

Constraints on Non-Standard Neutrino Interactions from Borexino Phase-II

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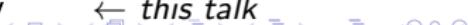
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Probes:

- Inner workings of the Sun (high- vs low-metallicity)
- bounding neutrino magnetic moment
- rejecting ν from GW150914, GW151226, GW170104 ([1706.10176](#))
- Constraining new physics model independently



Vector Interaction in EFT – Standard Model W/ Z

$$\begin{aligned}-\mathcal{L}_{CC}^{\nu e} &= \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{\nu}_e \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) e] [\bar{e} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_e] \\&= 2\sqrt{2} G_F [\bar{\nu}_{eL} \gamma_\mu \nu_{eL}] [\bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu e_L] \\-\mathcal{L}_{NC}^{\nu_\alpha e} &= \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{\nu}_\alpha (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\alpha] [\bar{e} \gamma^\mu (g_V^{\nu e} - g_A^{\nu e} \gamma_5) e] \\&= 2\sqrt{2} G_F [\bar{\nu}_{\alpha L} \gamma_\mu \nu_{\alpha L}] [g_L^{\nu e} (\bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu e_L) + g_R^{\nu e} (\bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu e_R)]\end{aligned}$$

combines to

$$-\mathcal{L}^{\nu_\alpha e} = 2\sqrt{2} G_F [\bar{\nu}_{\alpha L} \gamma_\mu \nu_{\alpha L}] [g_{\alpha L} (\bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu e_L) + g_{\alpha R} (\bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu e_R)]$$

with

$$g_{\alpha L} = \begin{cases} \sin^2 \theta_W + \frac{1}{2} & \alpha = e \\ \sin^2 \theta_W - \frac{1}{2} & \alpha = \mu, \tau \end{cases}$$

$$g_{\alpha R} = \sin^2 \theta_W \quad \alpha = e, \mu, \tau$$

~ larger coupling for ν_e , in addition to the $P_{e \rightarrow e}/P_{e \rightarrow x} > 1$

~ more events

~ better sensitivity of g_{eL} than g_{eR} than g_τ .

Vector Interaction in EFT – NSI

$$\begin{aligned}-\mathcal{L}^{\nu_\alpha e} &= 2\sqrt{2}G_F [\bar{\nu}_{\alpha L}\gamma_\mu\nu_{\alpha L}] [g_{\alpha L}(\bar{e}_L\gamma^\mu e_L) + g_{\alpha R}(\bar{e}_R\gamma^\mu e_R)] \\ -\mathcal{L}_{NSI}^{\nu_\alpha e} &= 2\sqrt{2}G_F [\bar{\nu}_{\alpha L}\gamma_\mu\nu_{\alpha L}] [\varepsilon_{\alpha L}(\bar{e}_L\gamma^\mu e_L) + \varepsilon_{\alpha R}(\bar{e}_R\gamma^\mu e_R)]\end{aligned}$$

combines to give

$$\begin{aligned}g_{\alpha L} &\rightarrow g_{\alpha L} + \varepsilon_{\alpha L}, \\ g_{\alpha R} &\rightarrow g_{\alpha R} + \varepsilon_{\alpha R}\end{aligned}$$

NSI in Effective Operator Picture

Requirement:

- $SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$ invariant,
- contains $(\bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L)(\bar{e} \gamma^\mu e)$

Ingredients:

$$L_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} \nu_{\alpha L} \\ \ell_{\alpha L}^- \end{bmatrix}, H = \begin{bmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi_0 \end{bmatrix}, e_R^-$$

Ways of contracting $SU(2)$ indices:

$$\mathbf{1} : [\cdot \cdot \cdot] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} [\cdot \cdot],$$

$$\mathbf{3} : [\cdot \cdot \cdot] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} [\cdot \cdot], [\cdot \cdot \cdot] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix} [\cdot \cdot], [\cdot \cdot \cdot] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} [\cdot \cdot]$$

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-\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(1)} &= 2\sqrt{2}G_F(\bar{\tau} \gamma^\mu P_L \tau) [\kappa_{\tau R}(\bar{e} \gamma_\mu P_R e) + \kappa_{\tau L}(\bar{e} \gamma_\mu P_L e)] + (\tau \rightarrow \mu) + (\tau \rightarrow e), & \text{charged lepton scattering} \\
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where the dimensionless parameters such as $\varepsilon_{\alpha R(L)}$, $\kappa_{\alpha R(L)}$ etc. are to be identified as follows ($\alpha = e, \mu, \tau; \beta = \mu, \tau$):

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c.f. [hep-ph/0111137](#)

For other types of NSI e.g. scalar, light mediator induced, c.f. Tatsu Takeuchi's talk tomorrow
 For realizing model building and light mediators, c.f. Bhaskar Dutta's talk yesterday

Constraints on ε_α

ν_μ CHARM II (strong)

ν_τ LEP

ν_e LSND

$\bar{\nu}_e$ TEXONO *c.f. Muhammed Deniz's talk*

We will focus on ε for ν_e and ν_τ .

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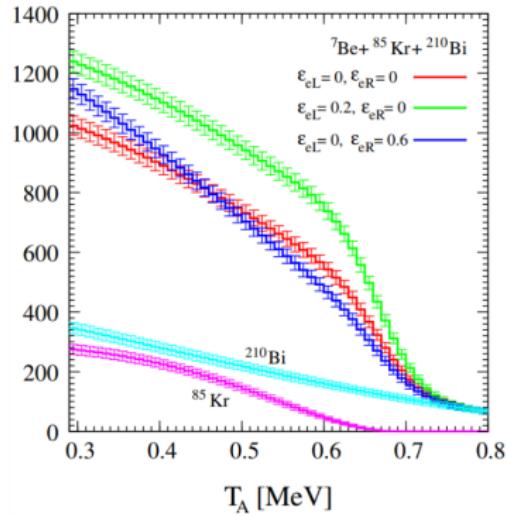
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- positive correlation (partial cancellation) in ε_L and ε_R

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma \sim & g_{\alpha L}^2 T_{max} - g_{\alpha R}^2 E \left(1 - \frac{T_{max}}{E}\right)^3 \\ & - g_{\alpha L} g_{\alpha R} \frac{T_{max}^2}{E^2} m_e \end{aligned}$$

- stronger correlation due to ^{85}Kr background
 - ε_R change shape
 - $\sim {}^{85}Kr$ compensate the shape
 - $\sim \varepsilon_L$ compensate the normalization

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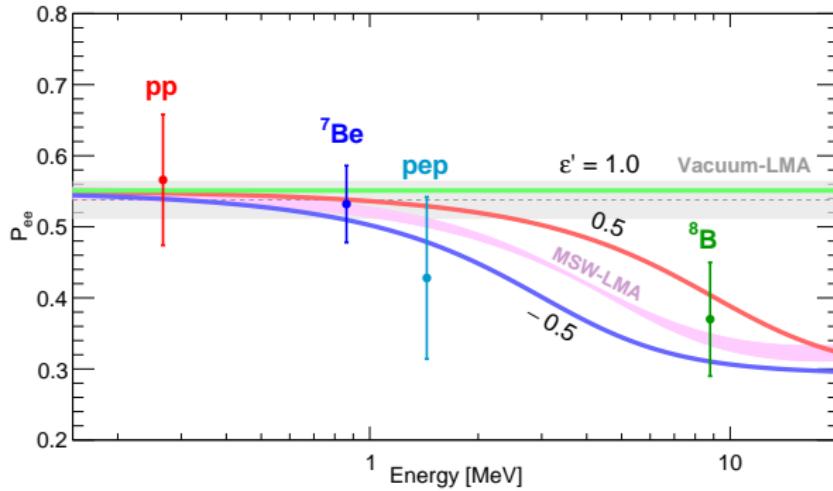
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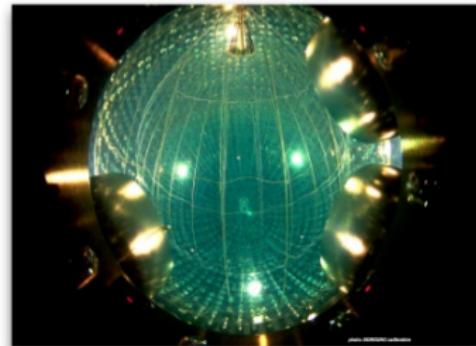
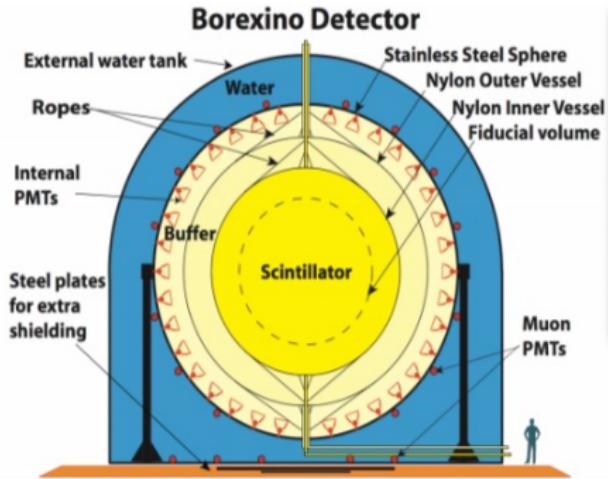
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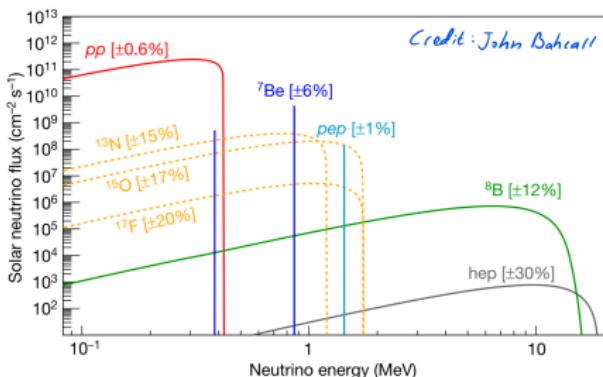
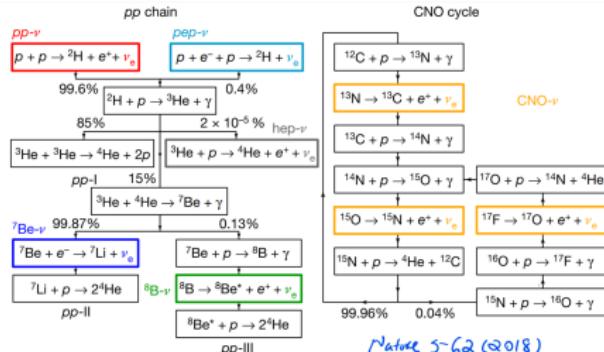


- 3800 m.w.e shielding against cosmic rays at LNGS
- active volume ~300 ton of liquid scintillator
- ~900 ton of ultra-pure buffer liquid
- 2212 PMTs detecting the scintillation light
- water Cherenkov veto equipped with 208 PMTs

Borexino Timeline

- Phase I: 05/16/2007 - 05/08/2010, 740.7 live days, yielding 153.6 ton-year of fiducial exposure
 - Lowest energy threshold ^8B neutrino detection
Phys. Rev. D82, 033006 (2010)
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- Following Phase I, scintillator purification was conducted.
 - significant reduction of radioactive contaminants
 - Uranium-238 $< 9.4 \times 10^{-20}$
 - Thorium-232 $< 5.7 \times 10^{-19}$
 - ^{85}Kr reduced by ~ 4.6
 - ^{210}Bi reduced by ~ 2.3
- Phase II: 2011-, wider range energy range, $0.19\text{MeV} < T < 2.93\text{MeV}$
 - First realtime detection of *pp* solar neutrinos
Nature 512, 383-386 (2014)
 - Improved measurement of ^8B neutrino with Phase I and Phase II data
1709.00756
 - this analysis: 12/14/2011 – 05/21/2016, $1291.51 \text{ days} \times 71.3 \text{ t}$ (252.1 ton-years) of fiducial exposure

Solar ν Source



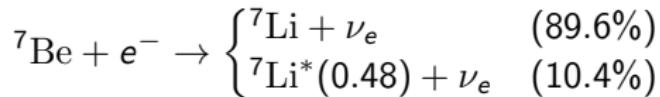
- pp chain: pp- ν , pep- ν , 7Be - ν , 8B - ν
- CNO cycle: CNO- ν

- many-body decay/ fusion \Rightarrow continuous spectrum: pp, 8B , CNO
- two body process \Rightarrow monochromatic spectrum: 7Be , pep

c.f. Strigari's talk yesterday

Electron response to ${}^7\text{Be}$ ν

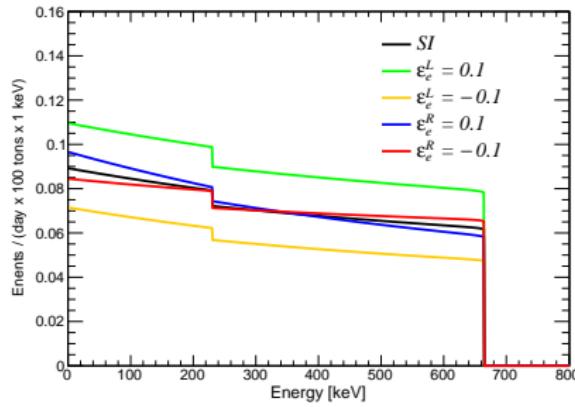
${}^7\text{Be}$ solar neutrinos are produced via K-shell e^- capture



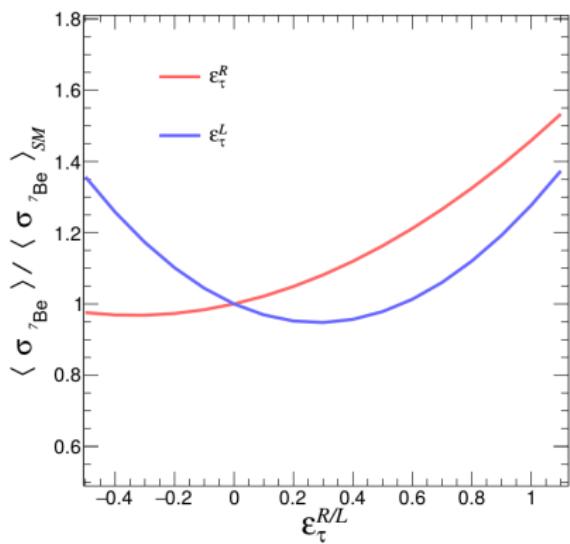
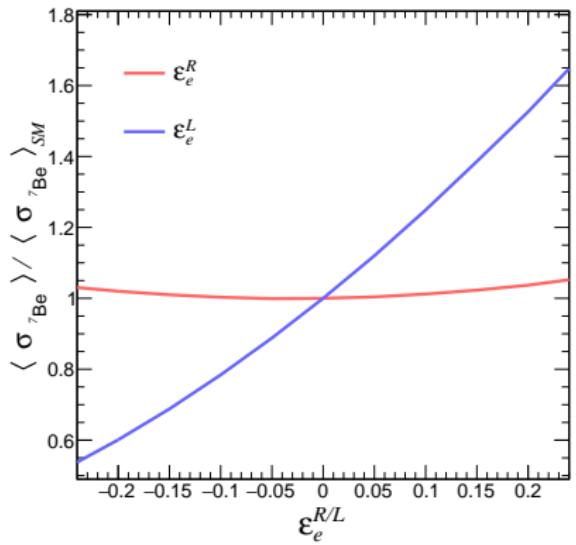
yielding mono-energetic ν of 0.862 MeV and 0.384 MeV.

$$\frac{dR_\nu}{dT} = N_e \Phi_\nu \int dE \frac{d\lambda_\nu}{dE} \left[\frac{d\sigma_e}{dT} P_{ee}(E) + \left(c_{23}^2 \frac{d\sigma_\mu}{dT} + s_{23}^2 \frac{d\sigma_\tau}{dT} \right) (1 - P_{ee}(E)) \right],$$

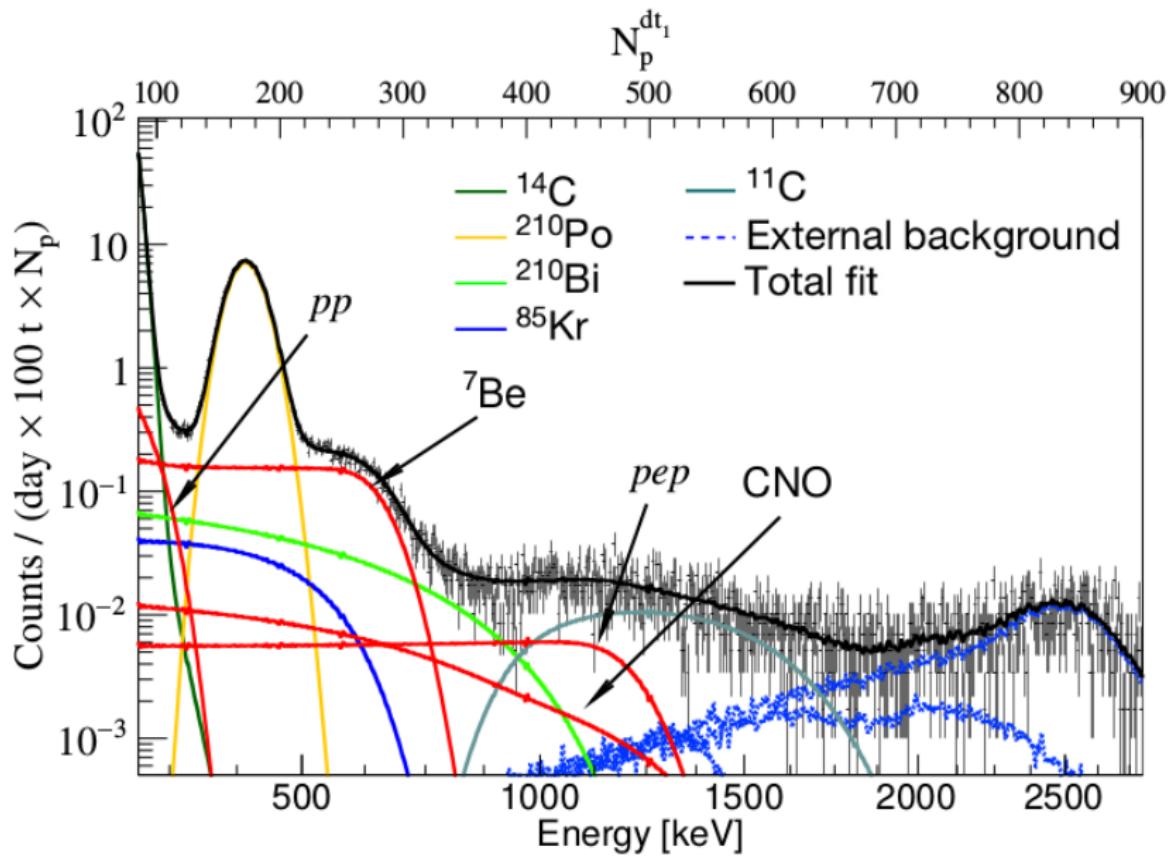
$$T_{max} = E/(1 + m_e/2E) = 0.665 \text{ MeV and } 0.231 \text{ MeV}$$



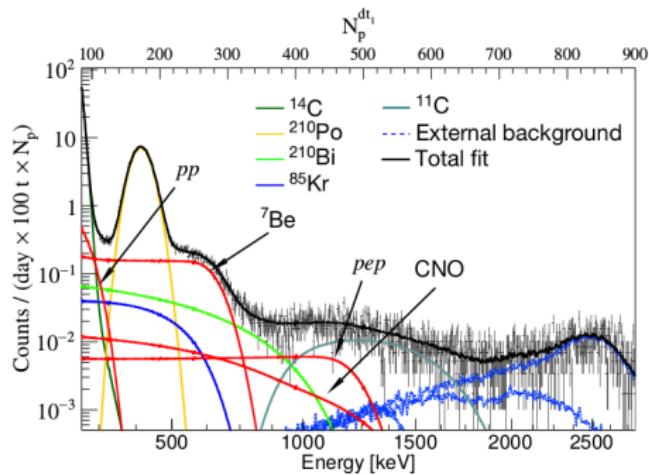
Integrated Effect of NSI



Backgrounds at Borexino

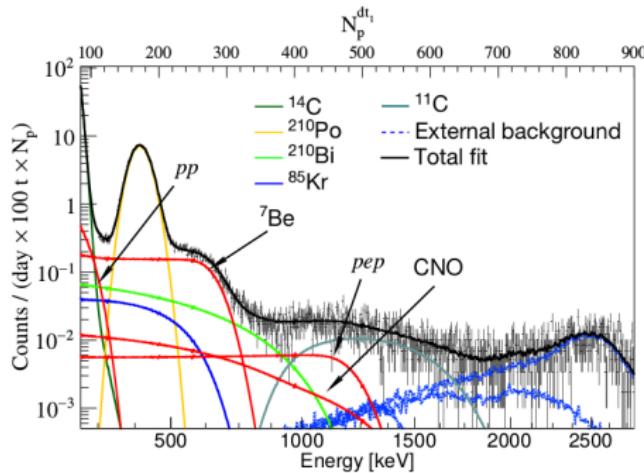


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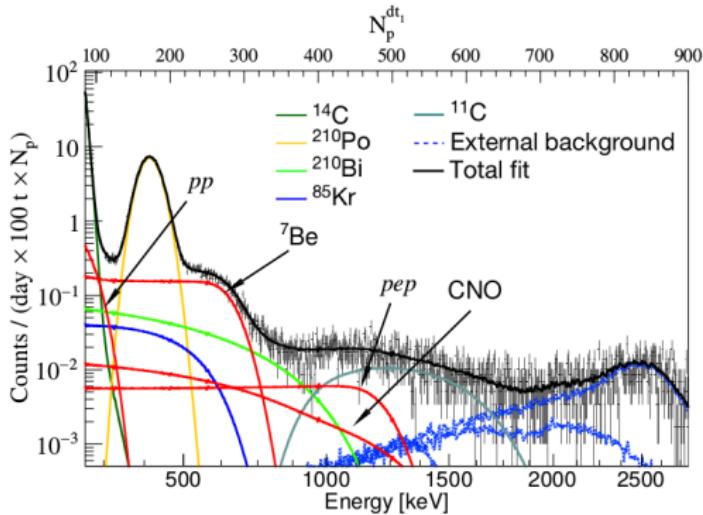
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- Taggable BG (event-by-event cut)
 - radioactive decays from delayed coincidence,
 - muon events and those following
- cut off some exposure region (remove detector region for a time interval)
 - e.g. cosmic $\mu + ^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \mu + ^{11}\text{C} + \text{n}$ leads to ^{11}C , (coincidence between μ and n)
 $^{11}\text{C} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B} + \text{e}^+ + \text{n}$ has $\tau \sim 29.4$ min (crop out a ball of 1 m for 2 hrs)
- Majority is reconstructed through fitting
 - $^{85}\text{Kr} \rightarrow ^{85}\text{Rb} + \text{e}^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ ($Q = 0.687$ MeV, $t_{1/2} \approx 10.8$ yrs)
 - $^{210}\text{Bi} \rightarrow ^{210}\text{Po} + \text{e}^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ ($Q = 1.161$ MeV, $t_{1/2} \approx 5$ d)
 - $^{210}\text{Po} \rightarrow ^{205}\text{Pb} + ^4\text{He}$ ($Q = 5.3$ MeV, $t_{1/2} \approx 138$ d)

Fitting w/o NSI

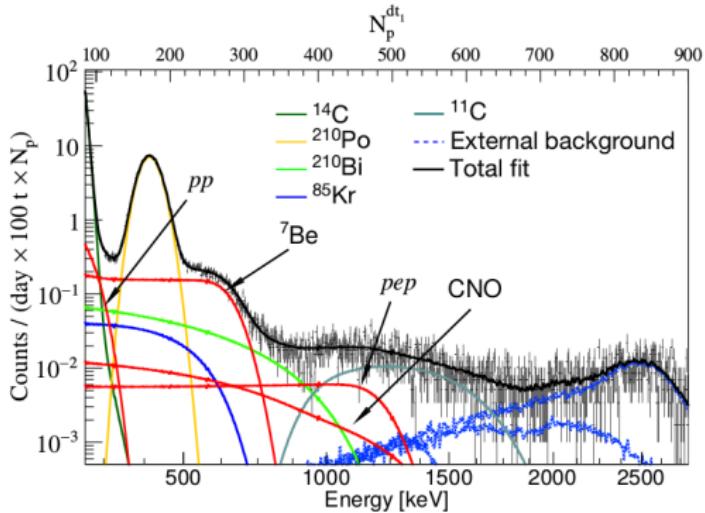
^7Be flux: 6% uncertainty (same for LZ and HZ, standard analysis w/o NSI leads to $\sim 2.7\% \ 1707.09279$)

Background related without NSI:



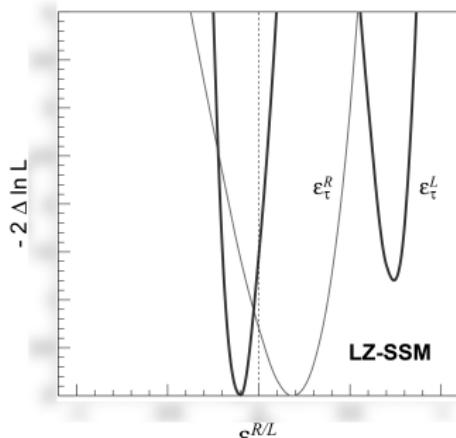
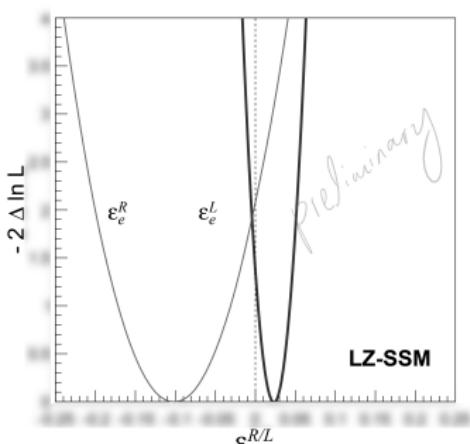
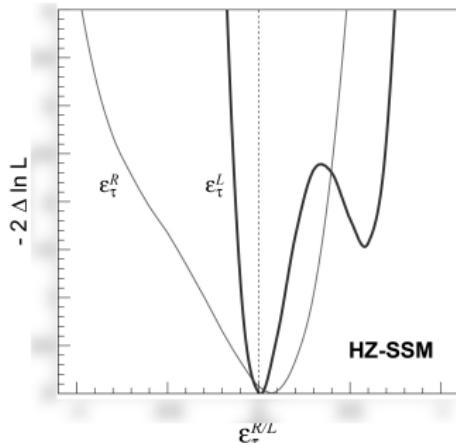
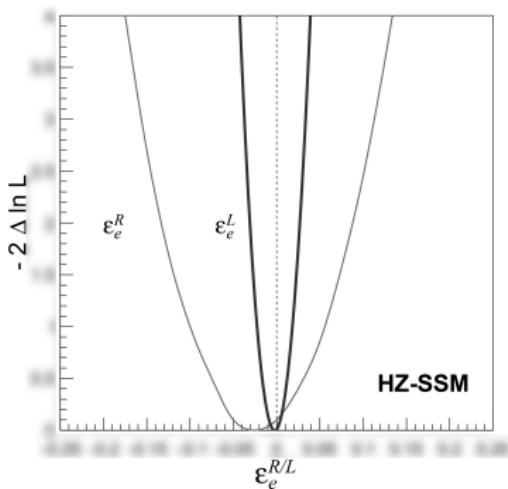
Background	Rate [cpd/100 t]
^{14}C [Bq/100 t]	40.0 ± 2.0
^{85}Kr	6.8 ± 1.8
^{210}Bi	17.5 ± 1.9
^{11}C	26.8 ± 0.2
^{210}Po	260.0 ± 3.0
Ext. ^{40}K	1.0 ± 0.6
Ext. ^{214}Bi	1.9 ± 0.3
Ext. ^{208}Tl	3.3 ± 0.1

Fitting w/ NSI



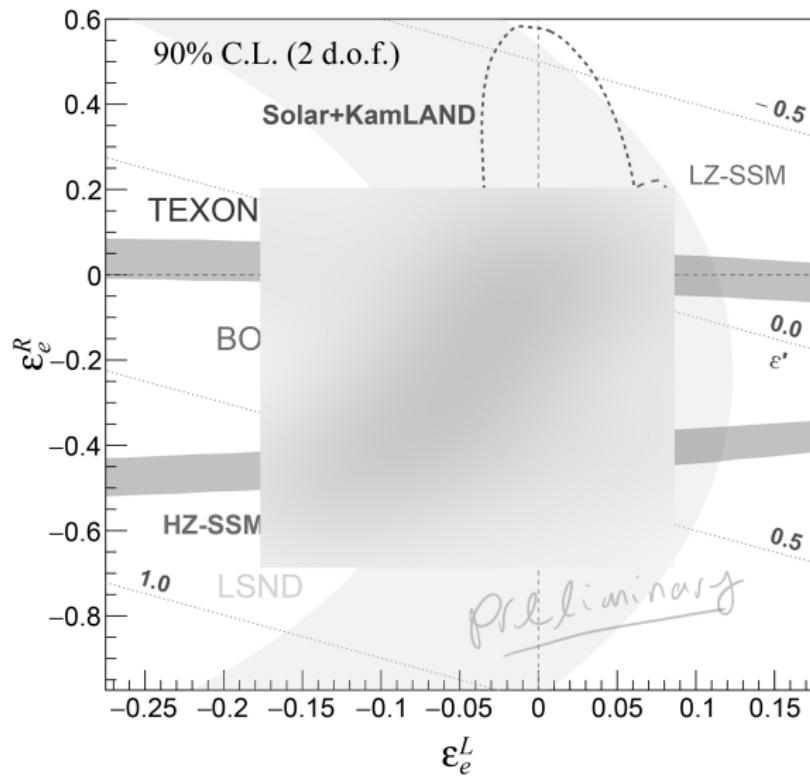
Multi-variate fitting parameters:

- light yield (energy scale)
- energy resolution
- ²¹⁰Po ν central and width
- ¹¹C ν starting position
- other background parameters in the detector model (⁸⁵Kr, ²¹⁰Bi etc.)
- ε' s

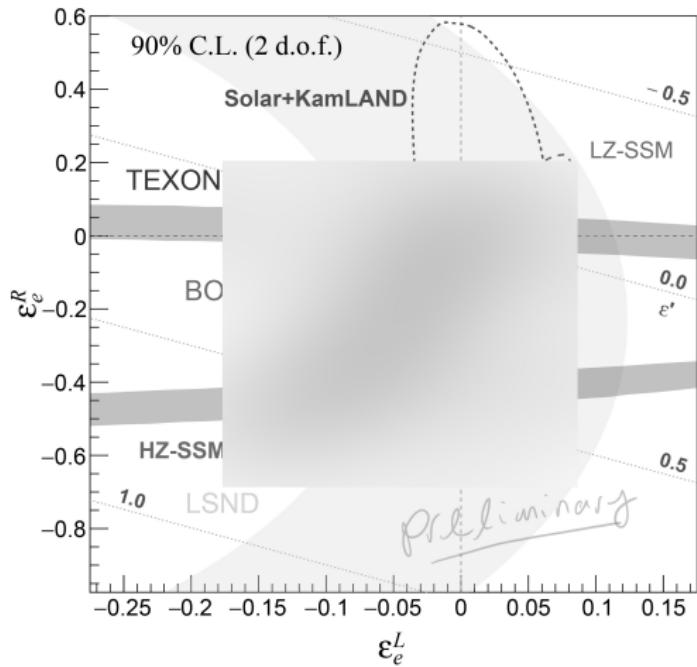


	HZ-SSM	LZ-SSM	Phase I 1207.3492	Global 0711.0698
ε_e^R	[???, ???]	[???, ???]	[-0.21, +0.16]	[0.004, +0.151]
ε_e^L	[???, ???]	[???, ???]	[-0.046, +0.053]	[-0.03, +0.08]
ε_τ^R	[???, ???]	[???, ???]	[-0.98, +0.73]	[-0.3, +0.4]
ε_τ^L	[???, ???]	[???, ???]	[-0.23, +0.87]	[-0.5, +0.2]

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- $\epsilon_L - {}^{85}\text{Kr} - \epsilon_R$ correlation
- orthogonal to TEXONO as ν_e v.s. $\bar{\nu}_e$
- huge improvement over LSND

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- covers different region compared to LEP
- second minimum due to $g_{\tau L} \rightarrow -g_{\tau L}$ approximate symmetry, *i.e.* $\varepsilon_{\tau L} = 0$, or $-2g_{\tau L}$.

Weak mixing angle

$$g_{\alpha L} = \begin{cases} \sin^2 \theta_W + \frac{1}{2} & \alpha = e \\ \sin^2 \theta_W - \frac{1}{2} & \alpha = \mu, \tau \end{cases}$$
$$g_{\alpha R} = \sin^2 \theta_W \quad \alpha = e, \mu, \tau$$

- Specific direction in $\varepsilon_L - \varepsilon_R$ plane
- similar effect for both ν_e and ν_τ .

$\sin^2 \theta_W = \text{????} \pm \text{????} \text{ (stat+syst)} , \quad \text{this work}$

$\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.251 \pm 0.031 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.024 \text{ (syst)} . \quad \text{TEXONO}$

$\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.2324 \pm 0.0058 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.0059 \text{ (syst)} . \quad \text{CHARM II}$

Summary

- Searching for new physics in the presence of $\nu - e$ NSI
- NSI phenomenology
 - propagation: NSI changes the ${}^7\text{Be}$ neutrino flux component, ν_e relative to non- $\nu_{\mu,\tau}$
 - detection: NSI changes the recoil electron spectrum
- Background
 - event-by-event cut
 - “space-time” cut
 - multi-variate fit
- Result of ε constraints, and understanding of correlations
 - $\varepsilon_{eR} - {}^{85}\text{Kr}$
 - $\varepsilon_{eR} - \varepsilon_{eL}$
 - $\sin^2 \theta_W$