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# Understanding the Universe with neutrinos

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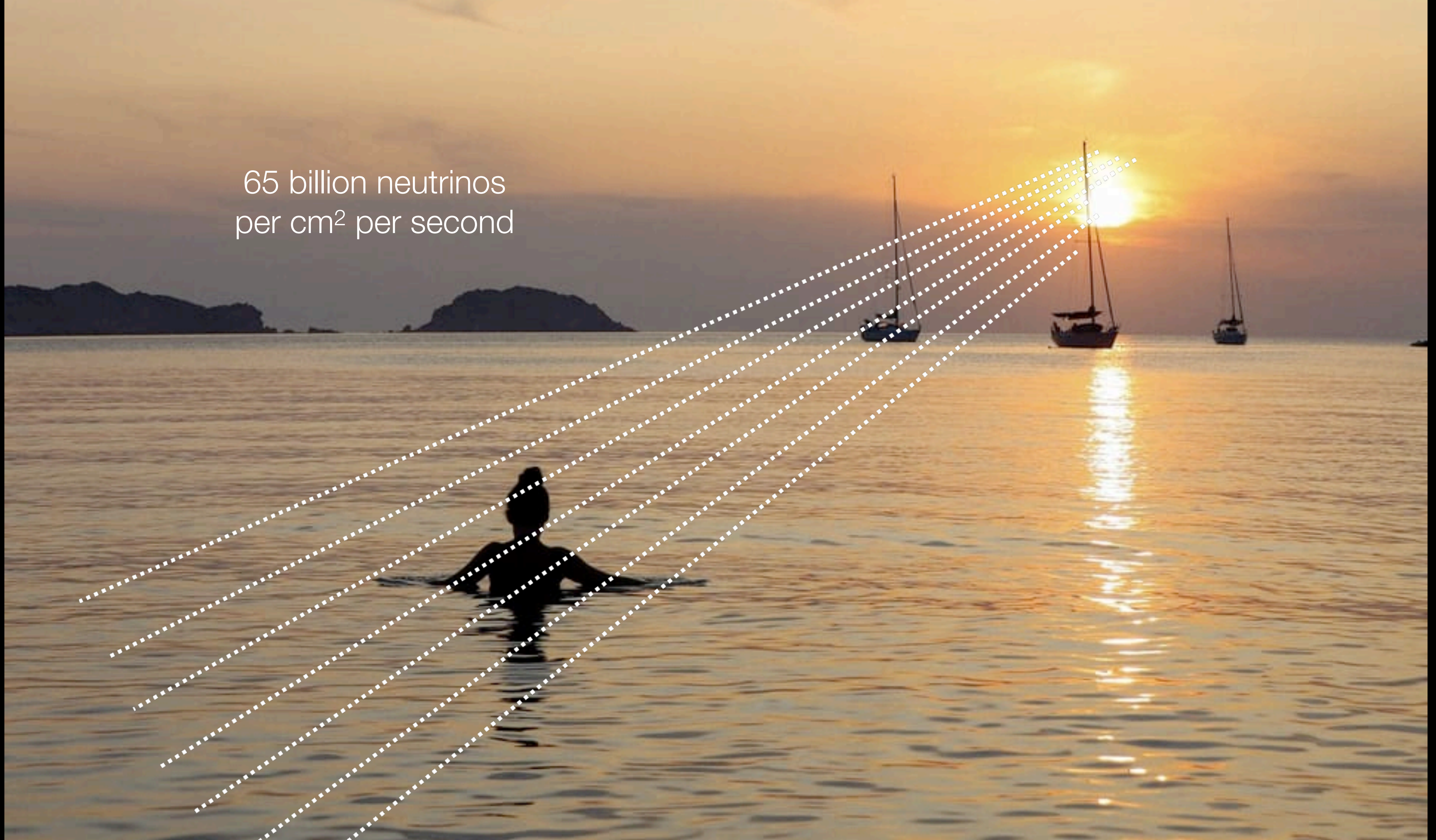


- The visible is only a small part of the energy and mass of the Universe
- For every electron, proton and neutrino in the Universe, there are **1 000 000 000 neutrinos!!**
- To understand the Universe, we have to understand neutrinos

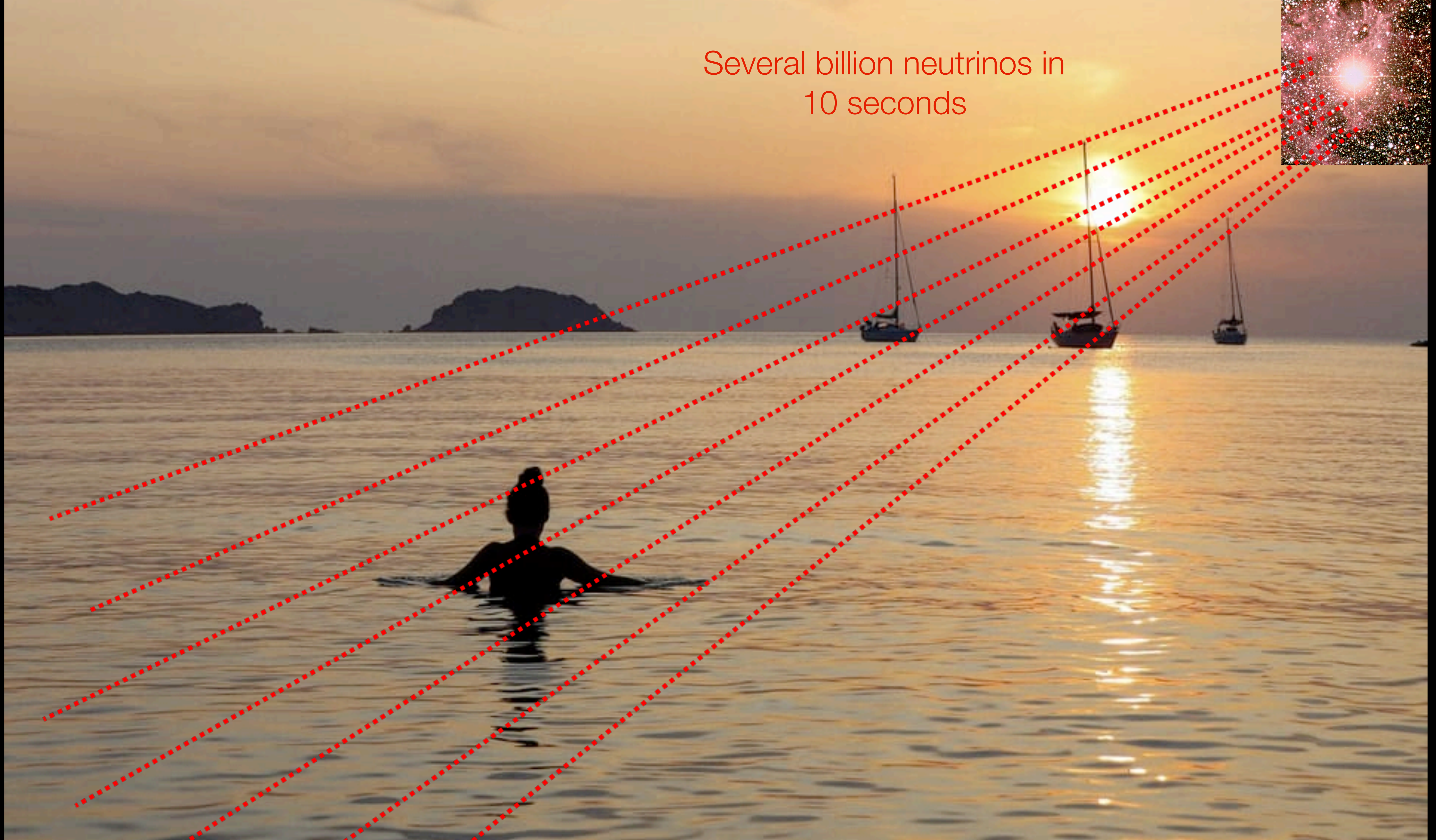
4000 neutrinos per second



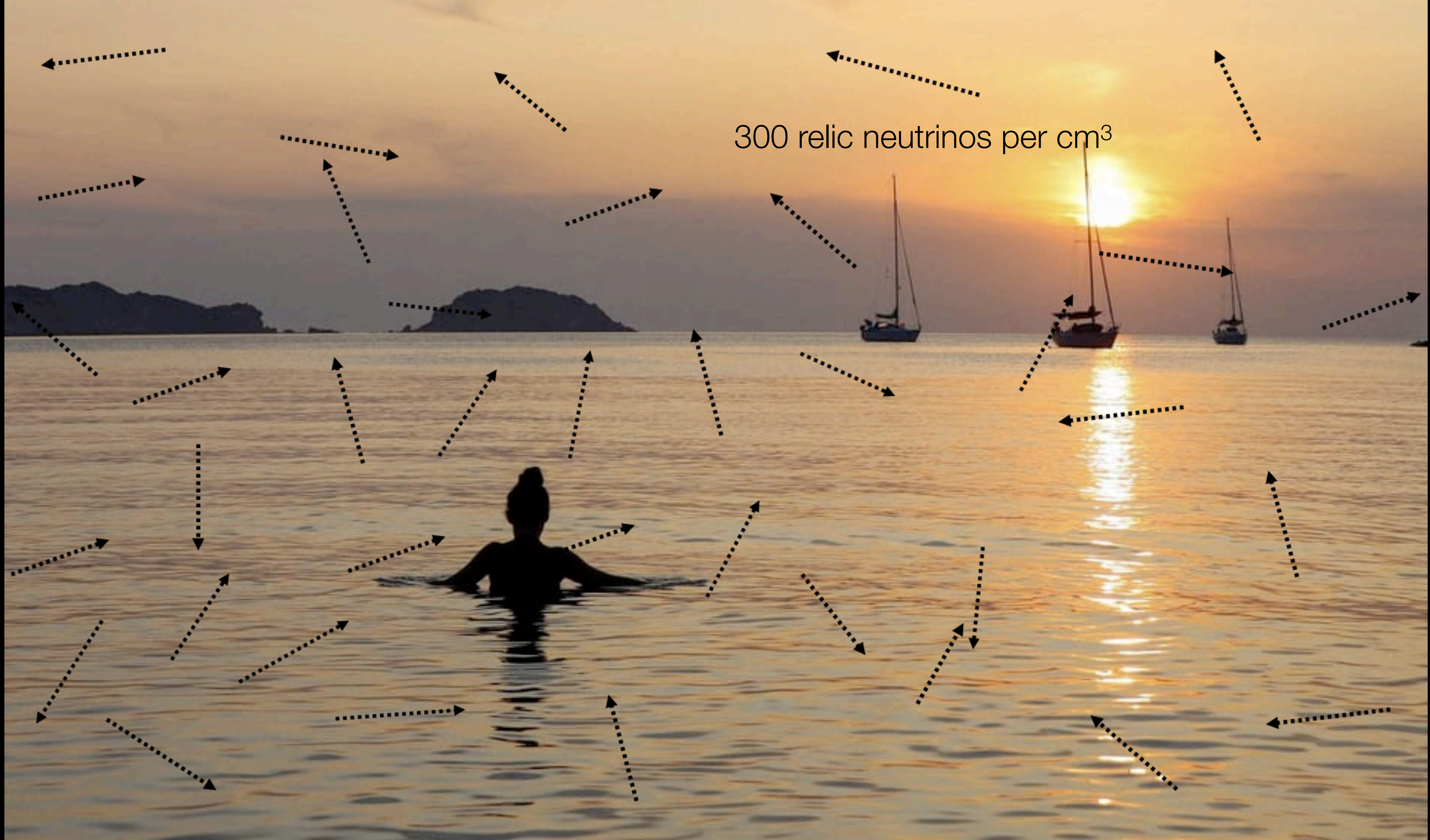
65 billion neutrinos  
per  $\text{cm}^2$  per second

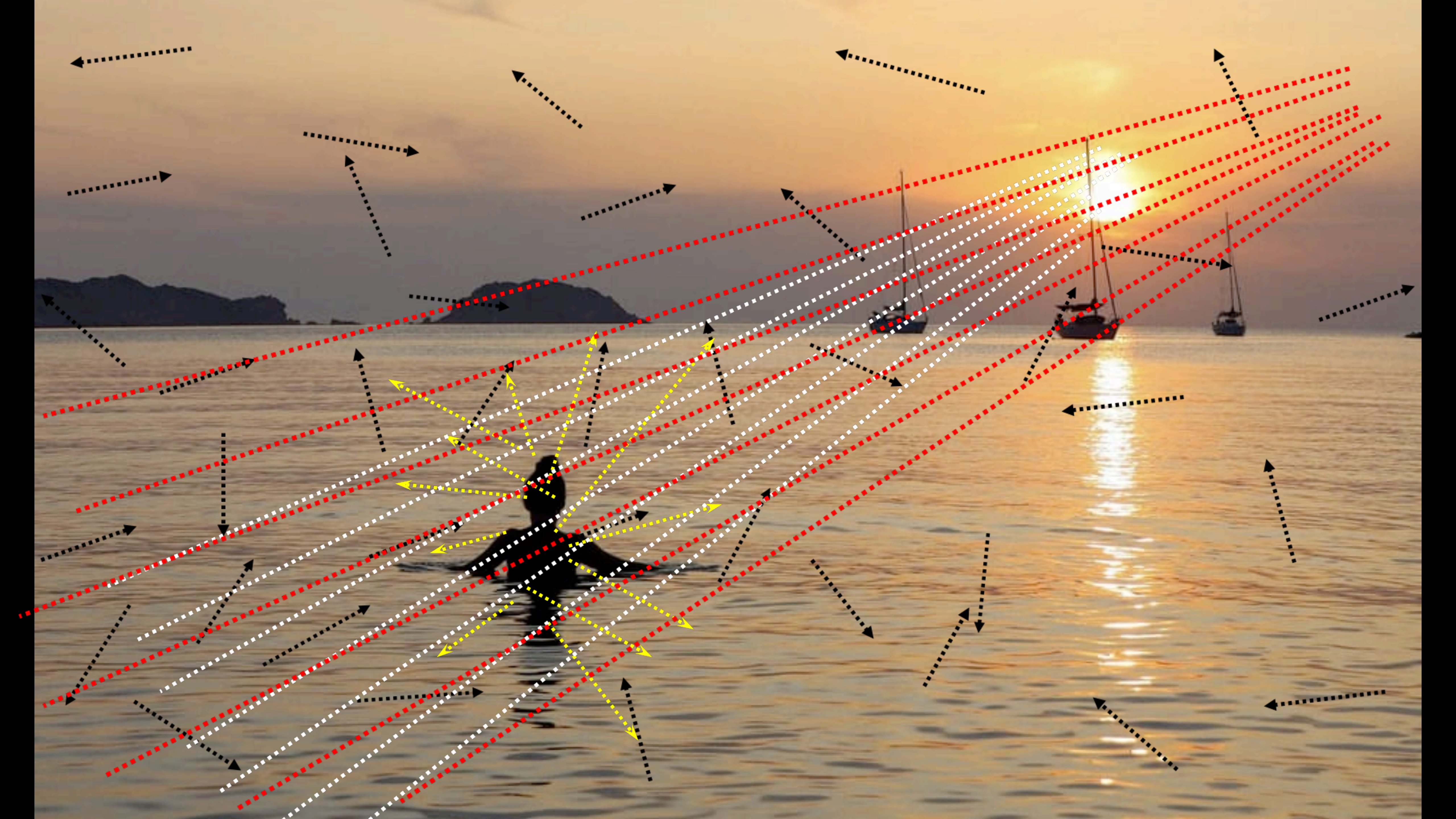


Several billion neutrinos in  
10 seconds



300 relic neutrinos per  $\text{cm}^3$

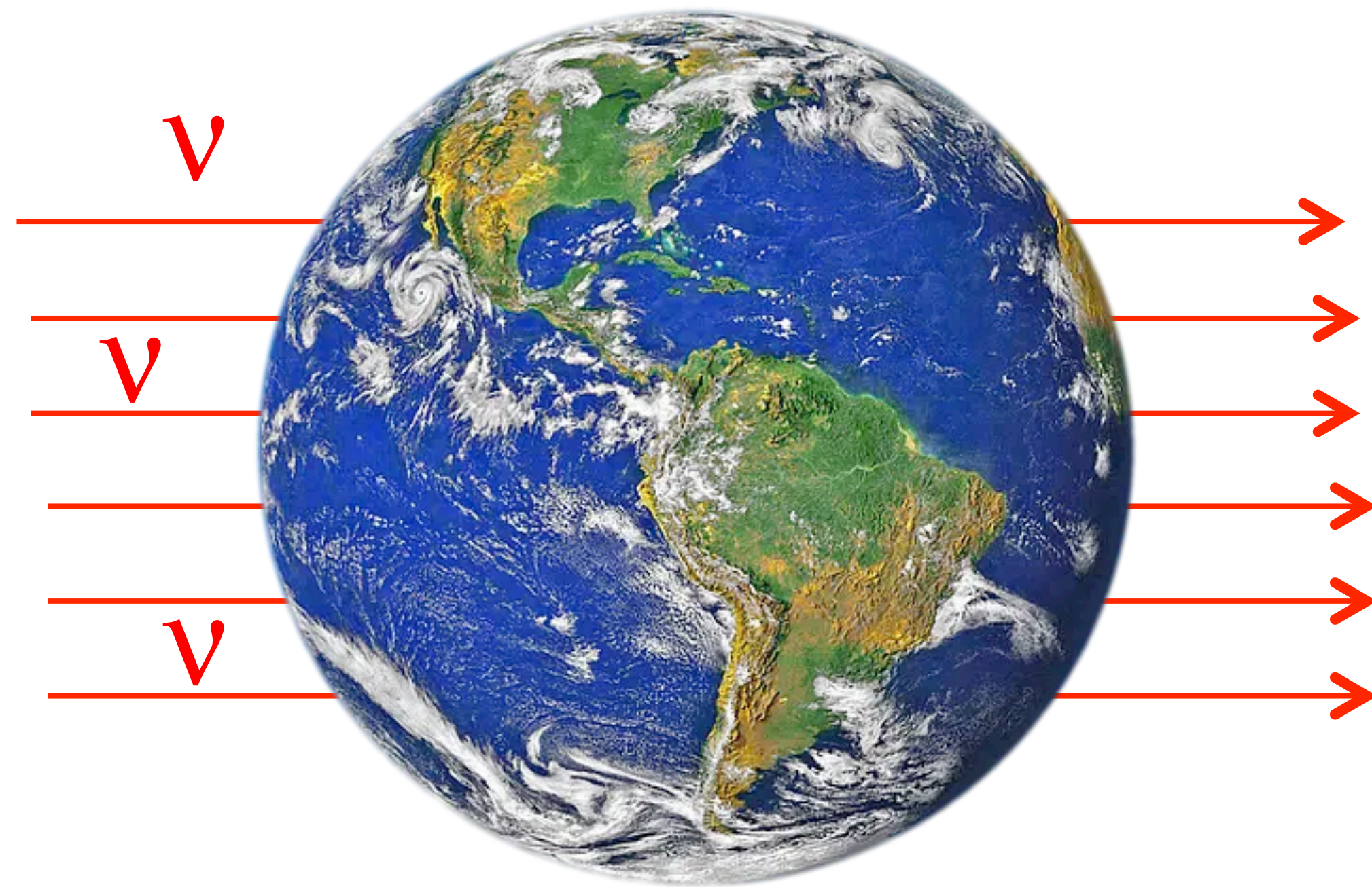






**Neutrinos are constantly bombarding us...**

**...BUT... they are harmless...**

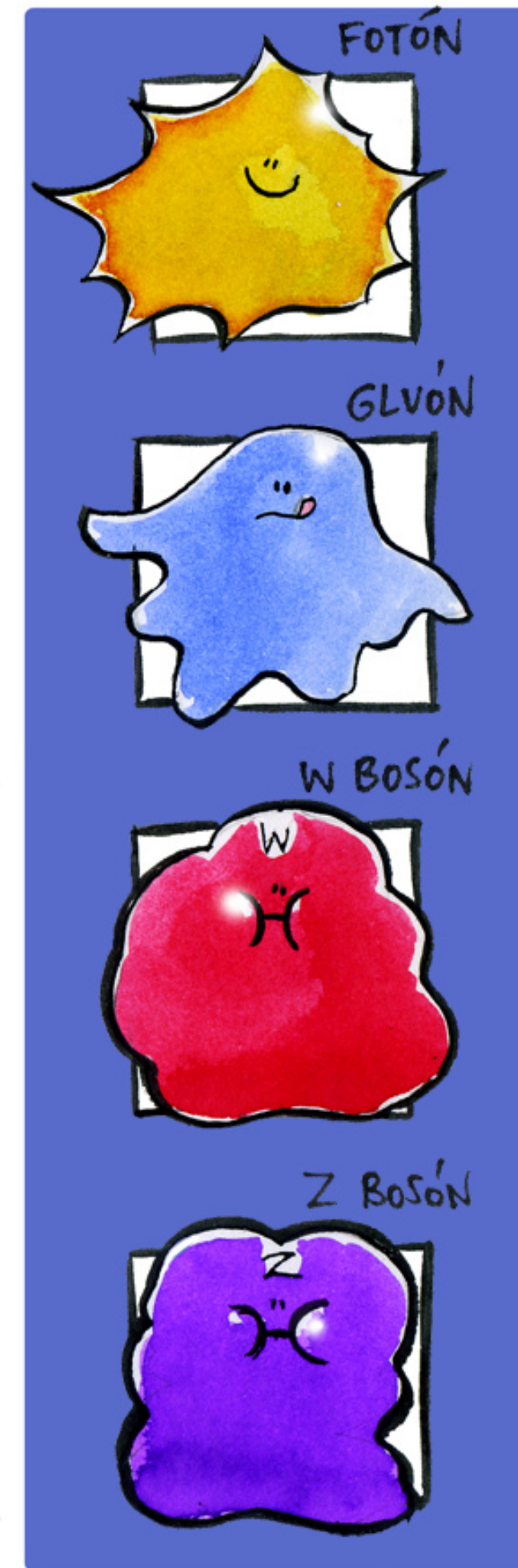
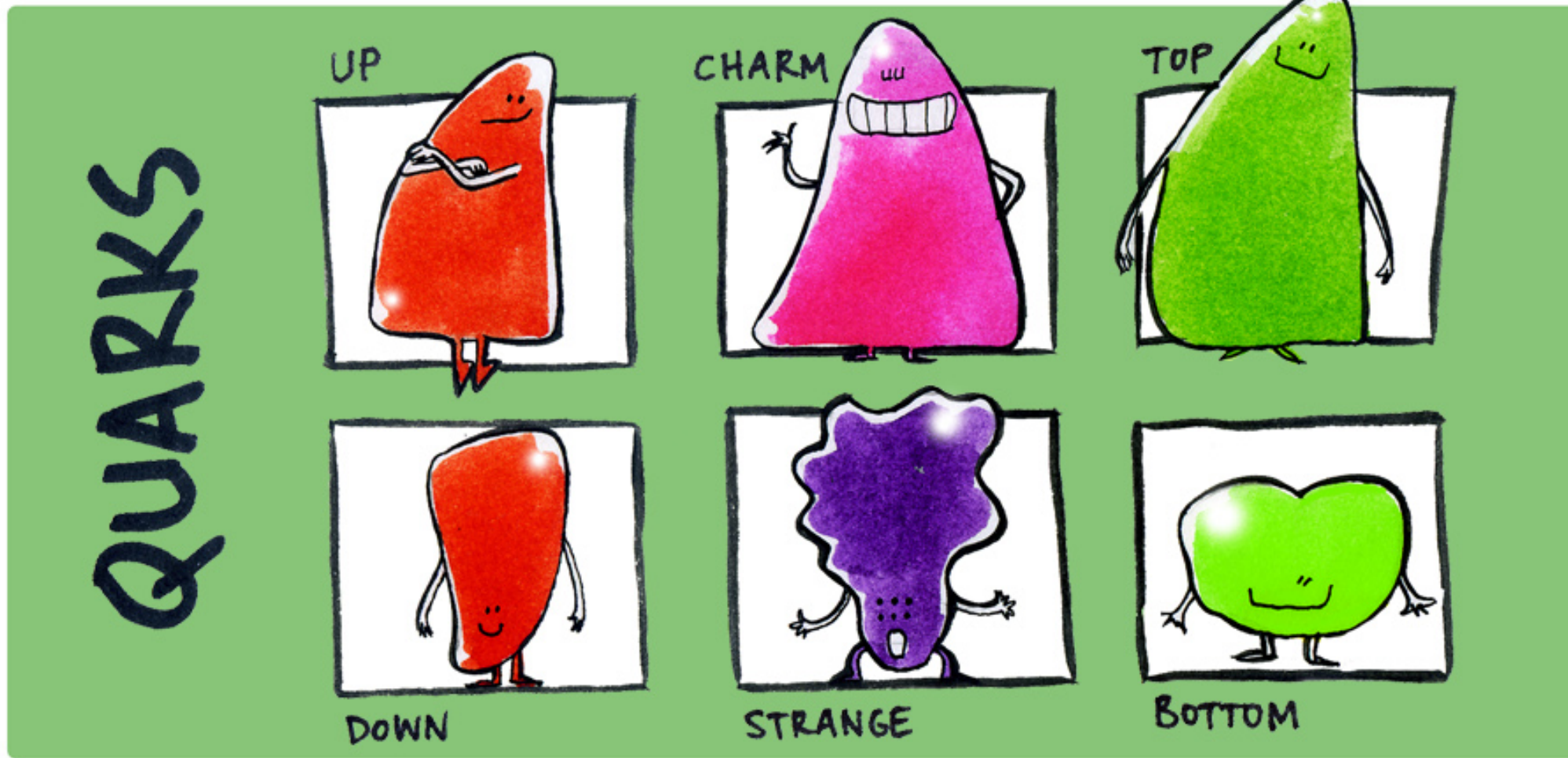


**Only 1 neutrino in several billions is intercepted when traversing the Earth**

Neutral particles, almost impossible to catch them, traverse all media and they are extremely abundant

# FERMIONES

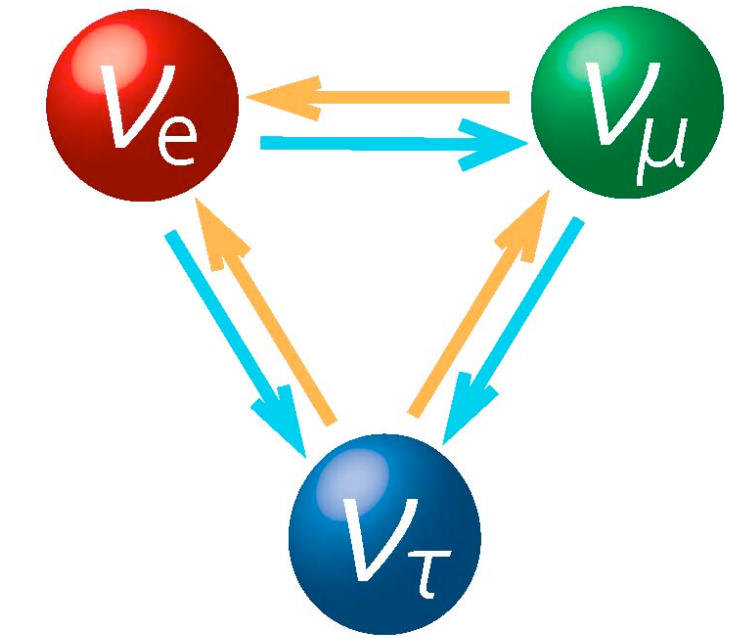
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# Neutrinos and Particle Physics

# Neutrinos and the Standard Model



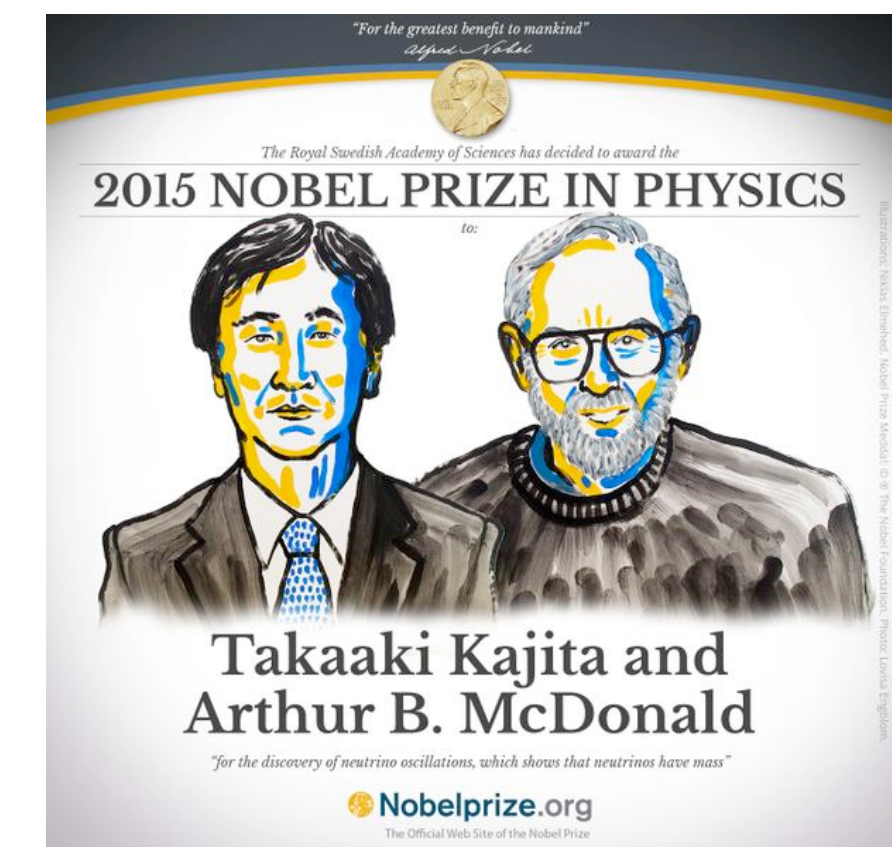
- The last 20 years have been a **revolution for neutrino physics**

Three Generations of Matter (Fermions) spin 1/2

|                | I   | II                                    | III                                  |                                     |                         |
|----------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| mass           | 2.4 MeV                                   | 1.27 GeV                              | 171.2 GeV                            | 0                                   |                         |
| charge         | 2/3                                       | 2/3                                   | 2/3                                  | 0                                   |                         |
| name           | <b>u</b><br>up                            | <b>c</b><br>charm                     | <b>t</b><br>top                      | <b>g</b><br>gluon                   |                         |
|                | Left Right                                | Left Right                            | Left Right                           | 0                                   |                         |
|                |   |                                       |                                      | <b>γ</b><br>photon                  |                         |
| <b>Quarks</b>  |   |                                       |                                      |                                     | M(H) ≈ 126 GeV          |
|                | 4.8 MeV                                   | 104 MeV                               | 4.2 GeV                              | 91.2 GeV                            |                         |
|                | -1/3                                      | -1/3                                  | -1/3                                 | 0                                   |                         |
|                | <b>d</b><br>down                          | <b>s</b><br>strange                   | <b>b</b><br>bottom                   | <b>Z</b> <sup>0</sup><br>weak force | <b>H</b><br>Higgs boson |
|                | Left Right                                | Left Right                            | Left Right                           | 0                                   | spin 0                  |
|                | 0 eV                                      | 0 eV                                  | 0 eV                                 | 80.4 GeV                            |                         |
|                | <b>ν<sub>e</sub></b><br>electron neutrino | <b>ν<sub>μ</sub></b><br>muon neutrino | <b>ν<sub>τ</sub></b><br>tau neutrino | <b>W</b> <sup>±</sup><br>weak force |                         |
|                | Left Right                                | Left Right                            | Left Right                           |                                     |                         |
| <b>Leptons</b> |   |                                       |                                      |                                     |                         |
|                | 0.511 MeV                                 | 105.7 MeV                             | 1.777 GeV                            |                                     |                         |
|                | -1  | -1                                    | -1                                   |                                     |                         |
|                | <b>e</b><br>electron                      | <b>μ</b><br>muon                      | <b>τ</b><br>tau                      |                                     |                         |
|                | Left Right                                | Left Right                            | Left Right                           |                                     |                         |

- The only neutral fermion in the SM
- Very weak interaction with matter
- 3 types of neutrinos
- Only left-handed neutrinos have been detected
- Much lighter than their charged leptonic partners (in the SM they are massless)
- Together with photons, they are the most abundant elementary particles in the Universe

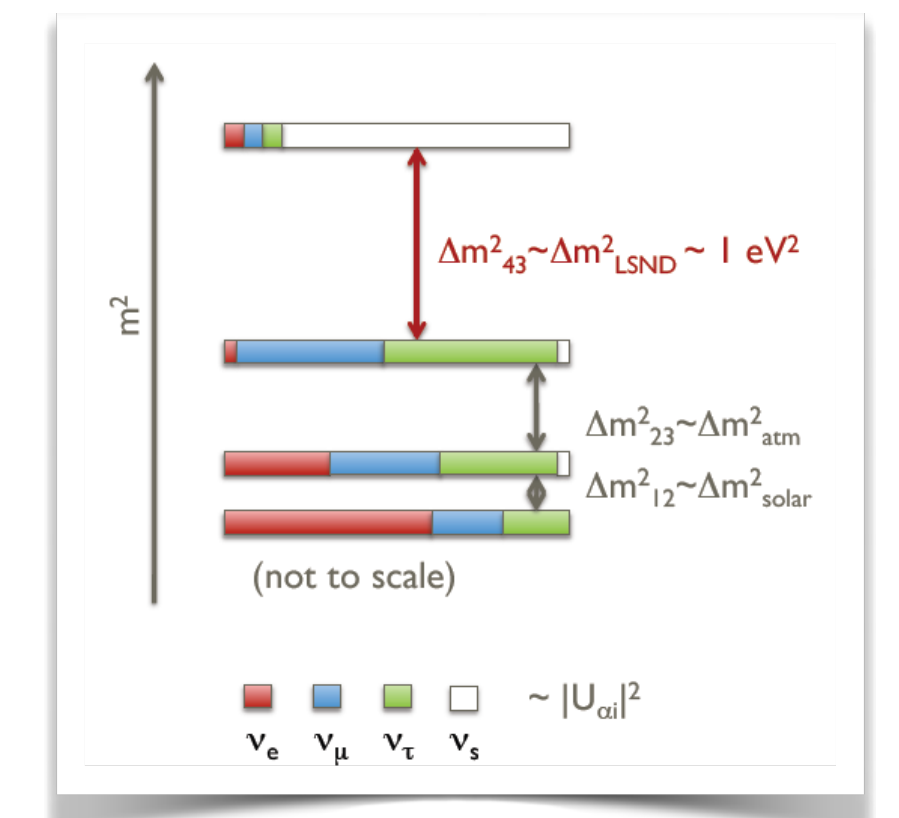
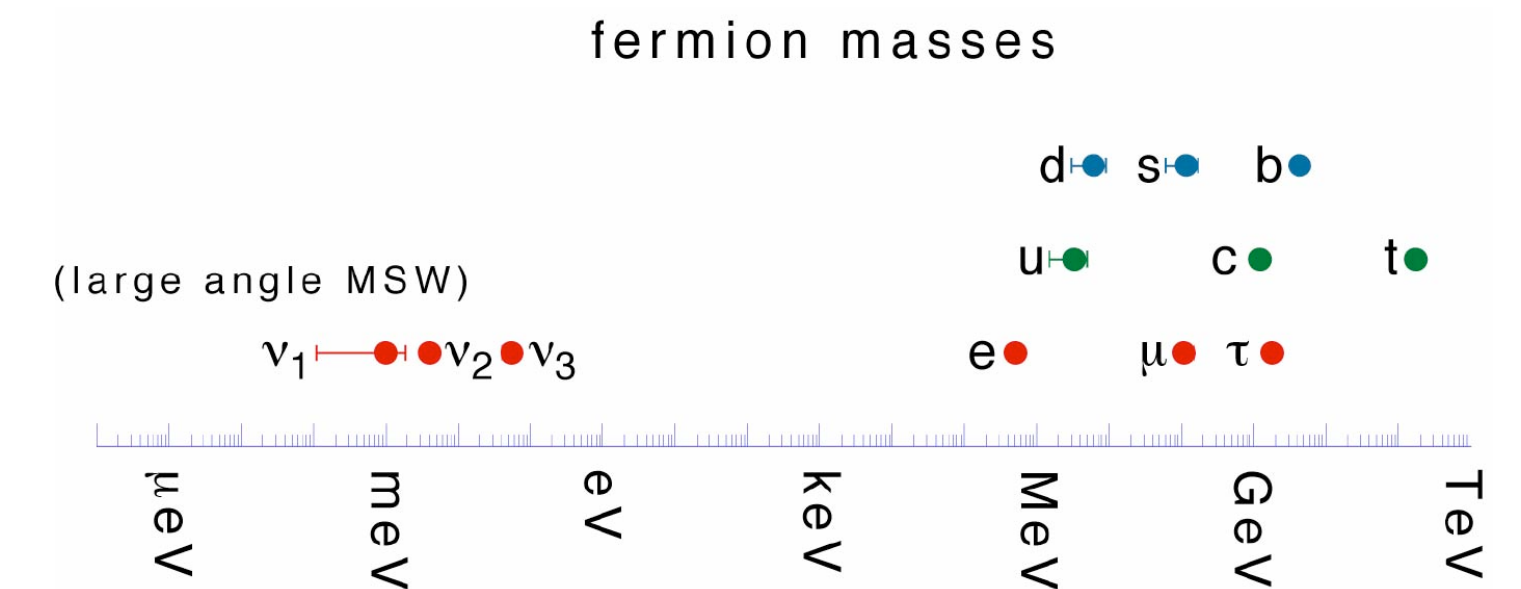
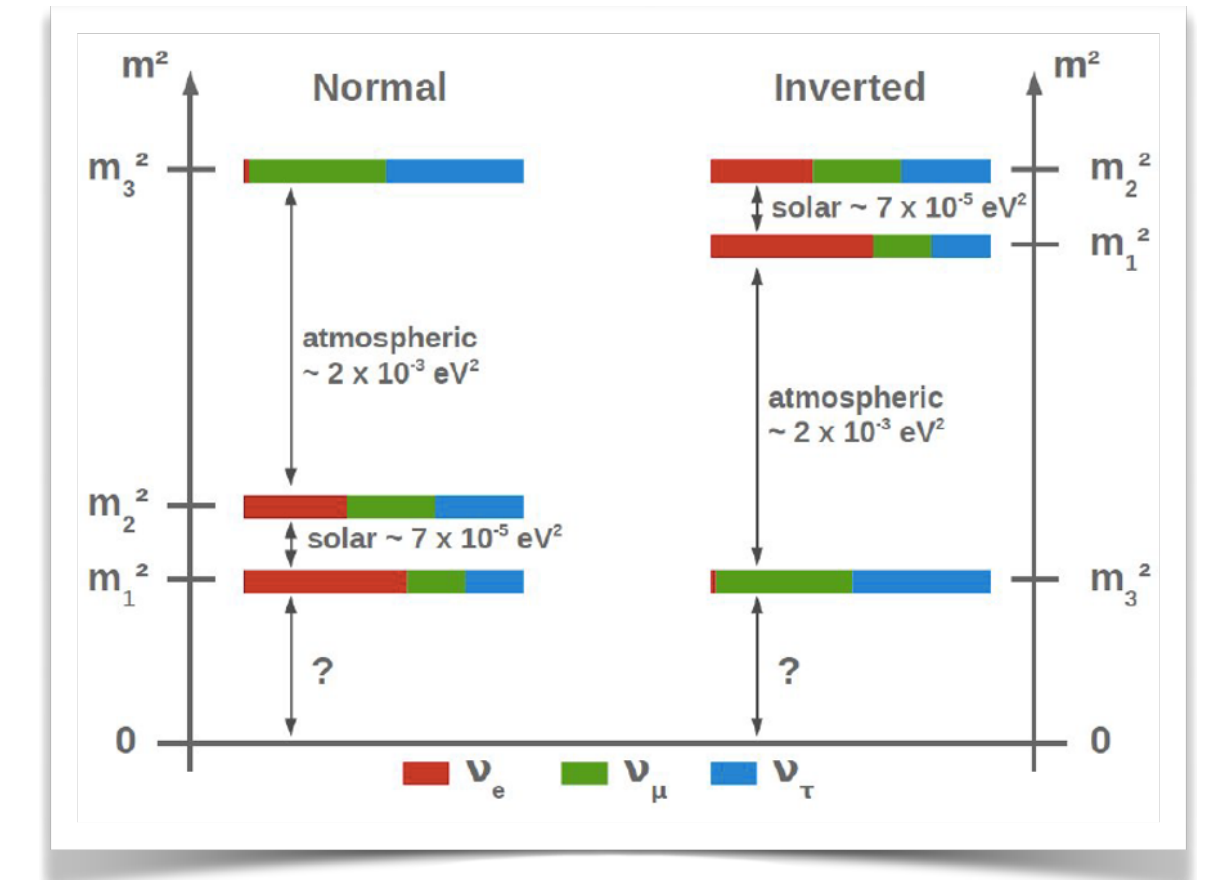
- Observation of neutrino oscillations → **non-vanishing neutrino mass** (flavor mixing)
- First evidence of physics beyond the Standard Model



# Main open questions

However, there are **fundamental unanswered questions**:

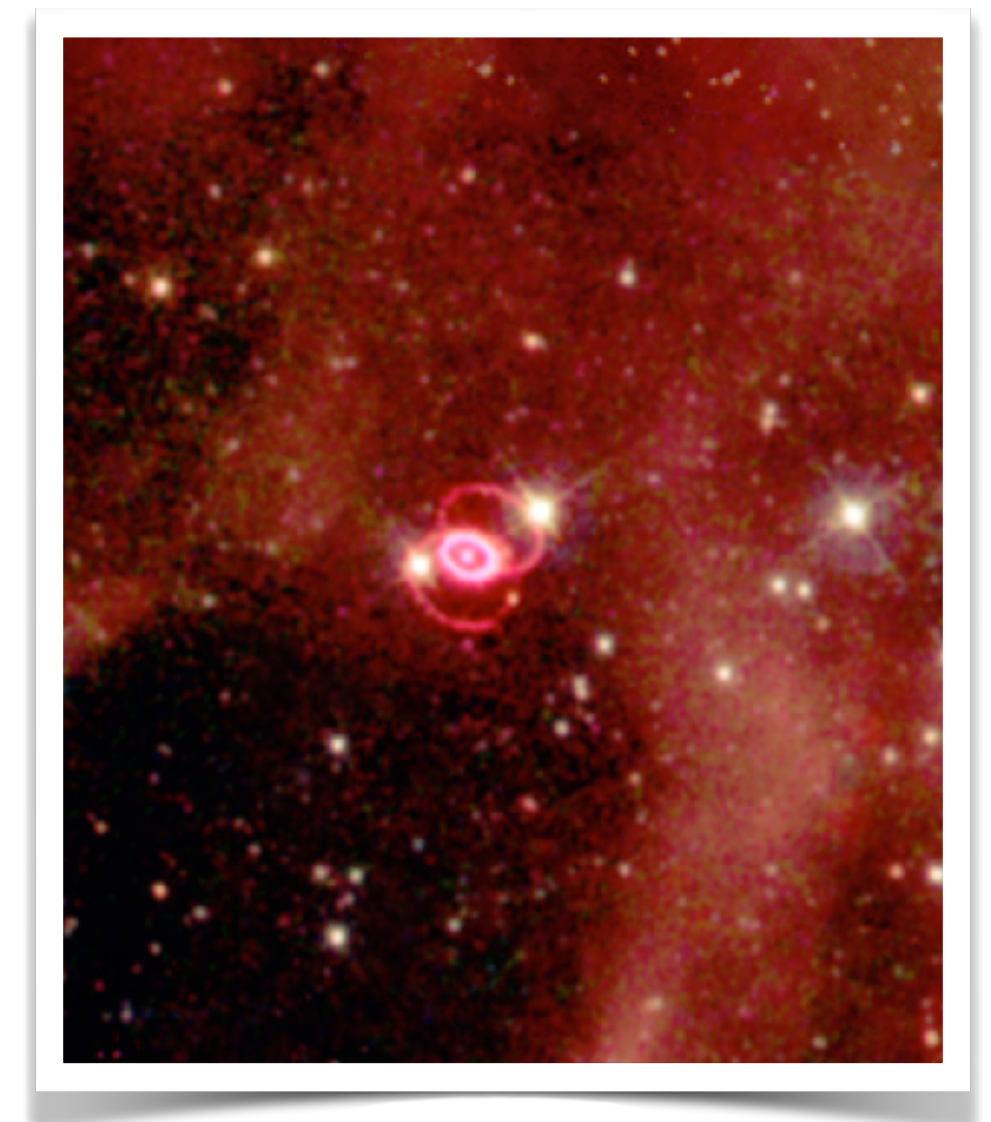
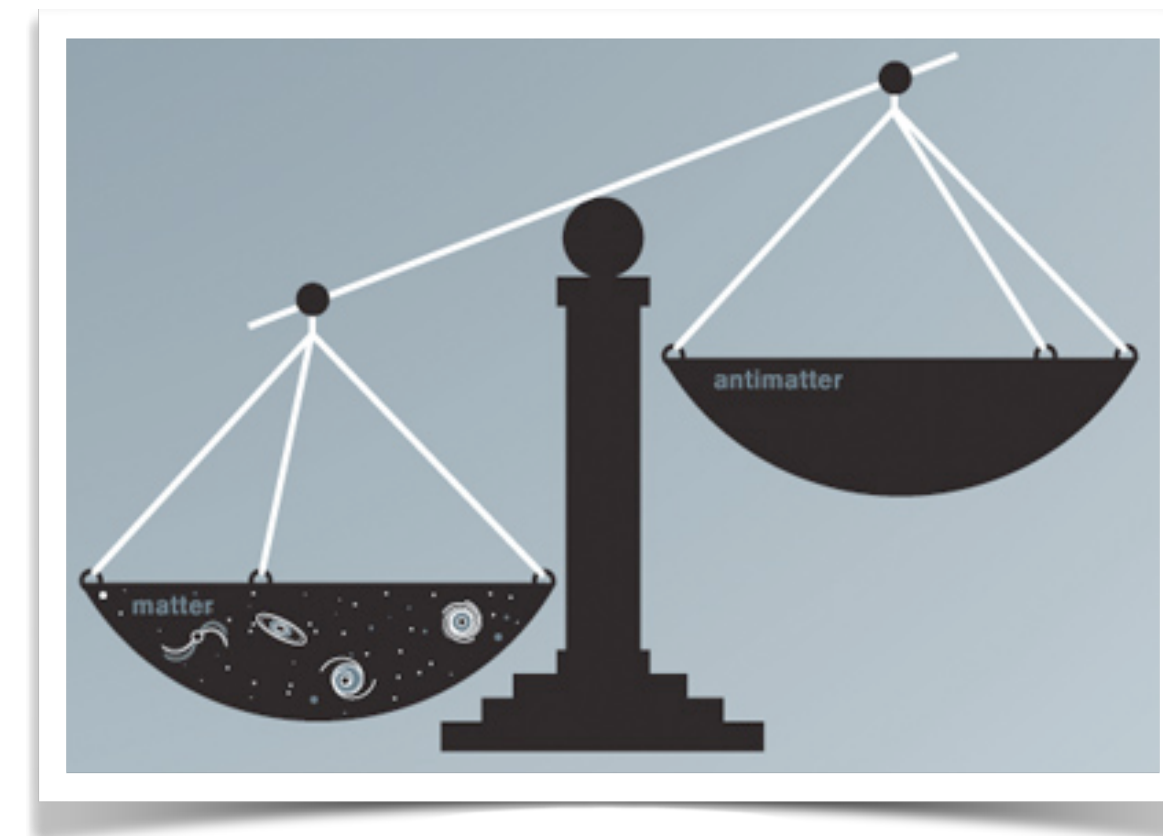
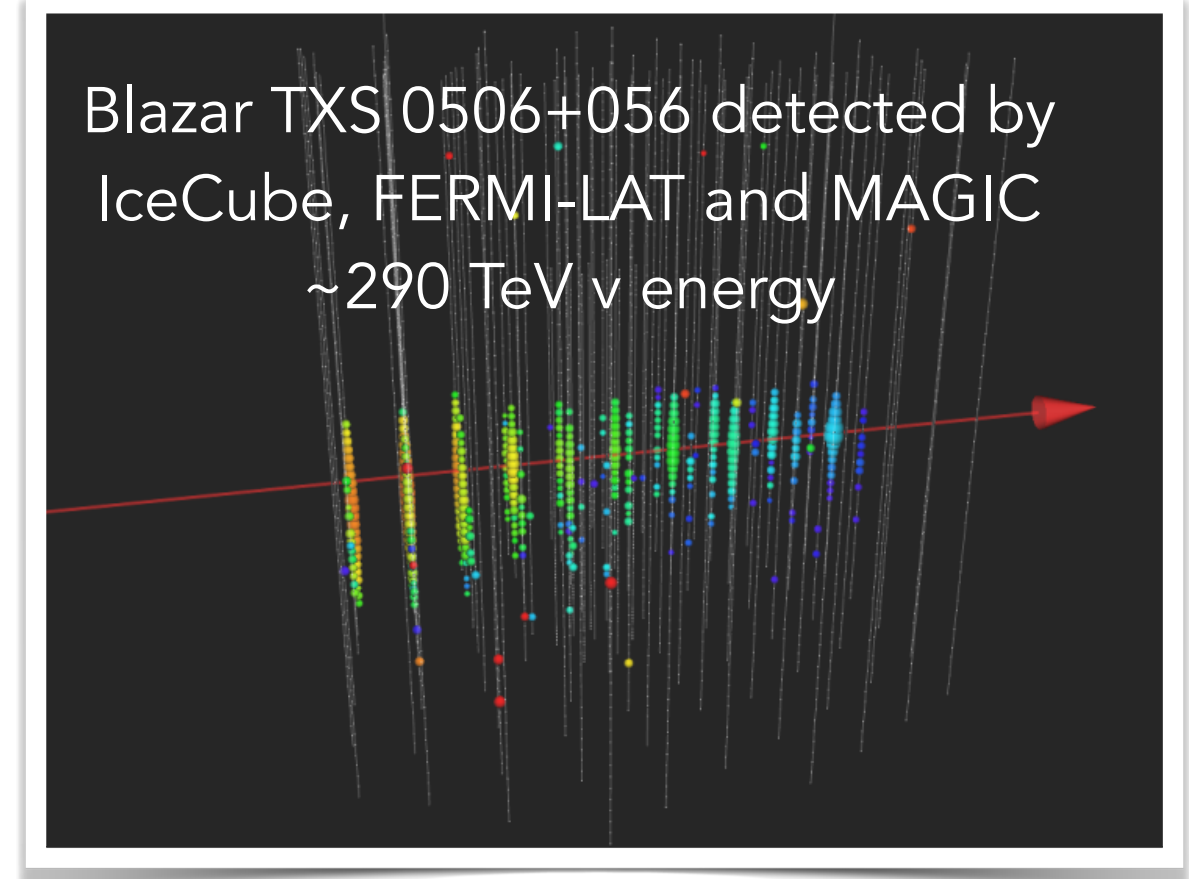
- ◆ What is the mass of neutrinos?
- ◆ Are neutrinos their own antiparticle? Dirac or Majorana?
- ◆ Why are neutrinos much lighter than the other fermions?
- ◆ What is the neutrino mass ordering?
- ◆ Is there CP violation in the lepton sector? CP-phase value?
- ◆ Are there any sterile neutrino states? If so, what are their masses?
- ◆ Deviations from unitarity of the PMNS matrix?



# Connection with astrophysics and cosmology

## Neutrinos as **probes of the Universe:**

- ◆ High-energy neutrino physics
- ◆ New astrophysical sources
- ◆ Core-collapse supernova and diffuse SN neutrino background
- ◆ Relic neutrinos from early Universe
- ◆ Matter-antimatter asymmetry relation
- ◆ Sterile neutrinos as dark matter?

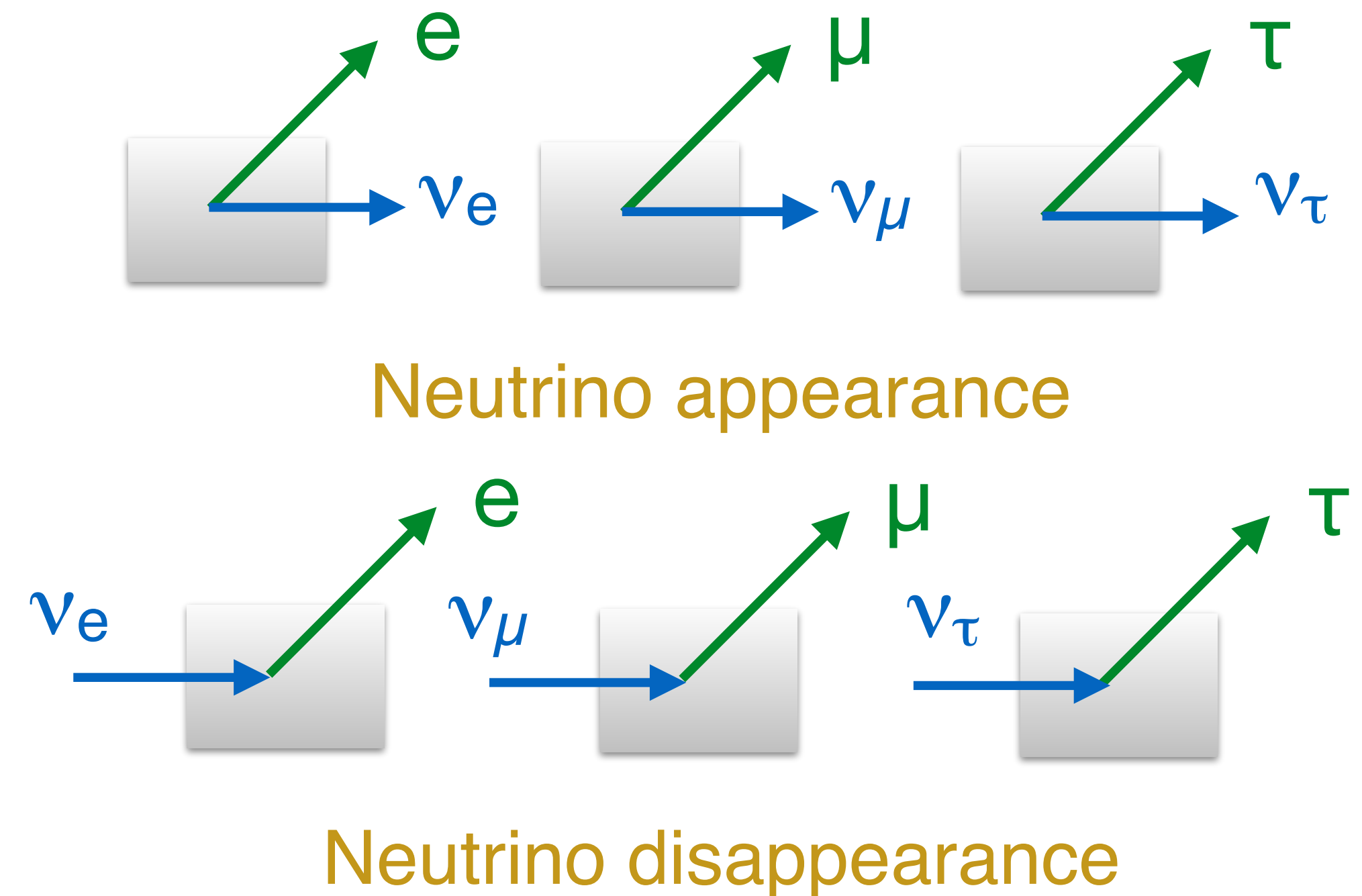
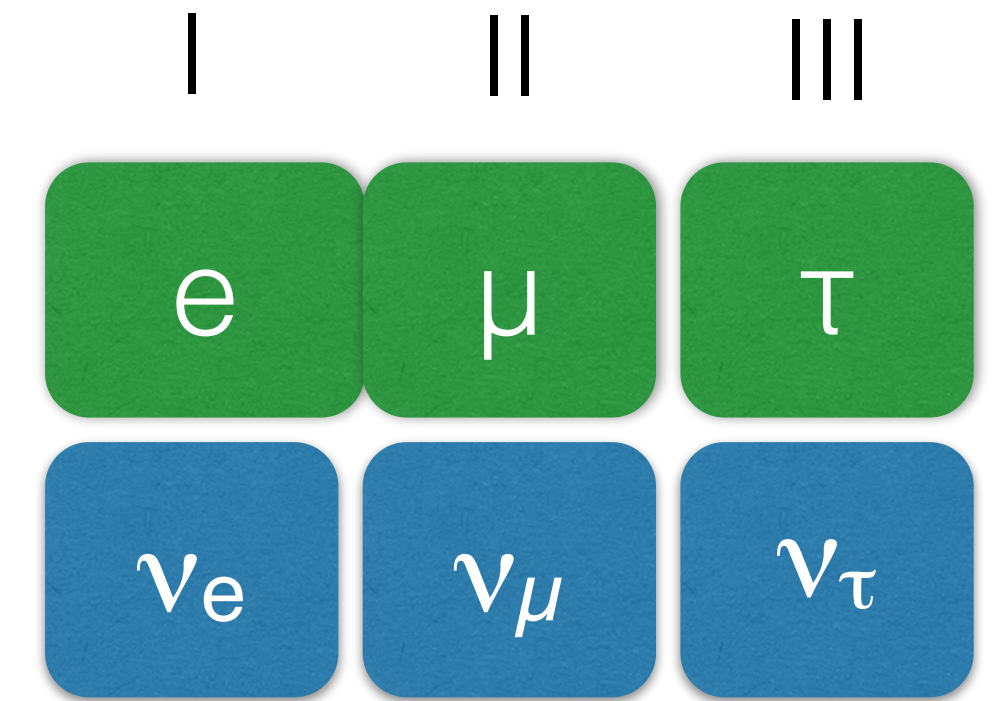


# Neutrino interactions

- Magnitud:

- ▶ A GeV **proton** travels **10 cm in lead!!**
- ▶ **Neutrinos** produced by accelerators (~GeV) travel (on average) **1.500 millions of km in lead** before interacting
- ▶ **Neutrinos** produced by the Sun (~1000 times less energetic ~MeV) travel (on average) **1.5 light-years in lead** before interacting

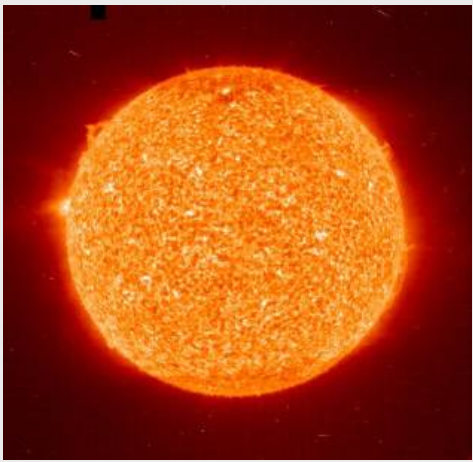

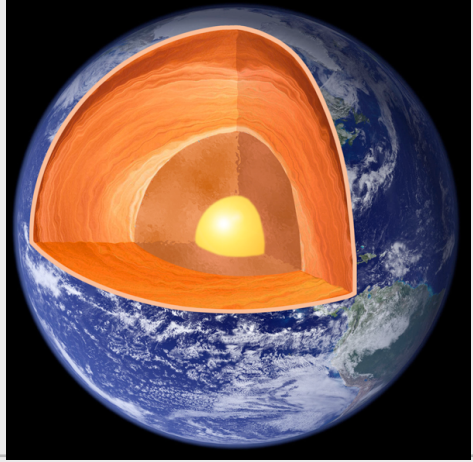





- ✱ Neutrinos only interact **with members of their own family** (electron, muon or tau)
- ✱ The identification of the partner charged particle allows us to know the type (flavor) of the neutrino



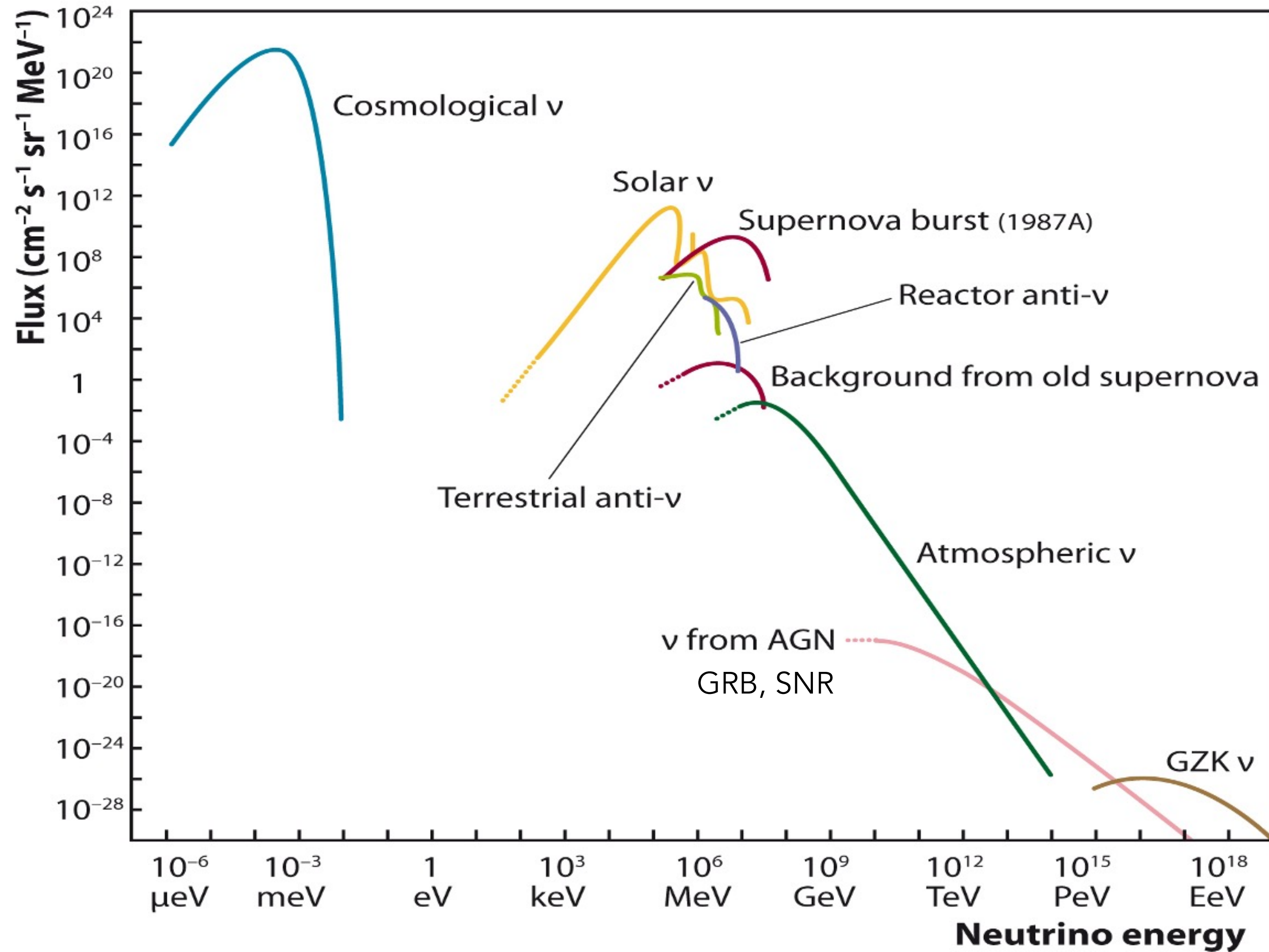
# Neutrino sources

NATURAL

ARTIFICIAL

|   |   |  |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|
|    | $\phi_\nu \sim 65 \times 10^9 / \text{cm}^2 \text{ s}$<br>Sun<br>$L \sim 10^8 \text{ km}$                   | $E \sim \text{MeV}$<br>$L \sim 10^8 \text{ km}$      |    | $\phi_\nu \sim 10^2 - 10^9 / \text{GeV cm}^2 \text{ sr s}$<br>Atmosphere<br>$L \sim 10 - 10^4 \text{ km}$ | $E \sim \text{GeV-TeV}$<br>$L \sim 10 - 10^4 \text{ km}$ |
|   | $\phi_\nu \sim 10^6 / \text{cm}^2 \text{ s}$<br>Earth<br>$L \sim 10 - 10^3 \text{ km}$                      | $E \sim \text{MeV}$<br>$L \sim 10 - 10^3 \text{ km}$ |   | Supernovae<br>$L \sim \text{kpc- Mpc}$  | $E \sim \text{MeV}$<br>$L \sim \text{kpc- Mpc}$          |
|  | $\phi_\nu \sim 300 / \text{cm}^3$<br>Big Bang<br>$L \sim \text{Mpc}$  | $E \lesssim \text{meV}$<br>$L \sim \text{Mpc}$       |  | Astrophysics<br>Accelerators<br>$L \sim \text{kpc- Mpc}$  | $E \sim \text{TeV-PeV}$<br>$L \sim \text{kpc- Mpc}$      |
|  | $\phi_\nu \sim 2 \times 10^{20} / \text{s GW}_{\text{th}}$<br>Nuclear Reactors<br>$L \sim 1-100 \text{ km}$ | $E \sim \text{MeV}$<br>$L \sim 1-100 \text{ km}$     |  | Particle Accelerators<br>$L \sim 100-1000 \text{ km}$   | $E \sim \text{GeV}$<br>$L \sim 100-1000 \text{ km}$      |

# Neutrino fluxes at Earth



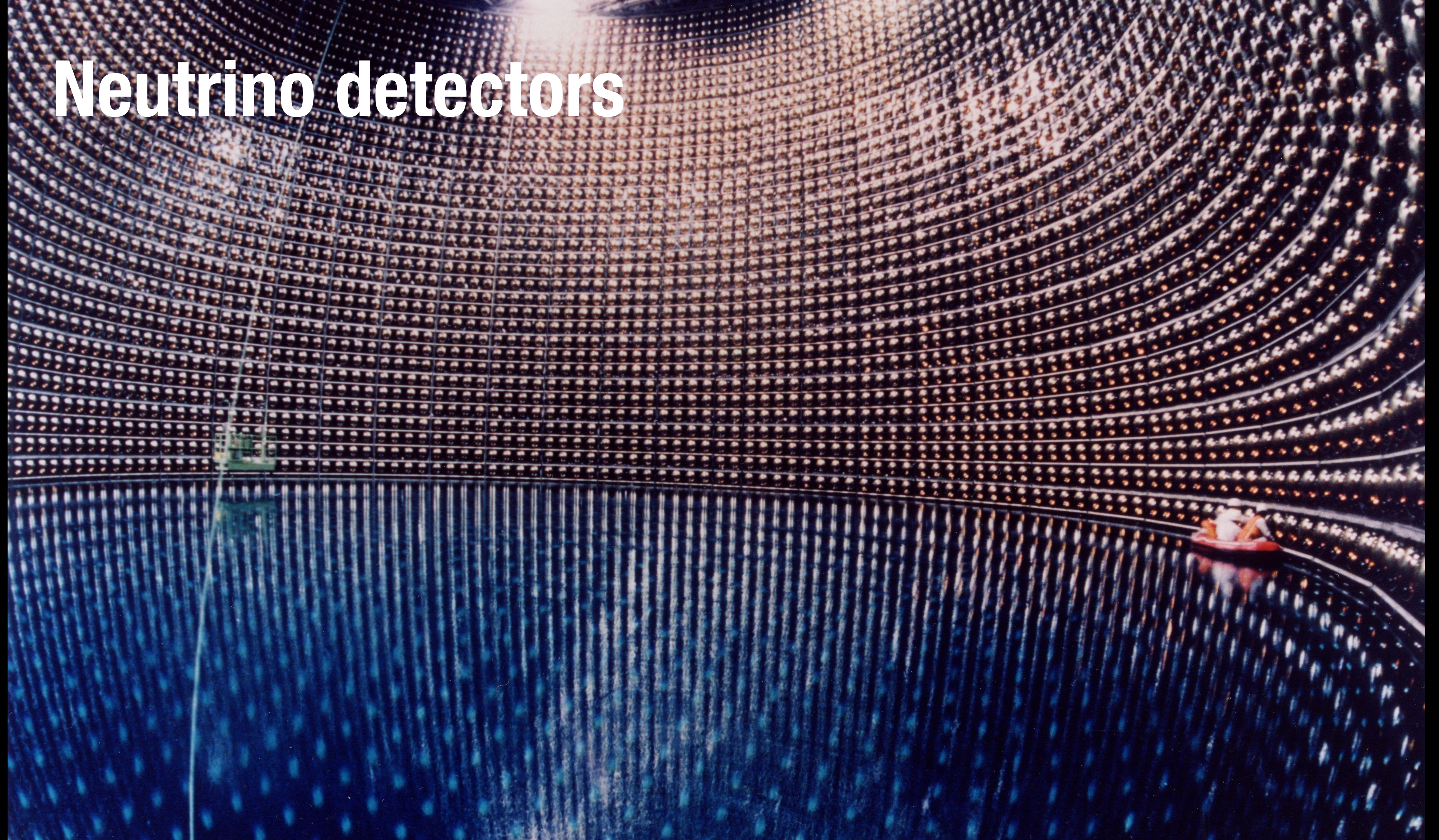


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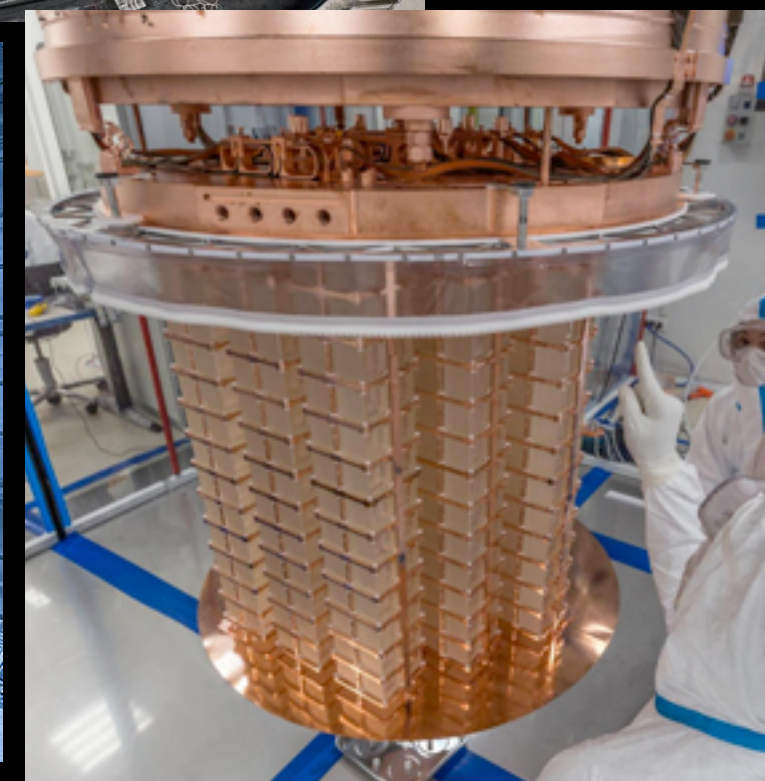
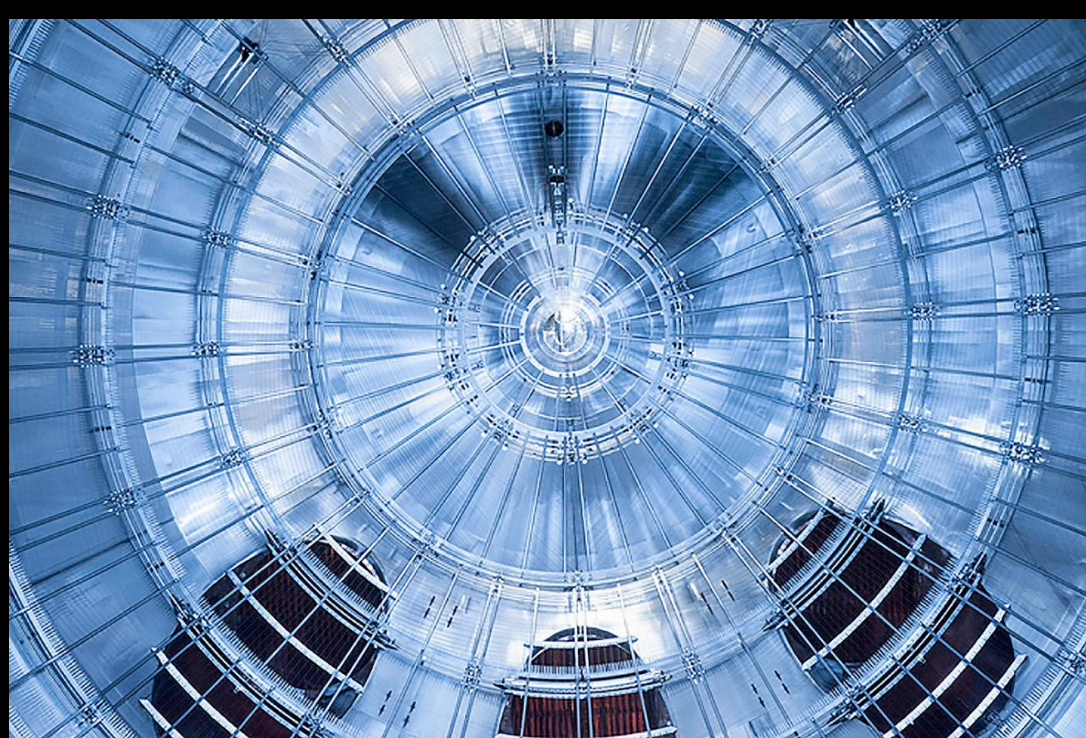
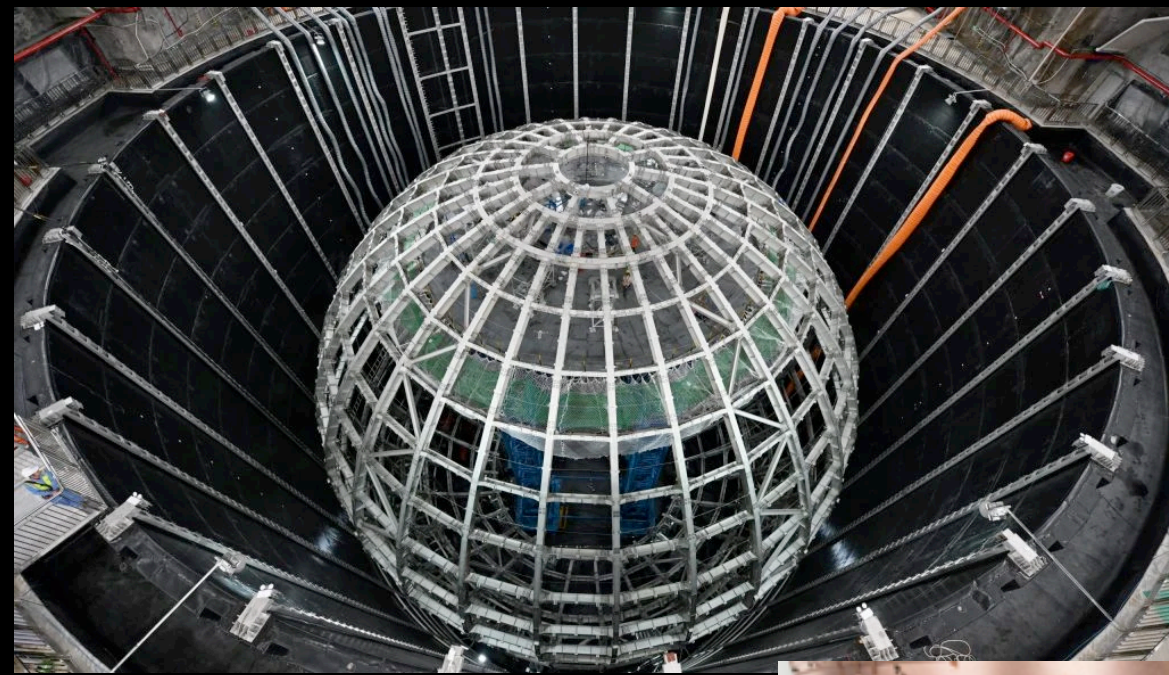
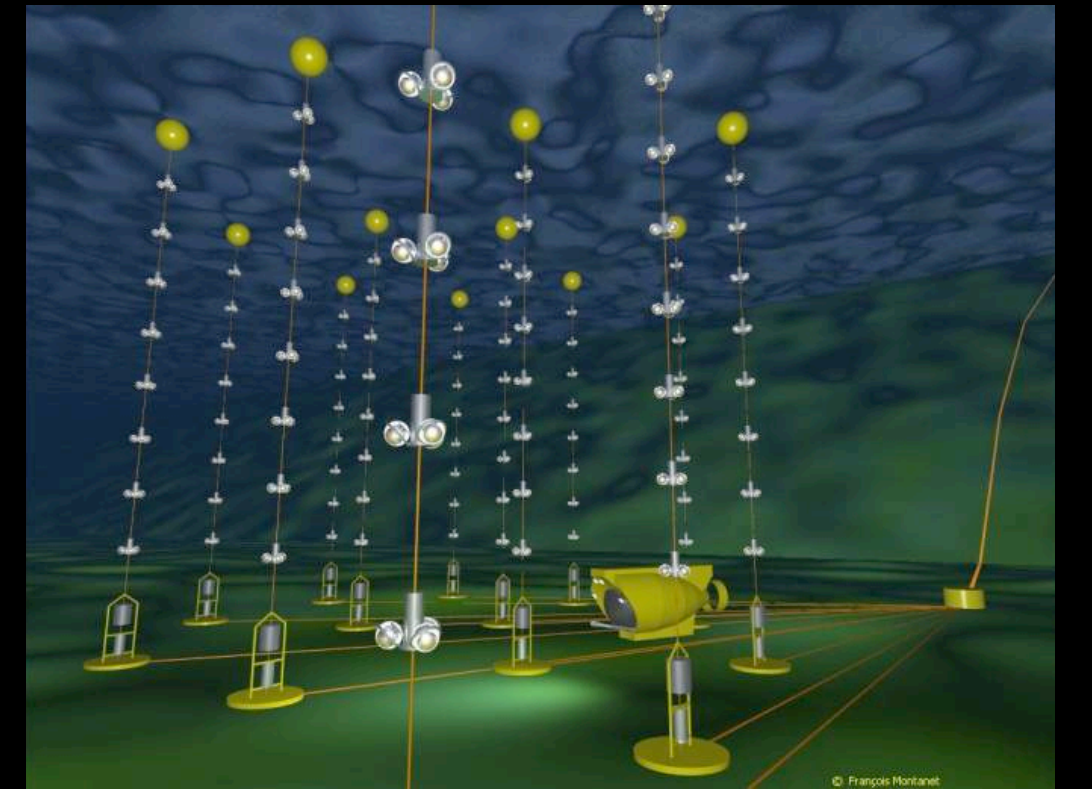
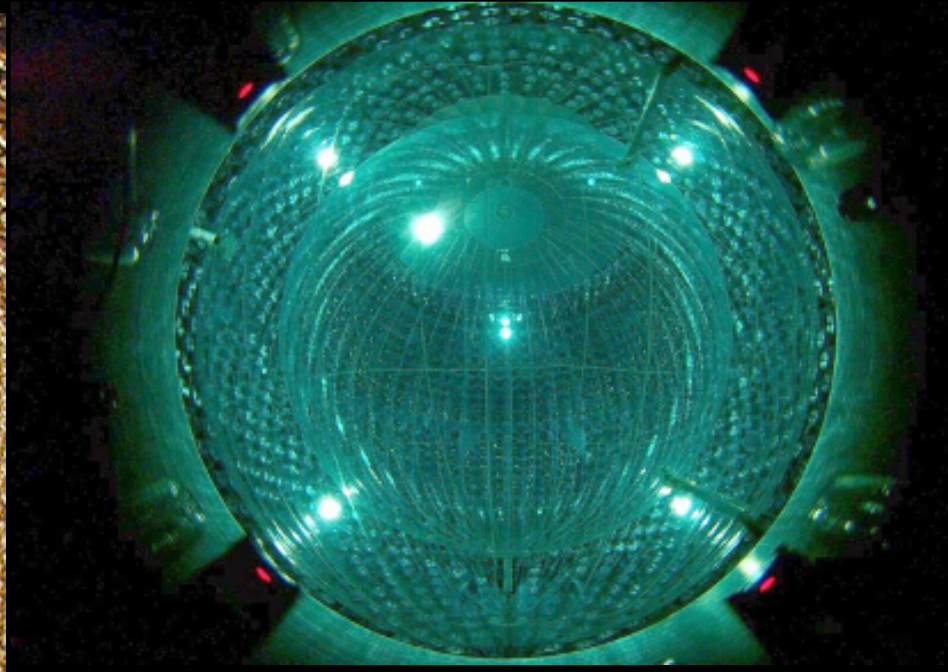
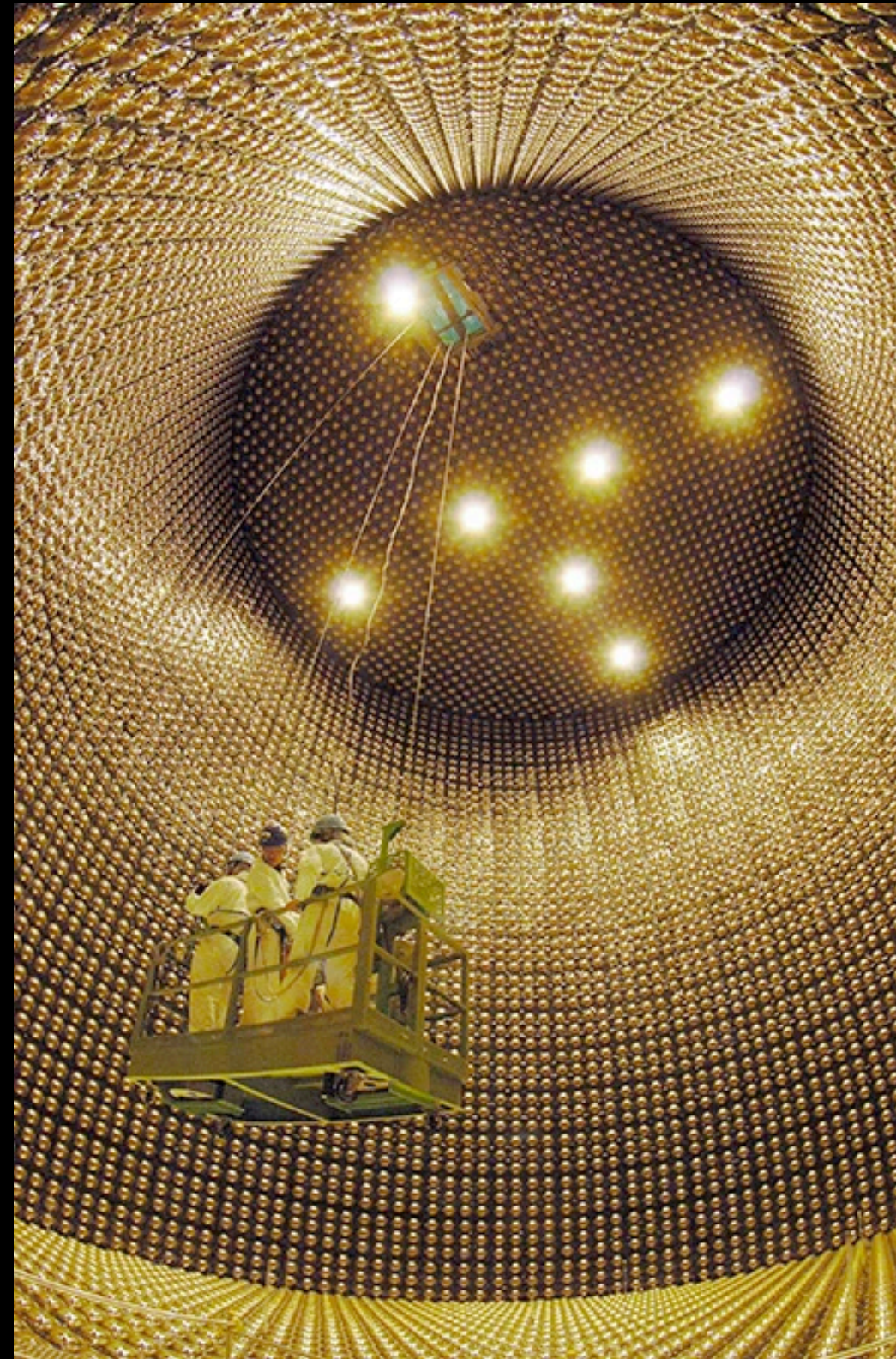
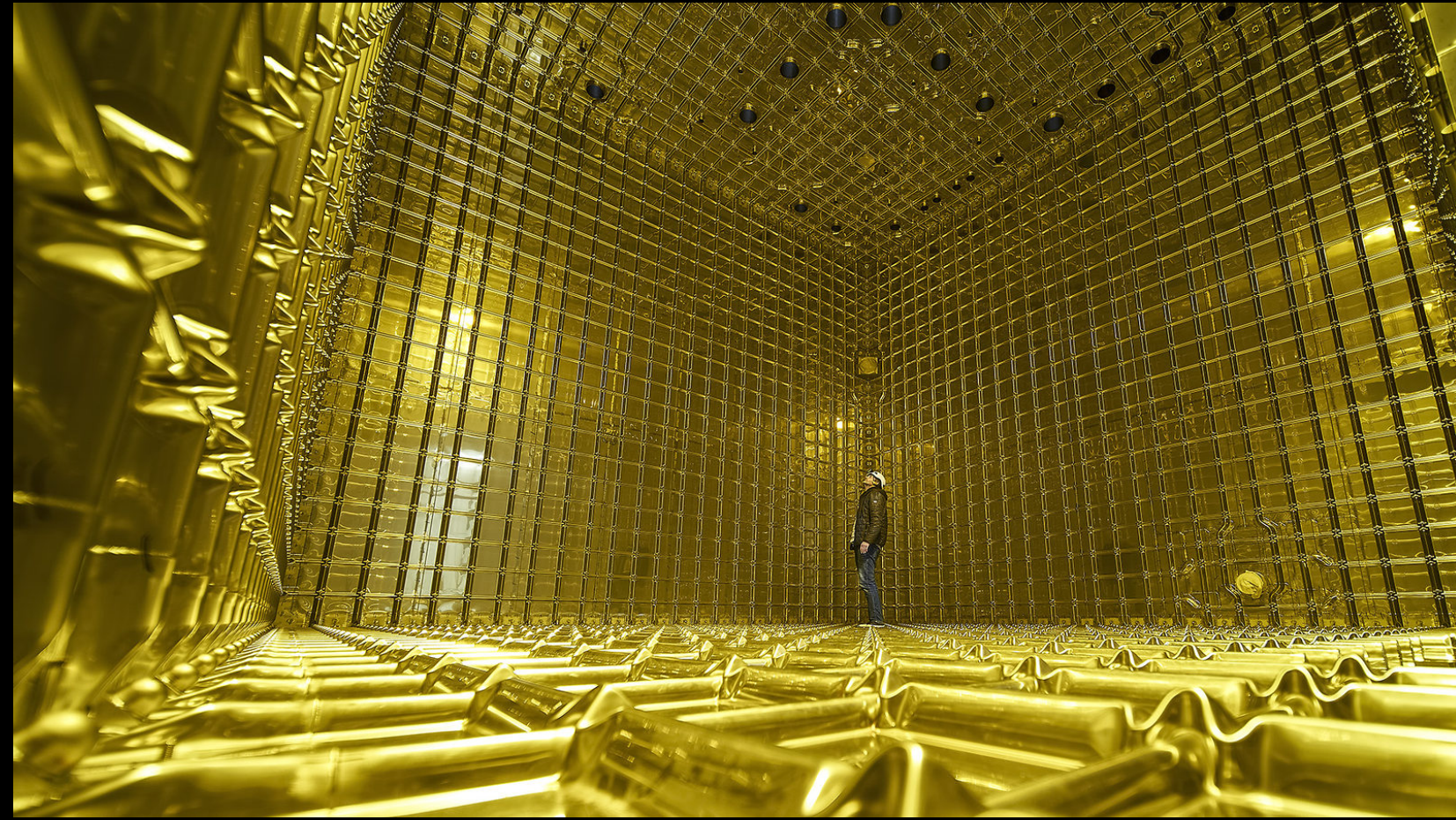
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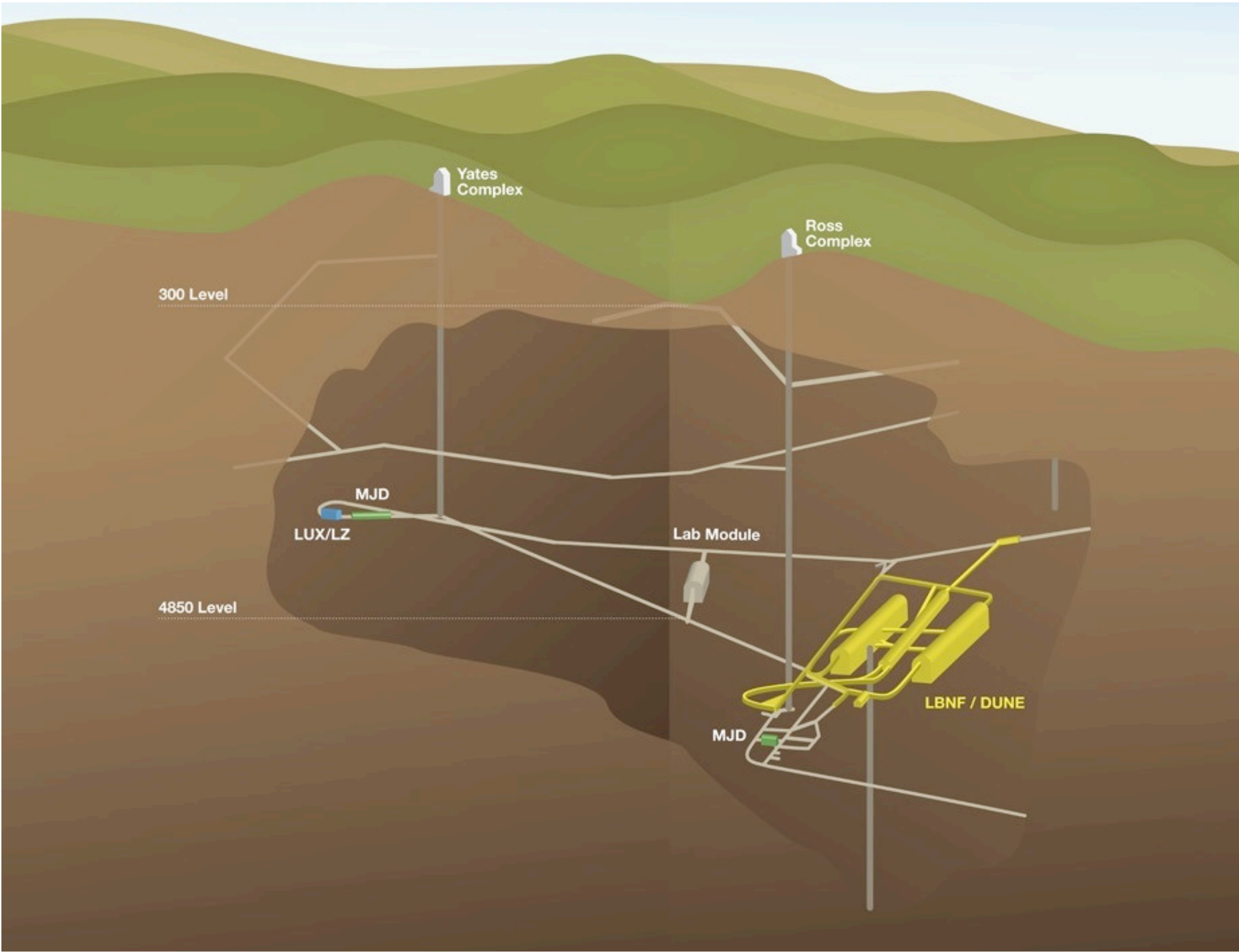
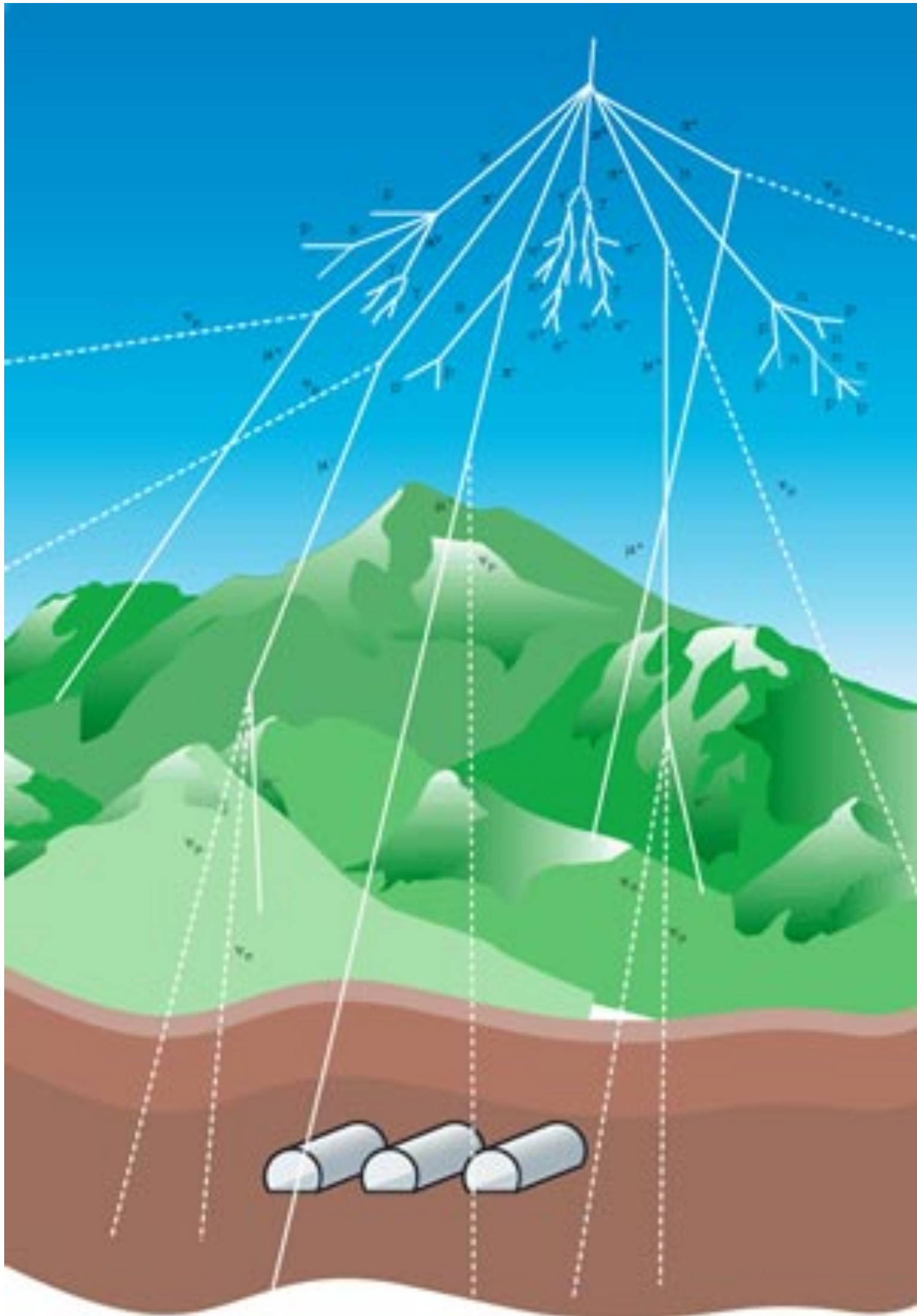
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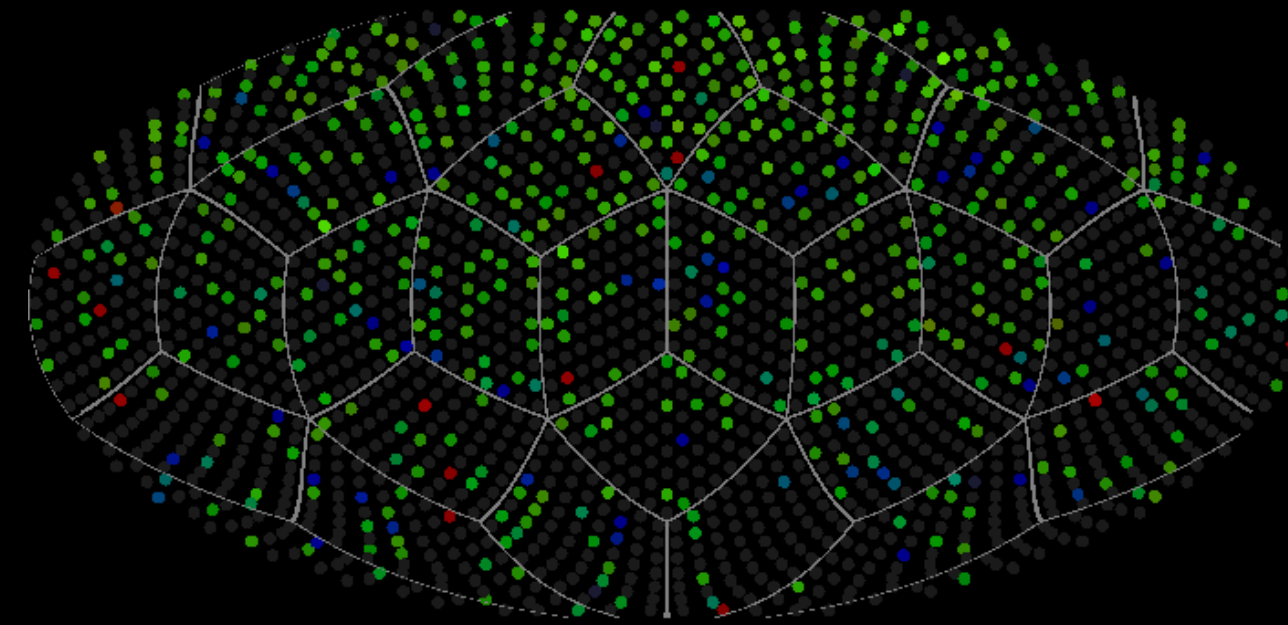
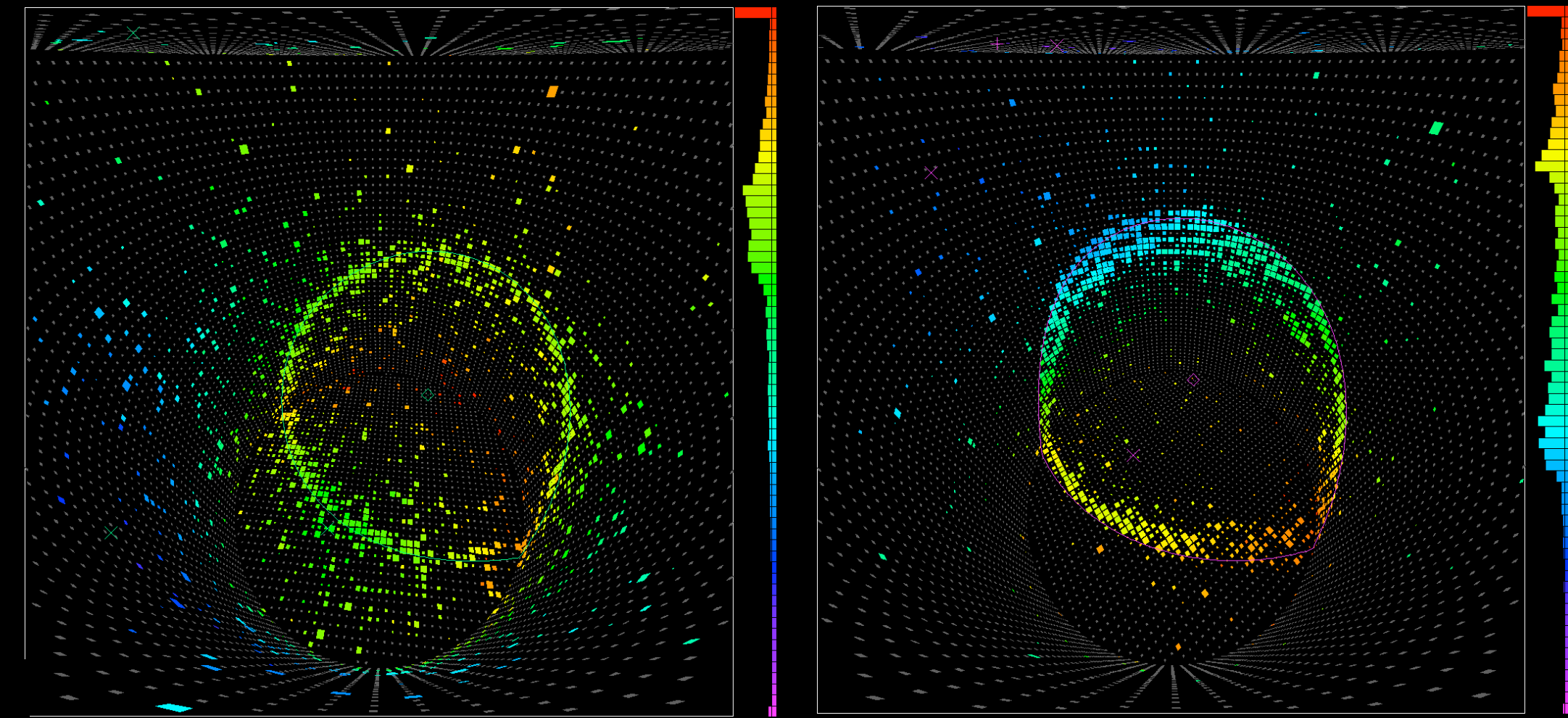
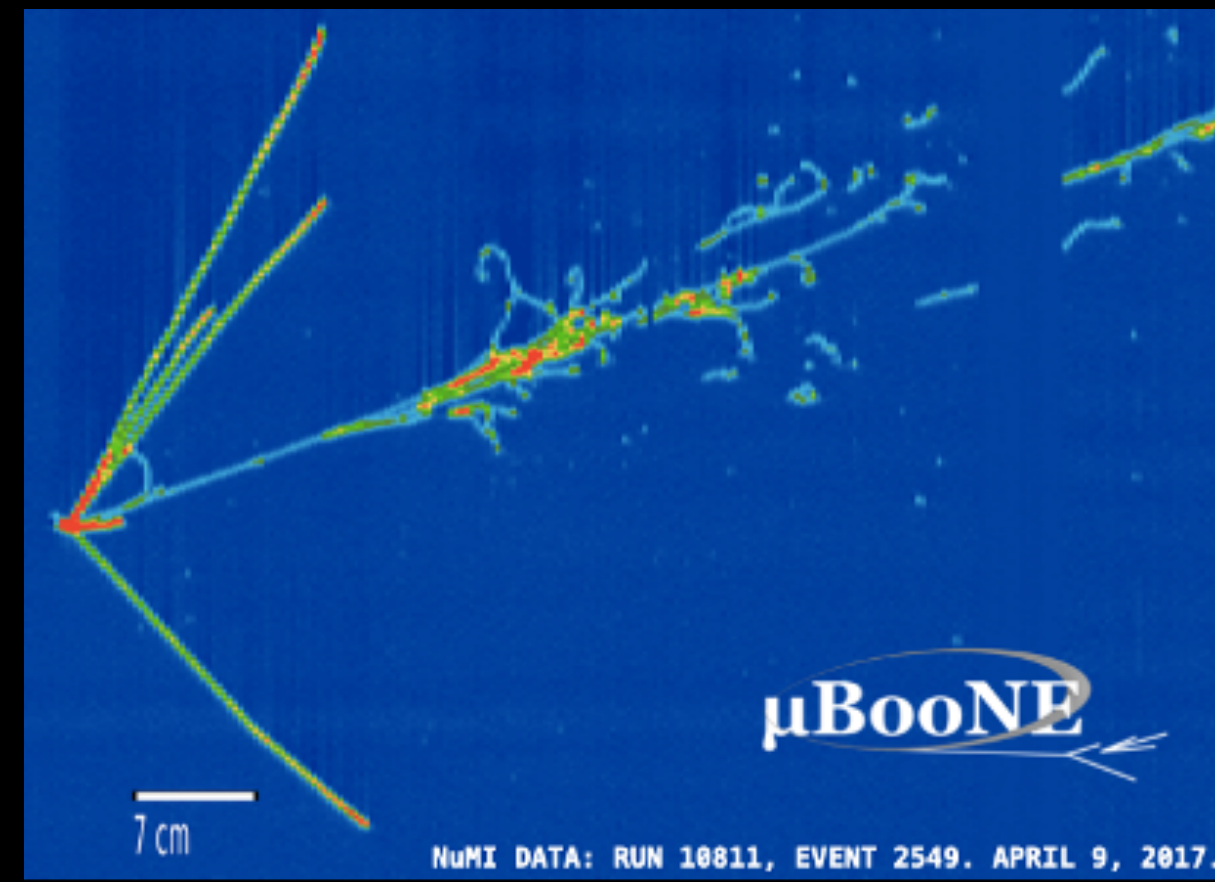
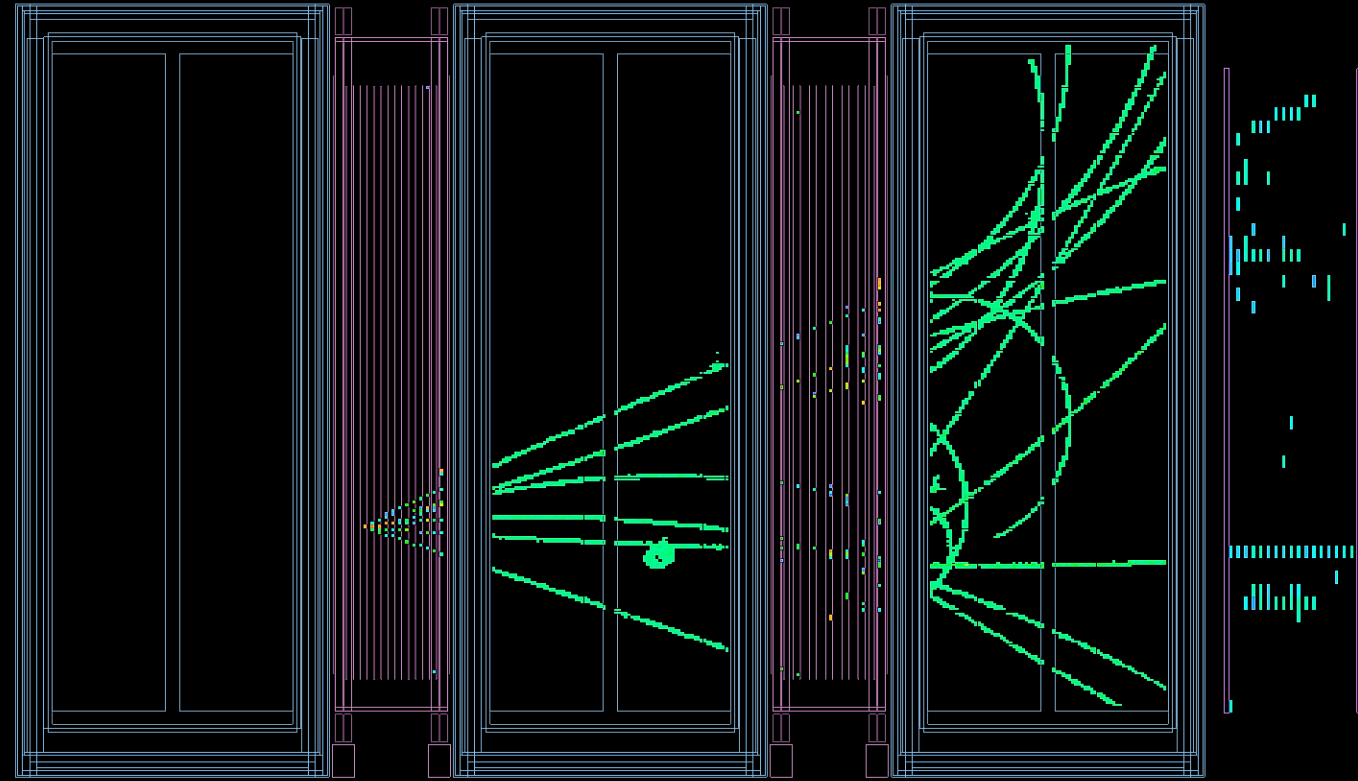
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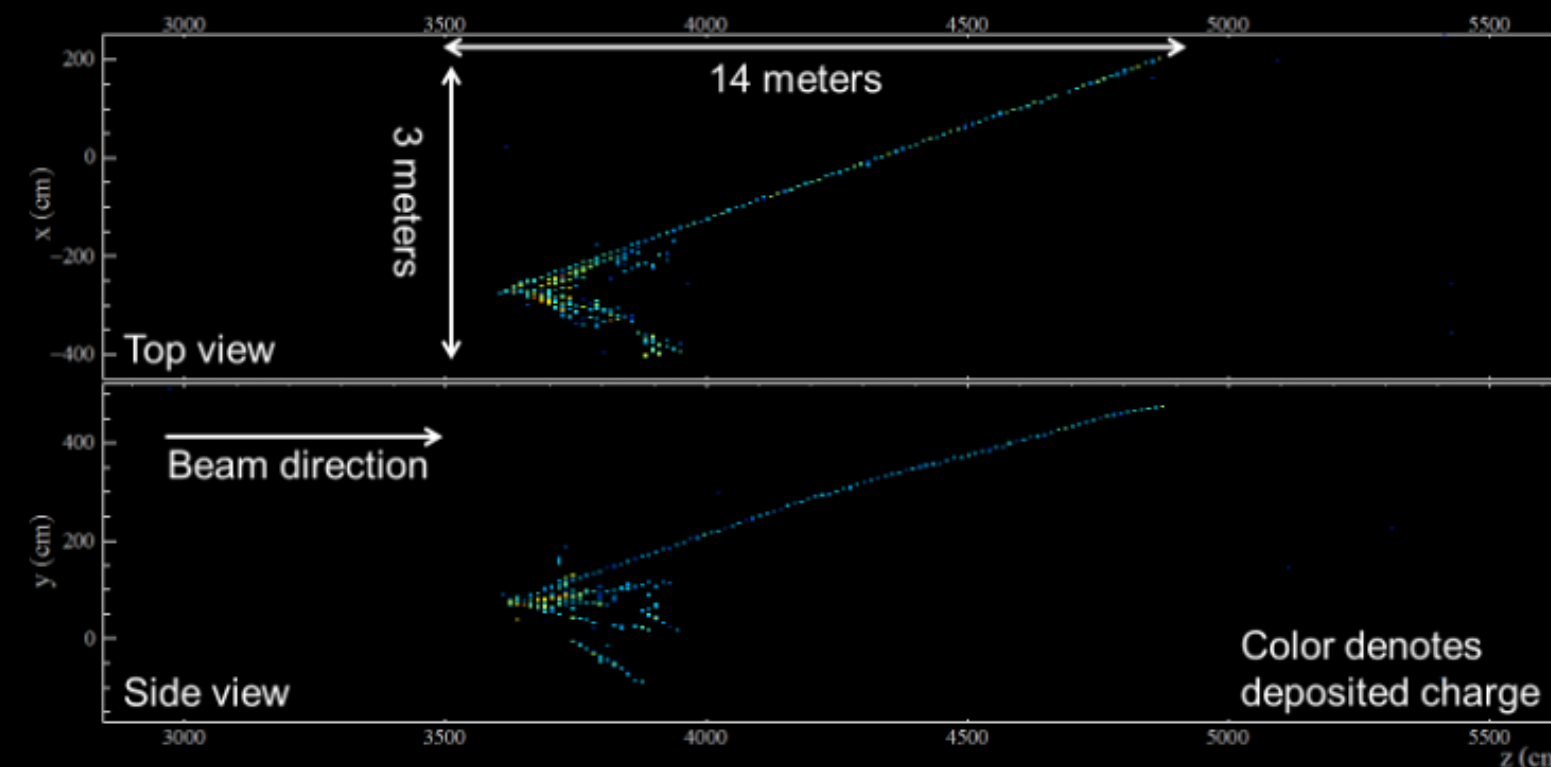
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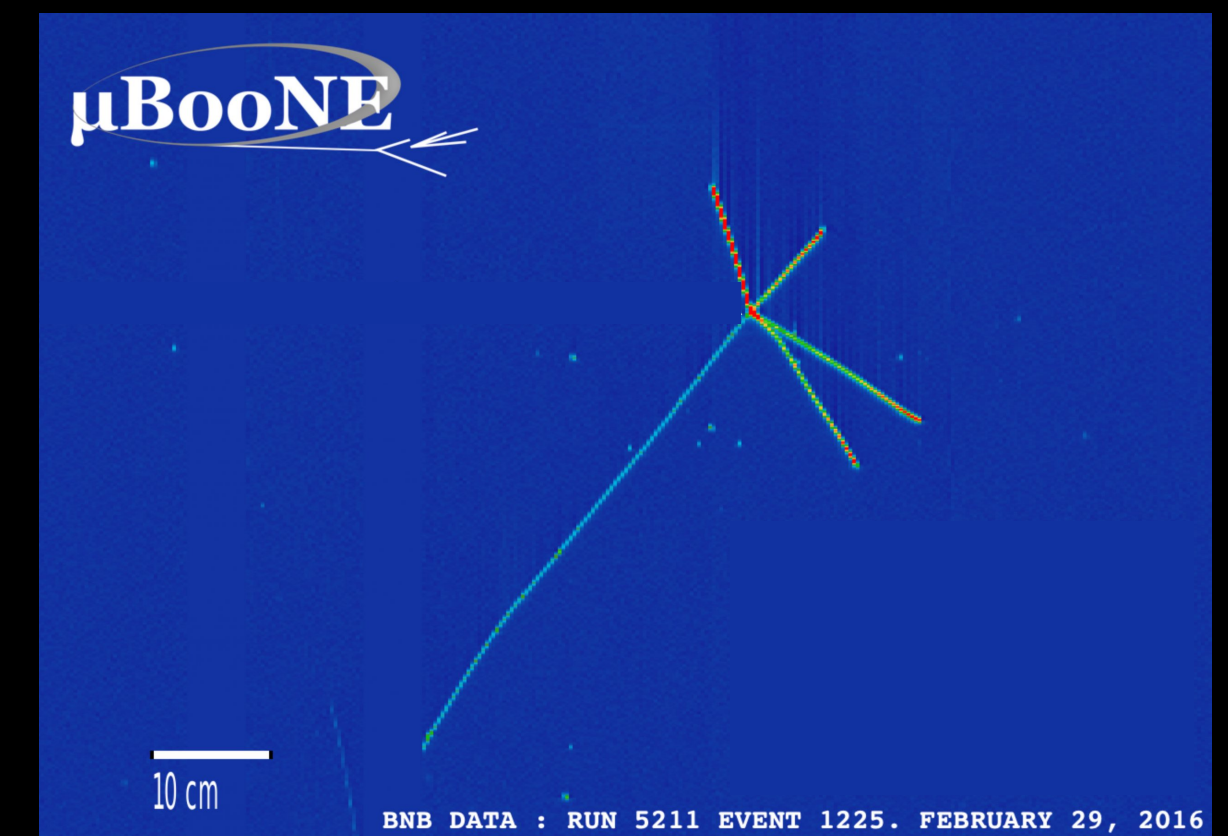
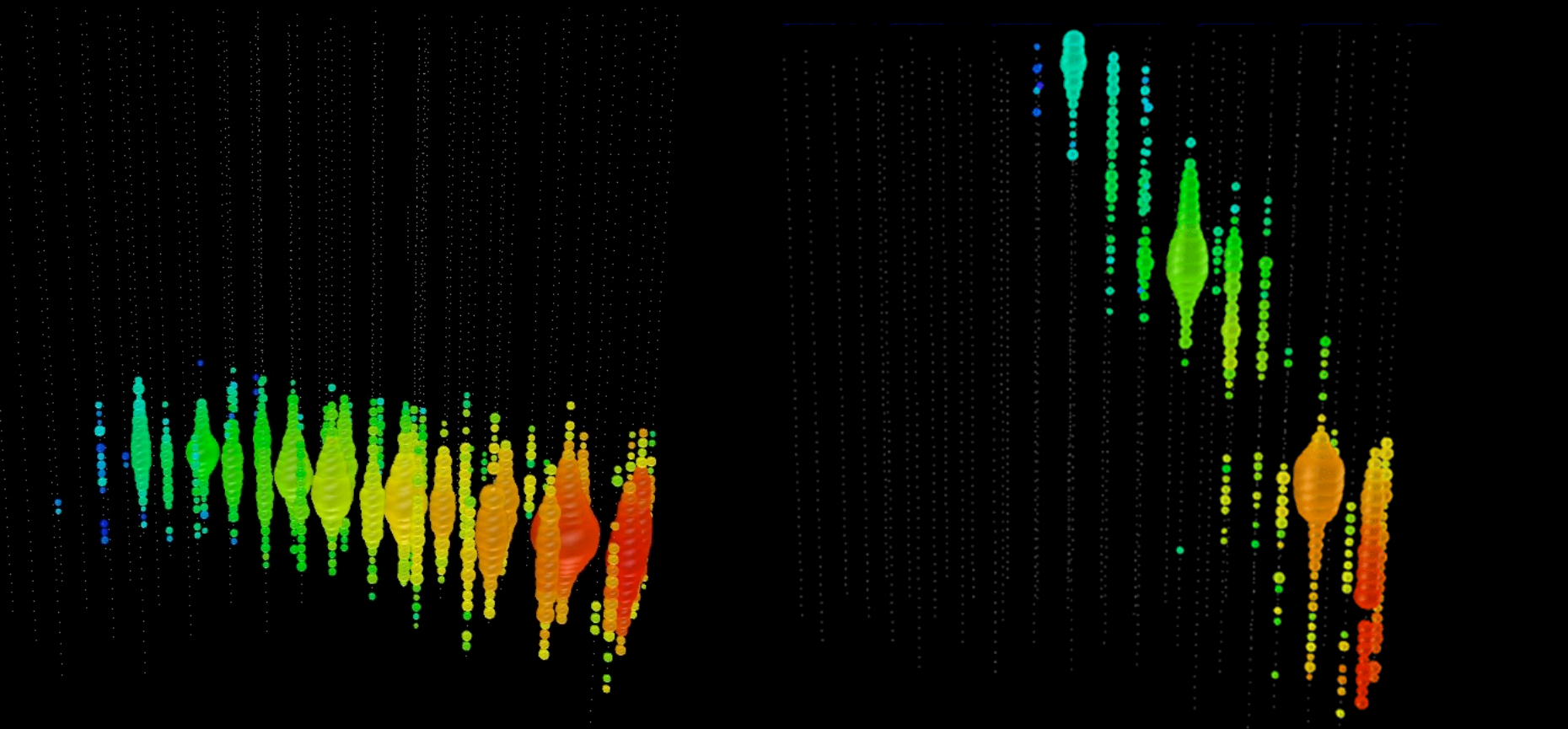
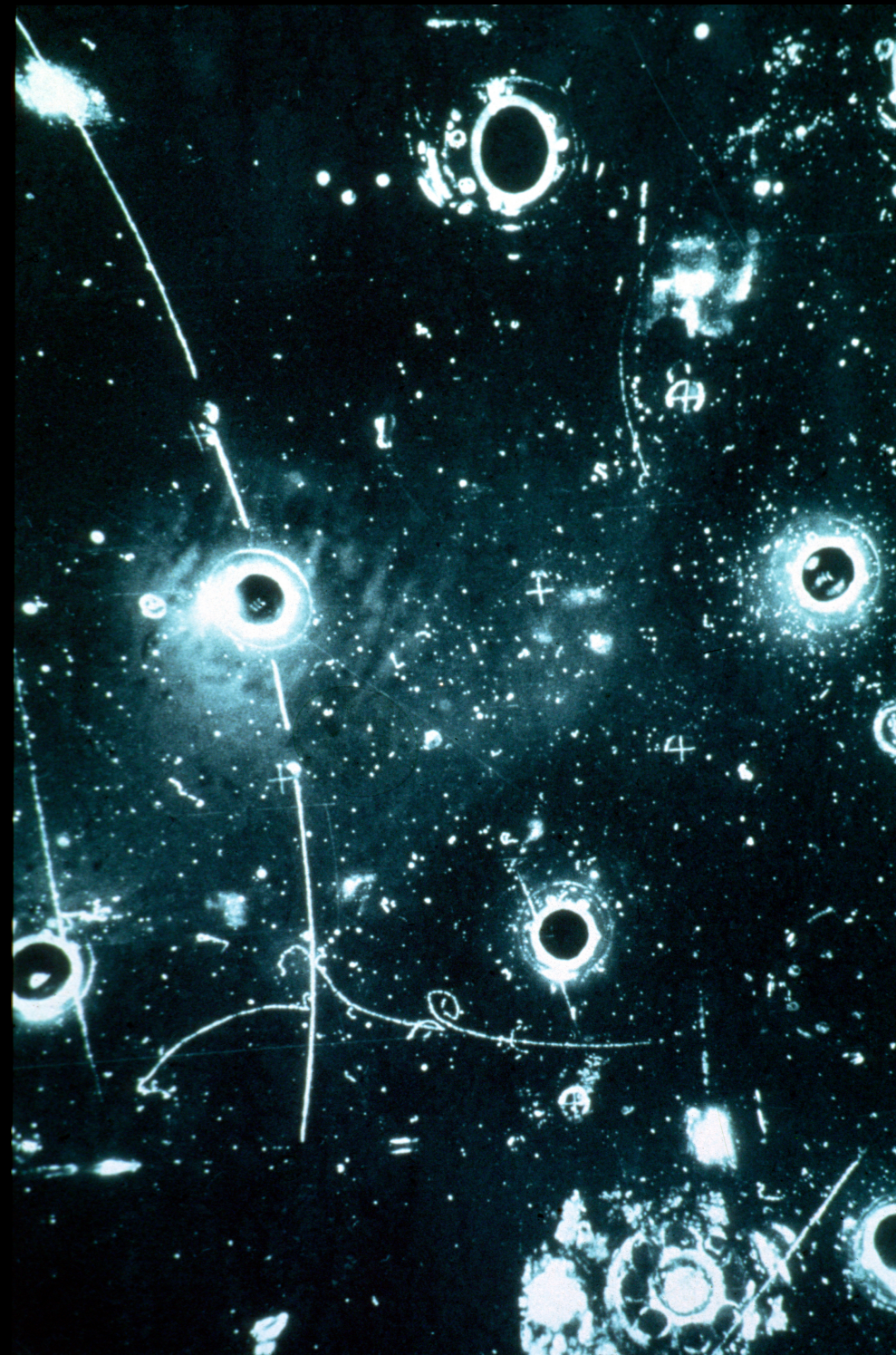
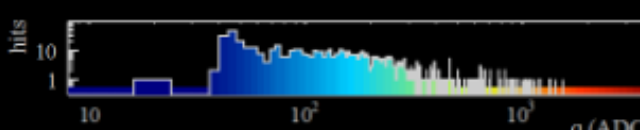
# Neutrinos

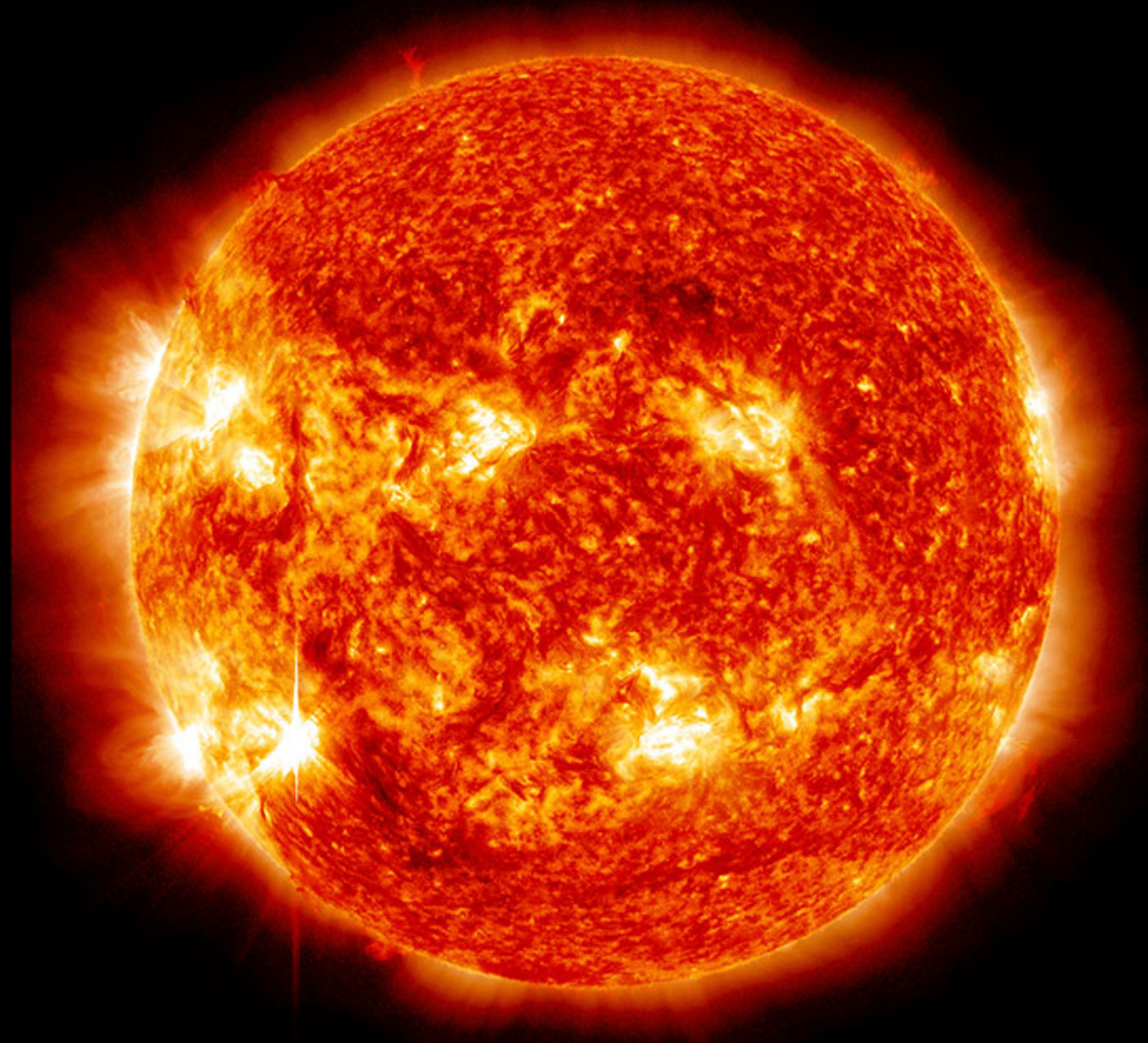


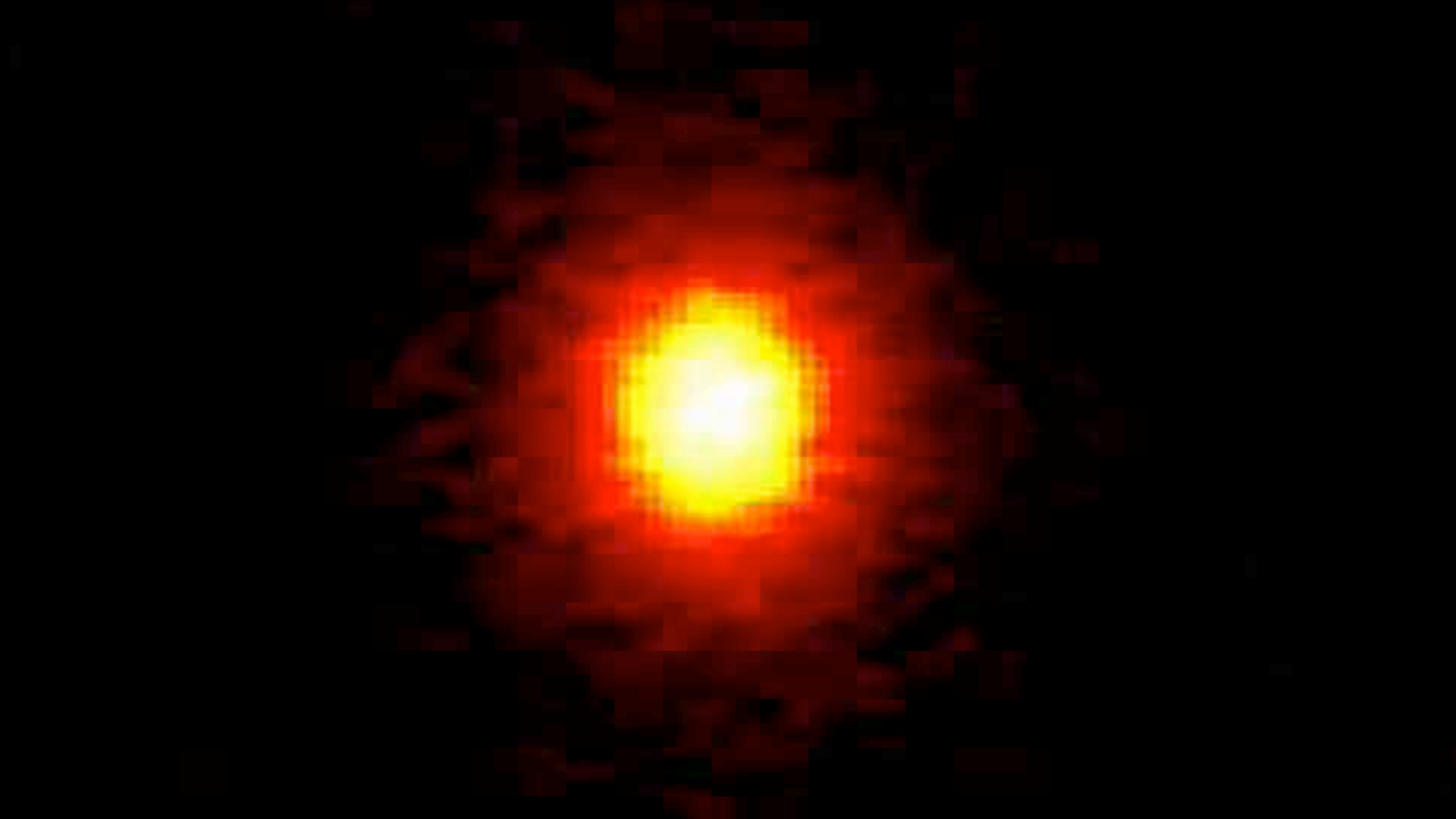
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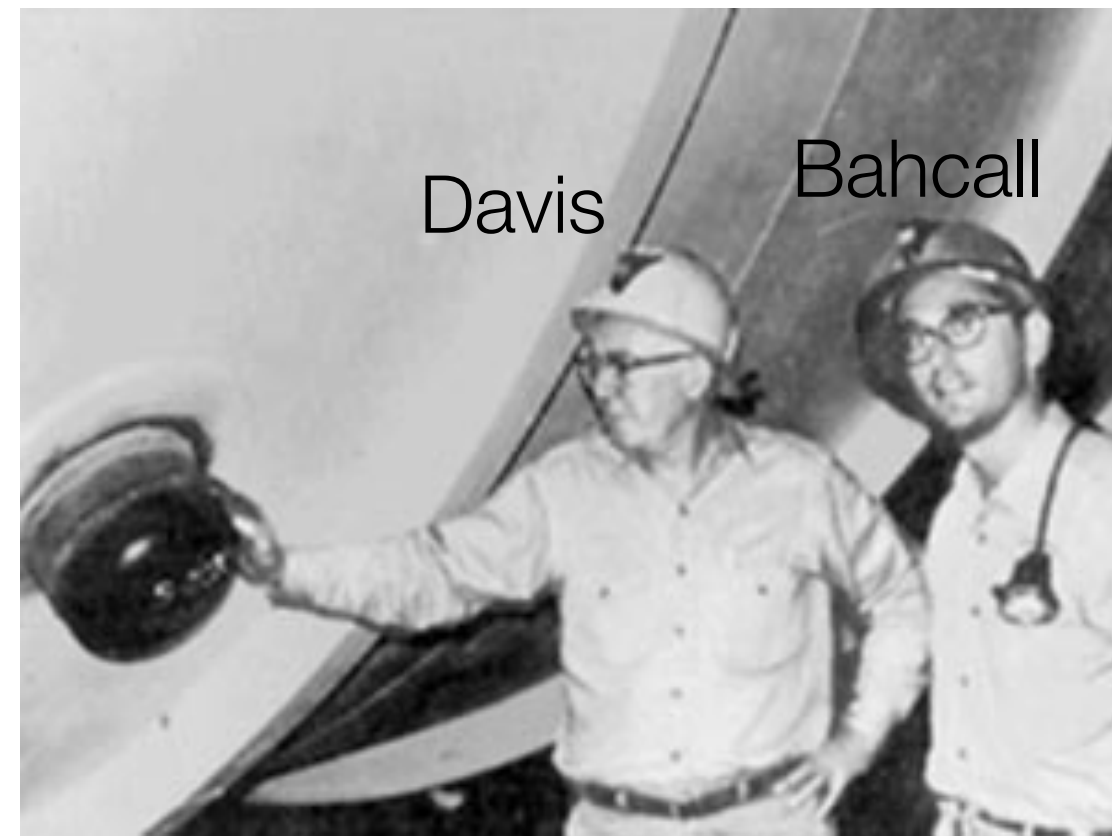
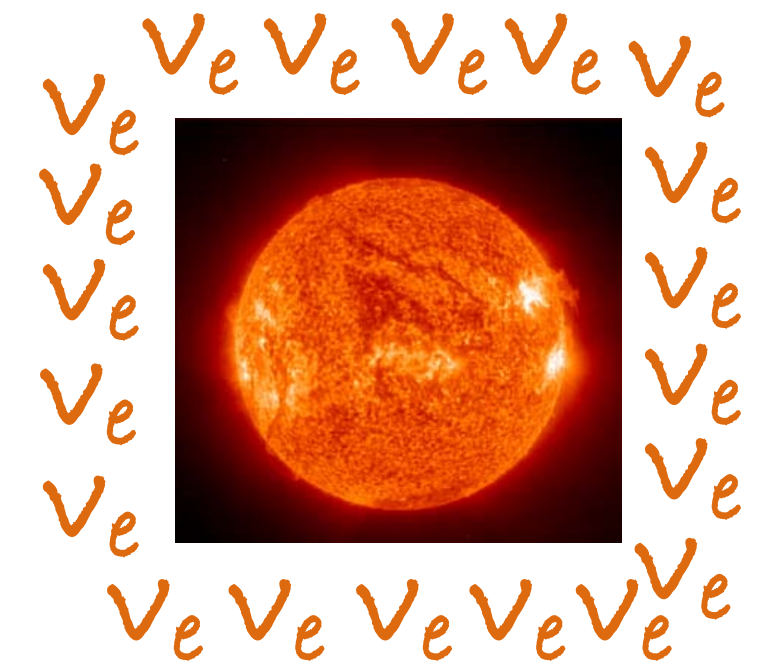
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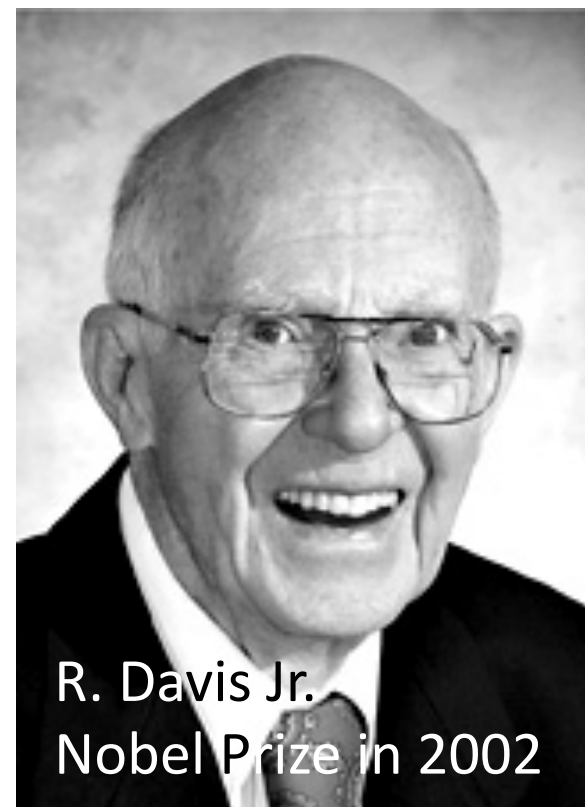


# Solar neutrinos

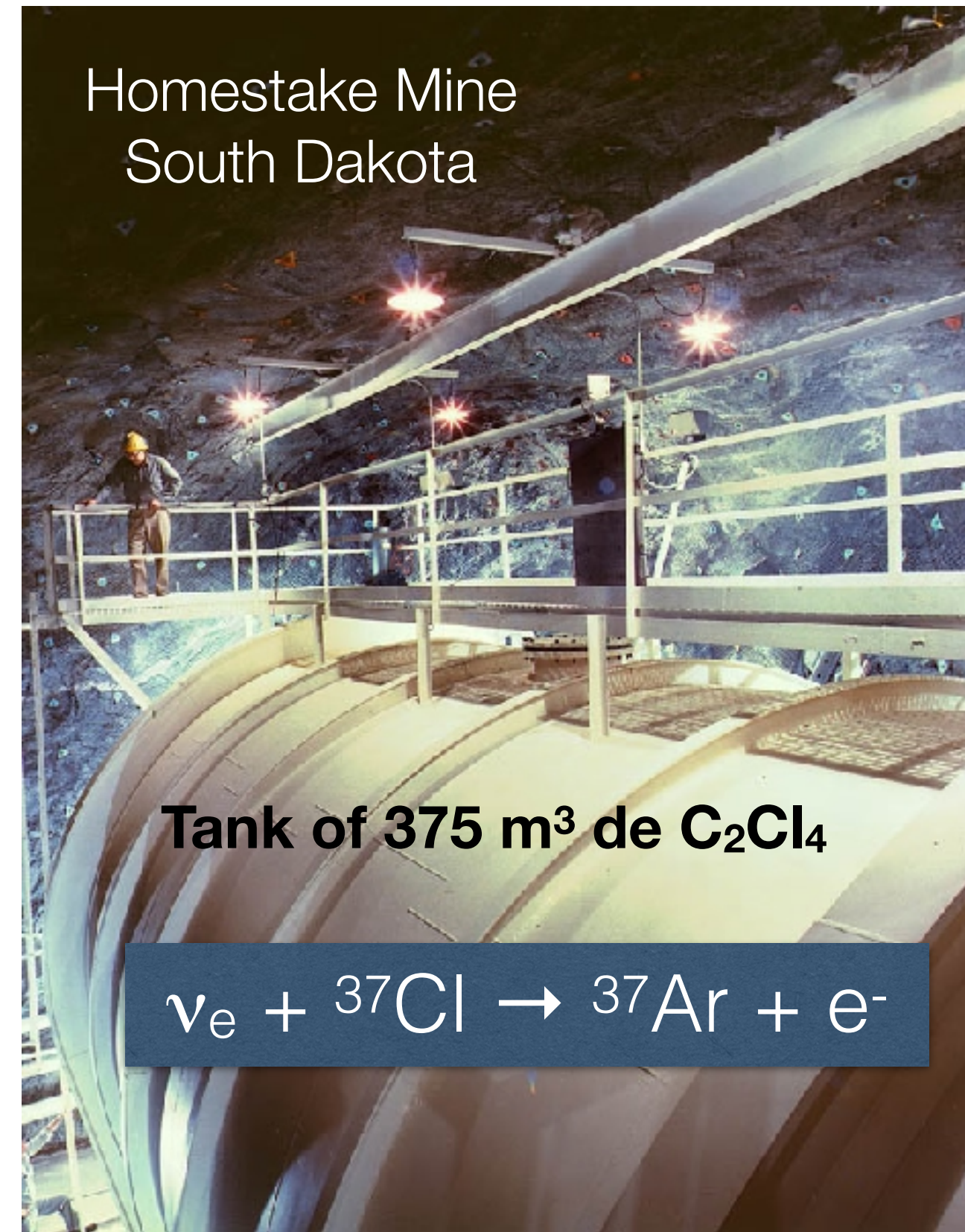


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Bahcall

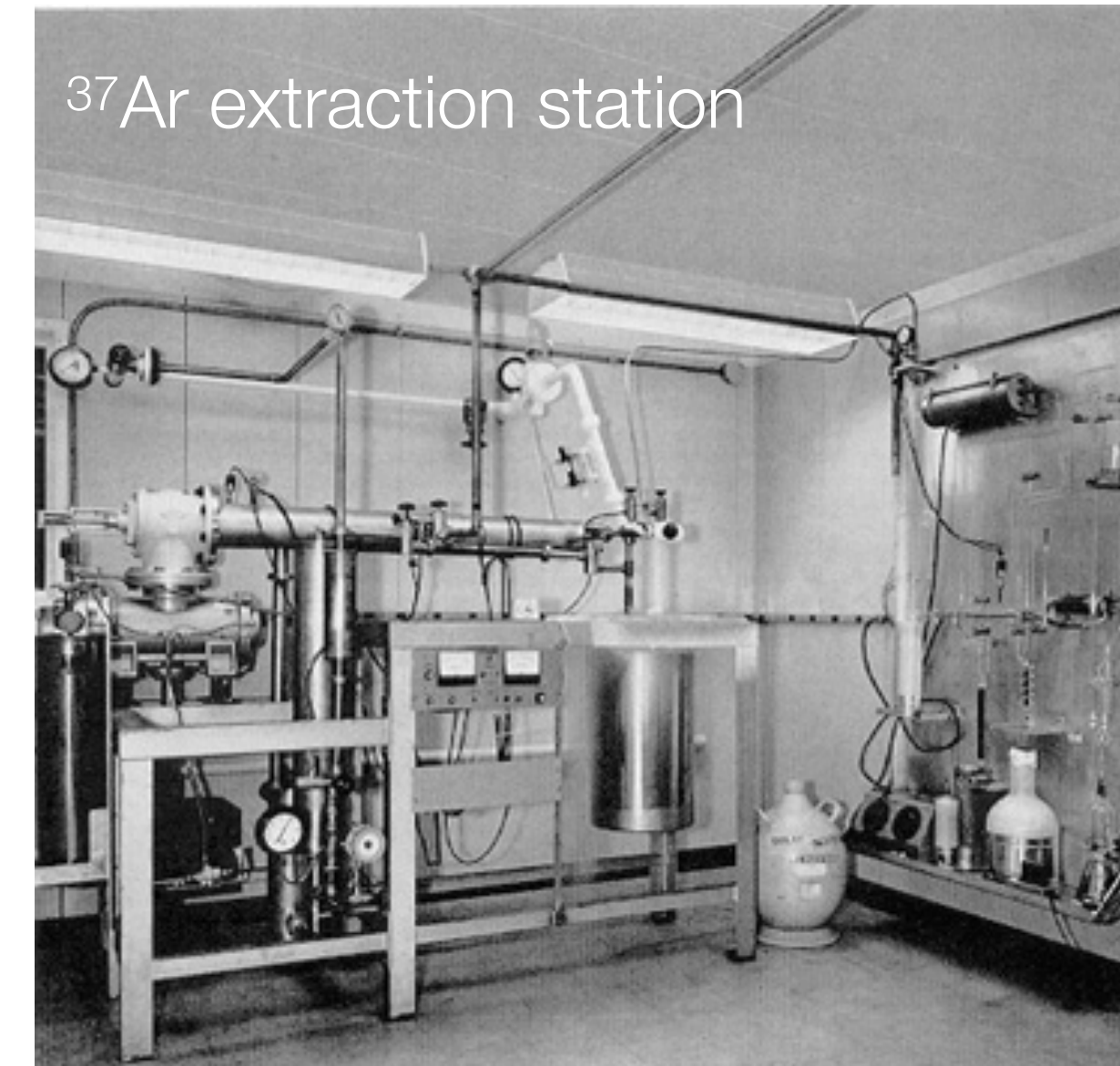


R. Davis Jr.  
Nobel Prize in 2002



Homestake Mine  
South Dakota

Tank of 375 m<sup>3</sup> de C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>



<sup>37</sup>Ar extraction station

No explanation over 30 years

(1968-2001)

**Prediction (J. Bahcall): 1 Ar atom per day**

**Measurement (R. Davis): 1/3 of prediction!!**

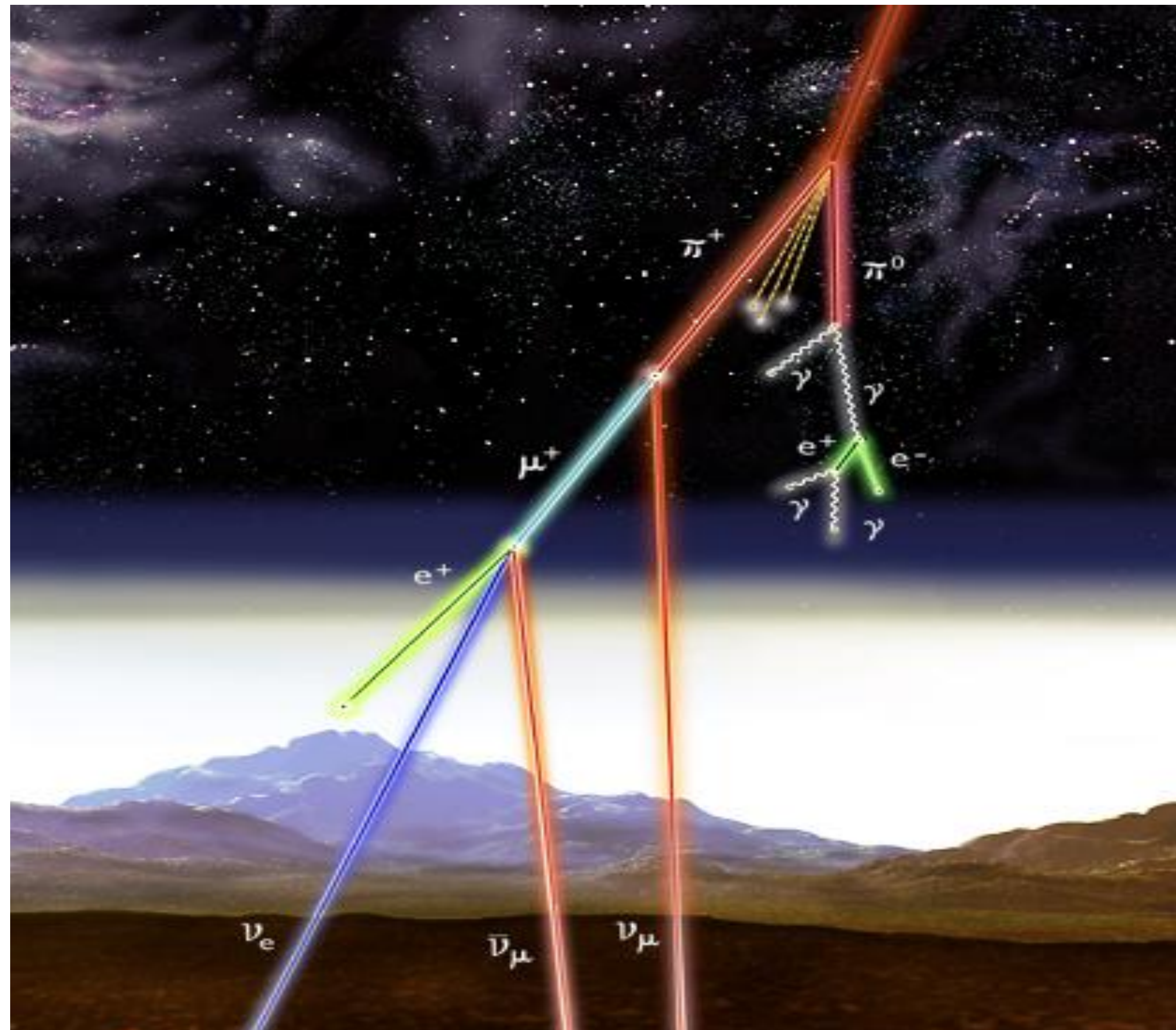
**2/3 OF NEUTRINOS ARE MISSING !!**





# Atmospheric neutrinos

Kamiokande and IMB detected atmospheric neutrinos in the 80's



- **Expected:** 2 times more  $\nu_\mu$  than  $\nu_e$

$$2\nu_\mu \sim \nu_e$$

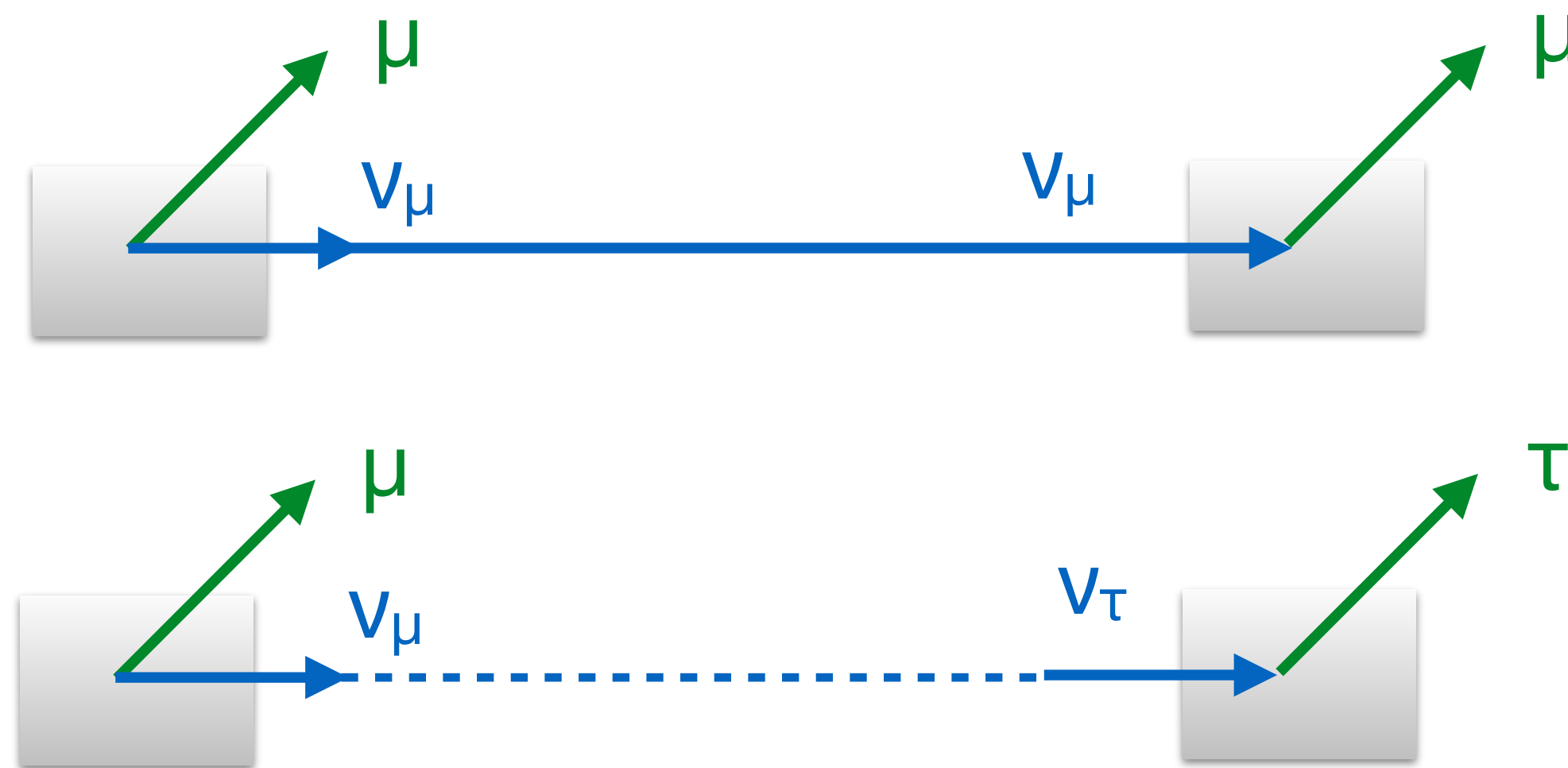
- **Found:**

$$\nu_\mu \sim \nu_e$$

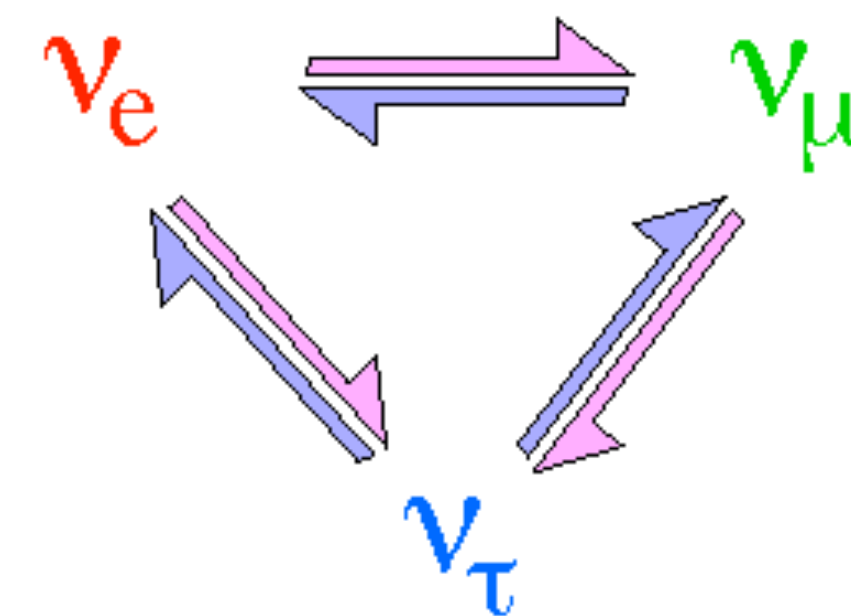
**WHERE ARE THE  
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# The idea of oscillations

Quantum interference phenomenon in which a neutrino of a certain flavor is transformed into a neutrino of a different flavor

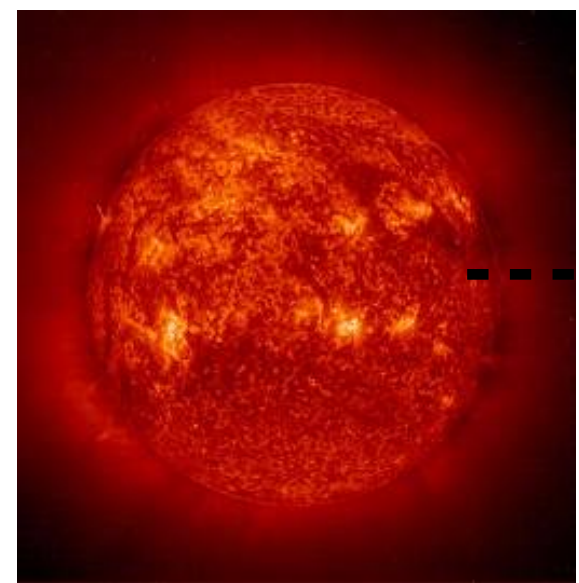


B. Pontecorvo (1957)



**This phenomenon is only possible if neutrinos have different masses**

# Detection of neutrino oscillations

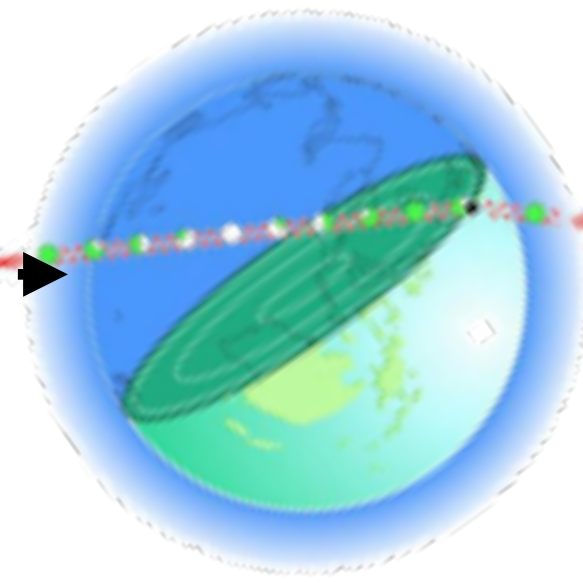


$\nu_e$

$E_\nu$

**Production**

L = distance  
**Propagation**



$\nu_e?$   $\rightarrow$  e  
 $\nu_\mu?$   $\rightarrow$   $\mu$   
 $\nu_\tau?$   $\rightarrow$   $\tau$

**Detection**

Oscillation probability

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \sin^2 2\theta \cdot \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4 E_\nu} \right)$$

Frequency (points to  $\Delta m^2 L$ )  
Distance (points to  $L$ )  
Amplitude (points to  $\sin^2 2\theta$ )  
Neutrino energy (points to  $E_\nu$ )

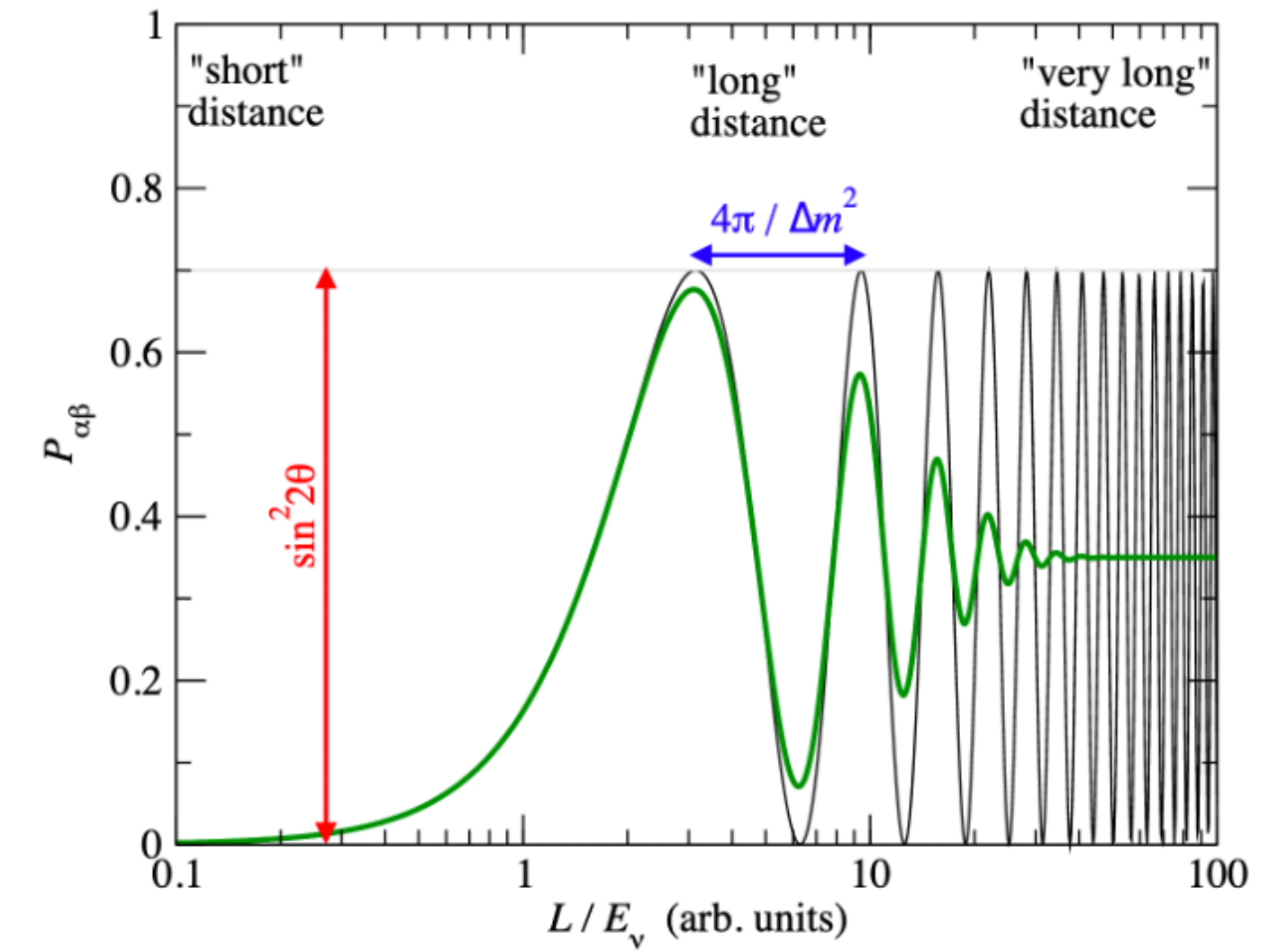
For 3 neutrinos:

2 values of  $\Delta m^2$  ( $\Delta m^2_{21}$ ,  $\Delta m^2_{32}$ )

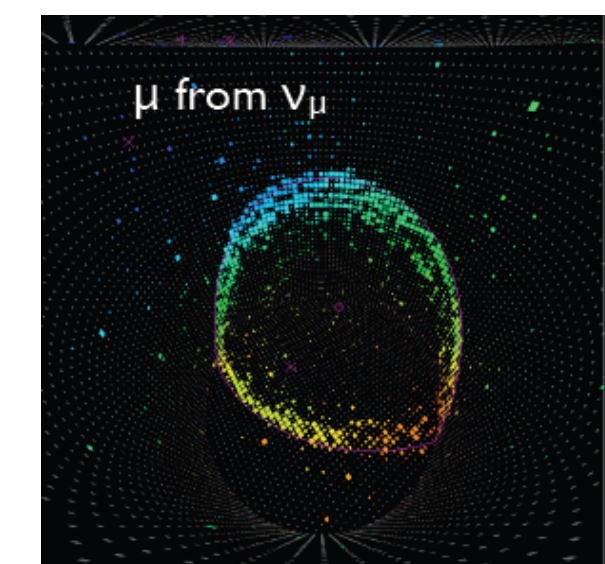
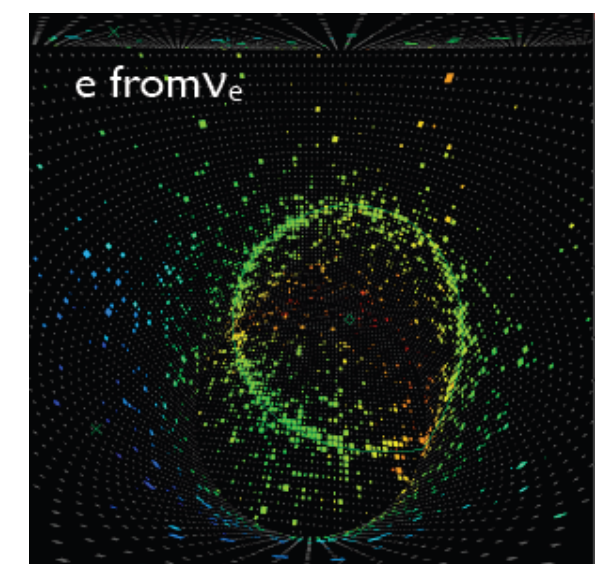
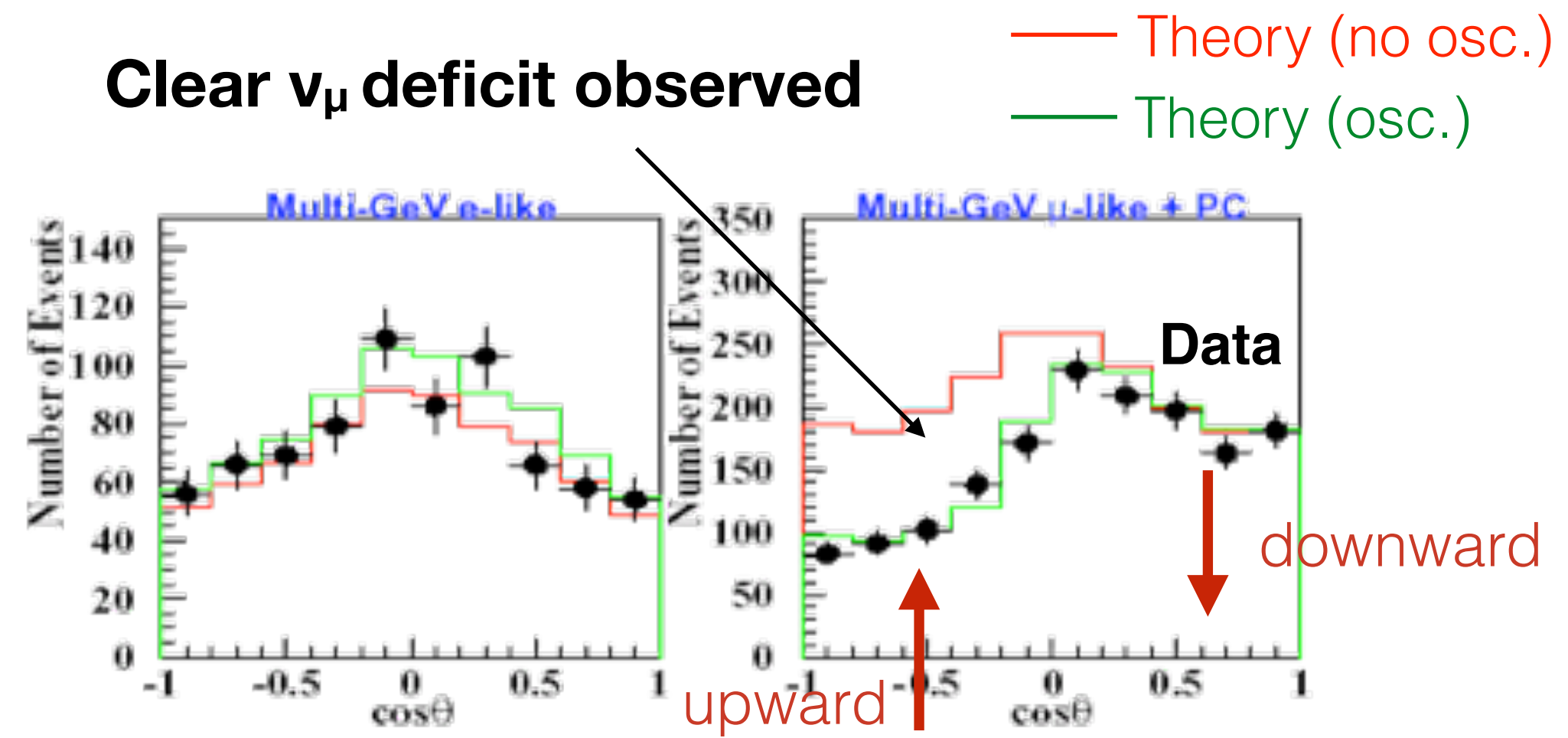
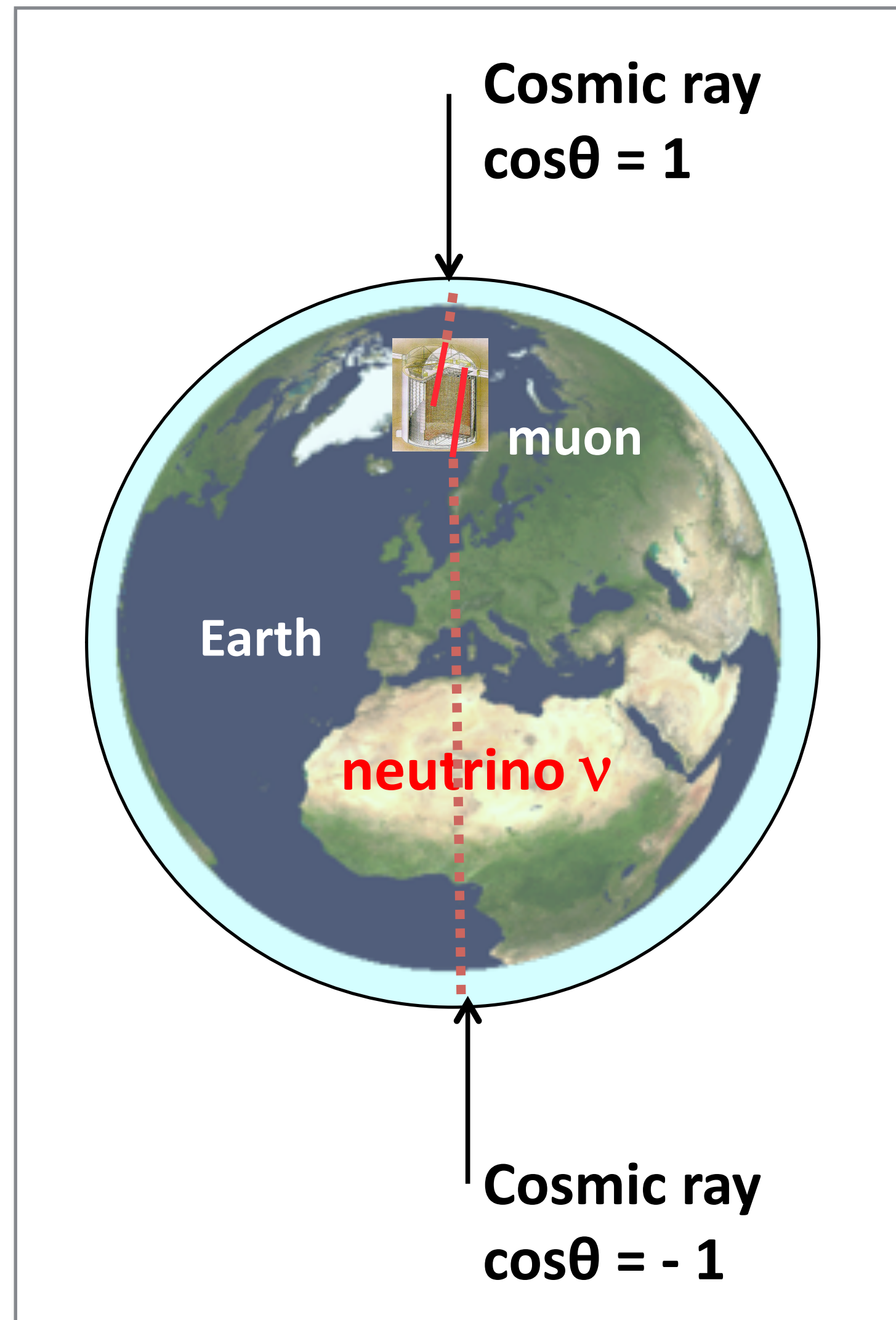
3 values of  $\theta$  ( $\theta_{12}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$ )



$$\Delta m^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2 \rightarrow \text{Squared mass difference}$$



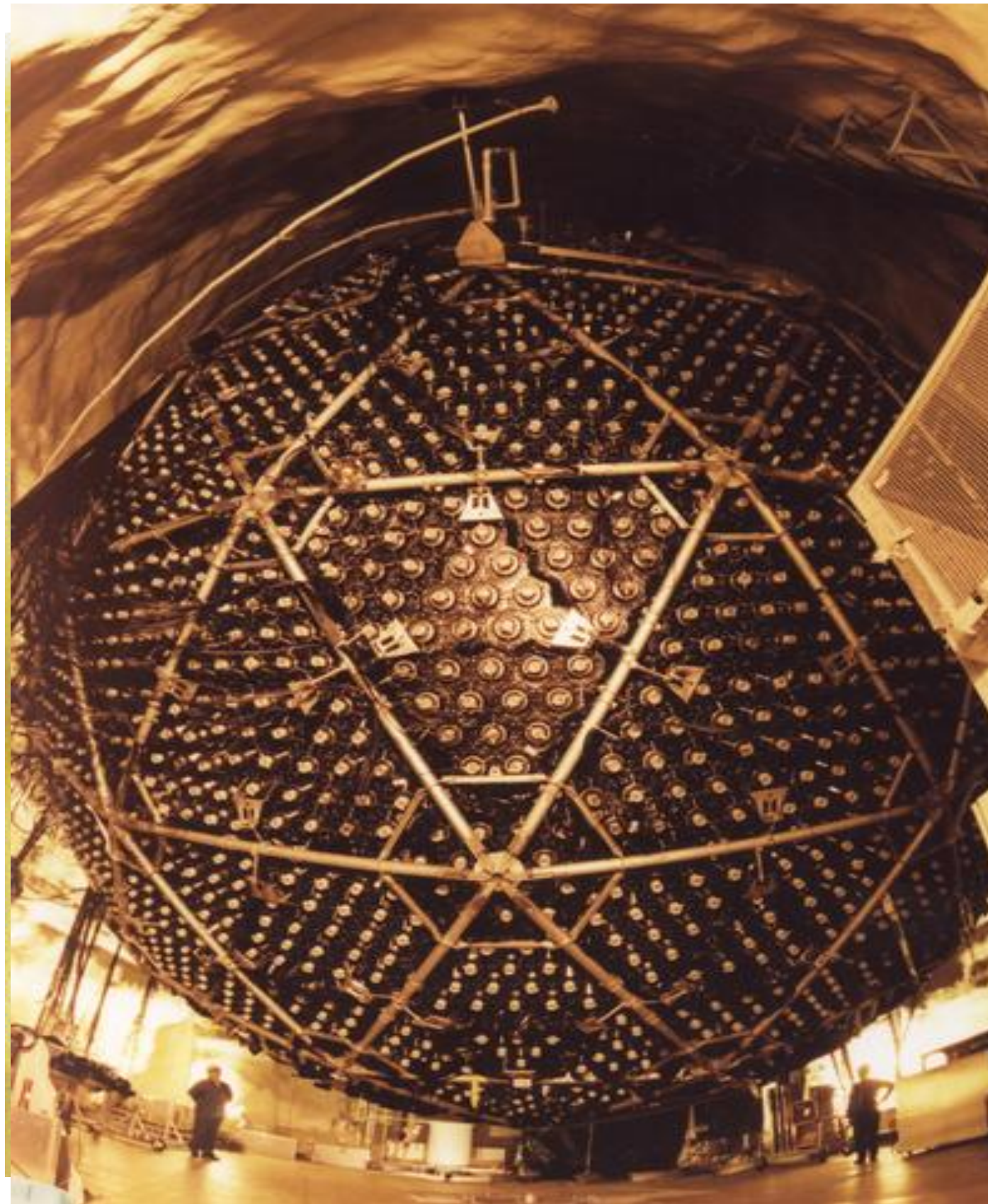
# The discovery of neutrino oscillations (1998)



Atmospheric neutrino oscillations

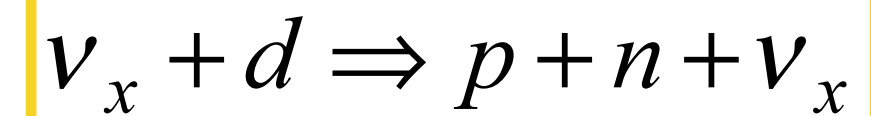
$$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$$

# Solar neutrino anomaly solved (2001)

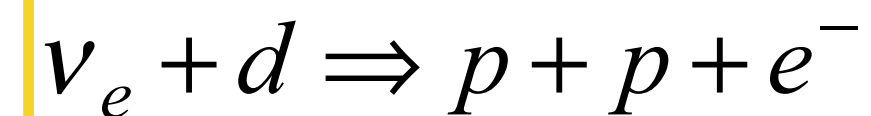


*Only  $\nu_e$  are emitted from the Sun by fusion reactions*

- SNO: 1000 ton heavy water ( $D_2O$ ) in the Sudbury mine (Canada)
- Able to measure **all types of neutrinos** from the Sun
- Reaction sensitive to **all types** of neutrinos (NC)



- Reaction only sensitive to **electron neutrinos** (CC)



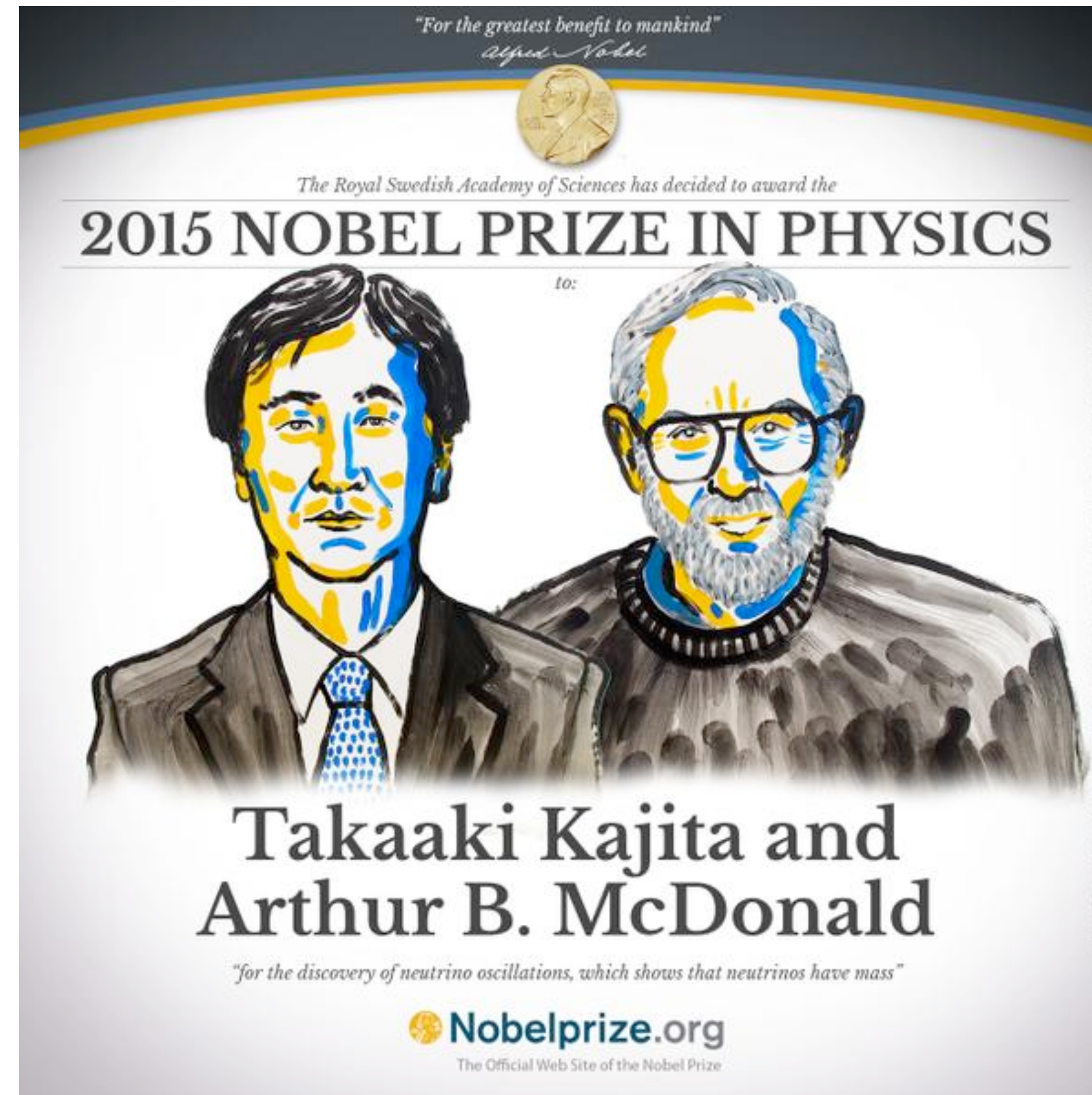
- In case of no oscillations:  $\Phi_{NC} = \Phi_{CC}$
- If neutrinos oscillate:  $\Phi_{NC} \neq \Phi_C$

Result:  $\Phi_{CC} / \Phi_{NC} = 0.301 \pm 0.033$

$\Phi_{NC}$  in agreement with SSM

Part of  $\nu_e$  converted into  $\nu_\mu$  and/or  $\nu_\tau$

# Neutrinos have mass!!



- Evidence that the **Standard Model of Particles is not complete**
- Can this observation open the door to new Physics beyond the SM?

# Neutrino mass measurements

From oscillations:  
 $m_\nu > 0.05 \text{ eV}$

- **Direct measurements:**

Tritium beta decay experiments:

- ◆ KATRIN 2022:  $m < 0.8 \text{ eV}$  (90% CL)
- ◆ KATRIN (goal):  $m < 0.3 \text{ eV}$  (90% CL) in 2026

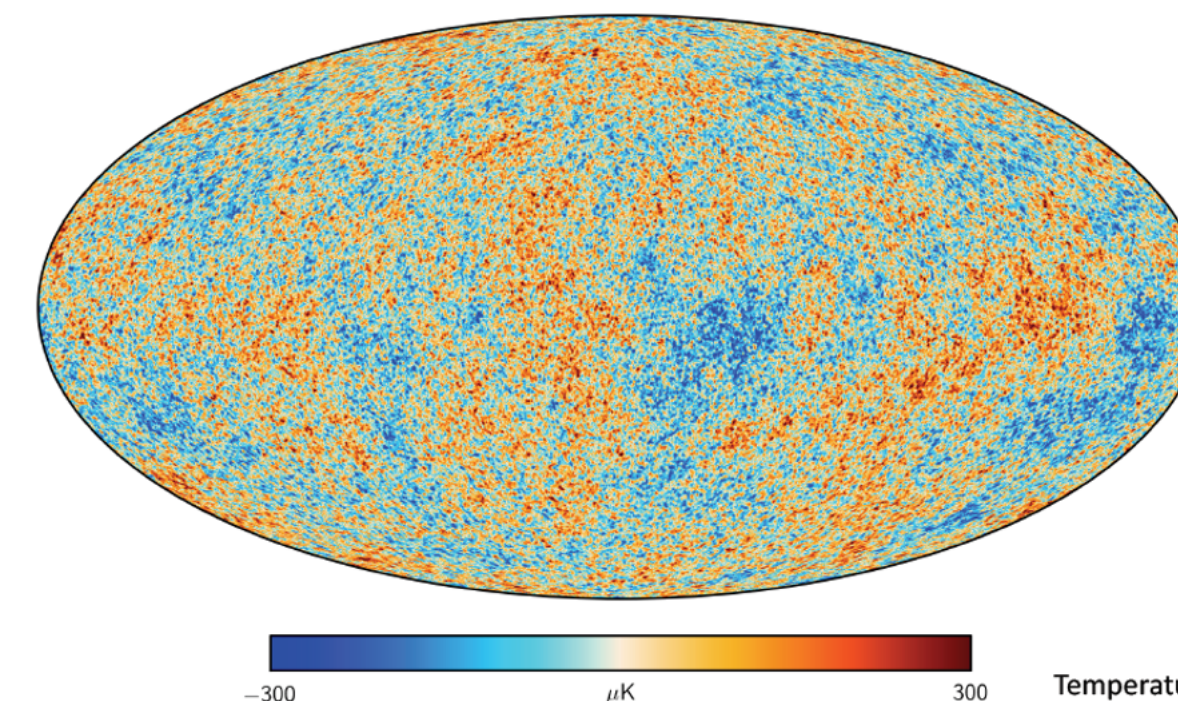
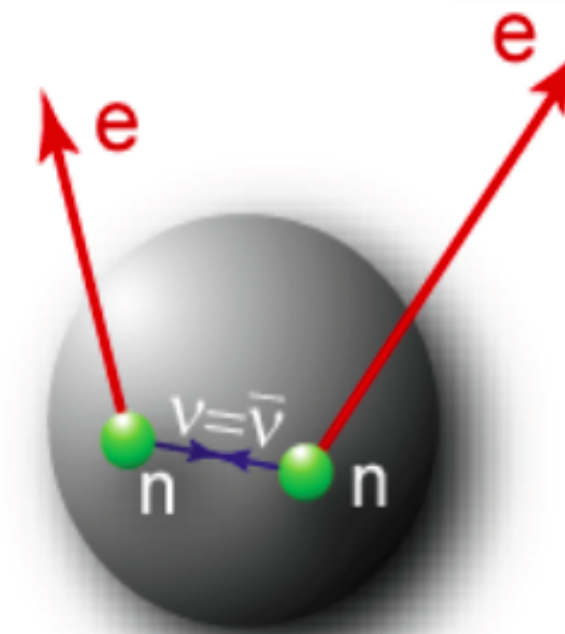
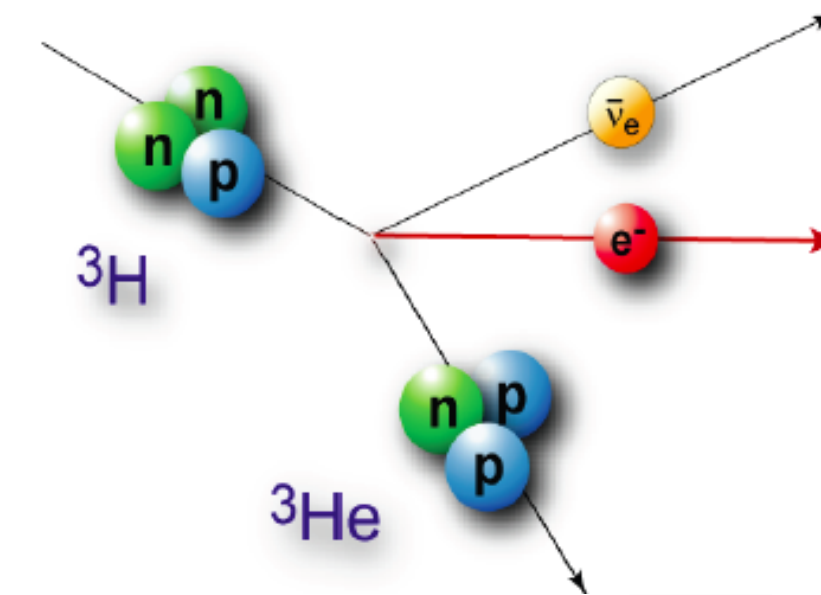
- **Neutrinoless double beta decay:**

- ◆ If measured, neutrinos are Majorana particles
- ◆ GERDA, EXO, CUORE, CUPID, NEMO-3, KamLAND-Zen:  $m_{\beta\beta} < 28\text{-}122 \text{ meV}$  (90% CL)
- ◆ Future ton scale:  $m_{\beta\beta} < 10 \text{ meV}$  (only IO)

- **Indirect measurements (Cosmology):**

PLANCK 2018: A&A 641 (2020) A6

- ◆  $\sum m_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV}$  (Planck TT,TE,EE +low E +lensing +BAO)
- ◆  $N_{\text{eff}} = 2.99^{+0.34}_{-0.33}$  (Planck TT,TE,EE +low E +lensing +BAO)



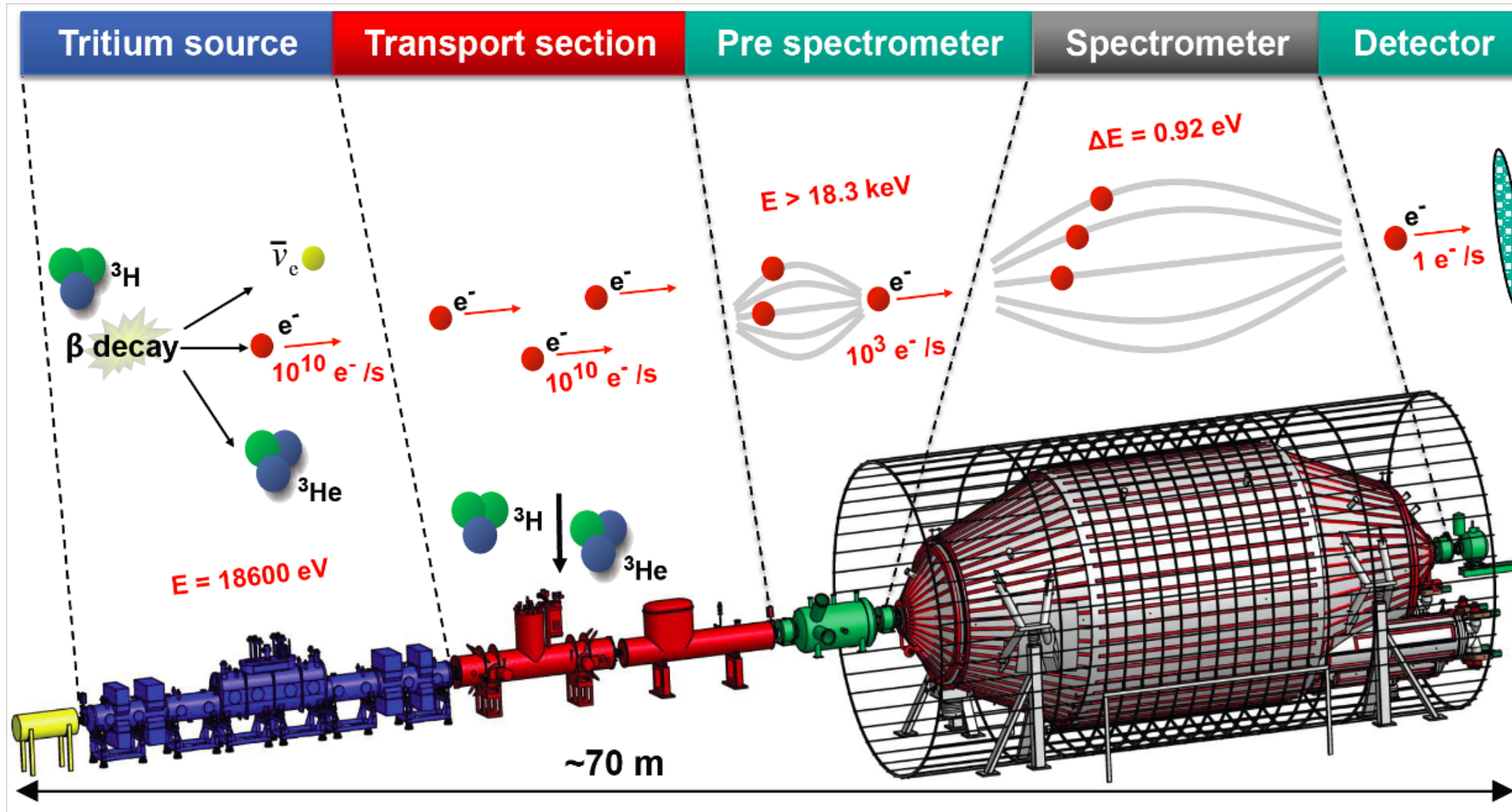
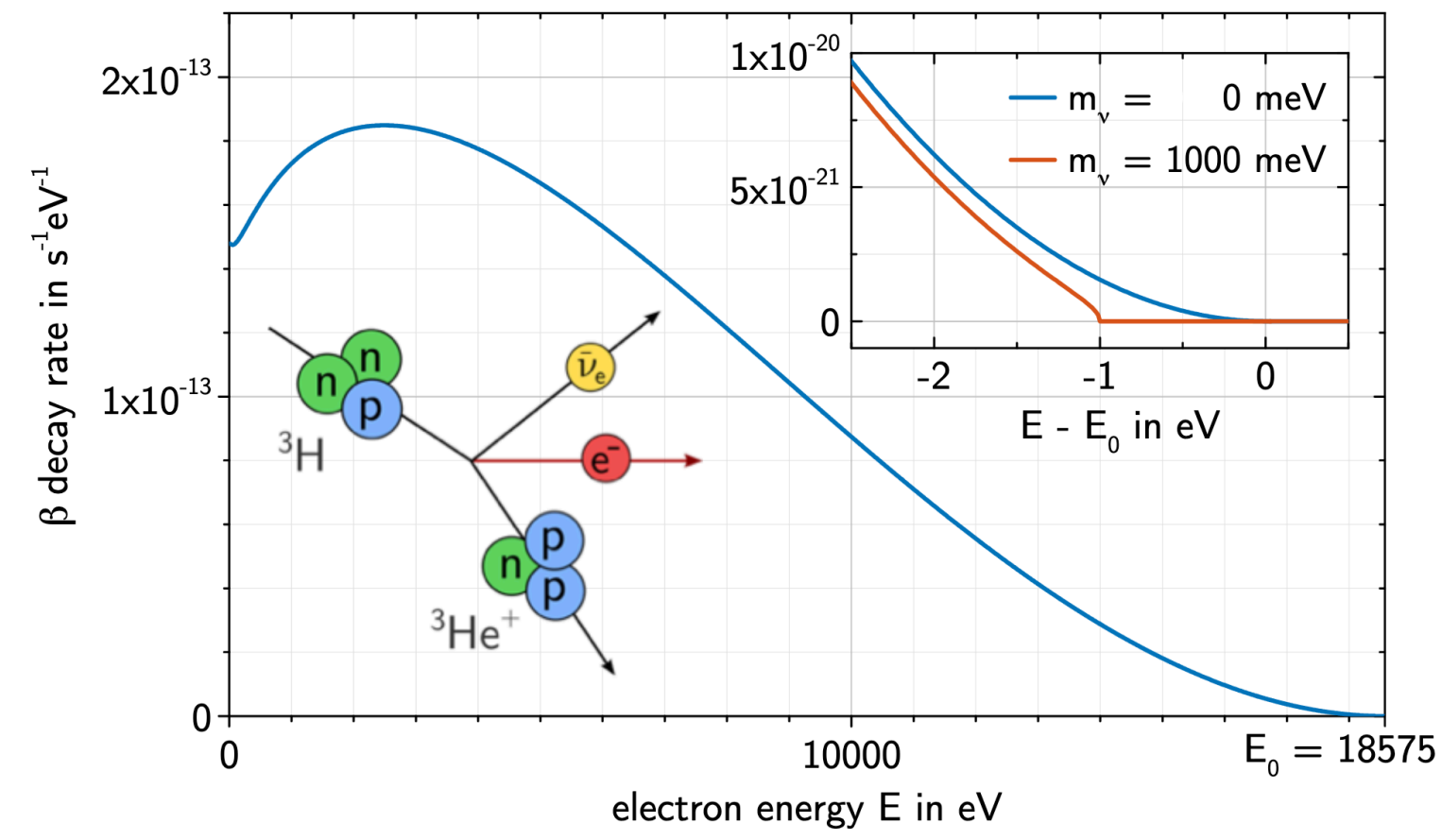
$$m_{\nu_e}^2 = \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 \cdot m_{\nu_i}^2$$

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_i U_{ei}^2 \cdot m_{\nu_i} \right|$$

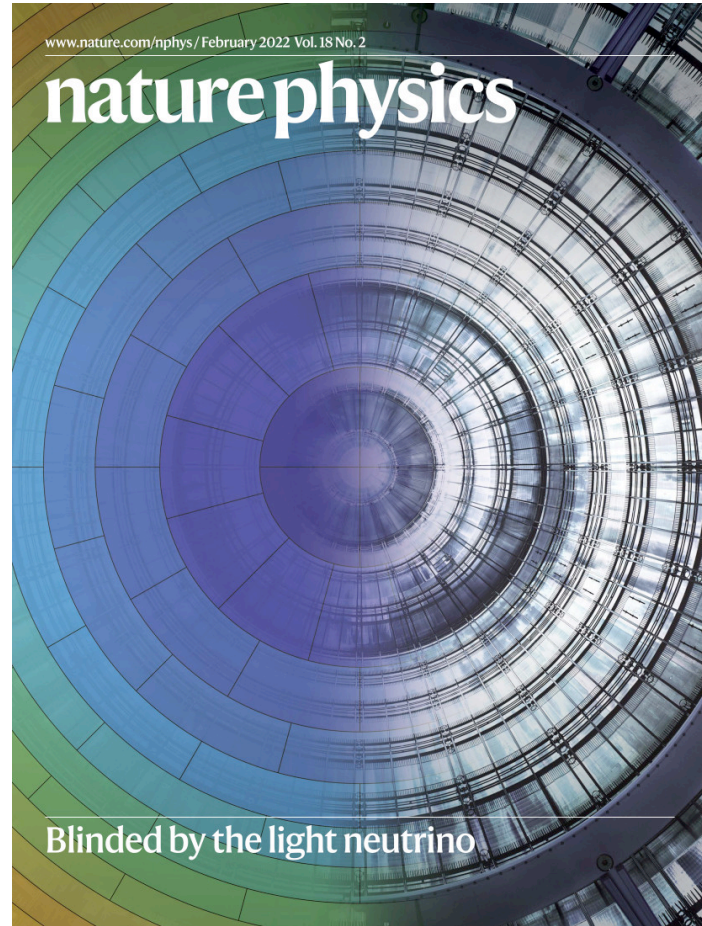
$$m = \sum_i m_{\nu_i}$$



# KATRIN

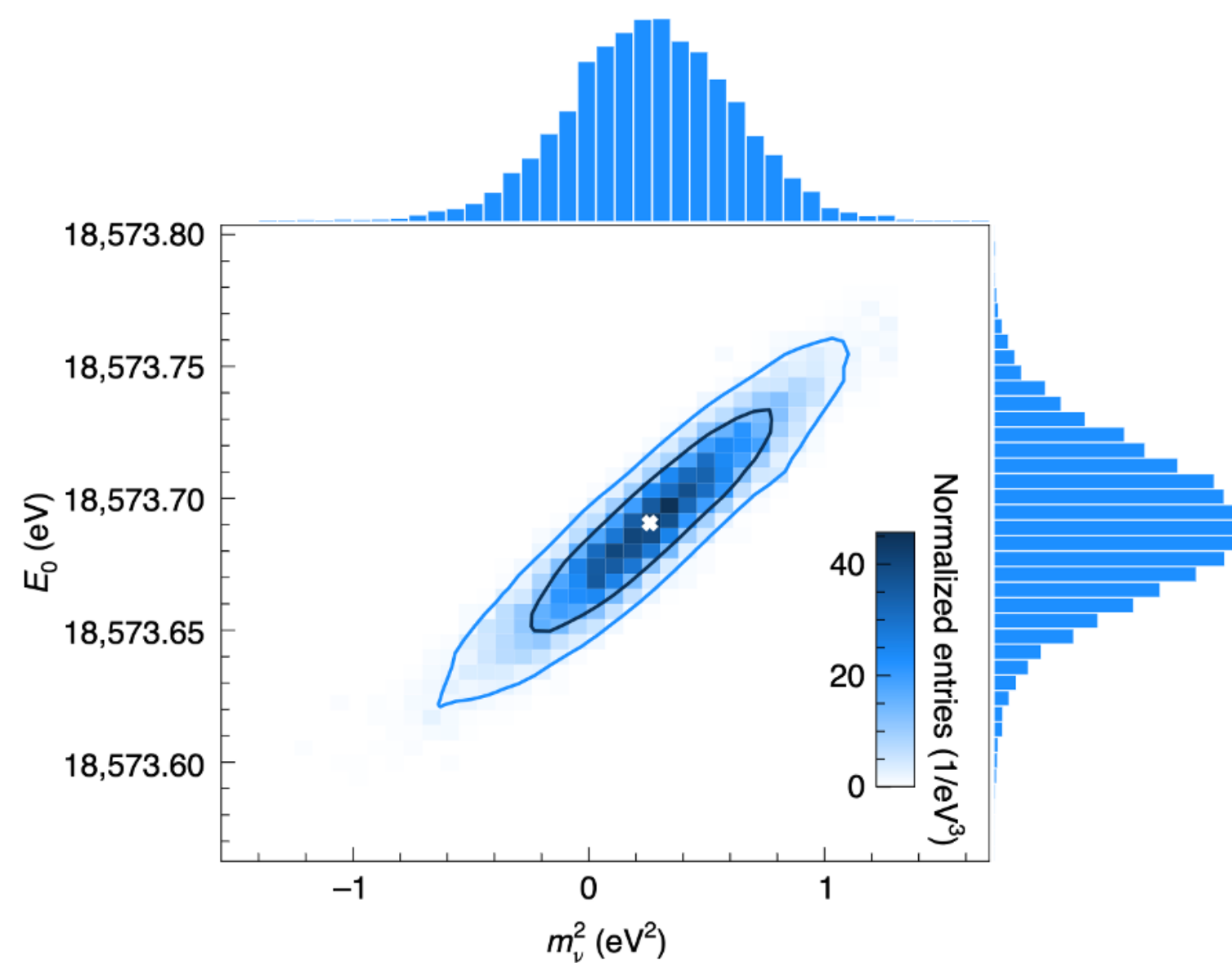


# New KATRIN result (2024)

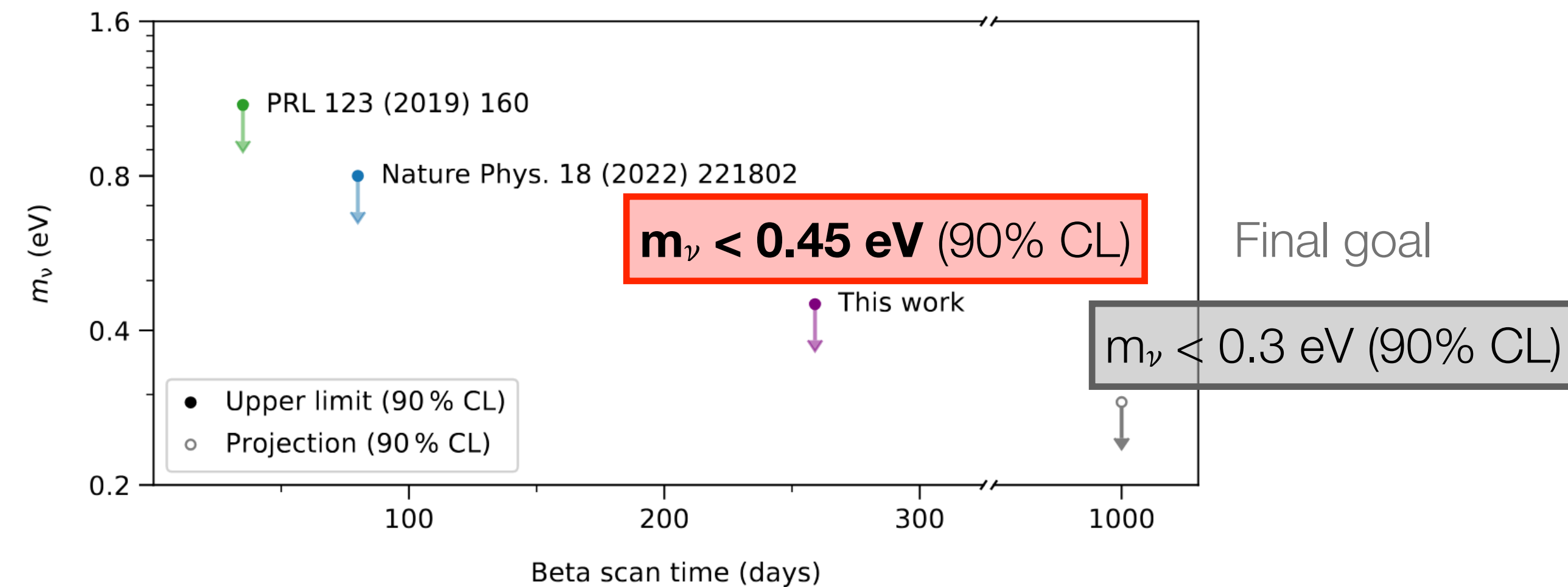
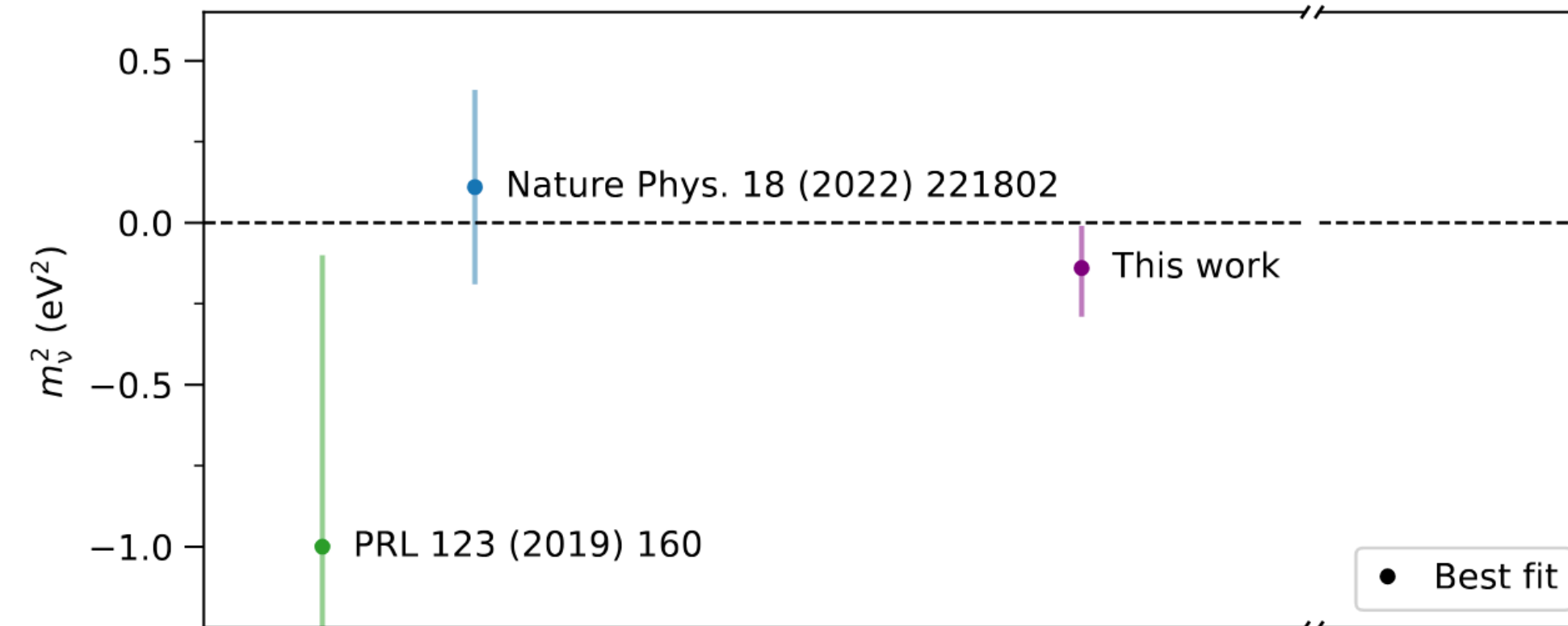


Nature Physics 18, 160-166 (2022)

$m_\nu < 0.8 \text{ eV}$  (90% CL)

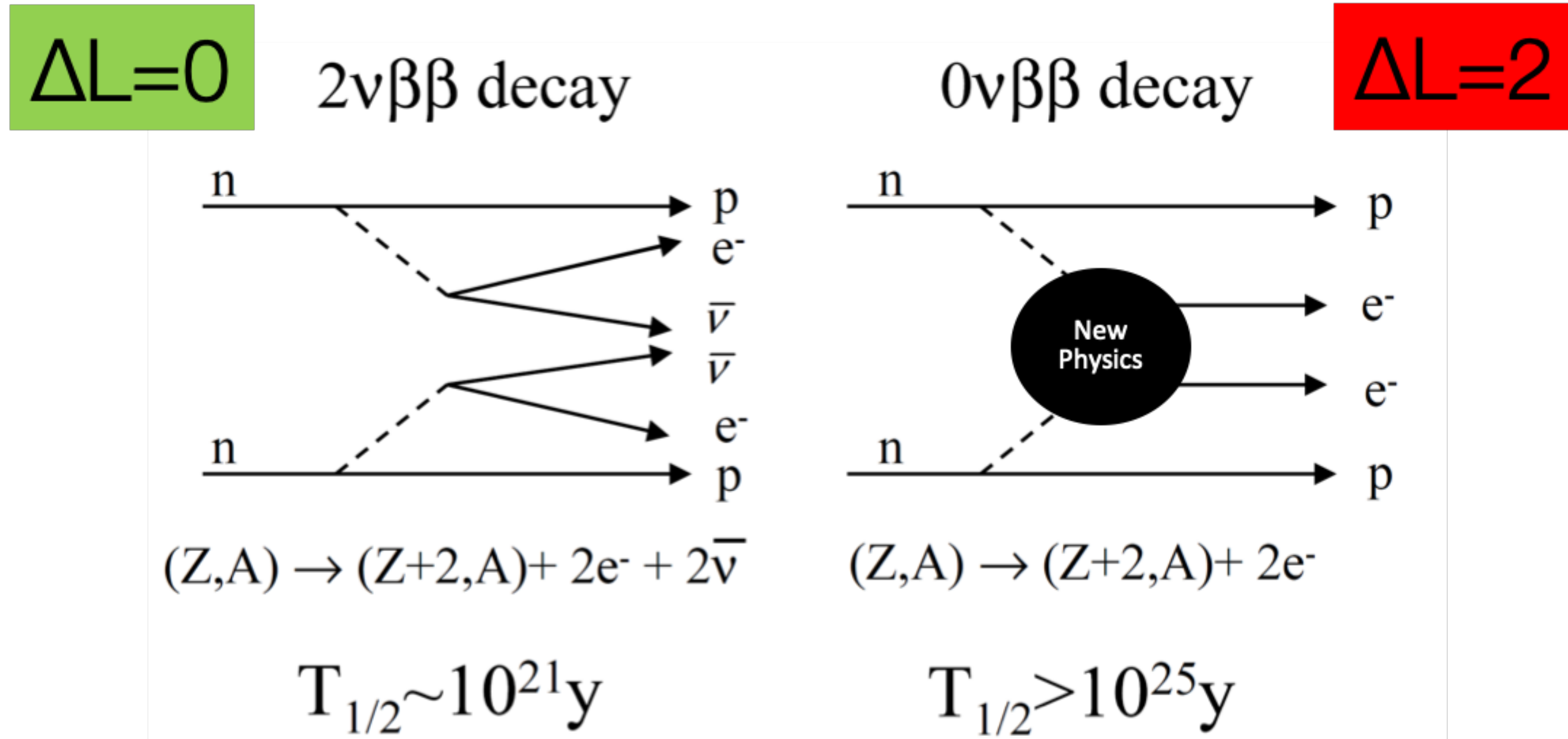
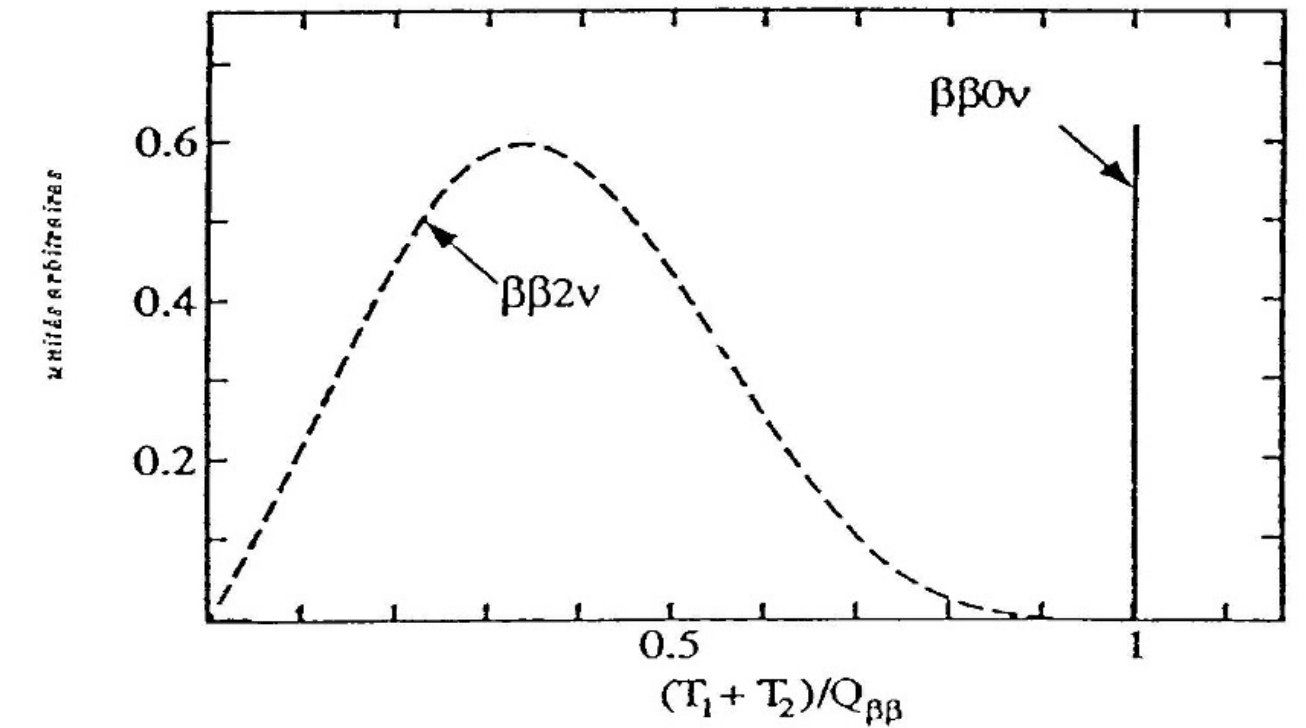


**KATRIN** arXiv:2406.13516 (2024)



**Other technologies** (cyclotron radiation: Project-8; micro-calorimetry with holmium: ECHo, Holmes) **under development**

# Neutrinoless double beta decay



In the light-neutrino exchange model,  
 $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay half-life:

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = \left( G |\mathcal{M}|^2 \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2 \right)^{-1}$$

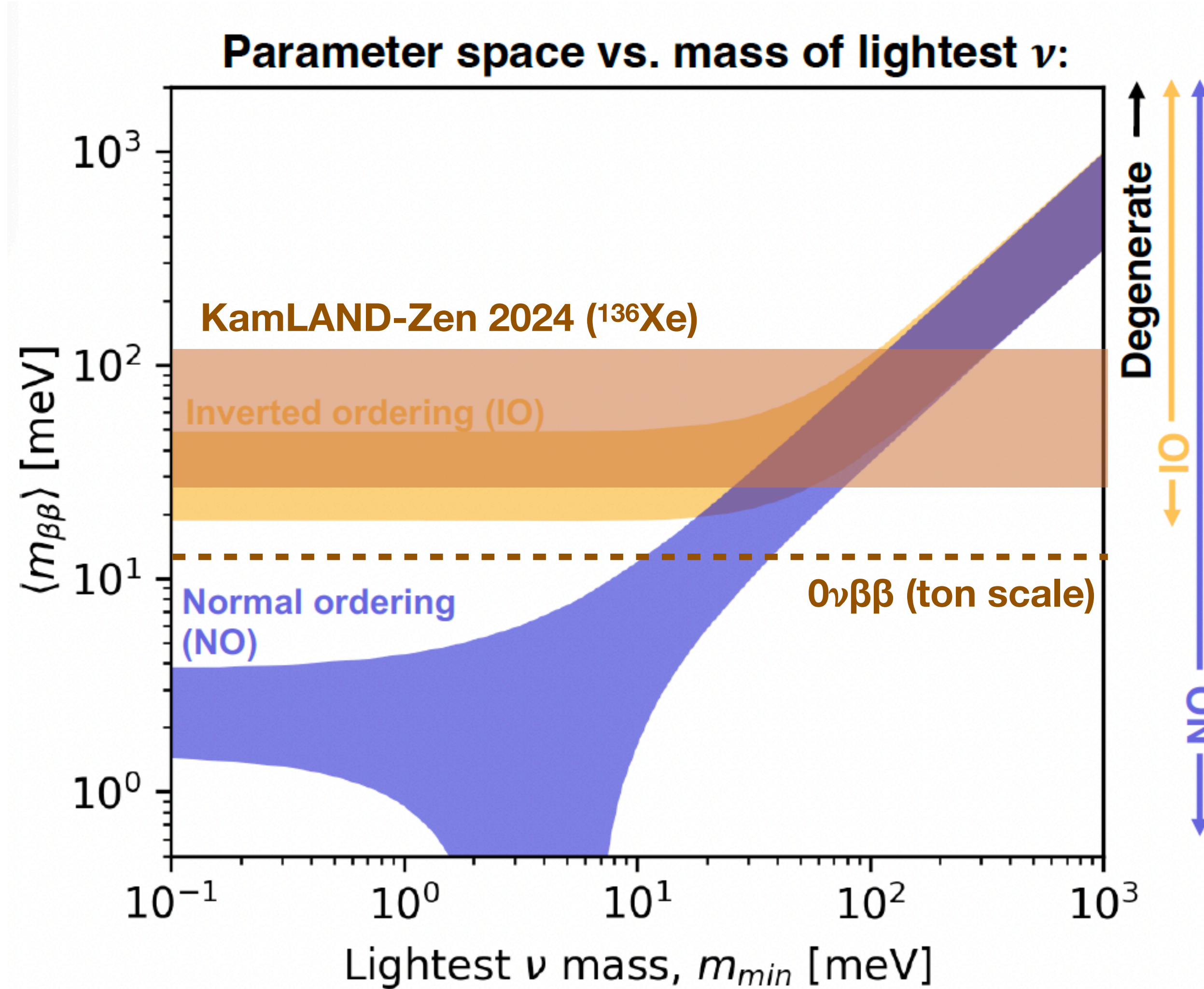
Phase space
Nuclear matrix elements
Effective Majorana neutrino mass

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_i U_{ei}^2 \cdot m_{\nu_i} \right|$$

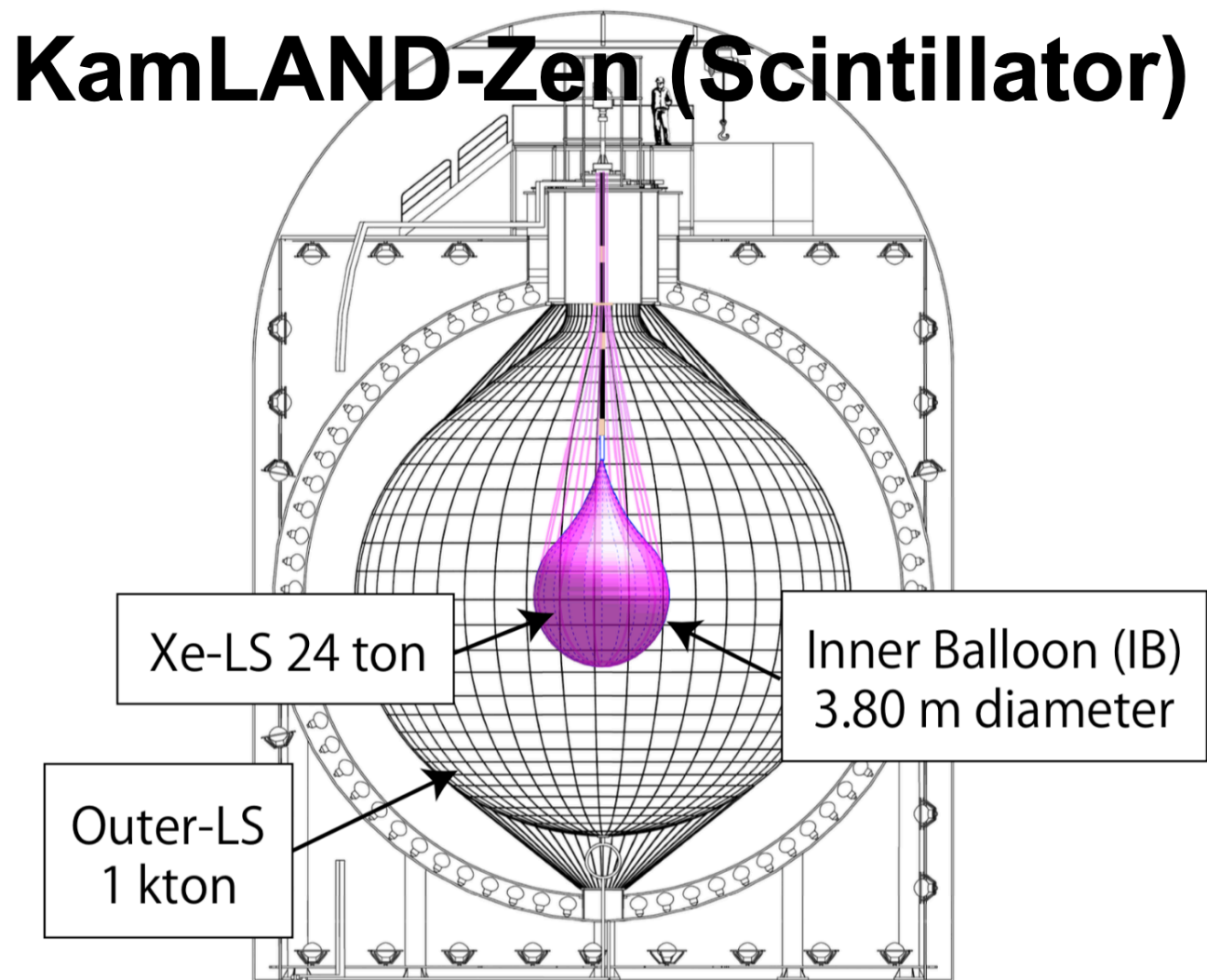
- $2\nu\beta\beta$  has been observed in more than 10 isotopes (lifetimes  $10^{18} - 10^{21}$  y)
- $0\nu\beta\beta$  has not been observed yet (lifetimes  $> 10^{25} - 10^{26}$  y):
  - ◆ It would imply **total lepton number violation** (LNV) and **neutrino Majorana mass**
  - ◆ Different mechanisms are possible: SUSY, leptoquarks, extradimensions, Majorons, ...
  - ◆ Most discussed mechanism: **light Majorana neutrino exchange**

$$m_{\beta\beta} \equiv \left| m_1 c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 + m_2 s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 e^{i\alpha_{21}} + m_3 s_{13}^2 e^{i(\alpha_{31}-\delta)} \right|$$

# Current status of $0\nu\beta\beta$ searches



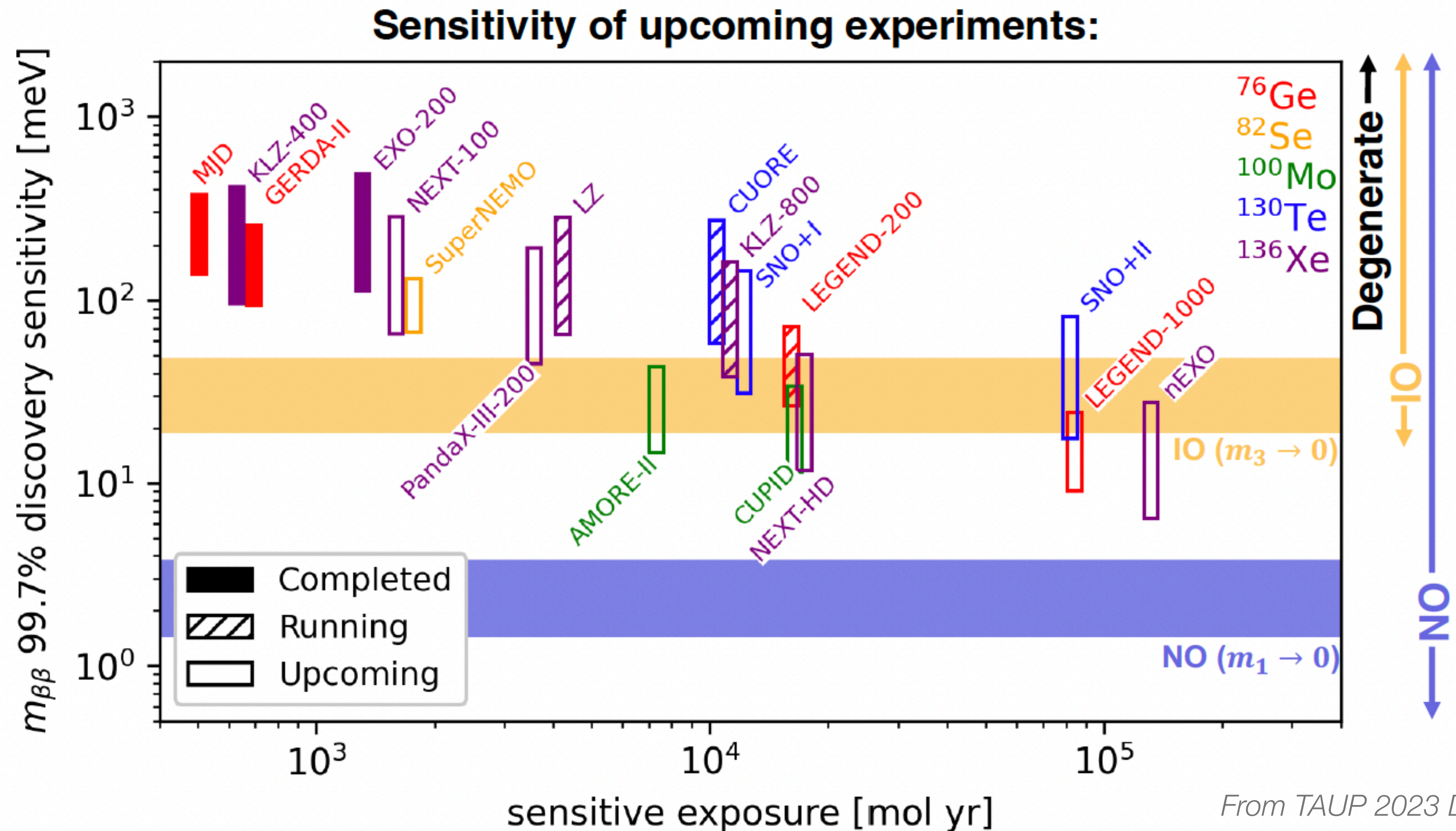
## KamLAND-Zen (Scintillator)



KamLAND-Zen  
 $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle < 28-122 \text{ meV}$   
 $m_{\text{lightest}} < 84 - 353 \text{ meV}$

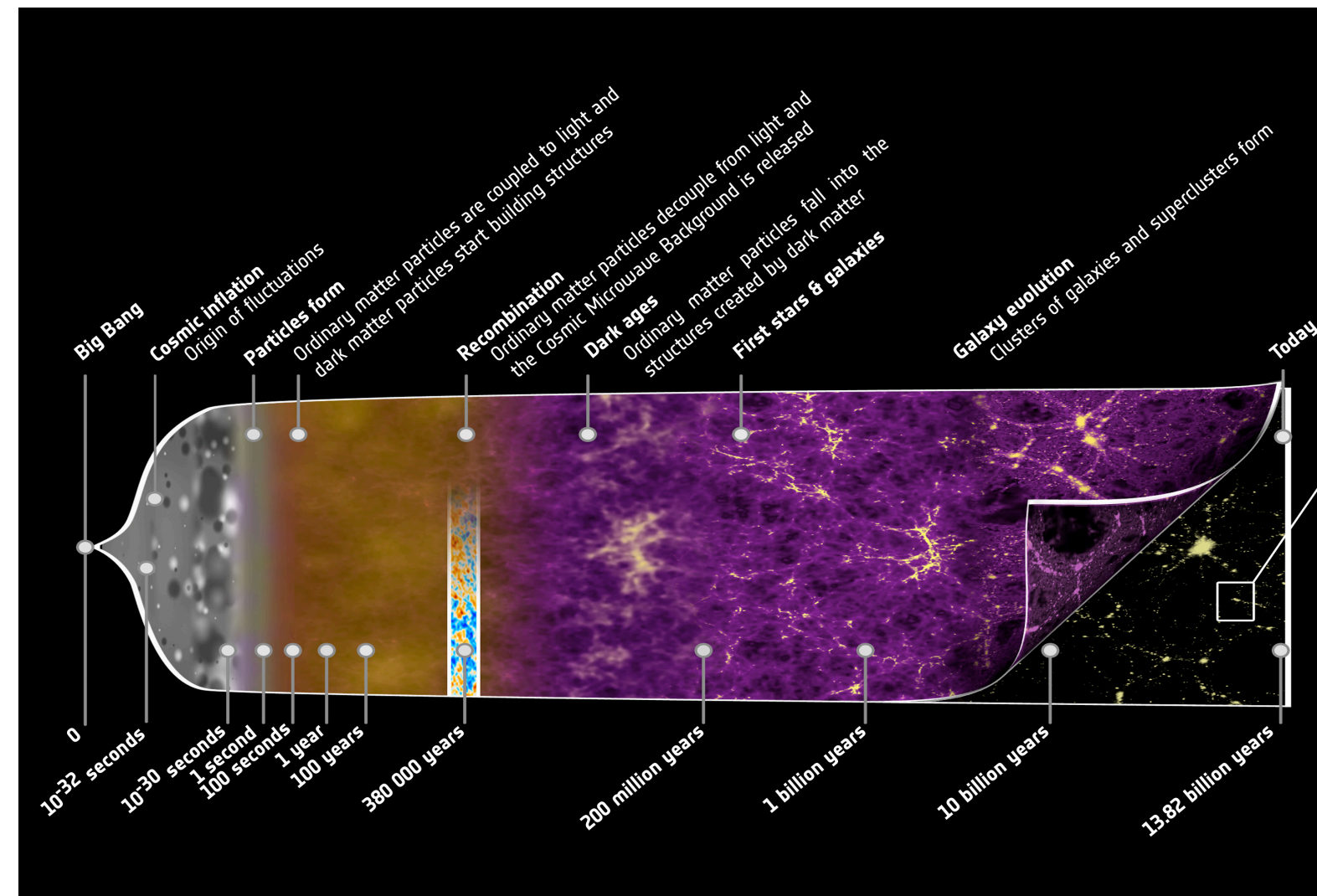
The most sensitive search to date for  $0\nu\beta\beta$

# Current and future sensitivity

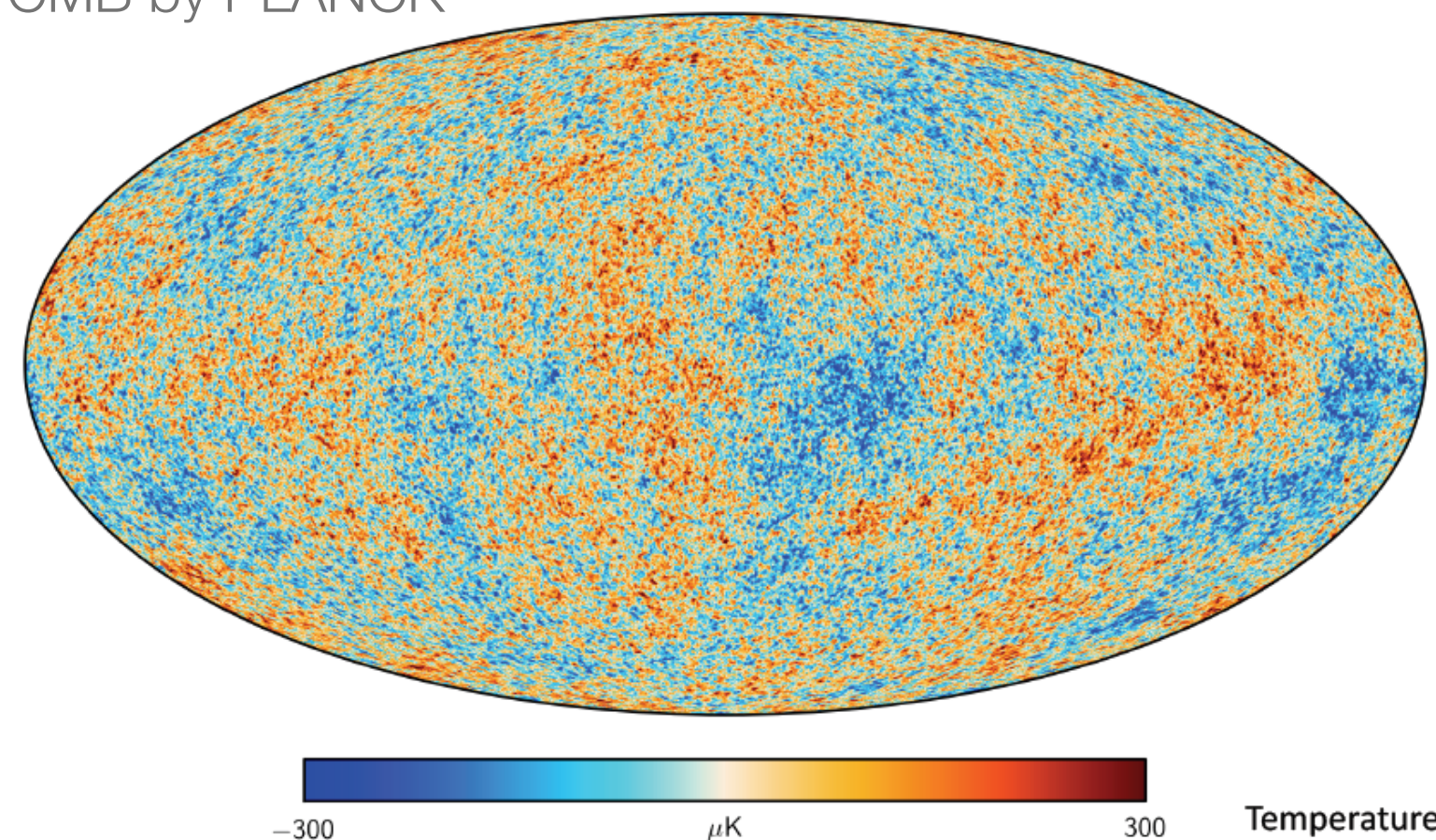


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# Cosmology



CMB by PLANCK



- Neutrinos are everywhere in the Universe and their presence and interactions must be **incorporated into astrophysical and cosmological models.**
- **Cosmological neutrinos are very abundant**
  - ◆ They contribute to radiation at early times and to matter at late times
  - ◆ Cosmological observables can be used to test standard or non-standard properties
- Neutrino parameters: **sum of neutrino masses** ( $\sum m_\nu$ ) & **effective number of neutrinos** ( $N_{\text{eff}}$ )

$$\sum m_\nu > \begin{cases} 0.058 \text{ eV} & \text{(NO)} \\ 0.10 \text{ eV} & \text{(IO)} \end{cases} \text{ from osc.}$$

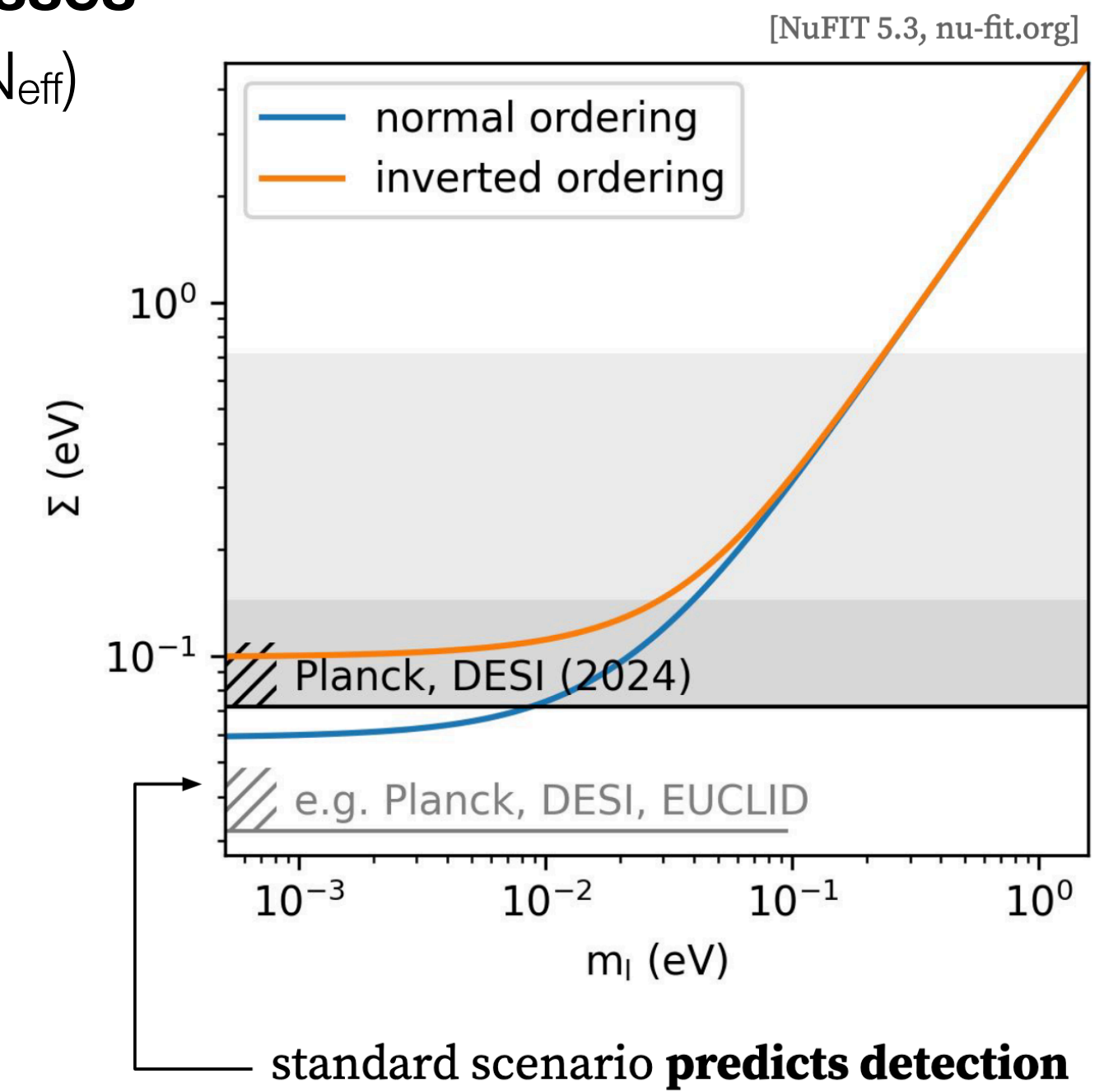
$$\sum m_\nu < 0.21 \text{ eV} \text{ (CMB)}$$

$$N_\nu = 2.9963 \pm 0.0074 \text{ from LEP}$$

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 2.98 \pm 0.20 \text{ (CMB)}$$

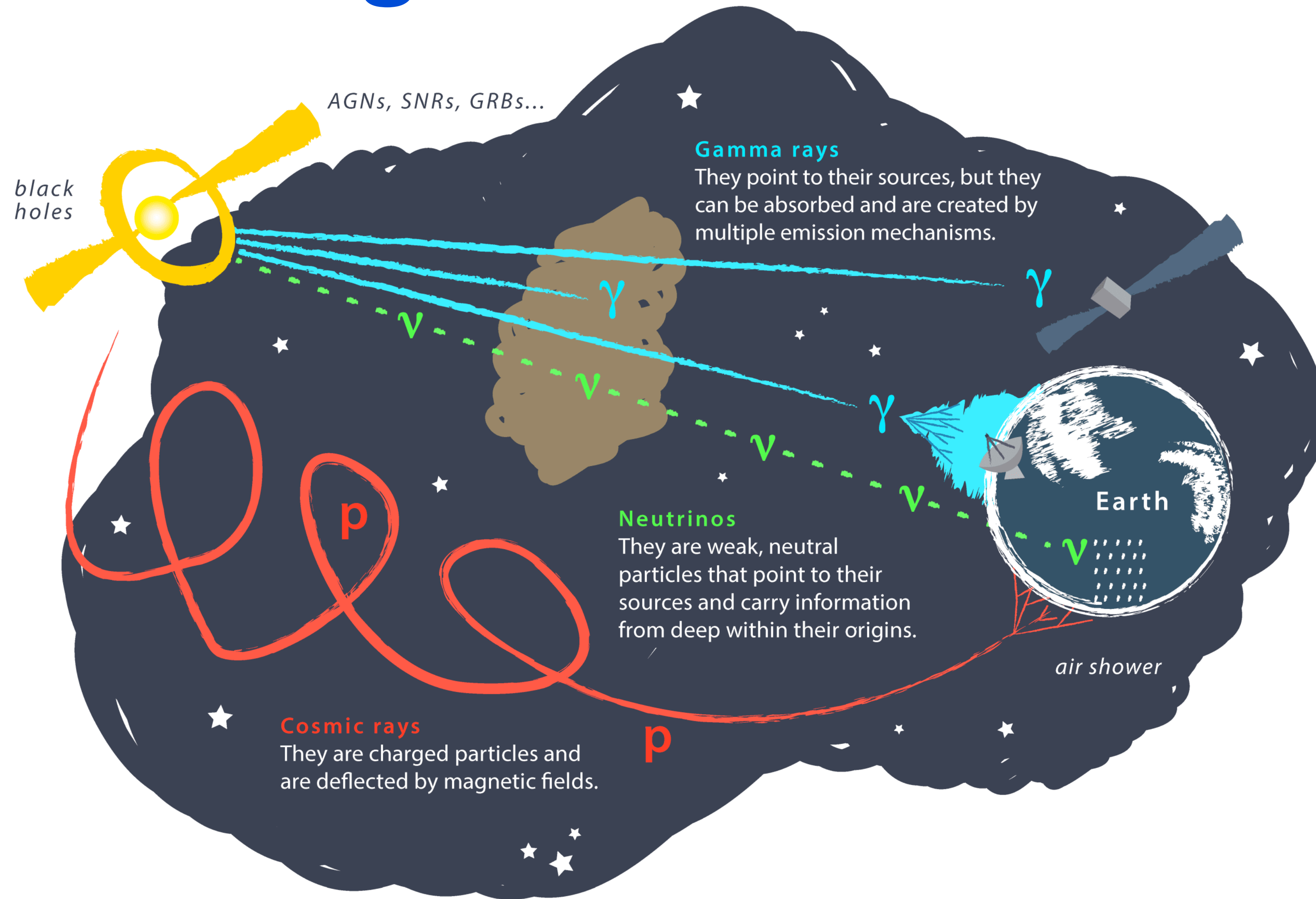
New result from **CMB + DESI BAO** (2024), 95%:

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.072 \text{ eV}$$



# 3

# Messengers of the Universe

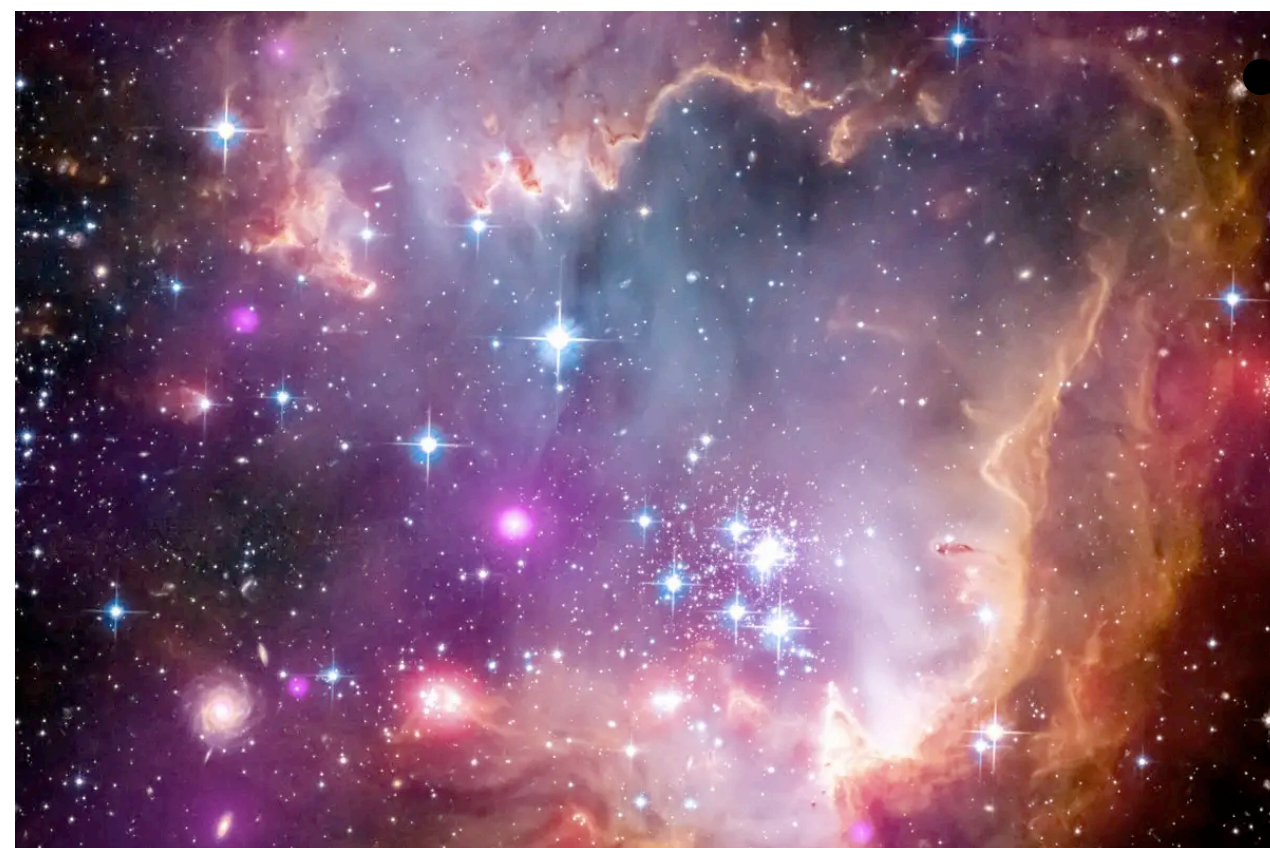
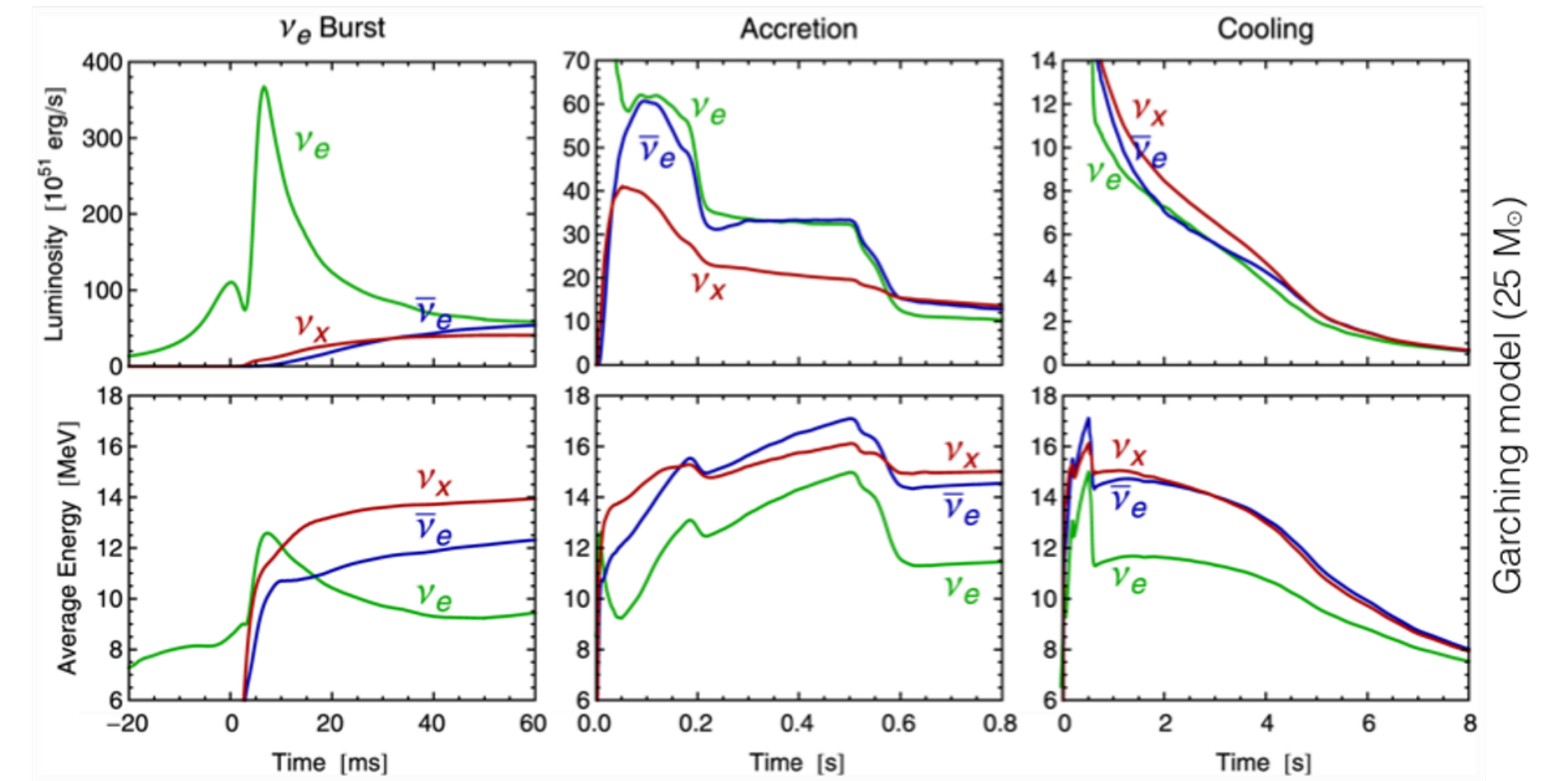


# Neutrinos from core-collapse supernovae and DSNB



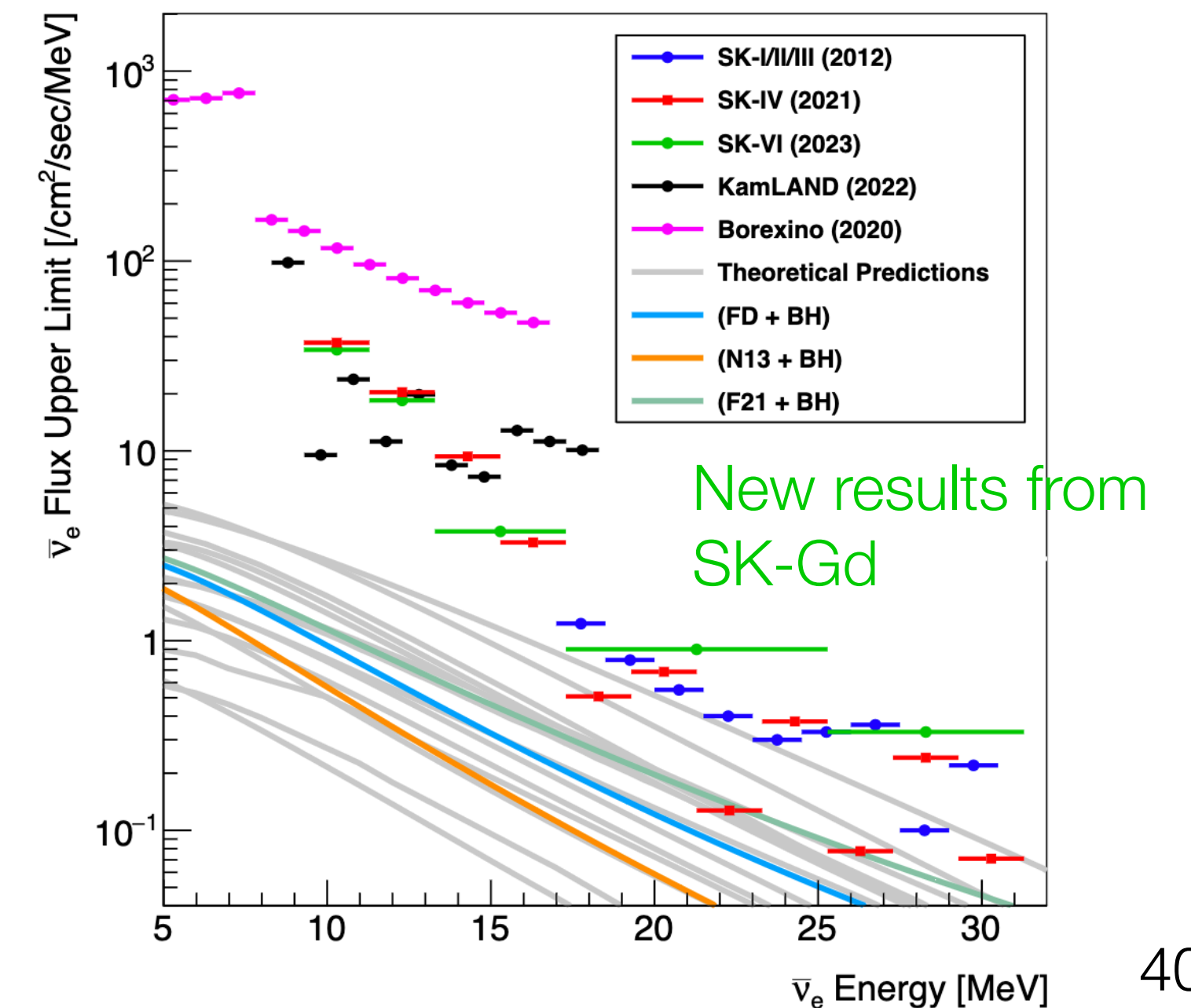
Detection of **core-collapse supernova neutrinos** (99% SN binding energy emitted in  $\sim 10$  seconds by neutrinos) provides information about:

- ◆ Core-collapse explosion mechanism
- ◆ Neutrino properties



Detection of **diffuse supernova neutrino background** (averaged neutrino flux from all supernovae)

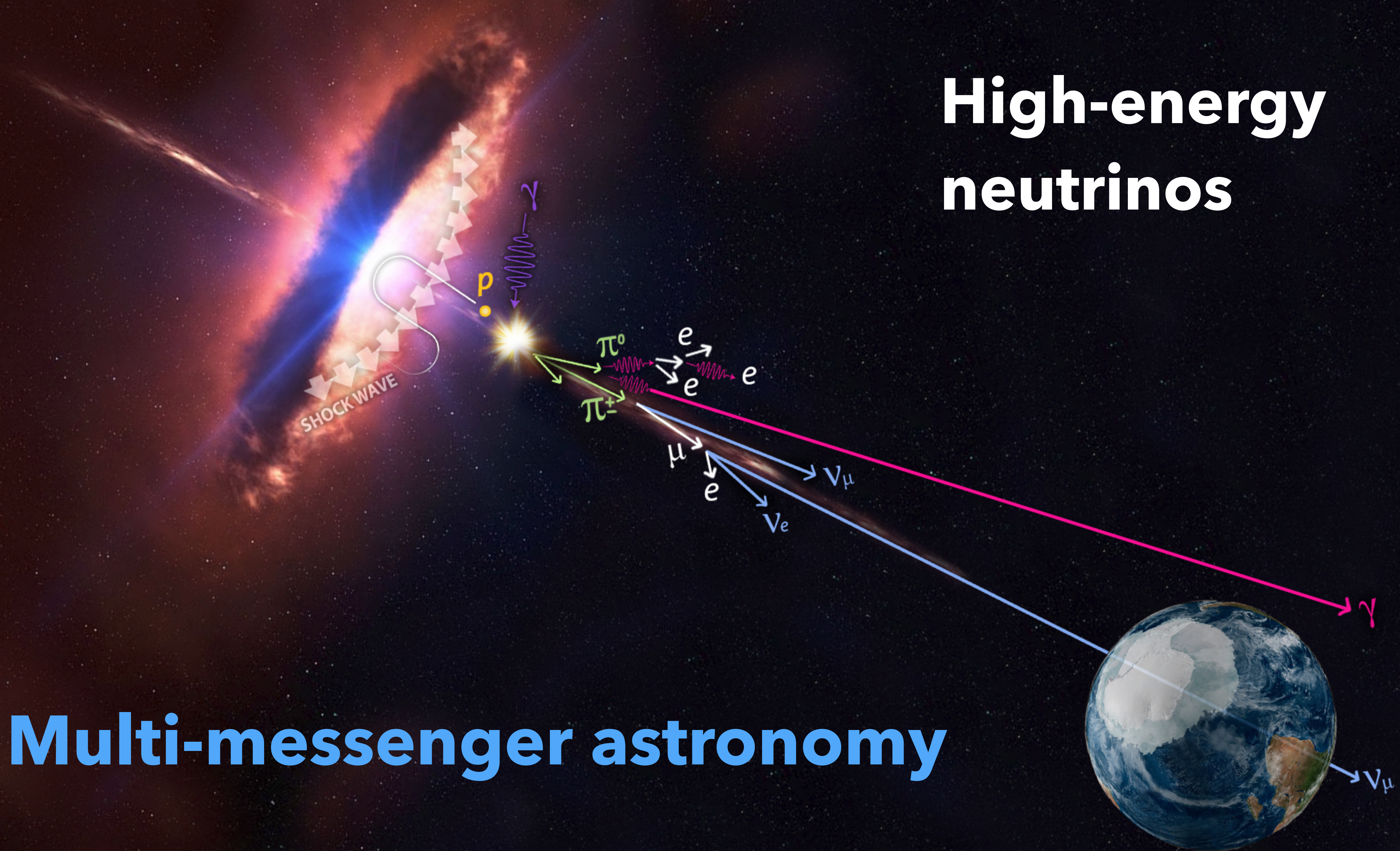
- ◆ No detected yet
- ◆ Best upper limits from Super-K



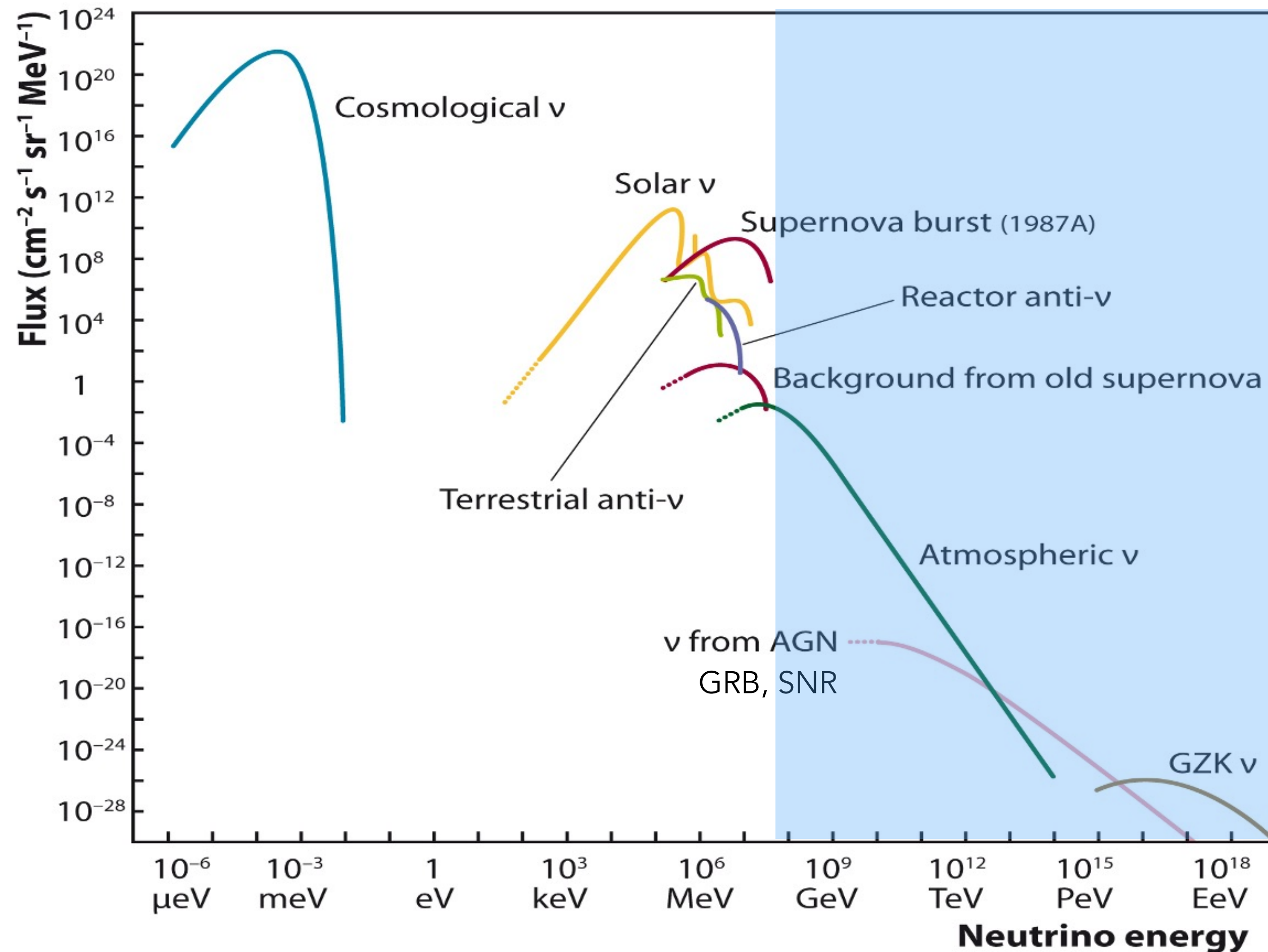


# High-energy neutrinos

Multi-messenger astronomy



# Astrophysical neutrinos - high-energy neutrinos

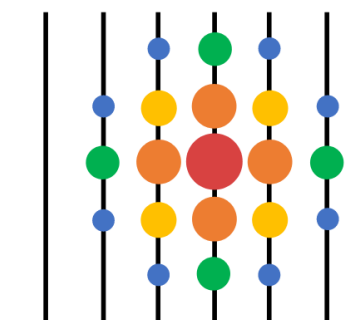


- **Atmospheric** neutrinos
  - ◆ Up to 100 TeV
- **Cosmic** neutrinos (~TeV-PeV)
  - ◆ From AGN, GRB, SNR
- **Cosmogenic** neutrinos (PeV-EeV)
  - ◆ From cosmic ray interactions with CMB photons (not detected yet)
- Production:  $p + \gamma \rightarrow n + \pi^+$ 

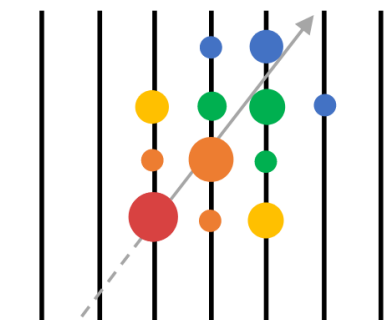
$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$$

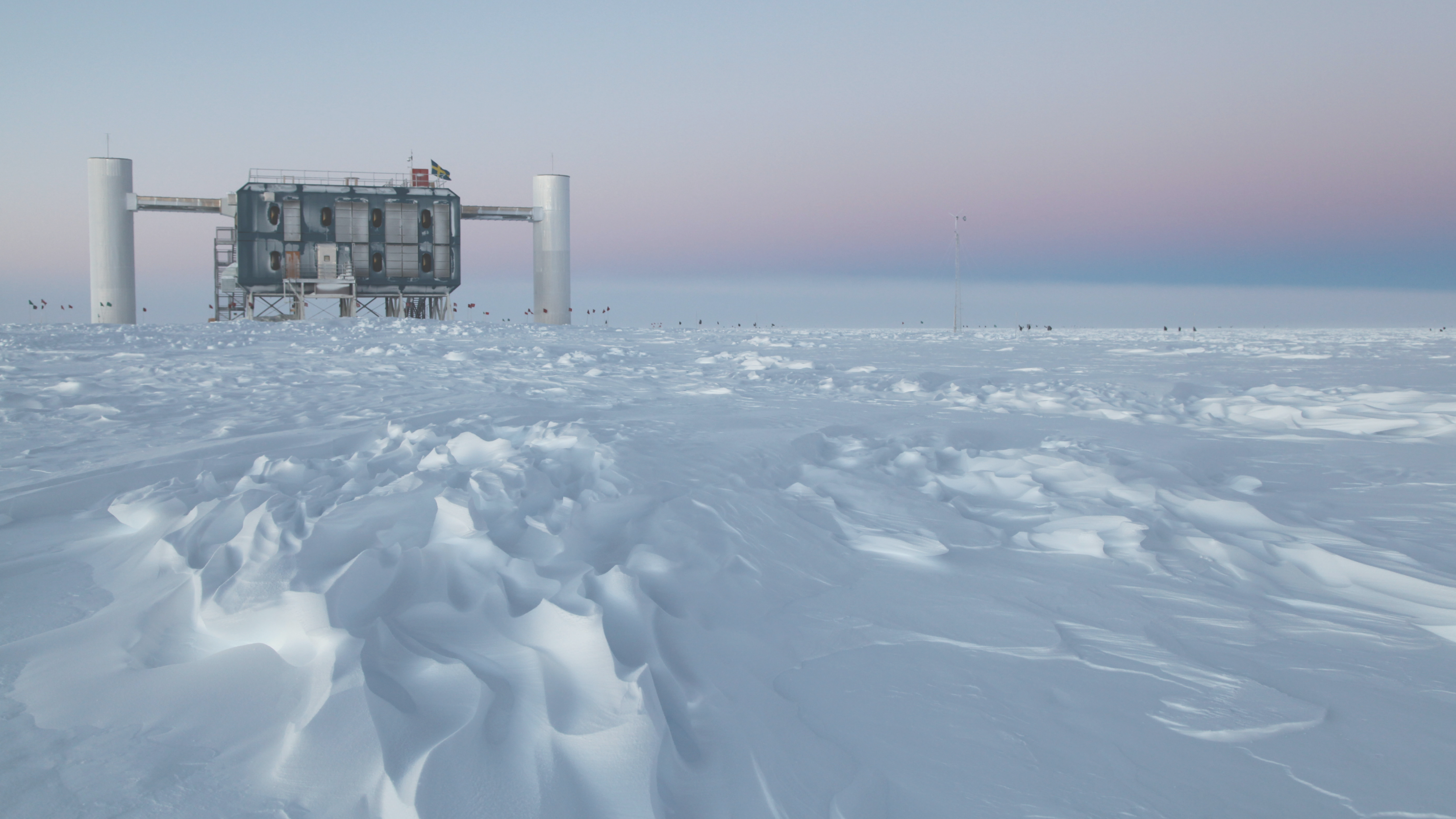
$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$
- Detection of astrophysical neutrinos
  - ◆ Interaction with water/ice producing Cherenkov photons (shower vs tracks)

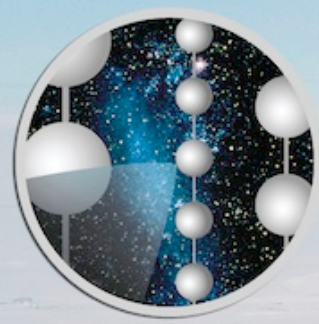
$\nu_e$ CC,  $\nu_\tau$ CC, NC



$\nu_\mu$ CC





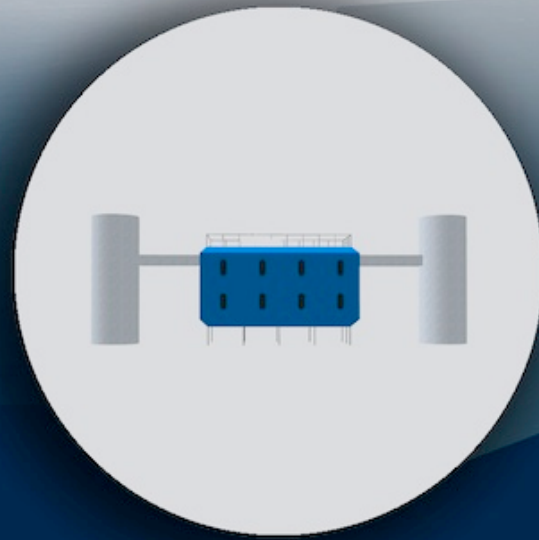


# ICECUBE

SOUTH POLE NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY

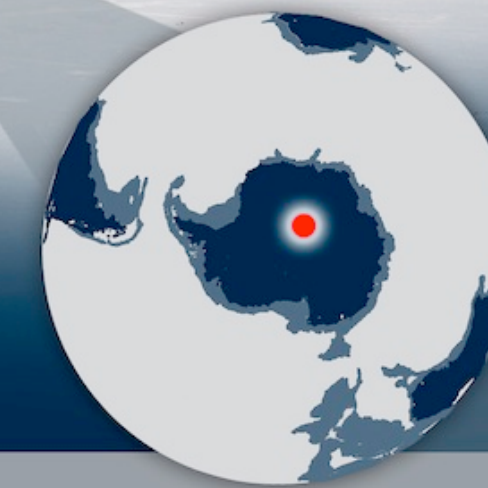
50 m

IceTop



## IceCube Laboratory

Data from every sensor is collected here and sent by satellite to the IceCube data warehouse at UW-Madison

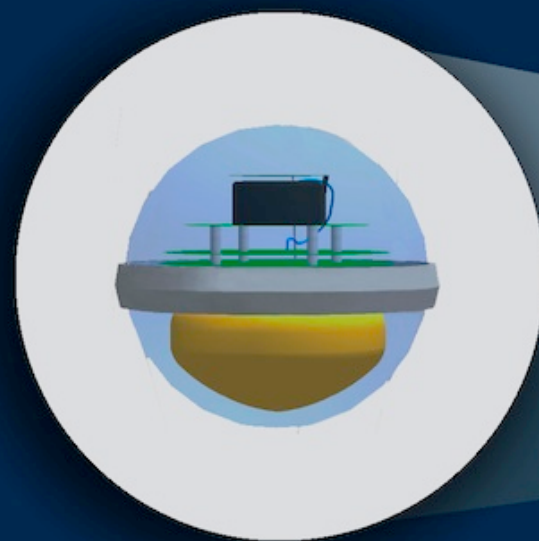


Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica  
A National Science Foundation-managed research facility

1450 m

86 strings

DeepCore  
8 extra strings



Digital Optical Module (DOM)  
5,160 DOMs deployed in the ice

2450 m

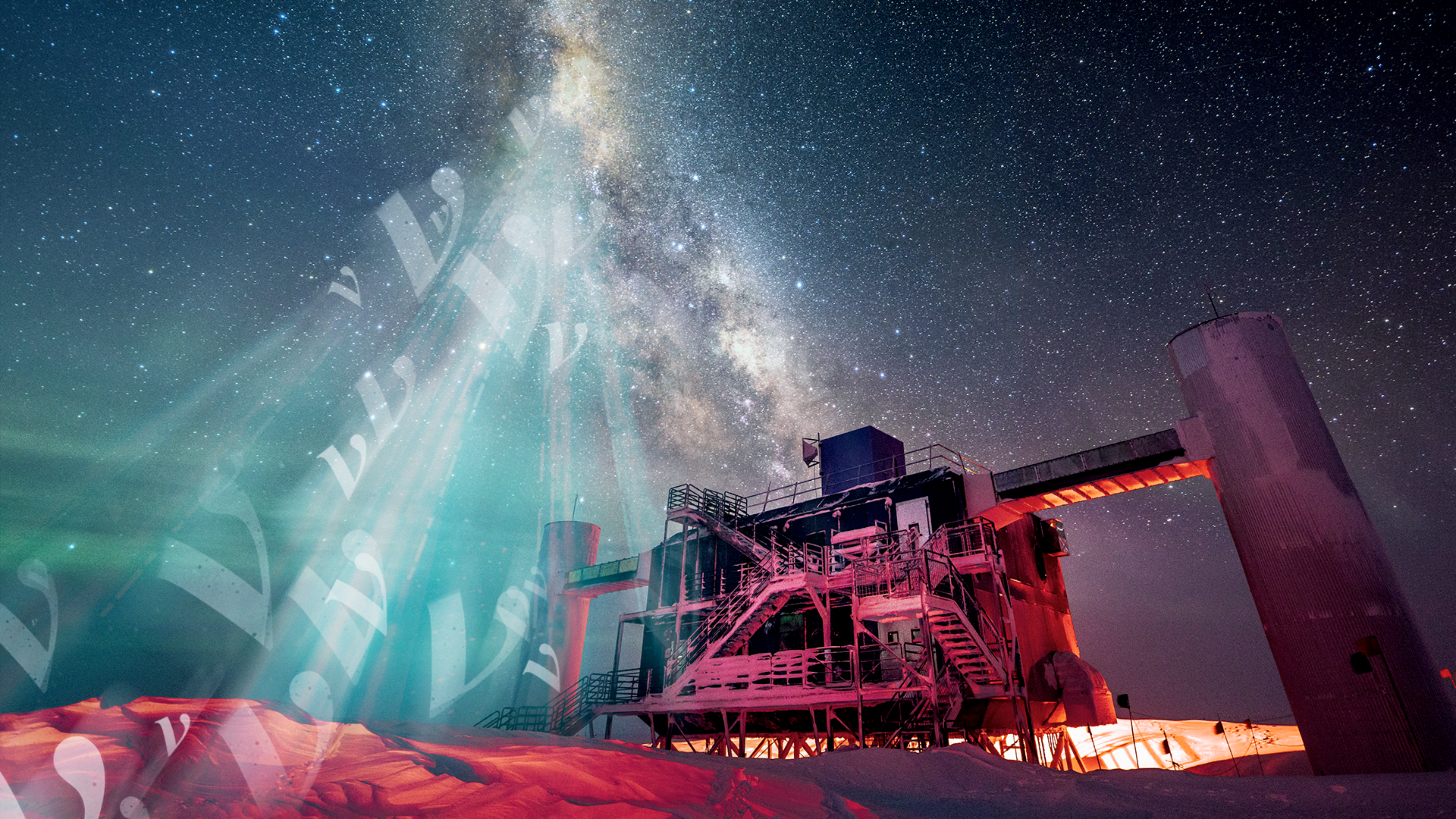
IceCube

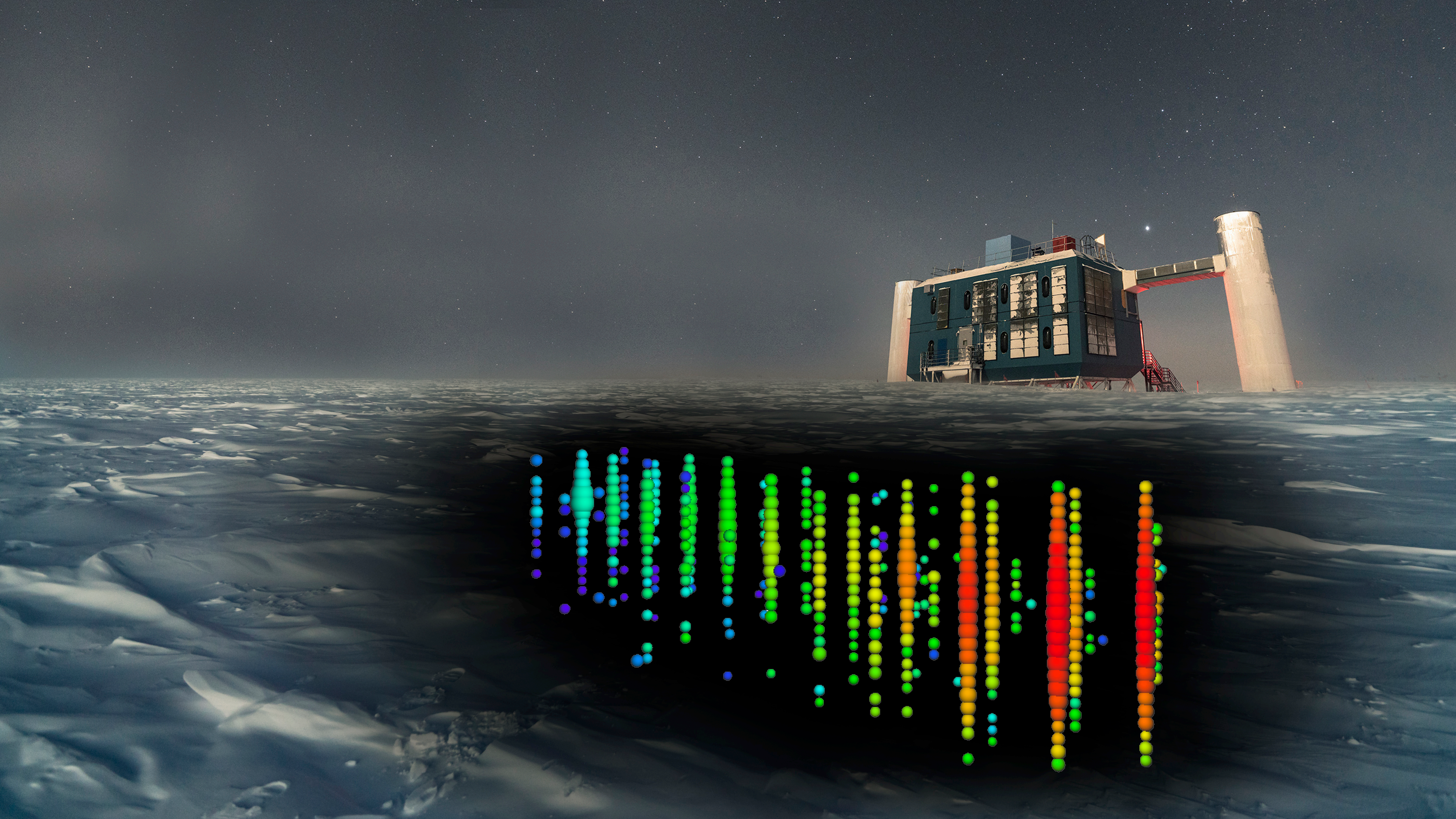


Eiffel Tower  
324 m

2820 m

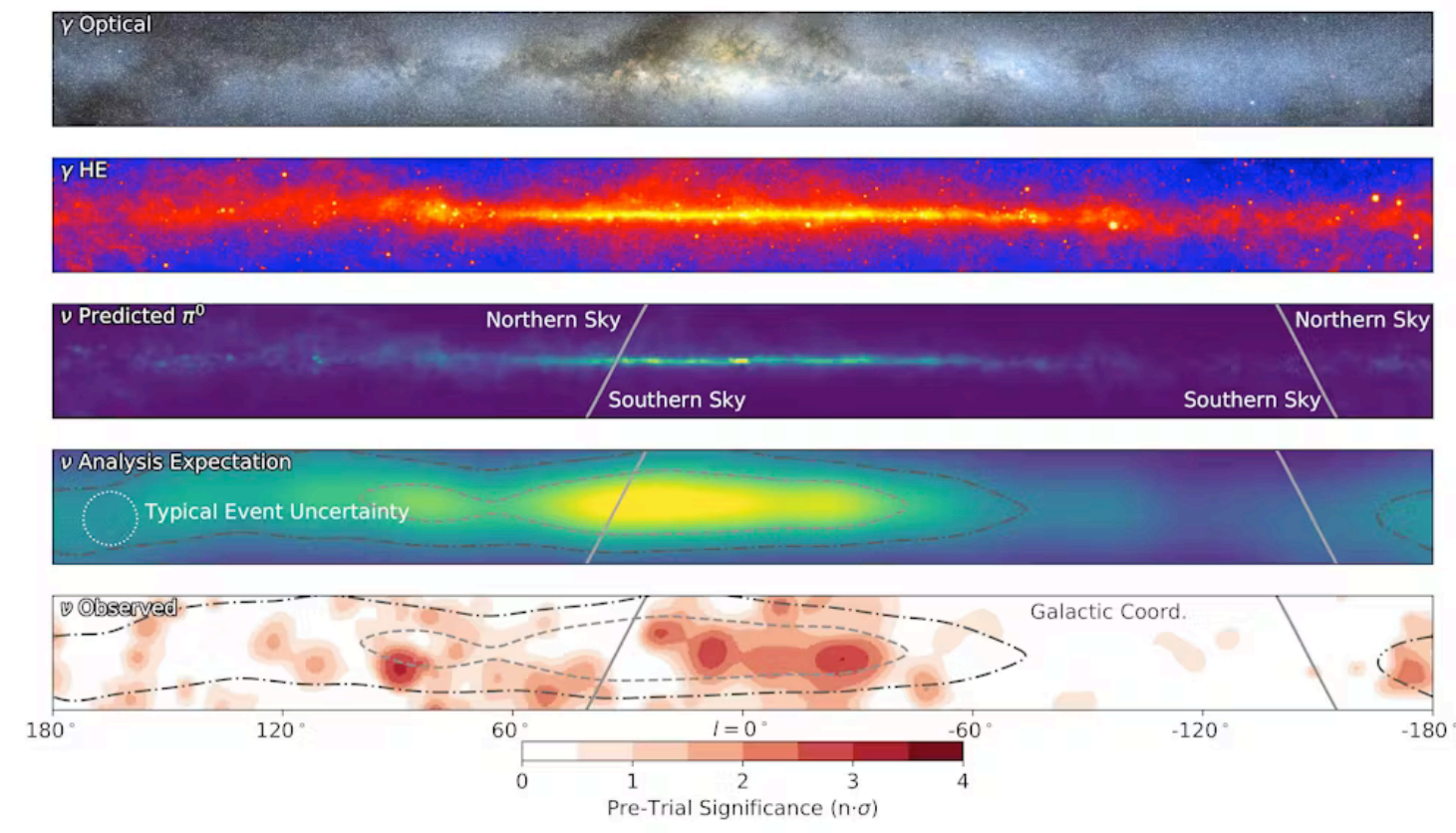
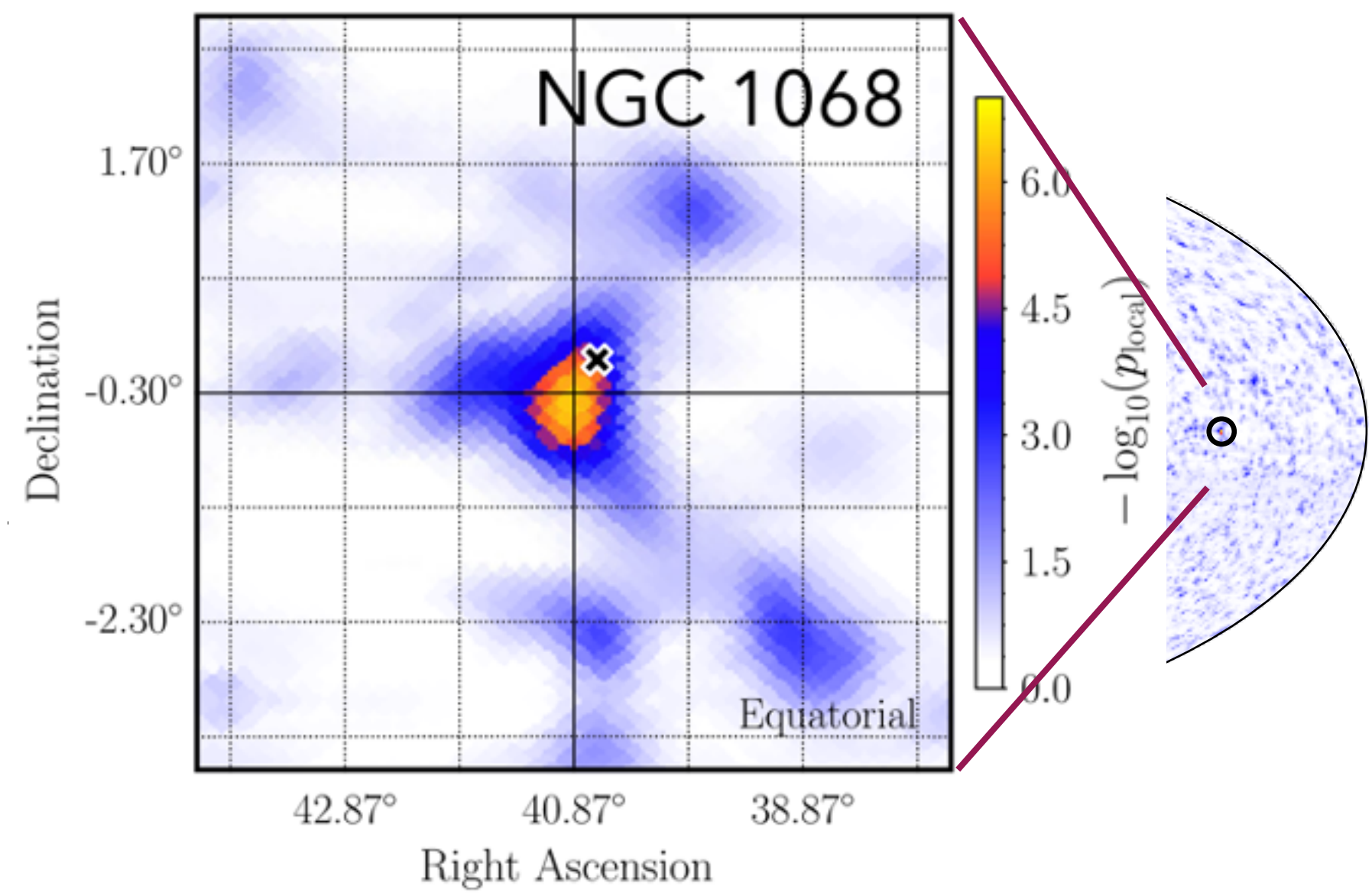
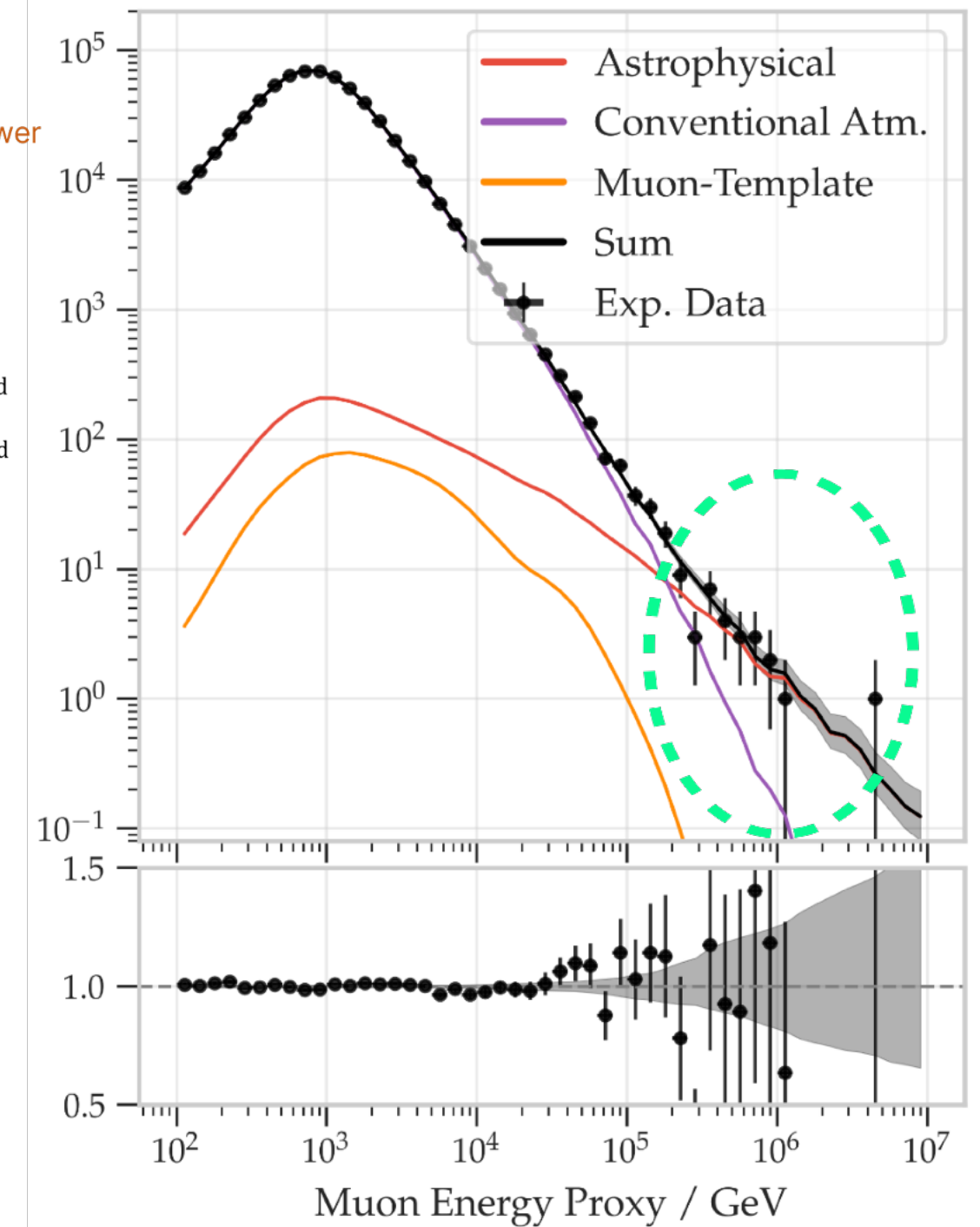
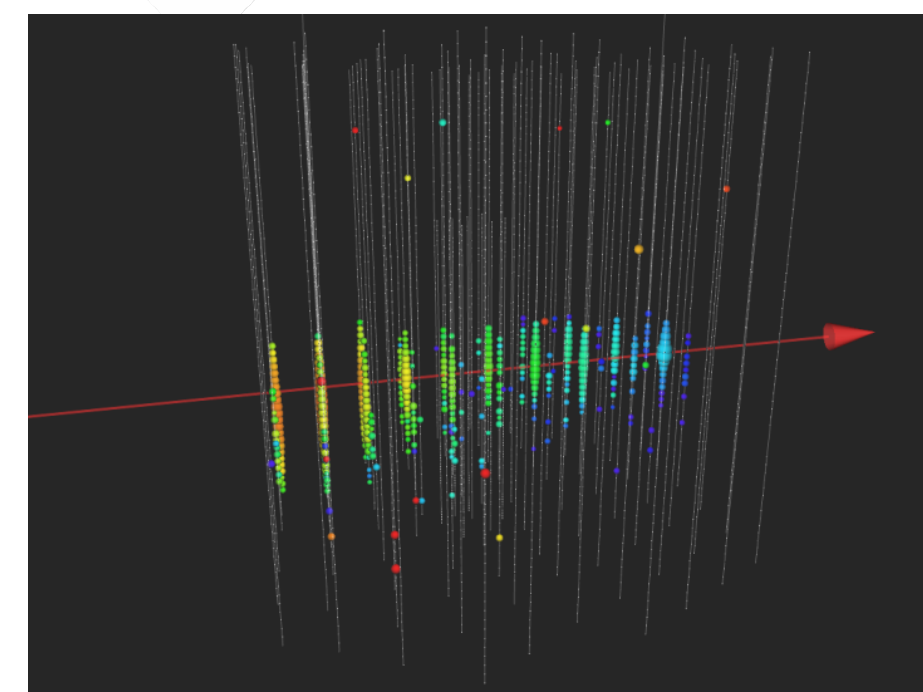
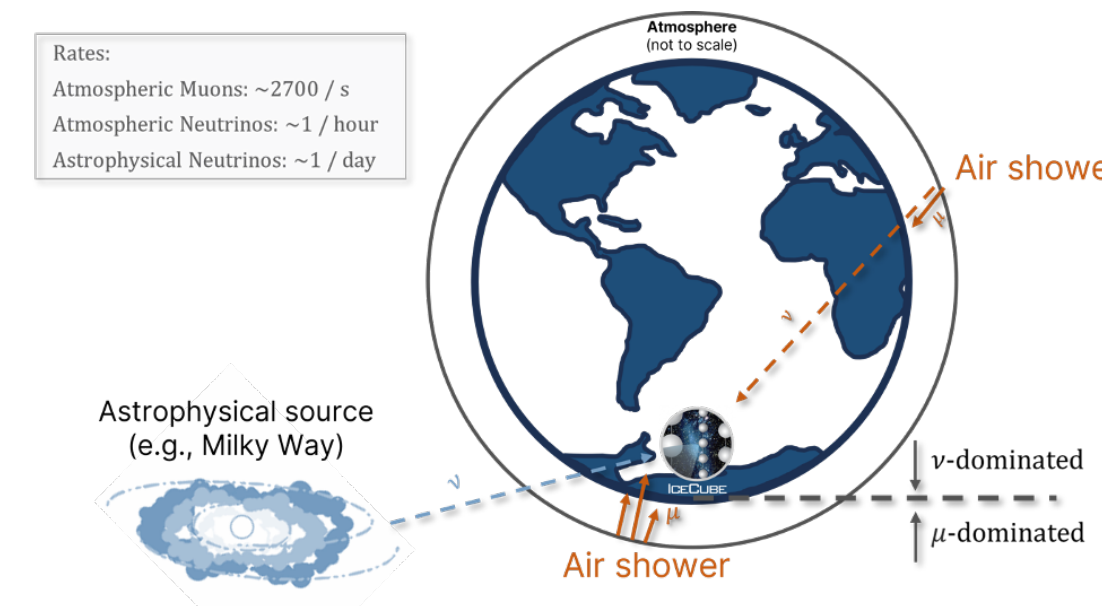
bedrock



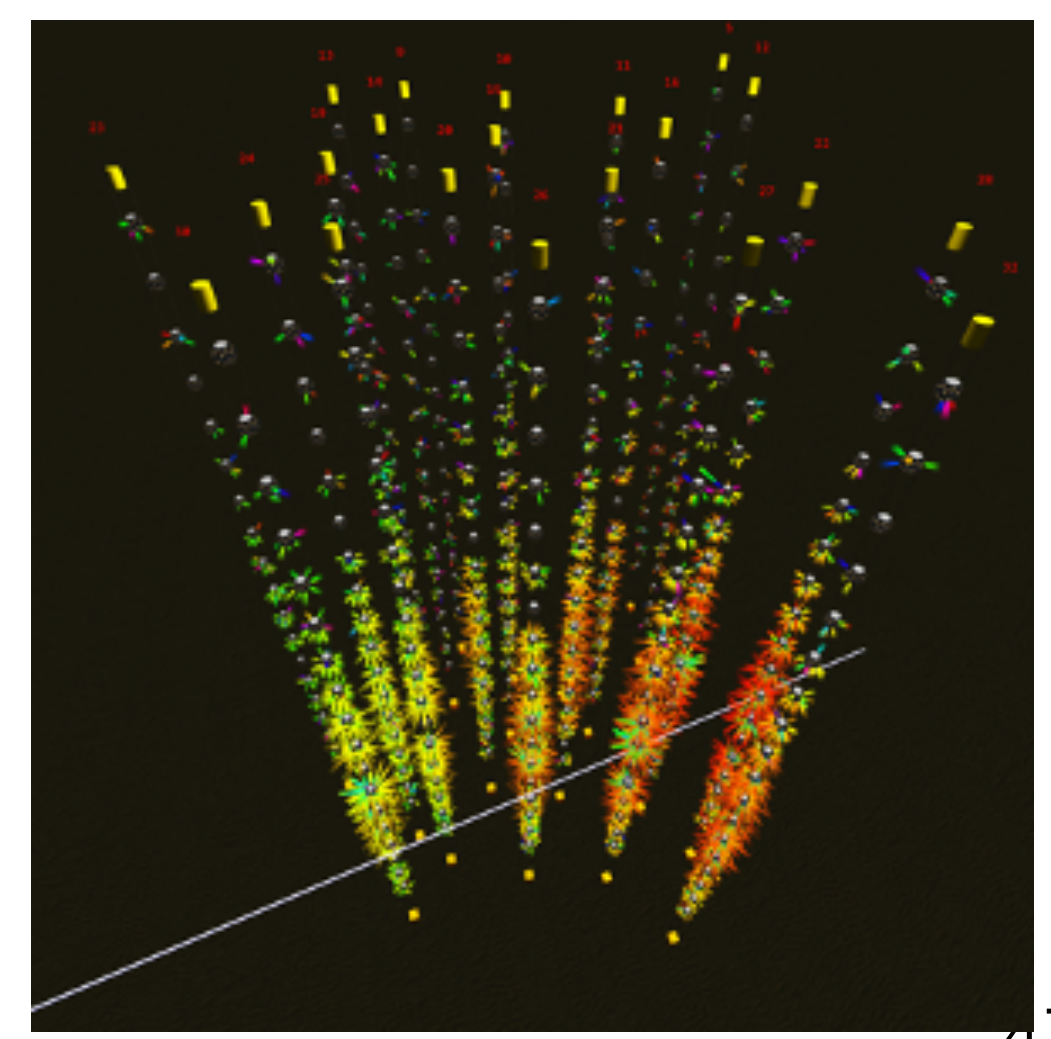


# IceCube results

- 2013: Discovery of high-energy astrophysical neutrino flux
- 2017: Neutrino emission from **blazar TXS 0506+056**
- 2022: Neutrino emission from the **active galaxy NGC1068**
- 2023: Evidence of neutrinos from the **Galactic plane**



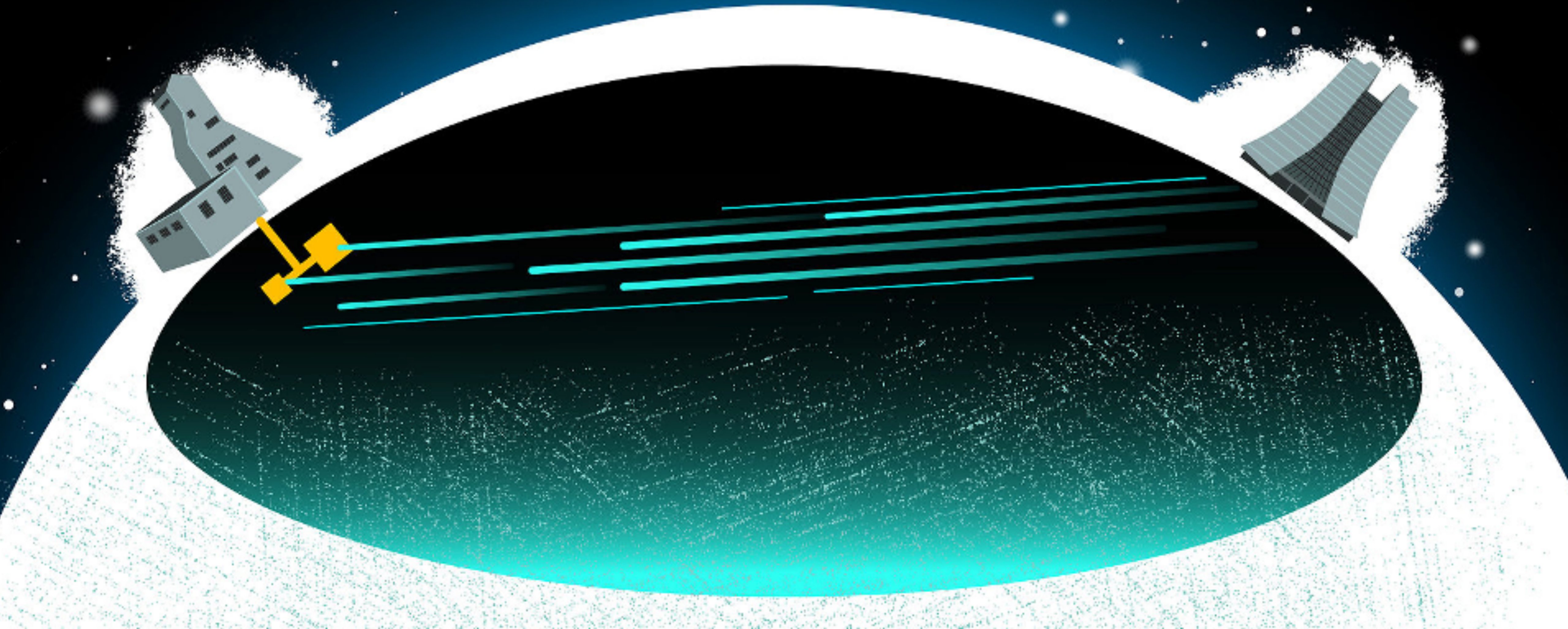
Event (likely 10's of PeV) detected by KM3NeT



Neutrino astronomy is an exciting field  
KM3NeT also taking data!

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# Future challenges and discoveries

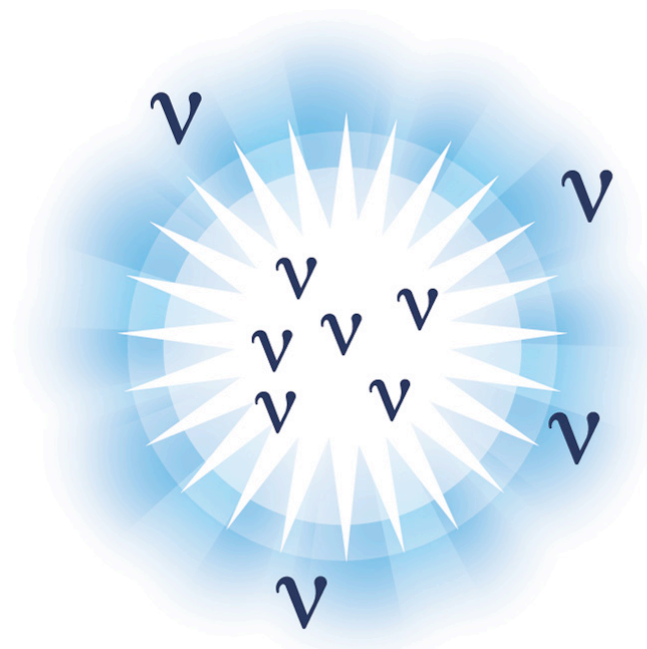
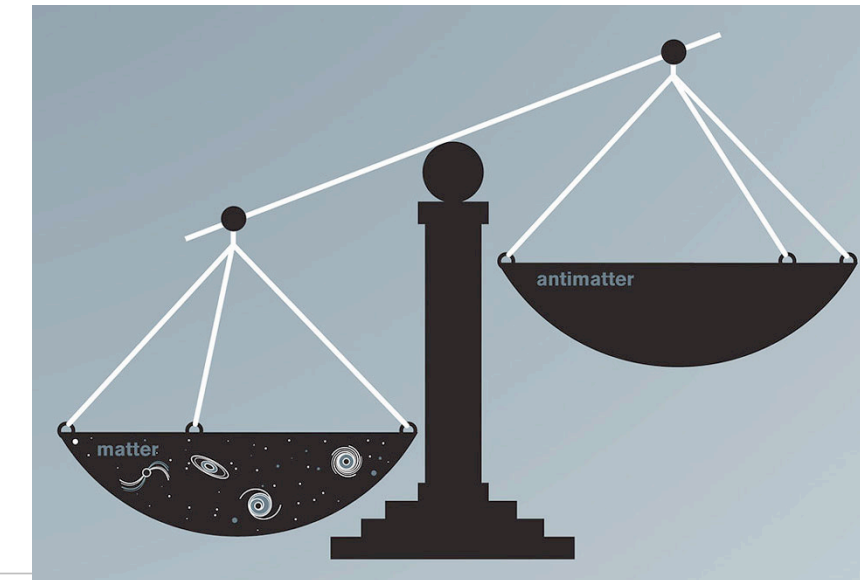




# Discovery opportunities in LBL experiments

- **CP violation**

- ◆ T2K and NOvA could reach  $3\sigma$  sensitivity to CPV over the next years
- ◆ To reach discovery and precise measurement, larger detectors and (upgraded or new) beams are needed



- Neutrino **mass ordering**

- ◆ Small preference for NO with current data (not conclusive)

- **Octant** of  $\theta_{23}$

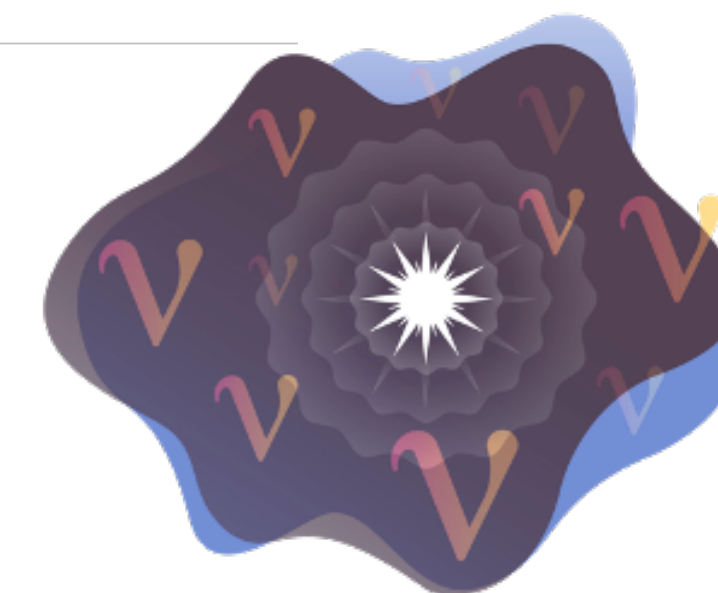
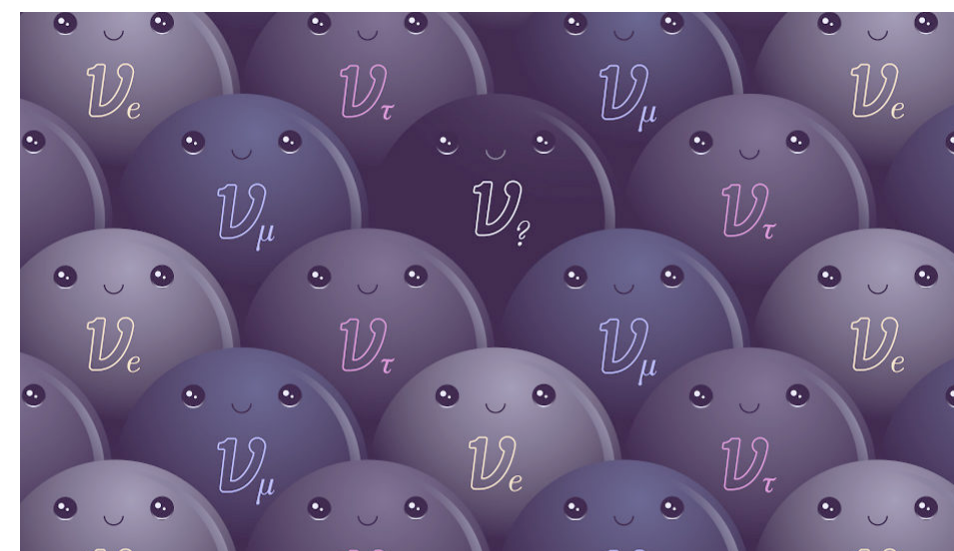
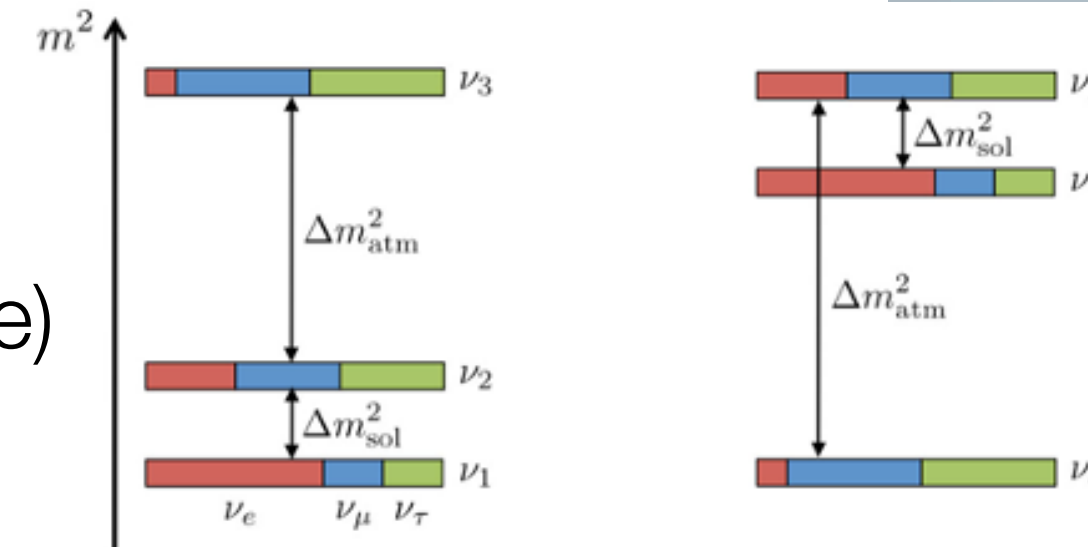
- ◆ Maximal?  $\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_\tau$  mixing symmetric? If so, why?

- Neutrino anomalies: **sterile neutrinos?**

- **Solar** neutrinos: hep neutrino flux

- **Supernova** burst and Diffuse SN Neutrino Background detection

- **Beyond the Standard Model:** nucleon-decay, testing the 3-neutrino flavor paradigm



# Neutrino oscillations

**3 neutrino mixing:**  $| \nu_\alpha \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{\alpha i} | \nu_i \rangle$

Pontecorvo, Maki, Nakagawa, Sakata (PMNS) 3x3 mixing matrix

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

$\theta_{23}$



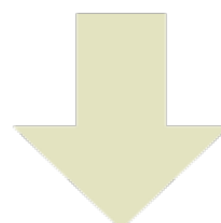
Atmospheric + LBL acc.

$\theta_{13}, \delta_{CP}$



SBL reactors + LBL acc.

$\theta_{12}$



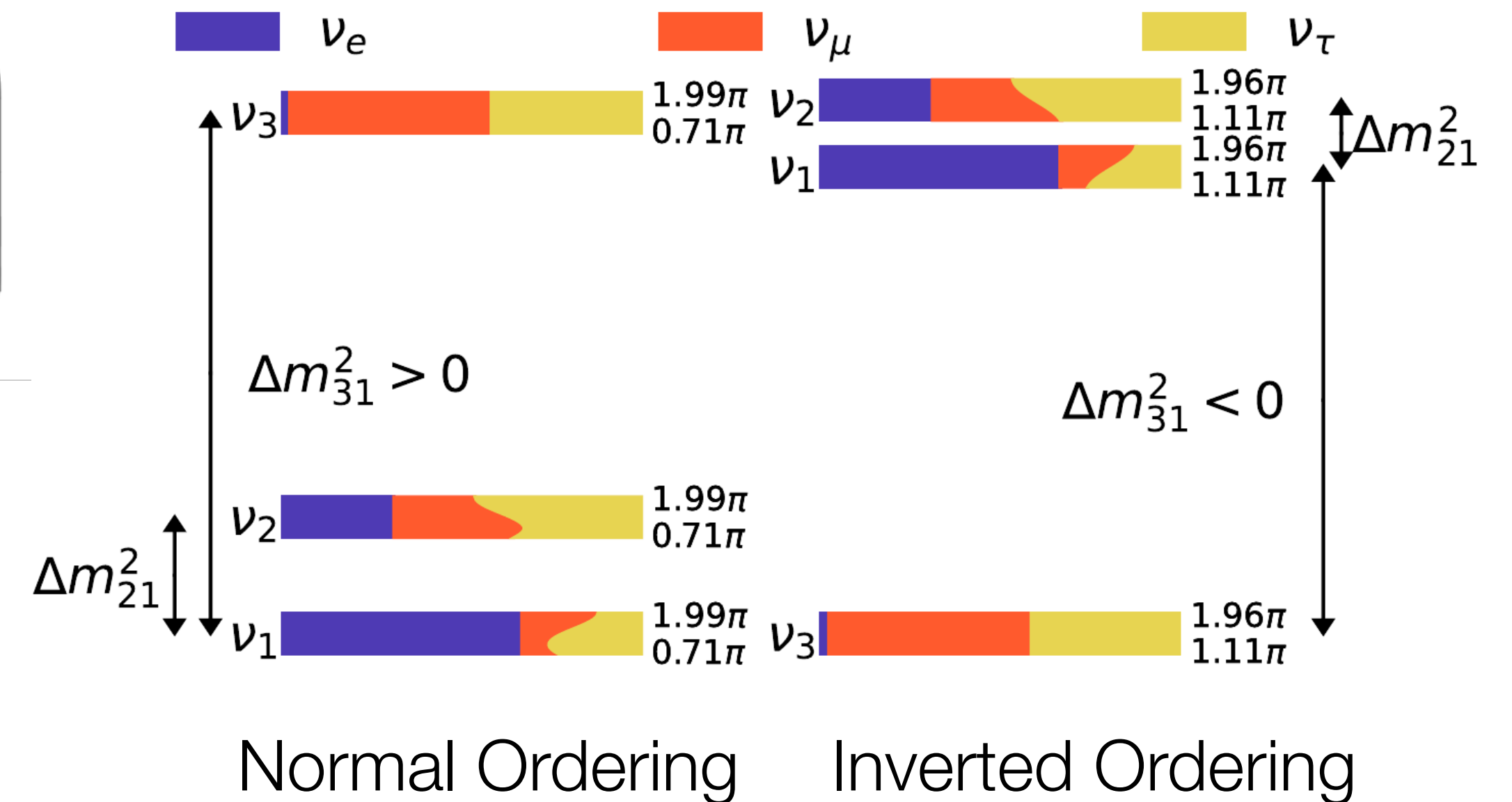
Solar + KamLAND

## Oscillation probability

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}(L, E) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{i>j} \text{Re} [U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*] \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{4E} \right) - 2 \sum_{i>j} \text{Im} [U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*] \sin \left( \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{2E} \right)$$

$$\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$$

## Neutrino mass spectrum

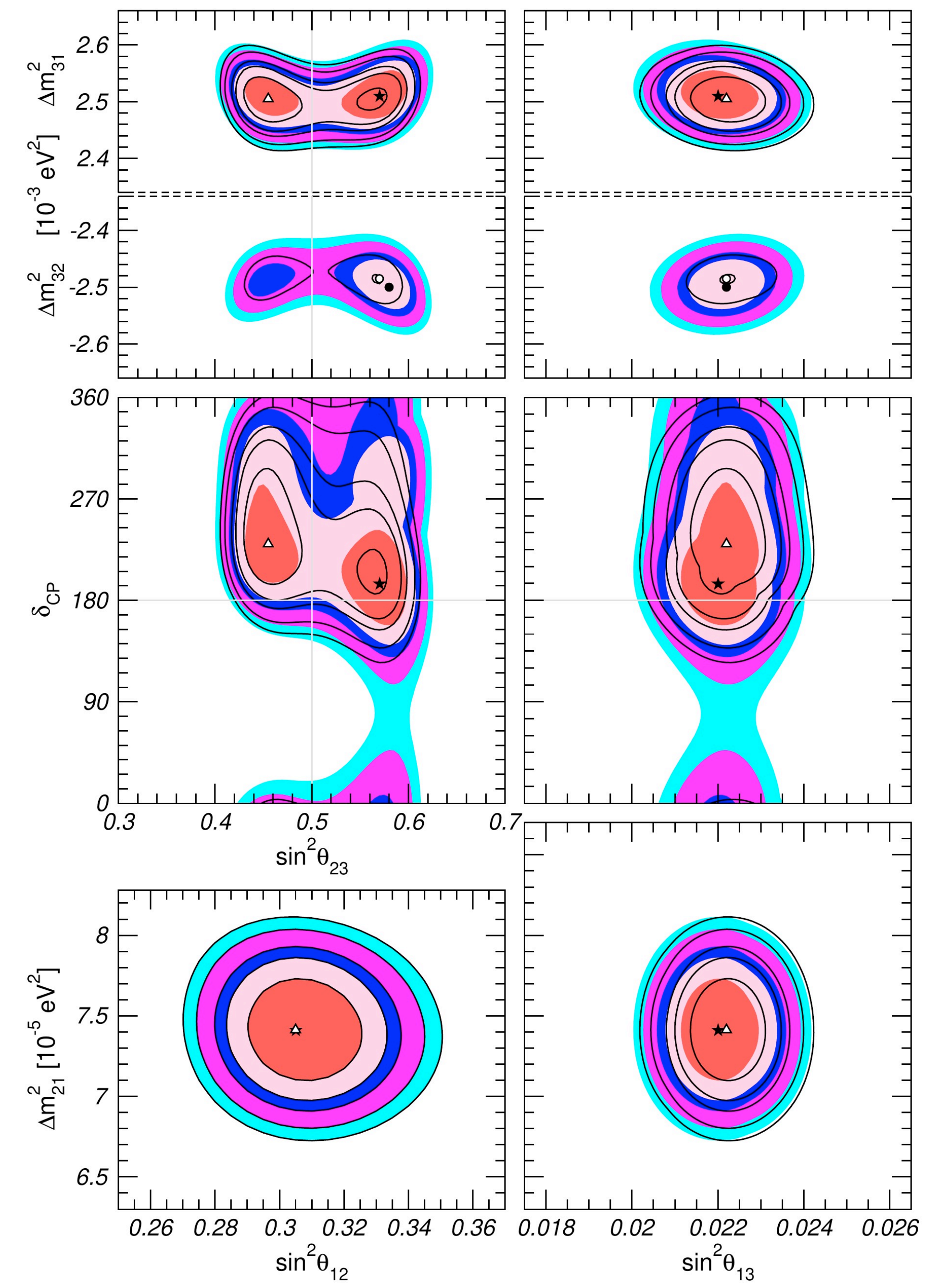


**Unknown parameters:** mass ordering (sign of  $\Delta m_{31}^2$ ),  $\delta_{CP}$ , octant of  $\theta_{23}$

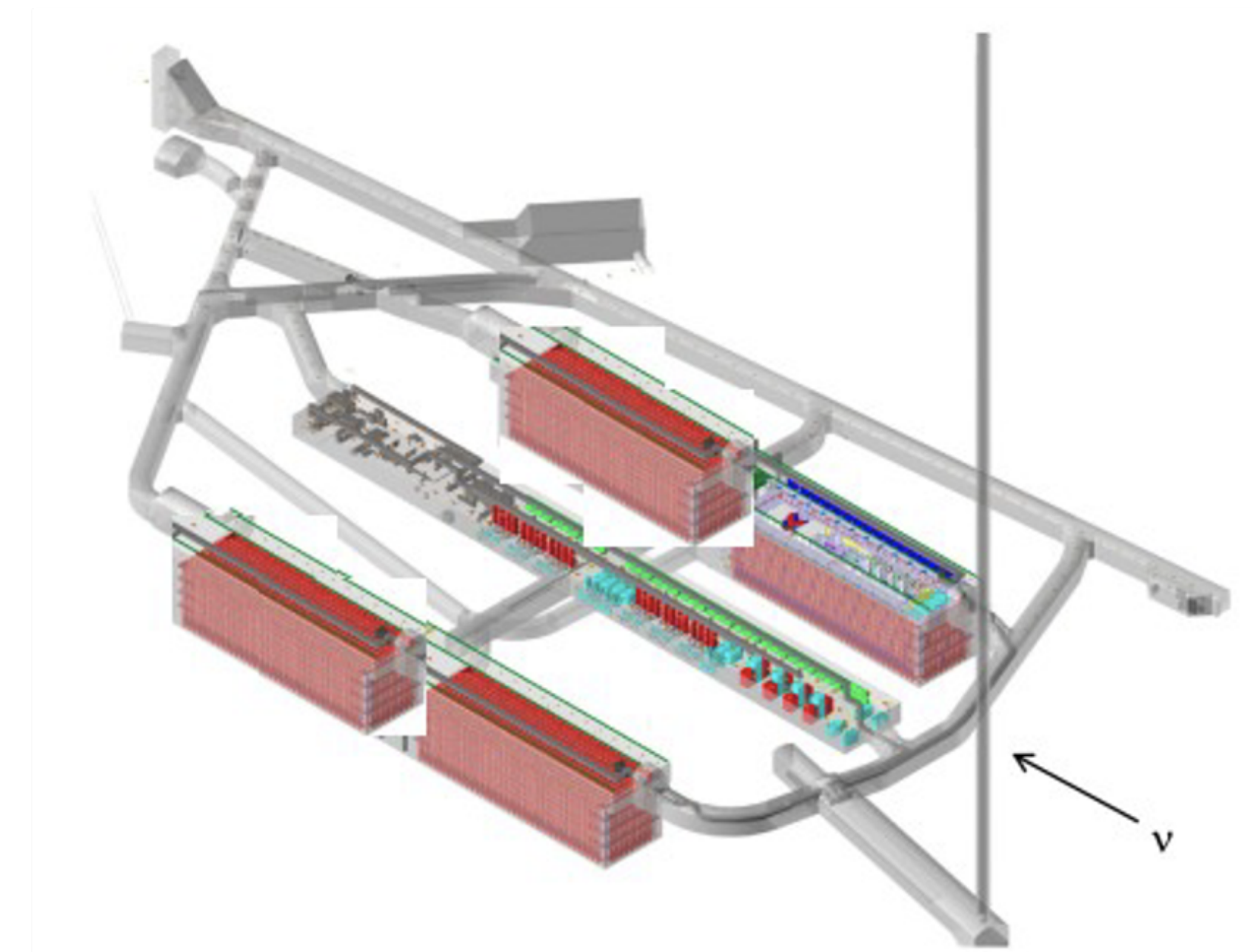
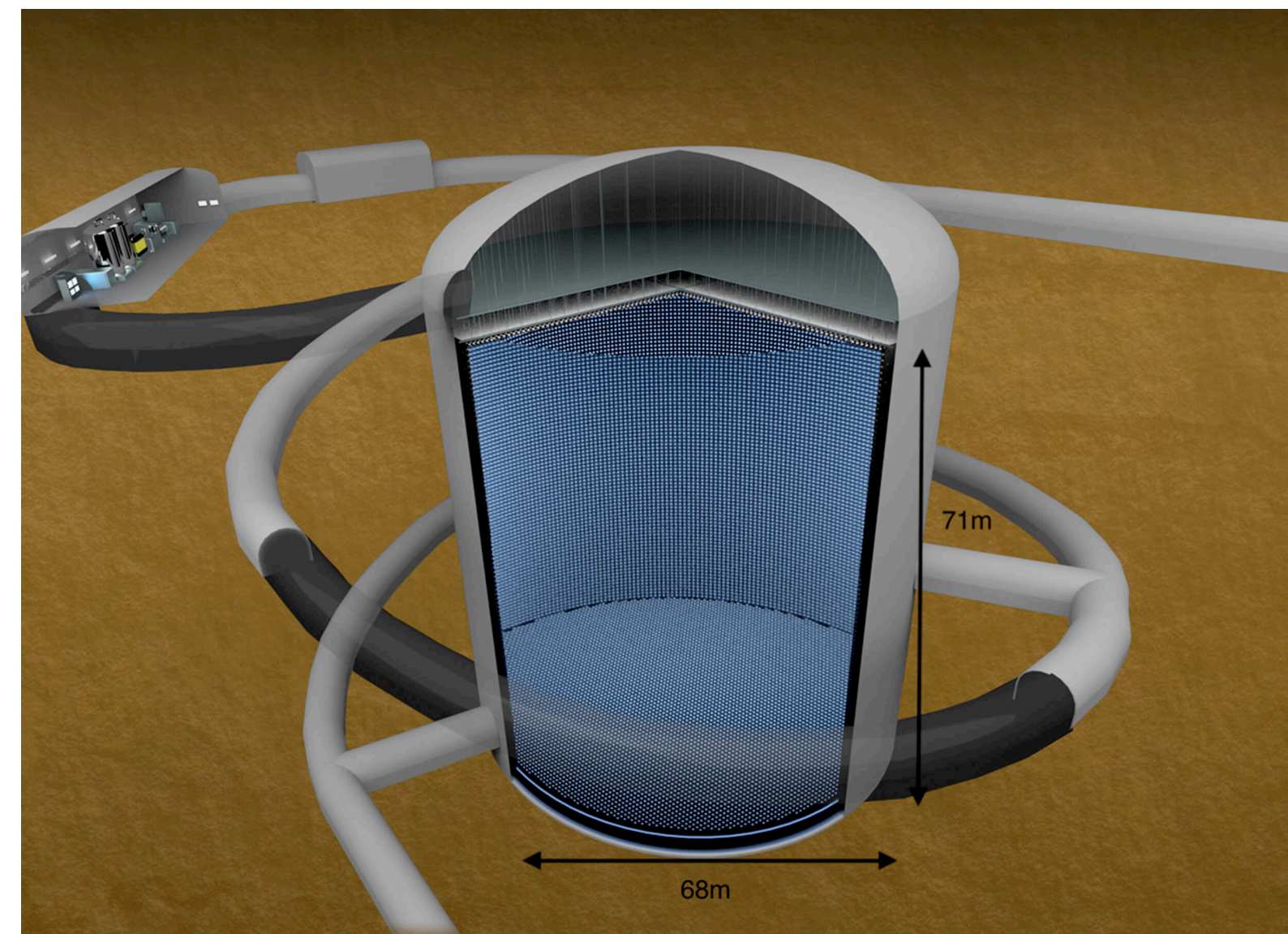
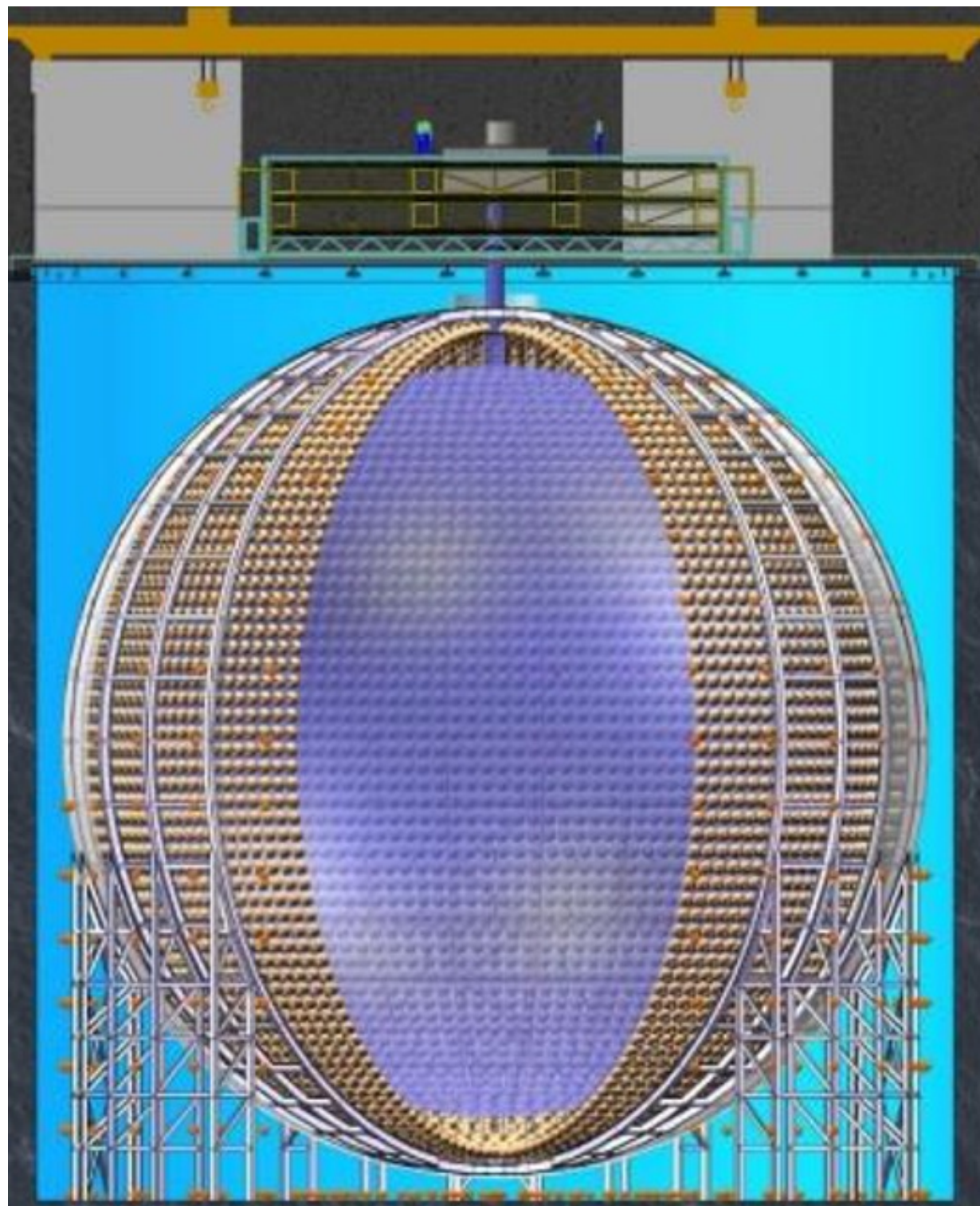
# Global fit information

- Global 6-parameter fit (including  $\delta_{CP}$ ):
  - **Solar**: Cl + Ga + SK(1–4) + SNO-full (I+II+III) + BX(1–3);
  - **Atmospheric**: SK(1–4) + DeepCore;
  - **Reactor**: KamLAND + Dbl-Chooz + Daya-Bay + Reno;
  - **Accelerator**: Minos + T2K + NOvA;

- $\theta_{23}$  octant is **not resolved** yet (slight preference for the second octant)
- The sign of  $\Delta m^2_{32}$  is **unknown** (Normal Ordering is preferred)
- $\delta_{CP}$  **unknown**: Tension between T2K and NOvA experiments for NO. CP-violation for IO at  $\sim 3\sigma$

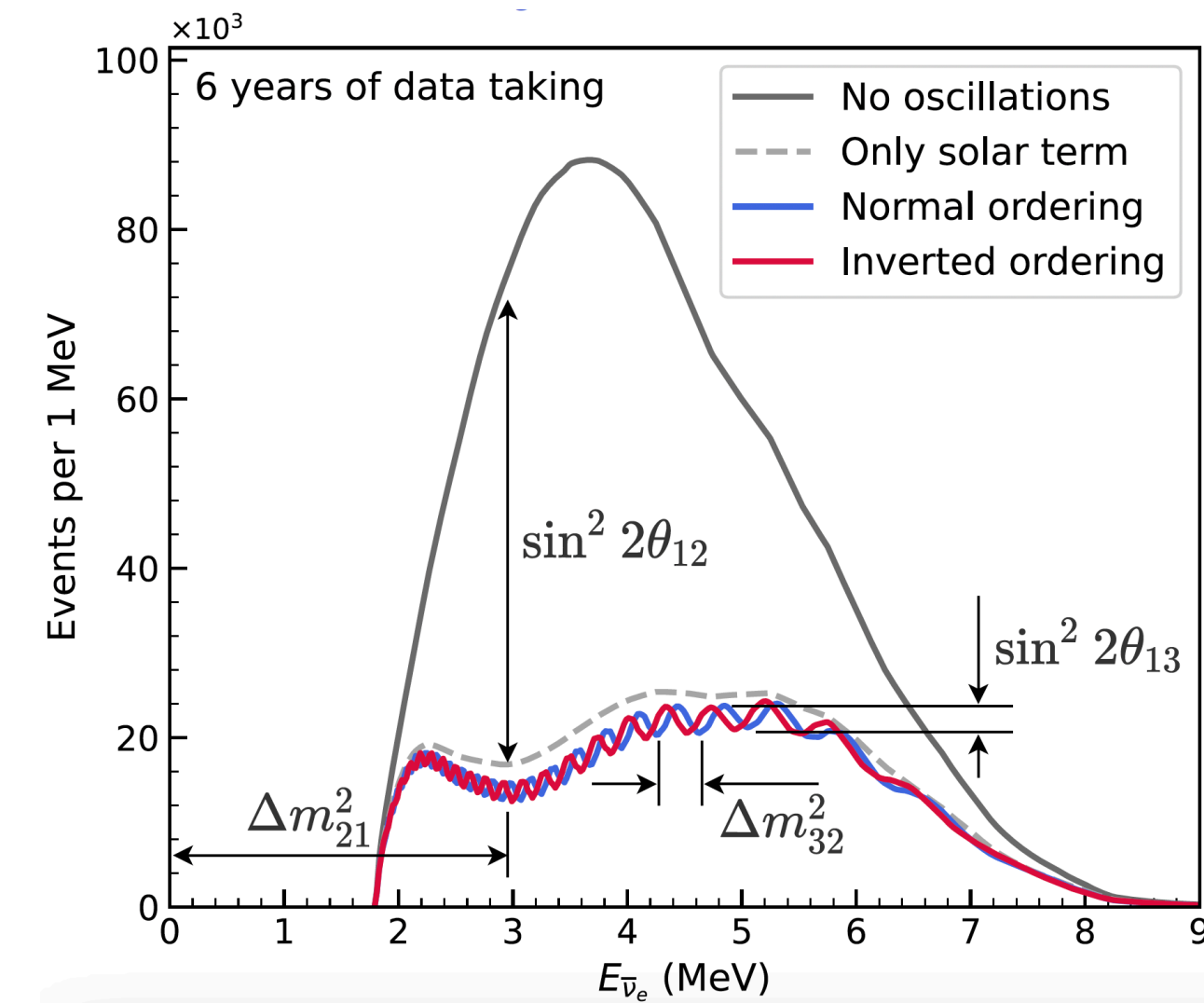


# Three large-scale projects under construction

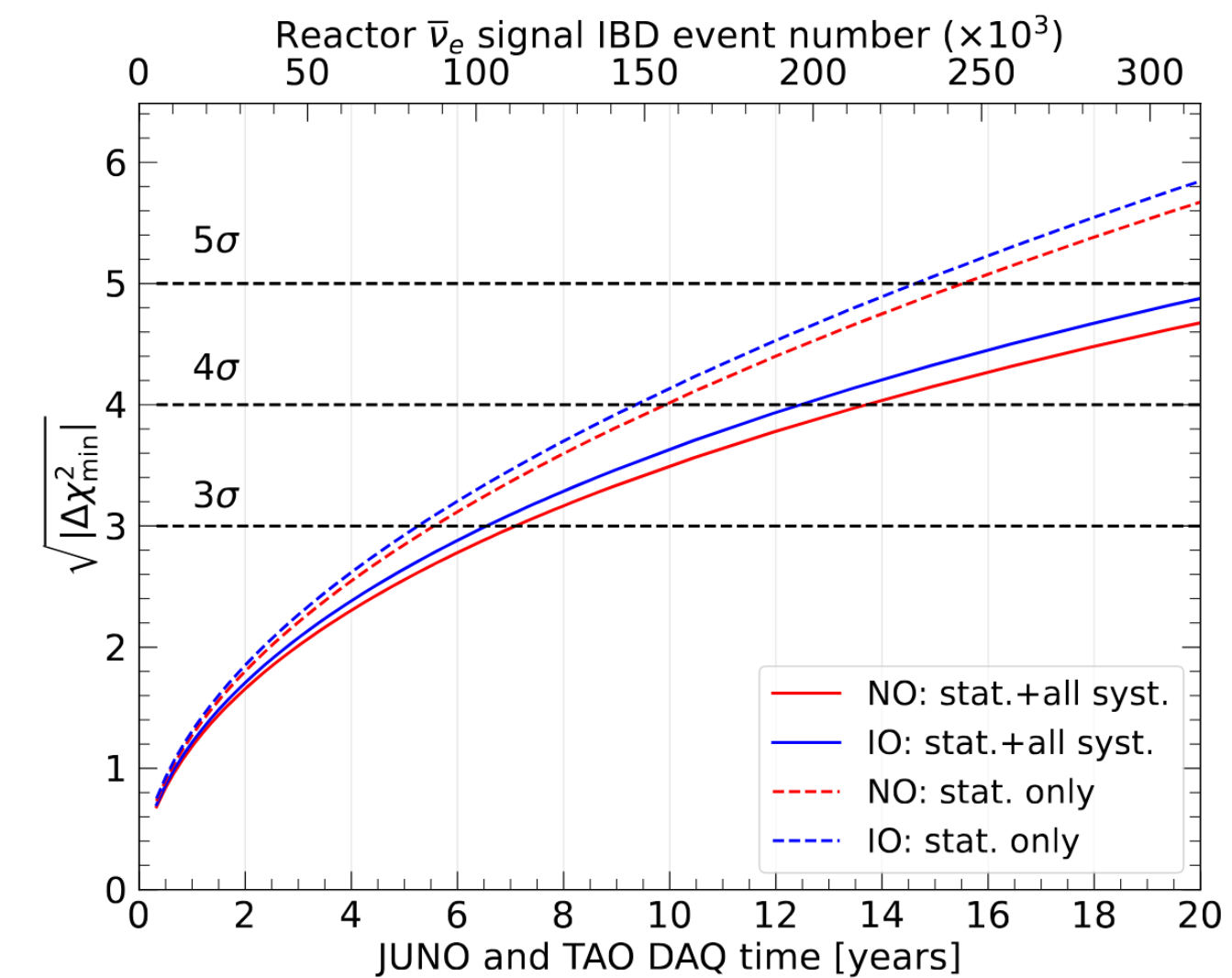
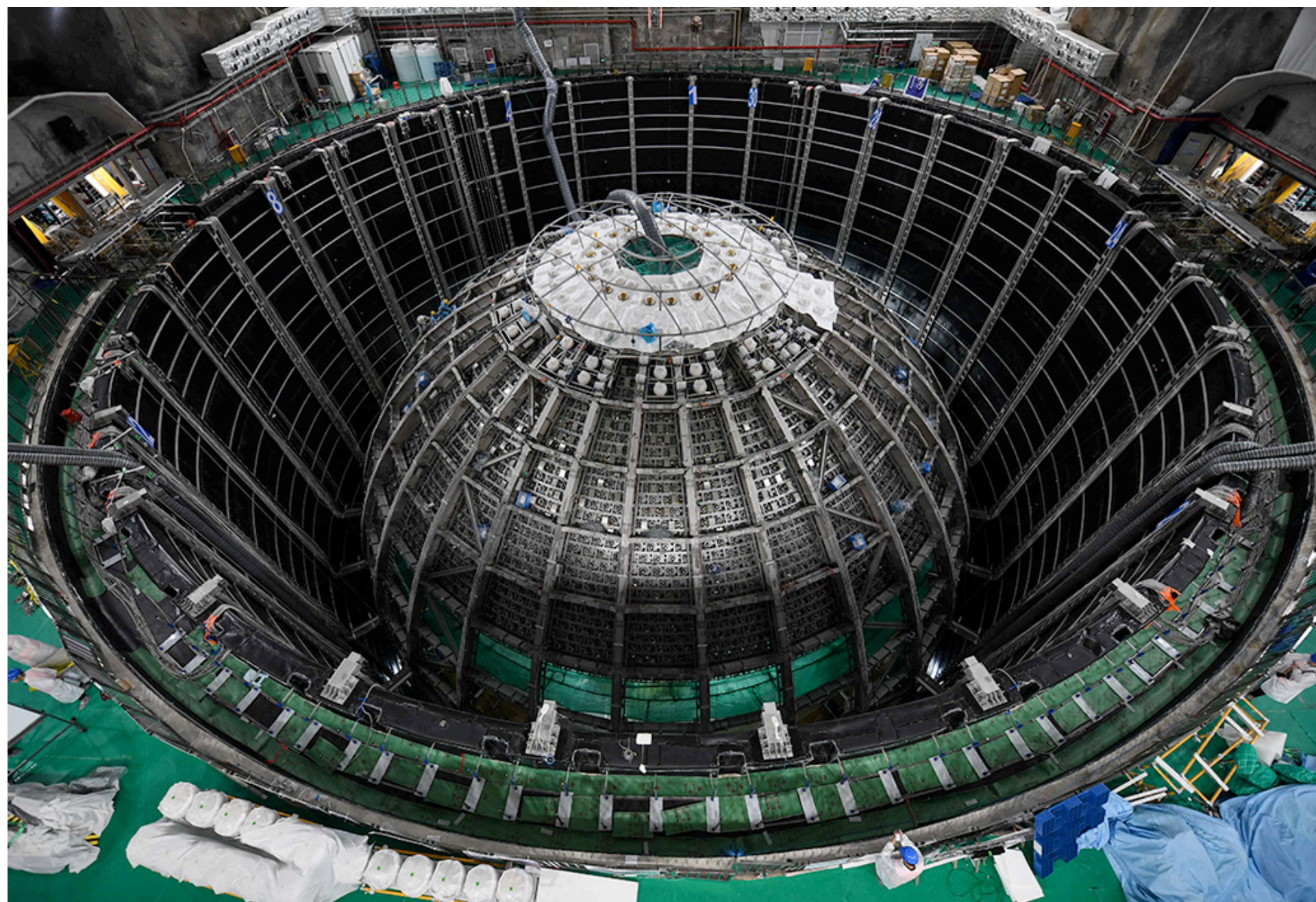


# JUNO (Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory)

- Next-generation Large Liquid Scintillator detector (20 kton)
  - ◆ Medium baseline **reactor experiment** ( $\langle L \rangle = 50$  km) in China
  - ◆ Aim at much improved light yield and energy resolution  $\approx 3\%/\sqrt{E(\text{MeV})}$
  - ◆ Relatively shallow depth (700m overburden)
  - ◆ Expect to start data taking in 2025!
- Design to reach  $3\sigma$  precision on **mass ordering** determination after 6y + precise **solar oscillation parameters** ( $<0.5\%$ ) in 7y + other low-E physics



Reactor antineutrino spectrum



Mass ordering sensitivity

[arXiv:2405.18008](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.18008)

# Long-baseline neutrino accelerator experiments

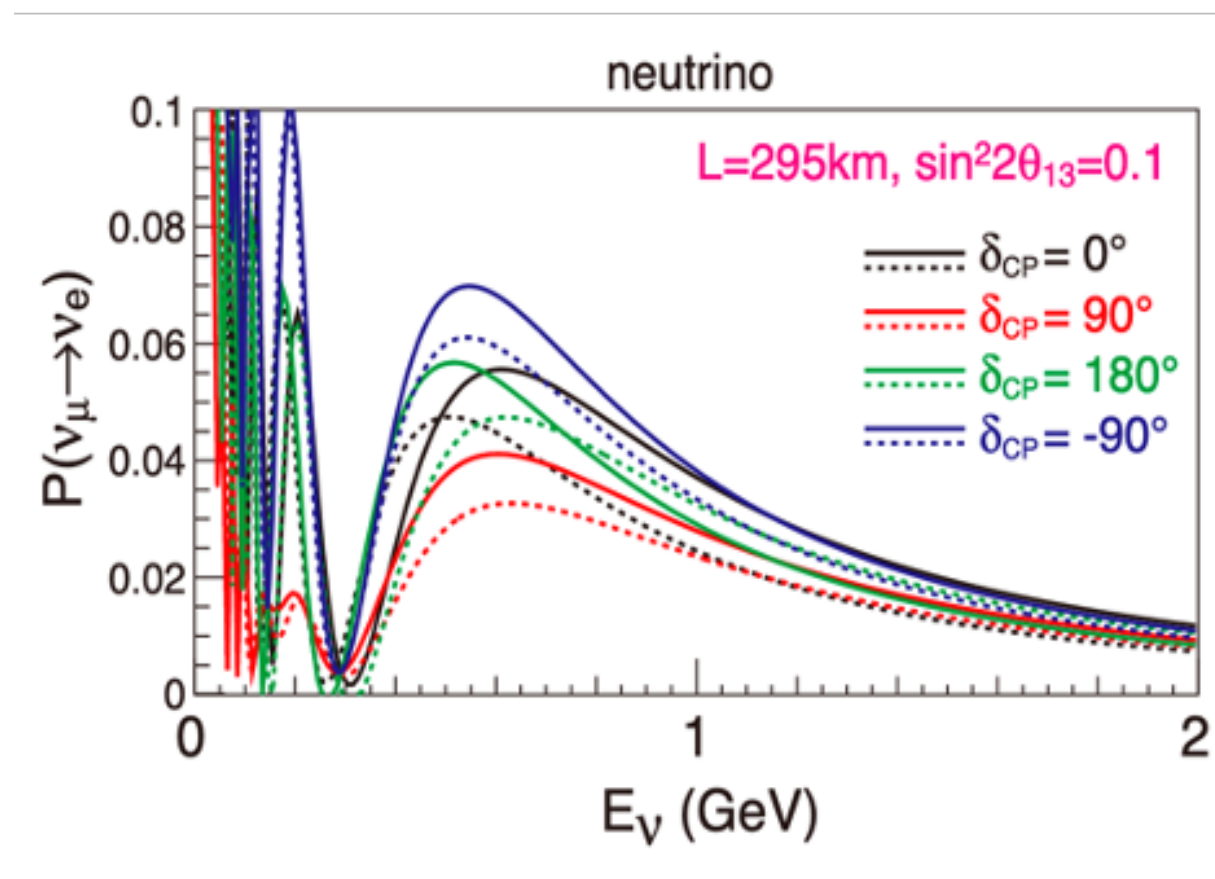
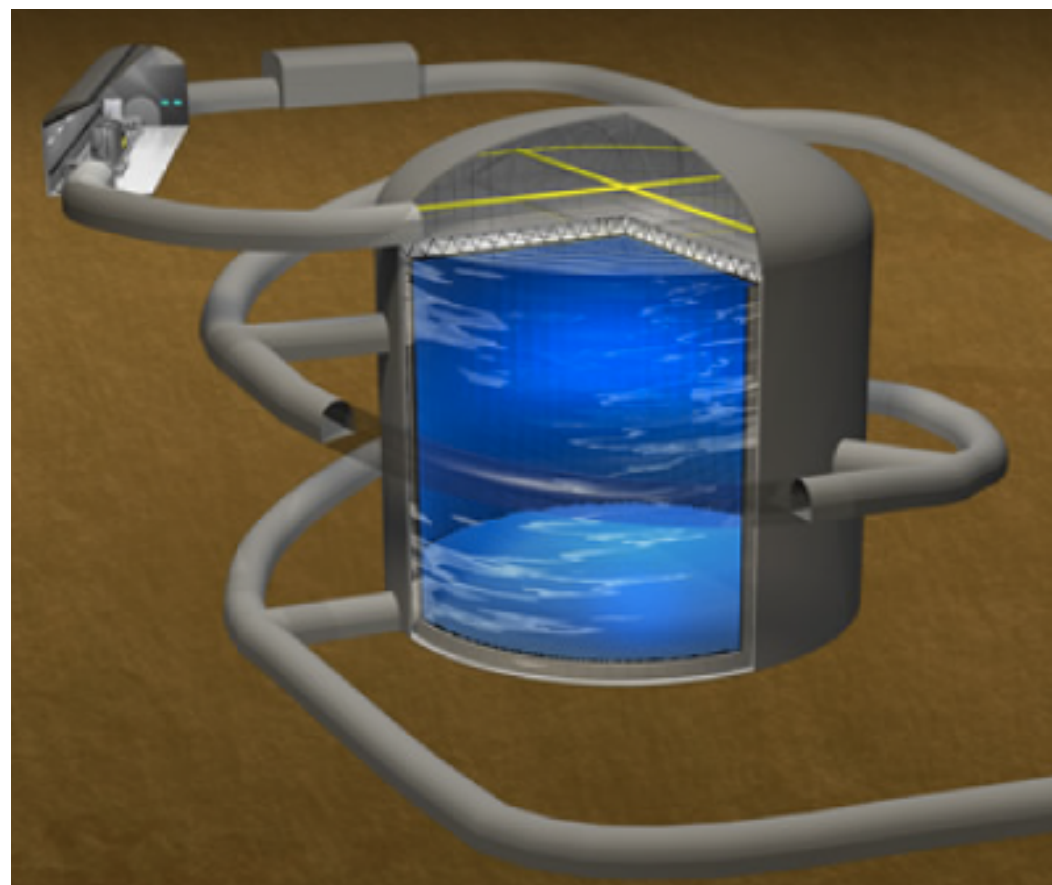
## Oscillation probability in matter

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) \approx & \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \frac{\sin^2(\Delta_{31} - aL)}{(\Delta_{31} - aL)^2} \Delta_{31}^2 \\
 & + \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \frac{\sin(\Delta_{31} - aL)}{(\Delta_{31} - aL)} \Delta_{31} \frac{\sin(aL)}{(aL)} \Delta_{21} \cos(\Delta_{31} \pm \delta_{CP}) \\
 & + \cos^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \frac{\sin^2(aL)}{(aL)^2} \Delta_{21}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_{ij} &= \Delta m_{ij}^2 L / 4E_\nu \\
 a &= \pm G_F N_e / \sqrt{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

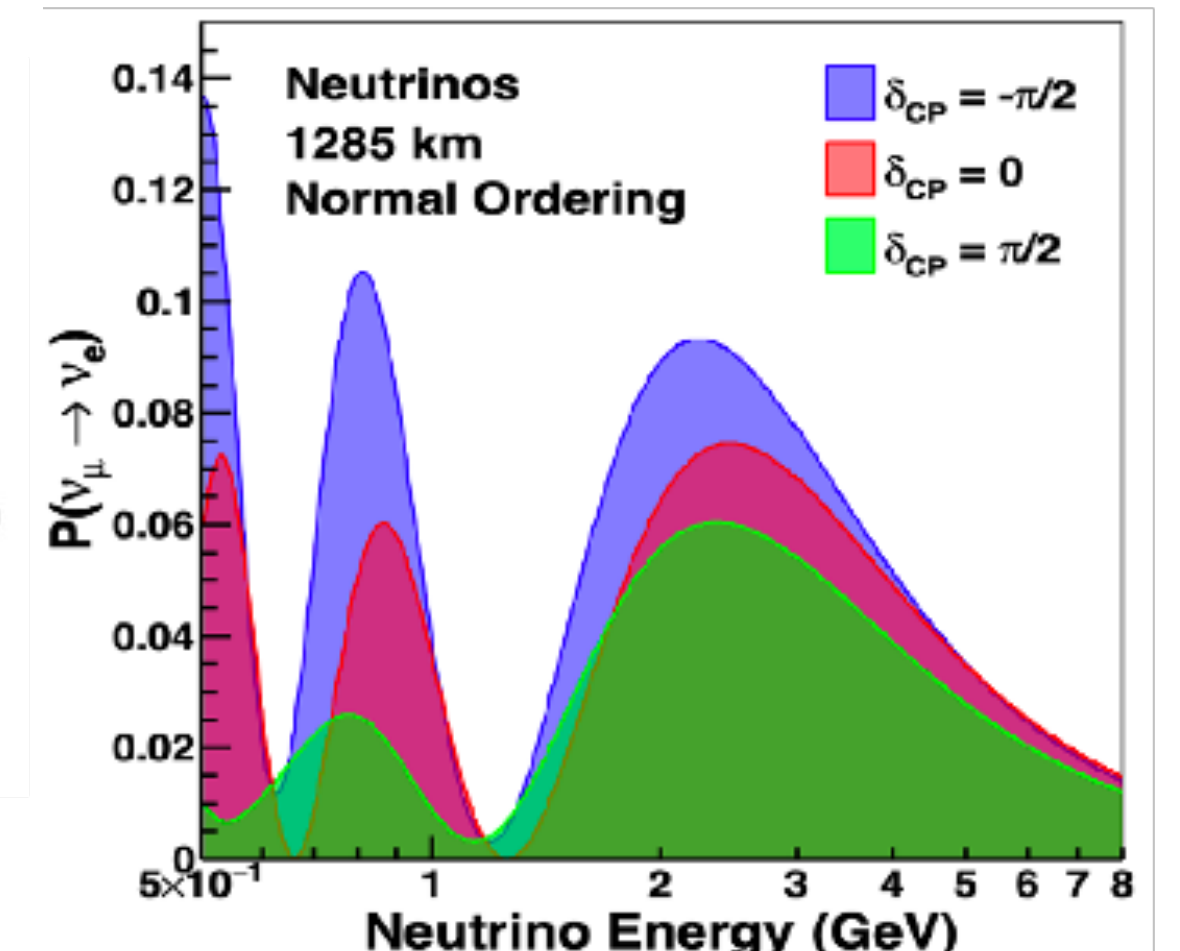
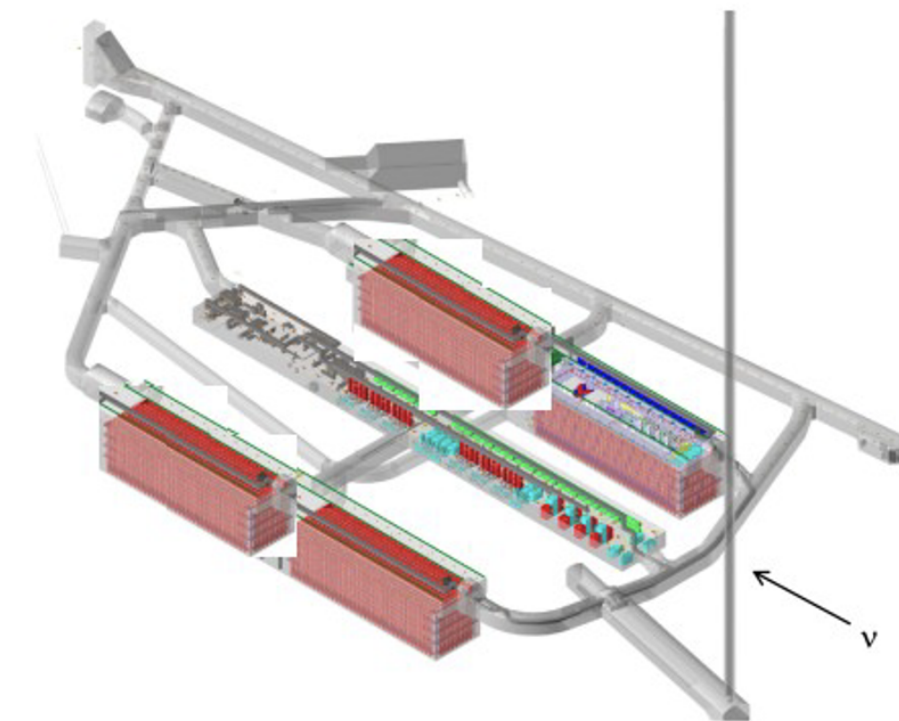
## T2HK: Tokai to HyperK

- ◆ Minimize matter effects and maximize statistics to focus on CPV discovery (MO and other parameters must be known by other means) + non-beam physics program
- ◆ Narrow-band beam (~0.6 GeV; 500 kW → 1.3 MW) and Water-Cerenkov detector (190 kt fiducial)



## DUNE: FNAL to SURF

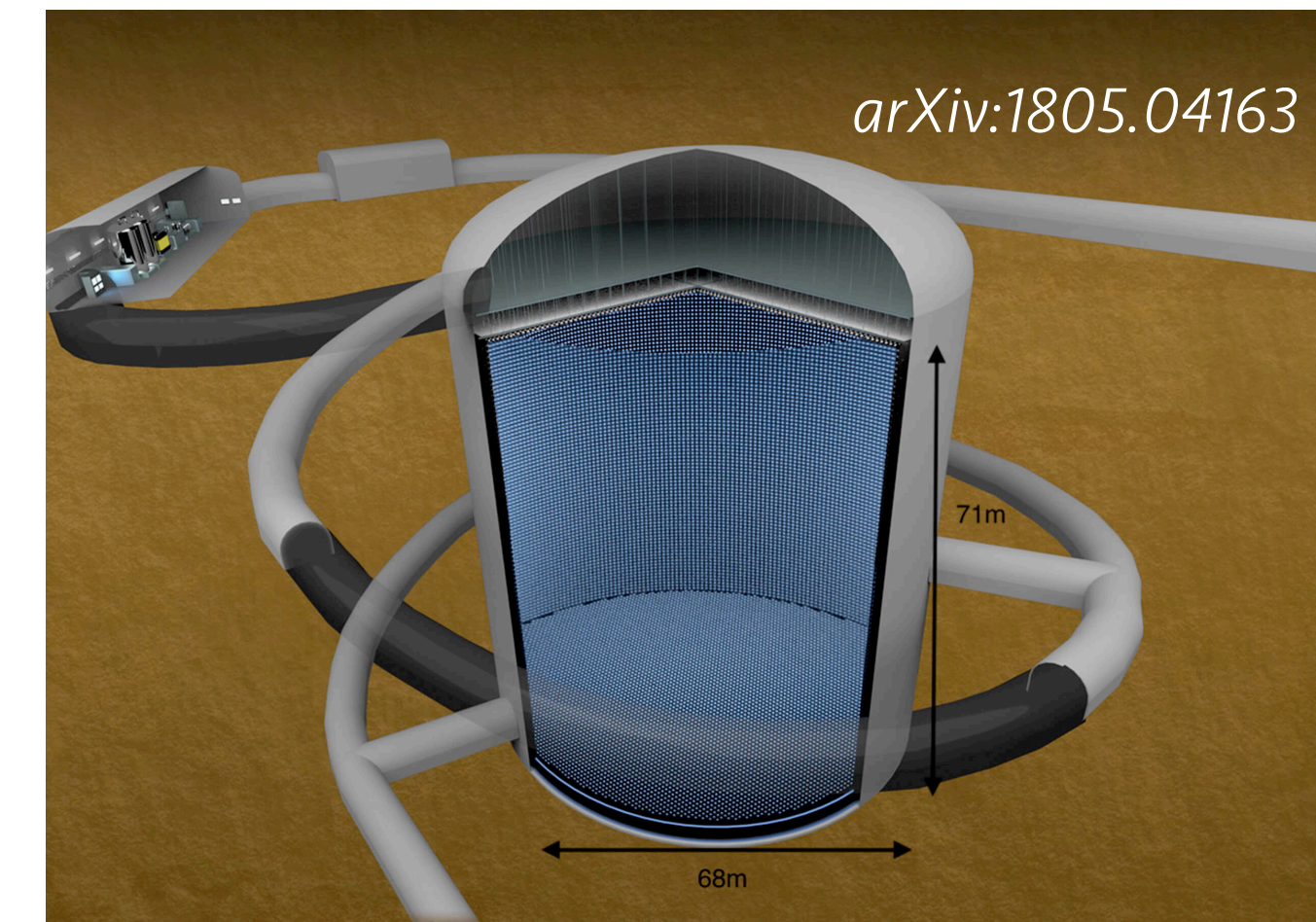
- Measure first and second oscillation maxima to disentangle CPV and matter effects and access to all neutrino oscillation parameters + non-beam physics program
- Wide-band beam (0.5-5 GeV; 1.2 → >2 MW) and liquid Argon TPC (>40 kt fiducial)



# Hyper-Kamiokande

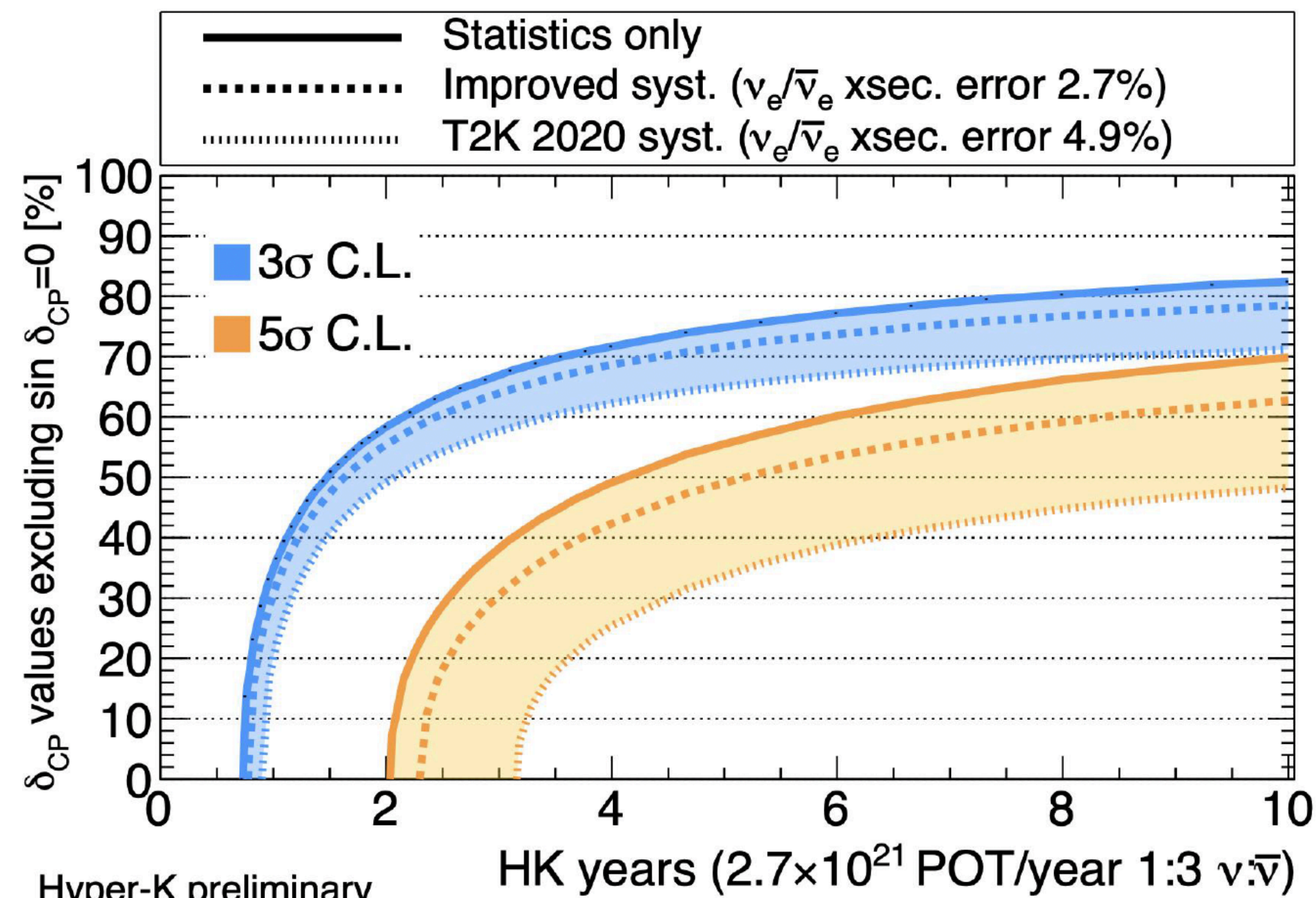


- Upgrade J-PARC neutrino beam with expected power 1.3 MW, 2.5° off-axis angle
- Baseline: 295 km
- WC Total mass: 260 kton pure water, Inner detector: 216 kton, Fiducial mass: **~200 kton (x 8 SK)**
- Between 20-40% photocathode coverage
- New cavern in a different part of Kamioka mine under construction (600 m rock overburden)
- Aiming to start operation in 2027

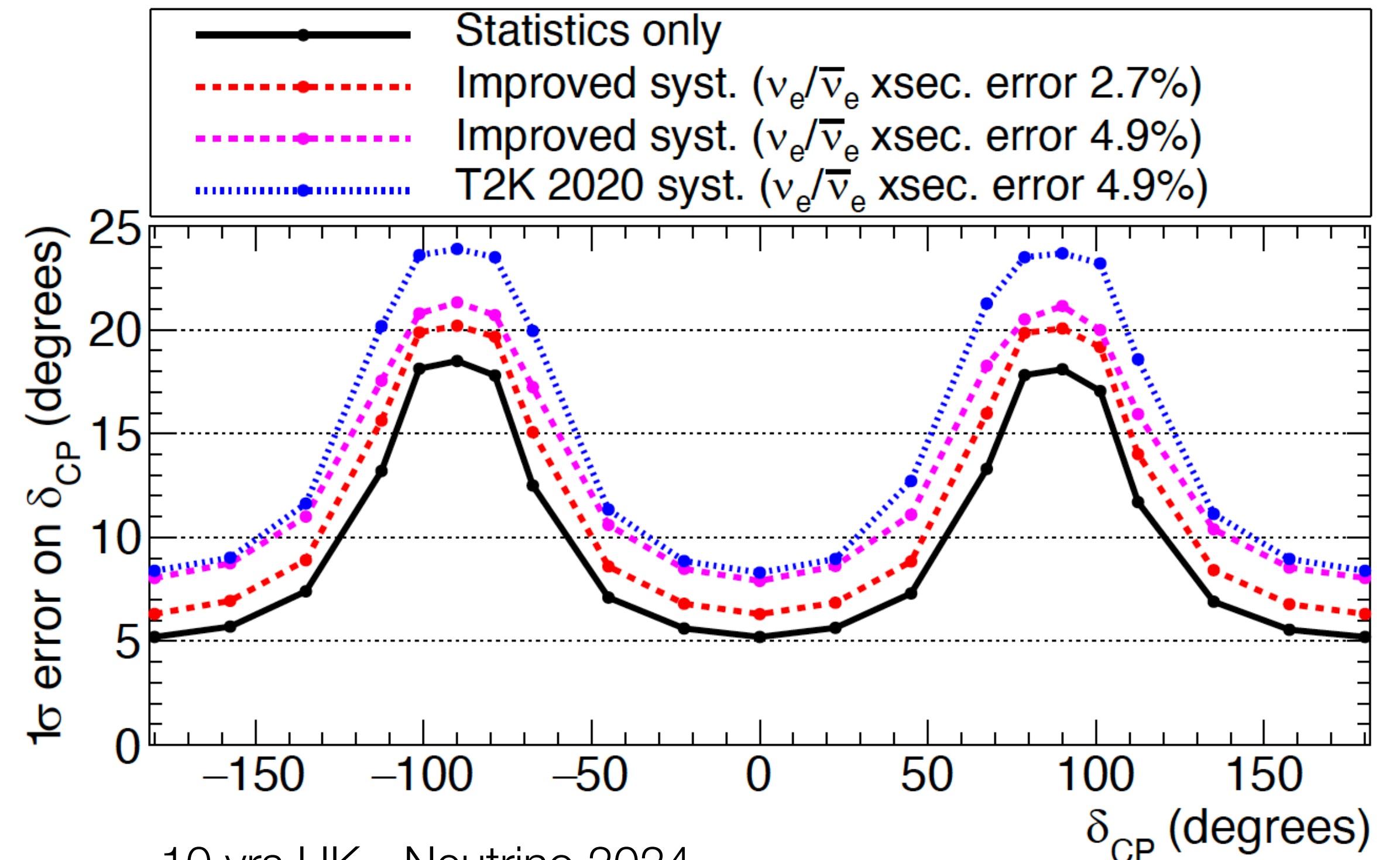


# Hyper-Kamiokande sensitivity

- Able to exclude **CP** conservation at  $5\sigma$  for 60% of  $\delta_{CP}$  values (if MO known) in 10 years for nominal power
- $1\sigma$  resolution of  $\delta_{CP}$  in 10 yrs  $\sim 20^\circ$  ( $6^\circ$ ) for  $\delta_{CP} = -90^\circ$  ( $0^\circ$ )
- 4-6 $\sigma$  **MO** determination depending on  $\sin^2\theta_{23}$  for 10y of data taking combining beam and atmospheric neutrinos



Hyper-K preliminary  
Neutrino 2024

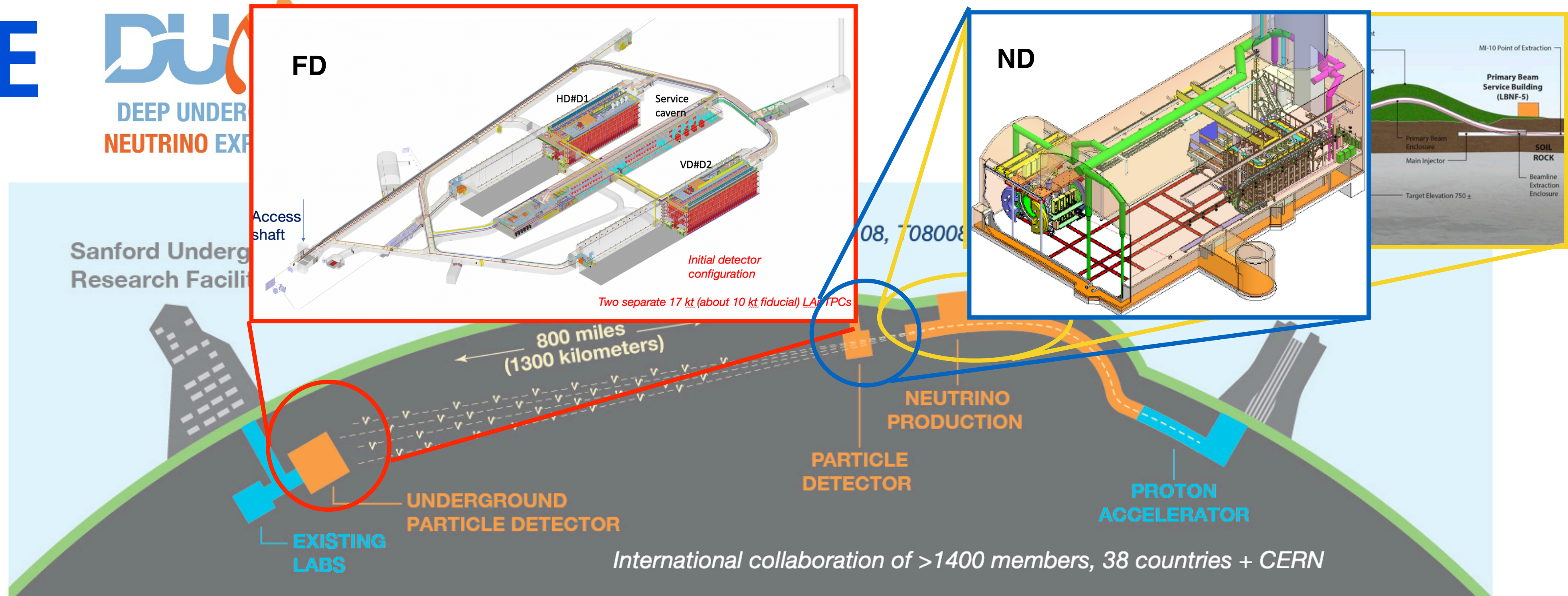


10 yrs HK - Neutrino 2024



# DUNE

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DEEP UNDER  
NEUTRINO EXP



- 70 kton (4 x 10 kt fiducial) **LAr TPC far detectors** at 1480 m depth (4300 mwe) at SURF measuring neutrino spectra at 1300 km in a wide-band high purity  $\nu_\mu$  beam with peak flux at 2.5 GeV operating at ~1.2 MW and upgradeable to >2 MW
- **Near detector** (CDR: [arXiv:2103.13910](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.13910)) at 560 m from the neutrino source: LArTPC, TMS/magnetized GAr TPC & magnetized beam monitor
- **Physics goals:** LBL oscillations (MO and CP violation), precise osc. measurements, SN burst neutrinos, solar neutrinos, nucleon decay, Beyond Standard Model searches, non-standard interactions...



# CERN Neutrino Platform

ProtoDUNE-VD  
(770 ton LAr)



ProtoDUNE-HD  
(770 LAr ton)

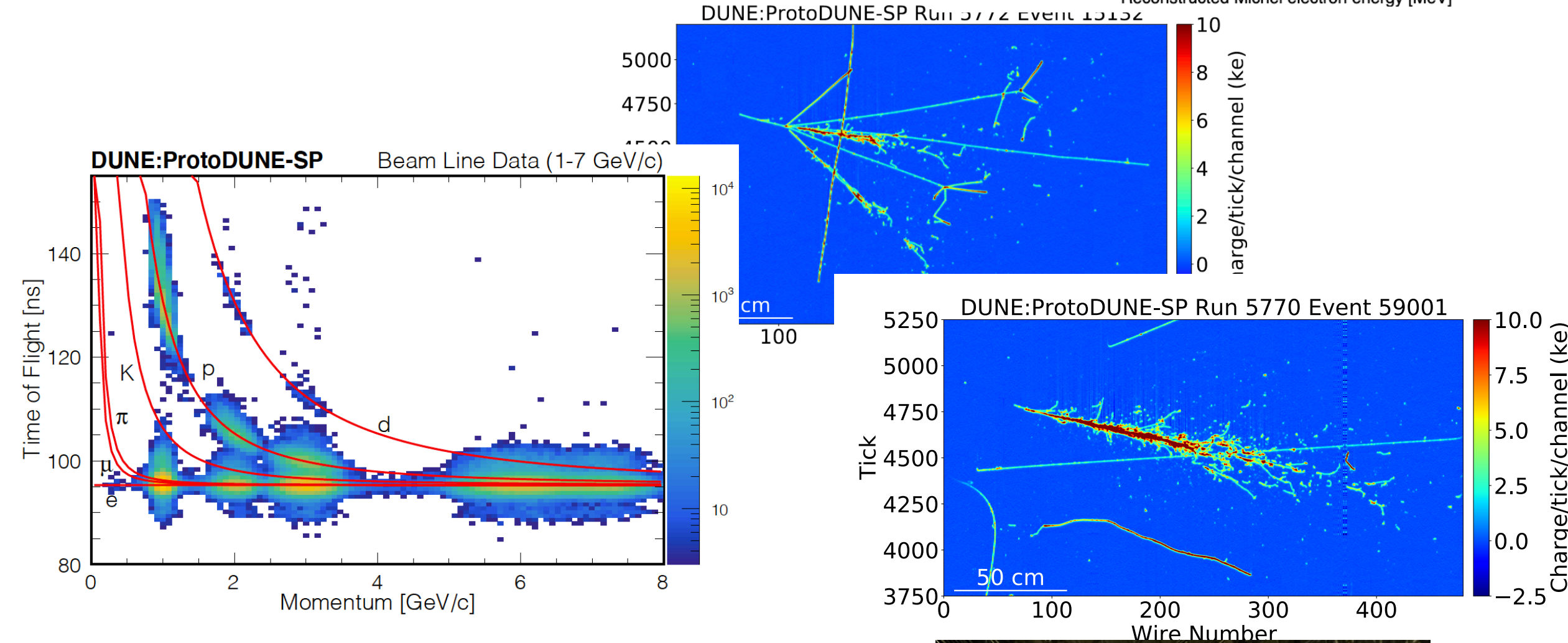
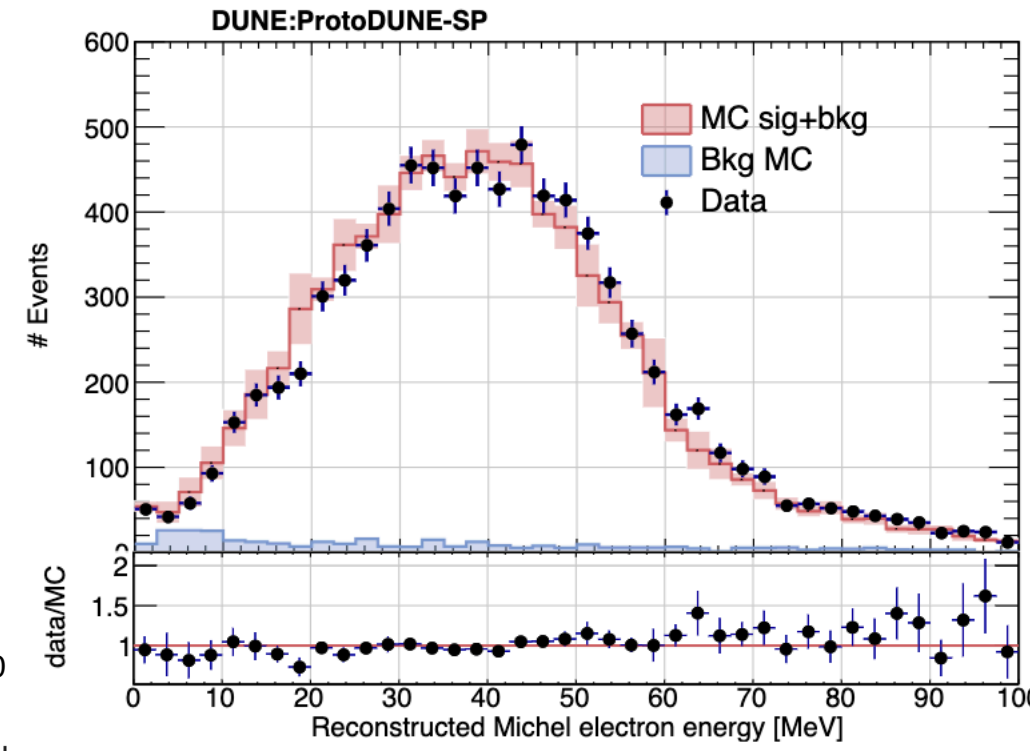
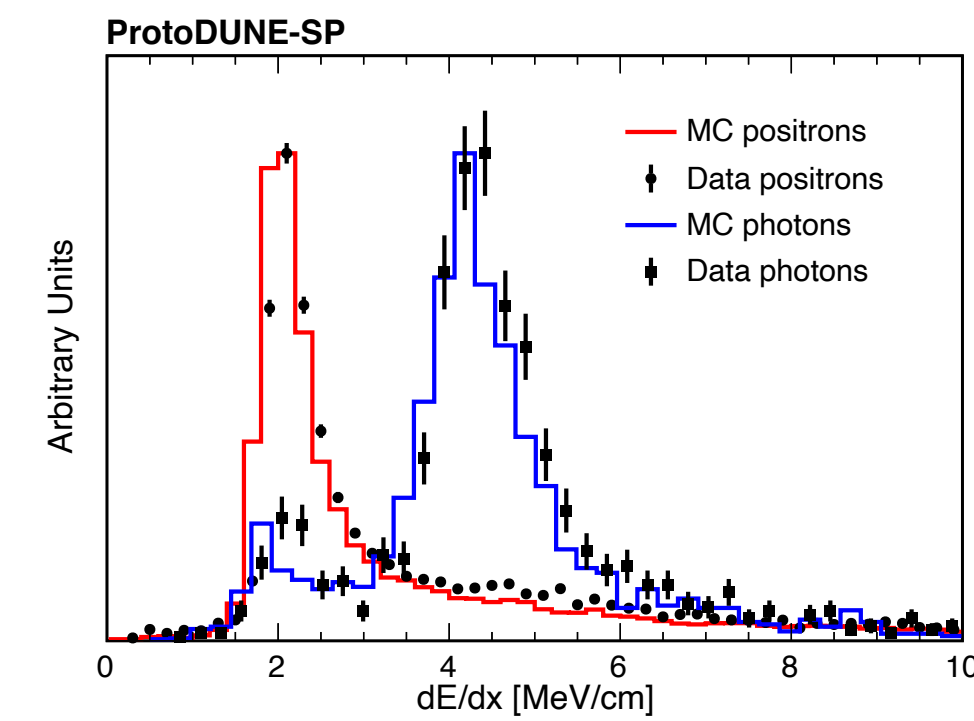
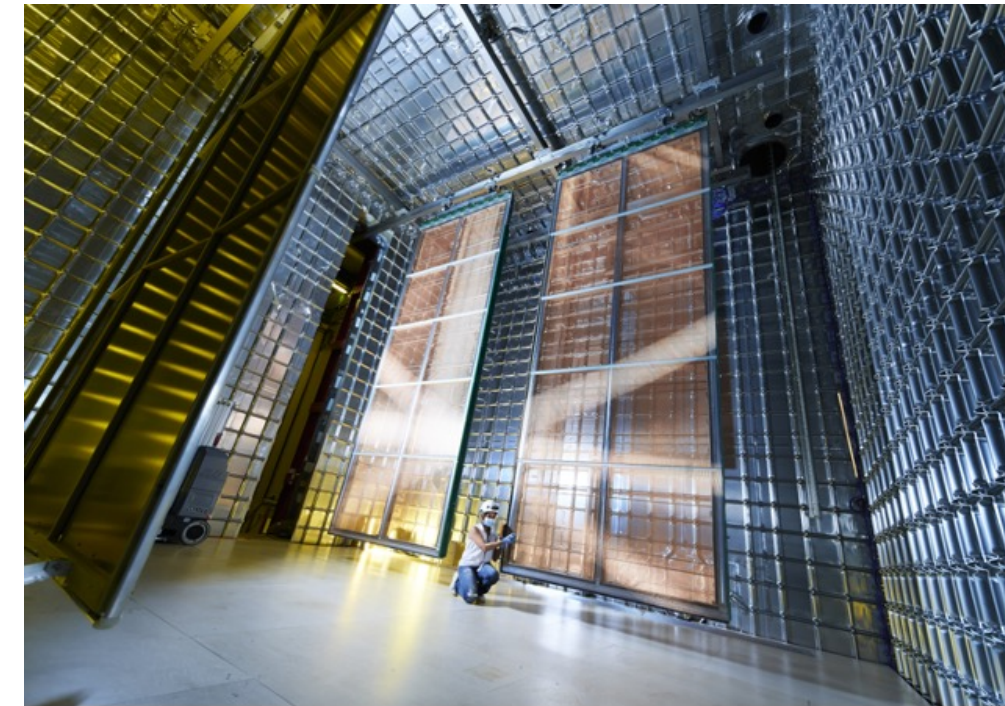
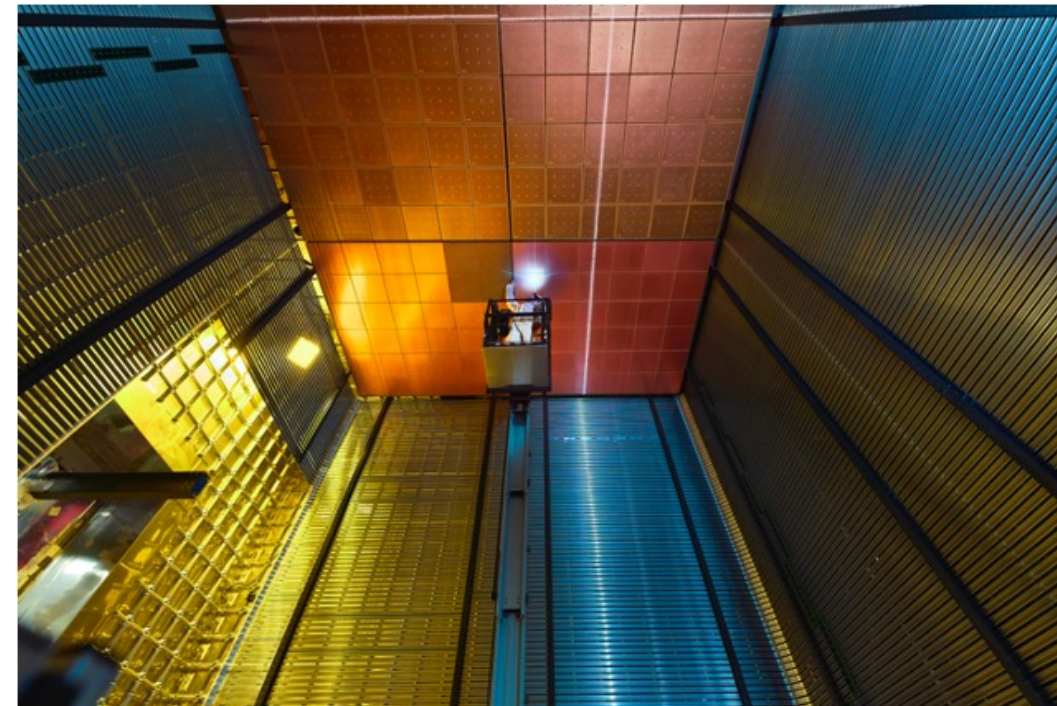
ProtoDUNE/DUNE ~1/20  
Full scale DUNE FD components



# ProtoDUNEs operation at CERN

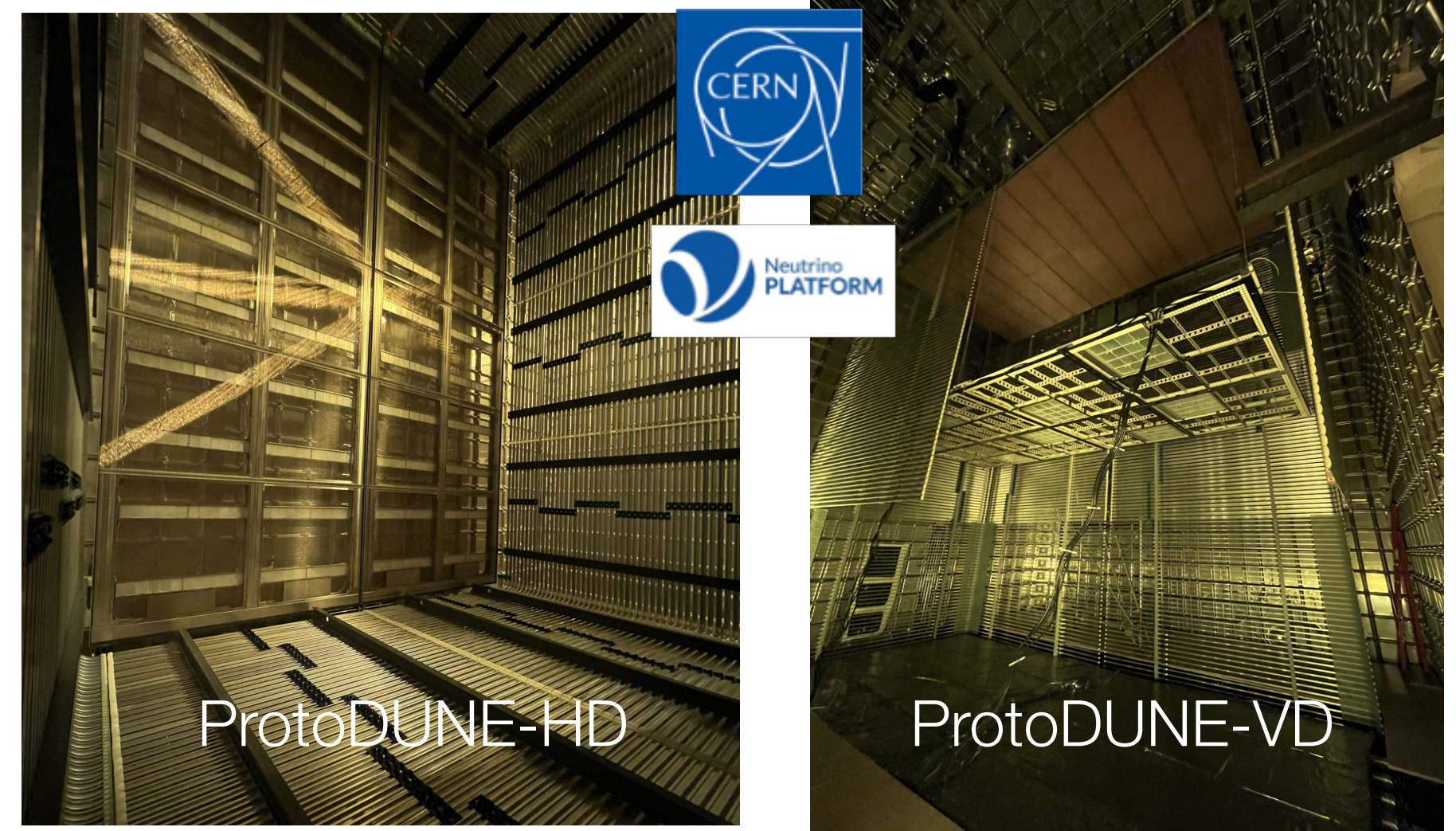
## FIRST PHASE PROTODUNEs

- Construction and operation of ProtoDUNEs at CERN (2018 - 2020)
- Successful demonstration of the DUNE LAr TPC performance
- Several ongoing analyses (hadron-Ar cross sections...)



## SECOND PHASE PROTODUNEs (2020-2023 construction + operation $\geq 2024$ )

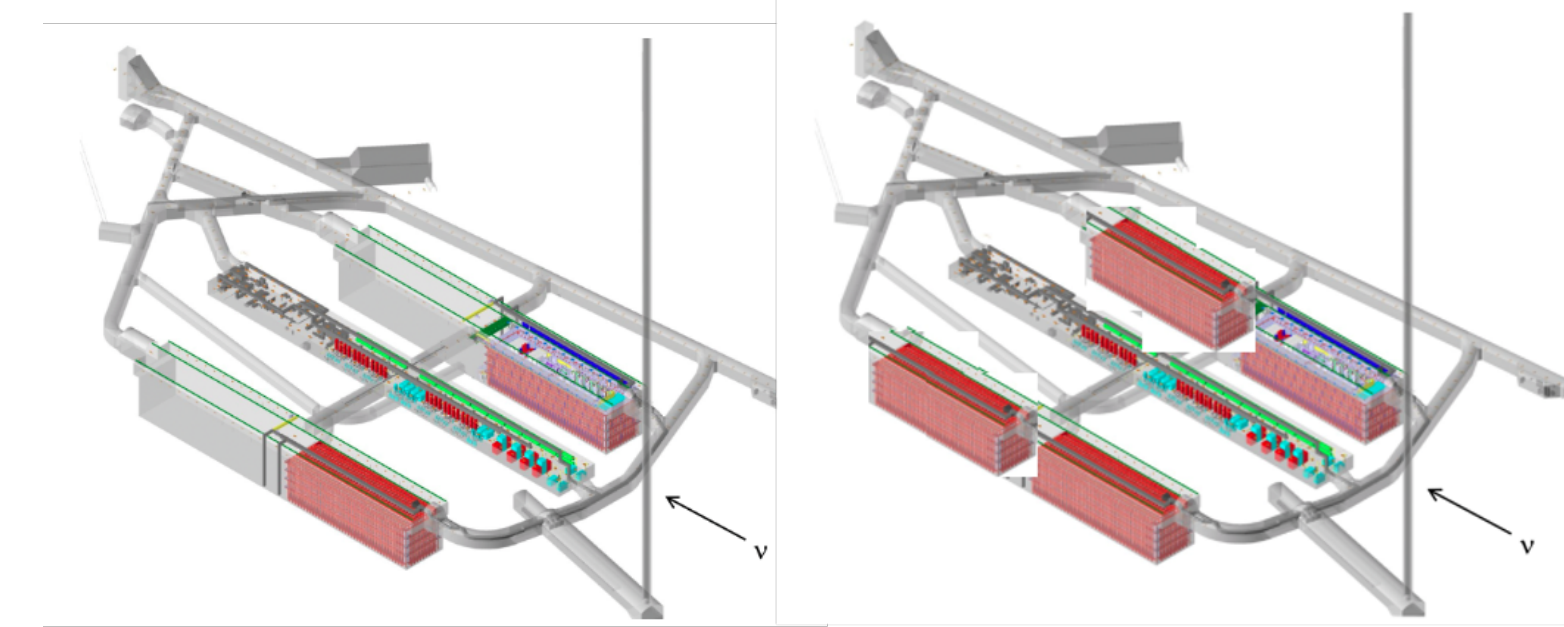
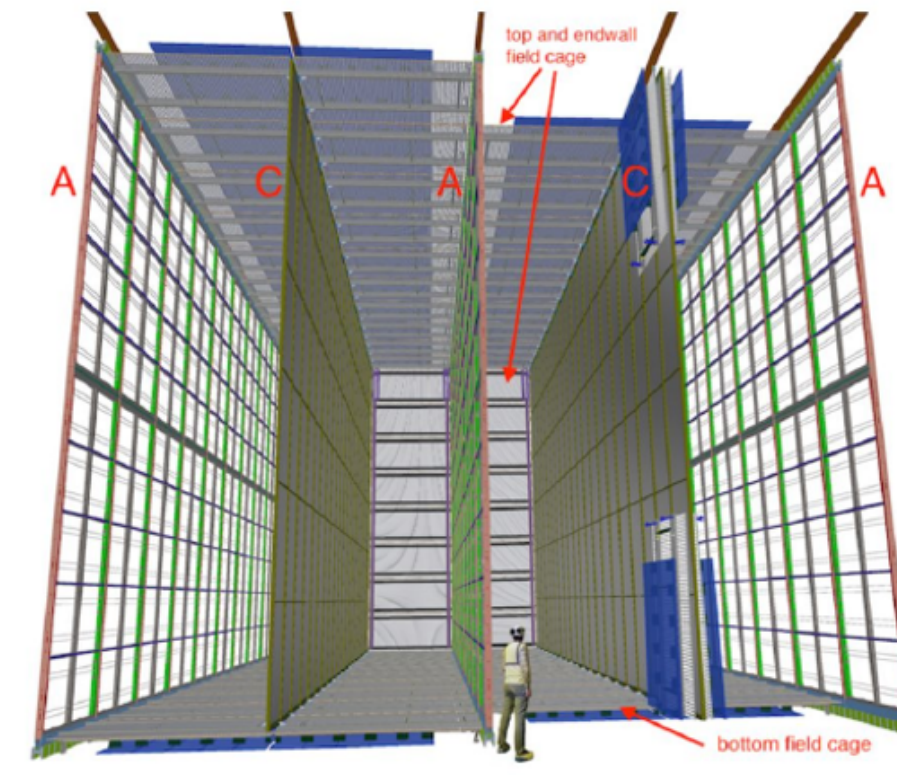
- ProtoDUNE-HD
  - ◆ Final technical solutions for all FD-HD subdetectors
  - ◆ Detector filled and currently taking data with charged-particle test-beam and cosmic muons at CERN
- ProtoDUNE-VD
  - ◆ Realization of a Module-0 detector in 2022-2023; -LAr will be transferred to ProtoDUNE-VD in October for running starting in early 2025



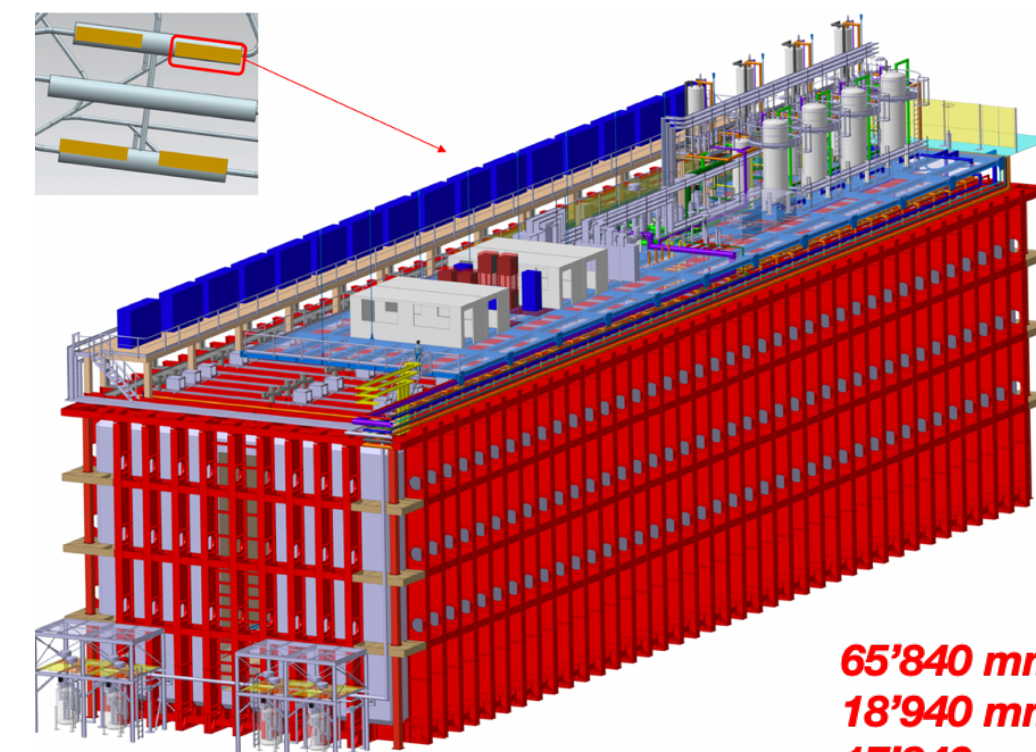
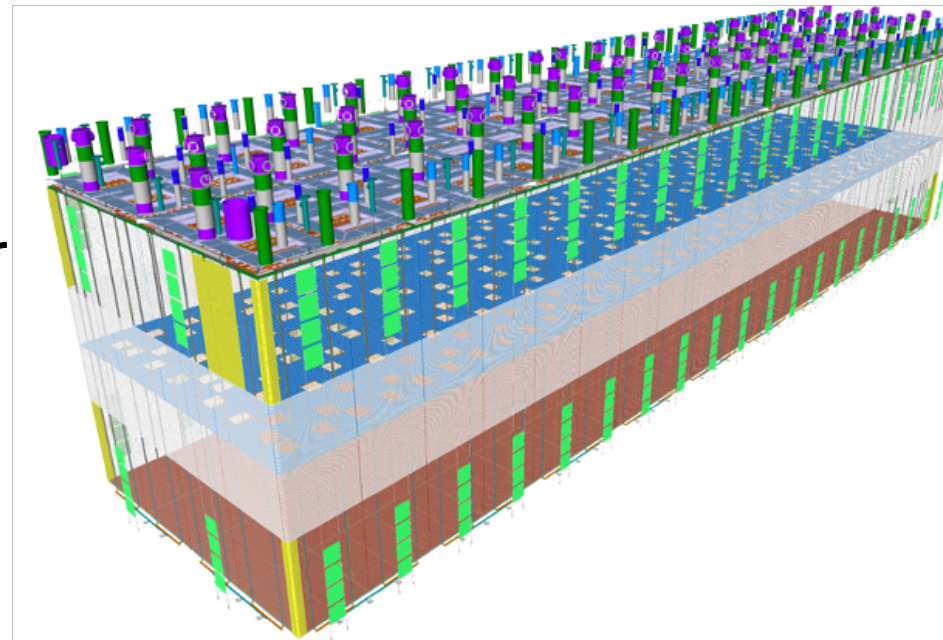
# DUNE Phases

- **DUNE Phase I** (2026 start inst; 2029 physics; 2031 beam+ND)
  - ◆ Full near + far site facility and infrastructure
  - ◆ Two 17 kt LArTPC modules
  - ◆ Upgradeable 1.2 MW neutrino beamline
  - ◆ Movable LArTPC near detector with muon catcher
  - ◆ On-axis near detector
- **DUNE Phase II:**
  - ◆ Two additional FD modules ( $\geq 40$  kt fiducial in total)
  - ◆ Beamline upgrade to  $>2$  MW
  - ◆ More capable Near Detector (ND-GAr)

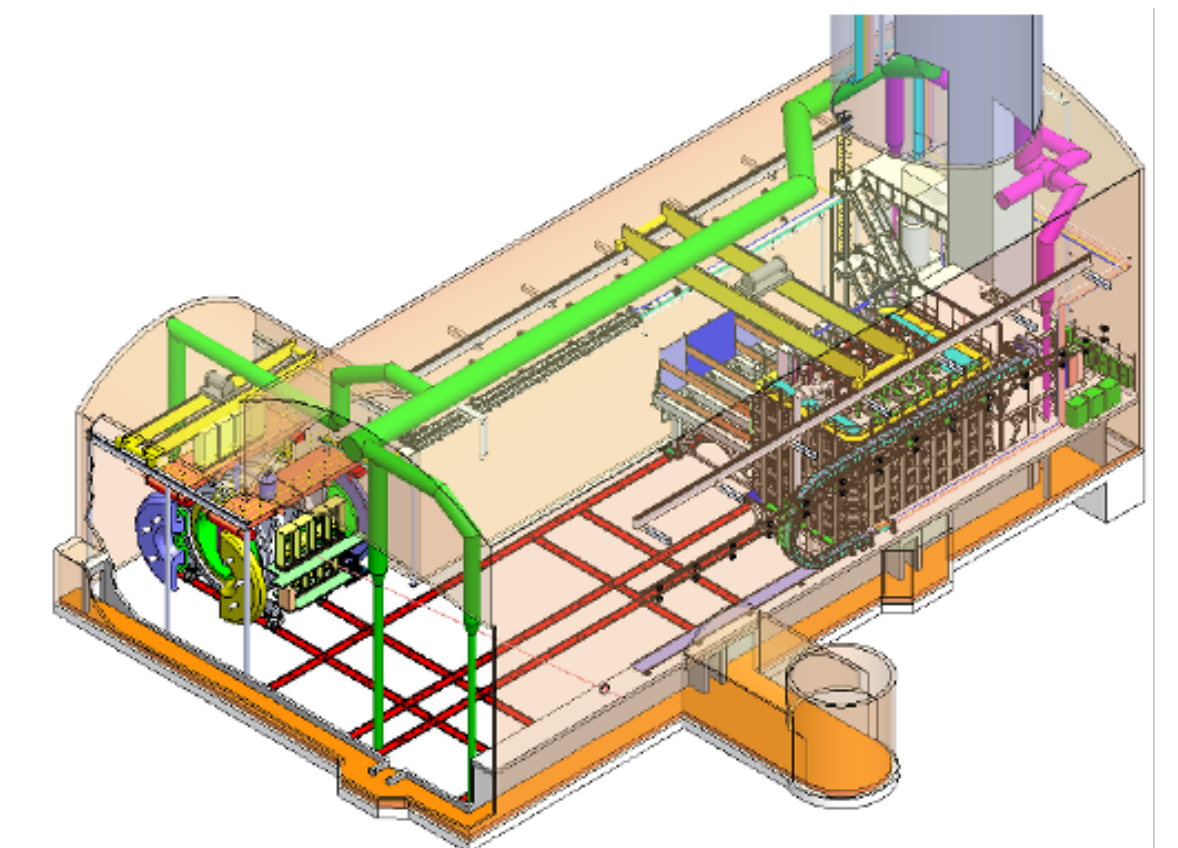
FD-HD: JINST 15 T08010 (2020)



FD-VD: arXiv:2312.03130 (2023)

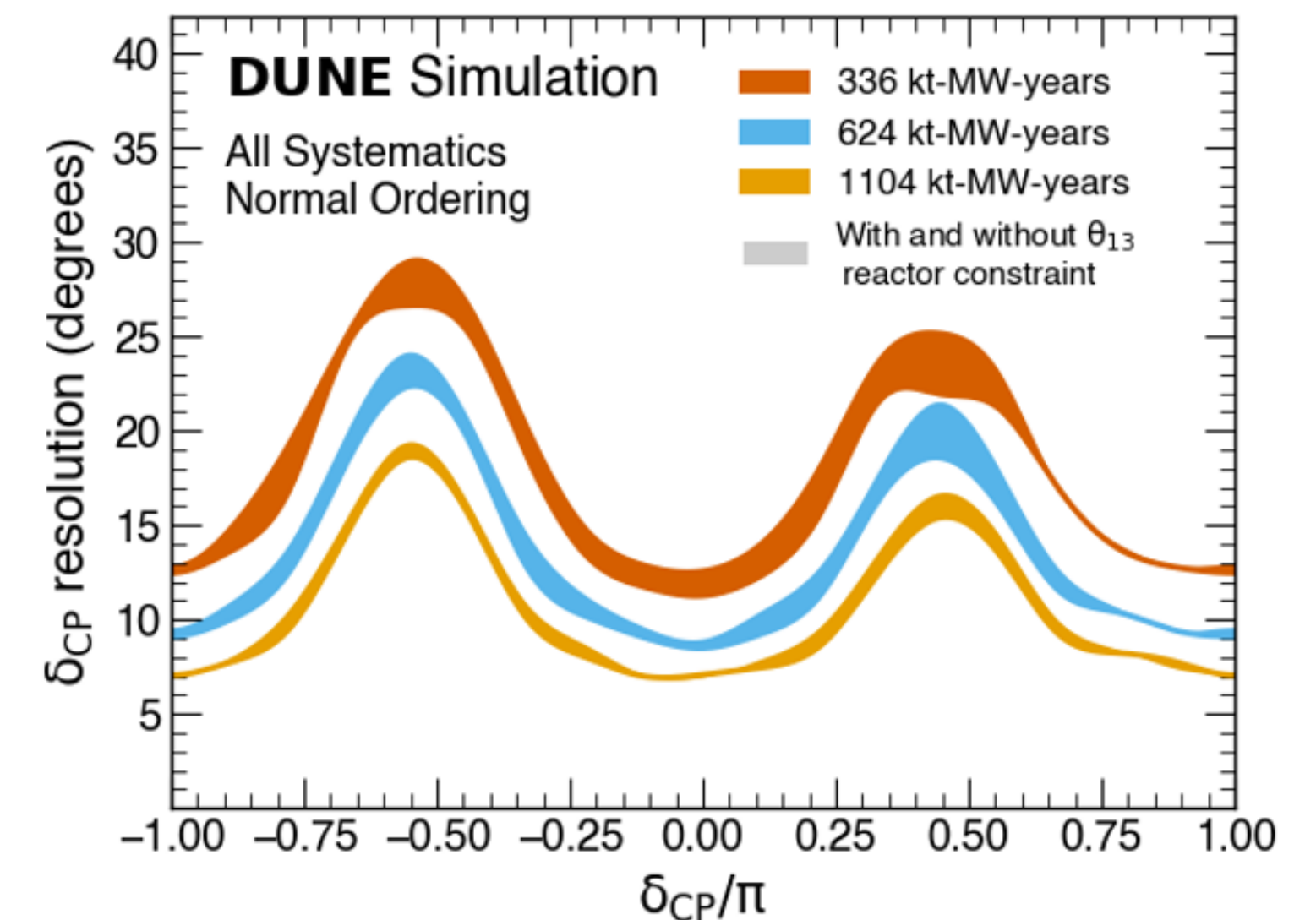
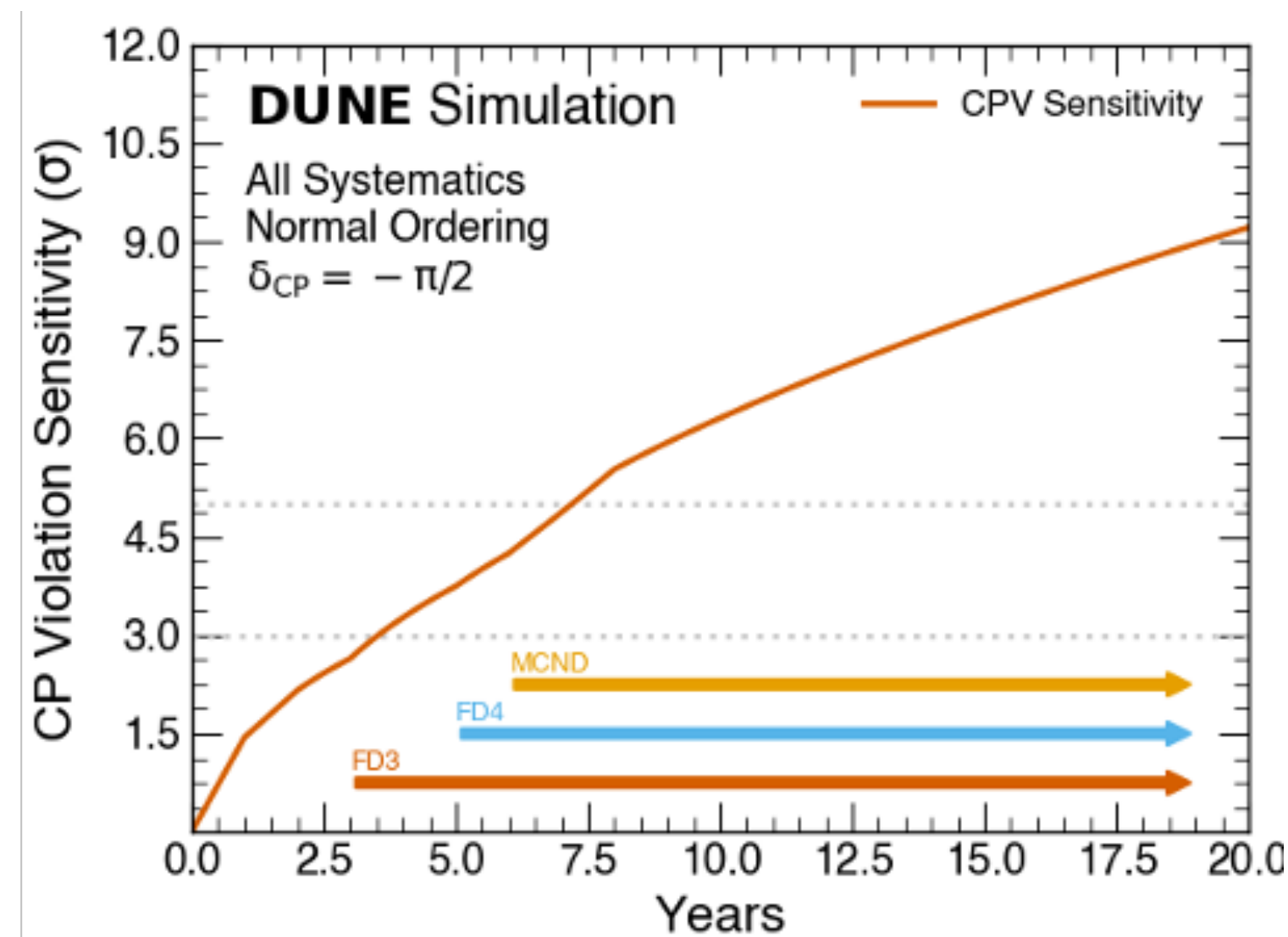
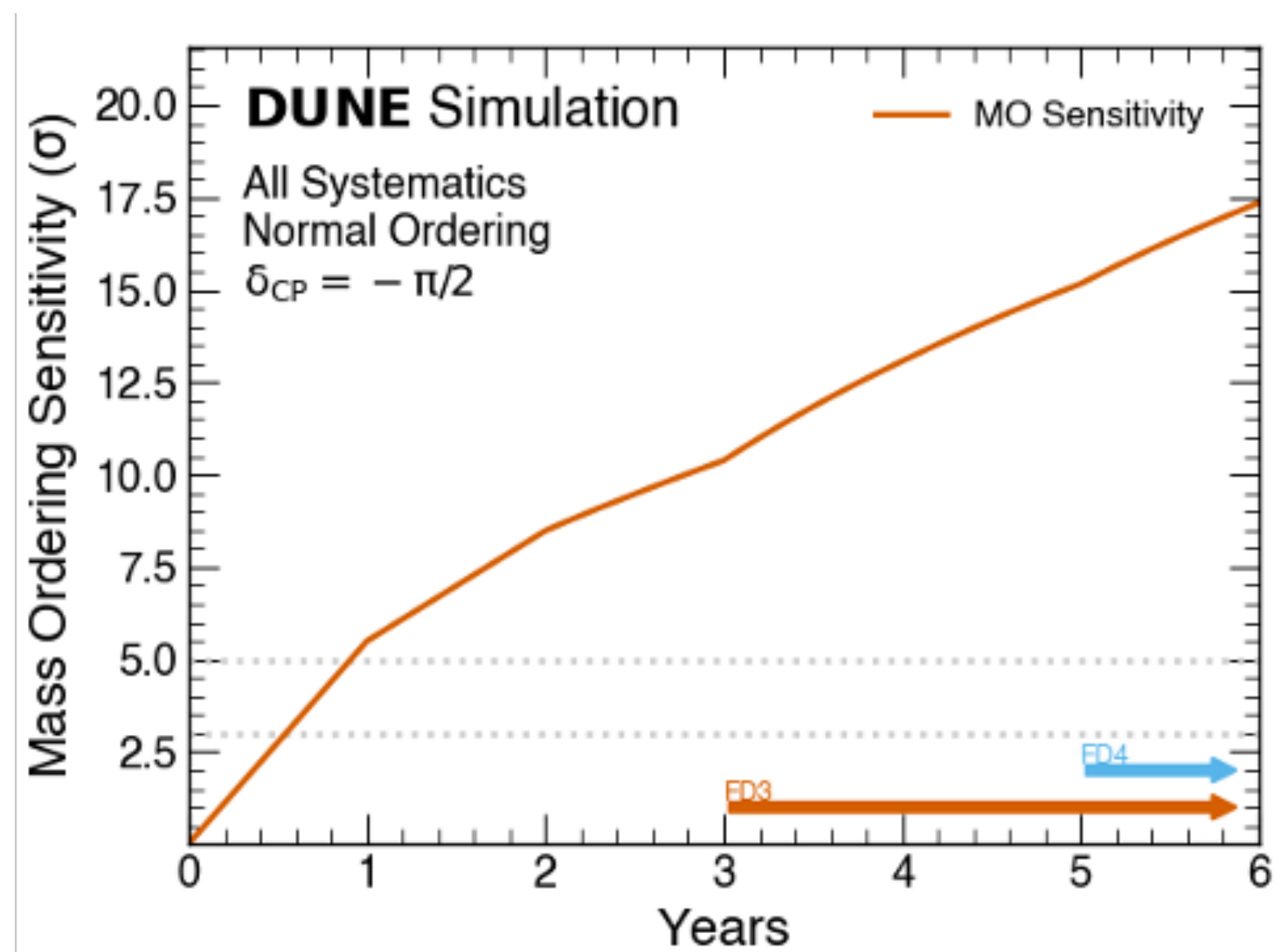


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# DUNE Physics Program

- DUNE can determine the neutrino **mass ordering** at  $5\sigma$  in 1-3 years of data (depending on  $\delta_{CP}$  value)
- Excellent resolution to  $\theta_{23}$
- **CP violation**: if maximal,  $3\sigma$  ( $5\sigma$ ) observation in 3.5y (7.5y); in long-term  $>3\sigma$  CPV for 75% of  $\delta_{CP}$ ;  $6^\circ$ - $16^\circ$  resolution
- Precise measurement of all oscillation parameters
- Supernova and solar neutrinos + BSM (NSI, non-unitary mixing, dark matter, sterile neutrinos, nucleon decay,...)



# 5

## Conclusions

- Neutrinos are **massive** particles - breakthrough in Particle Physics → SM needs to be extended (how do neutrinos acquire their mass?)
- Neutrino **oscillations** are still one of the most important topics/priorities in Particle and Astroparticle Physics (beyond the Standard Model)
- Neutrino oscillations are under intense study. Our **next generation** of experiments with more capable detectors and powerful (anti-)neutrino beams are needed to discover CP violation, determine the neutrino mass ordering and measure with precision all neutrino oscillation parameters
- More precise **star and supernova** neutrino measurements will be provided by bigger and complementary detectors
- Many opportunities for **Beyond SM** with neutrinos (heavy neutrinos, NSI, ...)
- Neutrino **mass** measurement is hopefully around the corner (in the lab and in cosmology)
- **Majorana or Dirac** neutrinos: intensive neutrinoless double beta experimental campaign trying to cover the IO range → an important technological step will be needed to explore lower masses
- The beginning of a golden era for **high-energy neutrino** detection (and multi-messenger astronomy)

Exciting neutrino physics program!

**Grazie**

