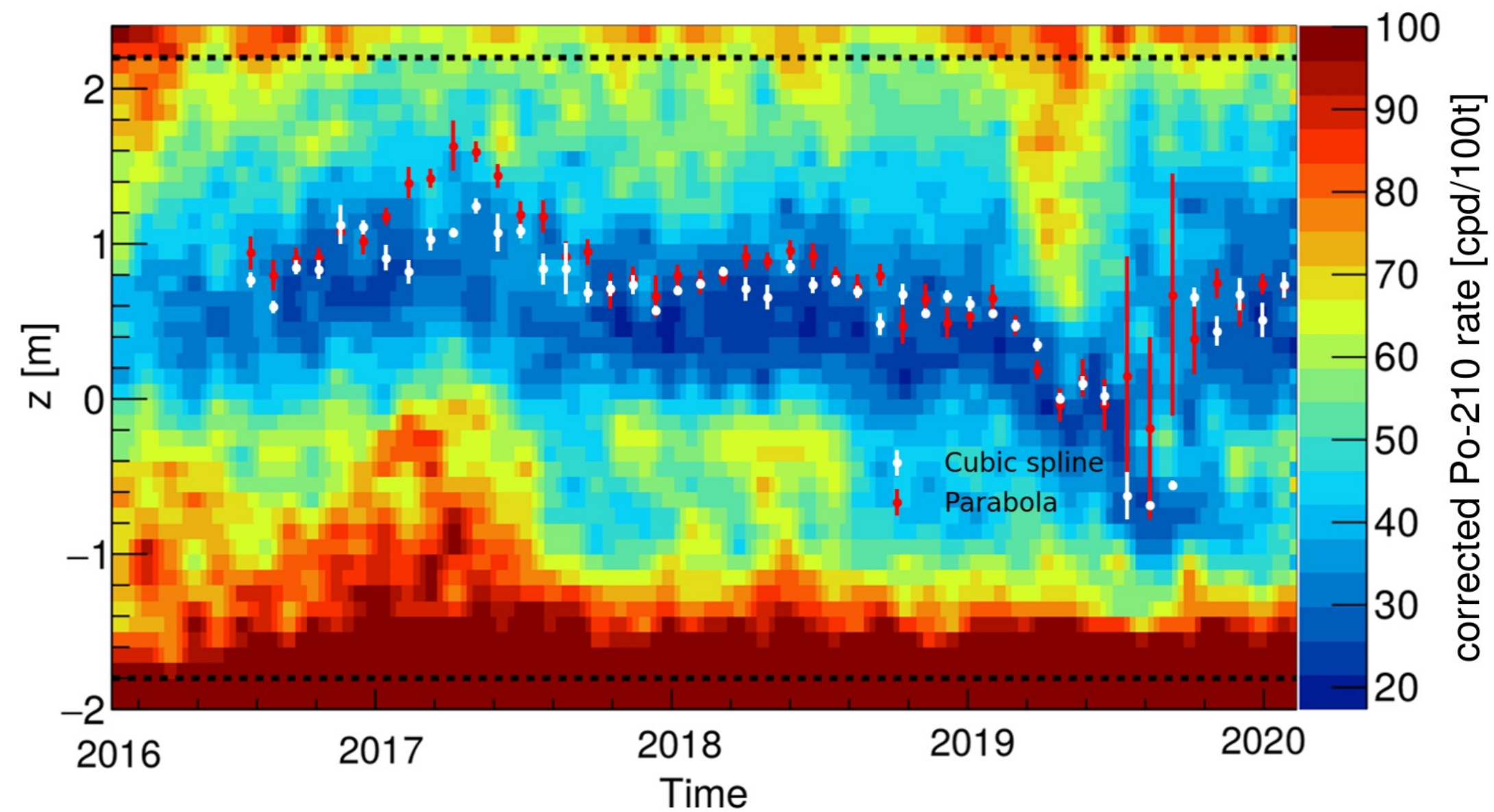


**Blind Aligned Merged**

**parabolic Bubble fit**

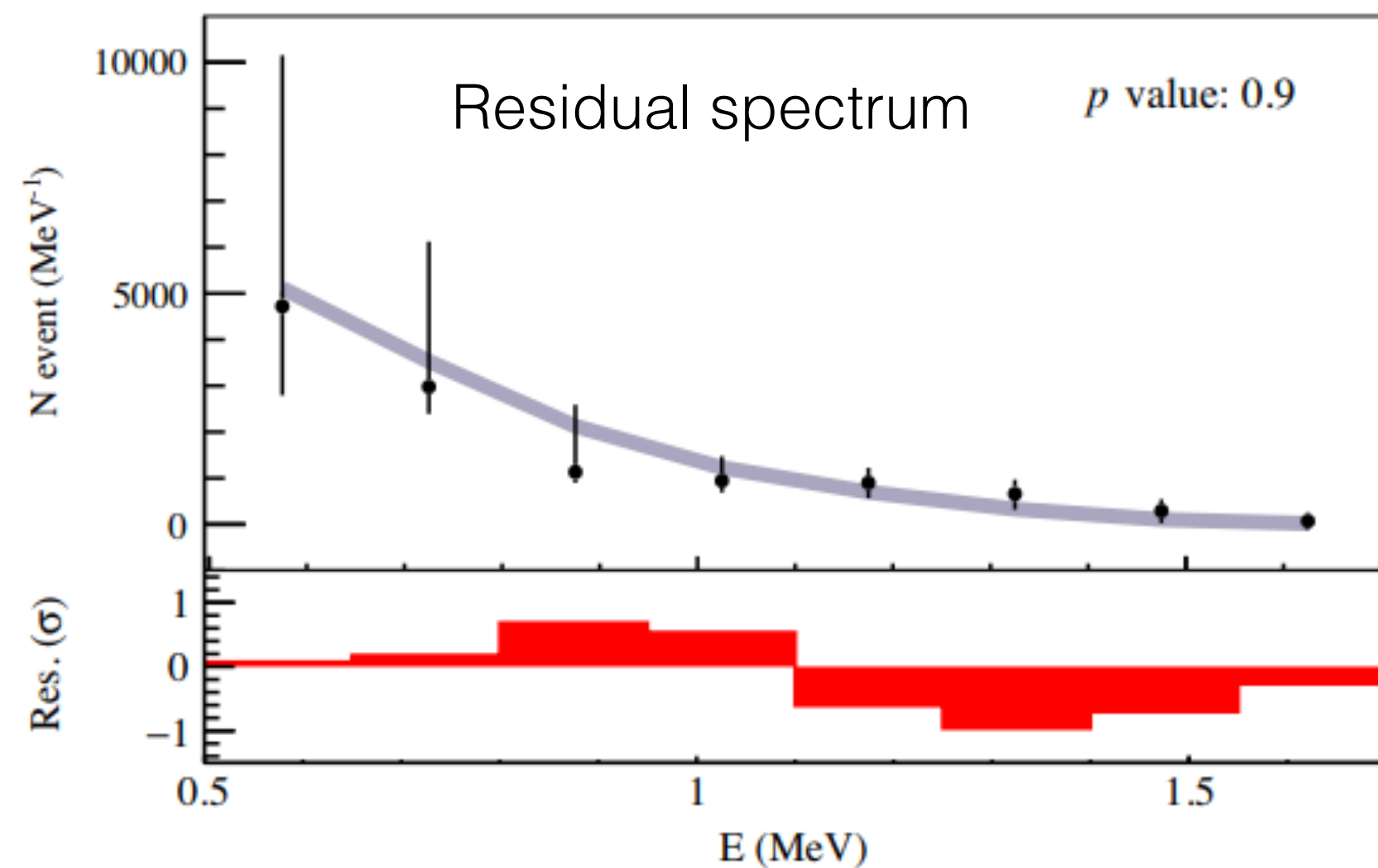
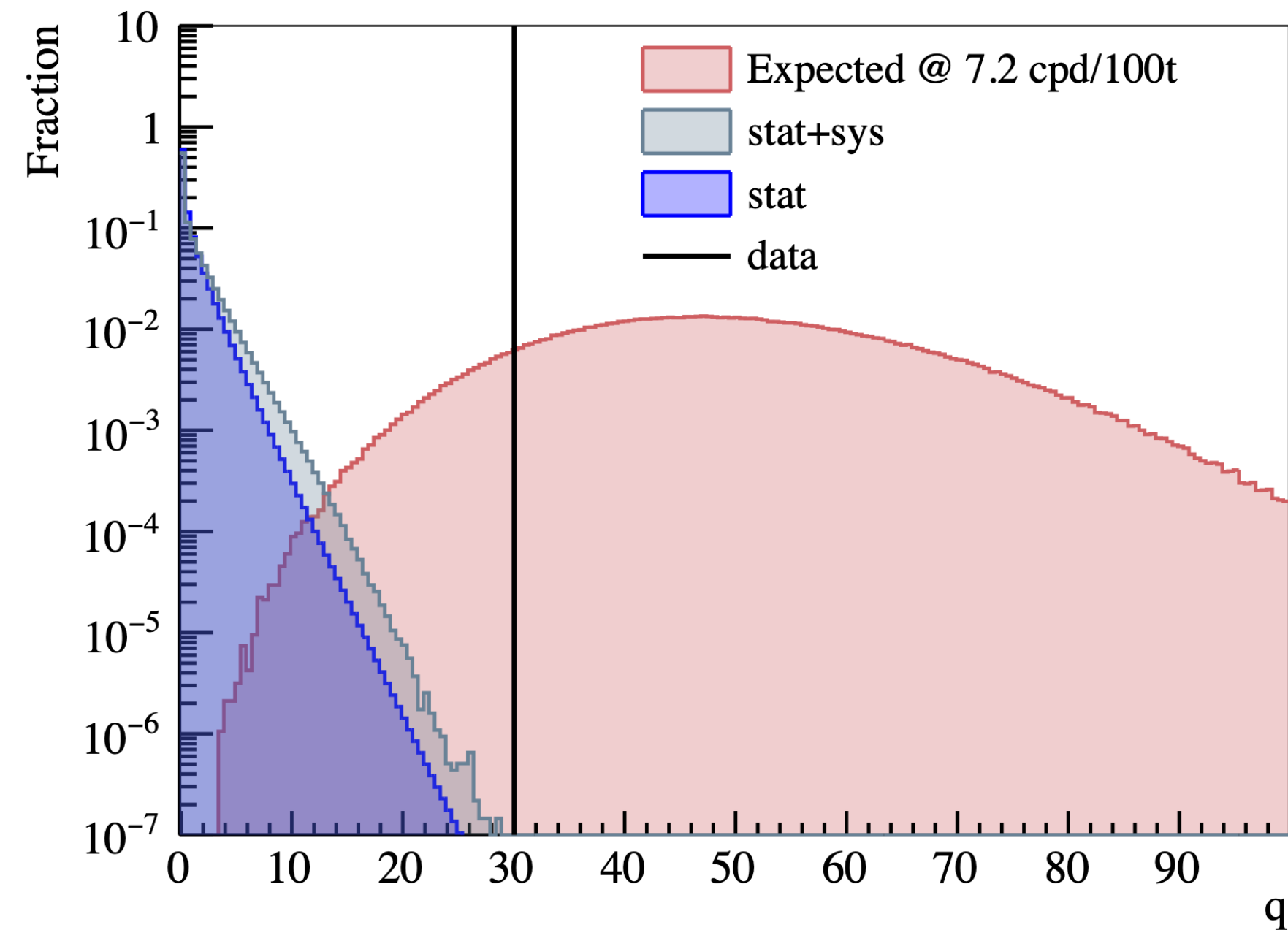
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# Low Polonium Field (LPoF) analysis



- 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; ( $2\sigma \Rightarrow 5\sigma$ )

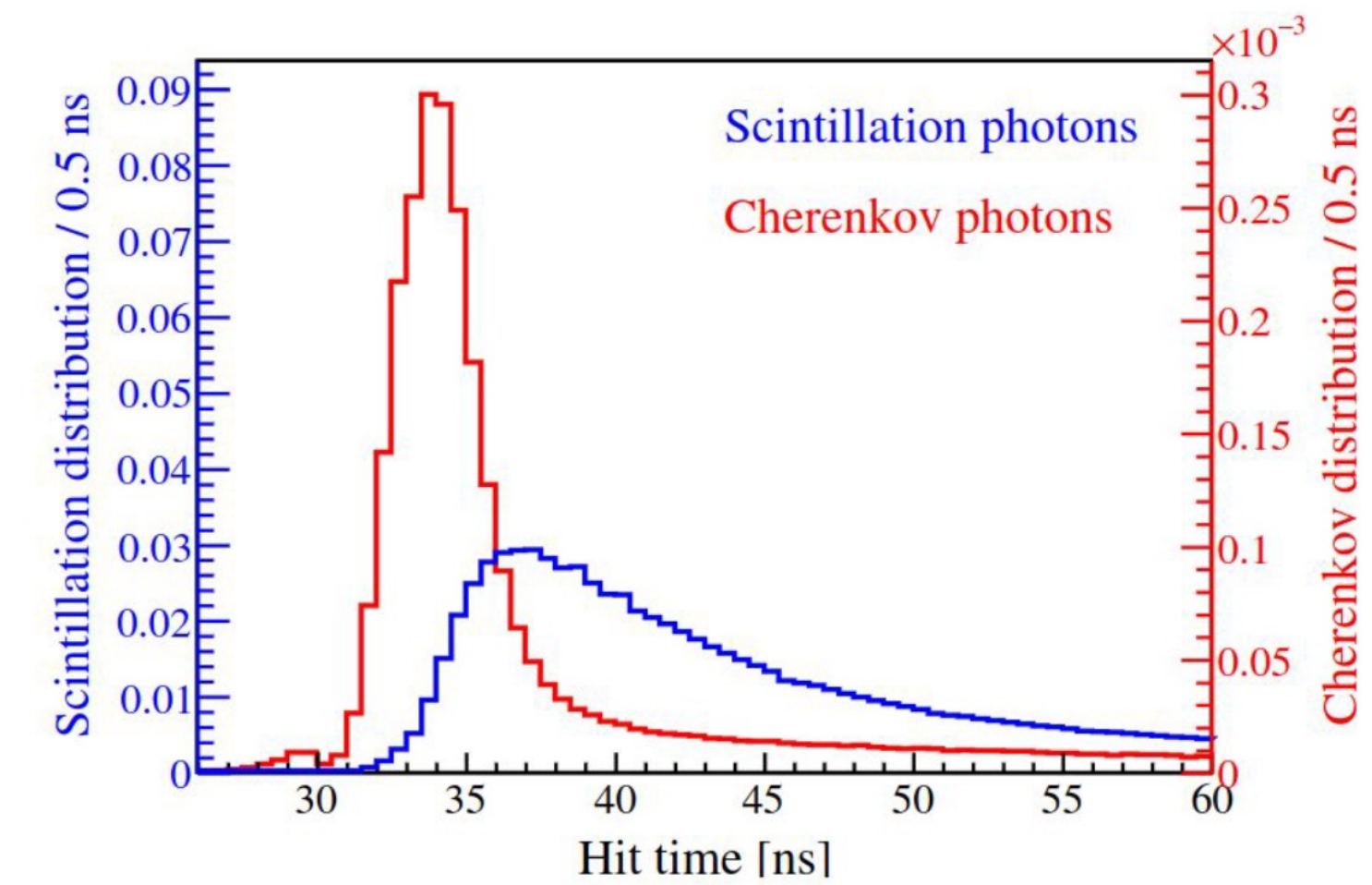
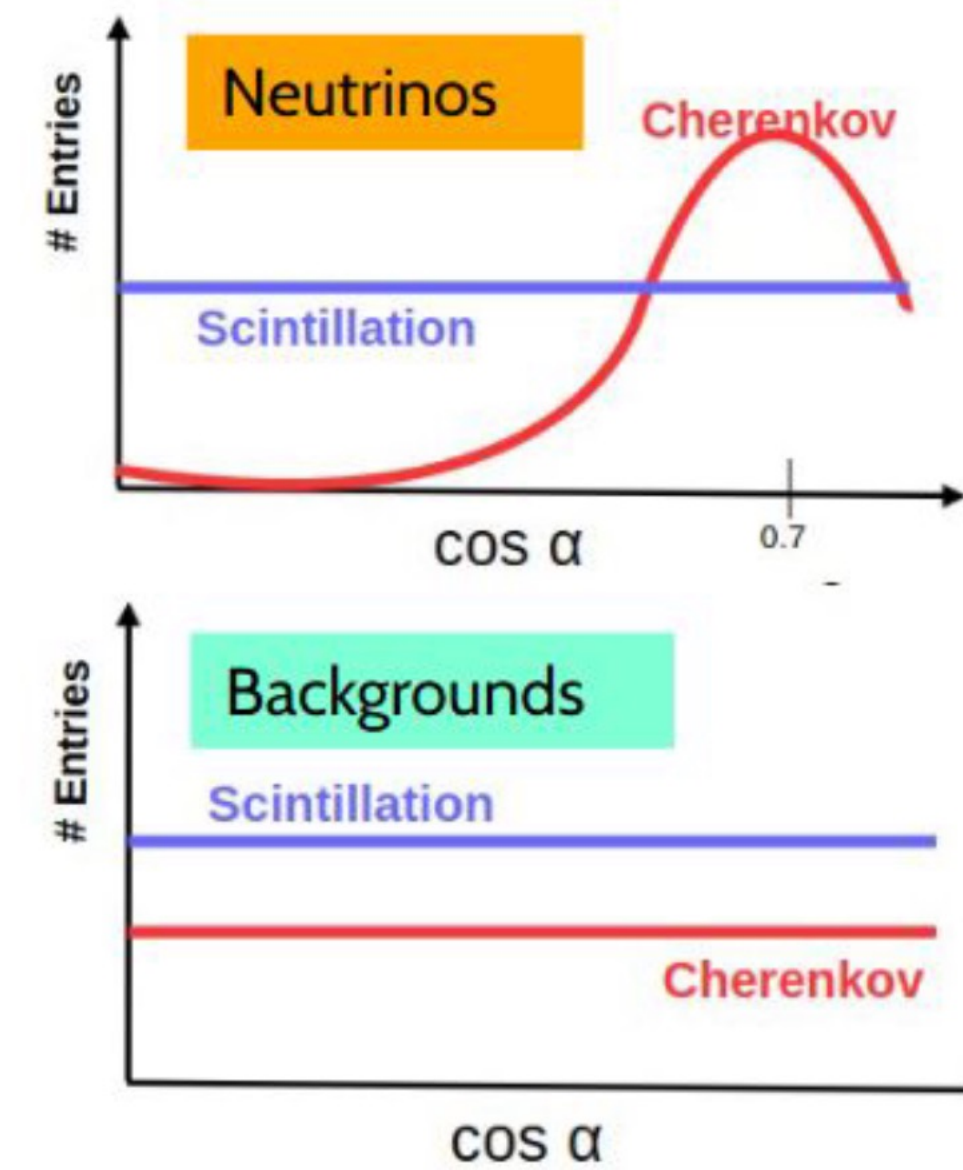
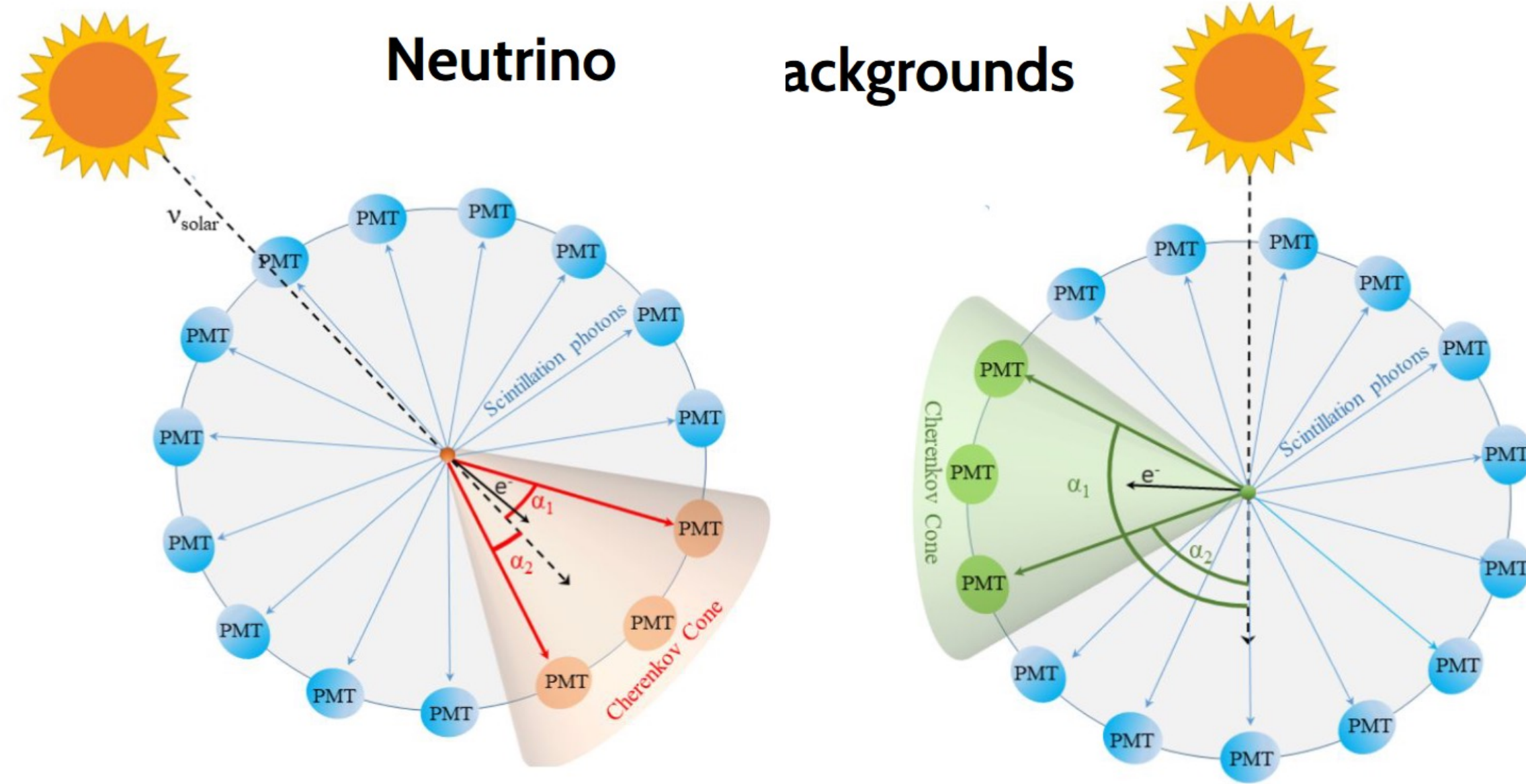
# Test against no-CNO hypothesis



- 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
- **$5 \sigma^*$  rejection of no-CNO hypothesis**

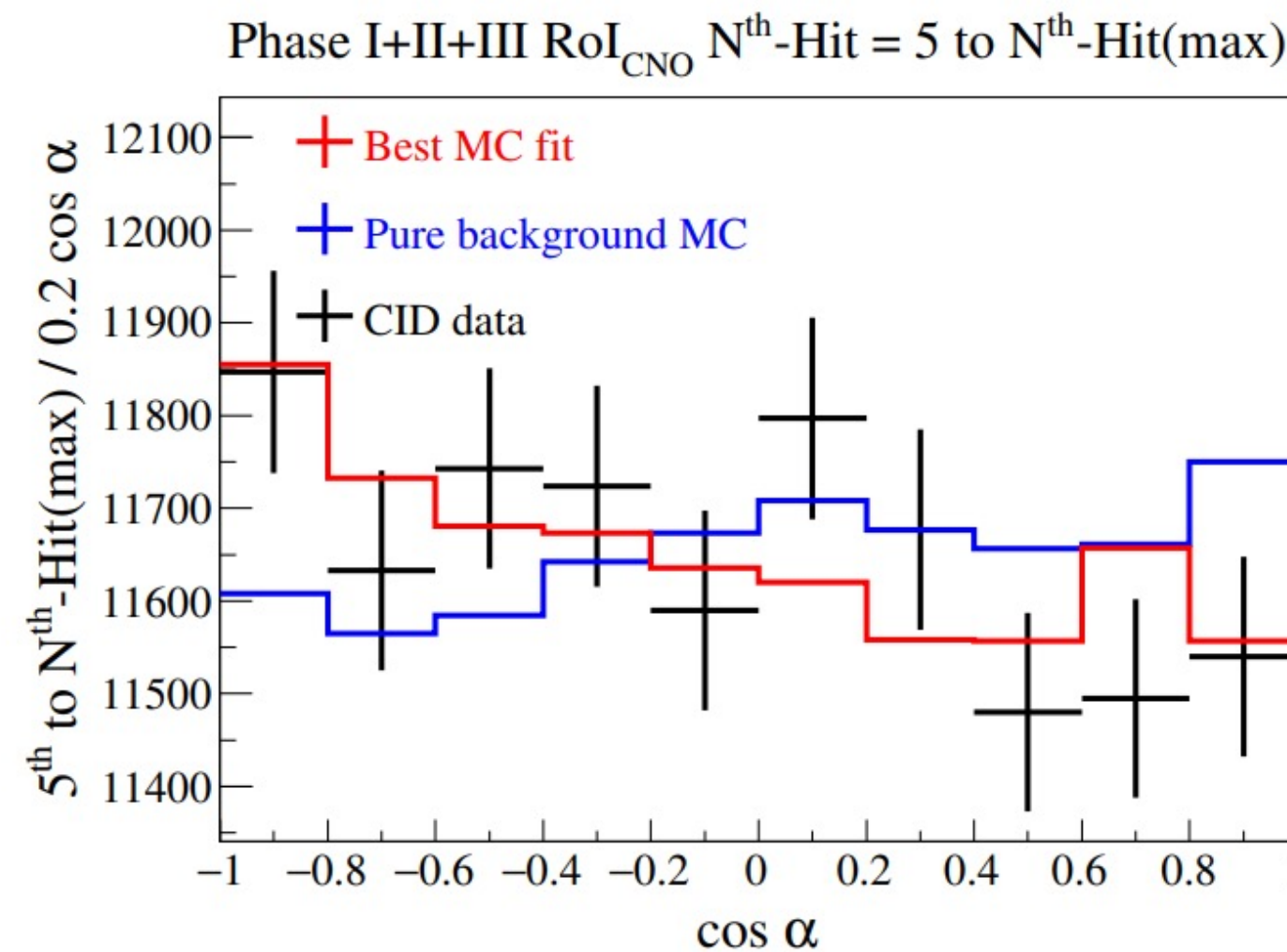
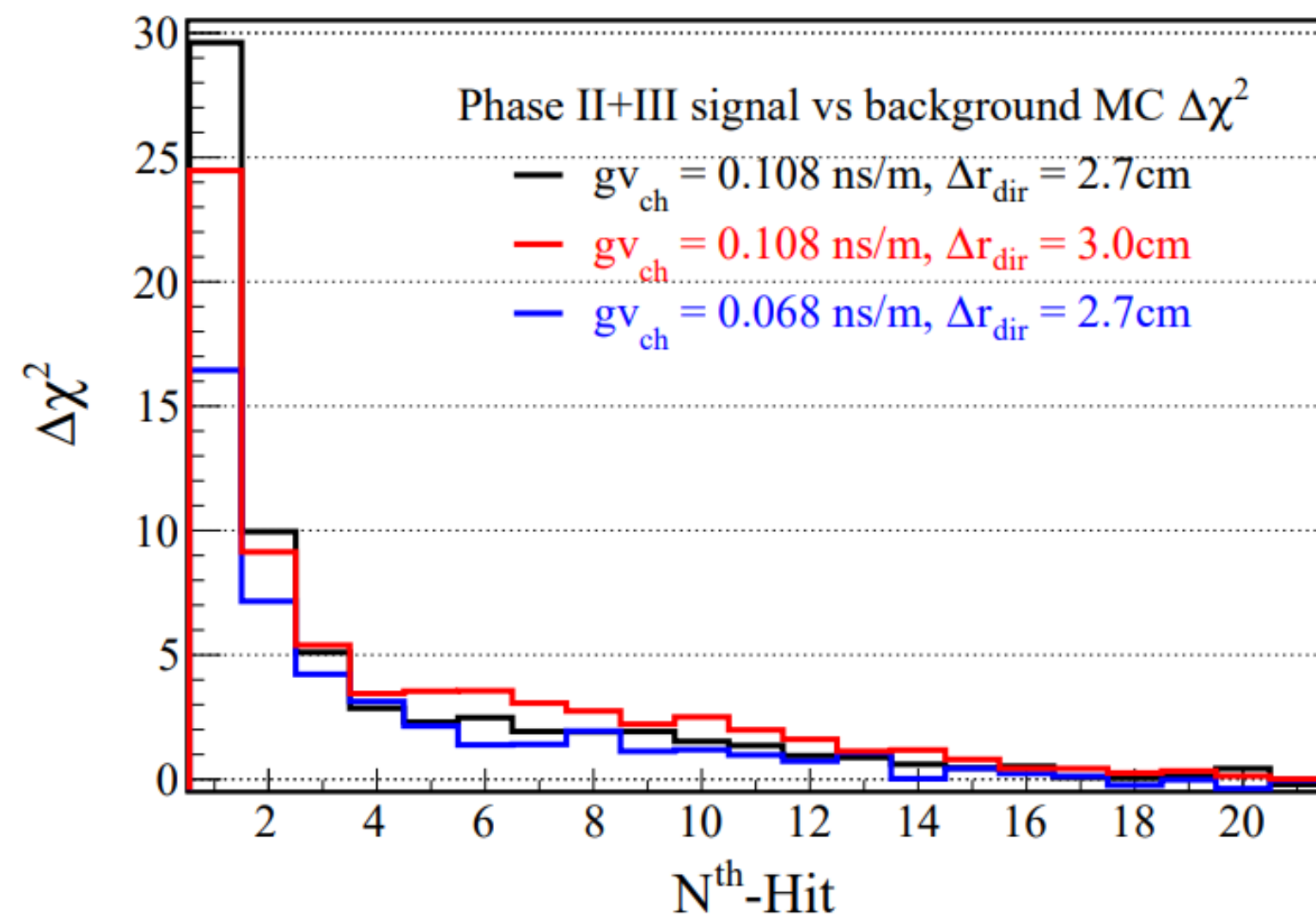
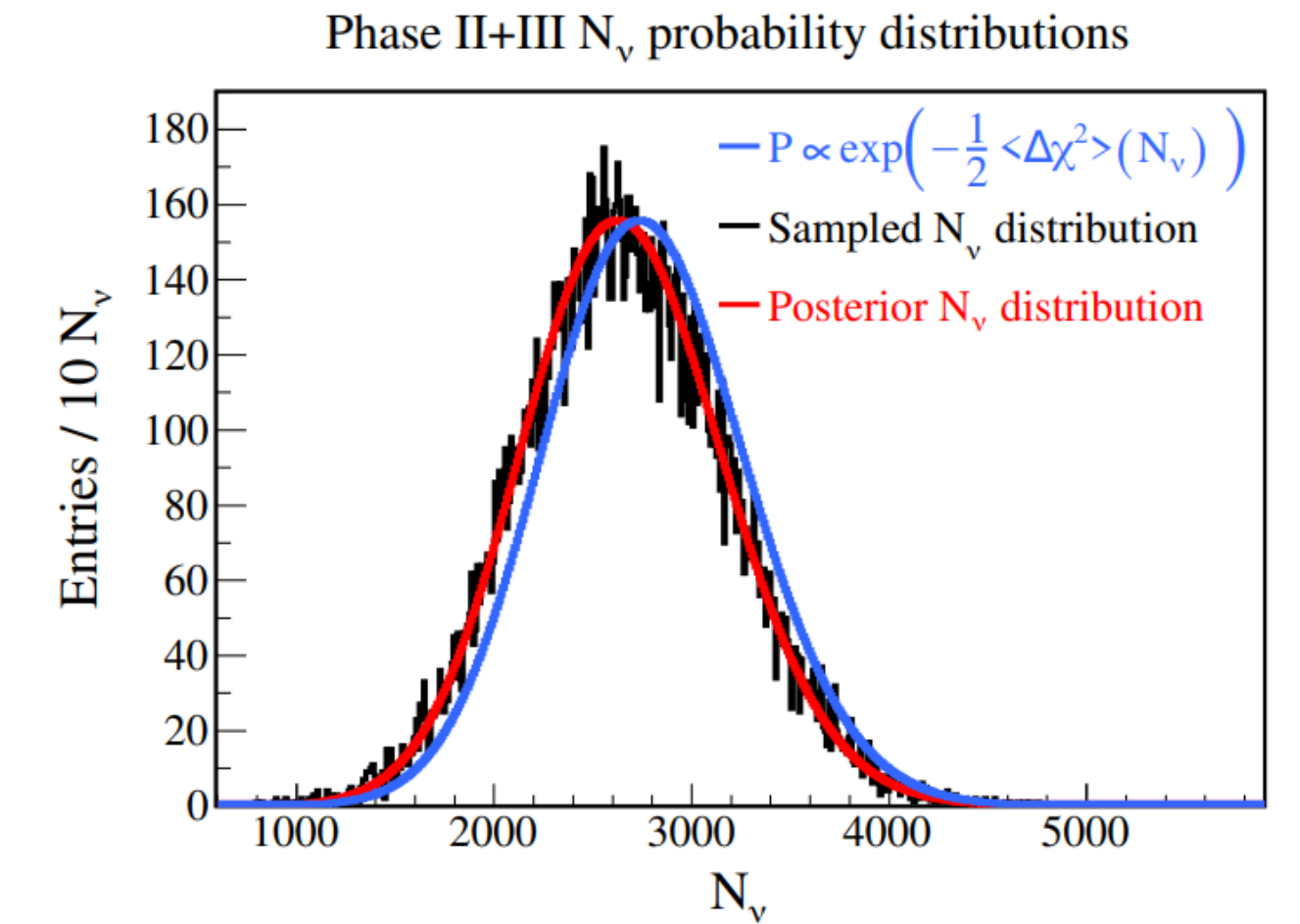
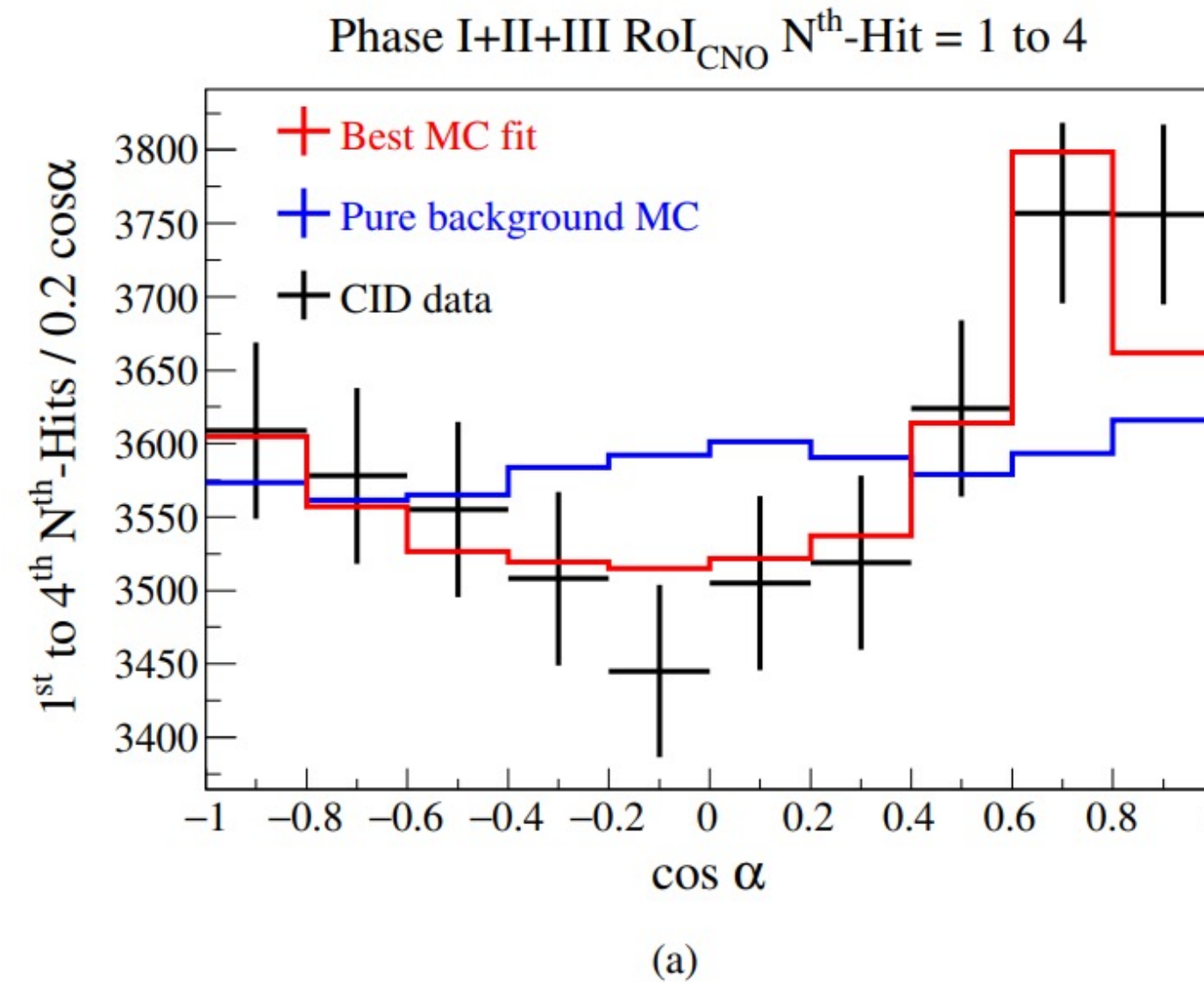
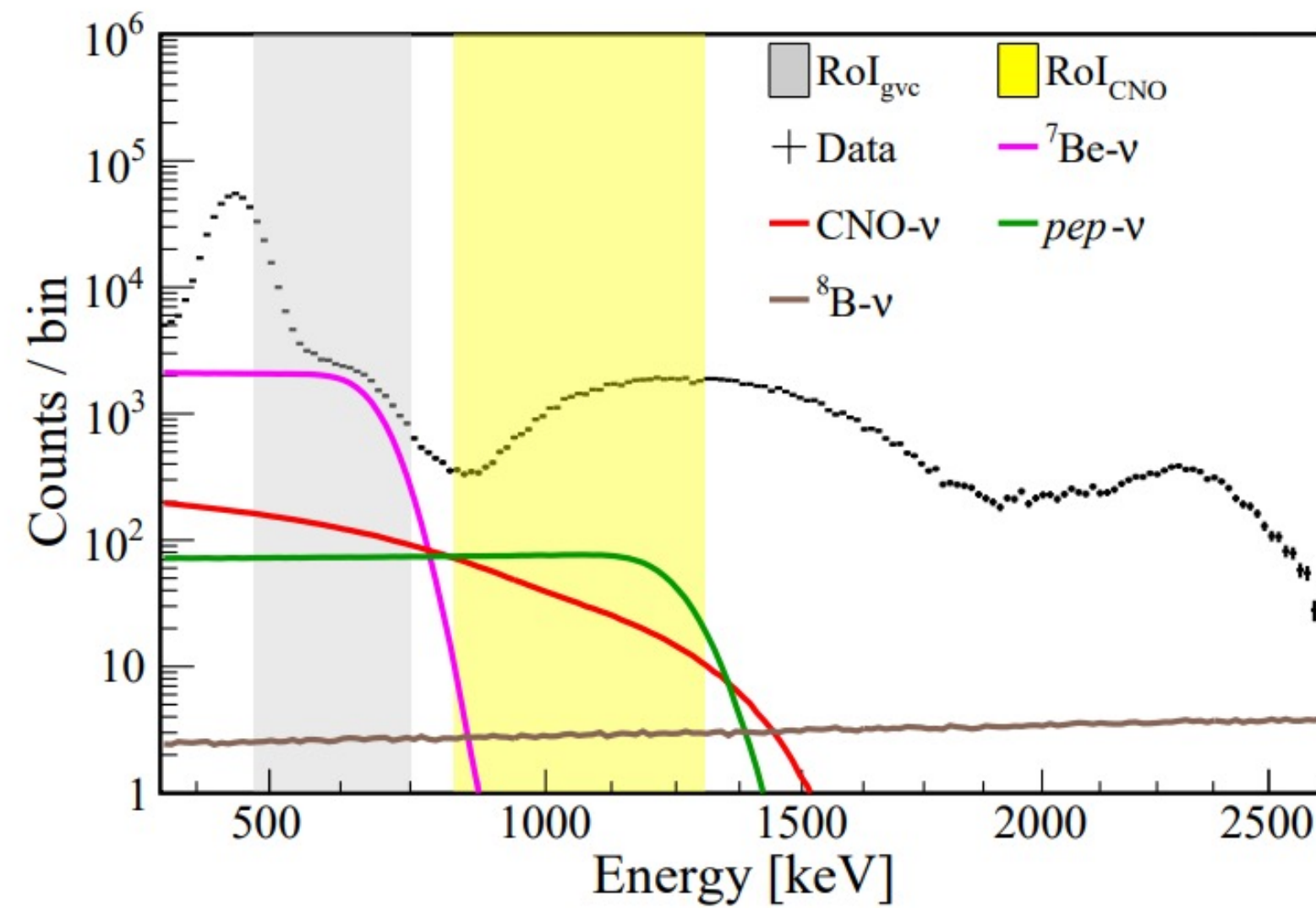
\*Evaluated with toyMC method and it's  $>5\sigma$  at 99% C.L.

# 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

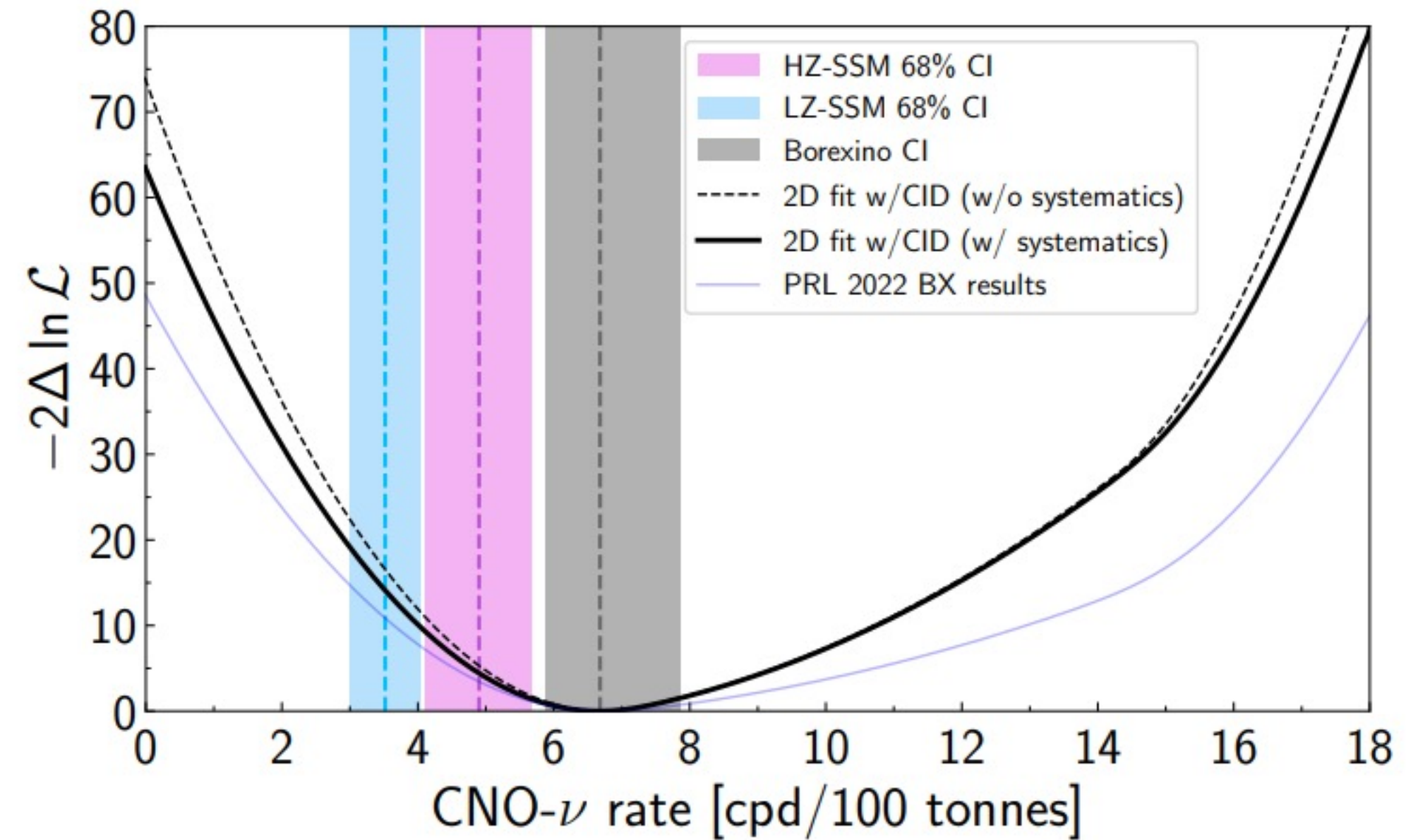
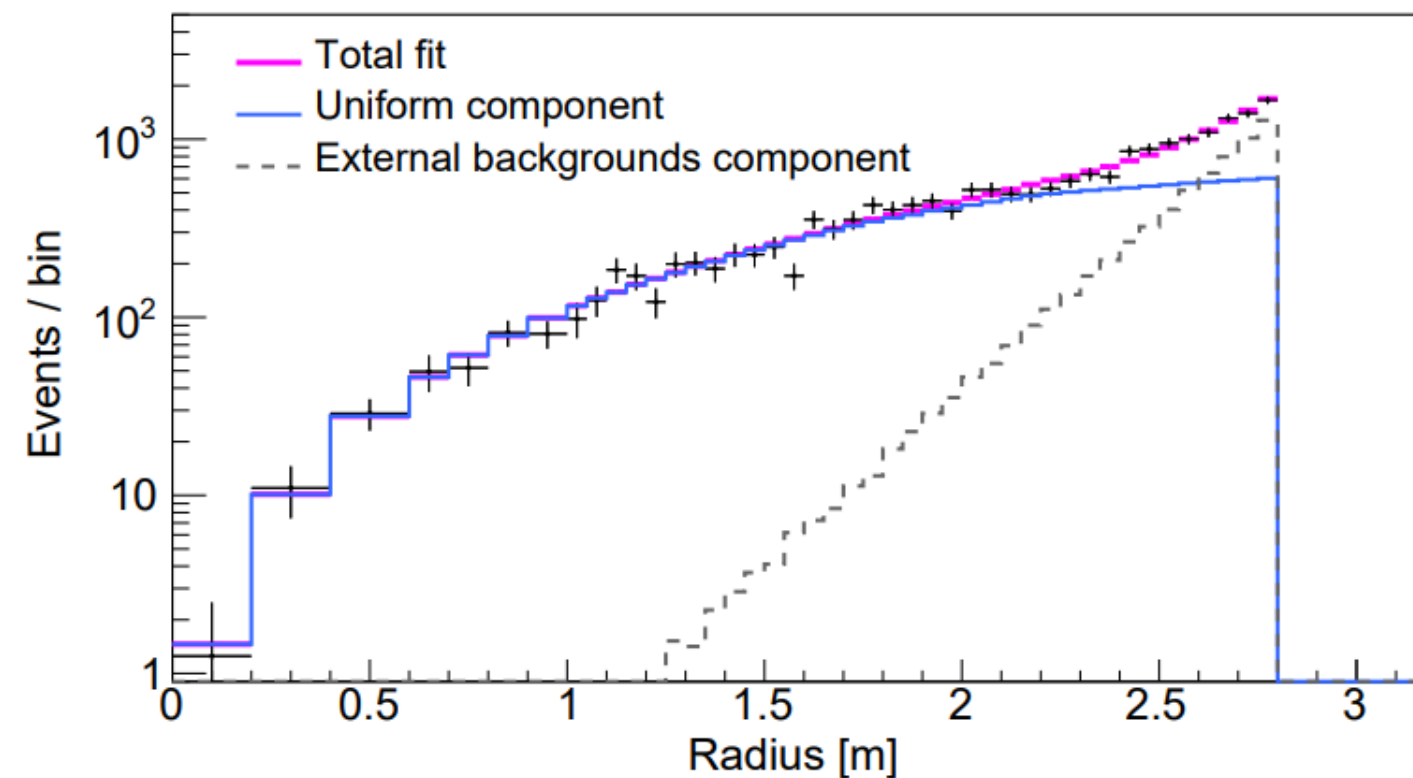
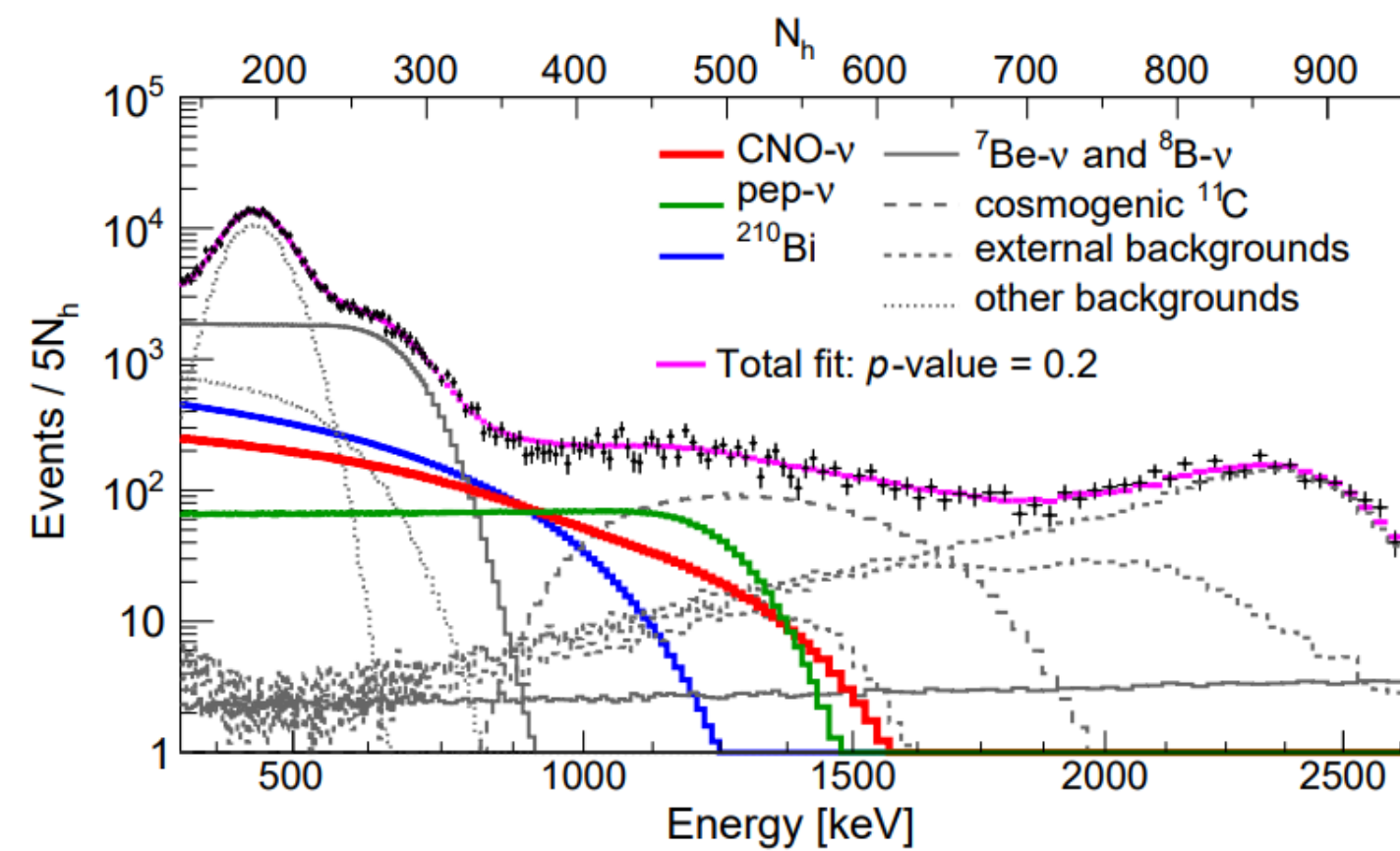


- CID with events in the CNO region of interest,  $7.2^{+2.8}_{-2.7} \text{ cpd/100t}$
- $5.3\sigma$  rejection of no-CNO hypothesis
- Consistent with fit results.



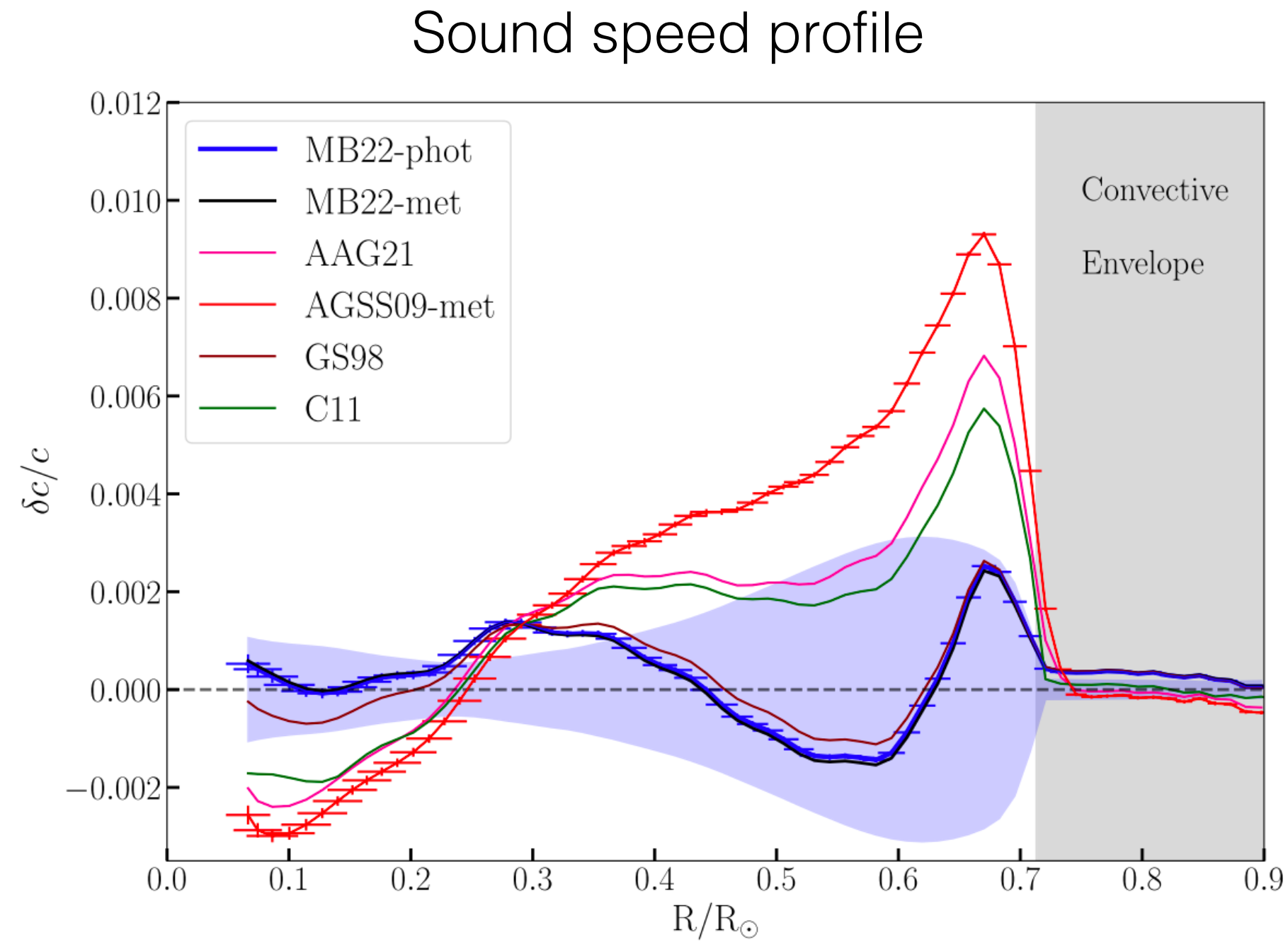
# Borexino CID + MV fit

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

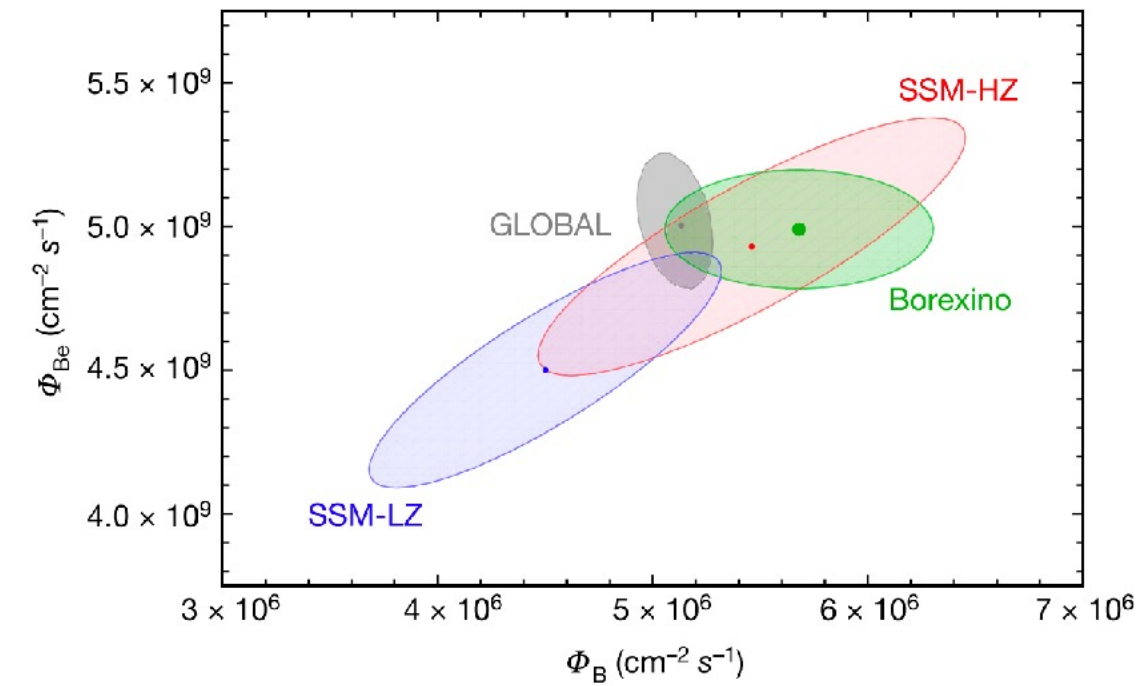


- Combining MV fit, CID analysis, Borexino obtained CNO as  $6.7^{+1.2}_{-0.8}$  cpd/100t
- See Final results of Borexino on CNO solar neutrinos, Borexino Collaboration, Phys. Rev. D **108**, 102005

# Solar abundance problem and Solar neutrinos

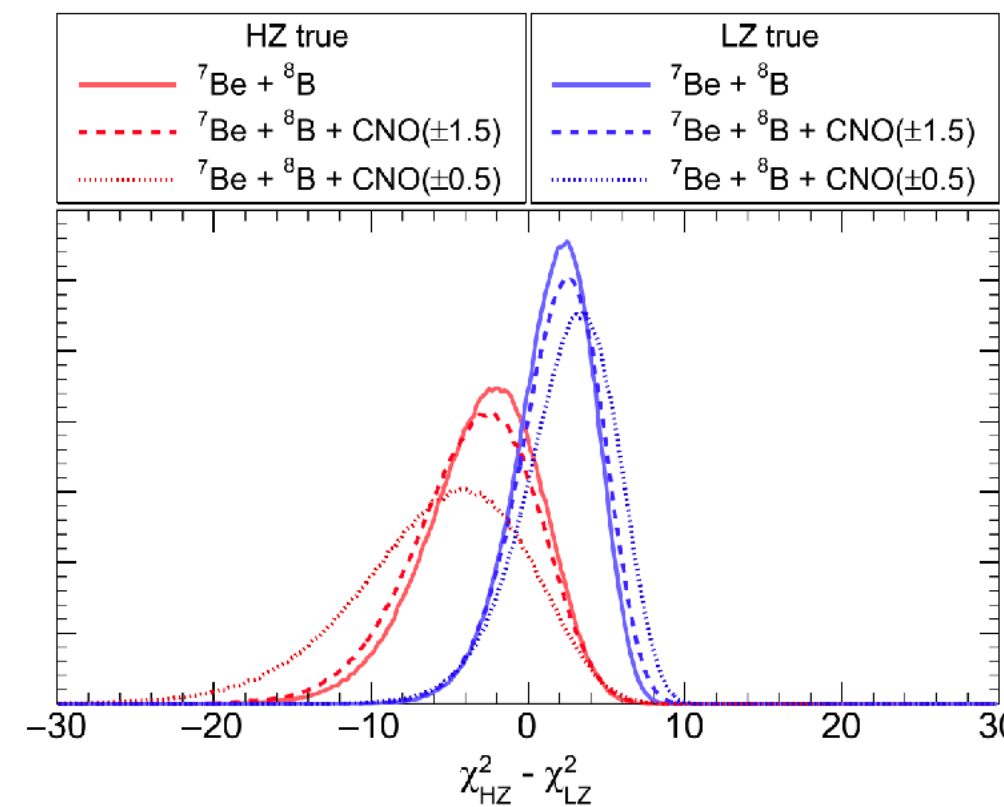


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## Solar neutrino fluxes

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



## Hypothesis test against SSM-HZ/LZ

Borexino Collaboration. (2020). Sensitivity to neutrinos from the solar CNO cycle in Borexino. *EPJC*, 80(11).

- 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,  
**In  $\Phi(^8\text{B})$  vs In  $\Phi(^{15}\text{O})$**  graph fall on the diagonal line
- If we modify also nuclear + CN: Environmental, impact  $T_c$   
**In  $\Phi(^8\text{B})$  vs In  $\Phi(^{15}\text{O})$**  move away from diagonal
- Jacobian  **$\Phi(^8\text{B})$  vs  $\Phi(^{15}\text{O}) \Rightarrow \text{In } \Phi(^8\text{B}) \text{ vs In } \Phi(^8\text{B}) - \kappa \text{ In } \Phi(^{15}\text{O})$** 
  - **In  $\Phi(^8\text{B}) - \kappa \text{ In } \Phi(^{15}\text{O})$**  insensitive to “env without CN”;
  - **In  $\Phi(^8\text{B}) - \kappa \text{ In } \Phi(^{15}\text{O})$**  (almost) only depend on nuclear + CN

## Definitions

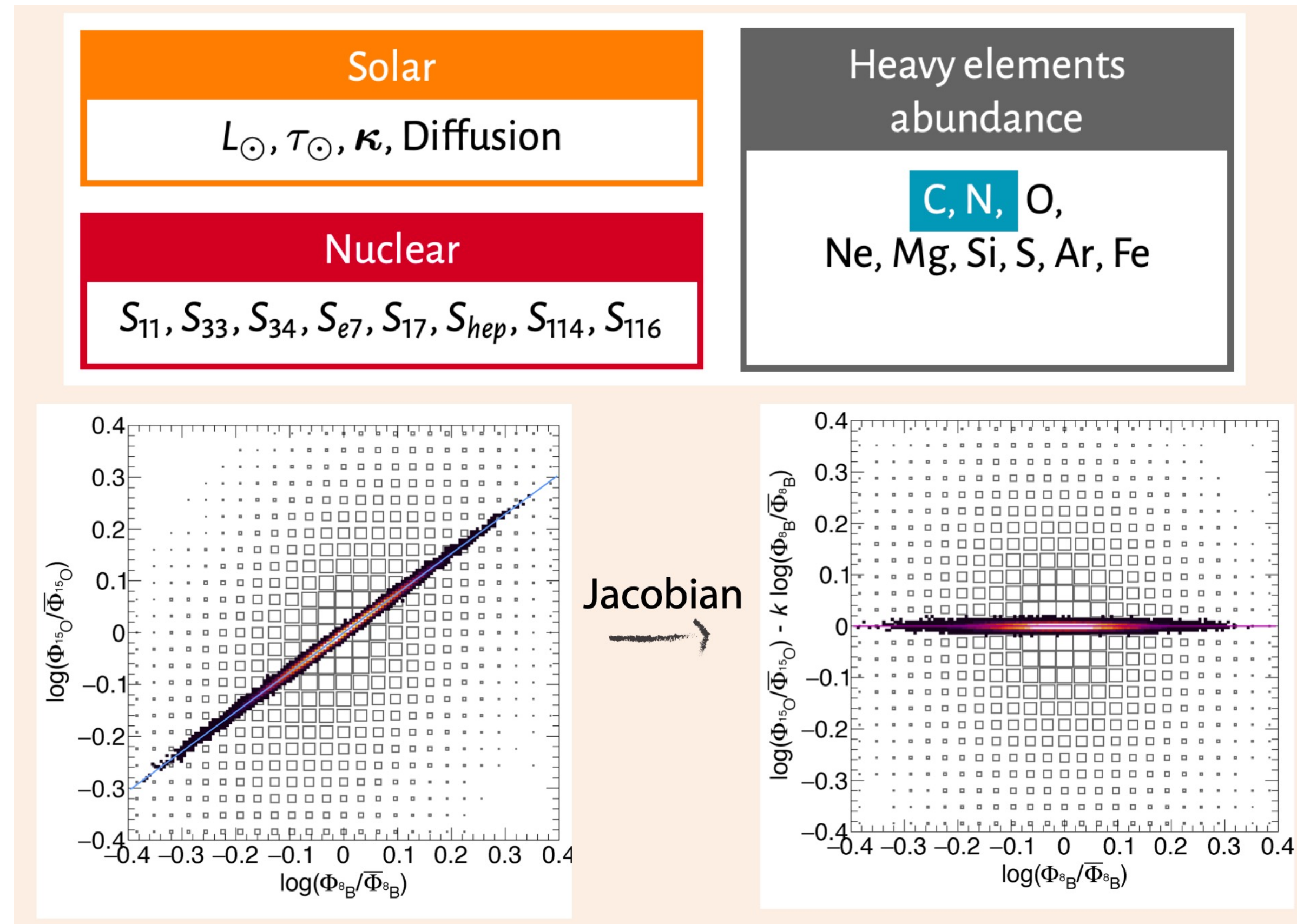
$\{Q\}$ : SSM outputs  $q_i = Q_i / Q_i^{\text{SSM}}$   
 $\{\beta\}$ : SSM inputs  $x_i = \beta_i / \beta_i^{\text{SSM}}$

$$\alpha(i, j) : \frac{\partial \ln q_i}{\partial \ln x_j}$$

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

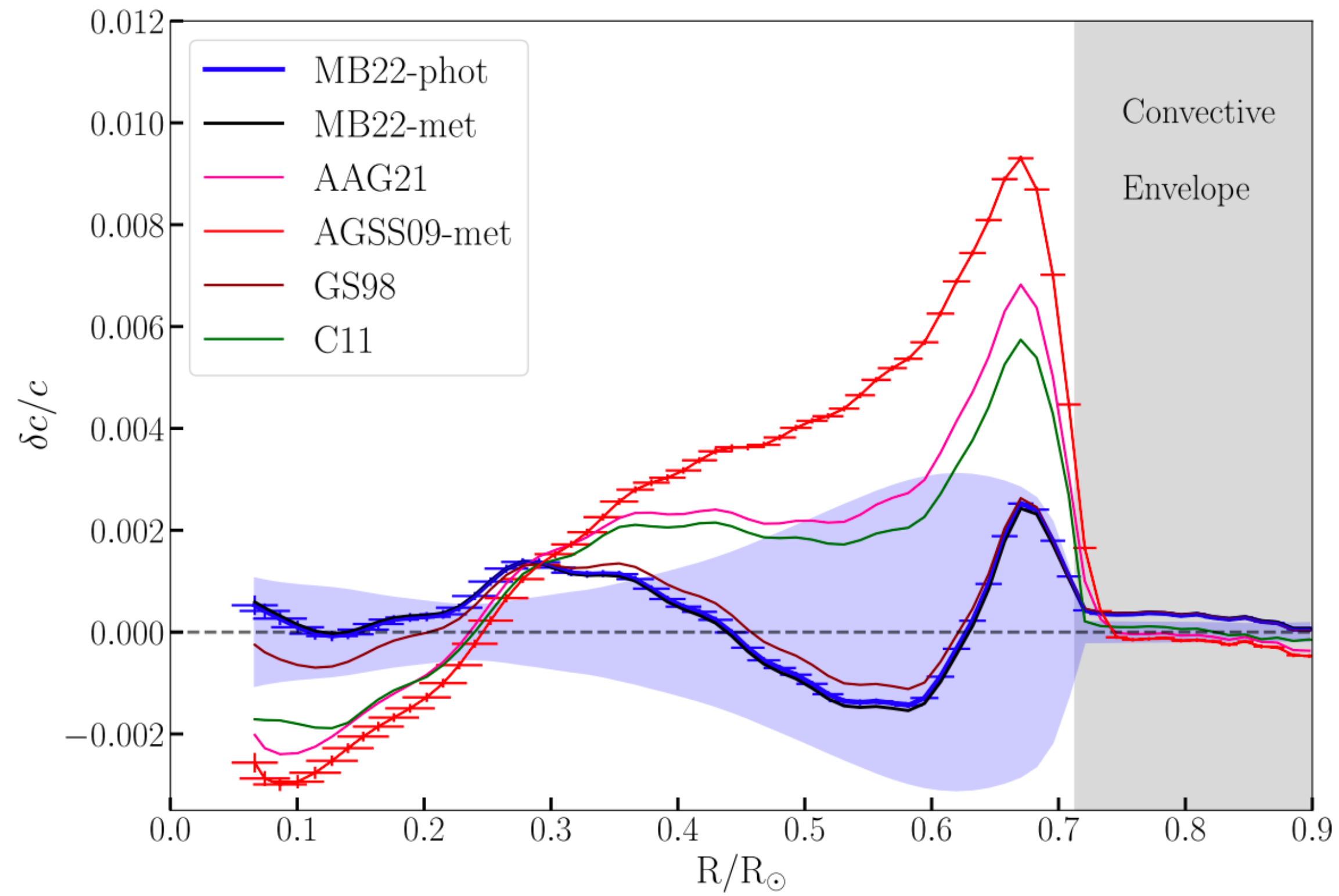
find  $\kappa$  which minimize *Var*

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

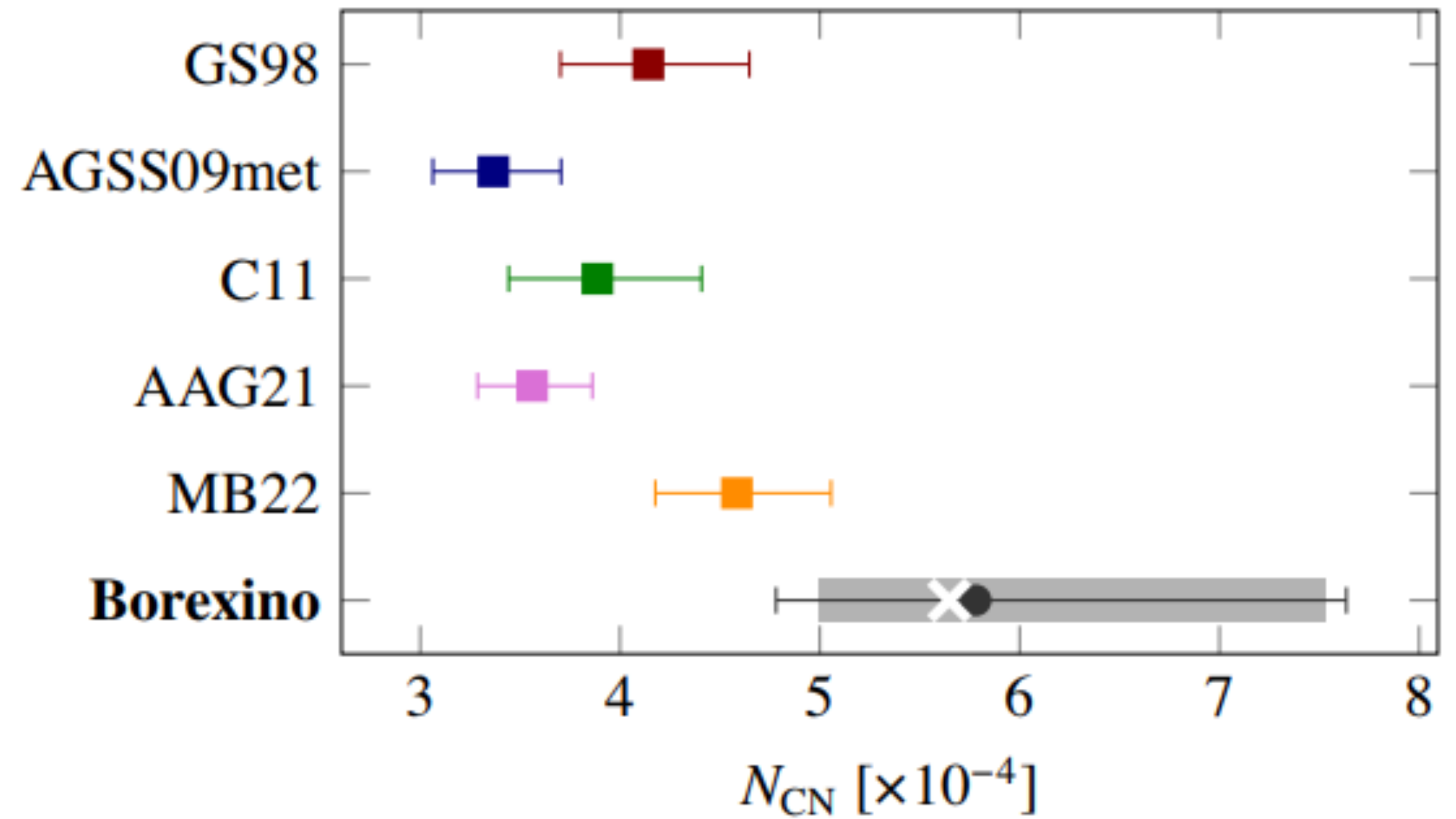


# Results: CN abundance from solar neutrinos

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



## Comparison on CN abundance (Borexino, PRL 2022)

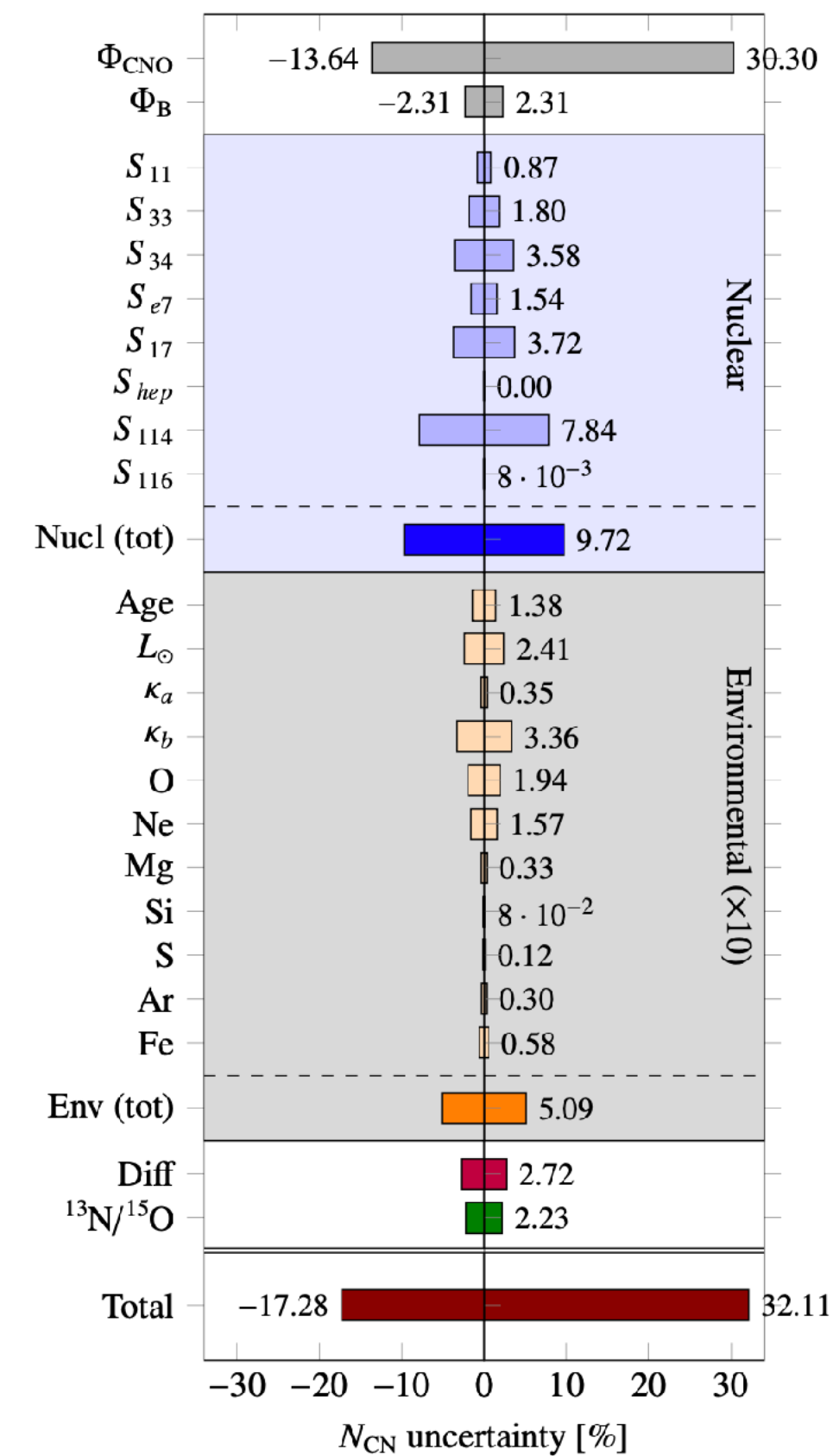


# More to expect?

- 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. Wait for LUNA-MV, JUNA, and other underground laboratories for nuclear astrophysics.
- Next generation experiments may establish evidence of solar neutrinos from *hep* branch (DUNE and possible low-energy optimized modules (SoLAr)).

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

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)

# Conclusions

- Borexino achieved best precision measurement of CNO solar neutrinos  $6.7^{+1.2}_{-0.8}$  cpd/100t
- The relative CN abundance w.r.t. H is  $5.81^{+1.22}_{-0.84} \times 10^{-4}$
- The relative abundance systematic uncertainties are dominated by the nuclear fusion cross-sections, and will be improved in the near future.