A 185 kg Nal[Tl] Detector for Observing the Charged-Current Neutrino Interaction on ¹²⁷I

$$^{127}I + \nu_e \rightarrow ^{127}Xe + e^-$$

- ¹²⁷I charged-current reaction proposed by W. Haxton^[1] for solar, supernova neutrino detection
- Additionally, measurement used to test nuclear models, measure g_A quenching with neutrinos
 - Very few neutrino-nuclear cross sections measured at these energies!
- Radiochemical measurement^[2] made at LAMPF in 1990s, but:
 - No energy dependence of cross section
 - Exclusive measurement (no ¹²⁷Xe particle emission)
- Inclusive cross section calculated by Mintz & Pourkaviani^[3]

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The NalvE Detector

- Twenty-four 7.7kg NaI[Tl] scintillators deployed to the SNS in 2016
- Goal: make a preliminary measurement of the charged-current reaction on ¹²⁷I, test backgrounds for a CEvNS search with ²³Na
 - Using dual-gain base with range 3 keV-60 MeV
- Main background for CC is cosmic muons
 - Vetos deployed in 2017, big improvement
 - Also investigating tracking algorithms
- Beam resumed in May (at higher power)
 - Work on tonne-scale detector continues







