

# *Perspectives for the next generation of liquid-scintillator neutrino experiments*

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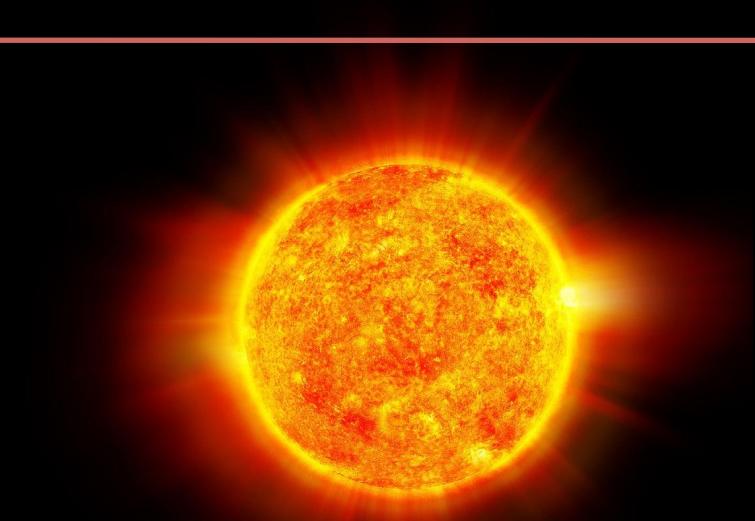
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# Outline

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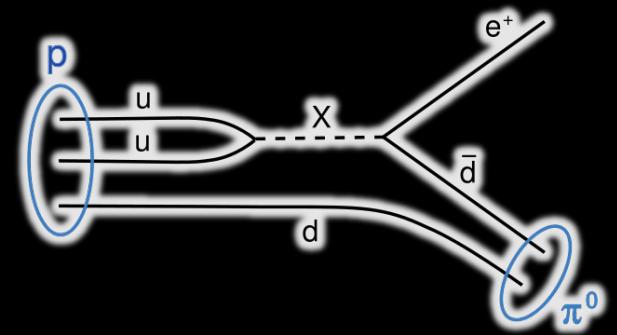
## *Next-generation neutrino detectors*

- Physics program
- Detector technologies



## *Future liquid-scintillator detectors*

- **JUNO** – neutrino mass hierarchy and precise mixing parameters
- **LENA** – neutrino astrophysics, long-baseline oscillations, nucleon decay ...



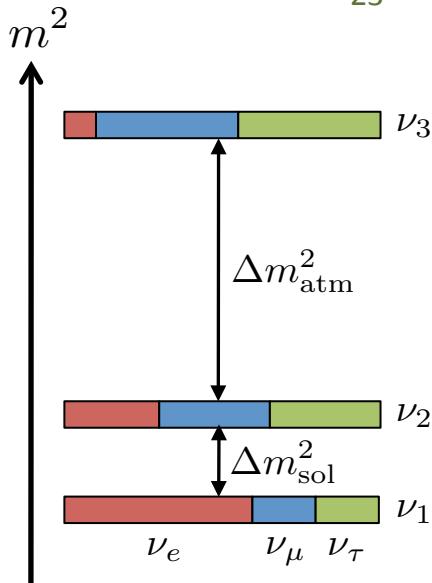
# Neutrino oscillations: Current status

$$\mathbf{U}_{3 \times 3} = \mathbf{U}_{\text{PMNS}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

*flavor eigenstates*
*atmospheric mixing*
*reactor mixing & CP violation*
*solar mixing*
*mass eigenstates*

$\theta_{23} \approx (45 \pm 9)^\circ$ 
 $\theta_{13} \approx (8.9 \pm 1.4)^\circ, \delta_{\text{CP}}=?$ 
 $\theta_{12} \approx (34 \pm 3)^\circ$



mixing angles :  $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$ ,  $s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$   
 CP violating phase :  $\delta$

mass squared differences :

- $\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 = \Delta m_{21}^2 \approx (7.5 \pm 0.6) \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$
- $\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 = \Delta m_{32}^2 \approx \Delta m_{31}^2 \approx (2.4 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

# Neutrino oscillations: Unresolved issues

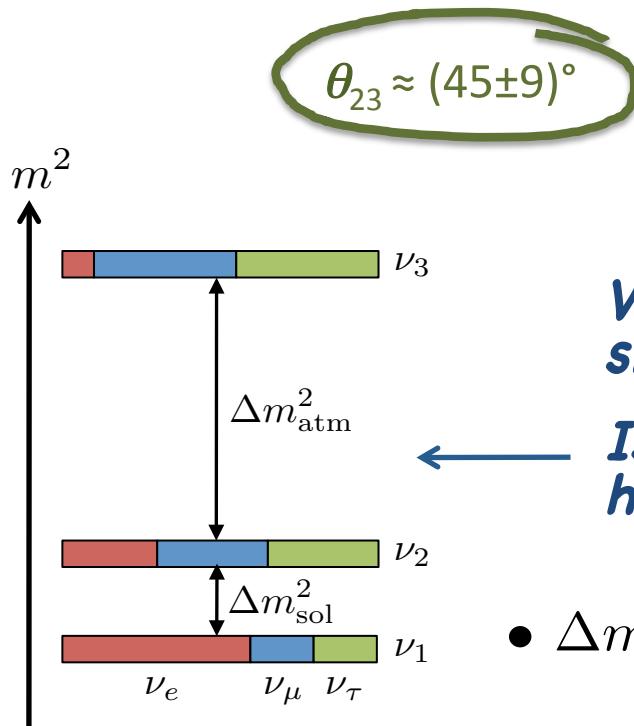
Are there more than 3 light neutrino flavors?

Do sterile neutrinos exist?

Is there CP violation in the leptonic sector?

Is it large enough to motivate the matter-antimatter asymmetry?

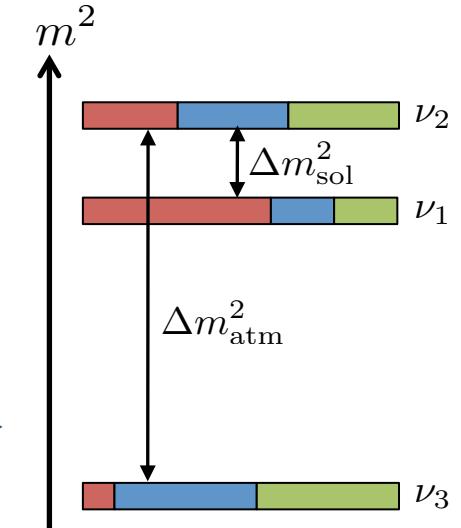
Is  $\theta_{23}$  maximal?



What is the sign of  $\Delta m_{32}^2$ ?

Is the neutrino mass hierarchy inverted?

$\delta_{\text{CP}} = ?$



- $\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 = \Delta m_{32}^2 \approx \Delta m_{31}^2 \approx \pm(2.4 \pm 0.2) \text{ eV}^2$

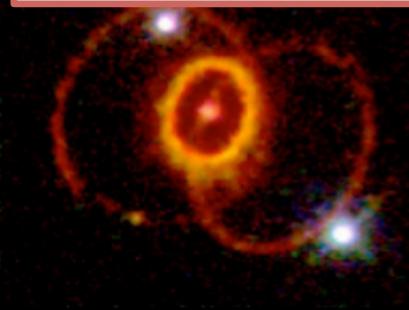
# Observation of astrophysical sources

## *Indirect DM search*

→ discover DM or extend excluded parameter space

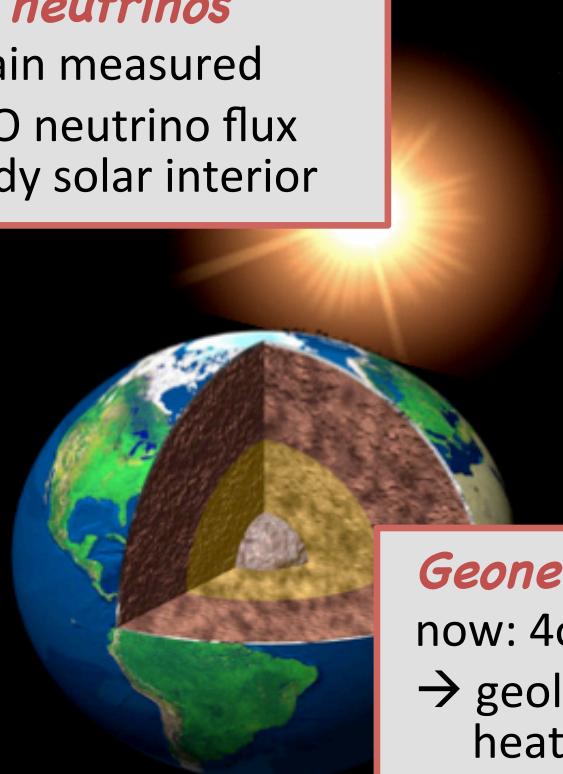
## *Supernova neutrinos*

$\nu$  burst established  
→ extract information on core-collapse and neutron star formation



## *Solar neutrinos*

pp-chain measured  
→ CNO neutrino flux  
→ study solar interior



## *Geoneutrinos*

now: 4 $\sigma$  observation  
→ geology: radiogenic heat, U/Th conc.

*Observation Range*  
 $<1$  to 50 MeV

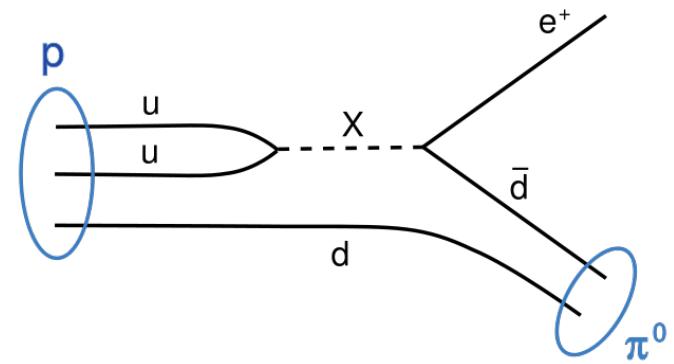
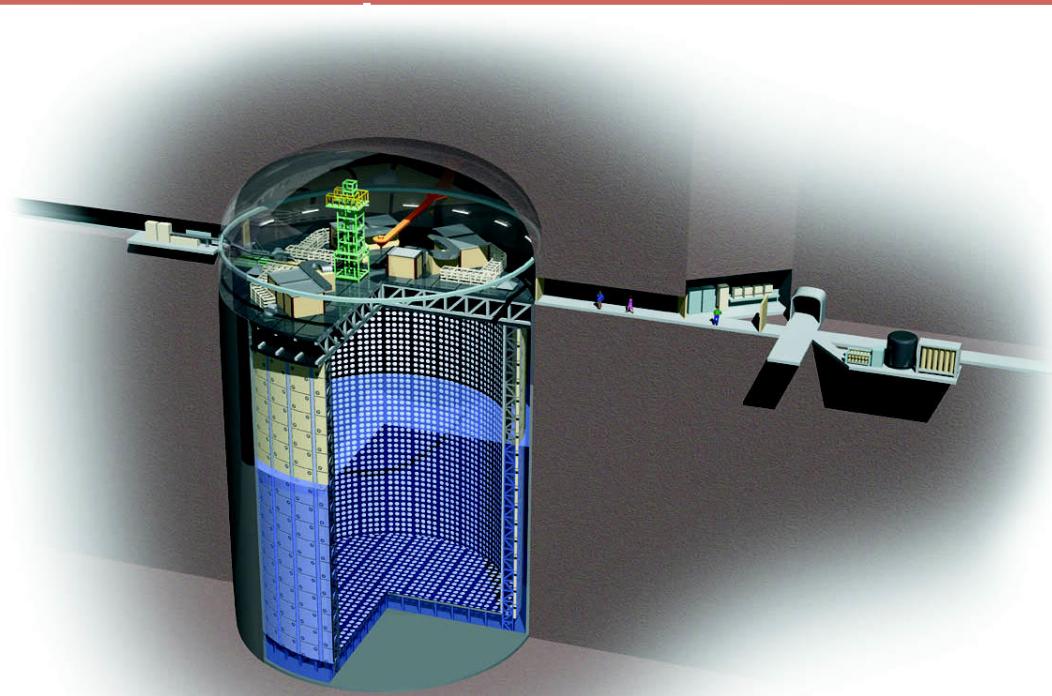
## *Diffuse SN neutrinos*

still unobserved  
→ discovery, z-dep. SN rate and average spectrum



galactic /  
cosmic

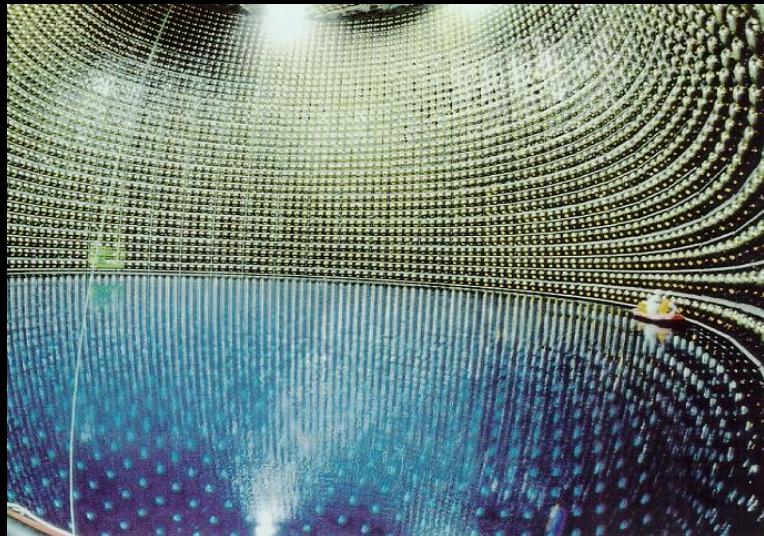
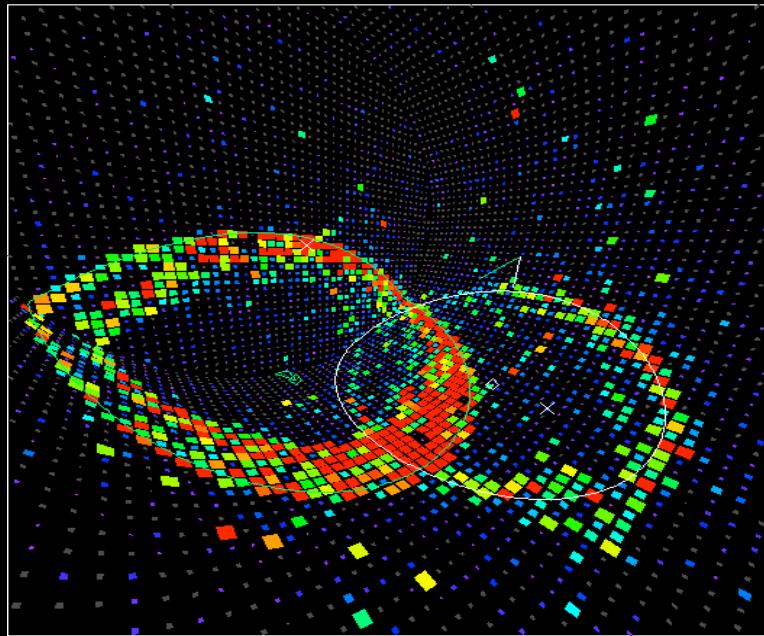
# Search for nucleon decay



Decay channel	Preferred by	Life time limit (from Super-K)	Best technology
$p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+$	Standard GUTs	$8 \times 10^{33}$ yrs	Water Cherenkov
$p \rightarrow K^+ \bar{\nu}$	SUSY/SUGRA	$2 \times 10^{33}$ yrs	Scintillator/LAr
others (many)		$10^{33}$ yrs	LAr (?)

→ main requirement: event discrimination at ~1 GeV energy

# Detector technologies: Water-Cherenkov



## Characteristics at MeV energies

- Photoelectron yield: <10 pe/MeV  
→ threshold: ~5 MeV  
 $\Delta E/E \approx 30\%/\sqrt{E}$
- Directionality from Cherenkov cone
- Moderate background discrimination
- Easy realization of great target masses  
→ large count rates

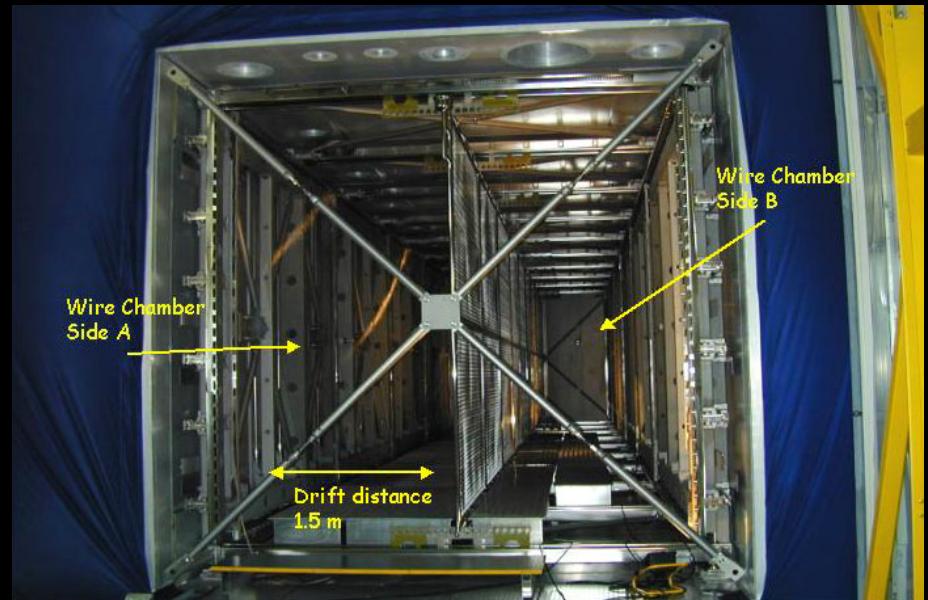
## Performance at GeV energies

- Good vertex reconstruction for small number of particles ( $E_\nu < 1$  GeV)
- Good flavor and CC/NC event separation
- Relatively coarse energy resolution: >20%

## Running detectors

- Super-Kamiokande: 22.5 kt fiducial mass

# Detector technologies: Liquid-Argon



## Performance at GeV energies

- Superior spatial resolution  
→ allows reconstruction of multi-GeV neutrino vertices
- Calorimetric measurement  
→ precise energy resolution
- Very potent event ID predicted

## Characteristics at MeV energies

- Potentially very interesting channels complementary to WCh and LSc
- Depends on radiopurity levels, realized energy threshold, trigger

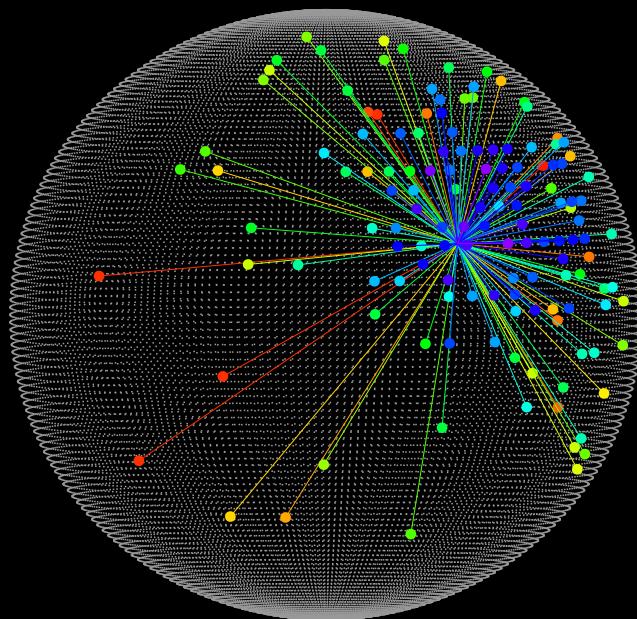
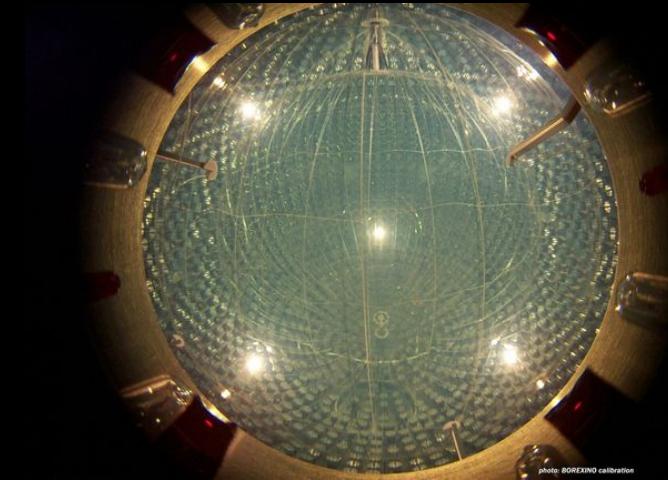
## Running detectors

- ICARUS (600t)

# Detector technologies: Liquid-Scintillator

## Characteristics at MeV energies

- High photoelectron yield: 500pe/MeV  
→ 0.2 MeV threshold,  $\Delta E/E \approx 5\%/\sqrt{E}$
- Potent background discrimination:  
coincidence signals, pulse shaping
- Effective techniques for radiopurification
- No directionality



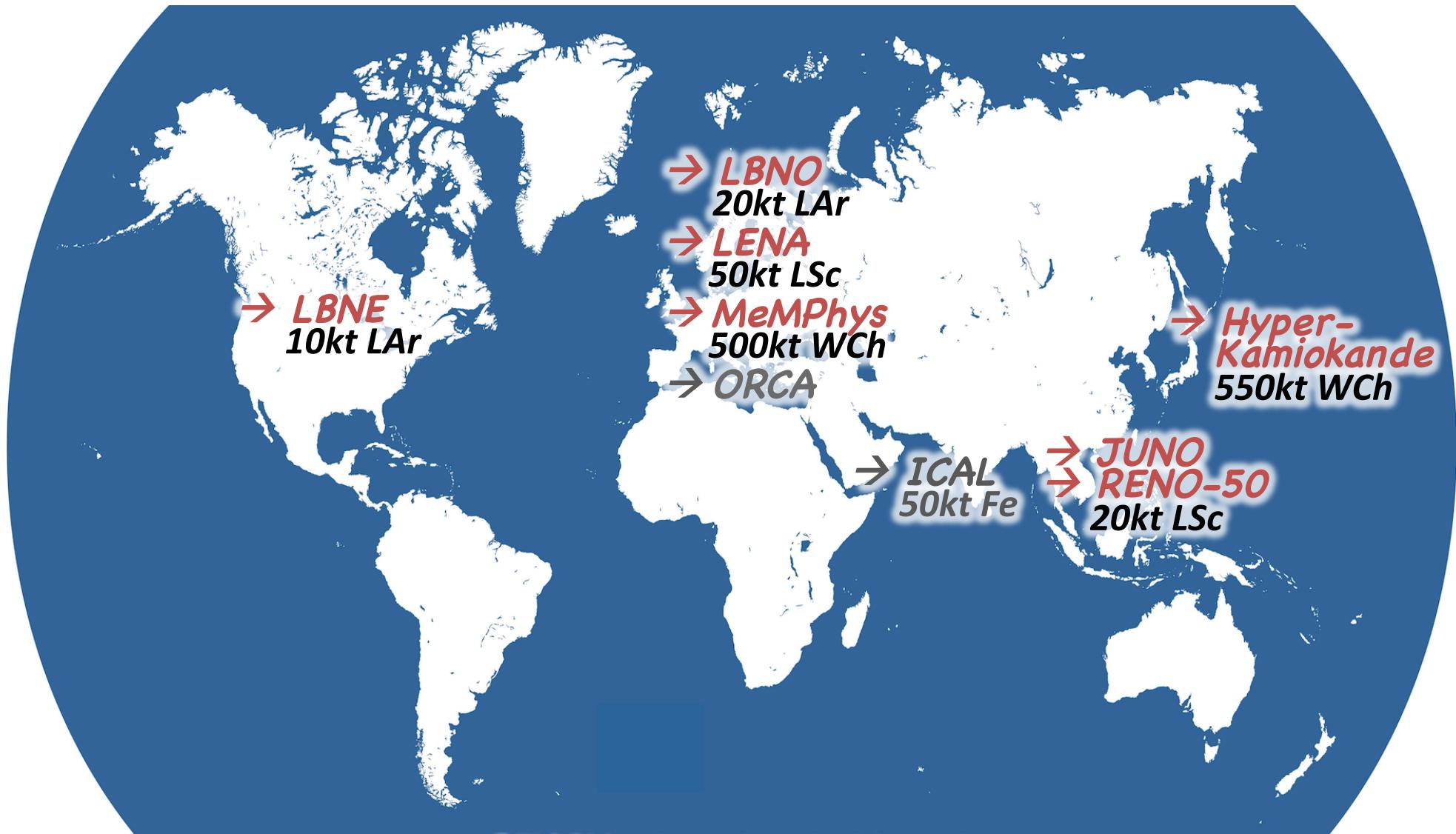
## Performance at GeV energies

- Basic tracking capabilities
- Calorimetric energy measurement  
→ energy resolution <10%
- Particle ID and complex event topologies: under development

## Running detectors

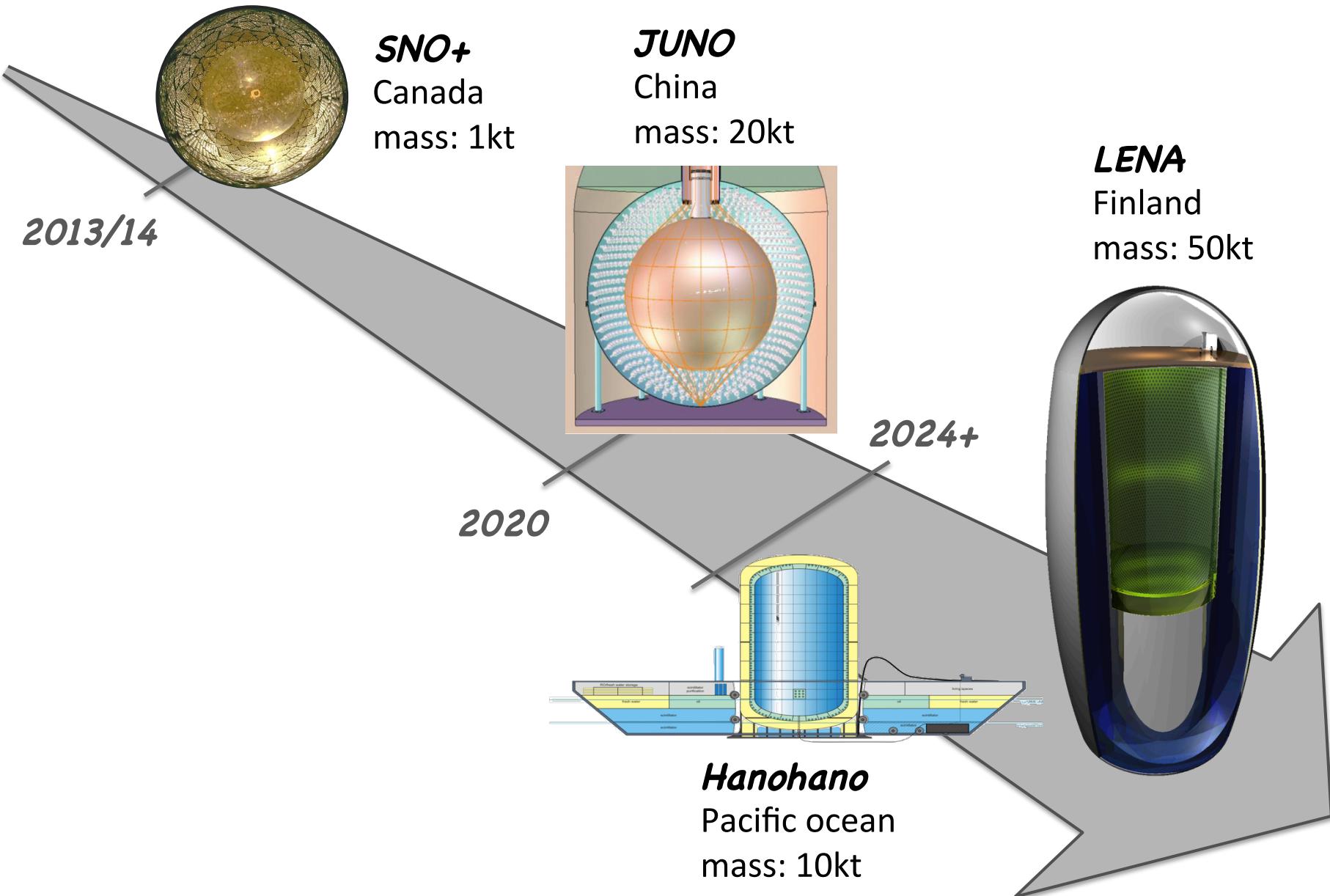
- KamLAND (1kt), Borexino (300t), SNO+

# Proposed next-generation projects



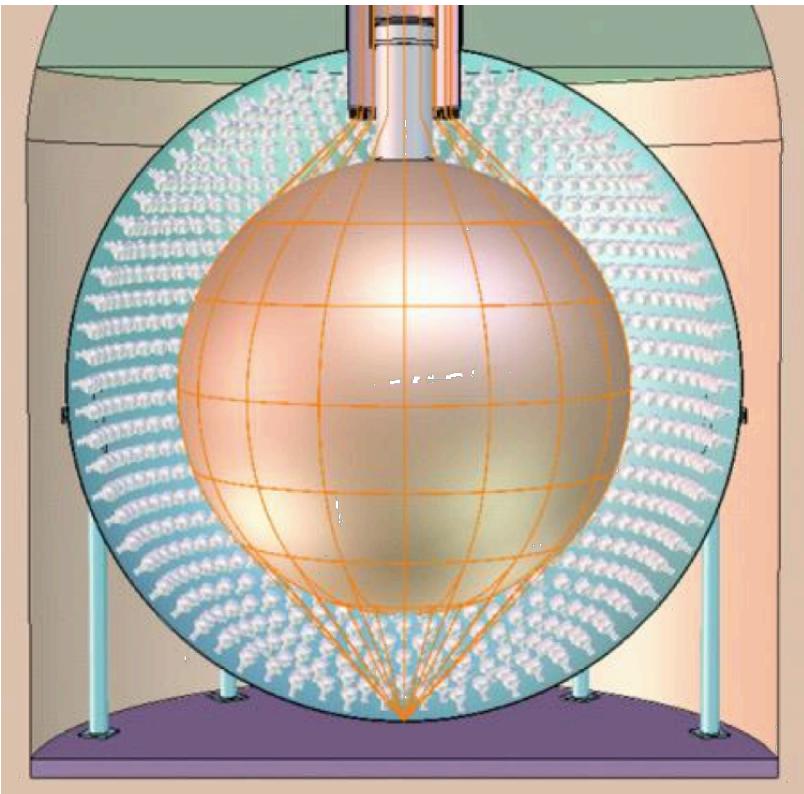
*PINGU – low-threshold IceCh*

# Future liquid-scintillator detectors



# JUNO Experiment

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- Reactor antineutrino experiment
- Target mass: 20 kt (LAB)
- Energy resolution: 2-3 % @ 1MeV

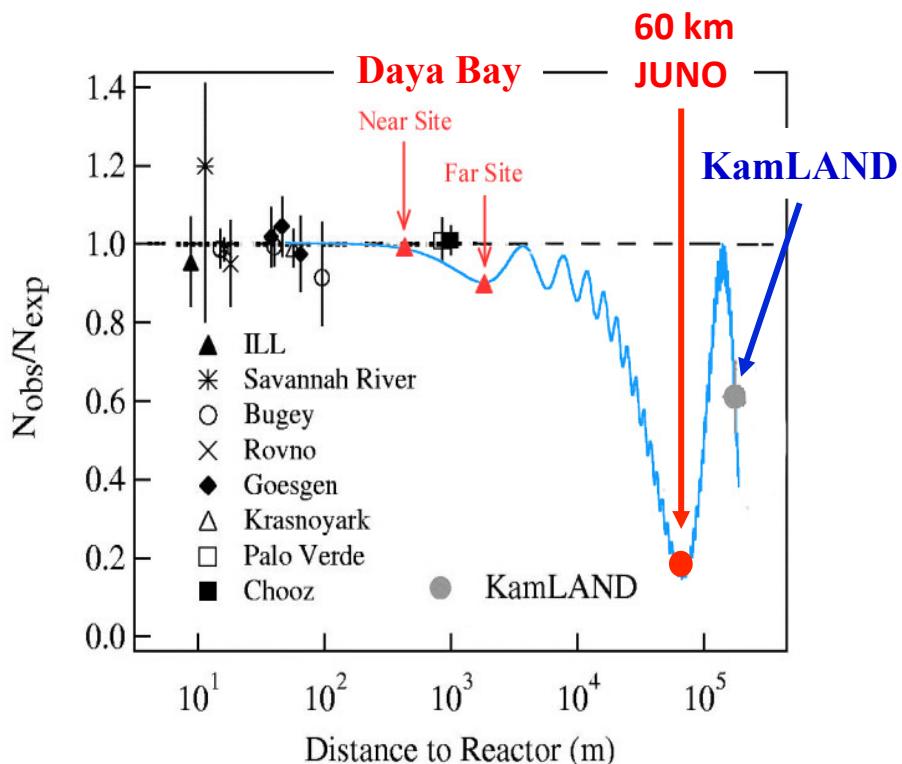
## *Physics Program*

- Neutrino Mass Hierarchy
- Precision measurement of mixing parameters
- Supernova neutrinos, DSNB
- Solar neutrinos
- Geoneutrinos
- Sterile neutrinos
- Atmospheric neutrinos
- Exotic searches

# JUNO – Mass Hierarchy Determination

- detector at 1<sup>st</sup> solar osc. maximum
- interference of sub-dominant oscillations via  $\Delta m^2_{32}$  and  $\Delta m^2_{31}$
- phase depends on MH

[S.T. Petcov et al., PLB533 (2002) 94]



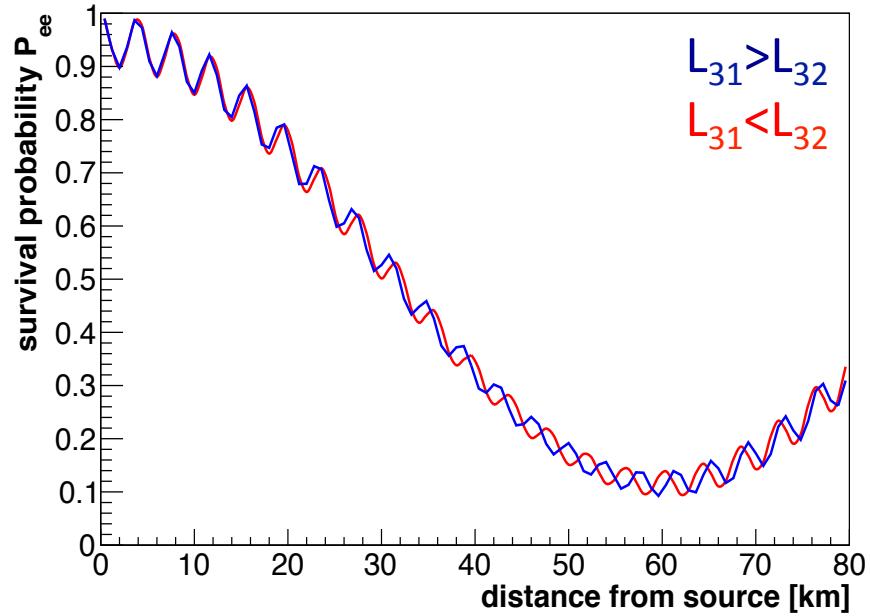
*Survival probability*

$$P_{\bar{e}\bar{e}} = 1 - P_{21} - P_{31} - P_{32}$$

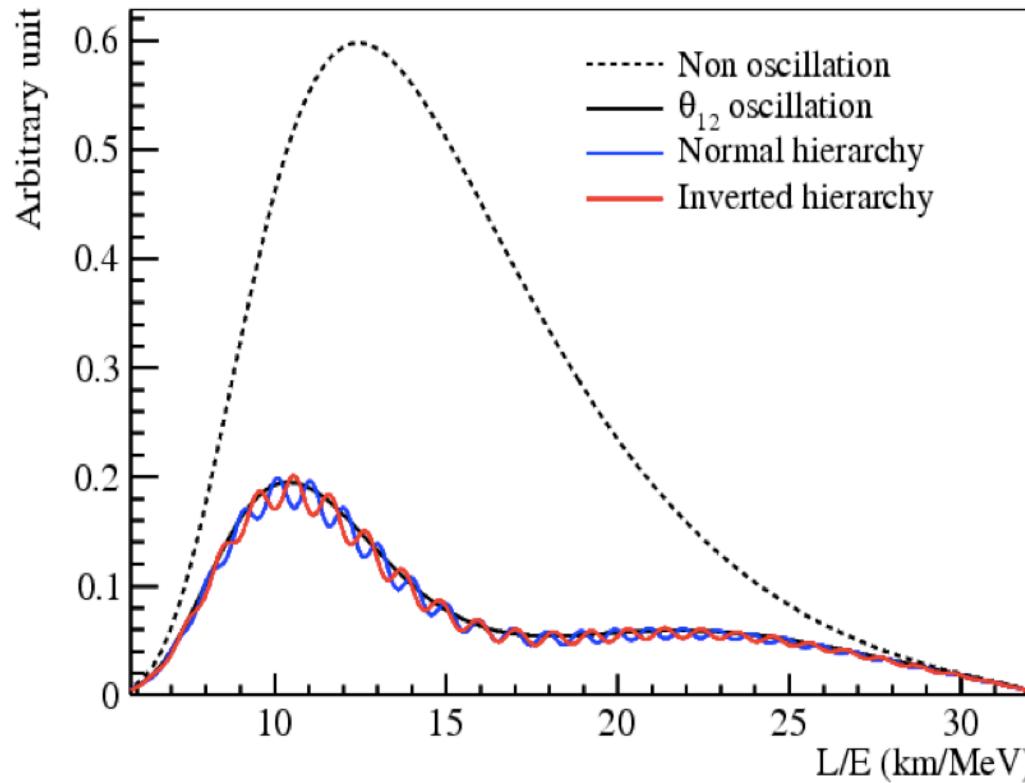
$$P_{21} = \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{21}$$

$$P_{31} = \cos^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \Delta_{31}$$

$$P_{32} = \sin^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \Delta_{32}$$



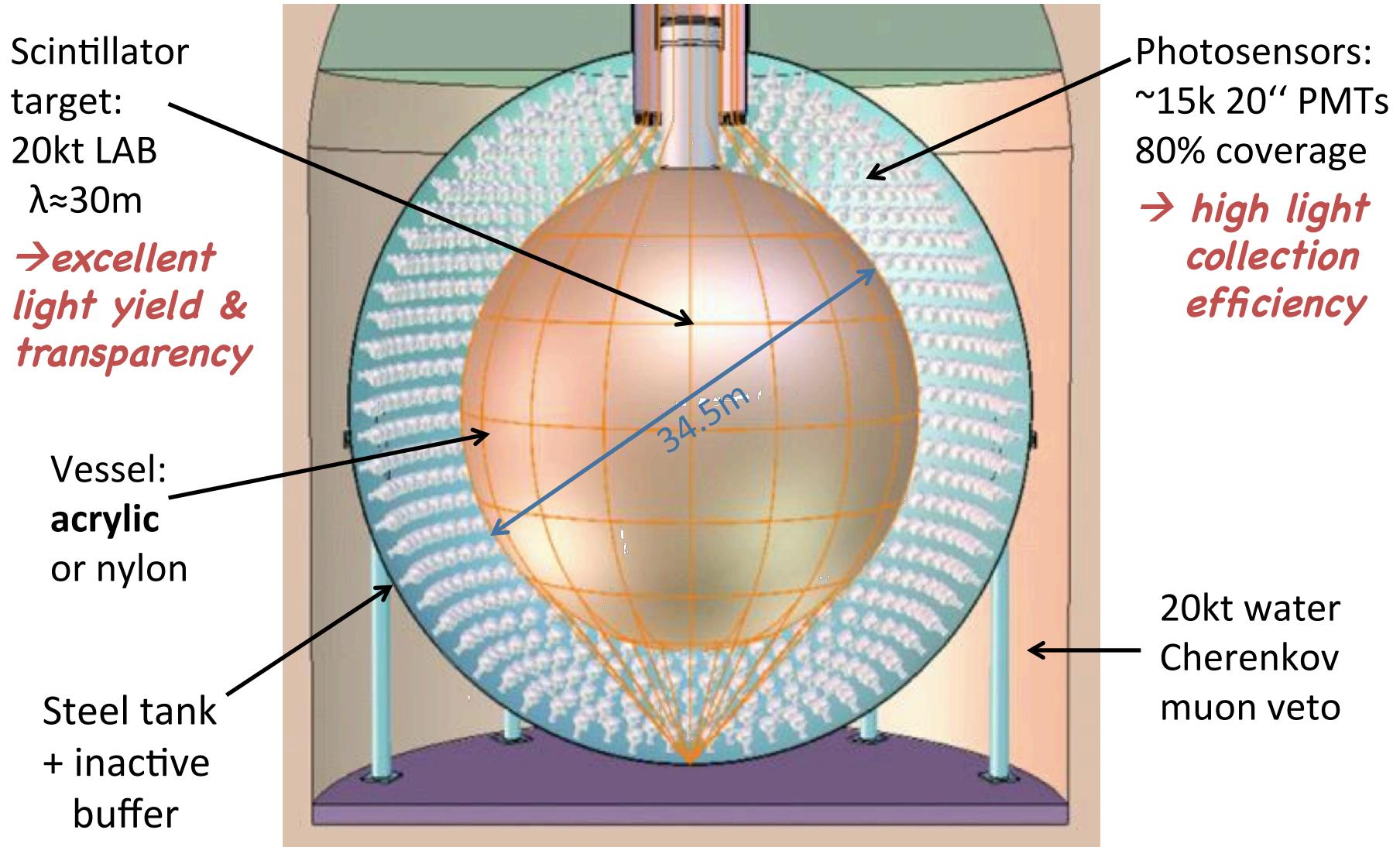
# JUNO – Signature of Mass Hierarchy



- subdominant effect → large statistics
- separation of wiggles → excellent energy resolution
- reactor neutrino energies (<8MeV) → low threshold

liquid  
scintillator  
detector  
(20kt)

# JUNO – Detector Layout

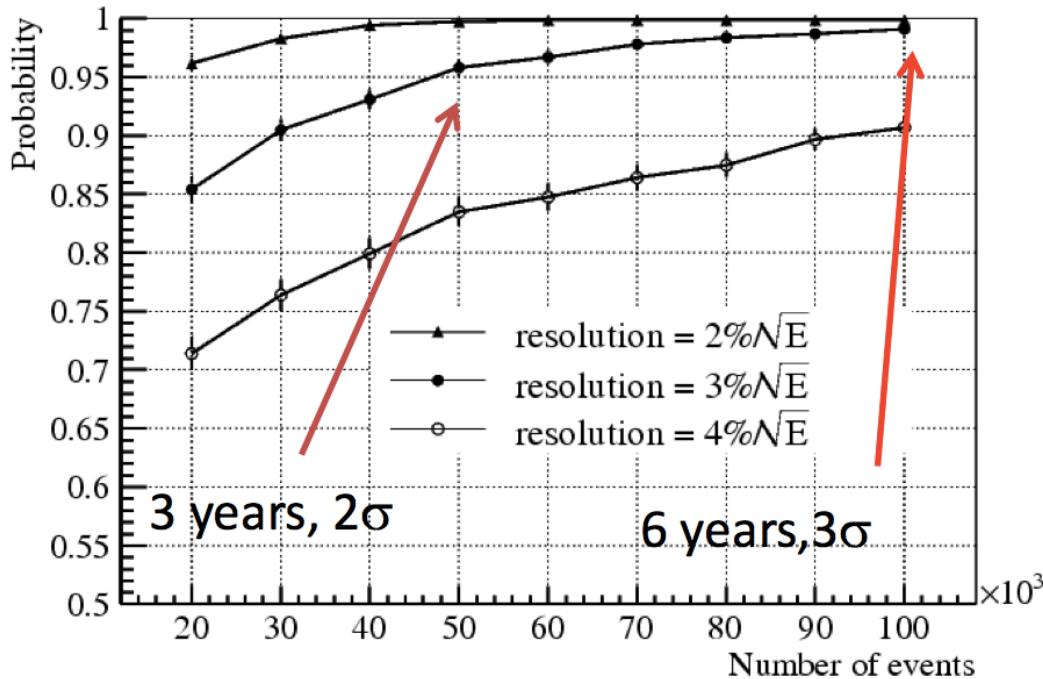


# JUNO – Site and baselines



# JUNO – Sensitivity for mass hierarchy

- In this analysis: Fourier transform of the spectrum
- Most important parameters:  
**Energy resolution and energy-scale linearity**



**in default setup:**

- Reactor power: 34 GW
  - Baseline: 58 km
  - $\Delta E/E = 3\% @ 1\text{MeV}$
- MH at  $3\sigma$  after 6 yrs

# Alternative: Long-Baseline Oscillations

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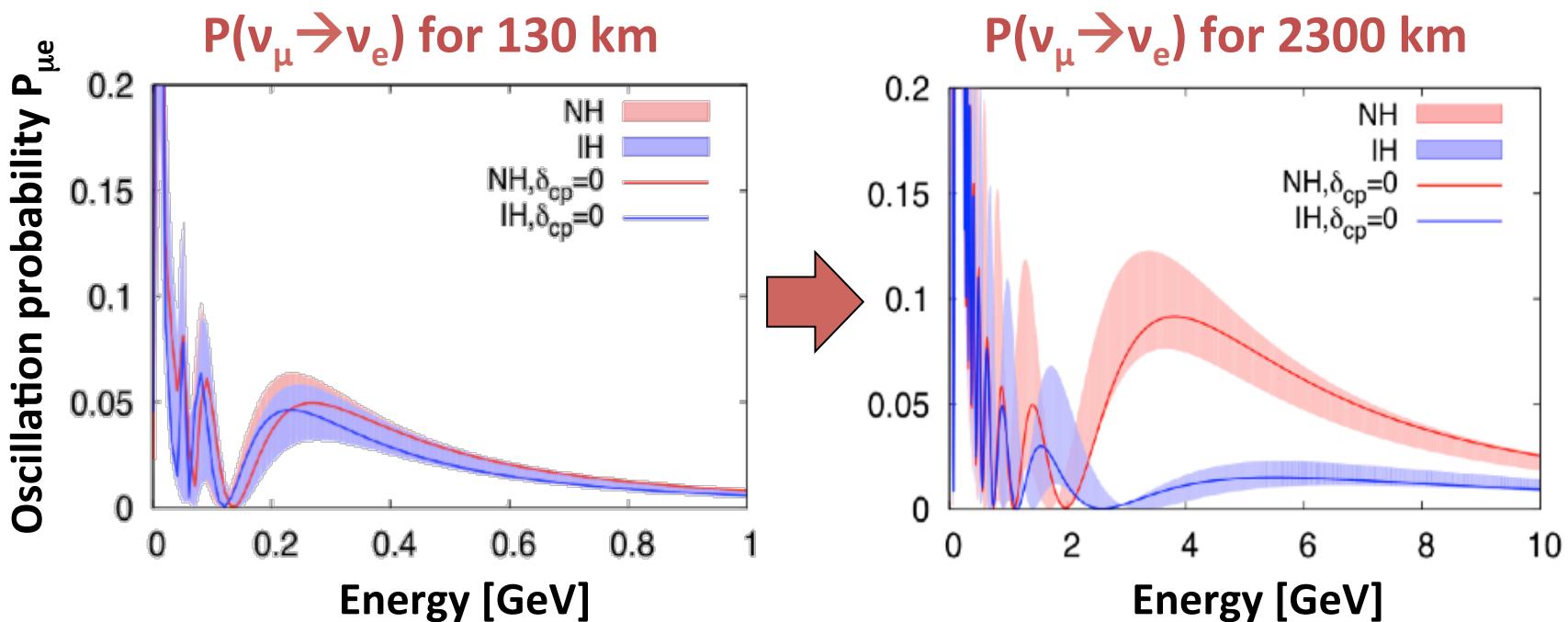
- Sensitivity based on **matter effects** changing oscillation probabilities at first oscillation maximum (atmospheric  $\Delta m^2$ )

Normal hierarchy       $\rightarrow$  Amplitude increases for neutrinos

Inverted hierarchy       $\rightarrow$  Amplitude increases for antineutrinos

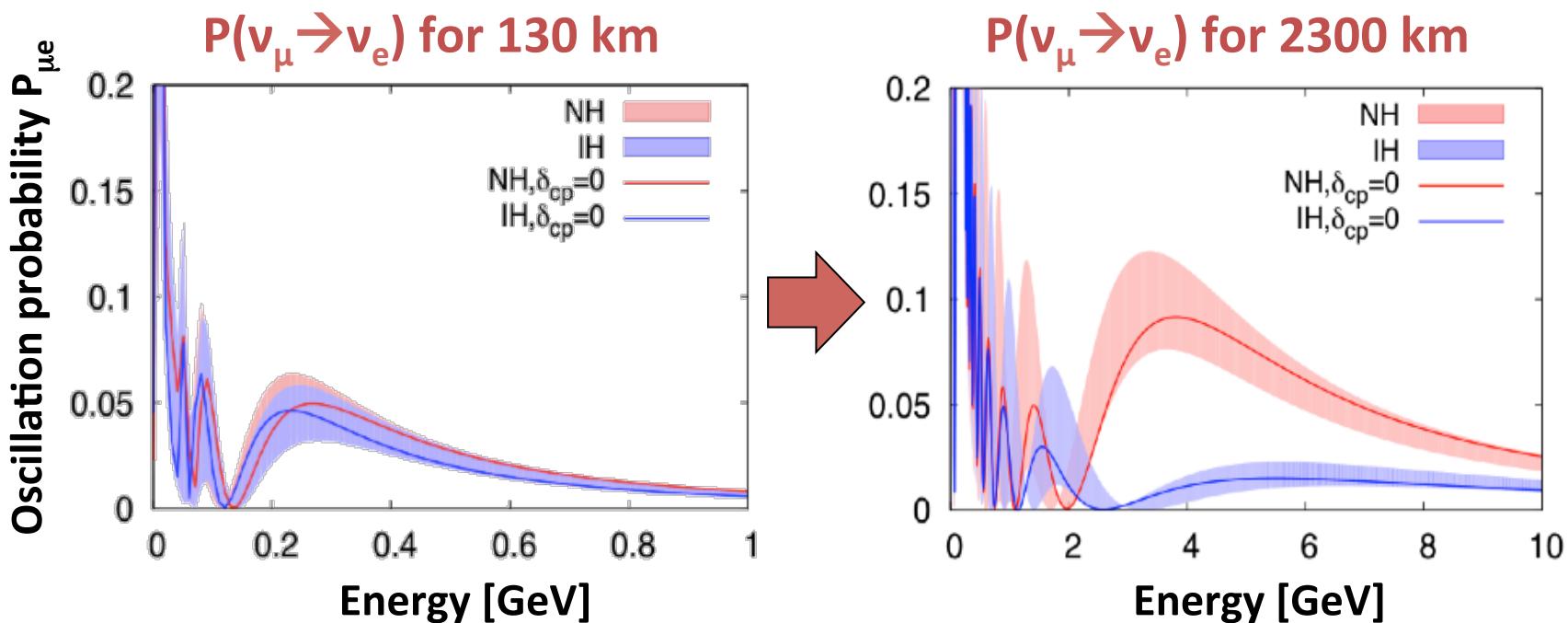
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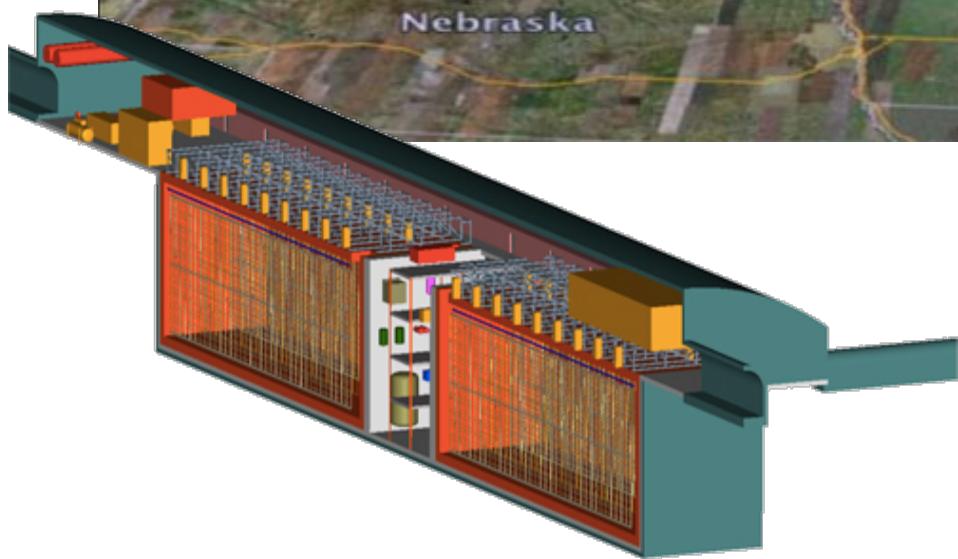
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- multi-GeV neutrino beams with baseline of  $>10^3$  km
- atmospheric neutrinos (baselines from  $20 - 10^4$  km)

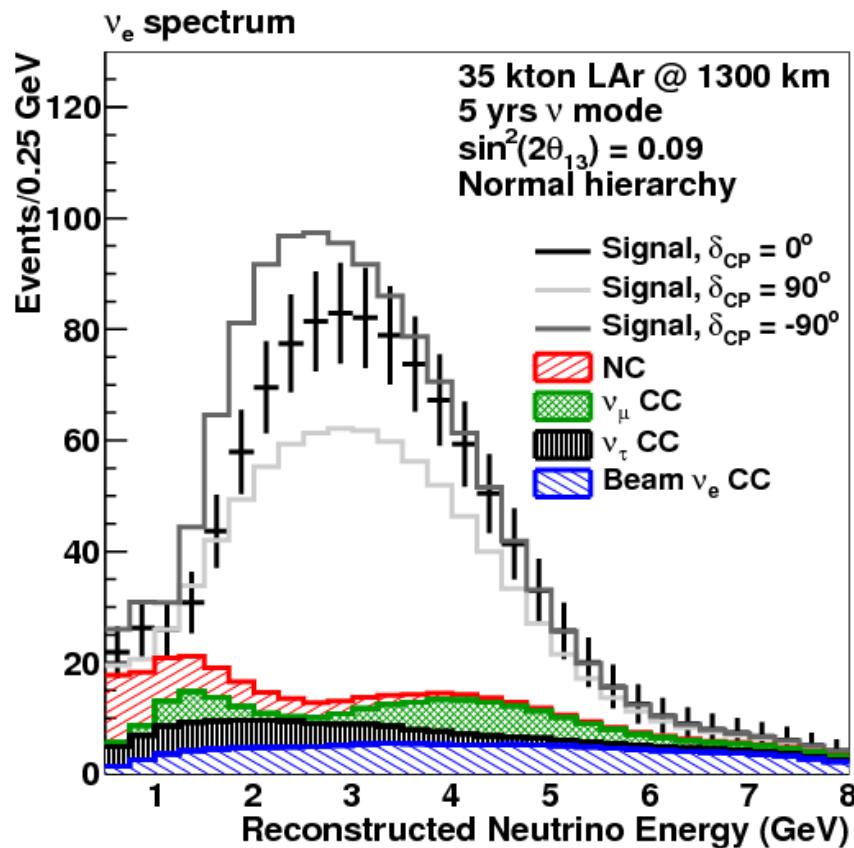
# Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment LBNE (US)



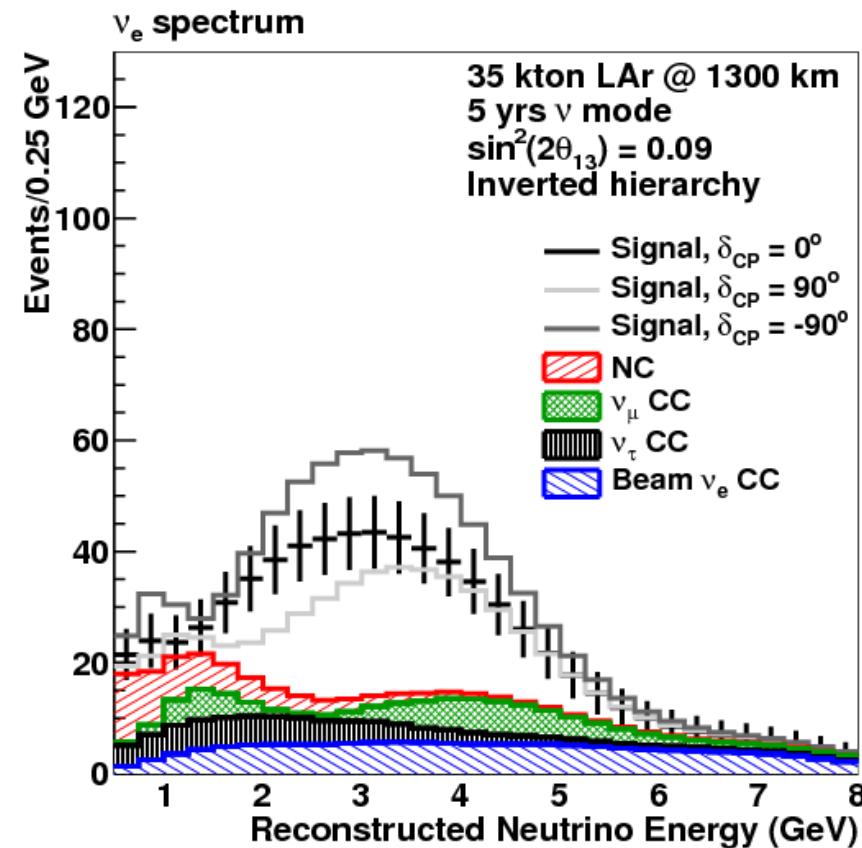
- Oscillation baseline: 1300 km  
Fermilab → Homestake mine
- Far Detector: Liquid Argon TPC  
target mass of 10kt → 35kt

# LBNE: $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ Appearance Signal

*normal hierarchy*

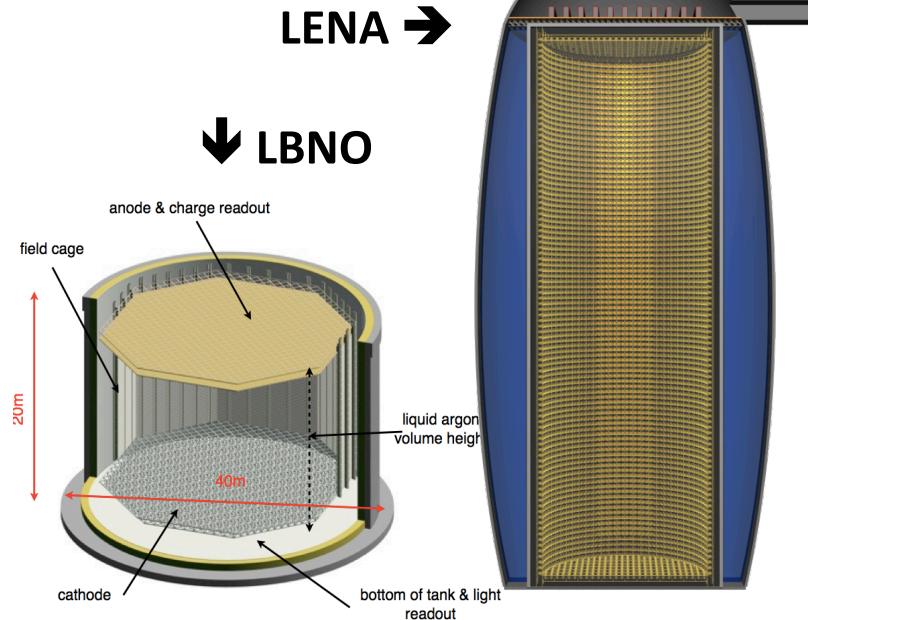


*inverted hierarchy*



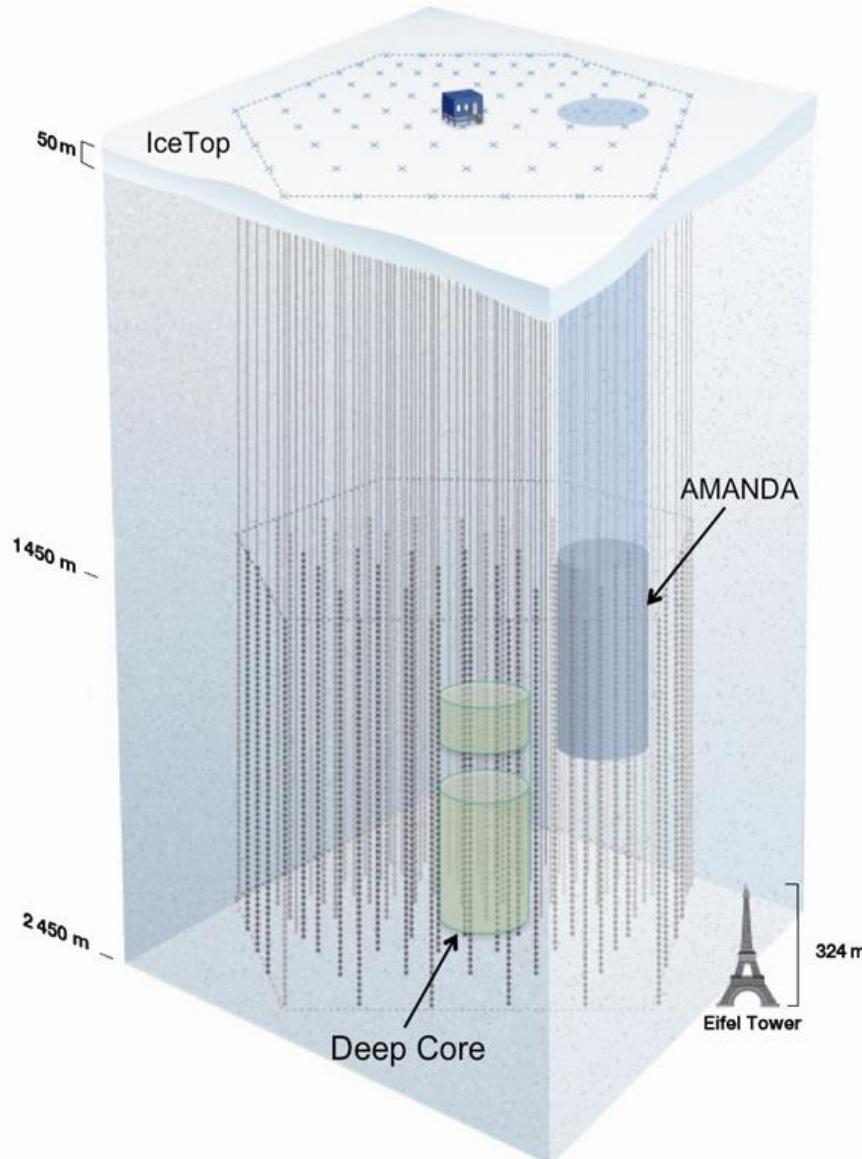
→ MH discrimination at  $\sim 4\sigma$  significance (configuration/ $\delta_{CP}$ )

# European LAGUNA-LBNO Design Study



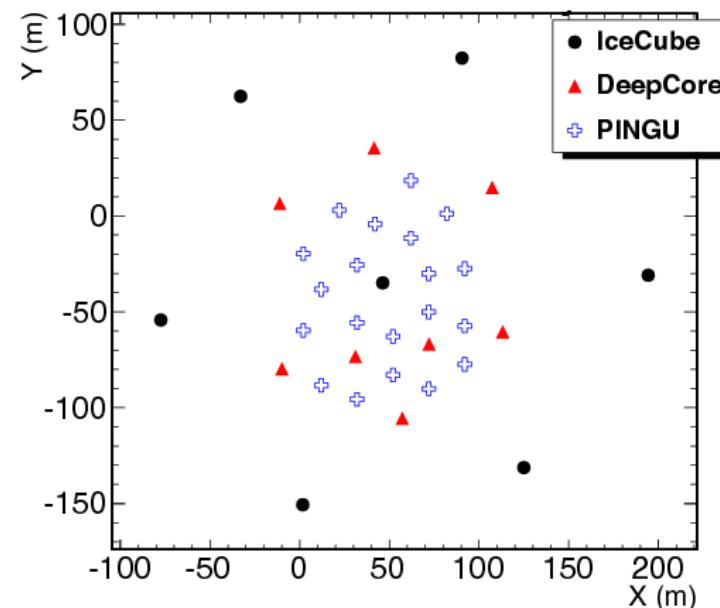
- Oscillation baseline: 2300 km CERN → Pyhäsalmi mine
- **Expected sensitivity:**
  - Liquid Argon TPC (20kt):  $>5\sigma$
  - Liquid Scintillator (50kt):  $(3-5)\sigma$

# PINGU – Atmospheric Neutrinos

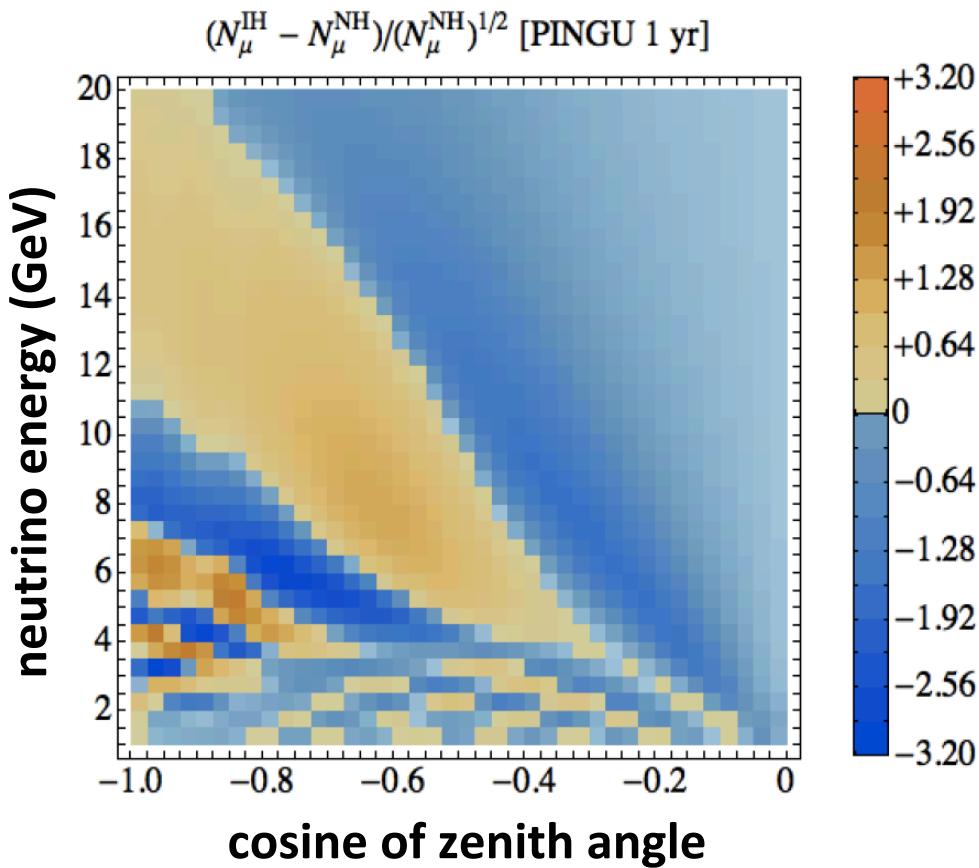


low statistics  
→ *large detector (✓)*  
oscillation at low energy  
→ *low threshold (1GeV)*

**Low-Energy Extension**  
20 extra strings inserted  
into DeepCore array



# MH Imprint on Atmospheric $\nu$ Oscillations



$$\frac{\text{significance}}{\text{of deviation}} = \frac{(\text{expected event number IH} - \text{NH})}{(\text{expected event number NH})^{1/2}}$$

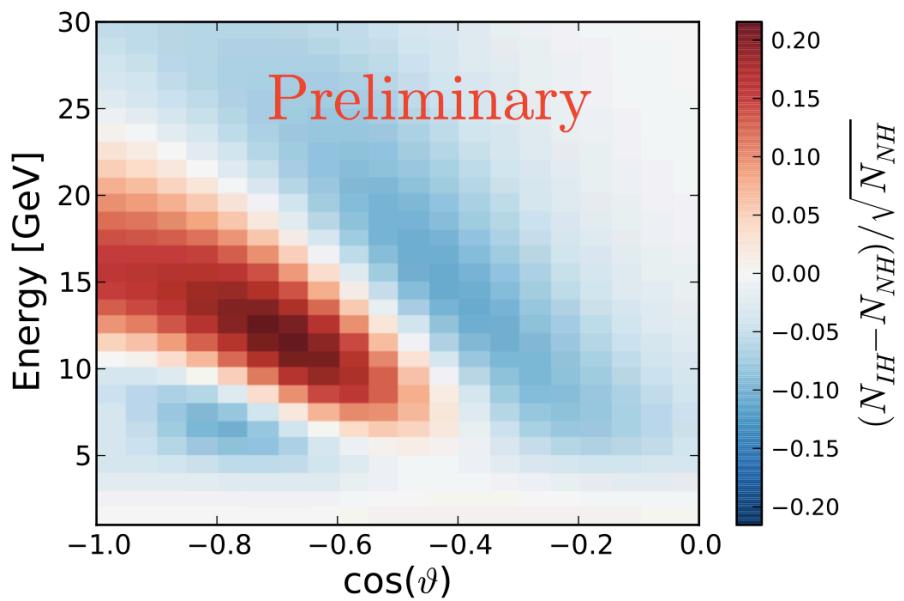
**Oscillation mode**  
→  $\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance

**Influence of Hierarchy**  
→ matter effect affects either  $\nu$  or  $\bar{\nu}$  sector

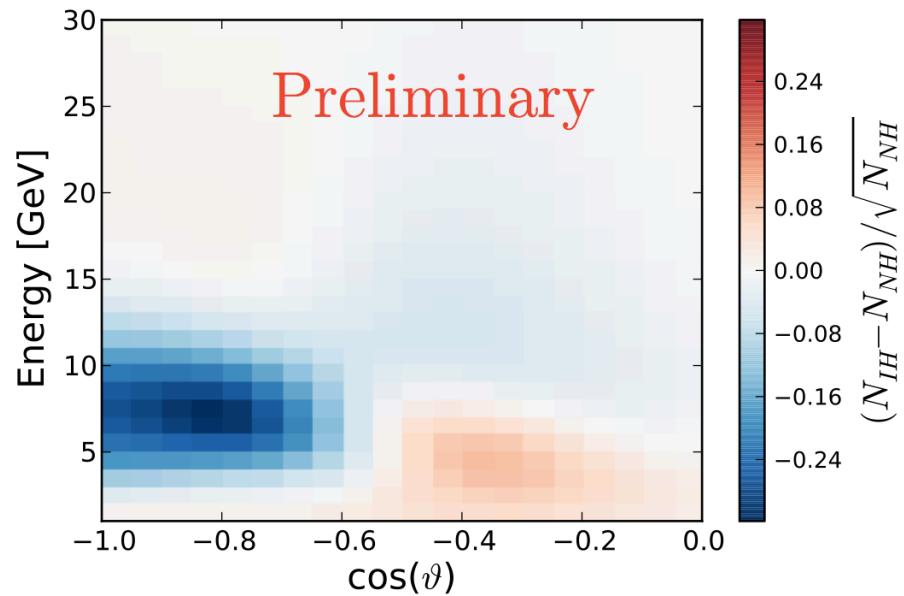
**Detectors**  
→ only detect sum of  $\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$   
→ but difference in cross-sections  $\frac{\sigma(\nu_\mu)}{\sigma(\bar{\nu}_\mu)} \approx 2$

# PINGU – Signal and Sensitivity

*track-like events ( $\nu_\mu$ )*



*shower-like events ( $\nu_{e,\tau}$ )*

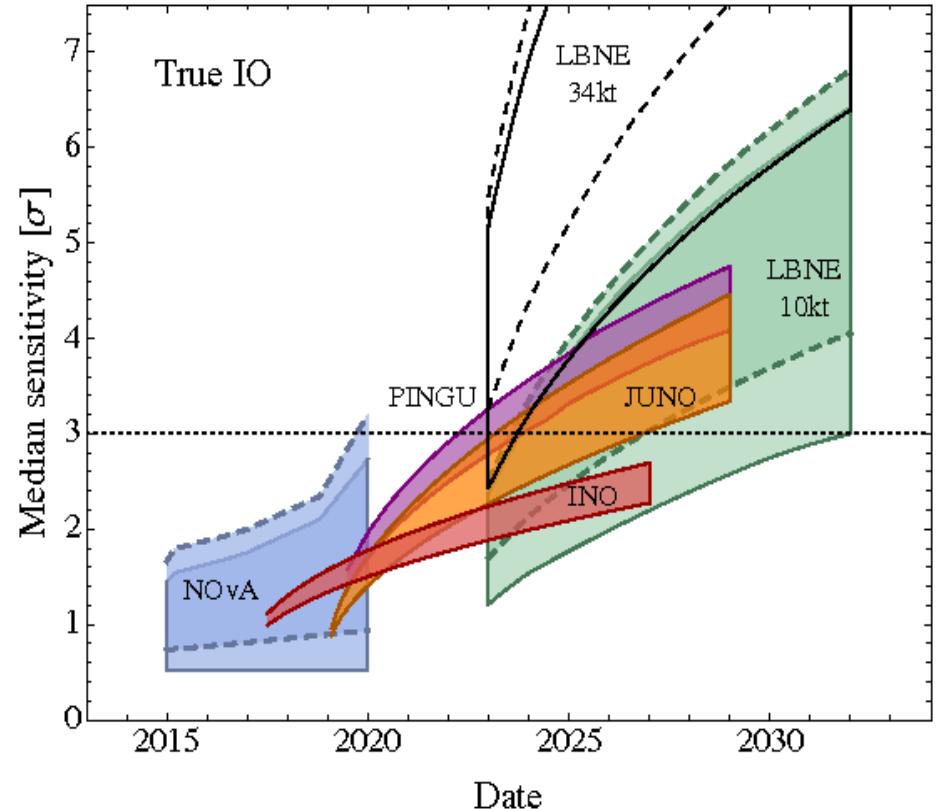
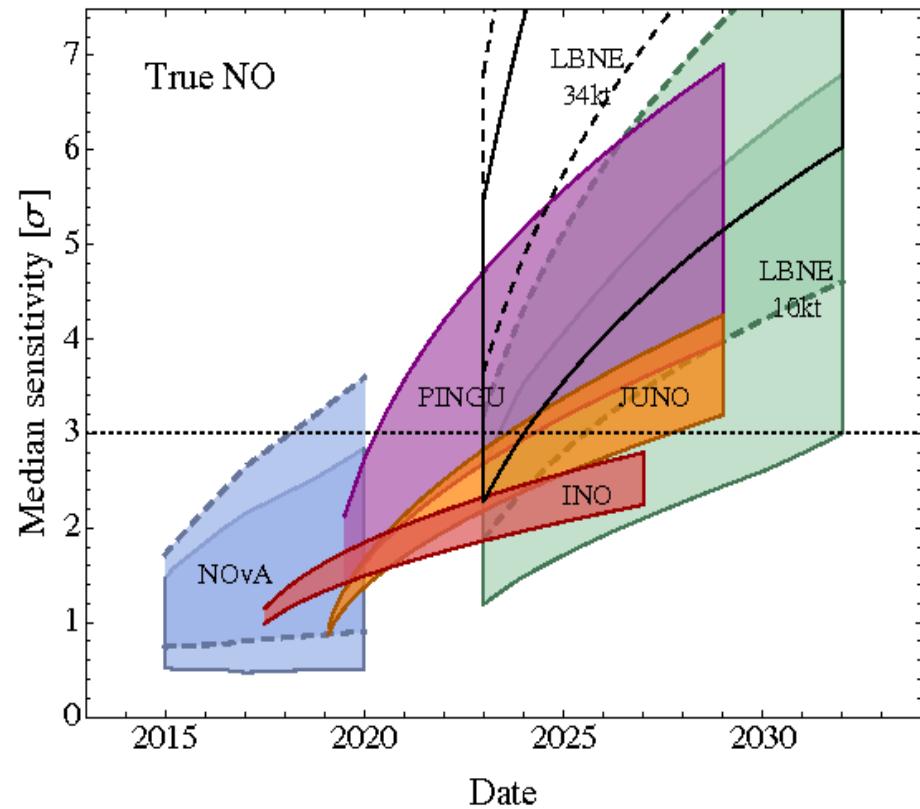


## Mass hierarchy sensitivity

- original paper by Akhmedov et al.  $(3\text{-}10)\sigma$
- PINGU letter of intent  $3.5\sigma$  after 3yrs

# Projected Sensitivity for Mass Hierarchy

[M. Blennow et al., 1311.1822]



*Sensitivity  
depends  
mainly on:*

- **JUNO:** Energy resolution (3.5 – 3 %)
- **PINGU, INO:** True value of  $\theta_{32}$
- **NOvA, LBNE:** True value of  $\delta_{CP}$

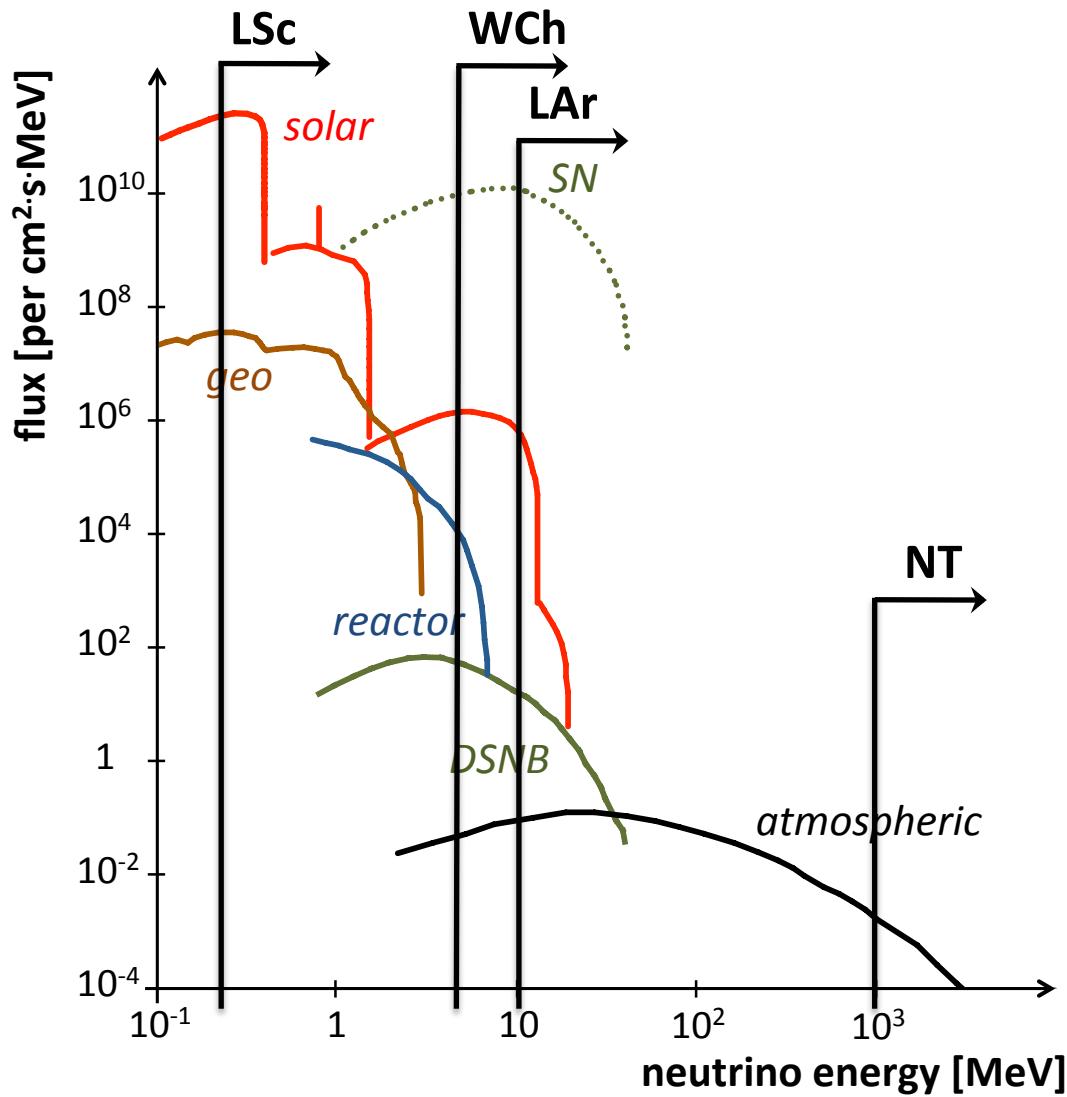
# Precision Measurement of Mixing Parameters

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- Fundamental to the standard model and beyond
- Probing the **unitarity of  $U_{PMNS}$**  to  $\sim 1\%$  level!

Parameter	Current	Projected	Experiment
$\Delta m^2_{21}$	3%	0.6%	JUNO
$\Delta m^2_{31}$	5%	0.6%	JUNO
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	6%	0.7%	JUNO
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	20%	2.5-10%	PINGU
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	14%	5%	Daya Bay
$\delta_{CP}$	–	$\neq 0$ ( $3\sigma$ ?)	LBL

# Large Detectors as Neutrino Observatories



- **Neutrino telescopes**  
access to integral signal  
of a galactic Supernova
- **Liquid Argon**  
sensitive to SN/DSNB (?)  
threshold/target mass
- **Water Cherenkov**  
DSNB – Gd-doping?  
threshold depends  
on mass, optical coverage
- **Liquid Scintillator**  
solar & geoneutrinos  
threshold depends on  
radiopurity & cosmics

# LENA Experiment

- Observatory for “natural” neutrinos
- Target: 50 kt of liquid-scintillator
- Optimized for low-background levels:  
radiopurity + rock shielding

*Focus on neutrino observation*

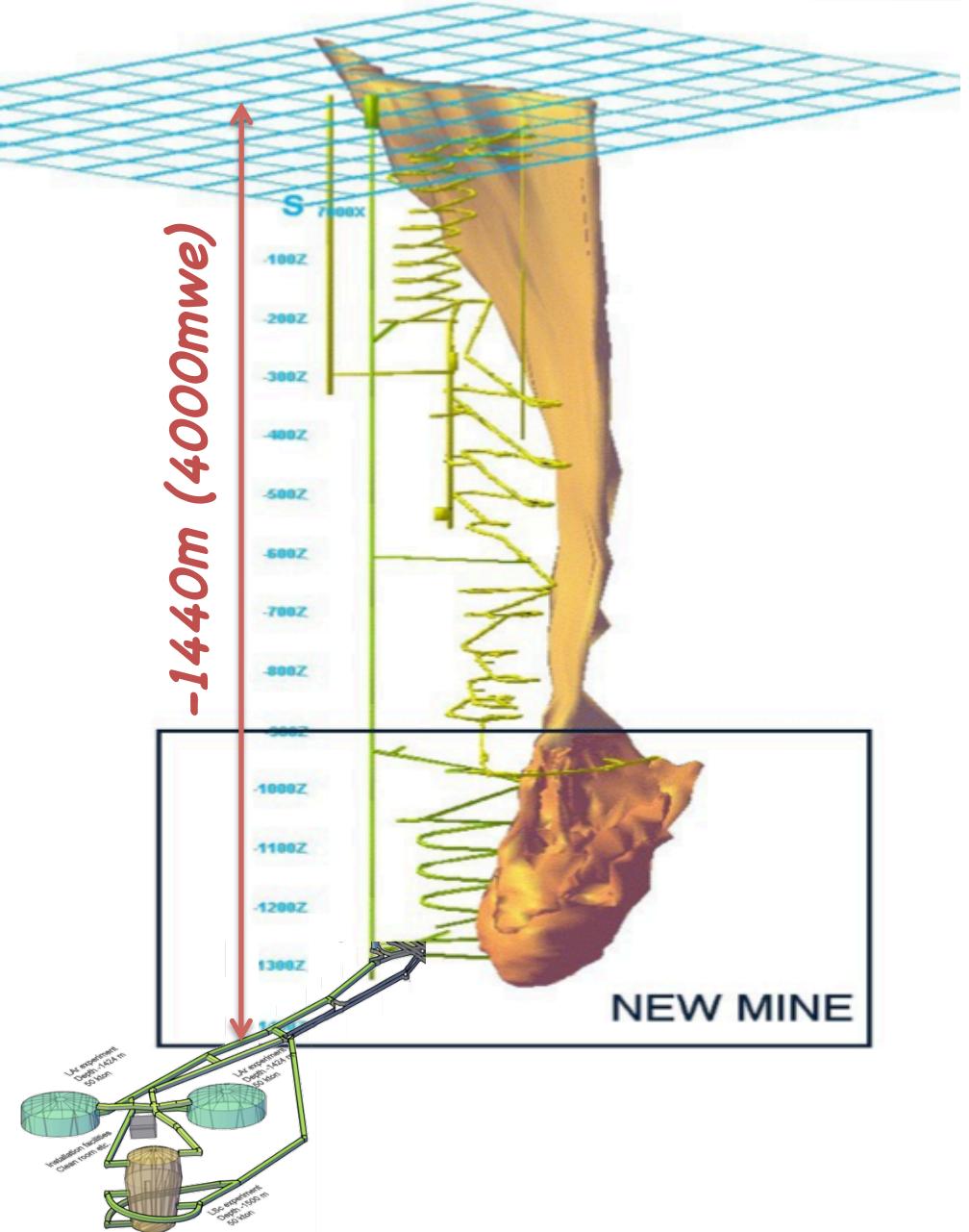
- Supernova neutrinos
- Diffuse SN neutrino background
- Solar neutrinos
- Geoneutrinos

*But also particle physics*

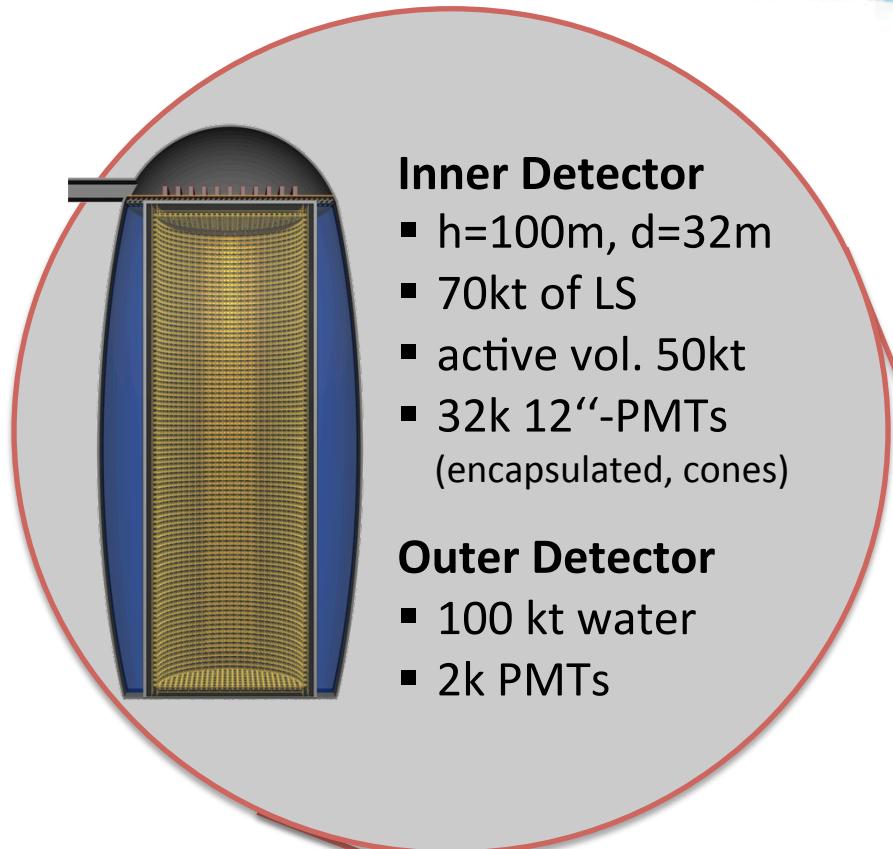
- Neutrino oscillations ( $M_H$ ,  $\delta_{CP}$ )
- Non-standard searches (NSI,  $v_s$ )
- Proton decay



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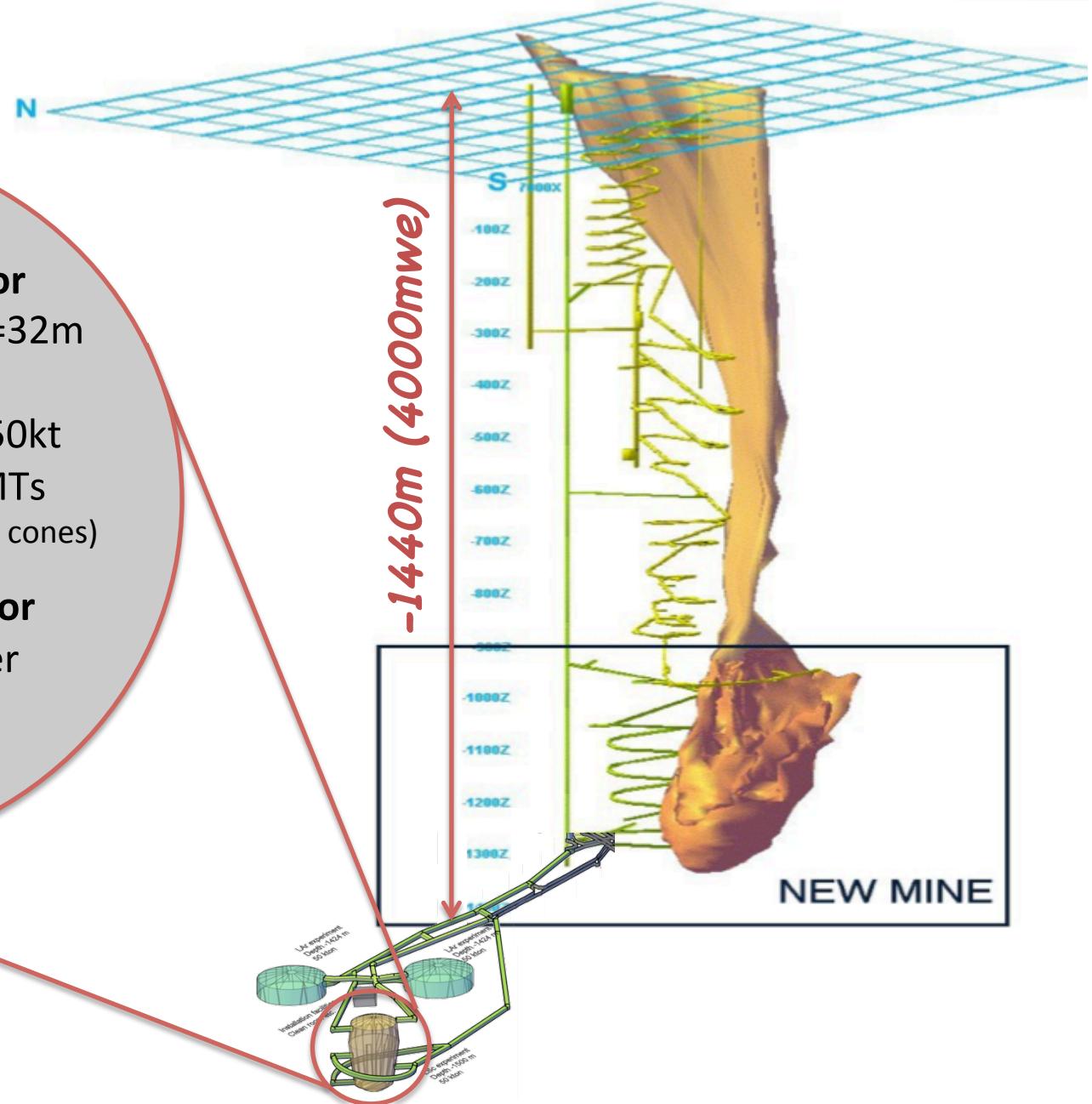


## Inner Detector

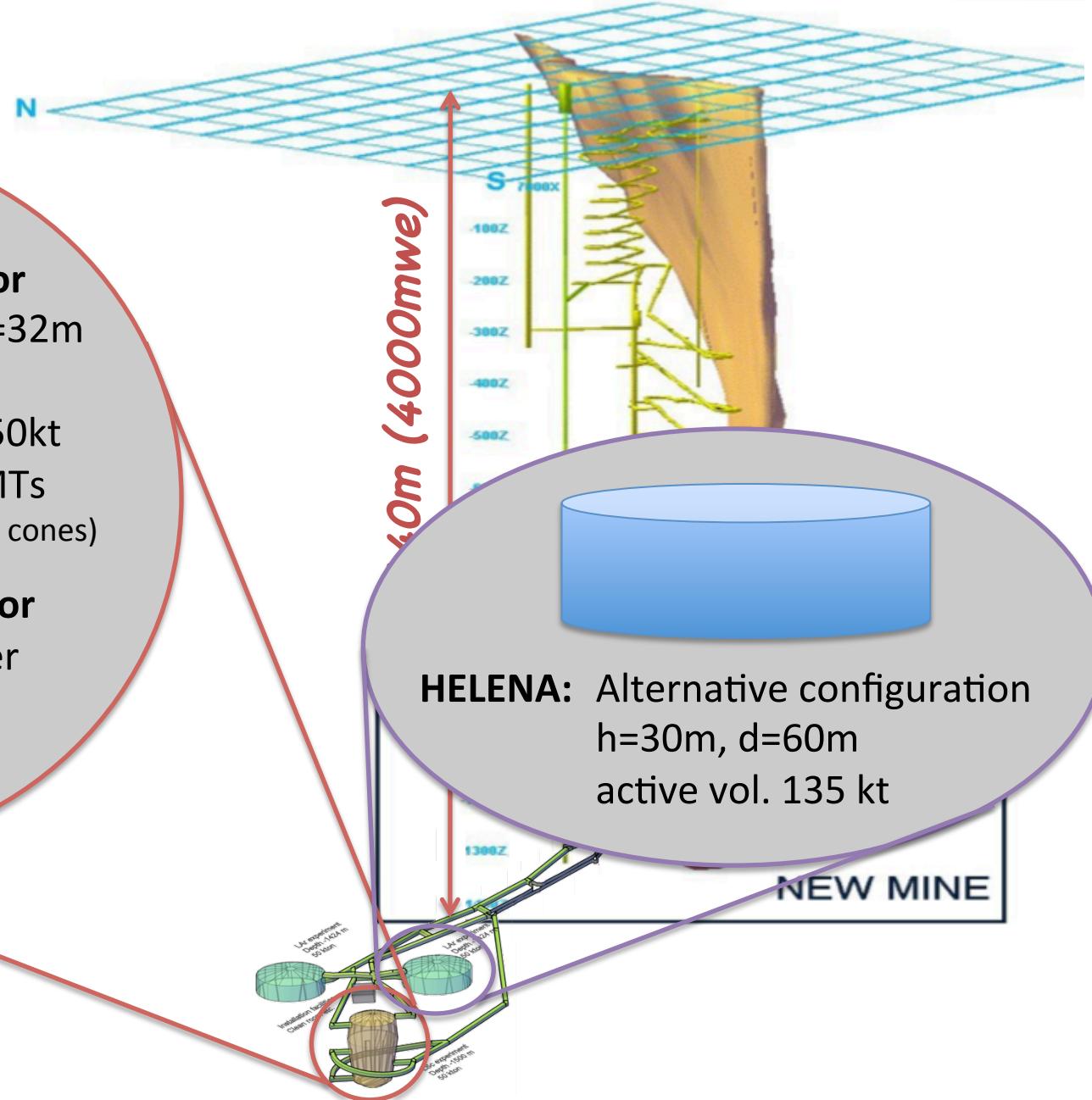
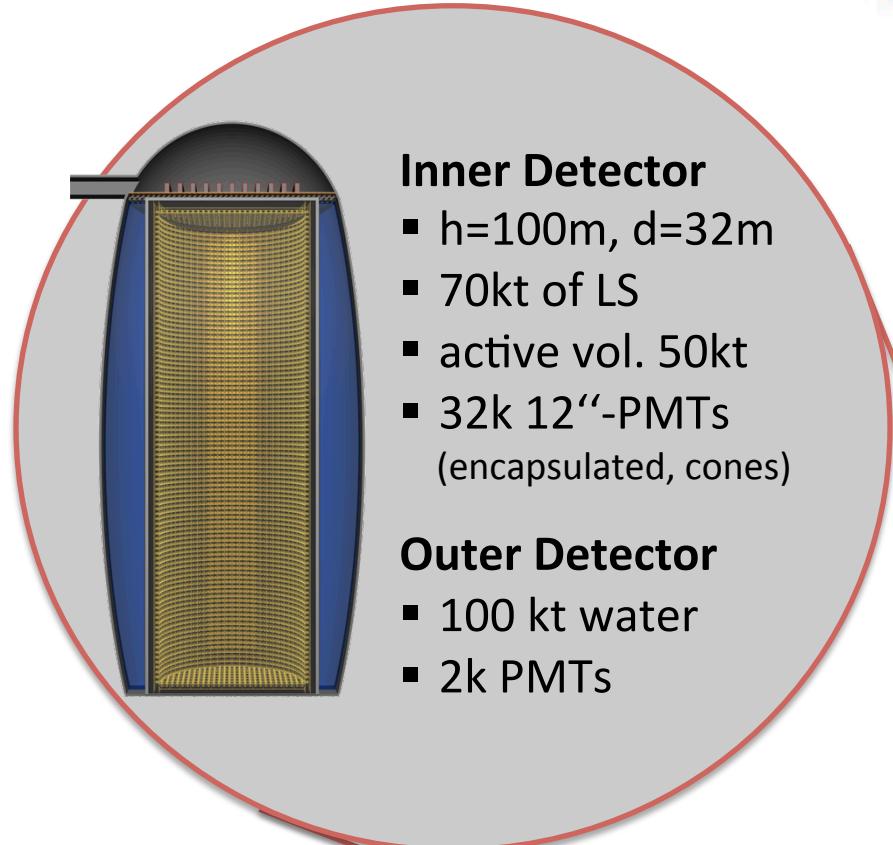
- h=100m, d=32m
- 70kt of LS
- active vol. 50kt
- 32k 12"-PMTs  
(encapsulated, cones)

## Outer Detector

- 100 kt water
- 2k PMTs

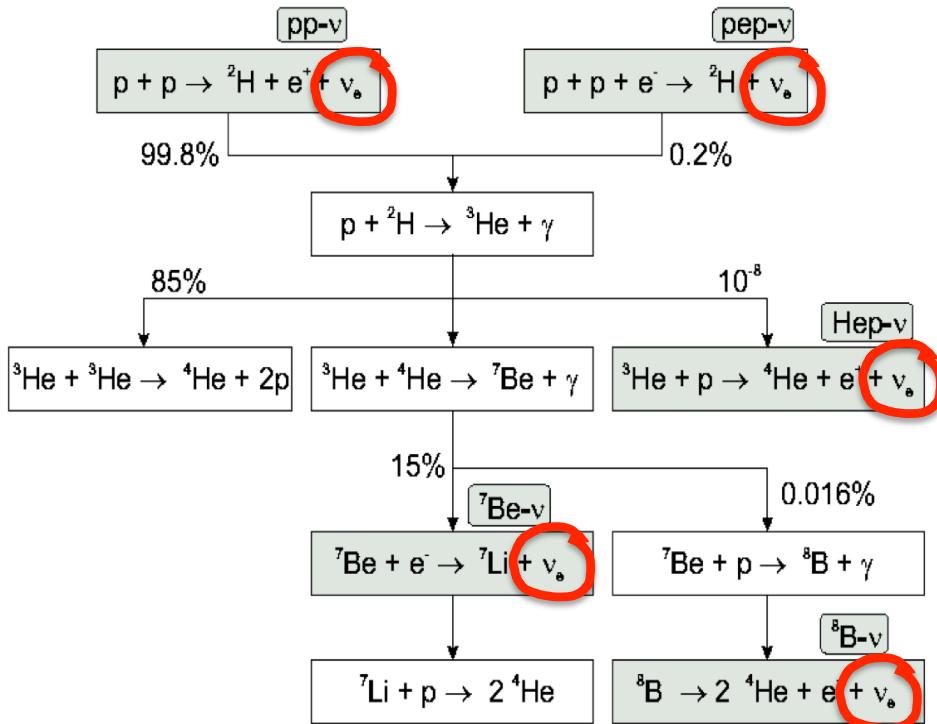


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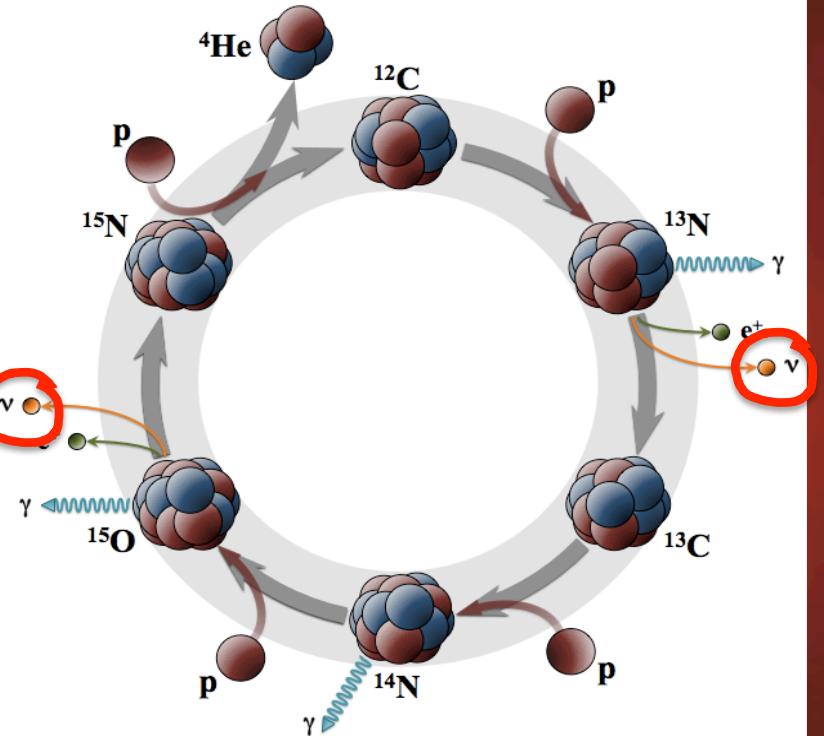


# Thermonuclear fusion in the sun

*pp chain*  $\rightarrow \sim 99\%$  of released energy

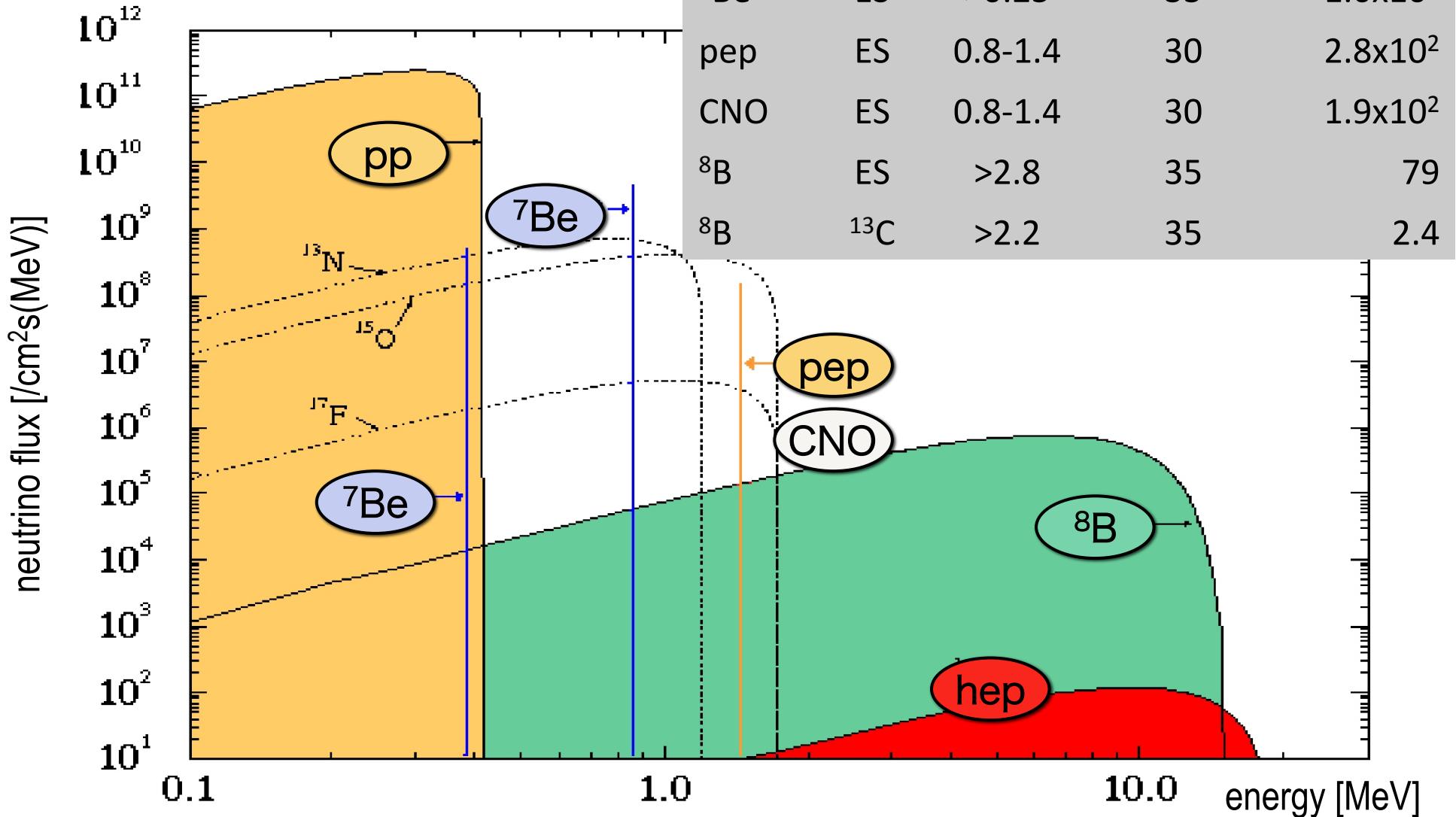


$\sim 1\% (?) \leftarrow CNO$  cycle

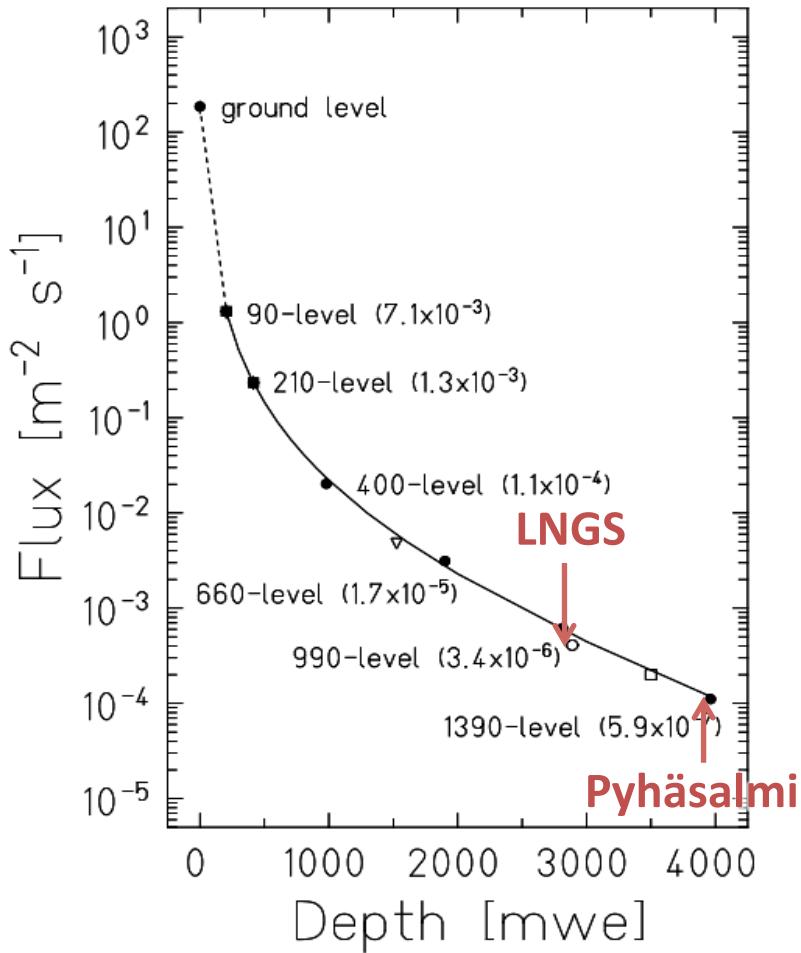


# Solar neutrino signal in LENA

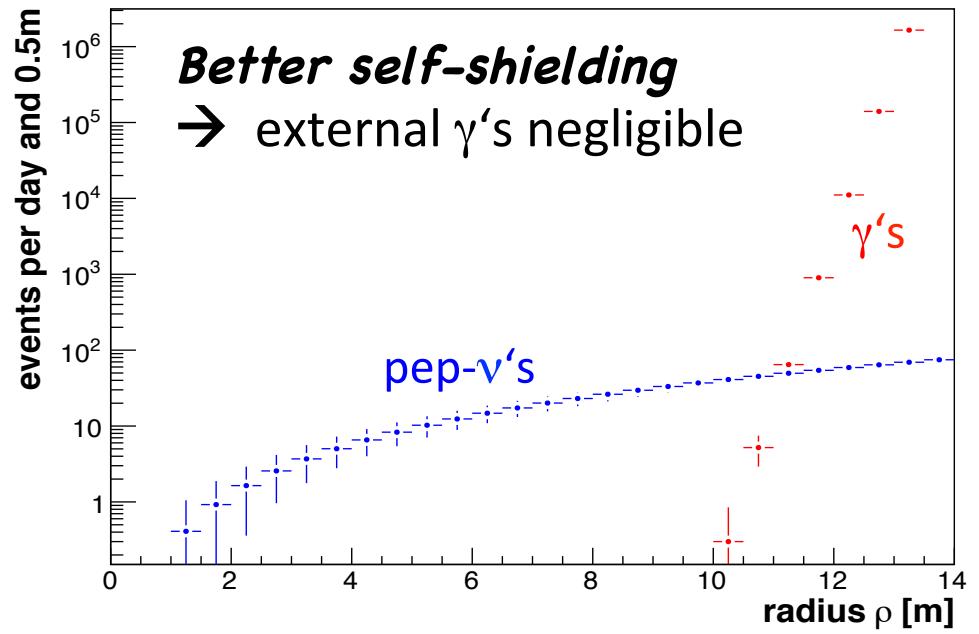
Expected rates for LENA:



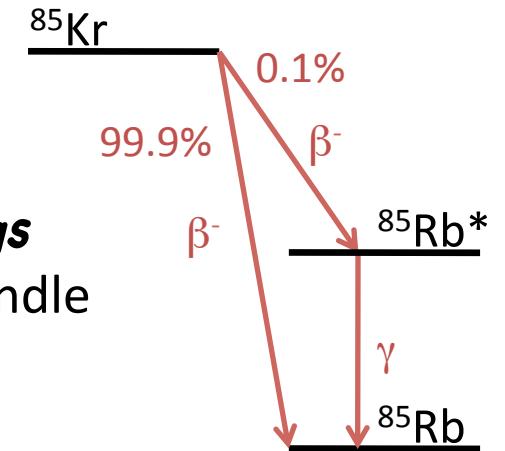
# Can LENA do better than Borexino?



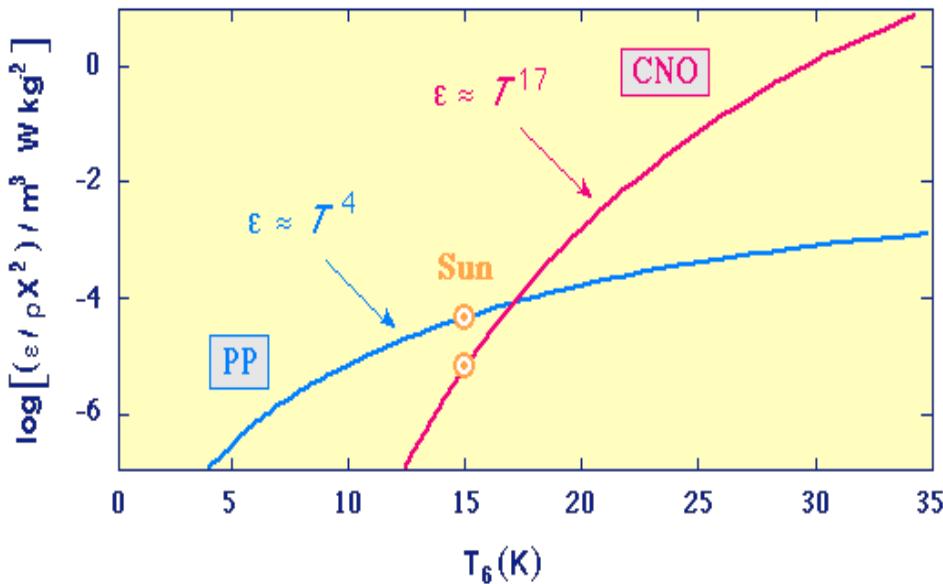
**Increase in overburden**  
→ cosmic background  
reduced by factor 3-5



**Better self-shielding**  
→ external γ's negligible  
**High-statistics**  
**tagging of rare**  
**decay branchings**  
→ additional handle  
on internal  
backgrounds



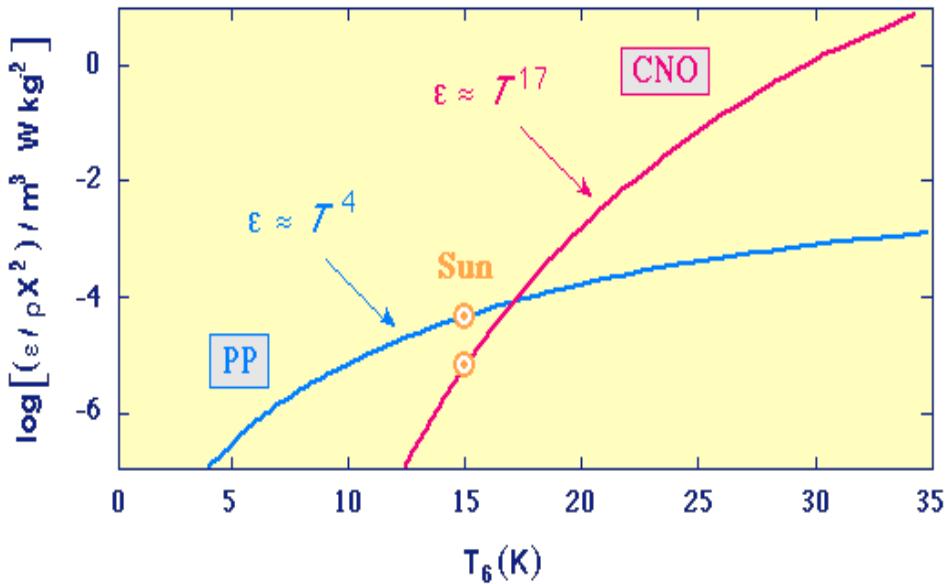
# Physics programme for solar neutrinos



## Astrophysics

- contribution of **CNO cycle** to solar fusion rate
- **metallicity** of solar core
- presence of **time variations** in solar neutrino flux ( $10^{-3}$  level)  
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# Physics programme for solar neutrinos

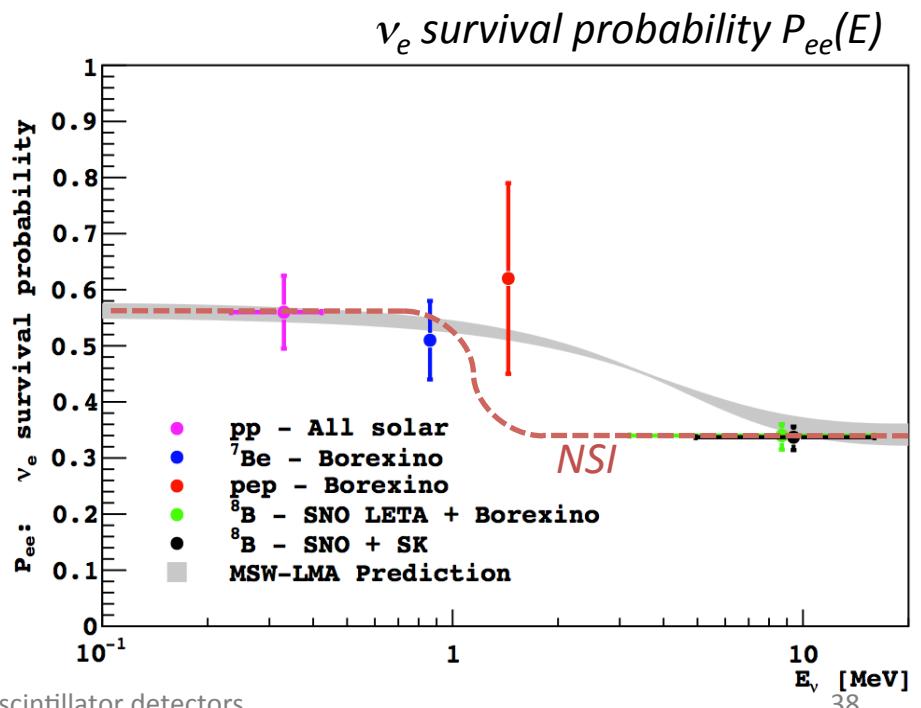


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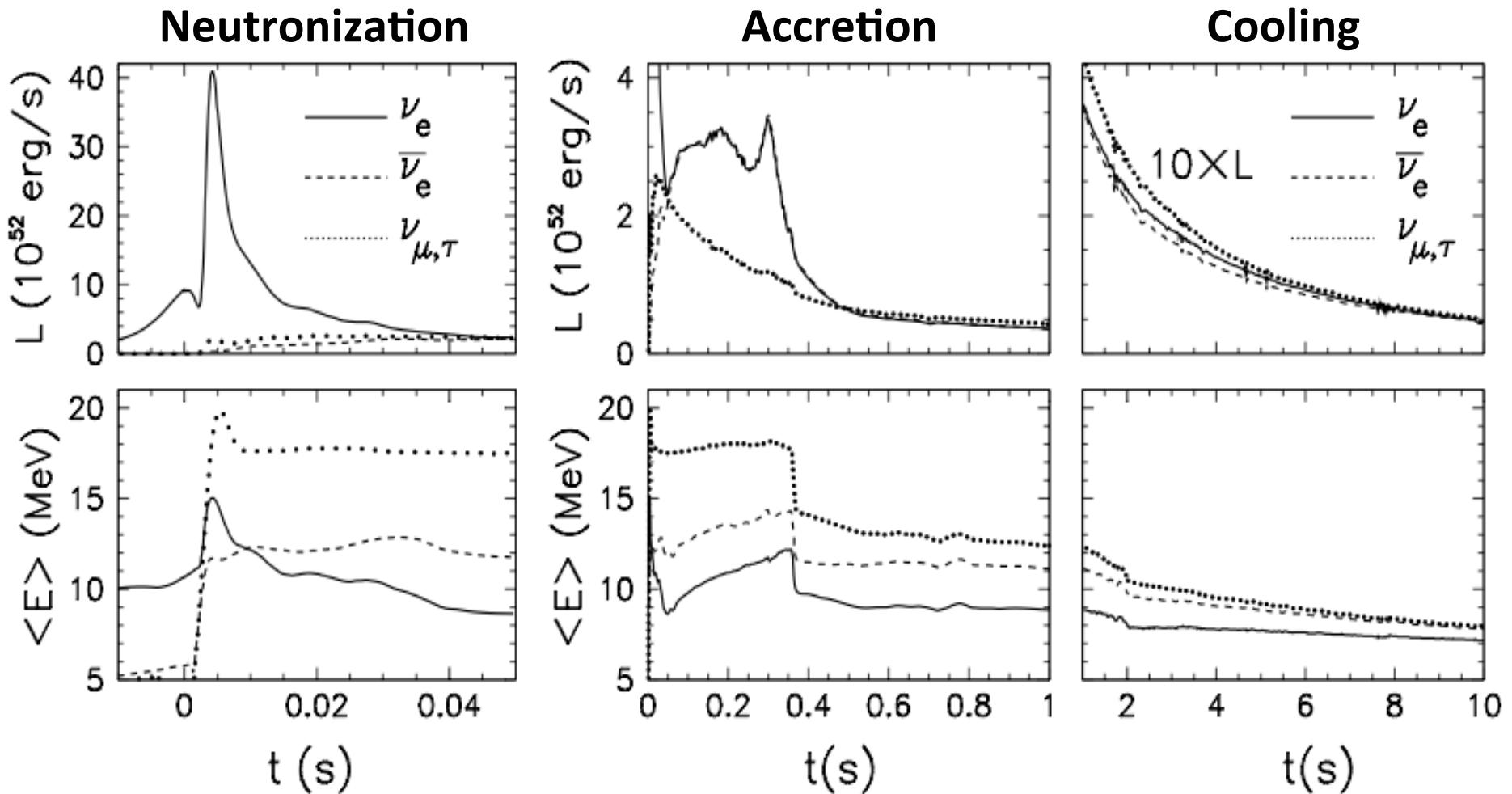
- contribution of **CNO cycle** to solar fusion rate
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## Neutrino physics, e.g.

precision measurement ( $\sim 5\sigma$ ) of  $P_{ee}(E)$  in MSW transition region  
→ non-standard interactions  
→ light sterile neutrinos  
( $\Delta m^2 \approx 0.1 \text{ eV}^2$ )



# Supernova neutrino signal



→ requires high-statistics and flavor-resolved measurement

# SN signal in LENA

Event rates expected for a galactic core-collapse SN:

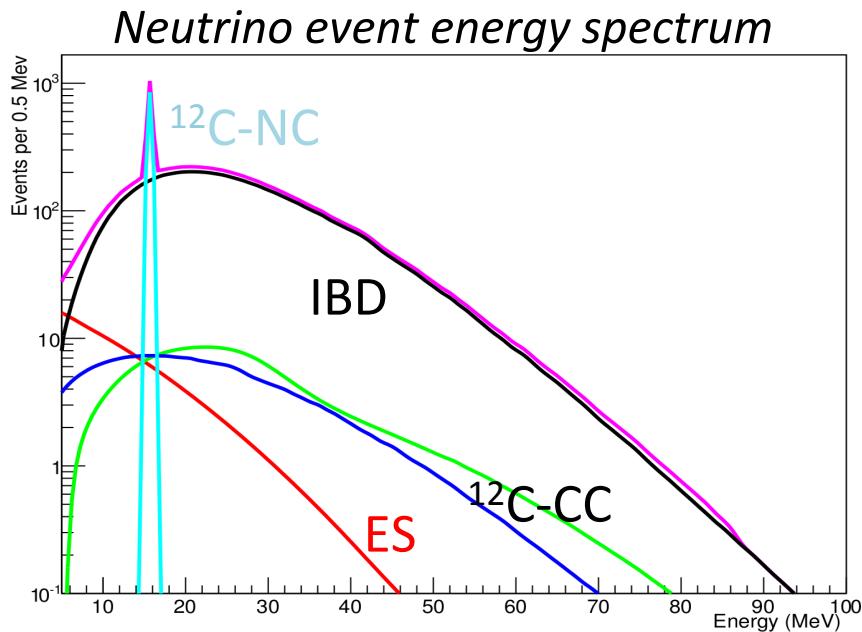
10kpc –  $8M_{\odot}$  –  $\langle E_{\nu} \rangle = 14 \text{ MeV}$

	Channel		Events	Threshold (MeV)	Spectrum
(1)	$\bar{\nu}_e p \rightarrow n e^+$	cc	$1.3 \times 10^4$	1.8	✓
(2)	$\nu_e {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{N} e^-$	cc	$3.4 \times 10^2$	17.3	(✓)
(3)	$\bar{\nu}_e {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{B} e^+$	cc	$1.8 \times 10^2$	13.4	(✓)
(4)	$\nu {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{C}^* \nu$	NC	$1.0 \times 10^3$	15.1	✗
(5)	$\nu p \rightarrow p \nu$	NC	$2.6 \times 10^3$	1.0	✓
(6)	$\nu e^- \rightarrow e^- \nu$	NC cc	$6.2 \times 10^2$	0.2	✓

$$\rightarrow \Sigma \approx 1.7 \times 10^4$$

- primary detection channel is **inverse beta decay** (1)  $\rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$
- CC/NC on **carbon** (2-4) and  **$\nu$ -proton** scattering (5) channels in LSc provide important **information on other flavors**
- **flavor discrimination** by event signatures (e.g. fast coincidences)

# Supernova neutrino physics in LENA



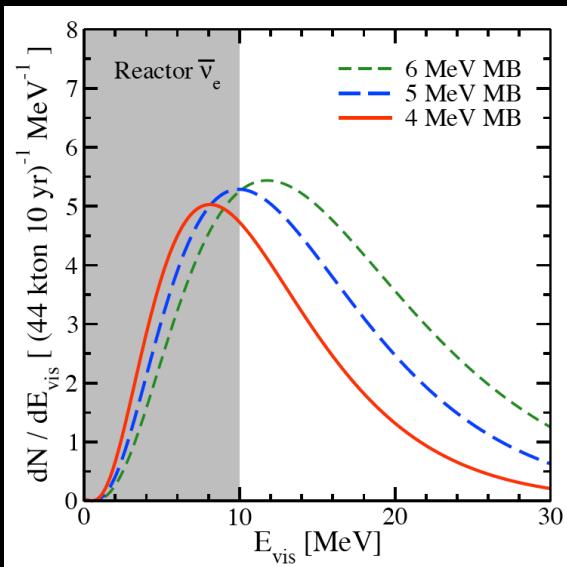
## Observables

- high-statistics  $\bar{\nu}_e$  spectrum
- $\nu_e$  spectrum (few 100 ev)
- $\nu_{\mu,\tau}$  sum spectrum (few  $10^3$ )
- total flux

## Astro- and neutrino physics

- Initial neutronization burst
- Time-resolved cooling phase
- Neutrino temperature w/ and w/o oscillations (CC/NC)
- Neutrino mass hierarchy from SN/Earth matter effects
- $\nu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}$  conversion from neutronization burst
- Trigger for gravitational wave antennae

# Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background (DSNB)

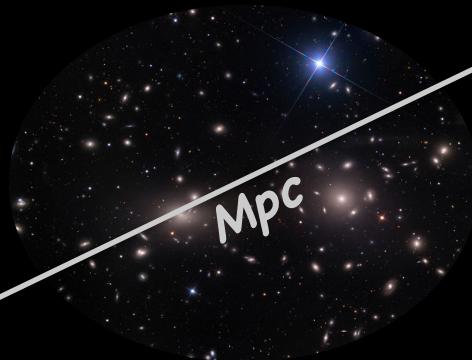


## DSNB spectrum

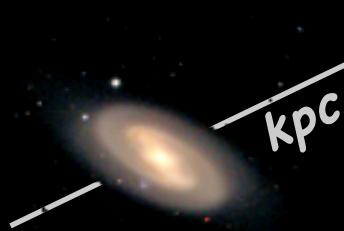
average SN spectrum

redshifted by  
cosmic expansion

flux:  $\sim 10^2 / \text{cm}^2 \text{s}$

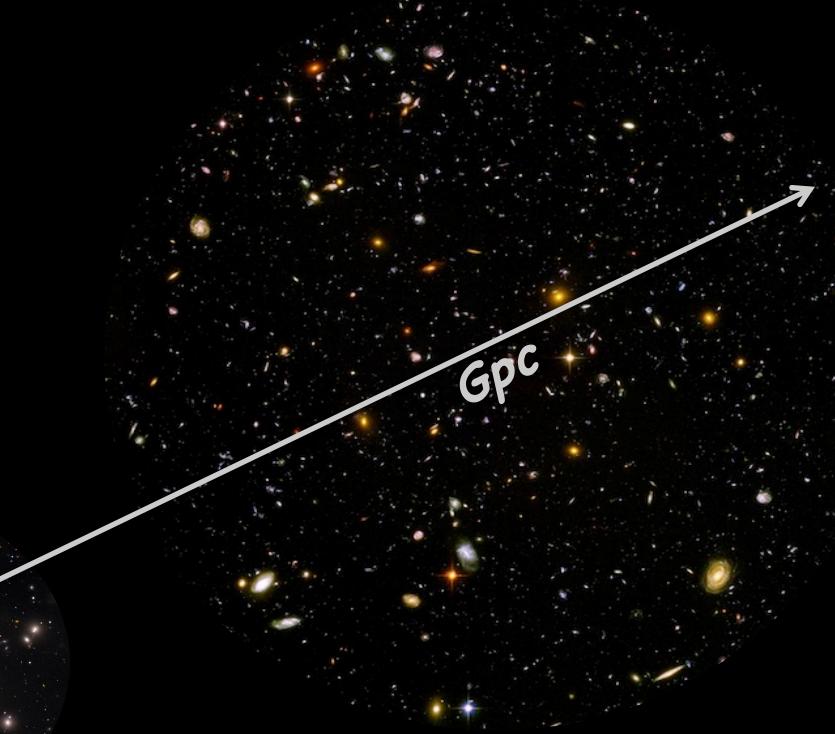


*milky way*  
3 SN per 100yr  
present  $\nu$  detectors



## neighbouring galaxy clusters

$\sim 1$ SN per year  
single bursts need  
Mton++ detectors

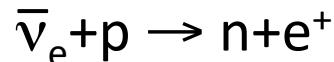


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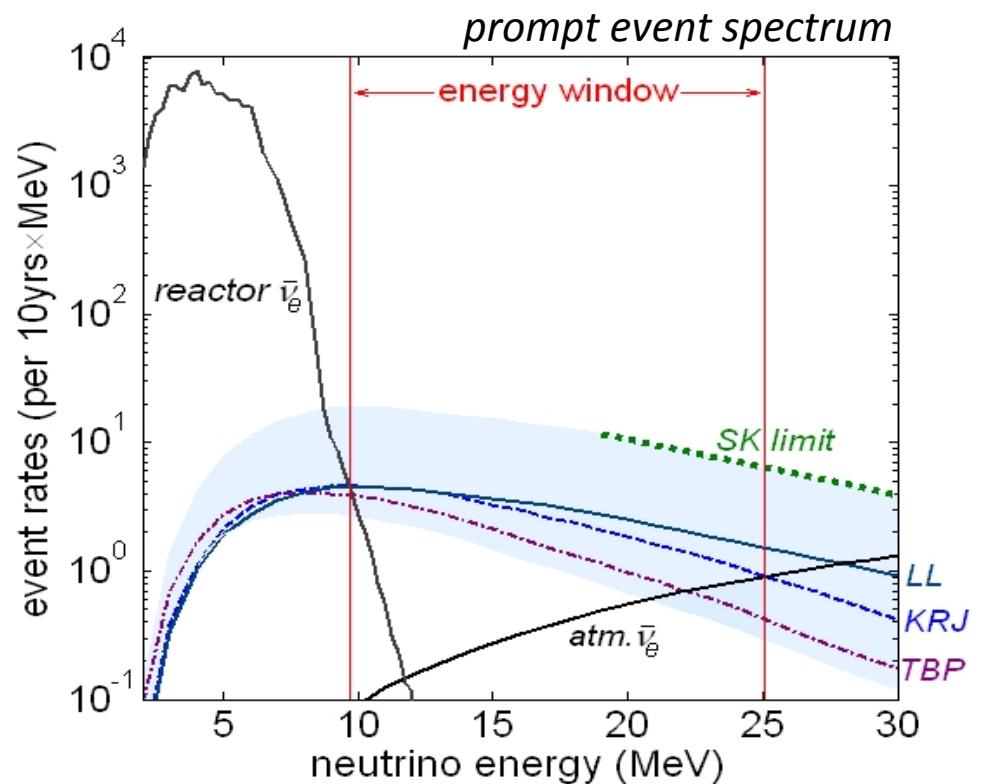
$10^8$ SN per year  
average flux

# DSNB signal in LENA

- Detection by inverse  $\beta$ -decay:

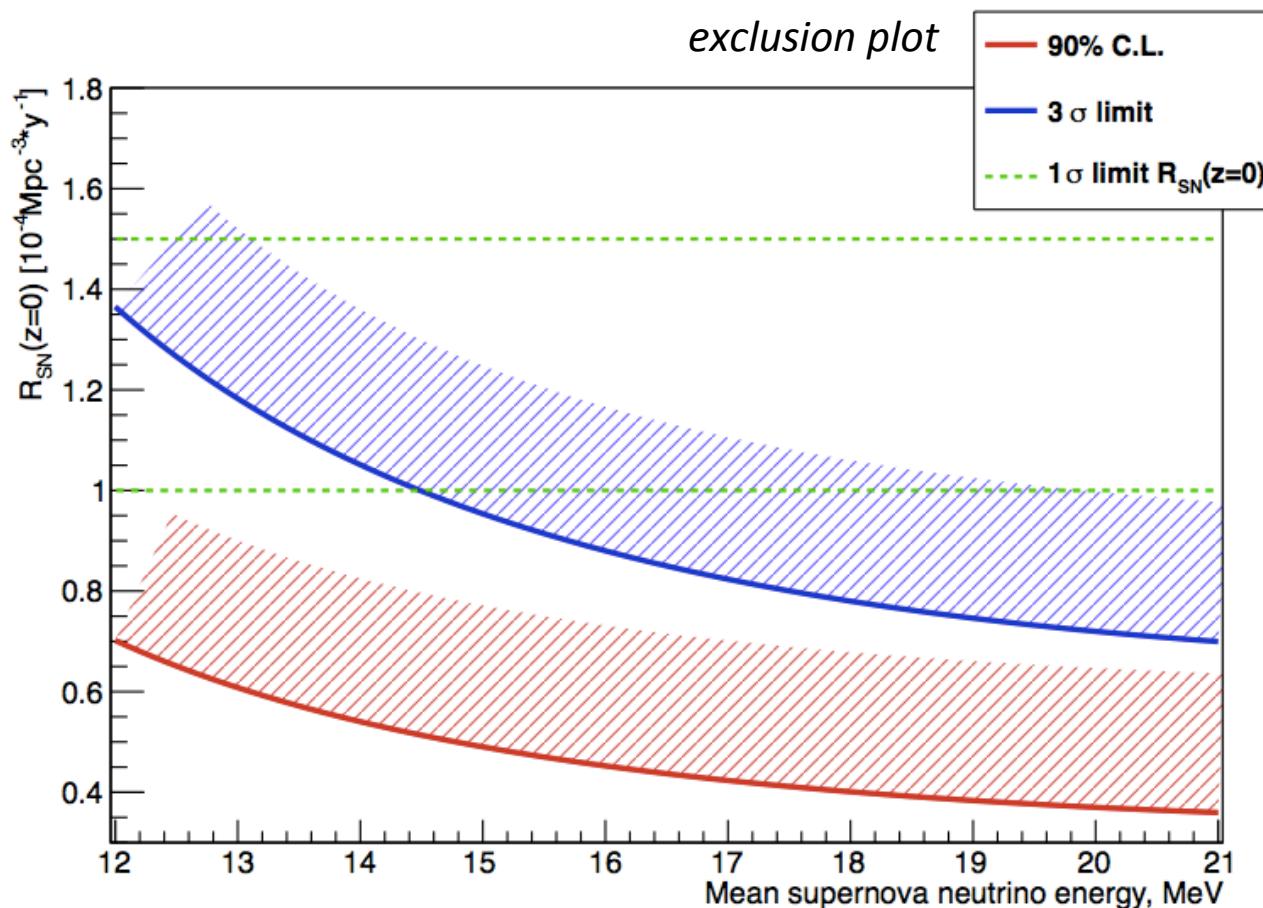


- coincidence signature  
→ background suppression
- Energy window: 10-25 MeV
- Most important background:  
atmospheric  $\nu$  NC events  
→ S:B-ratio  $\geq 1$  by pulse shape
- **Expected event rate  
after pulse-shape cuts: ~5 /yr**



# LENA's sensitivity for the DSNB

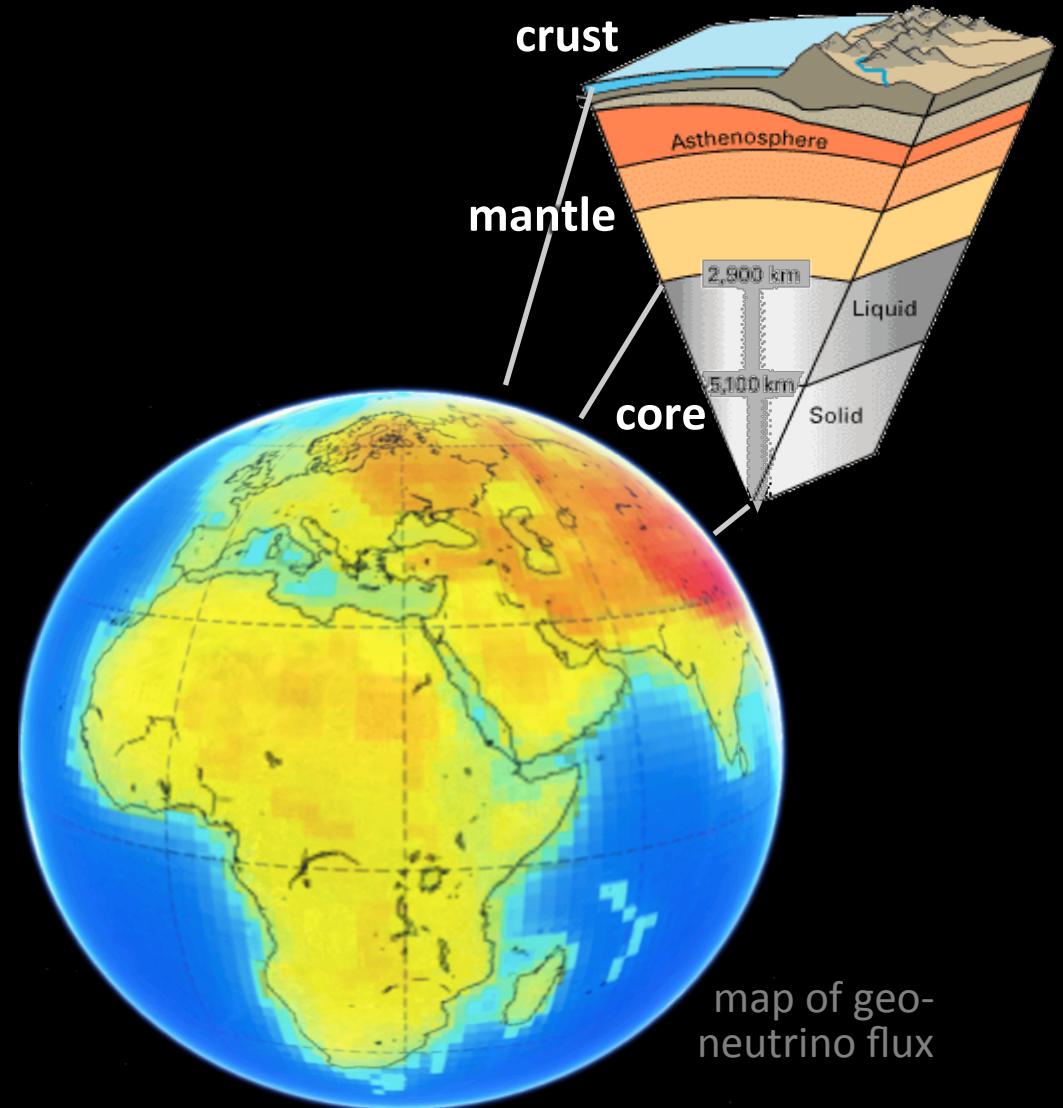
- based on current models: evidence at 3-5  $\sigma$  after 10 yrs
- if no signal is seen: SK flux limit improved by factor 8:



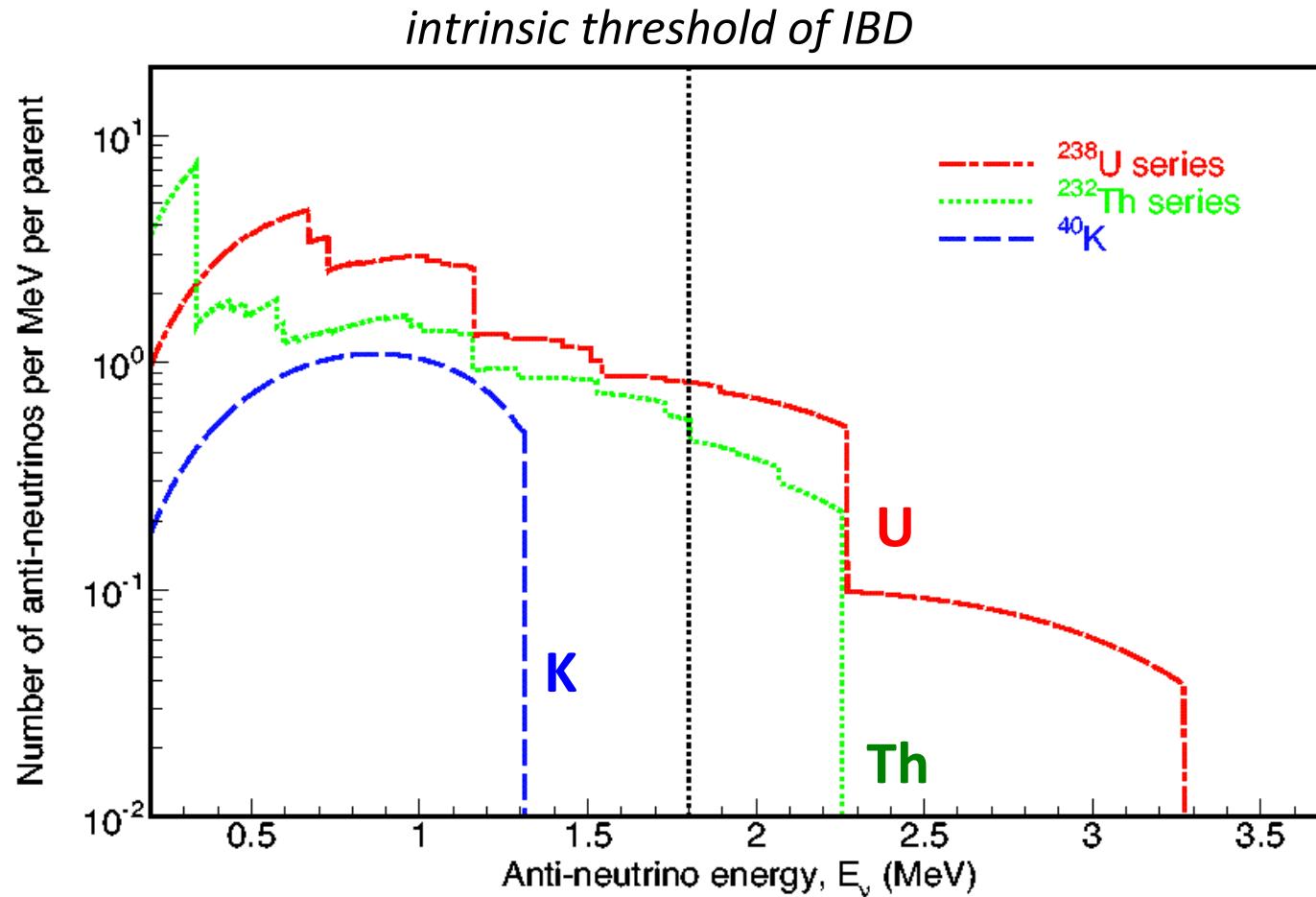
# Geoneutrinos

Geoneutrinos produced by natural  $^{40}\text{K}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$  and  $^{232}\text{Th}$

- Flux dominated by the Earth's crust
- scales with crust thickness
  - most from continents
  - less from oceanic crust
- Some contribution from the mantle
- Earth's core is supposed to be depleted in radioisotopes

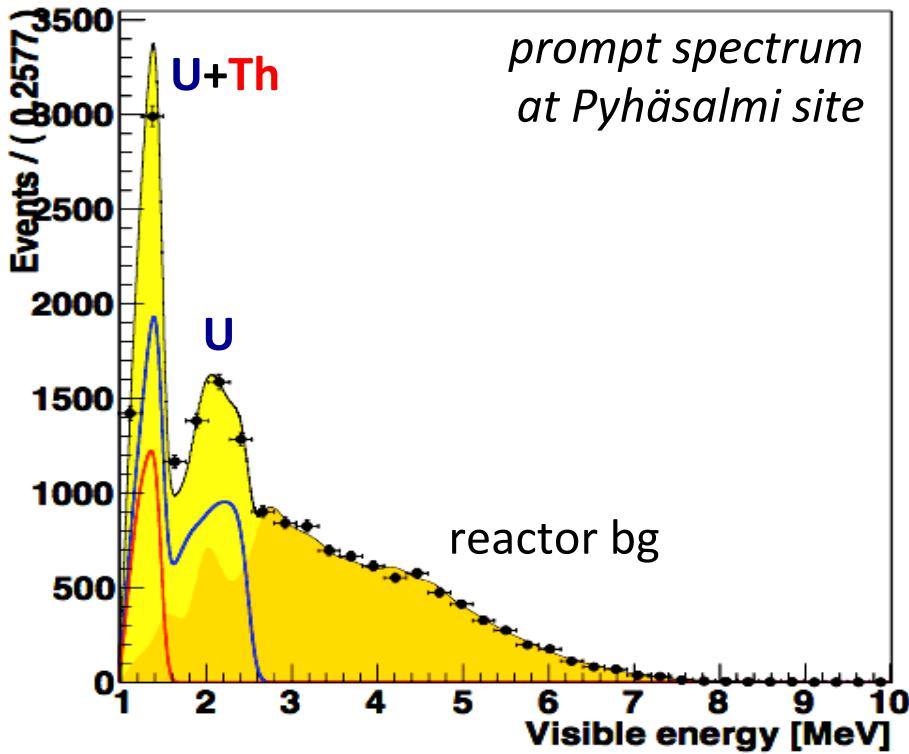


# Composition of geoneutrino spectrum



- Low endpoint energy (3.3 MeV) → only detectable by LSc detectors
- Different end-points of U/Th spectra → can be separated by spectral shape

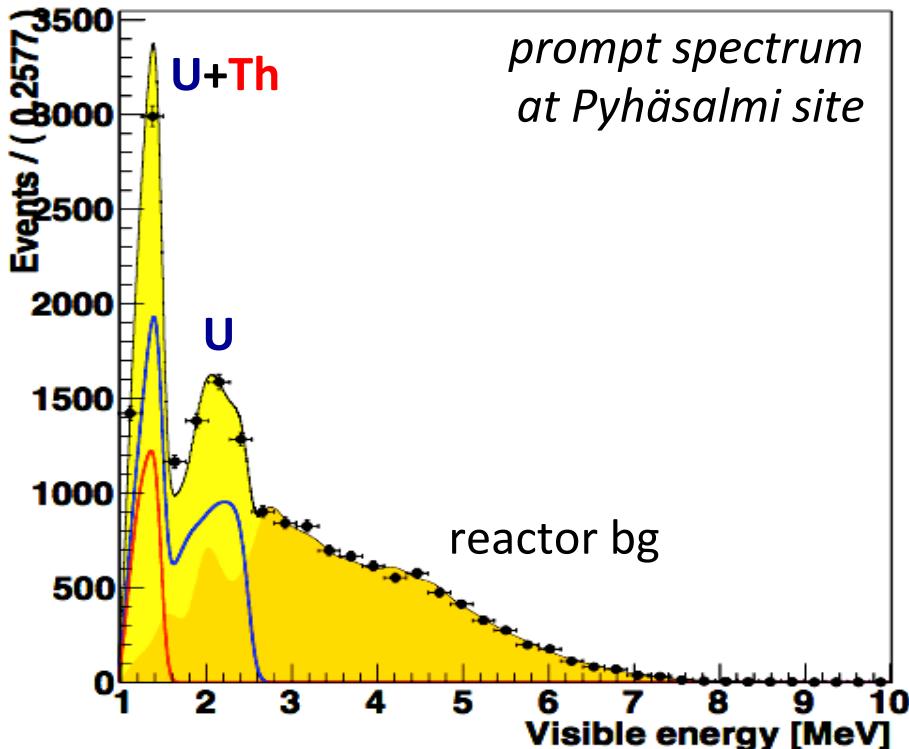
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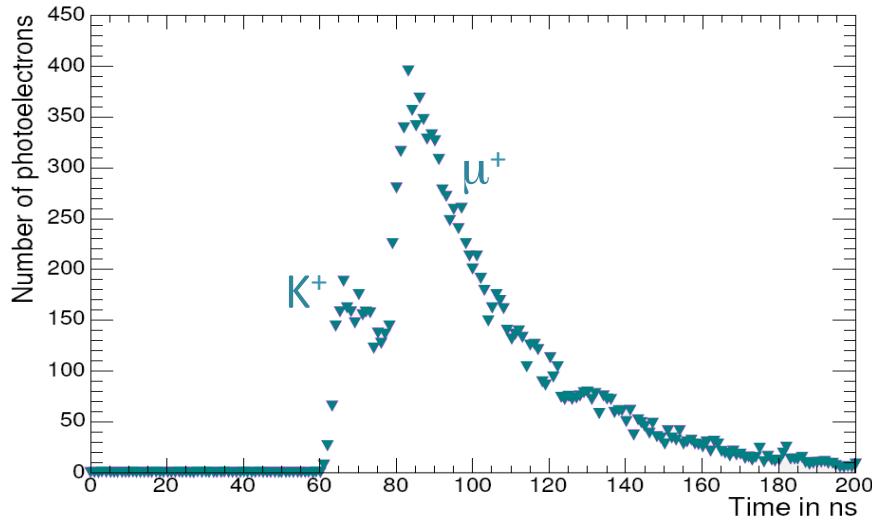
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## *Output for geophysics/chemistry*

- Urey ratio: fraction of radiogenic heat production to total heat flow
  - geochemistry: 0.3 ... 1
  - in LENA: U/Th fraction to 1%
- ratio of U/Th abundances
  - geochemistry: U/Th = 3.5 ... 4
  - in LENA: 5% rel. unc.
- Oceanic vs. continental crust contributions to geoneutrino flux
  - needs detectors at different sites

# Proton decay into kaon and antineutrino

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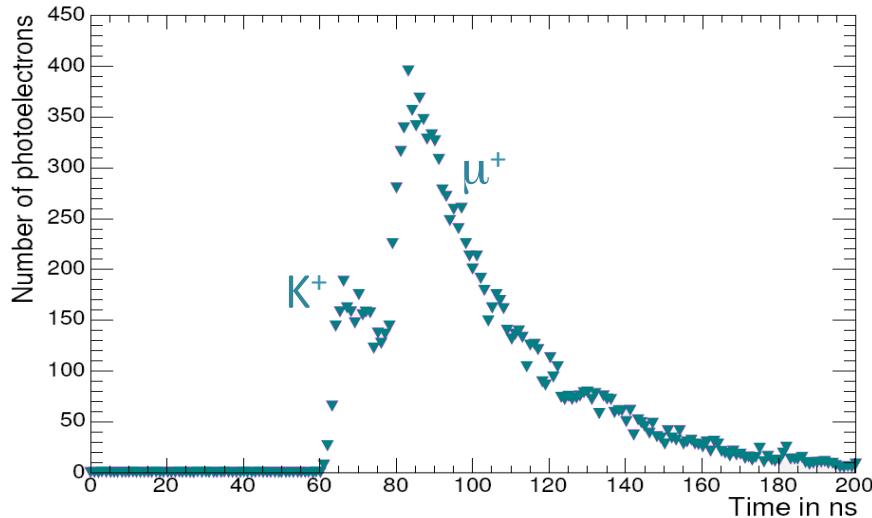


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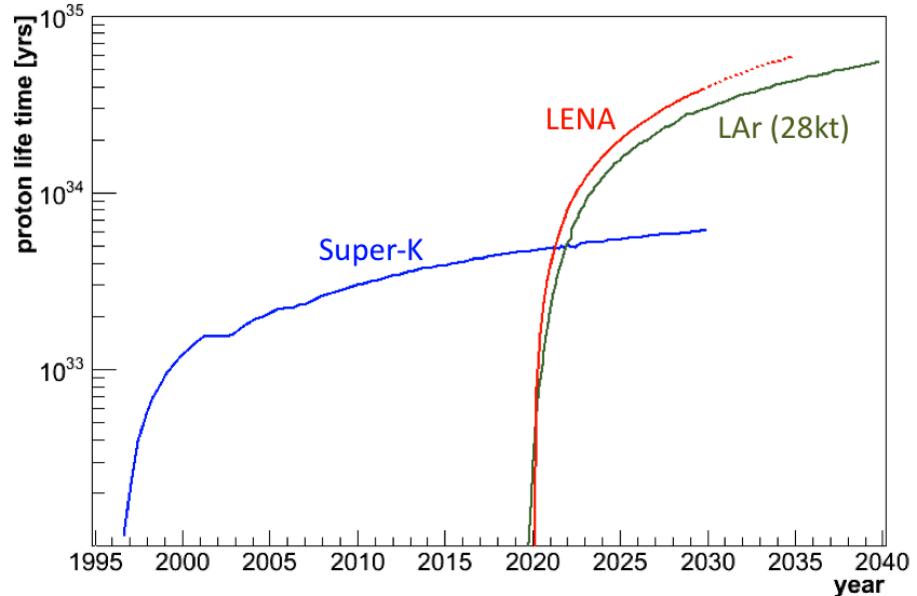


Expected background: <0.1 /yr  
→ no event observed in 10yrs:  
 $\tau_p > 4 \times 10^{34}$  yrs (90% C.L.)

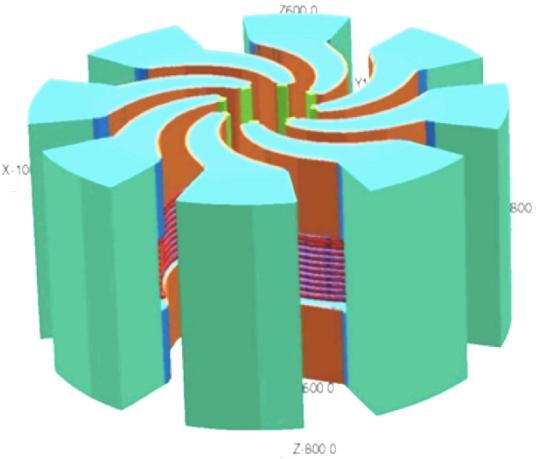
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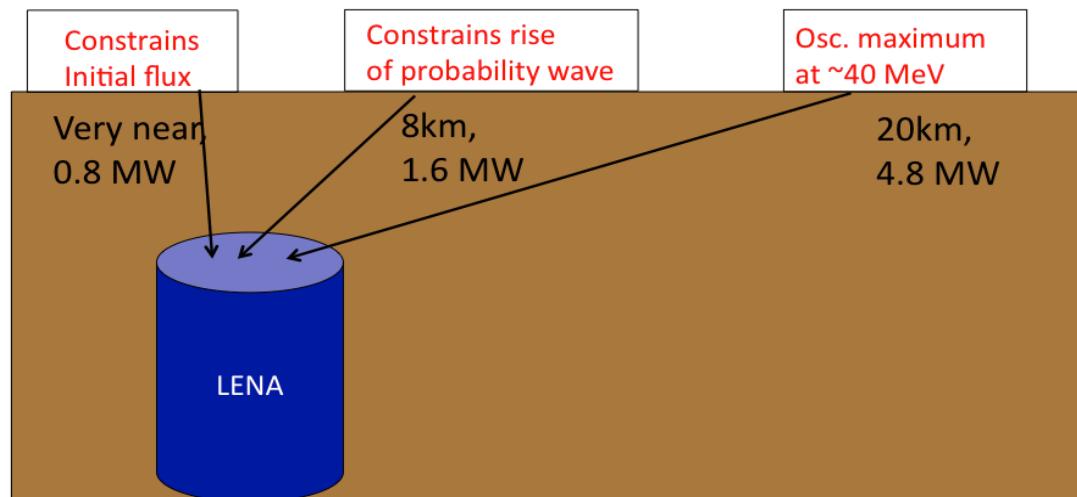
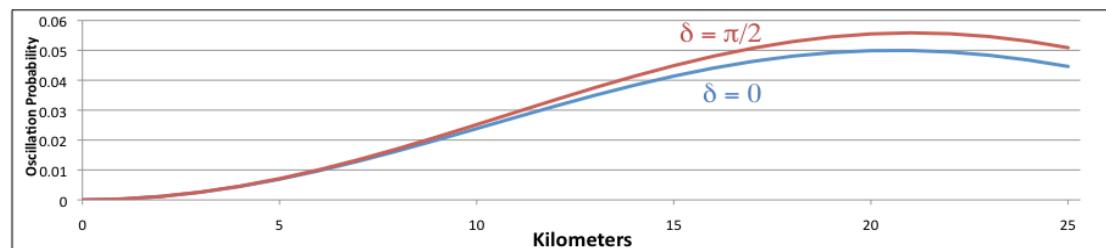


# LENA: Neutrino physics with artificial sources



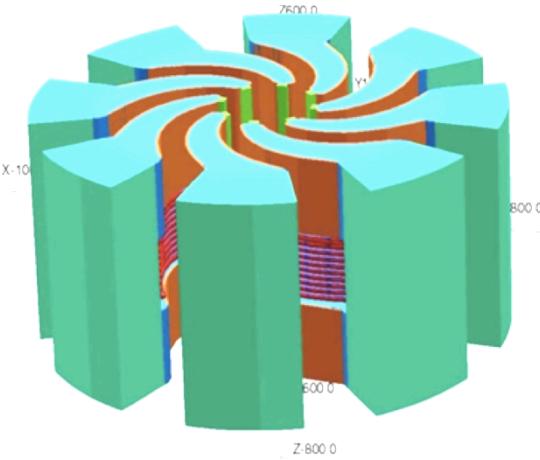
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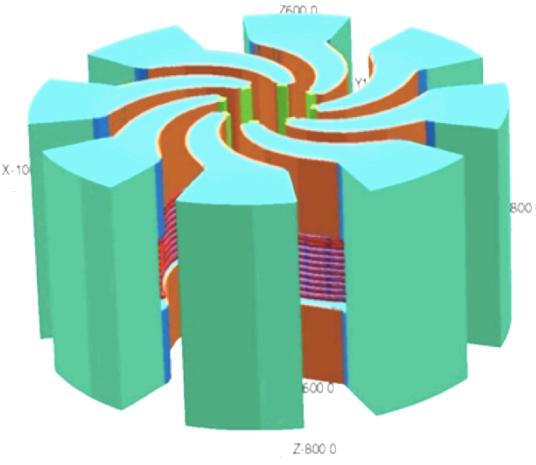
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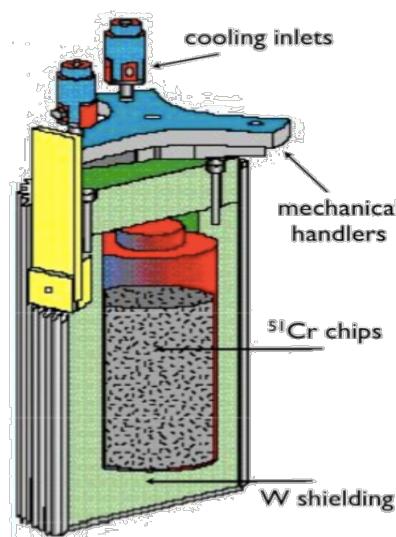
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## Radioactive sources

- $\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$  at  $< 3\text{ MeV}$   
→ 2<sup>nd</sup> generation **sterile neutrino** experiment  
based on  $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_s$  disappearance  
→ discern (3+N) scenarios etc.

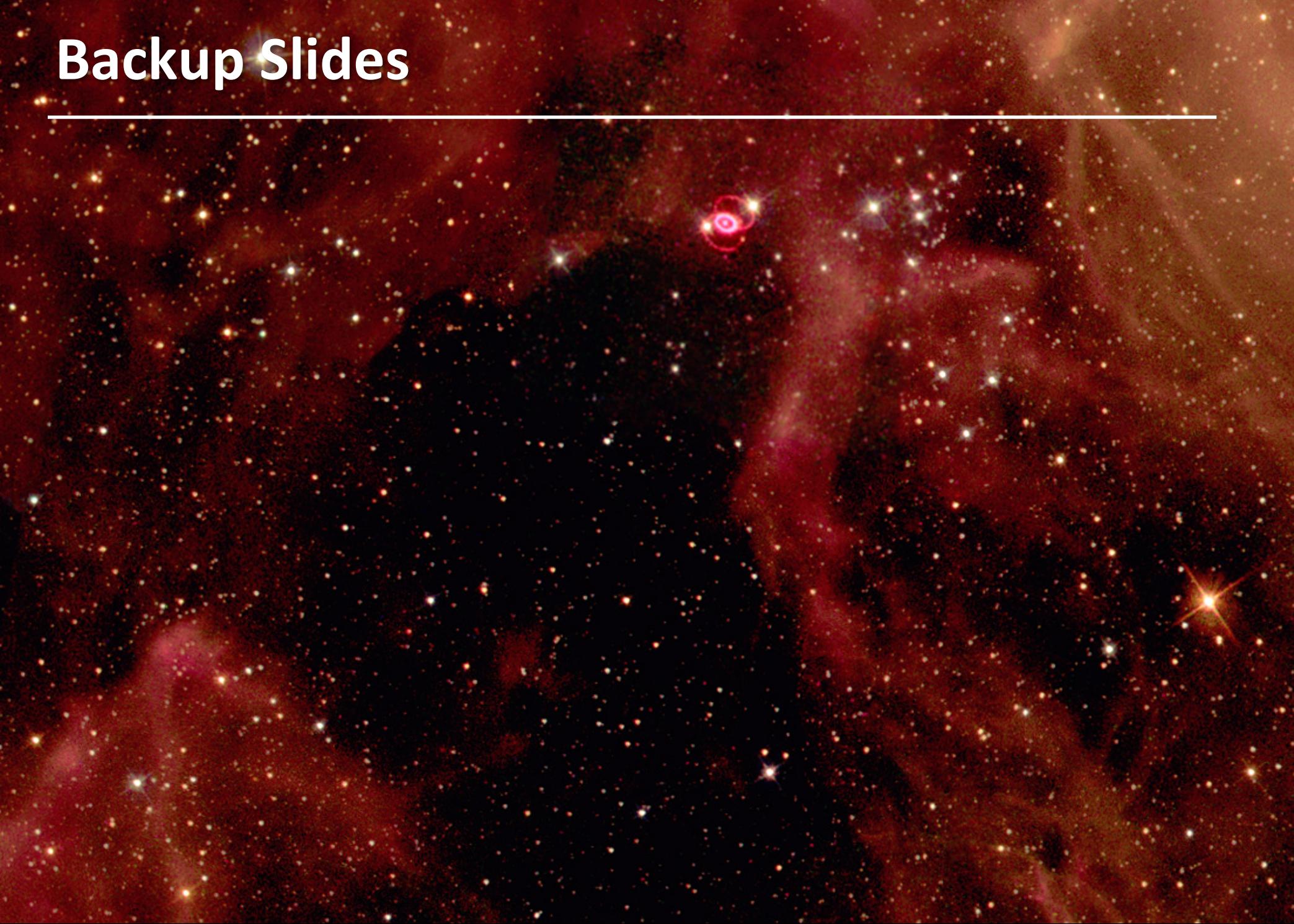
# Conclusions

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- Liquid-scintillator detectors have proven as versatile tools for the detection of low-energy neutrinos and their oscillations.
- For the next generation of large-volume neutrino detectors, liquid-scintillator experiments are still an interesting choice:
  - **JUNO** will determine the MH with good sensitivity, on a short time scale and with independent systematics (+precision measurement of oscillation parameters)
  - **LENA** will be unique in its sensitivity for astrophysical neutrinos and has the potential to give important contributions to oscillation and particle physics.

# Backup Slides

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# Detector technologies

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Detector technology	Water Cherenkov	Liquid Scintillator	Liquid Argon
<b>Target mass</b>	500 kt	50 kt	20 kt
<b>Energy threshold</b>	5-10 MeV	0.2 MeV	10-20 MeV (?)
<b>Maximum energy</b>	few GeV	few GeV	few GeV
<b>Best performance</b>	10 MeV – 1 GeV	0.5 – 50 MeV	1 – 10 GeV
<b>Remarks</b>	LE program depends on Gd-doping	HE program depends on reco development	LE program depends on overburden, detector cleanliness

# Competing experiments

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Project	Technology	Target mass (kilo-ton)	Overburden (mwe)	Site
Hyper-Kamiokande	WCh	560	1750	Kamioka
MeMPhys	WCh	500	4800 ?	Fréjus Garpenberg
JUNO	LSc	20	2000	Kaiping
LENA	LSc	50	4000	Pyhäsalmi
GLACIER/ LBNO	LAr	20	4000	Pyhäsalmi
LBNE	LAr	10	0? 4400?	Homestake

# Proposed Super-Beams

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Acronym	from	to	Baseline (km)	Beam power (MW)
LBNE	Fermilab	Homestake	1300	0.7 – 2.3
LBNO/C2PY	CERN	Pyhäsalmi	2300	0.7 – 2.0
C2FR	CERN	Fréjus	130	0.7 – 2.0
P2PY	Protvino	Pyhäsalmi	1100	0.5
ESSvSB	Lund	Garpenberg	540	5.0
T2HK	Tokai J-PARC	Kamioka	300	1.66

# Neutrino physics

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Item	500 kt – Water Cherenkov	50 kt – Liquid Scintillator	20 kt Liquid Argon	Others
<b>Mass hierarchy</b>	atmospheric $\nu$ 's → $3\sigma$ (?)	LENA+C2PY > $5\sigma$ JUNO > $3.5\sigma$	LBNO > $5\sigma$ LBNE > $3\sigma$ (?)	PINGU > $6\sigma$
<b>CP phase</b>	T2HK, ESSvSB, C2FR → $5\sigma$	LENA+beam →? +DAEδALUS → $3\sigma$	LBNO → $3\sigma$ upgrade → $5\sigma$ LBNE → $3\sigma$	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> gen. sterile <math>\nu</math>'s</b>	no	source exp., iso/piDAR > $5\sigma$	?	
<b>NSI etc., e.g. solar <math>\nu</math>'s</b>	$^8\text{B}$ - $\nu$ 's: day-night +Gd: $\nu_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ conv.	$^7\text{Be}$ day-night $\nu_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ conv. $P_{ee}(\text{MSW}) > 5\sigma$	no	
<b>0νββ-decay</b>	no	$^{136}\text{Xe}$ -doping (200 tons+)	no	many ideas, but hardly as large in mass

# Neutrino observation

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Item	500 kt – Water Cherenkov	Gd-doped Water	50 kt – Liquid Scintillator	20 kt – Liquid Argon
Solar neutrinos	${}^8\text{B}$ - $\nu$ only	${}^8\text{B}$ - $\nu$ only	CNO $\nu$ flux, metallicity, ${}^7\text{Be}$ modulation	${}^8\text{B}$ - $\nu$ (?)
Supernova neutrinos	$10^5$ events ( $\bar{\nu}_e$ ) no flavor separation (?)	+ separation $\nu_e$ vs. $\bar{\nu}_e$	$2 \times 10^4$ events separation of $\nu_e$ , $\bar{\nu}_e$ and $\nu_{\mu,\tau}$	$10^4$ events (?) mostly $\nu_e$ /NC
Diffuse SN $\nu$ background	$\sim 30$ /yr S/B 1:7	$\sim 80$ /yr S/B 2:1 (?)	$\sim 5$ /yr S/B 1:1	no?
Geoneutrinos	no	no	$\nu$ flux $\rightarrow 1\%$ U/Th ratio 5%	no
Indirect dark matter search	no	annihilation $\bar{\nu}_e$ 10-100 MeV	annihilation $\bar{\nu}_e$ 10-100 MeV	no?

# Proton decay searches

Channel (after 10 yrs)	25 kt water – Super-K	500 kt – Water Cherenkov	50 kt – Liquid Scintillator	20 kt – Liquid Argon
$p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+$	$8 \times 10^{33}$ yrs (SK-I-II)	$> 1 \times 10^{35}$ yrs	yes?	$1 \times 10^{34}$ yrs
$p \rightarrow K^+ \nu$	$2 \times 10^{33}$ yrs (SK-I)	$4 \times 10^{34}$ yrs	$4 \times 10^{34}$ yrs	$2 \times 10^{34}$ yrs
$p \rightarrow \text{others}$	$\sim 10^{33}$ yrs (SK-I-II-III)	$\sim 10^{34}$ yrs	?	$\sim 10^{34}$ yrs
$n \rightarrow \bar{n}$	$2 \times 10^{32}$ yrs (SK-I)	$> 2 \times 10^{33}$ yrs (?)	?	yes?

*proton life time limits at 90% C.L.*

# Mass hierarchy

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## Experimental approaches

- Large matter effects at high neutrino energies/long baselines
  - very long baseline beams (>1000 km), atmospheric neutrinos
- Interference terms of  $\Delta_{13}$  and  $\Delta_{23}$ -driven oscillations
  - medium-distance reactor experiments (60 km)

## Sensitivities

- GLACIER, LENA and C2PY                     $>5\sigma$                     long time scale, beam (?)
- GLACIER, LENA and P2PY                    3-5 $\sigma$
- LBNE     $\rightarrow 3\sigma$  (?)
- T2HK, C2FR, ESS                                no sensitivity
- PINGU, ORCA (?)                             $>5\sigma$                     5 yrs, atmospheric v's
- Hyper-Kamiokande, INO                         $\rightarrow 3\sigma$  (?)            10 yrs
- JUNO     $>3.5\sigma$                     fast, reactor v's

# CP violation

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## Experimental approaches

- Difference in  $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$  probabilities  
→ long-baseline superbeam (at short baselines @ 2<sup>nd</sup> maximum)
- Dependence of  $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$  probability on baseline  
→  $\pi^+$  decay-at-rest neutrino sources at two (3) different baselines  
→ allows superbeams to run only in  $\nu$ -mode to increase sensitivity

## Sensitivities

- GLACIER & P/C2PY: 20kt, 0.7MW, 10yrs                    3 $\sigma$             40% coverage  
    70kt, 2MW, 10yrs                            5 $\sigma$             54% coverage
- LBNE (full)    3 $\sigma$             40% coverage
- MeMPhys & ESS    5 $\sigma$           45% coverage
- T2HK or MeMPhys & C2FR    5 $\sigma$           15% coverage
- LENA & DAE $\delta$ ALUS    3 $\sigma$           45% coverage
- LENA & P/C2PY: now ~2 $\sigma$ , might increase with reco capabilities