### **Understanding the Universe from Deep Underground**



Sudbury Neutrino **Observatory** 

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Solar System



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Milky Way Galaxy

With our laboratory deep underground we have created a very low radioactivity location where we study some of the most basic scientific questions:

• How do stars like our Sun burn and create the elements from which we are made?

• What are the basic Laws of Physics for the smallest fundamental particles?

• What is the composition of our Universe and how has it evolved to the present ?

# How do you make measurements that can provide answers to enormous questions like these?

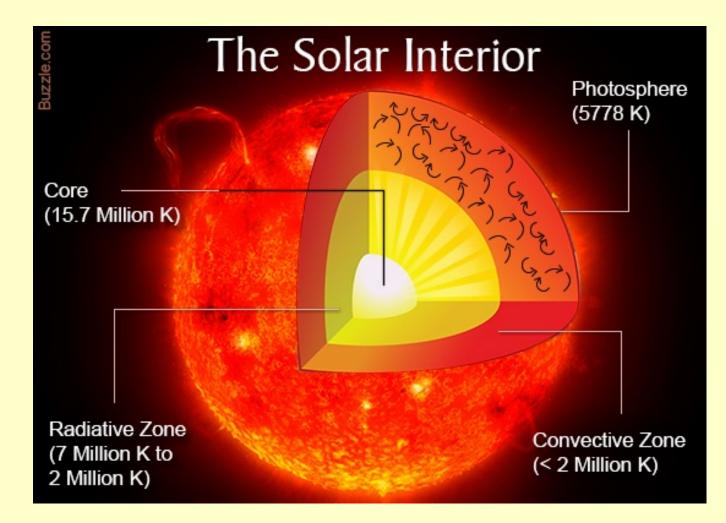
#### **Answers**:

1: Measure elusive particles called NEUTRINOS that come from the deepest reaches of the Sun where the energy is generated and from cosmic rays interacting in the atmosphere.

2: Measure fundamental particles (DARK MATTER) that are left over from the original formation of the Universe.

3. Measure rare forms of radioactivity (DOUBLE BETA DECAY) that can tell us more about fundamental laws of physics.

#### **Neutrinos from the Sun**



The middle of the sun is so hot that the centers of the atoms (nuclei) fuse together, giving off lots of energy and neutrinos. The neutrinos penetrate easily through the dense material in the Sun and reach the earth.

# **Neutrino facts:**

• Neutrinos, along with electrons and quarks, are basic particles of nature that we do not know how to sub-divide further.

• Neutrinos come in three "flavours" (electron, mu, tau) as described in The Standard Model of Elementary Particles, a fundamental theory of microscopic particle physics.

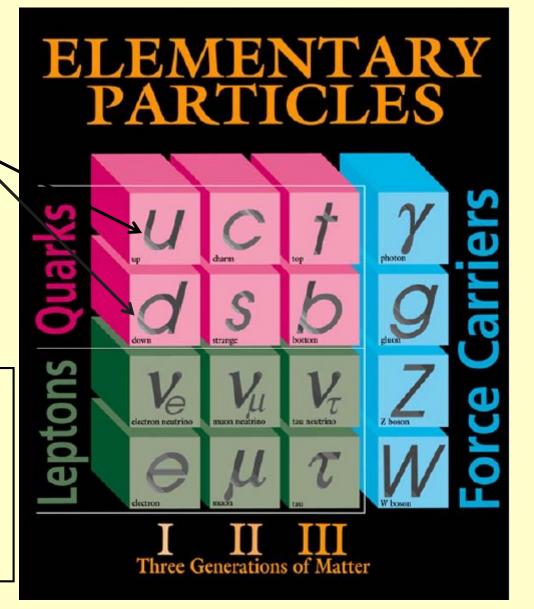
•They only stop if they hit the nucleus of an atom or an electron head-on and can pass through a million billion kilometers of lead without stopping. They only feel the Weak Force.

• Therefore they are very difficult to detect and their properties have been the least known among the basic particles.

- Three up and/or down Quarks are combined to make a proton or neutron.

- An atom is composed of electrons circling a nucleus containing protons and neutrons.

- Neutrinos feel only the weak force (and gravity) and are produced in some forms of radioactivity or in nuclear or particle reactions involving the transformation of quarks.



The original Standard Model included neutrinos with zero mass and never changing from one type to another. We and others have shown that this is not correct.

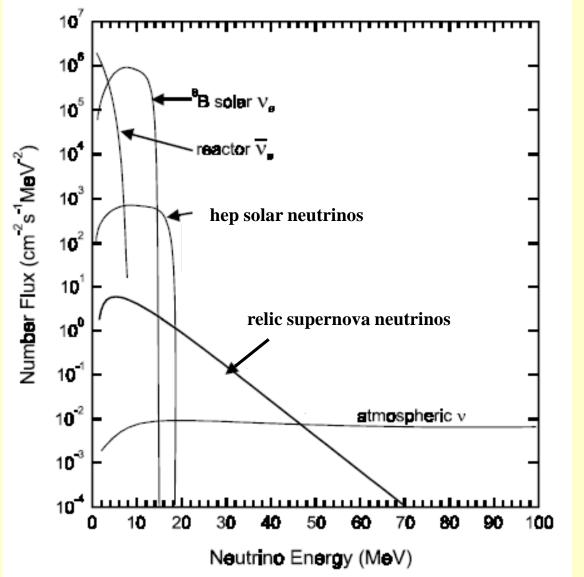
+ Higgs Boson

# Why is it important for us to know these details about neutrinos and the sun?

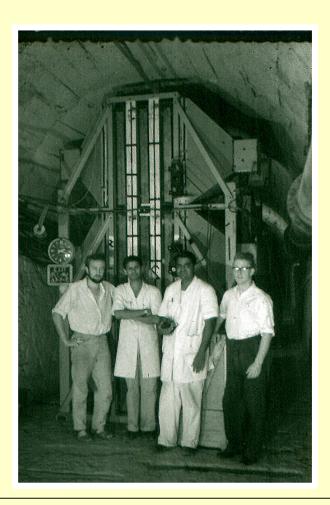
- 1. Neutrinos: Neutrinos are produced extensively in the Big Bang and depending on their mass, can have a significant influence on how the Universe evolves.
- 2. The Sun: Most of the elements from which we are made (C, N, O) were **produced** in the nuclear processes in the center of stars like the sun.
- **3. Neutrinos** are an essential part of the production of all the elements heavier than iron in collapsing stars called **supernovae**.
- 4. The Sun: People are trying to reproduce the sun's energy generation here on earth, confined by magnetic fields instead of gravity. It is called a fusion power source. We have proven that calculations of sun are very accurate, and they are very similar to the calculations needed for fusion power here on earth.
- 5. Neutrino Astronomy can be used to study far distant parts of our Universe.

So our measurements help with our understanding of the Universe large and small as well as providing practical information for new energy systems on earth.

### **Neutrinos Reaching the Earth**



+ accelerator neutrinos with smaller numbers at large distance and higher energies. INDIA WAS A PIONEER IN THE FIELD OF NEUTRINO PHYSICS IN UNDFRGROUND LABORATORIES: The First Reported Measurement of Neutrinos Produced by Cosmic rays hitting the Atmosphere was made in the Kolar Gold Fields 50 years ago.

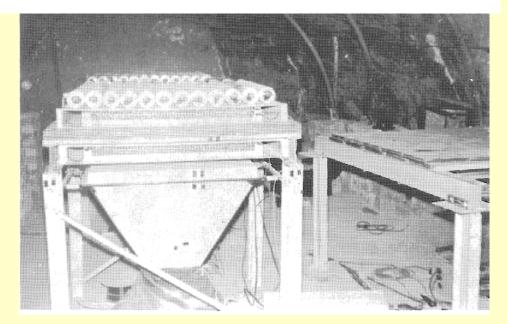


THE K. G. F. NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT\*

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KGF Group, 7600 feet underground, 1965

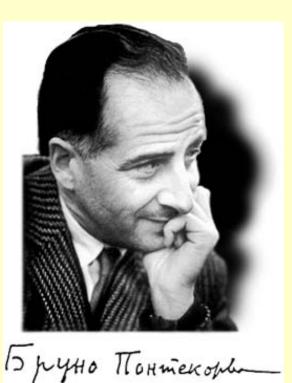
**Experimental Apparatus**, 1965

# Other Pioneers of Solar Neutrino Physics: Davis, Bahcall, Pontecorvo & Gribov



1968: Davis' Measurements with Chlorine-based detector show 3 times fewer than Bahcall's calculations.

Ray Davis: Nobel Laureate 2002



1968: Gribov and Pontecorvo suggest flavor change (oscillation) of electron neutrinos to muon neutrinos as a possible reason. The major scientific question that SNO set out to answer

• THE NUCLEAR REACTIONS WHICH POWER THE SUN MAKE ENORMOUS NUMBERS OF NEUTRINOS.

• HOWEVER, ALL NEUTRINO MEASUREMENTS FOR 30 YEARS BEFORE SNO OBSERVED TOO FEW OF THE ELECTRON FLAVOUR NEUTRINOS PRODUCED IN THE SUN, COMPARED TO SOLAR MODEL CALCULATIONS

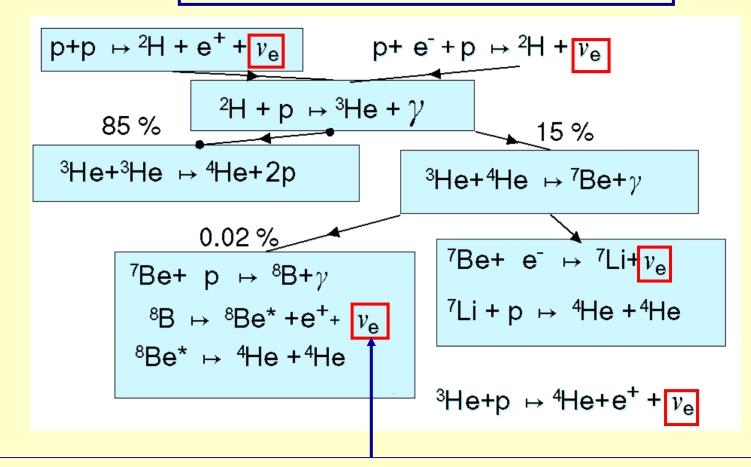
### (The Solar Neutrino Problem).

• EITHER :

**1. THE SOLAR MODEL CALCULATIONS WERE INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT** 

#### OR

2.THE ELECTRON NEUTRINOS CREATED IN THE SUN ARE CHANGING TO ANOTHER FLAVOUR AND ELUDING THE PAST EXPERIMENTS THAT WERE SENSITIVE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO ELECTRON NEUTRINOS. **SOLAR FUSION CHAIN** 



1984: Chen proposes heavy water to search for direct evidence of flavor transformation for neutrinos from <sup>8</sup>B decay in the Sun.
 Electron neutrinos and all active neutrinos are measured separately to show flavor change independent of solar model calculations.

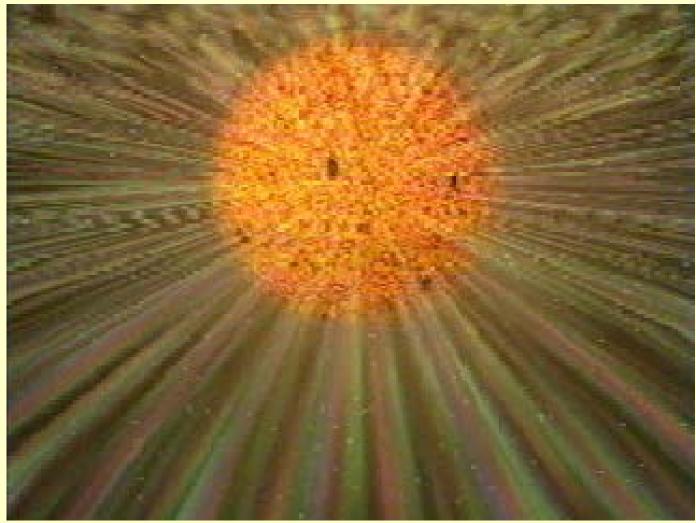


#### Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO) Collaboration Meeting, Chalk River, 1986

#### PROPOSAL TO BUILD A NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY IN SUDBURY, CANADA

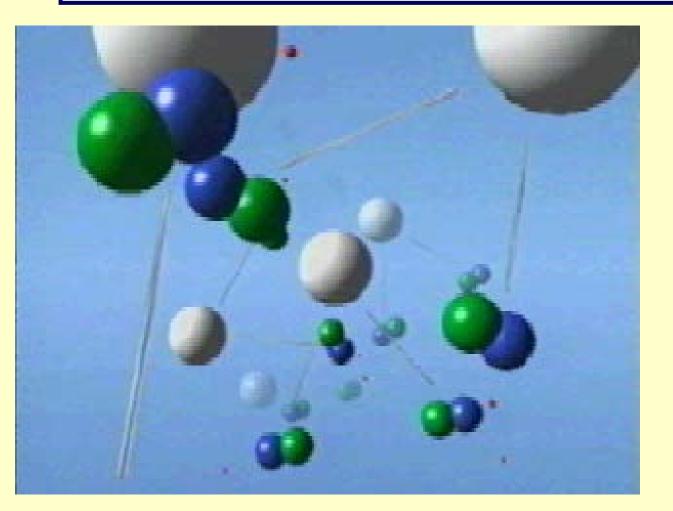
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### How does SNO detect neutrinos from the Sun?



Billions of them stream out every second from the nuclear reactions powering the Sun and strike our detector. Once an hour they make a burst of light that we can detect.

#### Two different bursts of light occur when a neutrino strikes heavy water.



White = Oxygen Green = Proton Blue = Neutron Red = Electron

Heavy water has an extra neutron (blue) in the hydrogen nucleus. 1 in 6400 water molecules are like this.

The first type of burst is sensitive to all flavours of neutrinos: electron, mu and tau neutrinos The second type of burst is only sensitive to the electron neutrinos produced in the Sun. **Comparing the numbers observed for the two bursts tells us whether electron** 

neutrinos have changed to other flavours before reaching our detector.

# **Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO)**

Neutrinos are very difficult to detect so our detector had to be very big with low radioactivity, deep underground.

1000 tonnes of heavy water: D<sub>2</sub>O \$ 300 million on Loan for \$1.00

9500 light sensors

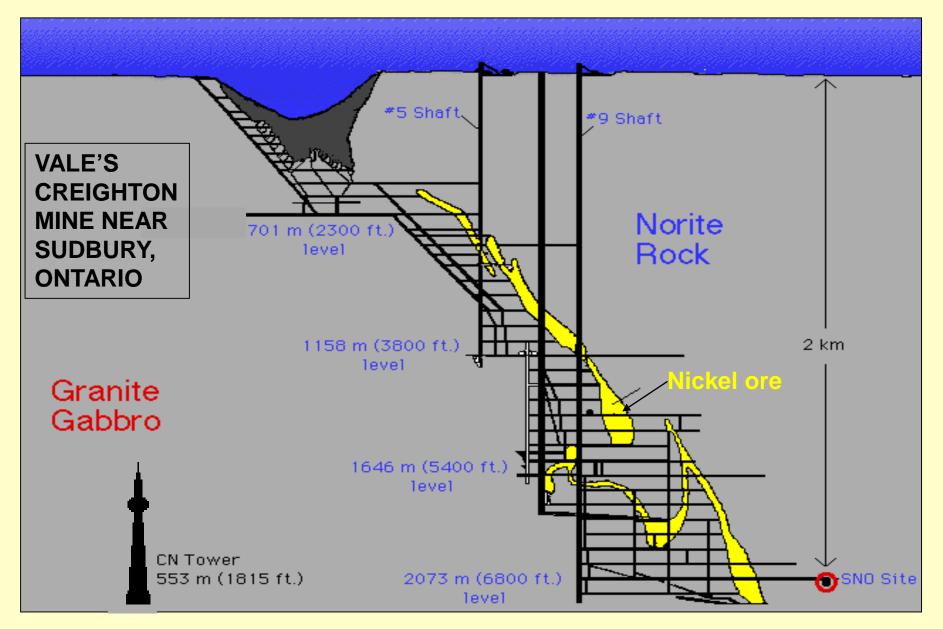
12 m Diameter Acrylic Container

> Ultra-pure Water: H<sub>2</sub>O.

Urylon Liner and Radon Seal 34 m or ~ Ten Stories High! 2 km below the ground

**NEUTRINO** 

To study Neutrinos with little radioactive background, we went 2 km underground to reduce cosmic rays and built an ultra-clean detector: SNO



SNO: One million pieces transported down in the 3 m x 3 m x 4 m mine cage and re-assembled under ultra-clean conditions. Every worker takes a shower and wears clean, lint-free clothing.

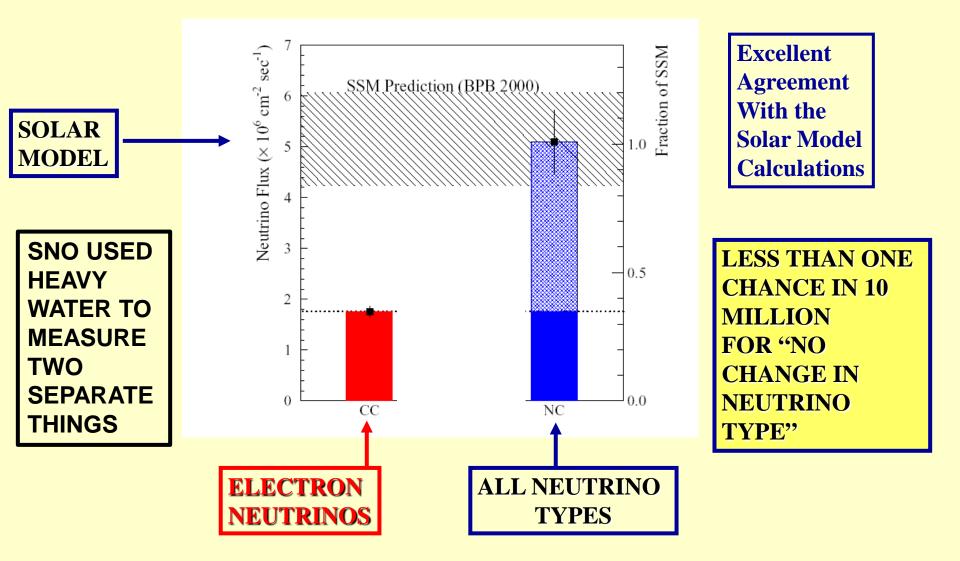
70,000 showers during the course of the SNO project





Steven Hawking's Visit Posed some special Challenges – INCO Designed a special Rail car for him. Water systems were developed to provide low radioactivity water and heavy water: 1 billion times better than tap water. Less than one radioactive decay per day per ton of water!!



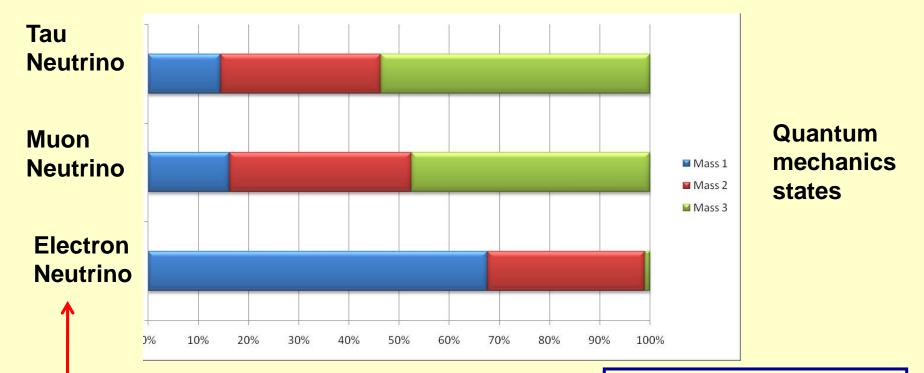


A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION NEUTRINOS CHANGE THEIR TYPE: 2/3 OF THE ELECTRON NEUTRINOS HAVE CHANGED TO MU, TAU NEUTRINOS ON THE WAY FROM THE SOLAR CORE TO EARTH. THIS REQUIRES THAT THEY HAVE A FINITE MASS.



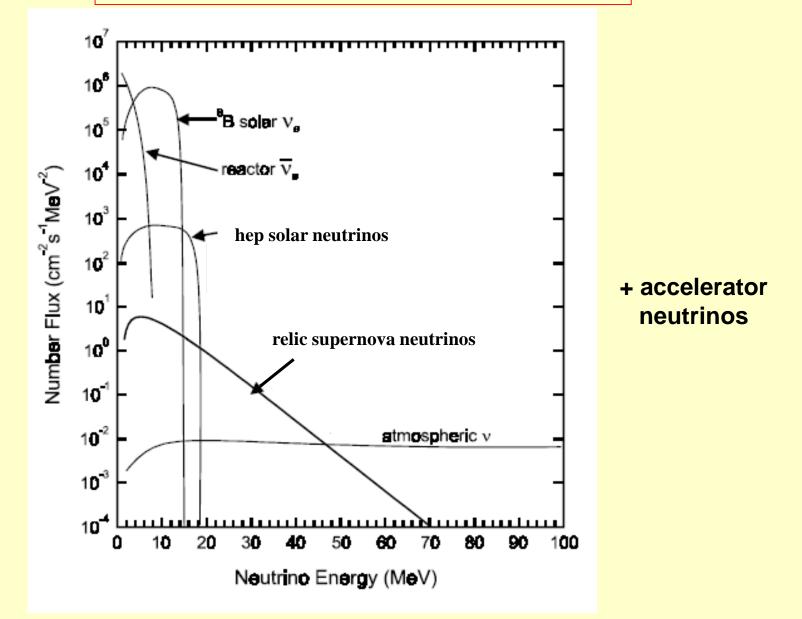
### **NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS AND NEUTRINO MASS**

Neutrino Flavors (Electron, Muon, Tau) can be expressed as combinations of Masses (1,2,3)



**Created in a unique Flavor State**  The mass fractions change as the neutrino travels After traveling there is a finite probability to be detected as a different flavor type

### **Other Neutrino fluxes at the Earth**

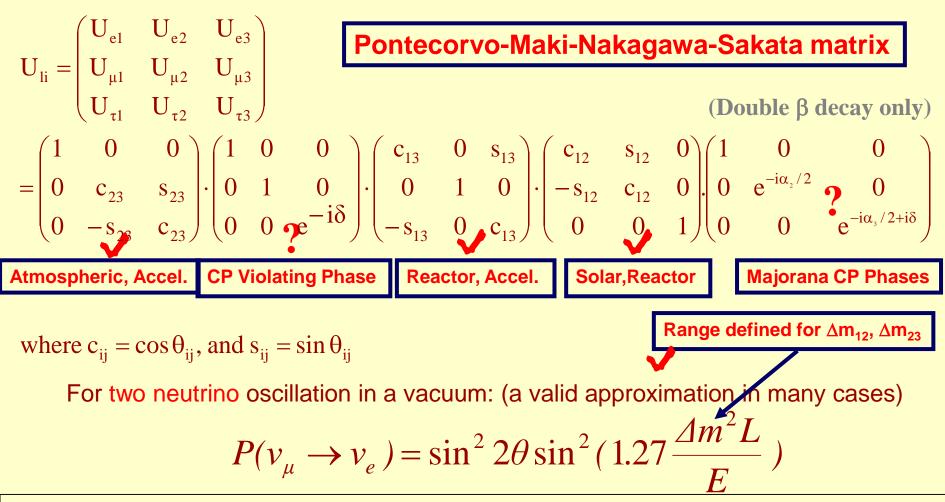


As of today: Oscillation of 3 massive active neutrinos is clearly the dominant effect:

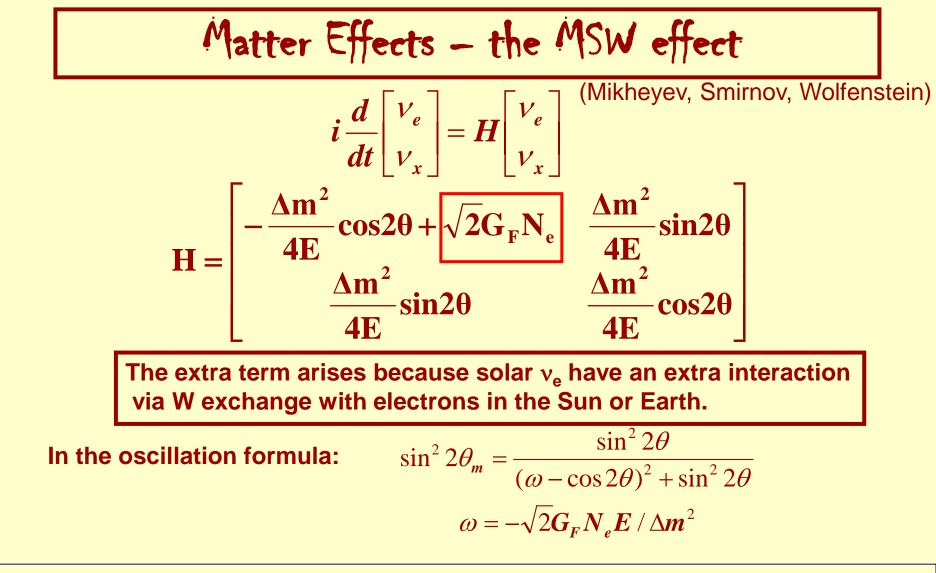
### If neutrinos have mass:

$$|\nu_l\rangle = \sum U_{li} |\nu_i\rangle$$
  
1 = Flavour, i = mass

For 3 Active neutrinos.



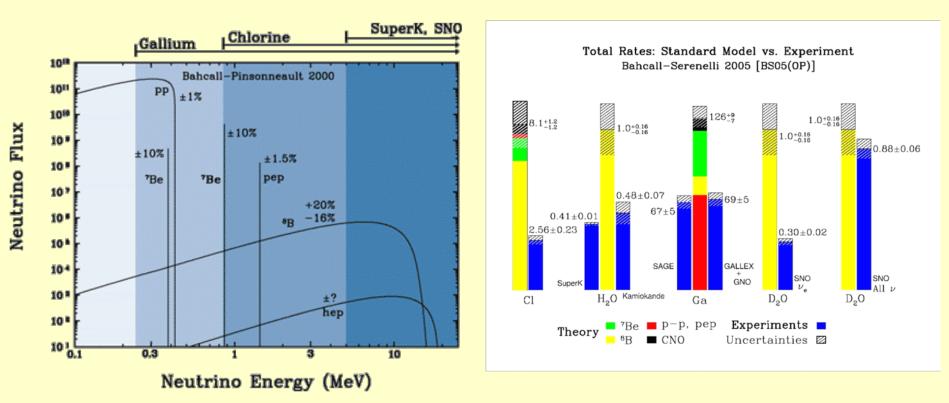
CP Violating Phase or Majorana Phases: Antimatter/matter asymmetry in Early Universe?



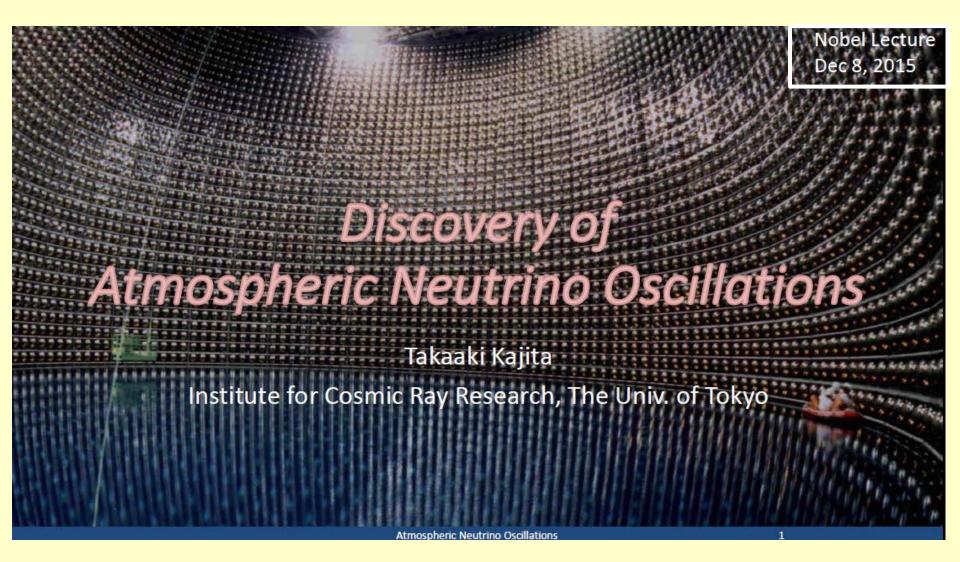
The MSW effect occurs for electron neutrinos going through the sun showing that mass 2 is greater than mass 1. It will also affect muon neutrinos going through the earth. The India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO) will use this to determine whether mass 3 is heavier than the others.

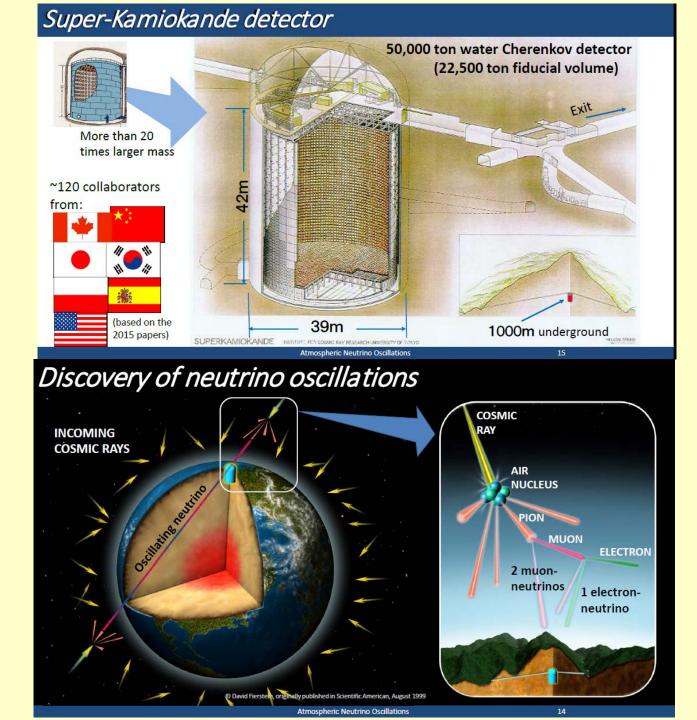
### **Combining SNO with other solar measurements**

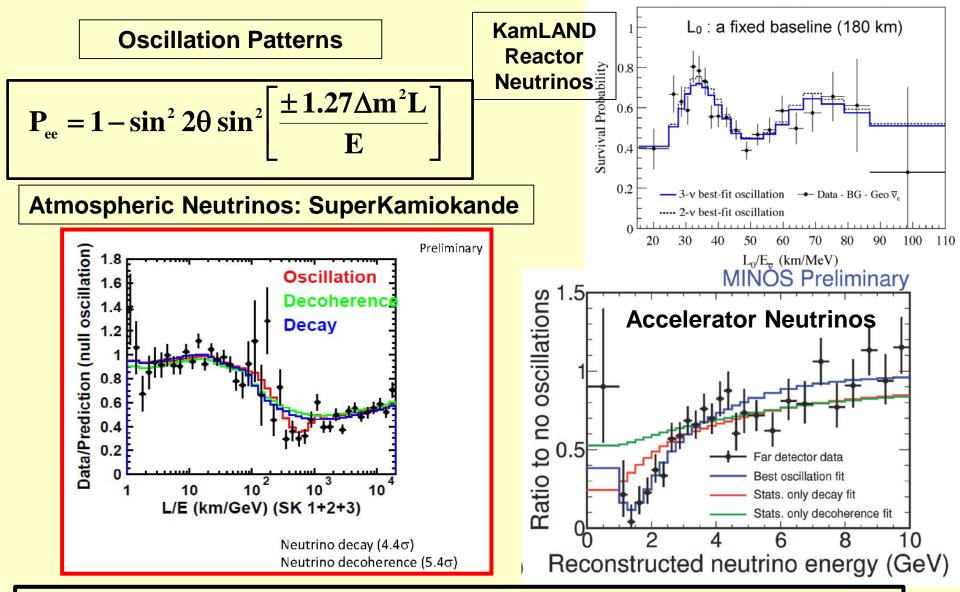
#### Solar Fluxes: Bahcall et al Experiment vs Solar Models



The analysis concludes that the electron neutrinos are converted to a pure Mass 2 state by interaction with the dense electrons in the sun via the Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein (MSW) effect. This interaction determines that Mass 2 is greater than Mass 1 as well as determining  $\Delta m_{12}^2$  and the mixing parameter  $\theta_{12}$ 





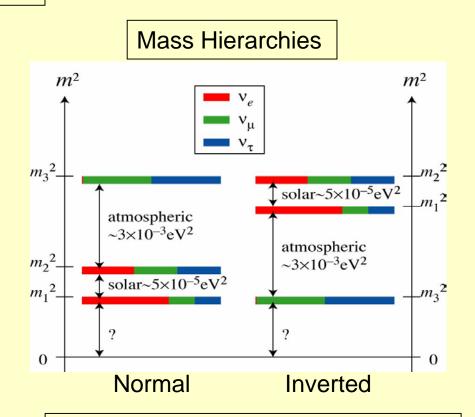


Such oscillations can only occur if neutrinos have the ability to "sense" elapsed time in their rest frame and change type as time evolves. If they do that, Einstein's theory of relativity requires that they have a small finite mass and travel at slightly less than the speed of light.

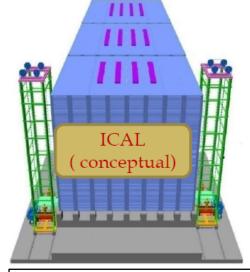
### SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR THREE ACTIVE v TYPES

Neutrino Oscillation Parameters	
Parameter	best-fit $(\pm 1\sigma)$
$\frac{1}{\Delta m_{\odot}^{2} \ [10^{-5} \text{ eV}^{2}]} \\  \Delta m_{A}^{2}  \ [10^{-3} \text{ eV}^{2}] \\ + 2 \text{ c}}$	$7.58_{-0.26}^{+0.22}$ $2.35_{-0.09}^{+0.12}$
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$ $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ $\sin^2 \theta_{13}  [140]$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.306 \ (0.312)^{+0.018}_{-0.015} \\ 0.42^{+0.08}_{-0.03} \\ 0.021 \ (0.025)^{+0.007}_{-0.008} \end{array}$
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ [140] $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ [142]	$\begin{array}{c} 0.021 \ (0.023)_{-0.008} \\ 0.0251 \pm 0.0034 \end{array}$

Future measurements will improve accuracy and seek to measure **matter/antimatter asymmetry** parameters. Indian particle physicists are participants in the proposed **DUNE** experiment using Fermilab accelerator and the Sanford Underground Lab in the US.



A very important question for the future is **Normal or Inverted Hierarchy:** It can be measured using Atmospheric Neutrinos with the **Indian Neutrino Observatory (INO)** 



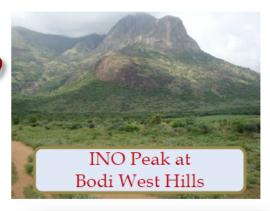
# India-Based Neutrino Observatory (INO)

Spokesperson: Prof. N. Mondal, Tata Institute, Mumbai

Experiments in INO can use **naturally** occurring neutrinos from the atmosphere to measure the mass order of the three neutrino types, an important part of fundamental theories of physics that go beyond the Standard Model of Elementary Particles. Also studies of Dark Matter and Double Beta Decay

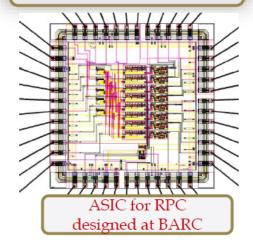
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90+ Collaborators from 22 Institutions

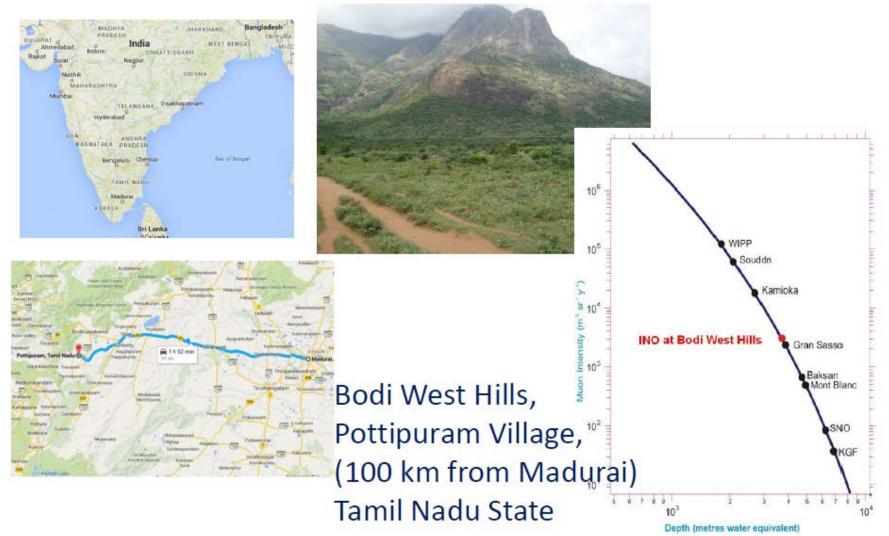




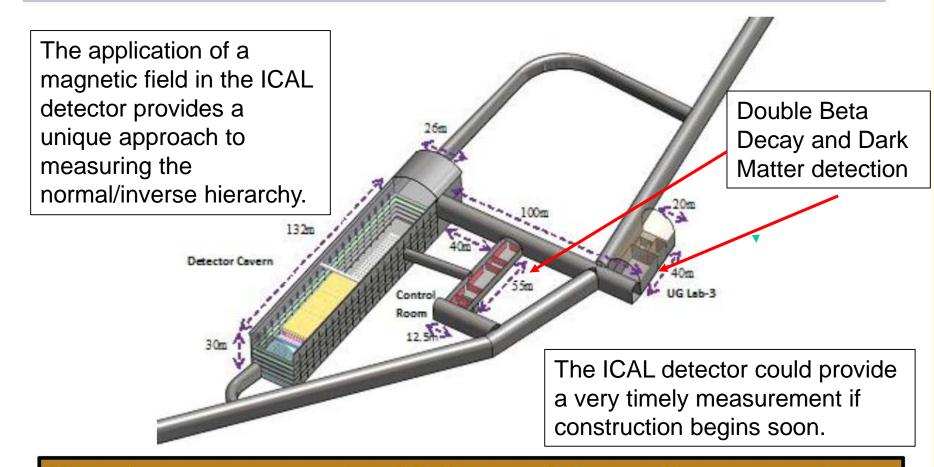
2mX2m RPC Test Stand at TIFR



# The location of INO



# **Underground Laboratory Layout**

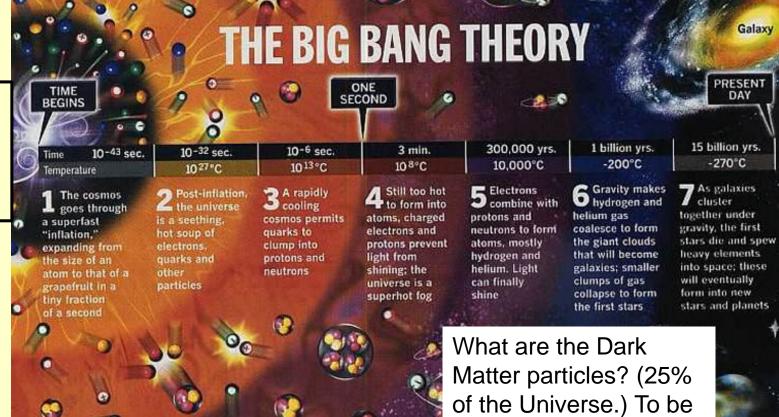


One large cavern for ICAL and 2 small cavern for other experiments such as Neutrino-less double beta decay (NDBD) and search for dark matter etc. Where did all the Anti-matter go? (Neutrino Properties: Double Beta Decay)

rdrogen nucleus Hydrog

What is the Absolute Neutrino Mass? It influences formation of stars, galaxies (Double Beta Decay)

Understanding our Universe more completely

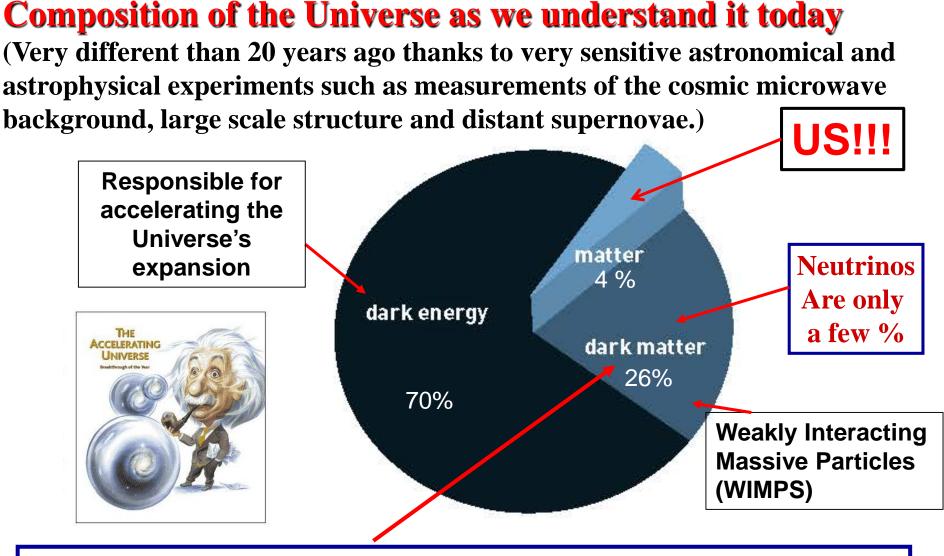


NOTE: The numbers in cosmology are so great and the numbers in subatomic physics are so small that it is often necessary to express them in exponential form. Ten multiplied by itself or 100, is written as 10<sup>2</sup>, of the necessary to express them in exponential form. See an another that it is the set of the

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**TIME Graphic by Ed Gale** 

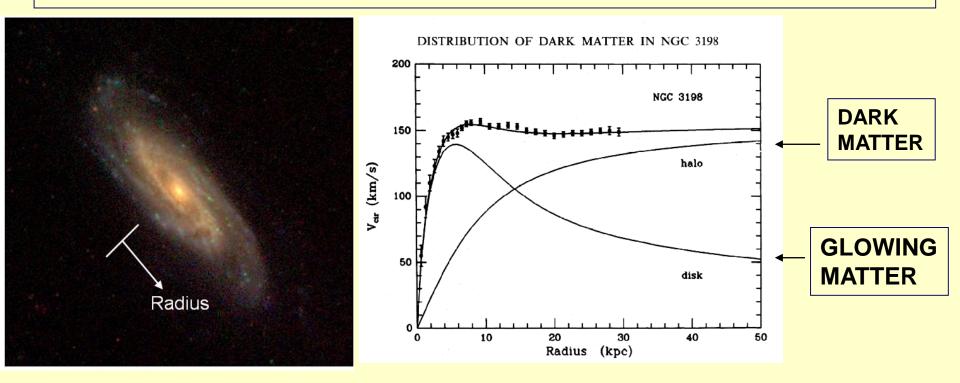
studied at INO, LHC.



With underground labs we look for Dark Matter particles left from the Big Bang, with ultra-low radioactive background. At CERN: Try to create it for the first time since the Big Bang

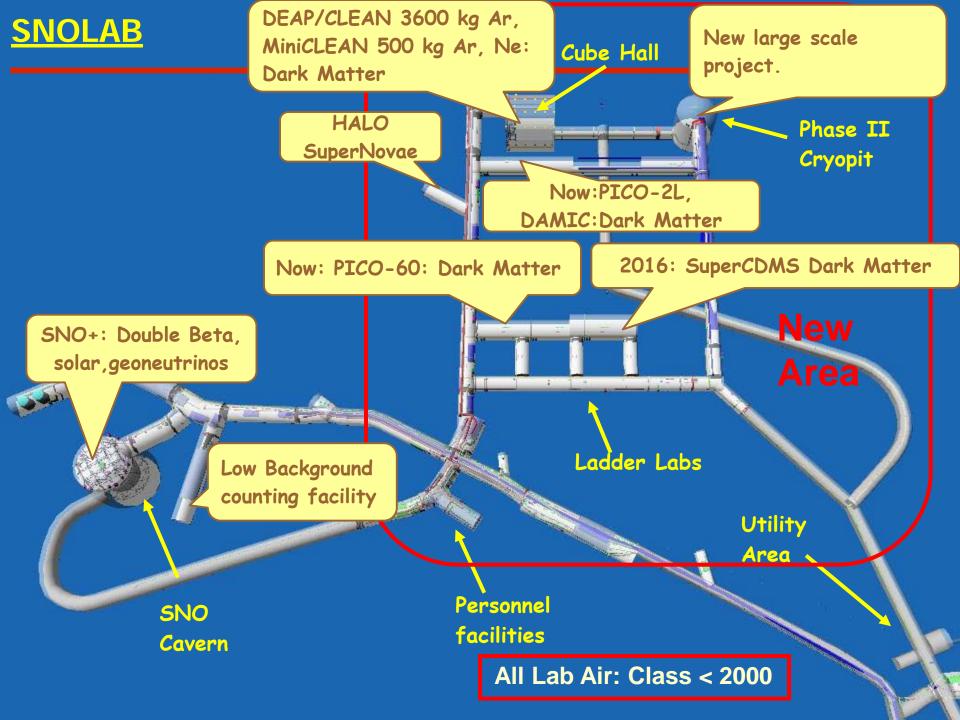
#### The evidence for *dark matter* is strong from astrophysics measurements:

# For example: SPIRAL GALAXY CLUSTERS WOULD FLY APART IF THEY ARE COMPOSED OF ONLY THE GLOWING MATTER



HOWEVER, WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE "WIMPS" ARE. THEY MUST BE STABLE ENOUGH TO SURVIVE 13 BILLION YEARS AND MUST BE SO MASSIVE THAT THE HIGHEST ENERGY ACCELERATORS HAVE NOT PRODUCED THEM YET.

WE LOOK FOR THEM STRIKING OUR DETECTORS PRODUCING LIGHT. THE ACCELERATOR AT CERN (LHC) (WITH INDIAN COLLABORATORS) IS ALSO TRYING TO PRODUCE THEM FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE BIG BANG.



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### CONCLUSIONS

- Particle Astrophysics is an exciting field where measurements are helping us to understand our Universe more completely on scales reaching from the very small to the farthest reaches in space and the earliest times.
- Going underground can enable scientists to make unique measurements that would otherwise be obscured by background from cosmic radiation.
- India has an excellent opportunity to contribute strongly to this rapidly growing area of fundamental research through its work in *particle physics at international accelerators* and in the INDIAN NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY (INO).
- This is one of the most exciting and greatest intellectual exercises of all time....Understanding Our Universe.