

Introduction: Neutrino Physics



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- James Chadwick, 1914: continuous β spectrum
 - ◇ perhaps some “unobserved radiation” being emitted
- Wolfgang Pauli, 1930: postulated that a spin-1/2 “neutrino” accounted for the missing energy
 - ◇ “a terrible thing” for experimenters
 - ◇ odd notions of the neutrino as a nuclear constituent
- Fermi in 1934 postulates an effective weak theory
 - ◇ with an assist from Chadwick: $p \rightarrow n + e^+ + \nu_e$
 - ◇ correct apart from absence of parity violation
- Cowan and Reines find the neutrino in 1956
- Davis in 1965 mounts the experiment that eventually leads us to neutrino mass

But they left a lot of unanswered questions

- absolute scale of neutrino masses
 - ◇ know mass differences but little about the scale
- why large mixing angles?: the Cabibbo angle is small
- what is θ_{13} ? (CP violation, nucleosynthesis)
- is the neutrino its own antiparticle?
- is there neutrino unitarity? heavy ν s?
- is the missing SM CP violation needed for baryogenesis hidden in the neutrinos?
- do neutrinos have electromagnetic moments?
- what is the ν role in large-scale structure?
- what are the astrophysical sources of neutrinos?

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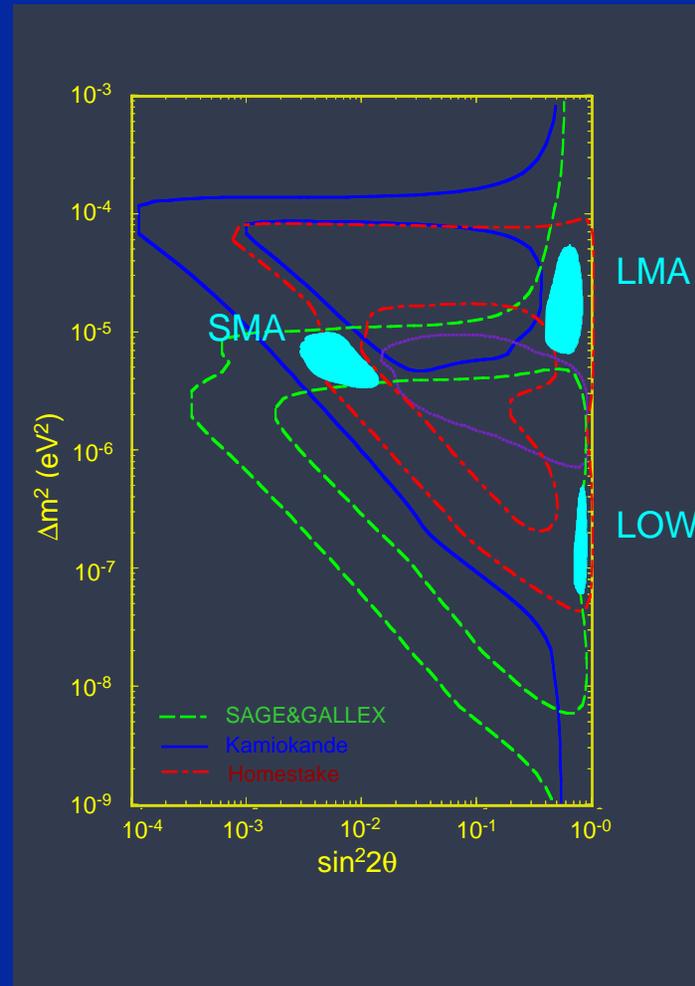
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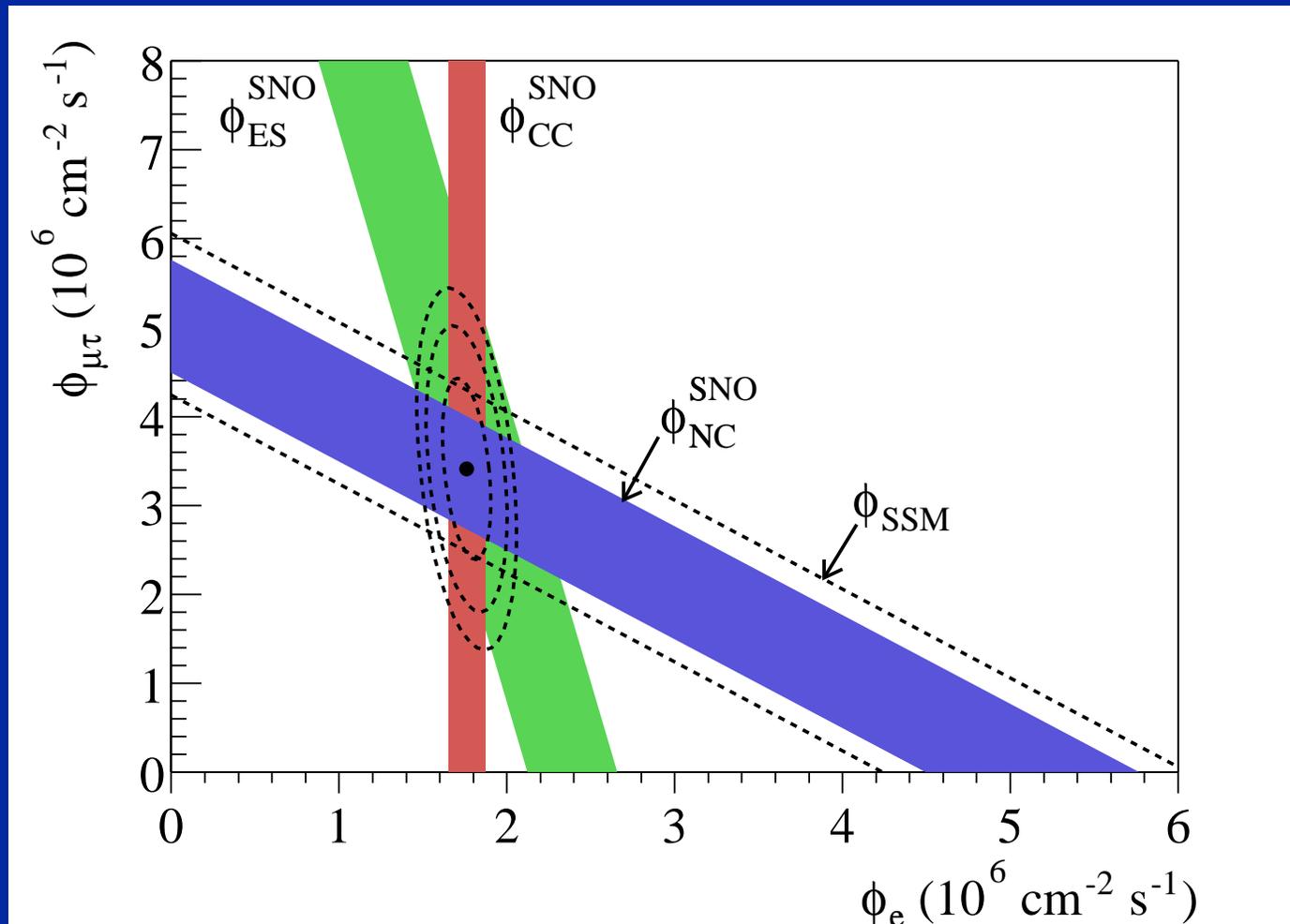
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- possibility of solar ν oscillations (Pontecorvo)
 - ◇ requires massive neutrinos
 - ◇ mass eigenstates not coincident with flavor eigenstates
 - ◇ expectation of small mixing angles \Rightarrow small $P(\nu_\mu)$

- discovery that matter enhances ν oscillations (MSW)
 - ◇ ν s acquire an effective mass from interactions in matter
 - ◇ flavor-dependence (matter contains electrons) makes the ν_e heavier at high ρ
 - ◇ ρ_c at which the matter contribution cancels vacuum mass difference
 - ◇ adiabatic crossing of $\rho_c \Leftrightarrow \nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$
 - ◇ energy-dependent $P(\nu_\mu)$

- two-flavor results: multiple solutions, great parameter range



- SNO: heavy flavor ν s comprise 2/3rds of solar flux
- LMA probable solution; total flux agrees with SSM



- net result is a determination of δm_{12}^2 , θ_{12} , δm_{23}^2 , θ_{23}

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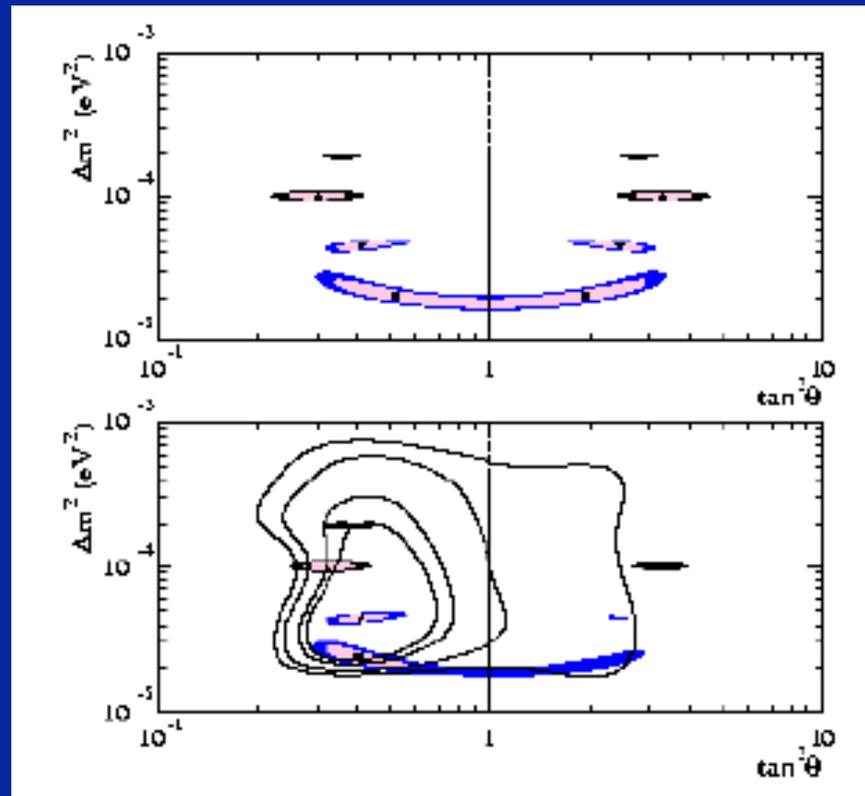
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atmospheric
results: $\theta_{23} \sim 45^\circ$

ν_e disappearance
 $\sin \theta_{13} \leq 0.17$

solar
 $\theta_{12} \sim 30^\circ$

- KamLAND to probe solar mixing parameters:
 LMA $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \lesssim \delta m_{12}^2 \lesssim \text{few} \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$



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- could be measured in off-axis long-baseline experiments, in new reactor experiments that improve over Chooz

- leptogenesis models for baryon number asymmetry: large neutrino mixing angles have sharpened interest
- long baseline proposals for $P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu) - P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu)$

$$\sim 0.22 s_{13} \sin \delta \sin \left(\frac{\delta m_{12}^2 L}{4E} \right) \sin \left(\frac{\delta m_{13}^2 L}{4E} \right) \sin \left(\frac{\delta m_{23}^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

- must show $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ not too small ($\gtrsim 0.01$), address matter effects, sign of δm_{23}^2
- requires either a very well characterized broad-band beam or multiple baselines
- ideal for high-intensity beam, FNAL or BNL to NUSEL \sim 2000-3000 km baselines, multipurpose megadetector

Absolute mass scale

- not determined by mass differences measured in oscillations
- direct tritium mass measurements now known to probe at least two mass eigenstates with good sensitivity

$$\nu_e \sim 0.8\nu_1 + 0.5\nu_2 + ??\nu_3$$

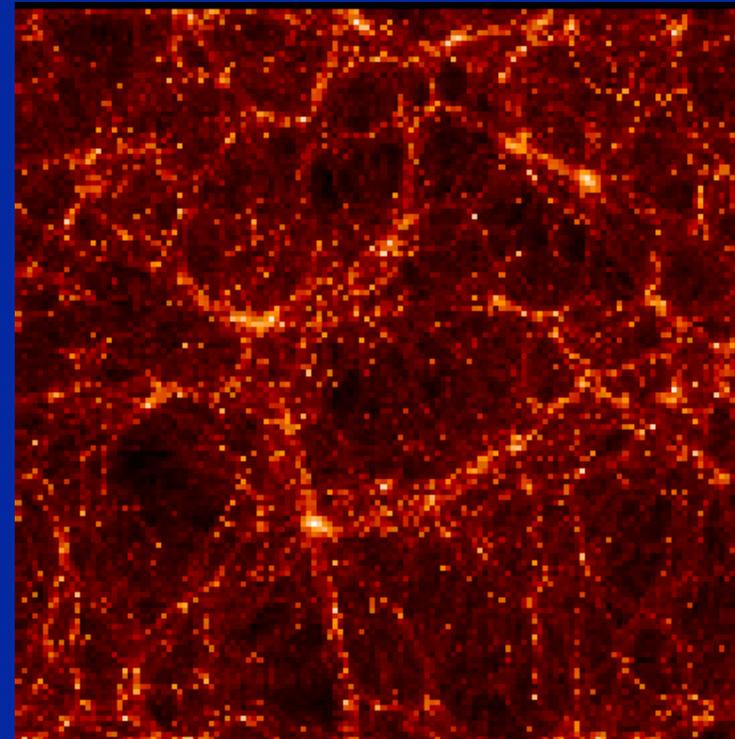
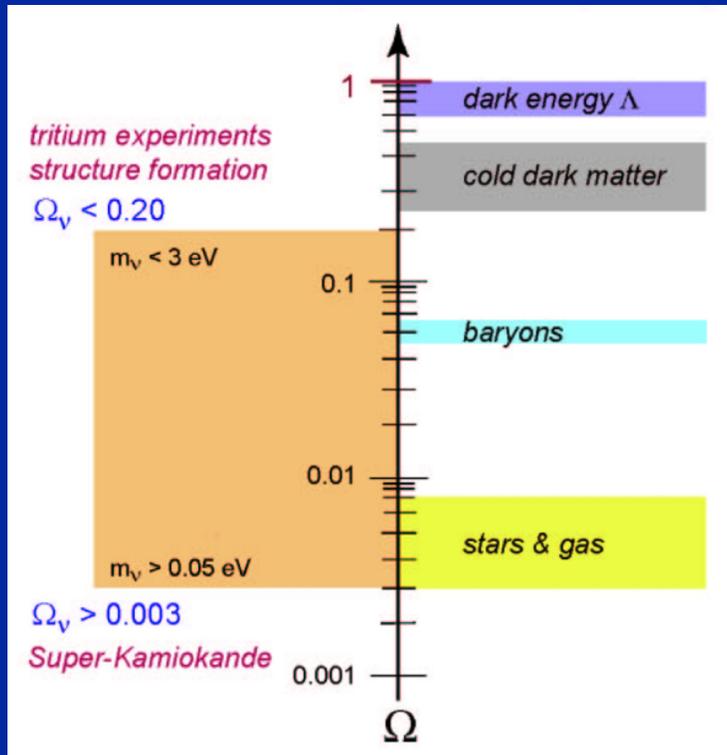
- Mainz, Troitsk experiments have established $\lesssim 2.2$ eV
 - ◇ “ $-m_\nu^2$ ” traced to increased energy loss on roughened source surface
- order-of-magnitude improvement: planned **Katrin** effort
- Mainz/Troitsk limit + $\delta m^2 \Rightarrow$ bounds neutrino mass dark matter contribution
- indirect large-scale-structure limits on $\sum m_i \sim 2-3$ eV

Current mass/energy budget in standard cosmology

primordial neutrinos as dark matter

$\Omega=1$ flat universe (inflation)

evolution of largescale structure



- Many mass pattern issues remain to be resolved
 - ◇ δm_{23} sign: both normal (m_3 heavy, separated from light m_1, m_2 solar neutrino pair) and inverted (m_3 the lightest neutrino) patterns allowed
 - ◇ both hierarchical ($m_1 \ll m_2 \ll m_3$) and quasidegenerate ($m_1 \sim m_2 \sim m_3$) schemes possible
 - ◇ absolute scale: future CMB + Sloan DSS analysis will be sensitive to $m_\nu \sim 0.3$ eV

m_ν may become a cosmological uncertainty soon

- crucial issue of LSND and MiniBoone: $\delta m_{LSND}^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$
 - ◇ various 4-neutrino schemes, sterile/active mixing
 - ◇ strong astrophysical consequences because MSW conversion occurs at high density: r -process
 - ◇ possibility of 3- ν schemes with CPT violation
- MiniBoone confirmation would make matters even more interesting

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- very rare opportunity provided by nuclear physics to study second-order weak interactions

$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + e^- + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \bar{\nu}_e \quad \text{Standard Model}$$

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- connected with $\nu - \bar{\nu}$ nature of neutrino

$$\bar{\psi}_R M_D \psi_L \Rightarrow \bar{\psi}_L^c M_L \psi_L, \quad \bar{\psi}_R^c M_R \psi_R$$

$$m_\nu \sim M_D \frac{M_D}{M_R} \Rightarrow M_R \sim 0.3 \times 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$$

- directly probes a variety of beyond-the-SM mechanism for lepton number violation, including Majorana masses
- light ν masses sampled according to U_{ei}^2

$$\langle m_{\nu}^{Maj} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \lambda_i U_{ei}^2 m_i$$

- λ_i is relative CP eigenvalue: quasidegenerate ν s can interfere destructively
- current $\langle m_{\nu}^{Maj} \rangle$ bound $\sim 0.3-1.3$ eV

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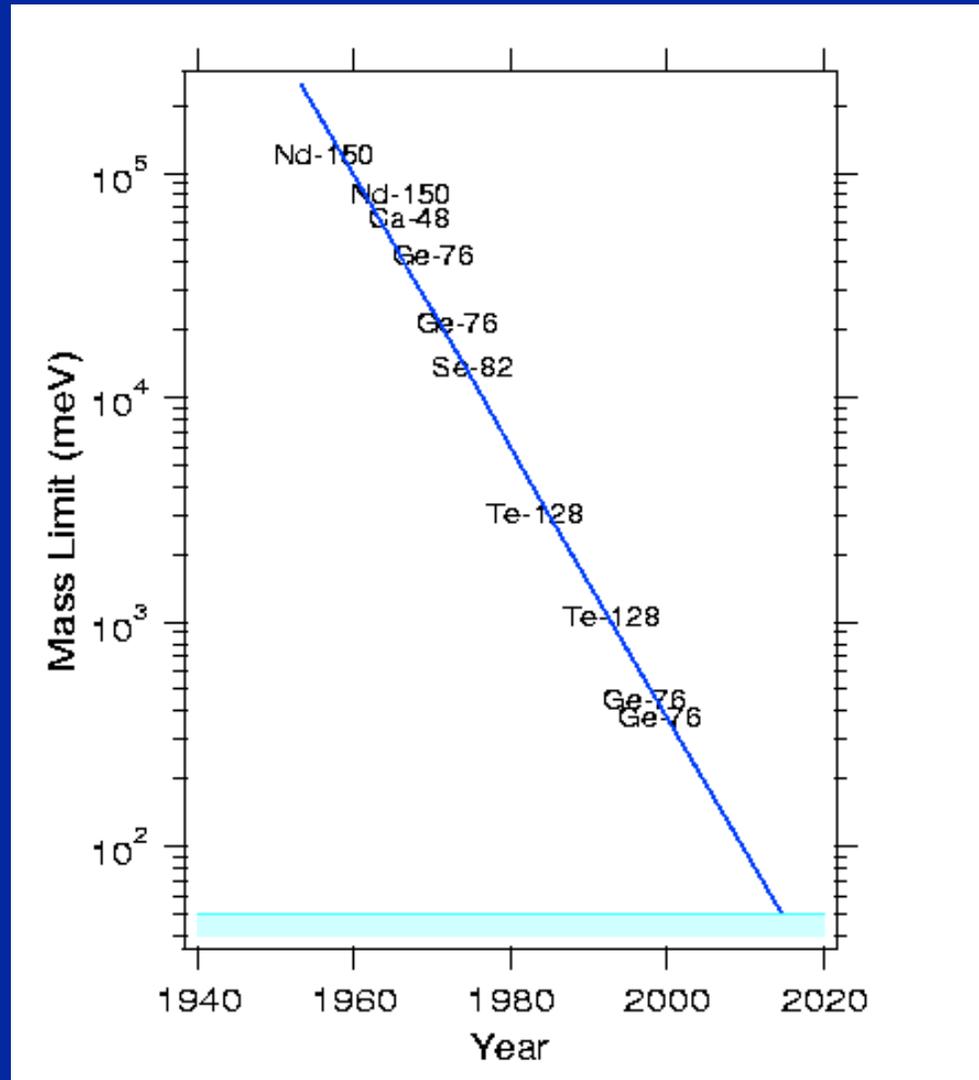
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- nuclear physics uncertainties complicates extraction of CP violation

- experimental capabilities have improved rapidly



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$\beta\beta$ Exps.	Isotope	Technique	Mass(kg)	Enriched	$\langle m_\nu \rangle$ eV	m.w.e.	Location
Heid/Moscow	^{76}Ge	Ge crystal	9.9	86%	≤ 0.40	2700	Gran Sasso
IGEX	^{76}Ge	Ge crystal	~ 9	86%	≤ 0.44	2450	Canfranc, Sp.
UCI	^{82}Se	TPC with foils	0.014	97%	≤ 7.7	290	Hoover Dam
ELEGANT	^{100}Mo	drift chamber-scintillators	0.20	94.5%	≤ 2.7	1800	Oto, Japan
Kiev	^{116}Cd	CdWO_4 crystals	0.09	83%	≤ 3.3	1000	Ukraine
Missouri	^{128}Te	geochemical	Te ore	no	≤ 1.5	N/A	N/A
Milano	^{130}Te	cryogenic TeO_2 crystals	2.3	no	≤ 2.6	2700	Gran Sasso
Cal-UN-PSI	^{136}Xe	high pres. TPC	2.1	62.5%	≤ 3.5	3000	Switzerland
UCI	^{150}Nd	TPC foils	0.015	91%	≤ 7.1	290	Hoover Dam
NEMO3	$^{82}\text{Se}, ^{100}\text{Mo}, ^{116}\text{Cd}, ^{150}\text{Nd}$	drift chamber-scintillator	1-10	yes	~ 0.1	4800	Frejus, France
CUORICINO	^{130}Te	cryogenic TeO_2 crystals	11.5	no	~ 0.1	2700	Gran Sasso
GENIUS	^{76}Ge	400 Ge cystals	1000	yes	0.01	2700	Gran Sasso
MAJORANA	^{76}Ge	400 Ge crystals	500	yes	0.02	≥ 4000	
CAMEO	$^{82}\text{Se}, \dots$	Borexino CTF	~ 1	yes	~ 1		Gran Sasso
MOON	^{100}Mo	scintillator+foils	3400	no	0.03	≥ 2500	
CUORE	^{130}Te	1020 cryogenic TeO_2 crystals	210	no	0.02		Gran Sasso
EXO	^{136}Xe	high pres. TPC	10000	yes	0.01	≥ 2000	
DBCA-II(2)	^{150}Nd	drift chamber	18	yes	~ 0.05		Oto, Japan

Electromagnetic moments

- Dirac ν s may have magnetic, electric dipole, and anapole moments, and a nonzero charge radius
- Majorana ν s can have anapole moments and transition moments
 - ◇ spin-flavor transition much discussed in connection with solar magnetic field effects
 - ◇ red giant cooling limit of $\lesssim 3 \times 10^{-12} \mu_B$ would appear to make this improbable
 - ◇ but much larger fields in protoneutron star
- some promising experimental efforts
 - ◇ ITEP's GEMMA effort focused on $(2-3) \times 10^{11} \mu_B$

Location, location, location

- the US needs a place to do next-generation very-low-background $\beta\beta$ decay, solar ν , ... experiments
- a community is forming that would grow with and benefit from a central facility
 - ◇ accelerator \leftrightarrow nonaccelerator intersection
 - ★ remarkable luck that astrophysical δm^2 are accessible in terrestrial experiments
 - ◇ low-background \leftrightarrow large detector intersection
 - ◇ physics \leftrightarrow rock mechanics, earth science, geomicrobiology
 \leftrightarrow applications
- **Homestake**

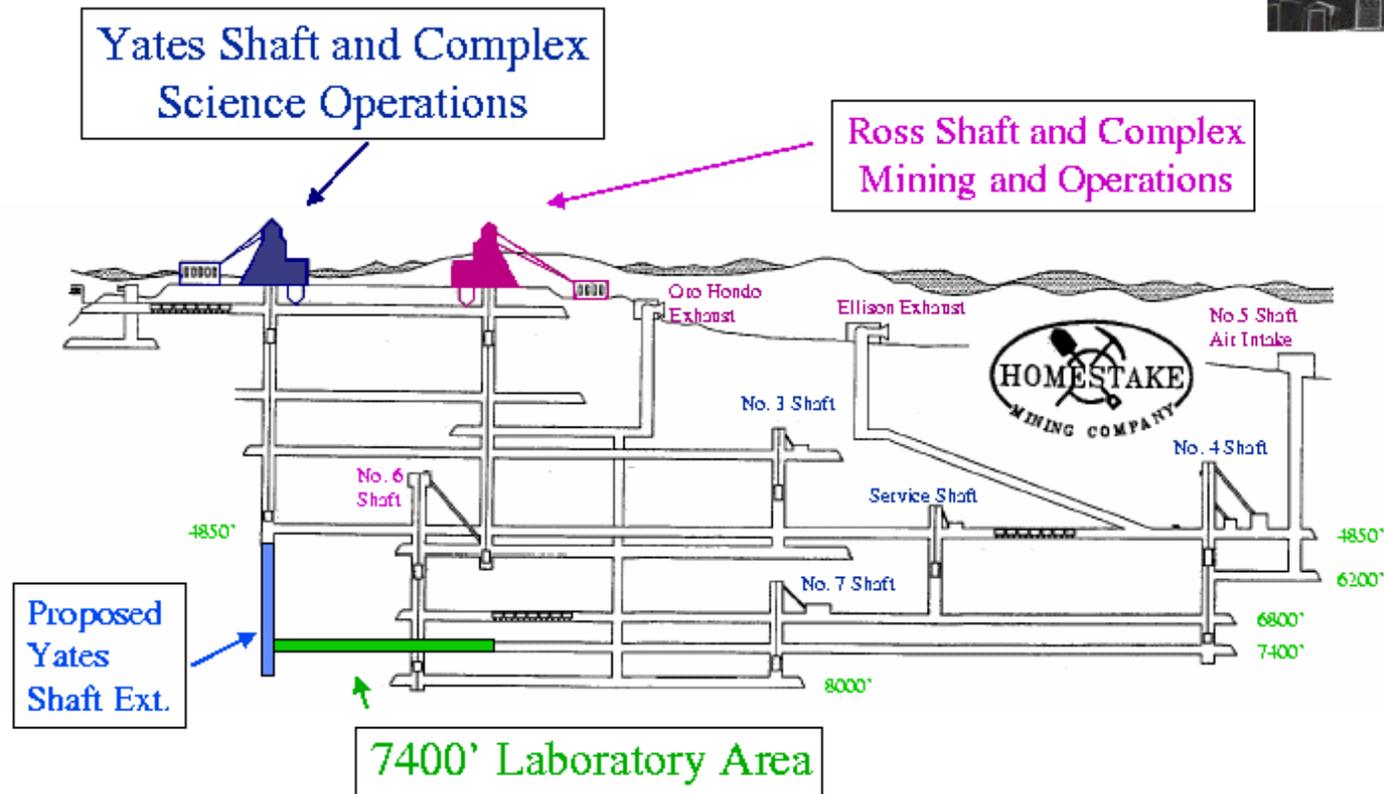
- Homestake attributes

- ◇ existing access to the proposed main level at 7400 ft: coring studies before construction
- ◇ permitted for construction, waste rock disposal, safety
- ◇ all levels have multiple access routes, vented for safe egress
- ◇ capacity to isolate risky experiments
- ◇ site is operating; experienced engineering staff; infrastructure includes sophisticated hoist, HVAC, sensor and safety, communications systems and office buildings, hydroelectric plants
- ◇ established mining costs
- ◇ remarkable mining, pumping capacities
- ◇ great depth, choice of depths

Laboratory depths



NUSL Overview (cross-section)



Envisioned National Underground Science Laboratory at Homestake

Conference on Underground Science
October 4, 2001
Lead, South Dakota

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- present excavation capacity ~ 1 mton/y
 - ◇ rock hoisted to 600 ft level, by conveyor underground to open cut ⇒ minimal surface disturbance
 - ◇ detector drainage to surface by Ross 12-inch pump column, at 11.5 ktons/day
 - ◇ excavation ~ \$34.50/ton (based on HMC costs)

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- **Just do it!**