

# The Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment



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- **Status of DUNE/LBNF**
  - Beam
  - Near Detector
  - Far Detector
  - Prototypes
  - Timeline
- **Physics prospects**
  - Long-baseline neutrino oscillation
  - Underground physics
    - Proton decay
    - Atmospheric neutrinos
    - Supernova neutrinos



## P5 Recommendation, 2014

**Recommendation 13: Form a new international collaboration to design and execute a highly capable Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF) hosted by the U.S. To proceed, a project plan and identified resources must exist to meet the minimum requirements in the text. LBNF is the highest-priority large project in its timeframe.**

The minimum requirements to proceed are the identified capability to reach an exposure of at least  $120 \text{ kt} \cdot \text{MW} \cdot \text{yr}$  by the 2035 timeframe, the far detector situated underground with cavern space for expansion to at least 40 kt LAr fiducial volume, and 1.2 MW beam power upgradable to multi-megawatt power. The experiment should have the demonstrated capability to search for supernova (SN) bursts and for proton decay, providing a significant improvement in discovery sensitivity over current searches for the proton lifetime.

- international
- 40 kt LAr
- underground

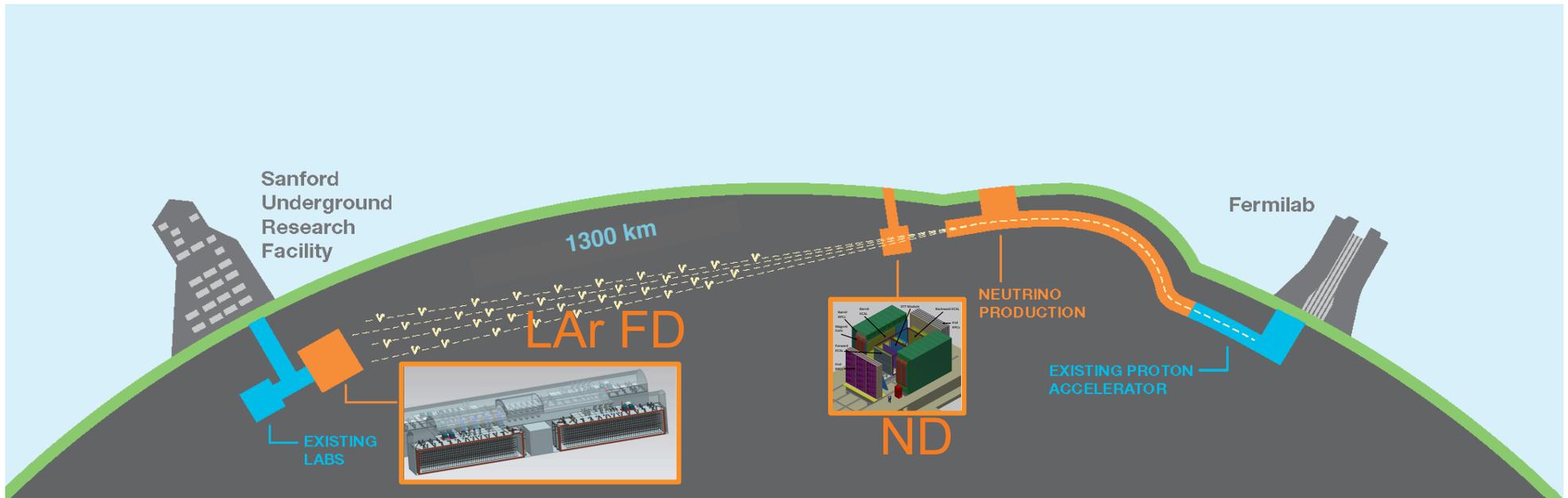


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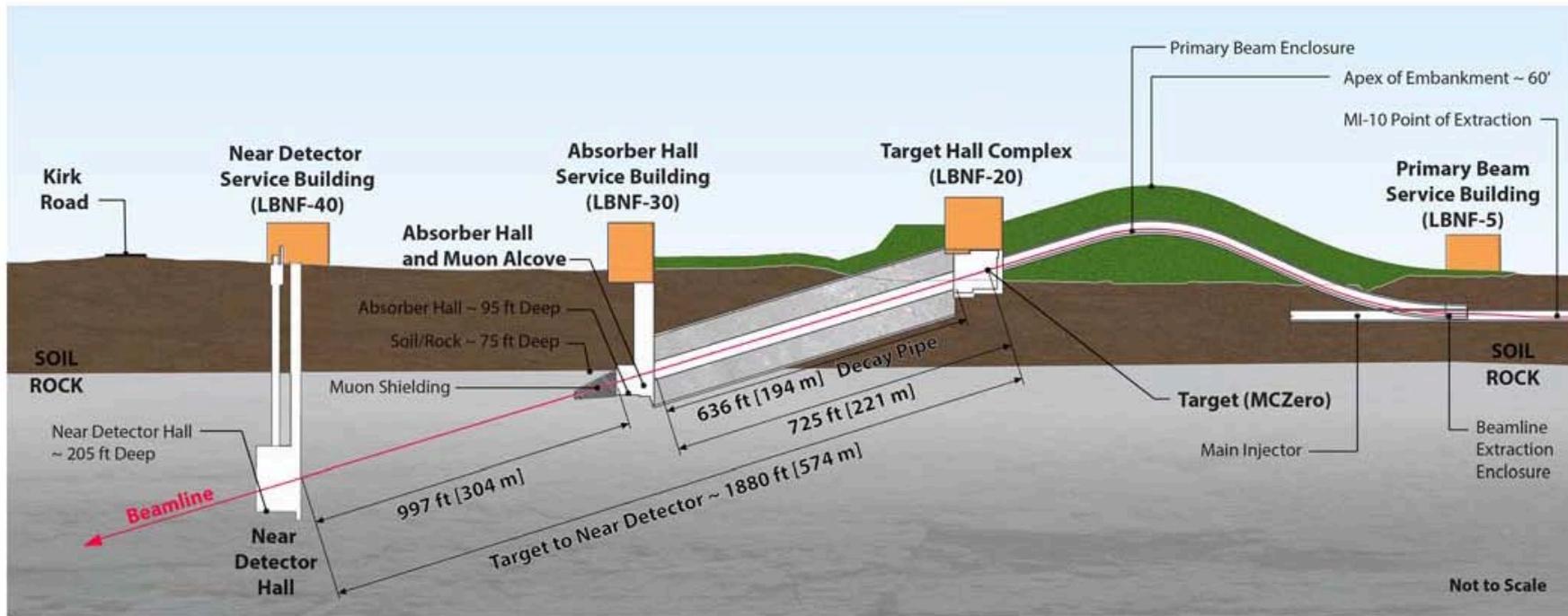
- Collaboration officially formed April 2015; evolving rapidly (LBNE+LBNO+others)
- Spokespeople: André Rubbia and Mark Thomson
- International governance based on CERN experiment model
- Currently: 776 collaborators, 144 institutes, 26 countries
- Enabled by LBNF (Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility) which comprises beam, conventional facilities, cryogenics

# DUNE experiment overview



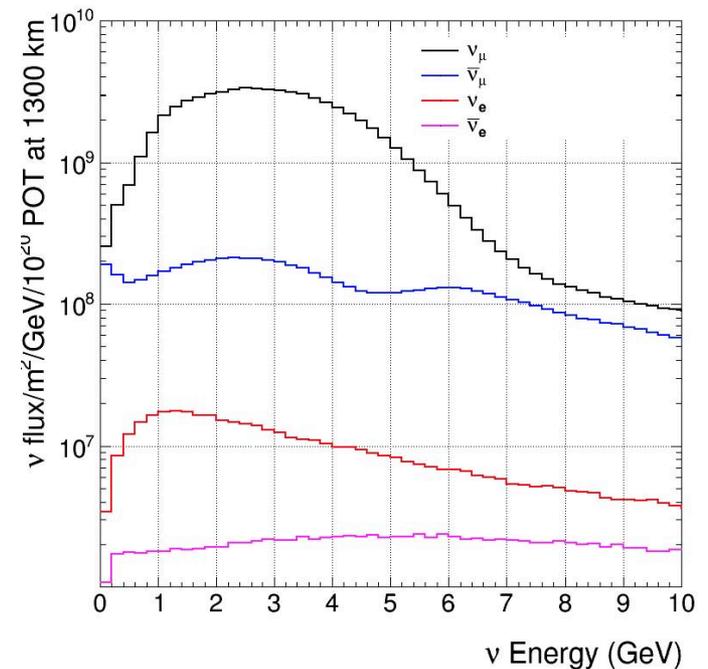
- **1.2 MW wide-band neutrino beam** from FNAL, upgradeable to 2.4 MW
- Highly-capable **near detector**
- **LAr 40-kton fiducial** mass far detector
  - @ Sanford Underground Research Facility in SD
    - **1300 km baseline**
    - 4850 ft (**2300 mwe**) depth
    - Four 10 kt modules, installation starting 2021

# LBNF/DUNE beam from Fermilab



Parameter	Value	
Energy	60 GeV	120 GeV
Protons per cycle	$7.5 \times 10^{13}$	$7.5 \times 10^{13}$
Spill duration	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ sec	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ sec
Protons on target per year	$1.9 \times 10^{21}$	$1.1 \times 10^{21}$
Beam/batch (84 bunches)	12.5 $\times 10^{12}$ nominal; ( $8 \times 10^{11}$ commissioning)	
Cycle time	0.7 sec	1.2 sec
Beam Power	1.03 MW	1.2 MW

- Proton Improvement Plan (PIP-II)  
@ FNAL will provide **>1 GW protons**  
**at time of DUNE start**
- LBNF beam optimization work underway



# DUNE Near Detector

Highly capable near detector for **precision measurement of  $\nu$  fluxes** required for long-baseline oscillation physics  
Also: rich program of  $\nu$  interaction physics

## Magnetic spectrometer

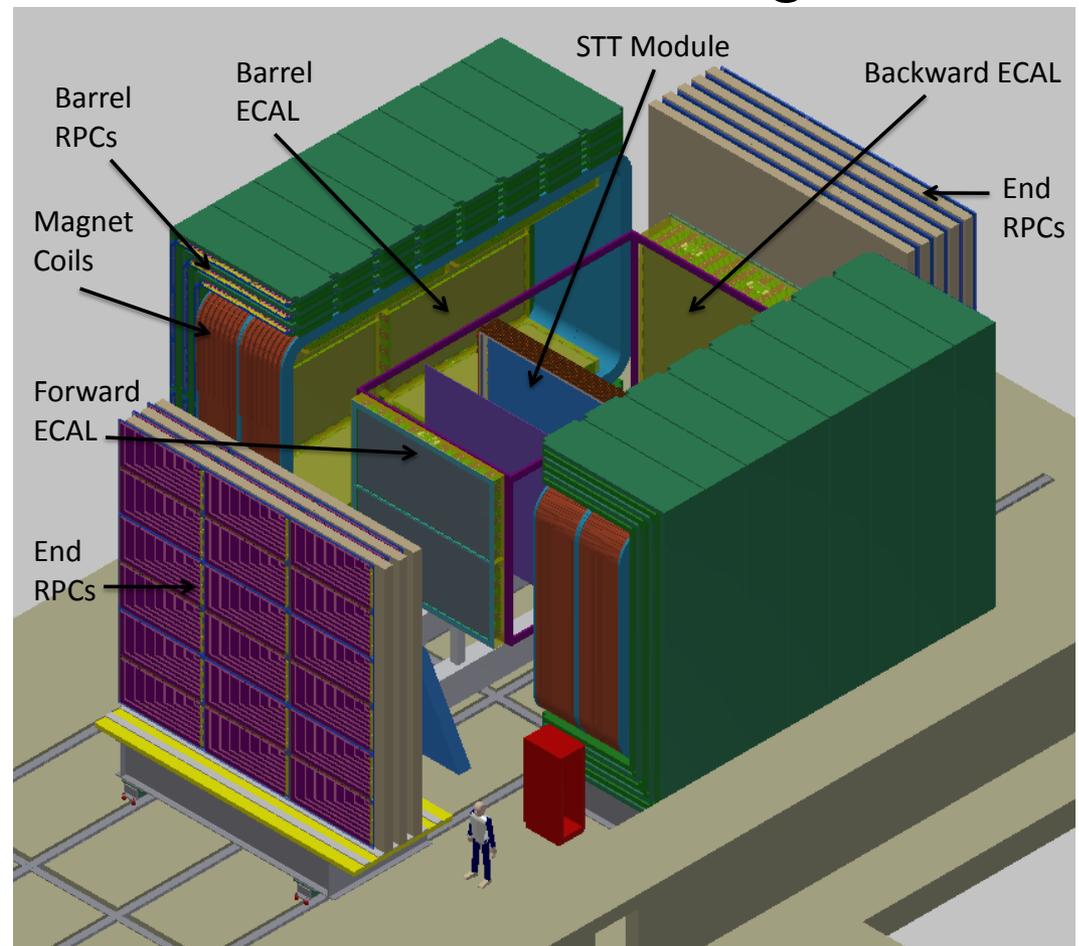
- 0.4 T field
- Straw-tube tracker
- Lead-scint ECAL

## Multiple integrated nuclear targets

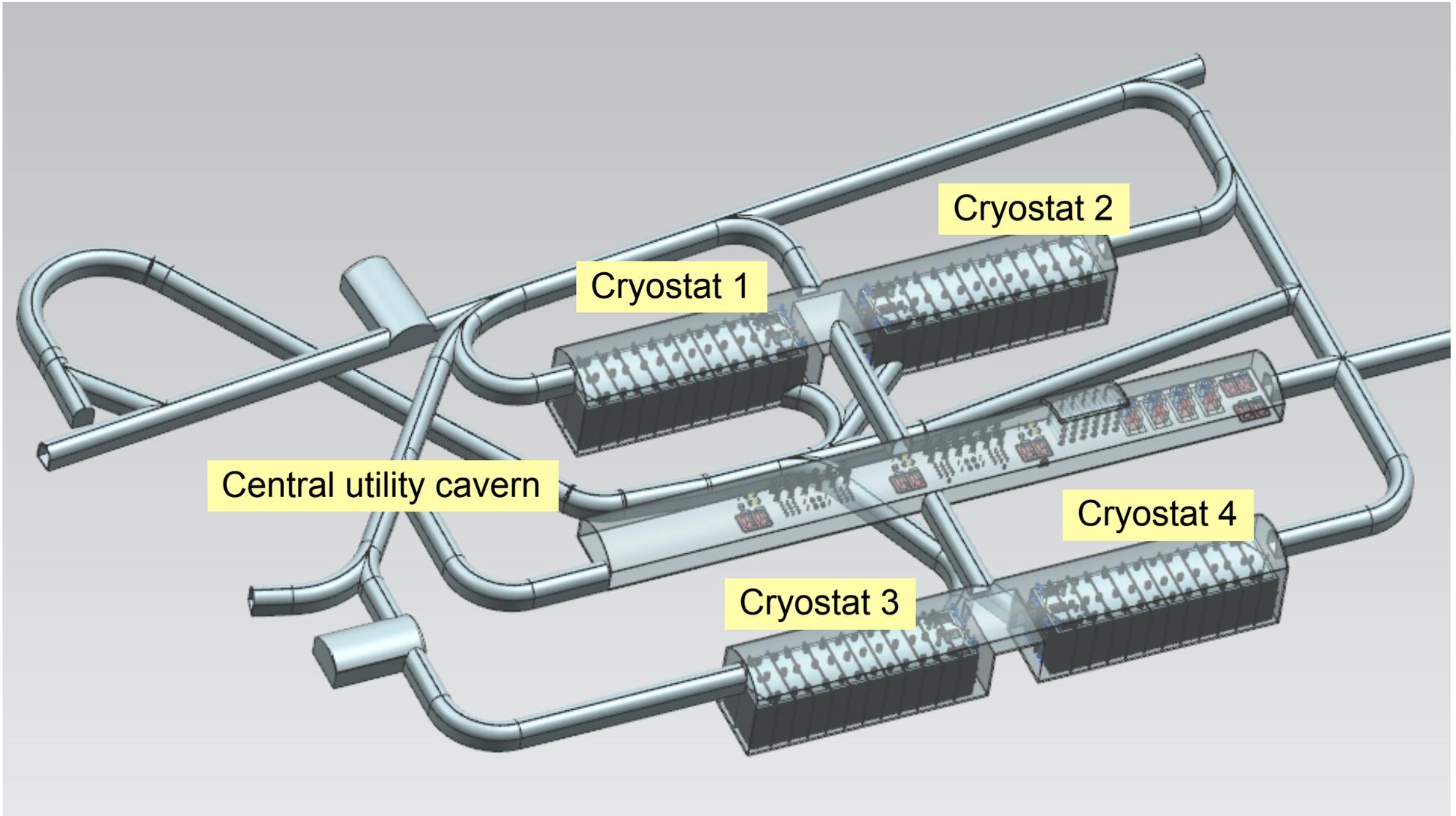
- **Ar**,  $C_nH_{2n}$ , Ca, C, Fe, ..
- Require 10x unosc FD rate from Ar targets

## RPC-based muon tracker

## Reference design



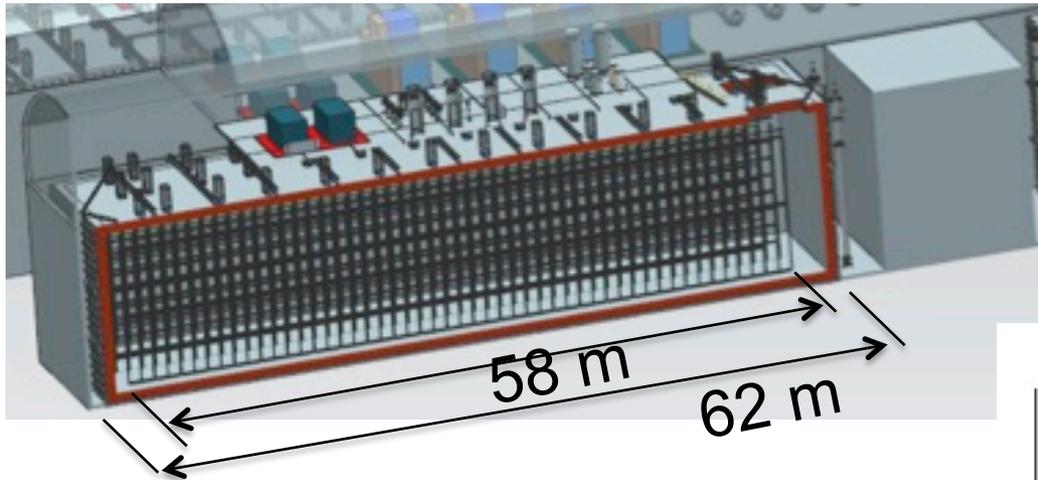
# LBNF far detector facilities for DUNE



**Cryostats:** (CERN-FNAL design team) 17.1 kt LAr each  
Free-standing steel-supported **membrane cryostats**

**Central utility cavern:** cryogenics support equipment

# Nominal DUNE far detector technology



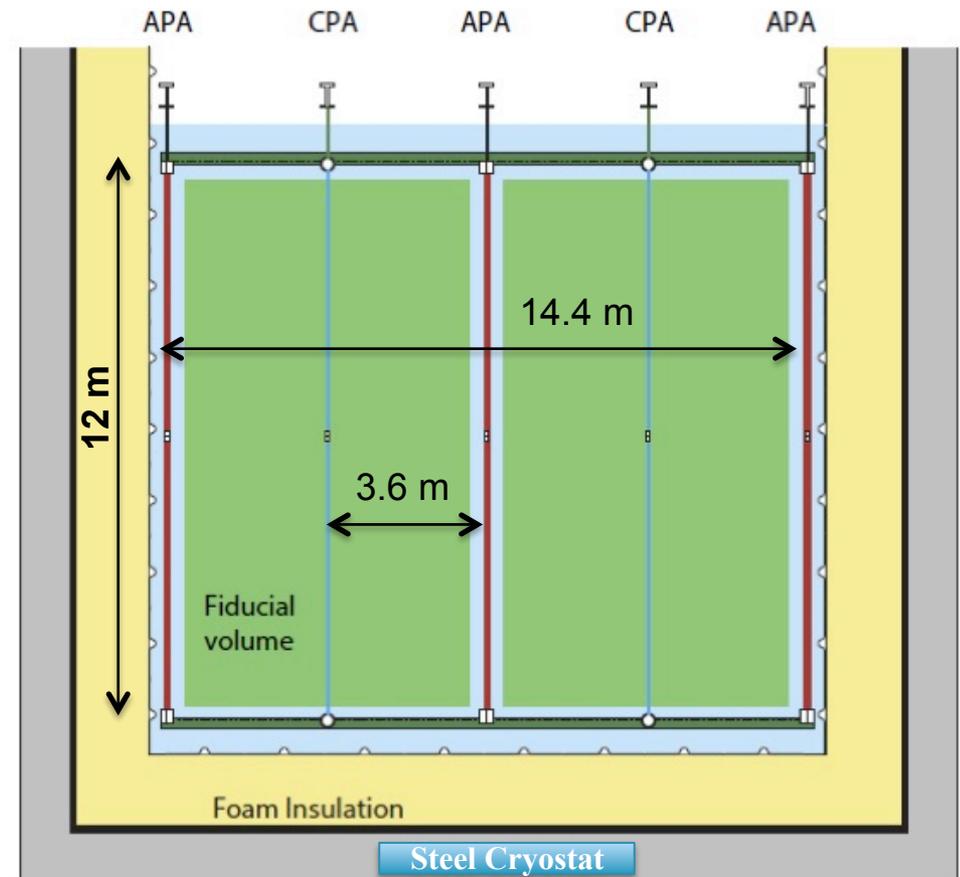
Reference design  
(for first module):  
horizontal-drift **single-phase**  
**time-projection chamber**

17.1-kt total, 13.8-kt active,  
**11.6-kt fiducial** mass

3 Anode Plane Assemblies (APA)  
w/ cold electronics

Cathode planes (CPA) at 180 kV  
3.6 m max drift length

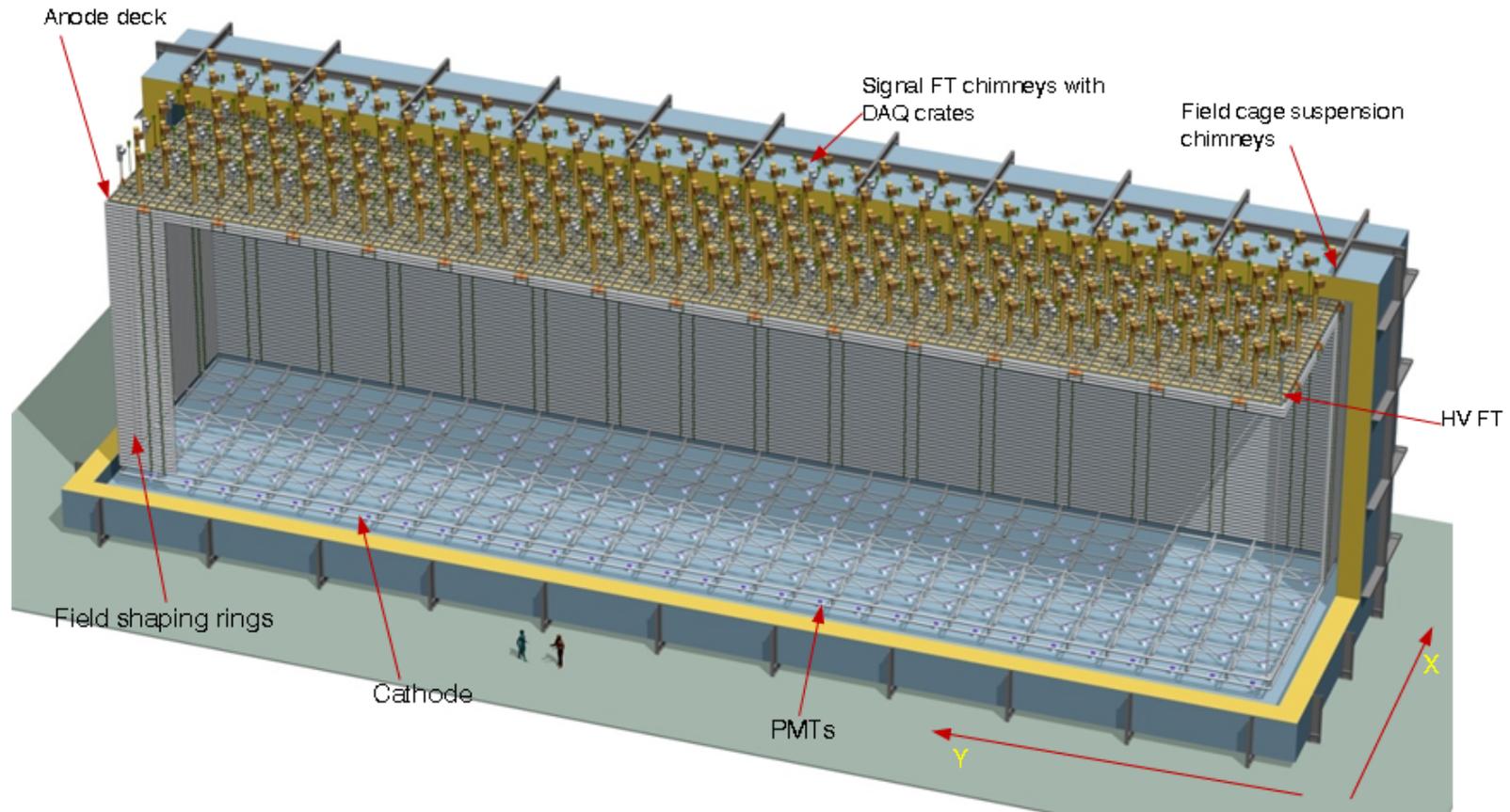
Photon detectors for fast  
event timing (non-beam physics)



# Alternative DUNE far detector technology

**Dual-phase TPC** is alternative design:  
vertical drift w/ multiplication and readout at liquid-gas interface  
Significant R&D by LBNO collaboration

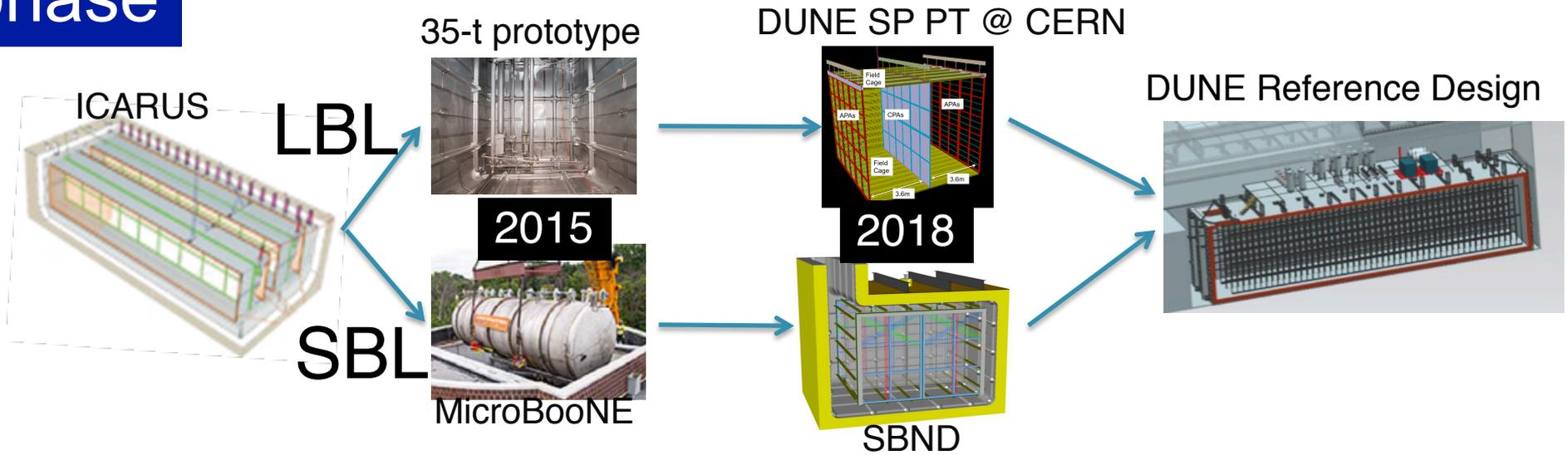
Could be implemented for module(s) 2-4



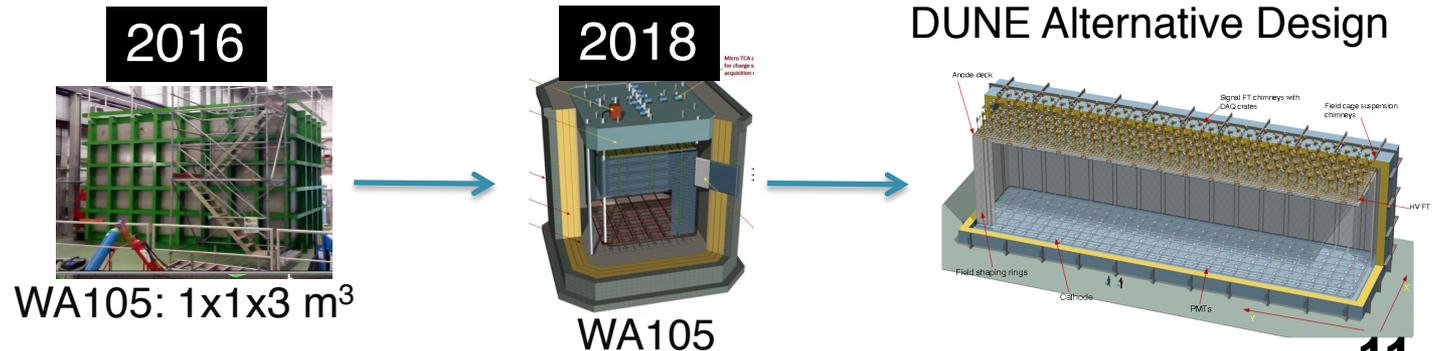
# Development and prototyping of LArTPCs

CERN neutrino platform + FNAL prototyping  
+ experience from FNAL SBN program

Single phase



Dual phase



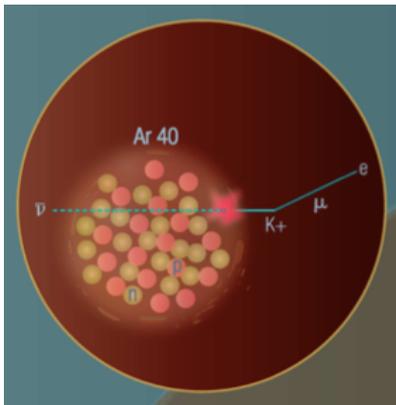
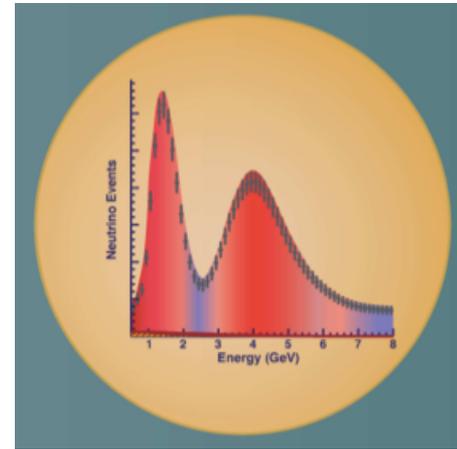
# DUNE Timeline

- July 2015 “CD-1 Refresh” review (conceptual design review).
- Dec. 2015 CD-3a Conventional Facilities Far Site. Needed to authorize far site conventional facilities work including underground excavation and outfitting.
- 2017 Ongoing shaft renovation at SURF complete.
- **2017 Start of far site conventional facilities construction**
- 2018 Testing of “full-scale” far detector elements at CERN.
- 2019 Technical Design review.
- 2021 Ready for start of installation of the first far detector module.
- **2024 start of physics data-taking** with one detector module  
Additional far detector modules every ~2 years.
- 2026 Beam available.
- 2026 Near detector available.
- 2028 DUNE construction finished.

# DUNE Primary Physics Program

## Long-baseline $\nu$ oscillations

leptonic CP violation  
mass hierarchy  
 $\theta_{23}$  octant, precision parameters  
test of 3-flavor paradigm

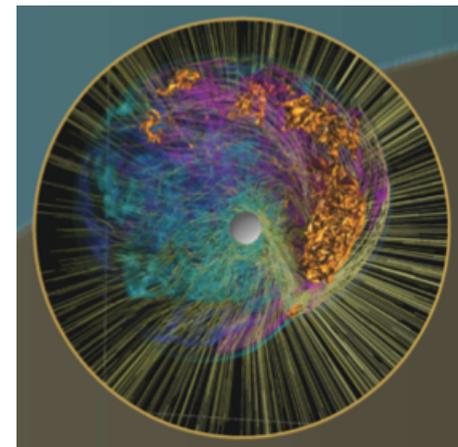


## Nucleon decay

particular sensitivity  
to SUSY-predicted modes  
e.g.,  $p \rightarrow K^+ \bar{\nu}$

## Supernova burst neutrinos

neutrino physics & astrophysics,  
e.g., MH, black hole formation



+ numerous secondary goals  
(atm nus, other astro nus, ND physics...)

# Long-baseline neutrino oscillations

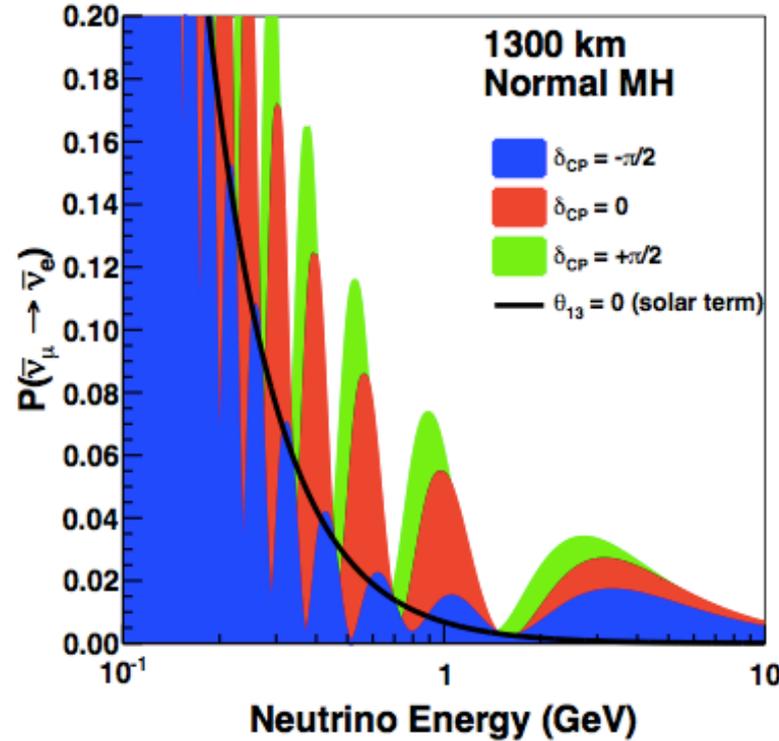
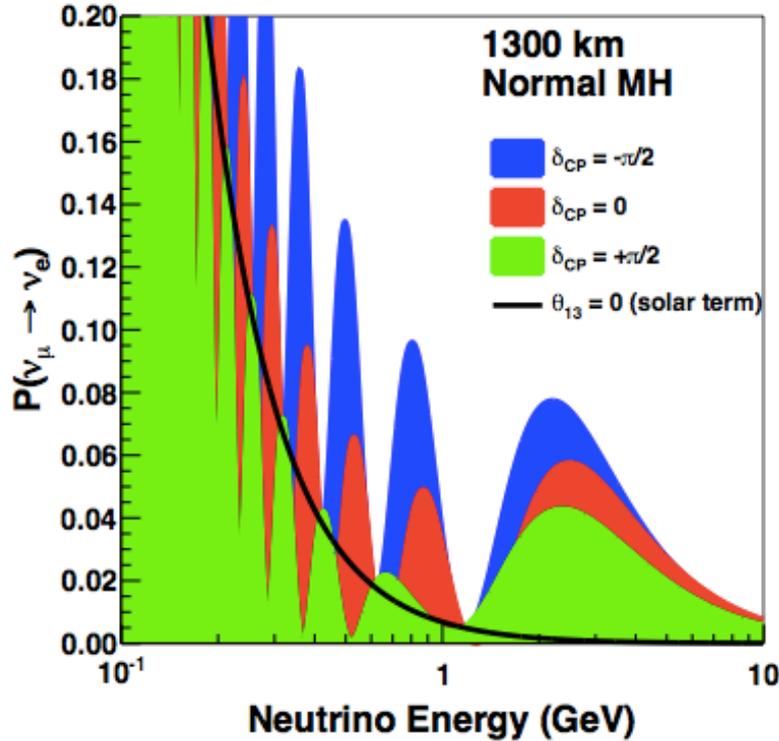
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \simeq \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \frac{\sin^2(\Delta_{31} - aL)}{(\Delta_{31} - aL)^2} \Delta_{31}^2$$

$$+ \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \frac{\sin(\Delta_{31} - aL)}{(\Delta_{31} - aL)} \Delta_{31} \frac{\sin(aL)}{(aL)} \Delta_{21} \cos(\Delta_{31} + \delta_{\text{CP}})$$

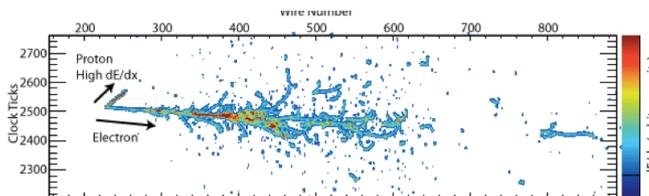
$$+ \cos^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \frac{\sin^2(aL)}{(aL)^2} \Delta_{21}^2,$$

$$\Delta_{ij} = \Delta m_{ij}^2 L / 4E_\nu, \quad a = G_F N_e / \sqrt{2}$$

Antinus: change sign of  $a$ ,  $\delta$

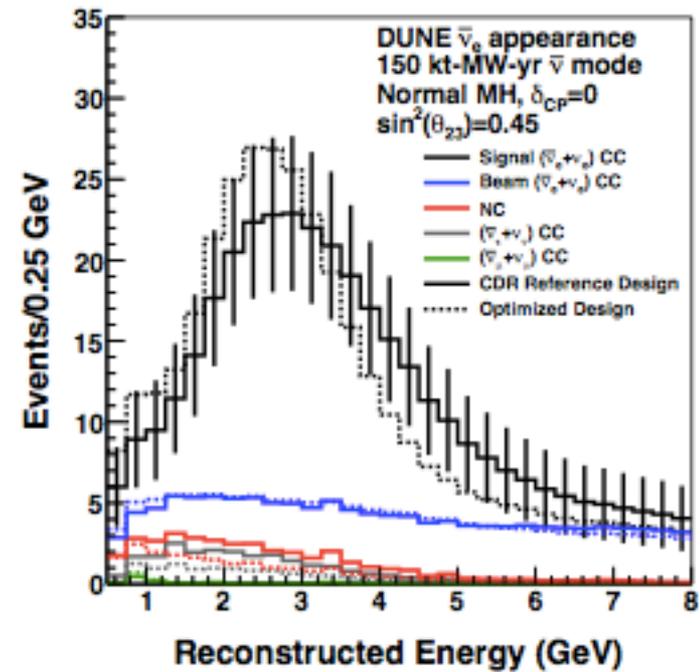
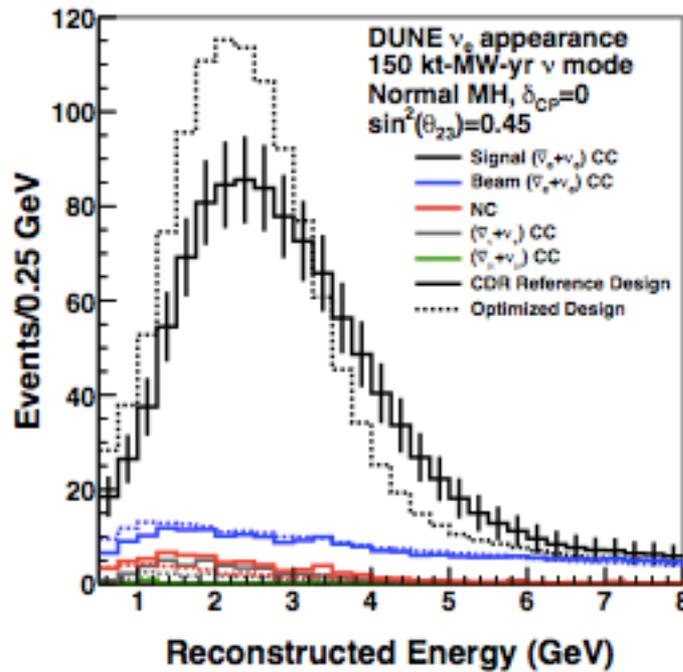


Thanks,  
Nature,  
for large  $\theta_{13}$ !

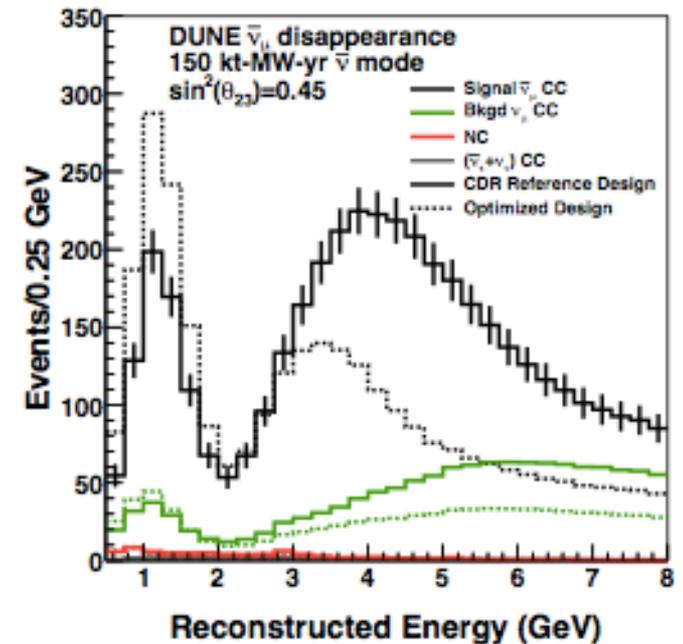
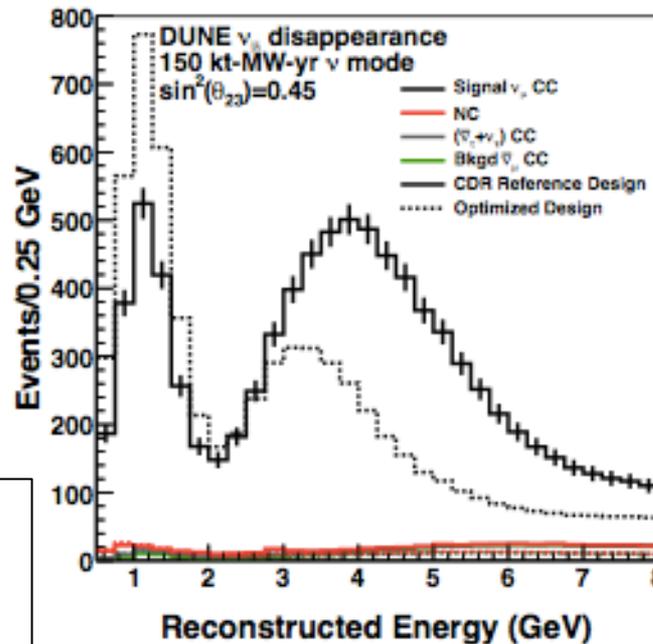


look for ~few GeV em  
showers in LArTPC

## Electron (anti) neutrino appearance

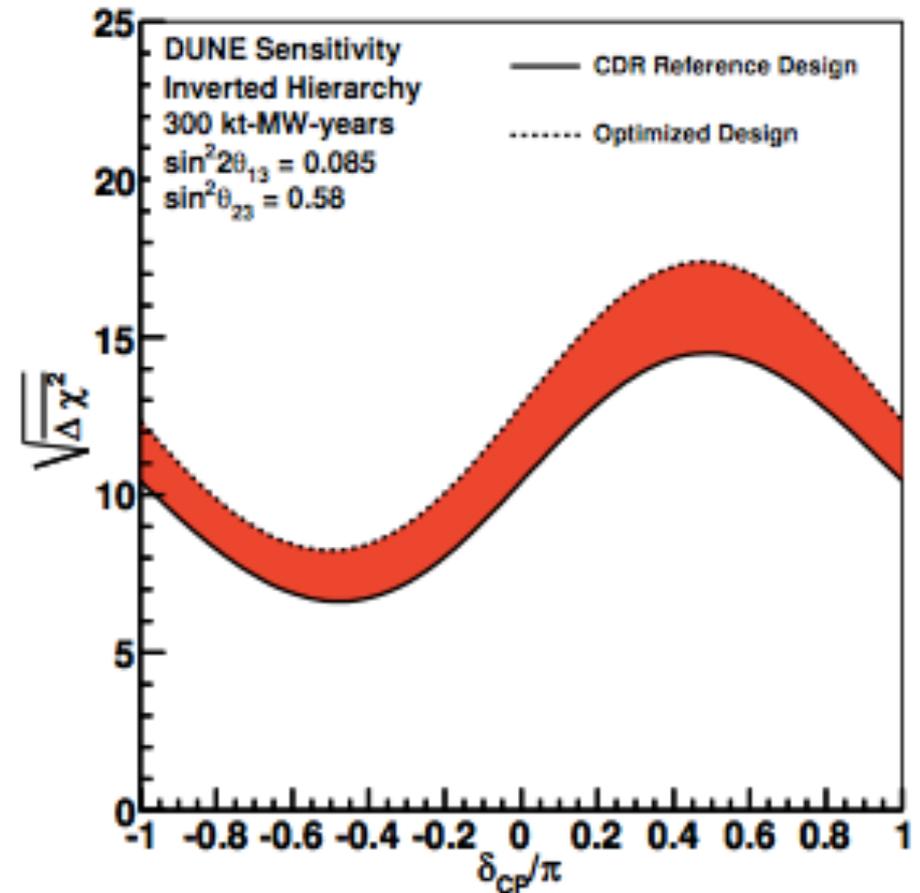
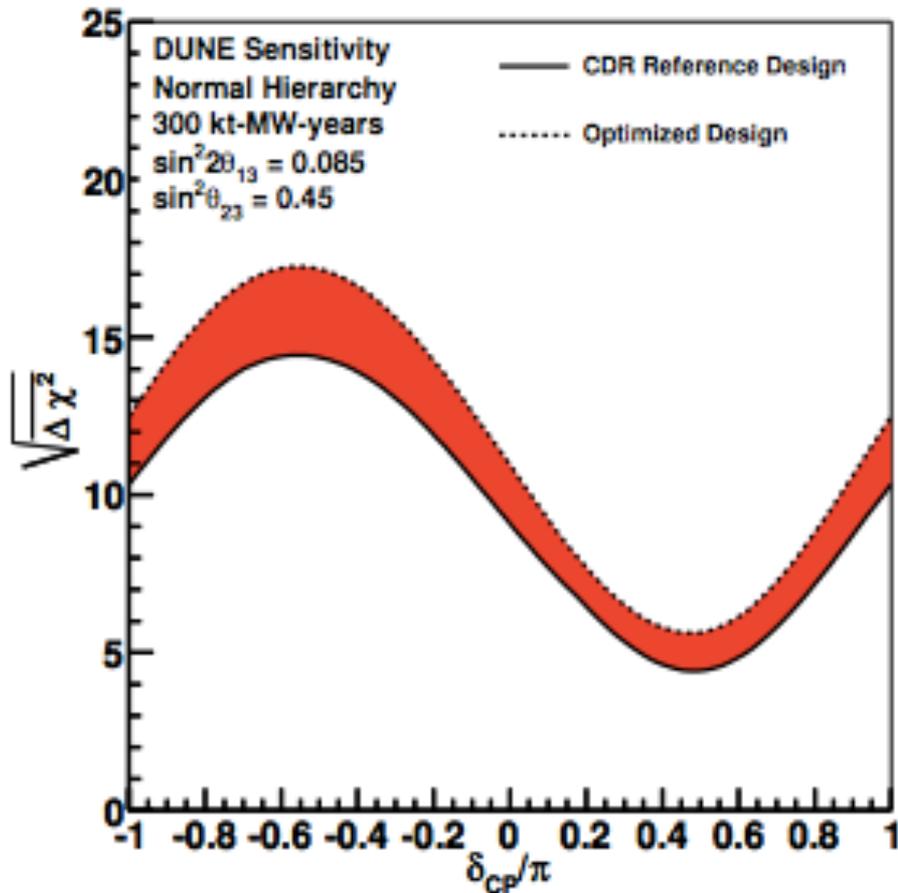


## Muon (anti)neutrino disappearance

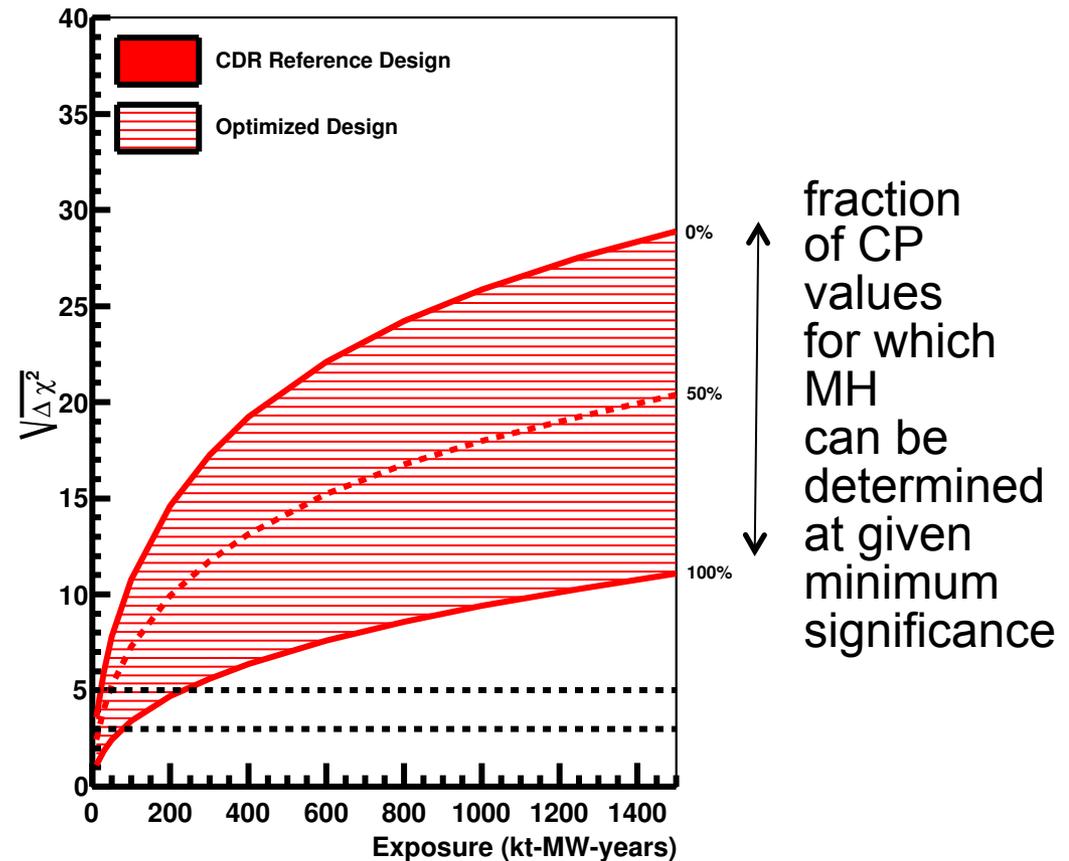
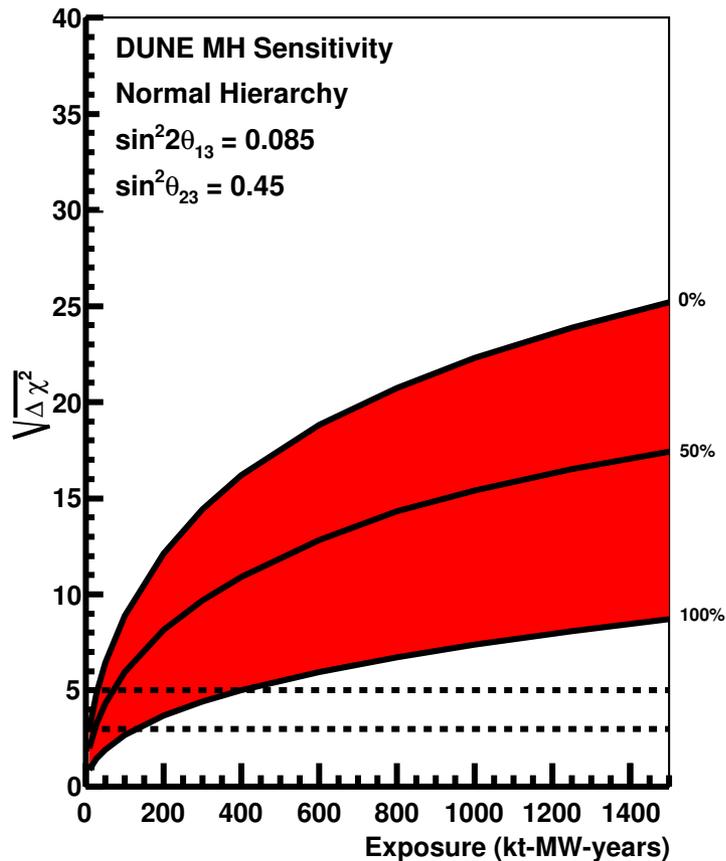


Nominal exposure:  
**300 kt-MW-yr:**  
~7 yrs of data  
(3.5 nu, 3.5 antinu) w/40 kt,  
1.07-MW 80-GeV beam

# DUNE mass hierarchy sensitivity



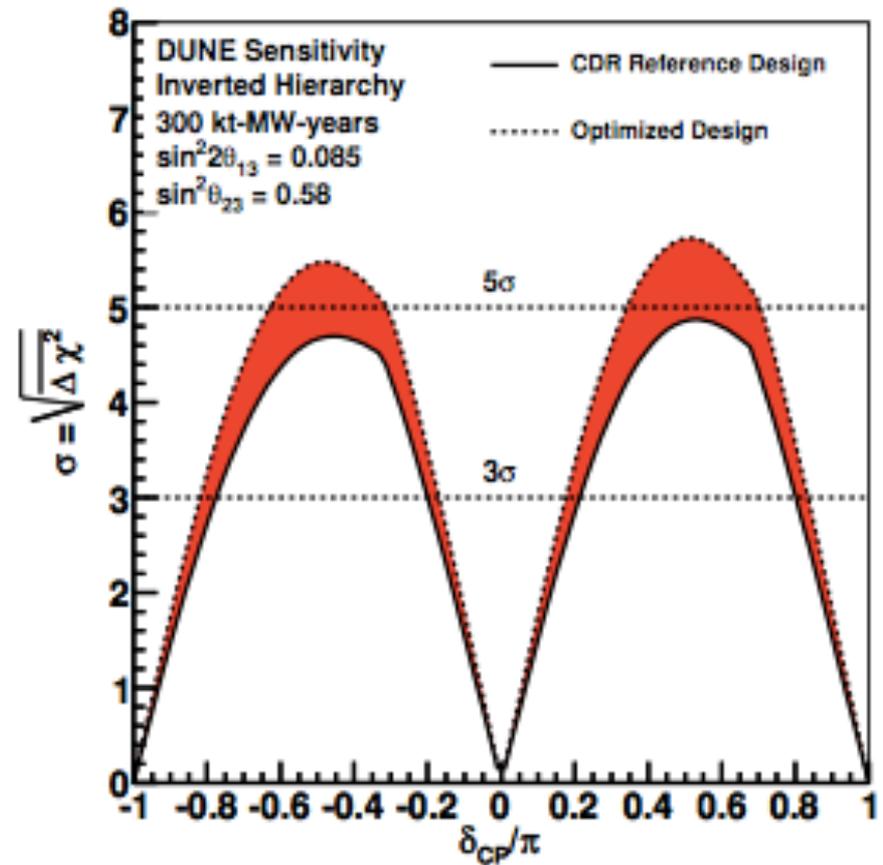
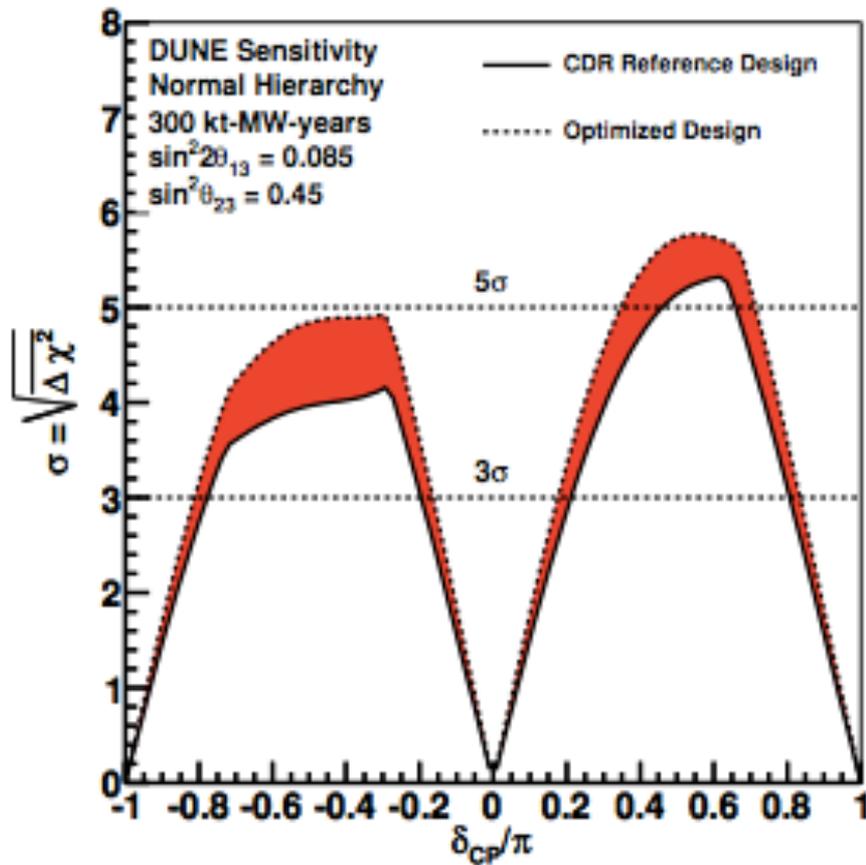
# DUNE mass hierarchy sensitivity vs exposure



(very similar for IH case)

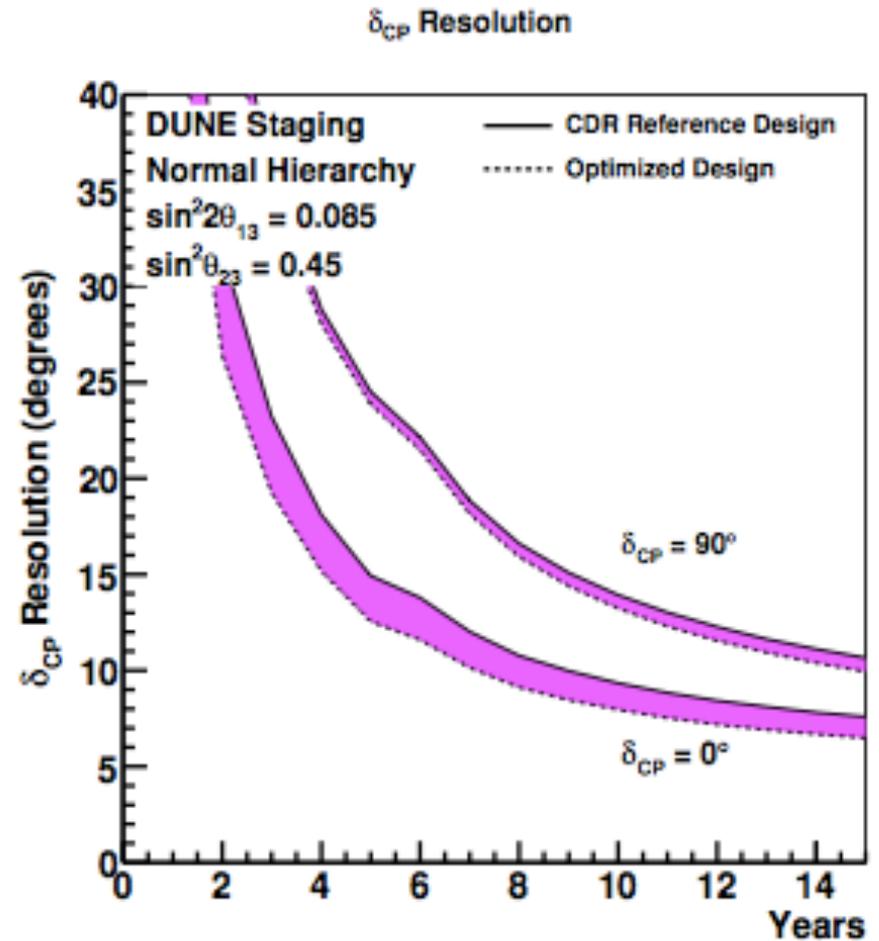
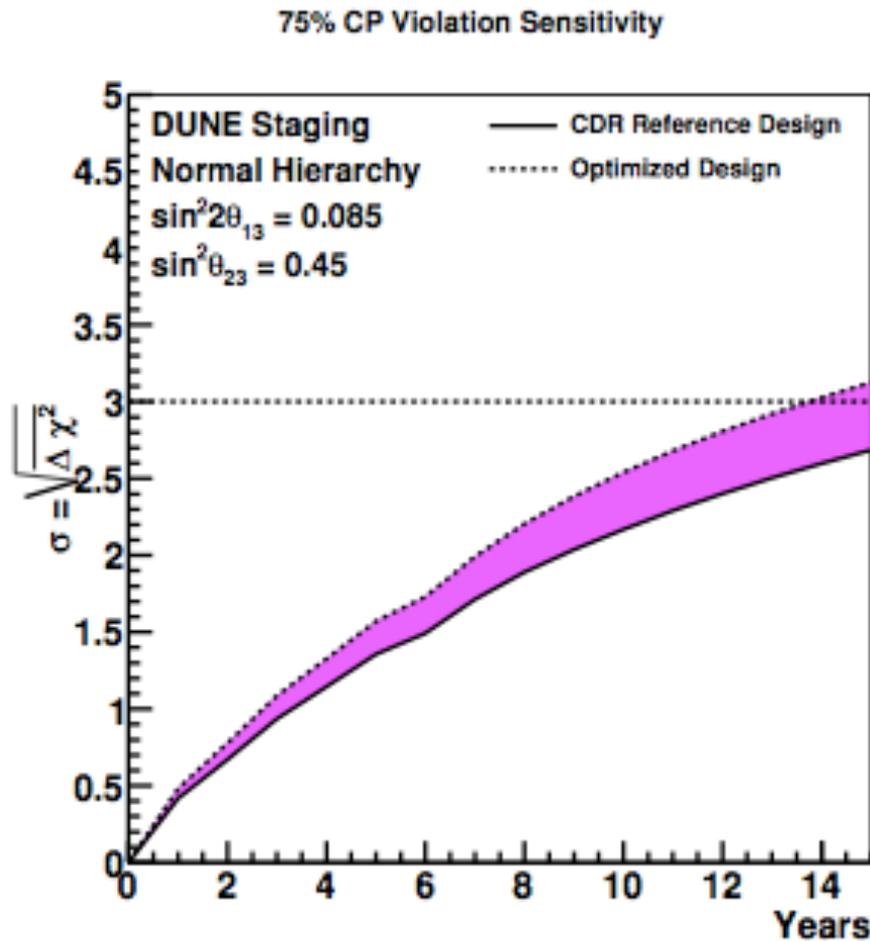
- definitive MH determination
- can get there faster with optimized beam (work underway)

# DUNE CP violation sensitivity



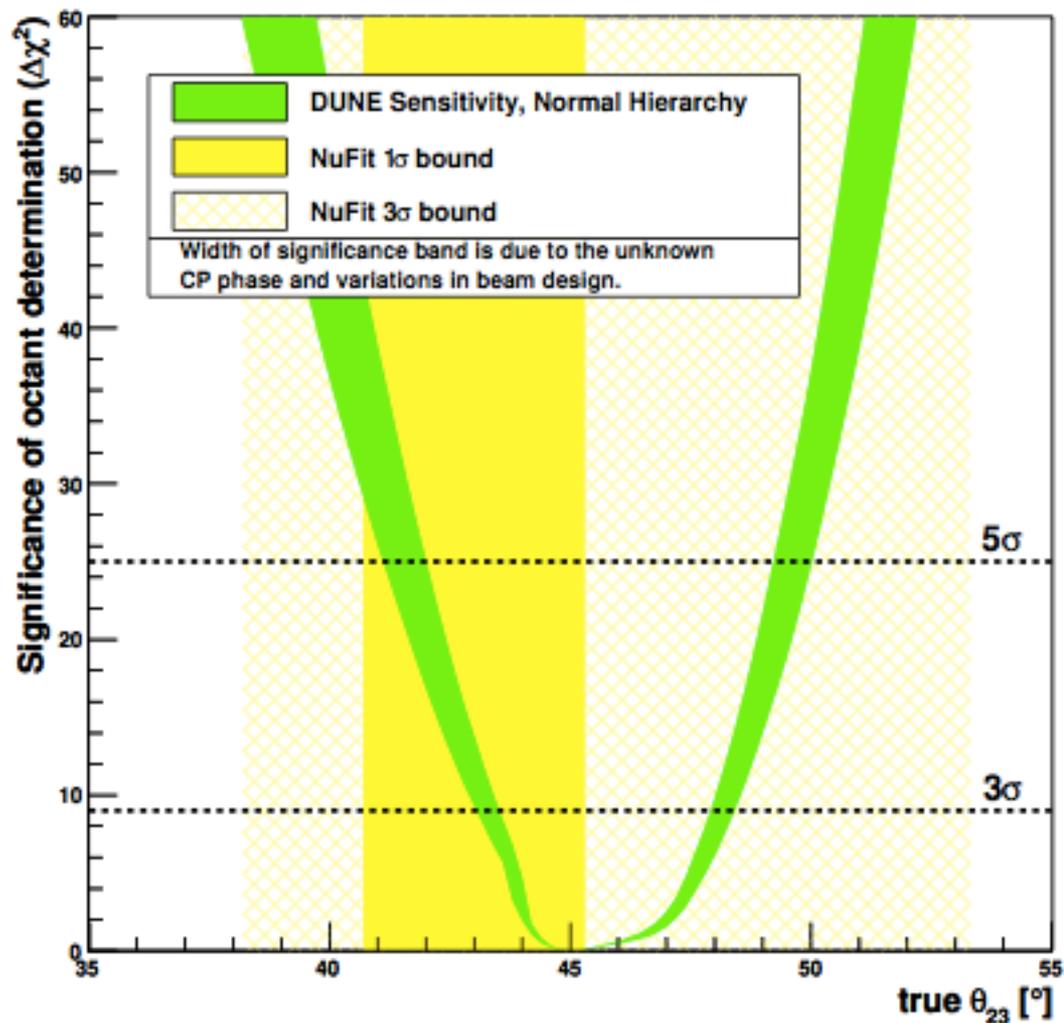
- optimized beam helps here too

# DUNE CP violation sensitivity vs exposure

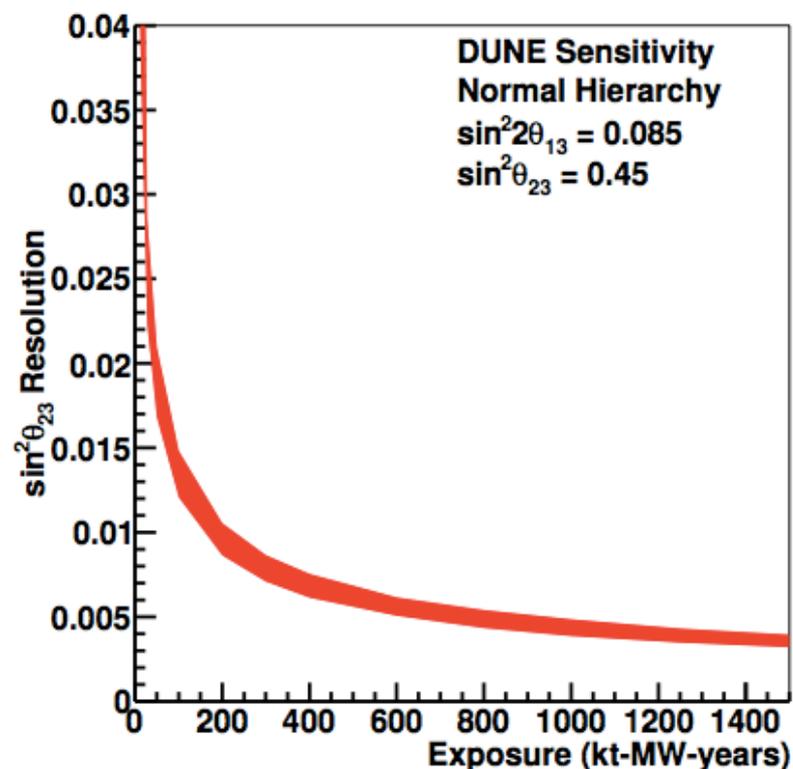


Assumes staging and 2-MW beam after 6 years

# DUNE octant sensitivity



Does  $\nu_3$  have more  $\mu$  or  $\tau$ ?



Exposure: same as for  $3\sigma$  CP measurement for 75% of values

# DUNE physics milestones

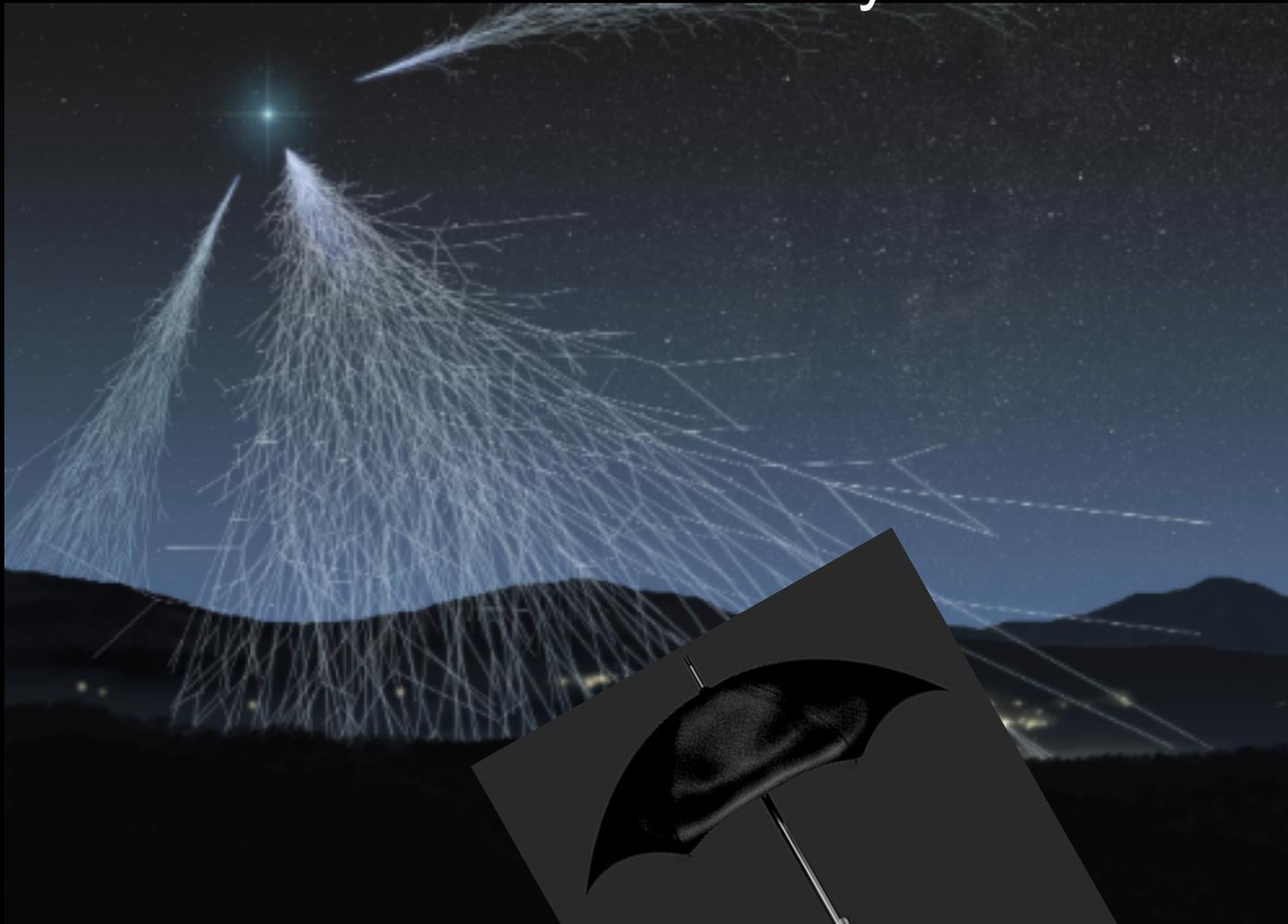
**Best case MH:  $5\sigma$  w/ 20-30 kt-MW-yr**

**Best case CPV ( $+\pi/2$ ):  $3\sigma$  w/ 60-70 kt-MW-yr**

Physics milestone	Exposure kt · MW · year (reference beam)	Exposure kt · MW · year (optimized beam)
$1^\circ \theta_{23}$ resolution ( $\theta_{23} = 42^\circ$ )	70	45
CPV at $3\sigma$ ( $\delta_{CP} = +\pi/2$ )	70	60
CPV at $3\sigma$ ( $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$ )	160	100
CPV at $5\sigma$ ( $\delta_{CP} = +\pi/2$ )	280	210
MH at $5\sigma$ (worst point)	400	230
$10^\circ$ resolution ( $\delta_{CP} = 0$ )	450	290
CPV at $5\sigma$ ( $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$ )	525	320
CPV at $5\sigma$ 50% of $\delta_{CP}$	810	550
Reactor $\theta_{13}$ resolution ( $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.084 \pm 0.003$ )	1200	850
CPV at $3\sigma$ 75% of $\delta_{CP}$	1320	850

# “Underground” Physics

enabled  
by overburden



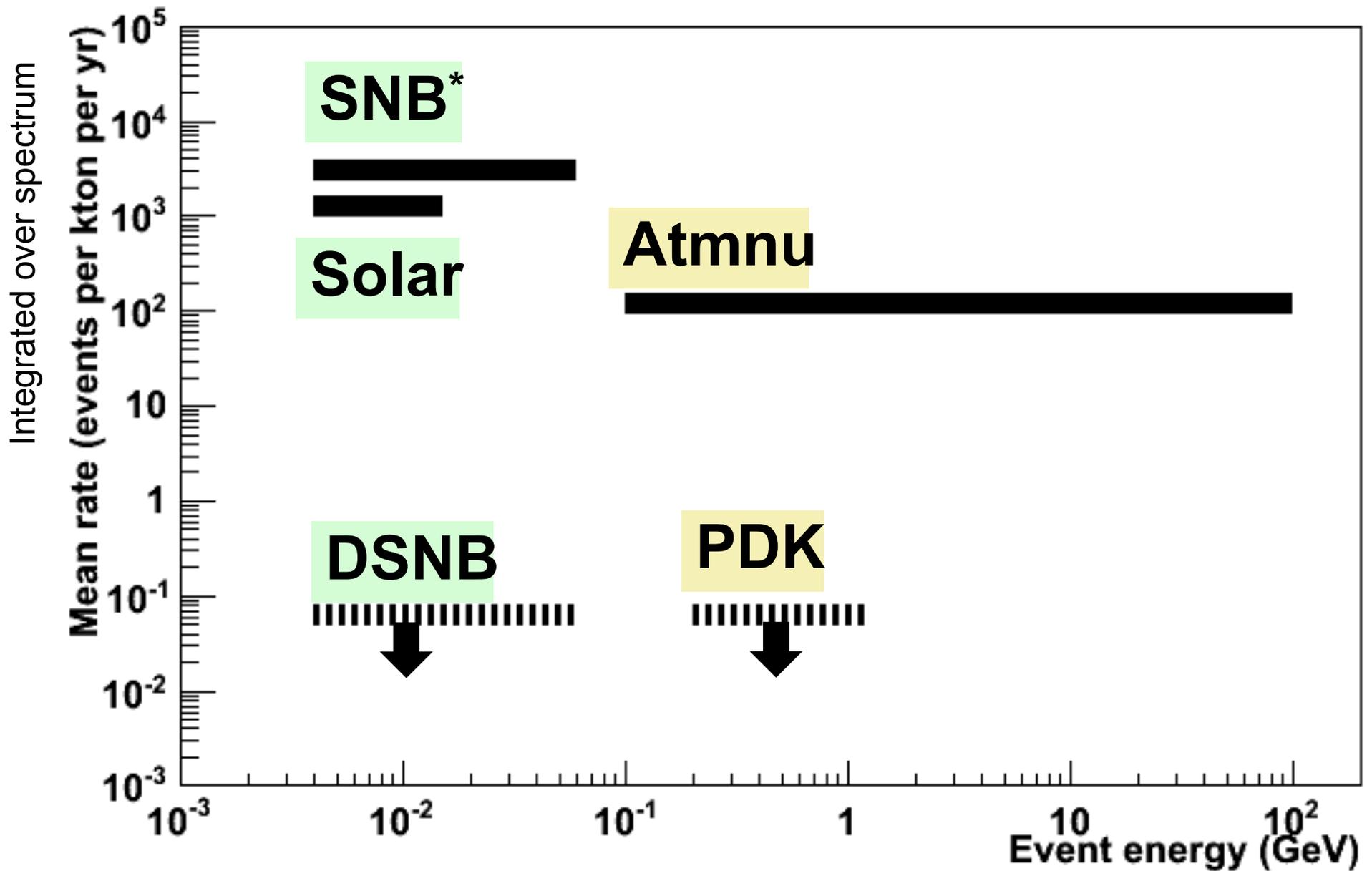
proton decay,  
atmospheric  $\nu$ 's,  
astrophysical  $\nu$ 's,...

# Signal energies and expected rates in LAr

Signal	Energy range	Expected Signal Rate per kton of LAr (yr <sup>-1</sup> kton <sup>-1</sup> )
Proton decay	~ GeV	< 0.06
Atmospheric neutrinos	0.1-100 GeV	~120
Supernova burst neutrinos	few-50 MeV	~100 @ 10 kpc over ~30 secs
Solar neutrinos	few-15 MeV	1300
Supernova relic neutrinos (DSNB)	20-50 MeV	< 0.06

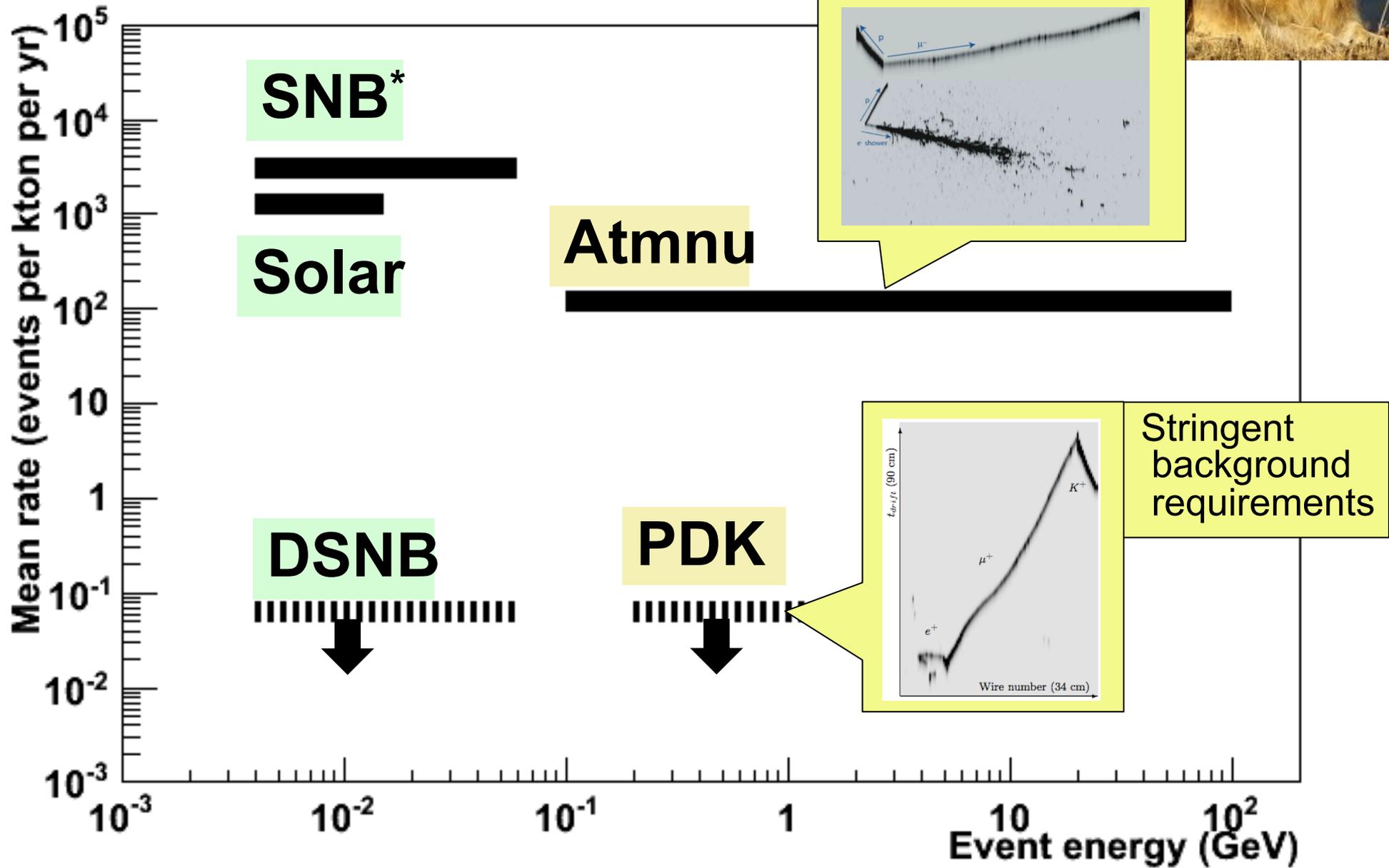
No handy beam trigger, so vulnerable to background, and require attention to triggering

# Mean rate vs event energy



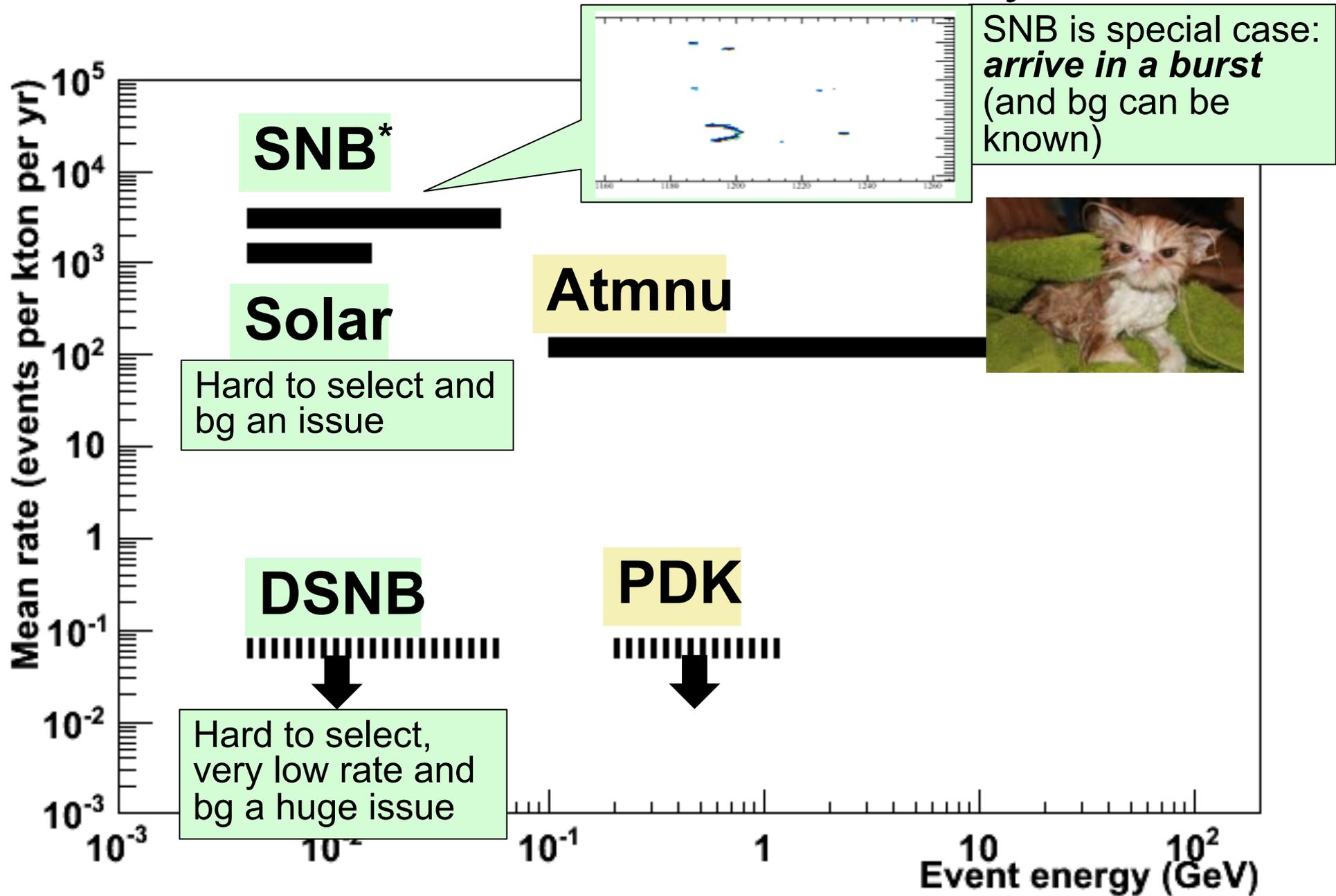
\* @1 kpc, 30 seconds (not steady-state rate)

# GeV-scale events: handsome and distinctive



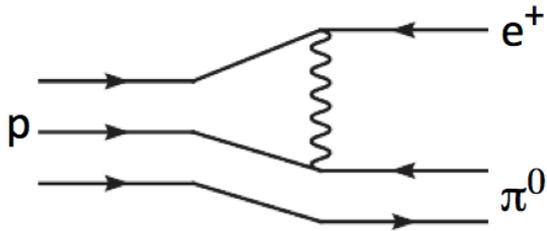
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# Few tens of MeV-scale events: “crummy little stubs”



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# Baryon Number Violation



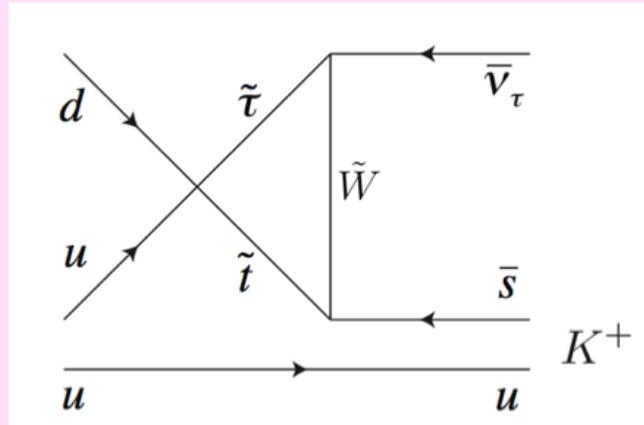
Best limit from SK ( $1.3 \times 10^{34}$  yr, 206 kt-yr); water has high-efficiency, clean signal; LAr should be even cleaner but can't compete easily w/ no. of (free) protons in water (still would see fully-reconstructed events)



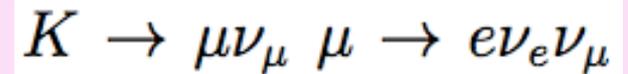
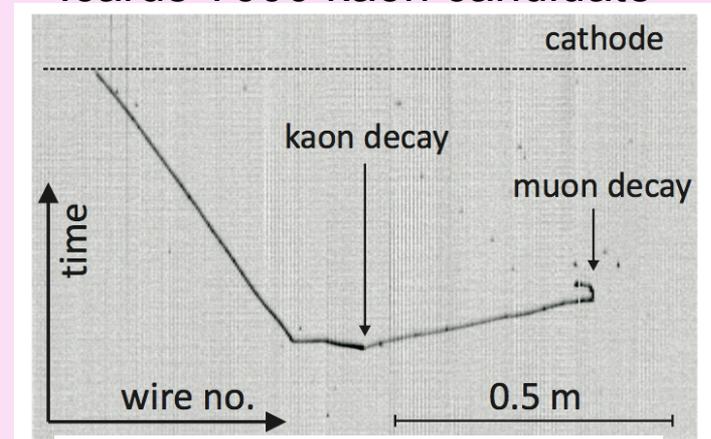
## The strength of LAr:



SUSY  
-motivated



Icarus T600 kaon candidate



...and other modes with low efficiency in water

→ high quality reconstruction & lack of Cherenkov threshold enable high efficiency & purity

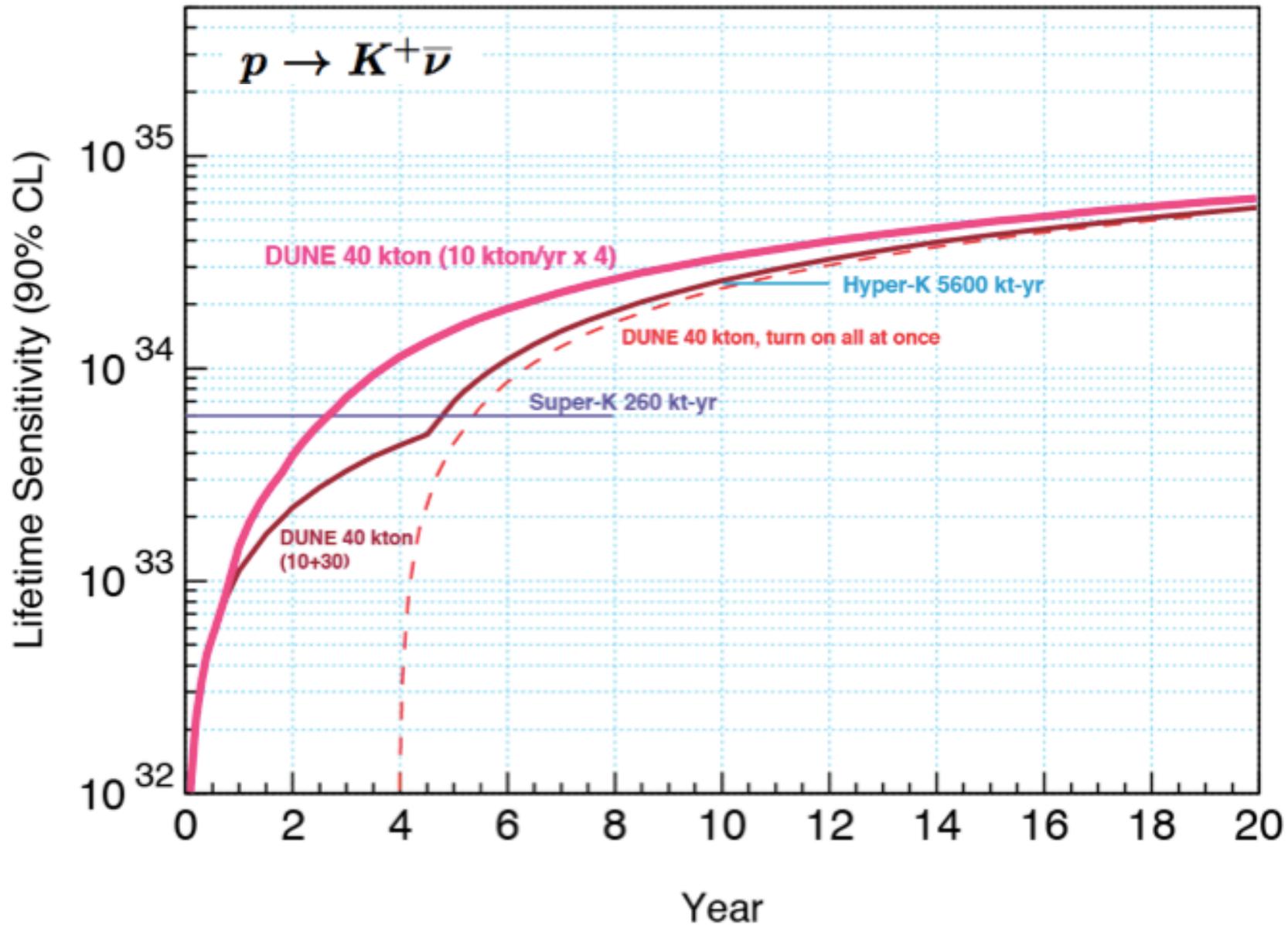
# Efficiency & background (events per Mton-year) in water & argon:

Decay Mode	Water Cherenkov		Liquid Argon TPC		
	Efficiency	Background	Efficiency	Background	
$p \rightarrow K^+ \bar{\nu}$	19%	4	97%	1	*
$p \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+$	10%	8	47%	< 2	
$p \rightarrow K^+ \mu^- \pi^+$			97%	1	
$n \rightarrow K^+ e^-$	10%	3	96%	< 2	
$n \rightarrow e^+ \pi^-$	19%	2	44%	0.8	

\*Dominant bg: sneaky  
charge-exchanging  
cosmogenic  $K^0$

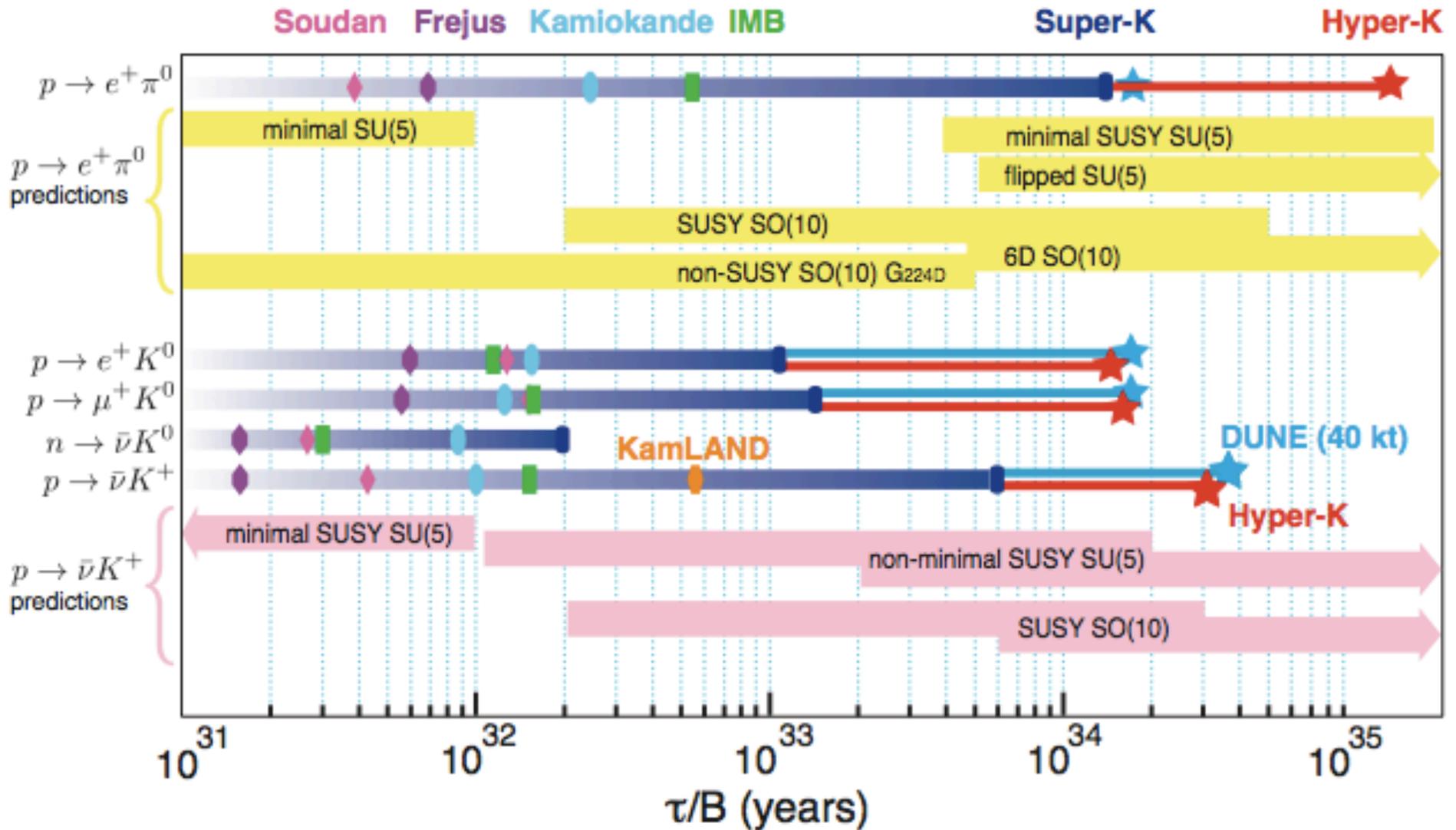
High efficiency  
and low bg in LAr  
for these modes

# DUNE Lifetime Sensitivity



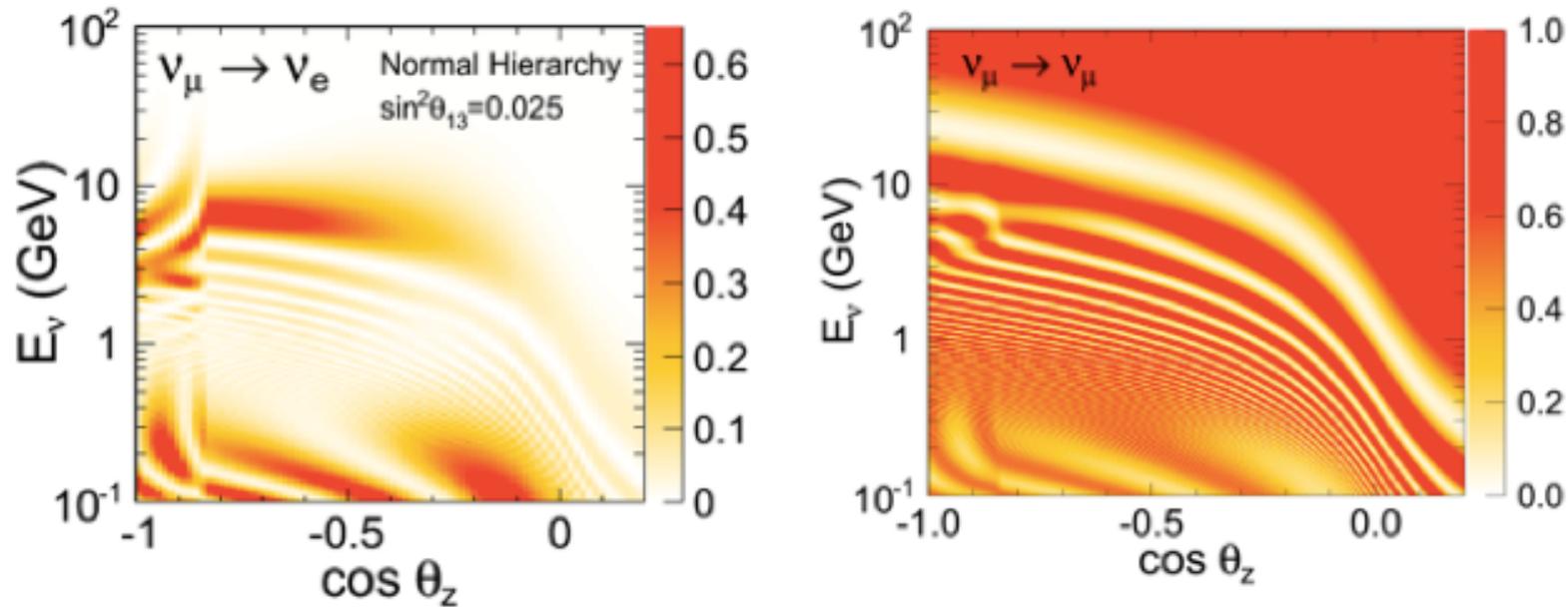
97% efficiency, 1 ev/(Mt-yr bg)

# Anticipated limits wrt theory predictions



DUNE 10 yr run

# Atmospheric Neutrinos

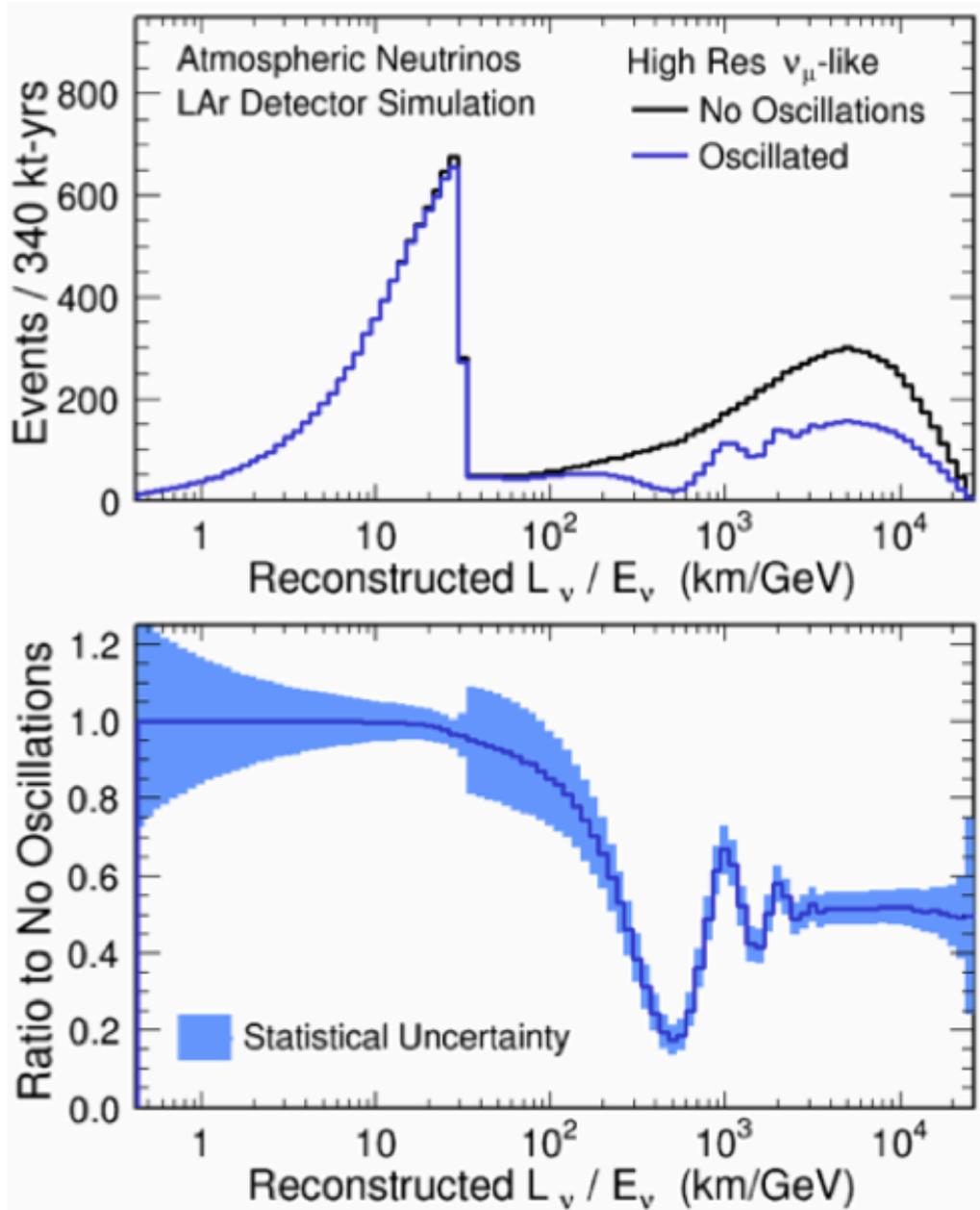


Wide range of angles and energies, sampling matter with both neutrinos and antineutrinos

Sample	Event Rate	in 350 kt-yr
fully contained electron-like sample	14,053	
fully contained muon-like sample	20,853	
partially contained muon-like sample	6,871	

Again, advantage of LArTPC is *precision reconstruction*

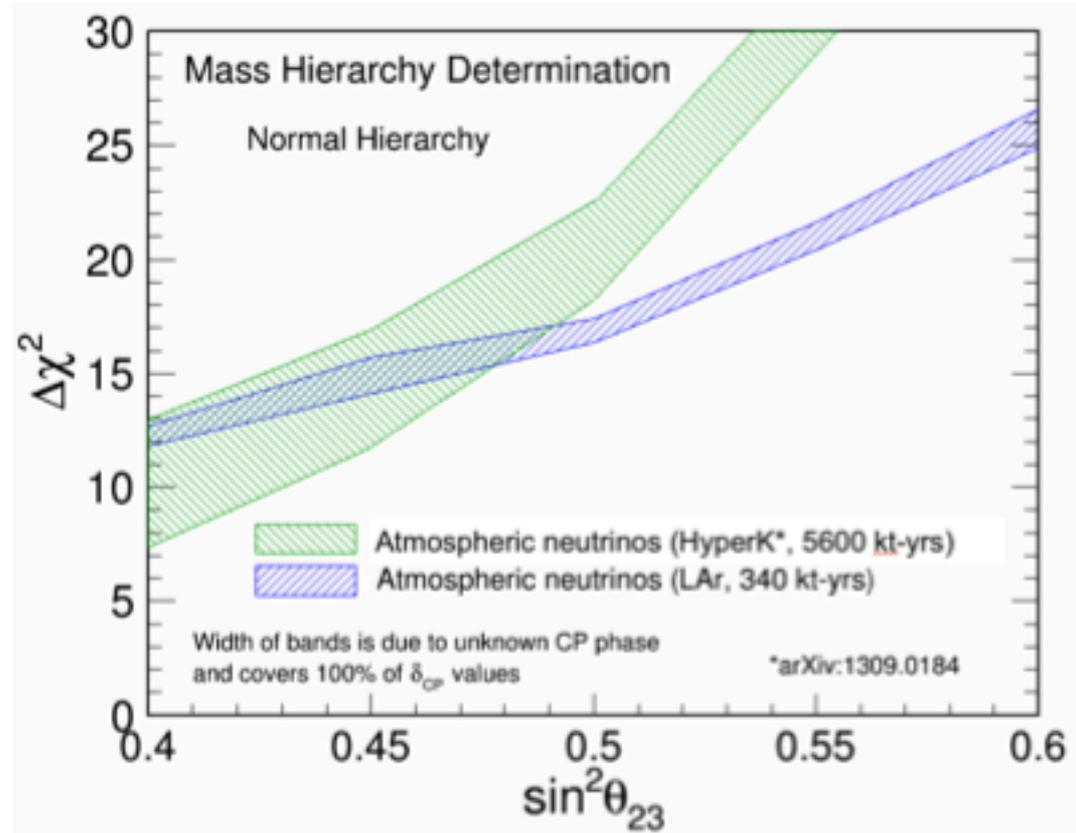
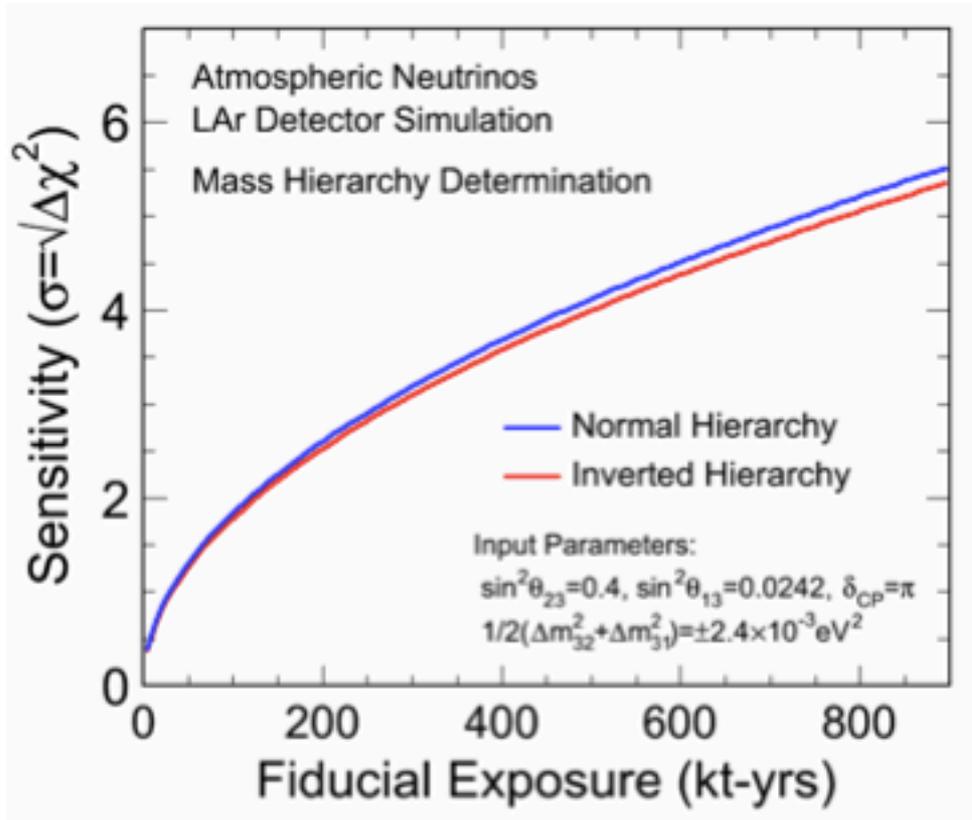
# Advantage of LArTPC is *precision reconstruction*



- better L and E (especially L, from angular resolution)
- potential **nu vs nubar** separation w/o B field (e.g., proton tag,  $\mu$ dk tag)

350 kt-yr,  
selected sample  
of high-resolution  
events

# Mass hierarchy sensitivity with atmospheric neutrinos



- improves with nu vs nubar tagging
- unlike for beam, MH ~independent of CP  $\delta$
- also: octant, CP info; complementary to beam osc

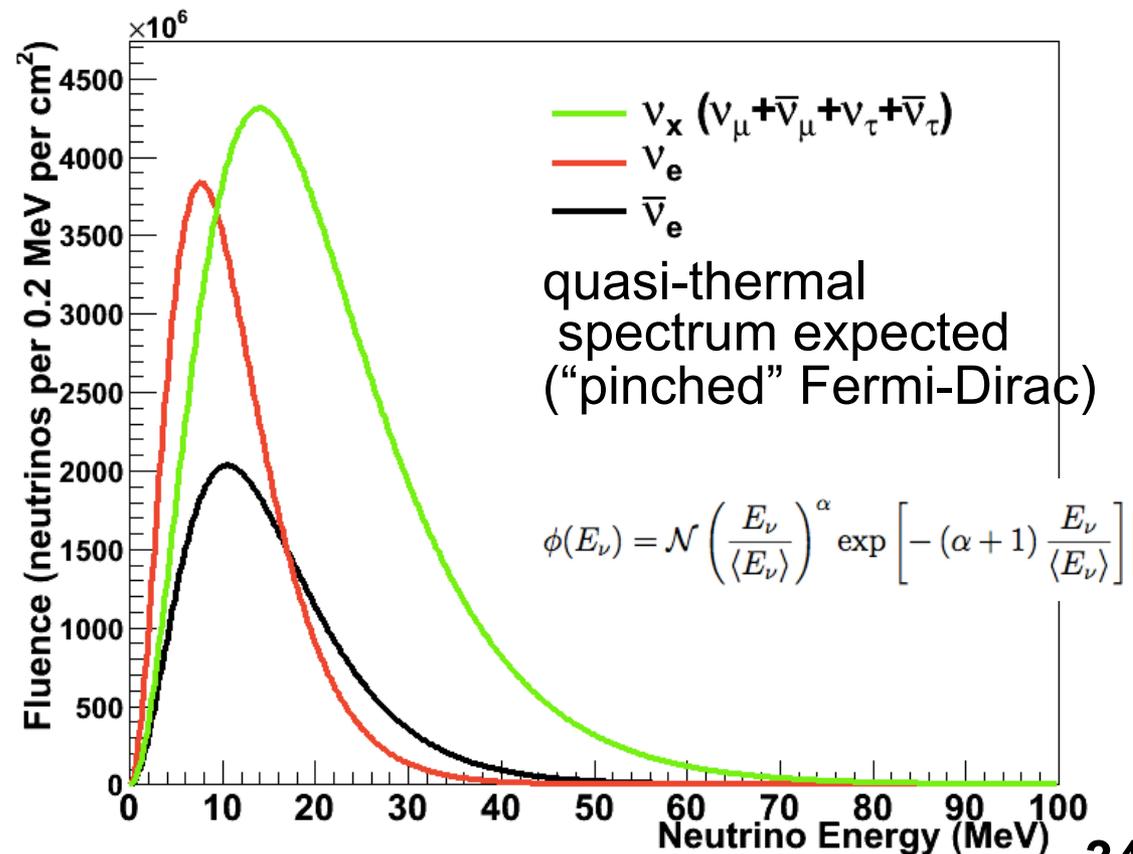
# Neutrinos from core collapse

When a star's core collapses, ~99% of the gravitational binding energy of the proto-nstar goes into  $\nu$ 's of ***all flavors*** with **~tens-of-MeV energies**

(Energy *can* escape via  $\nu$ 's)

Mostly  $\nu$ - $\bar{\nu}$  pairs from proto-nstar cooling

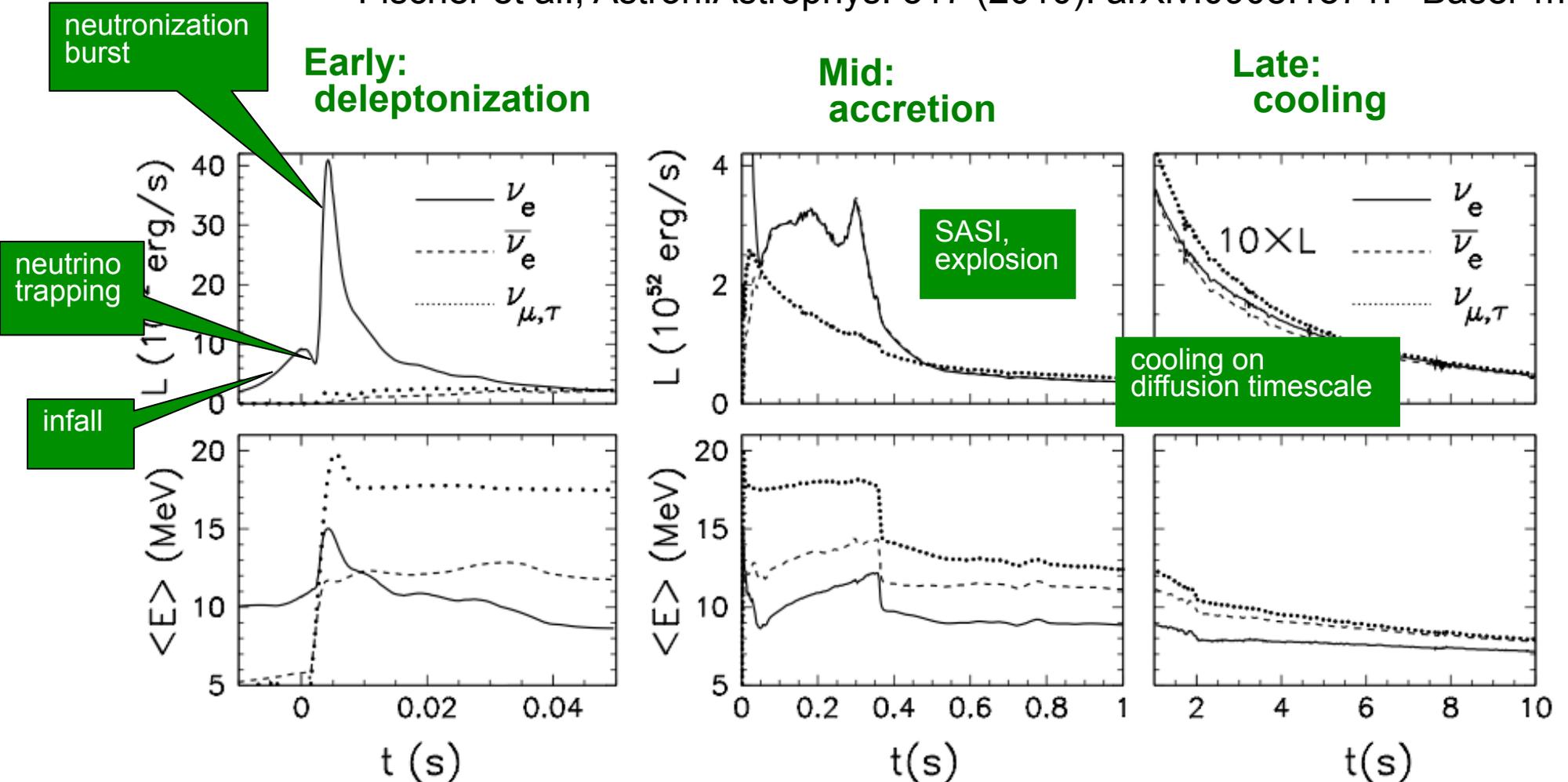
Timescale: ***prompt***  
after core collapse,  
overall  $\Delta t \sim 10$ 's  
of seconds



# Expected neutrino luminosity and average energy vs time

Vast information in the *flavor-energy-time profile*

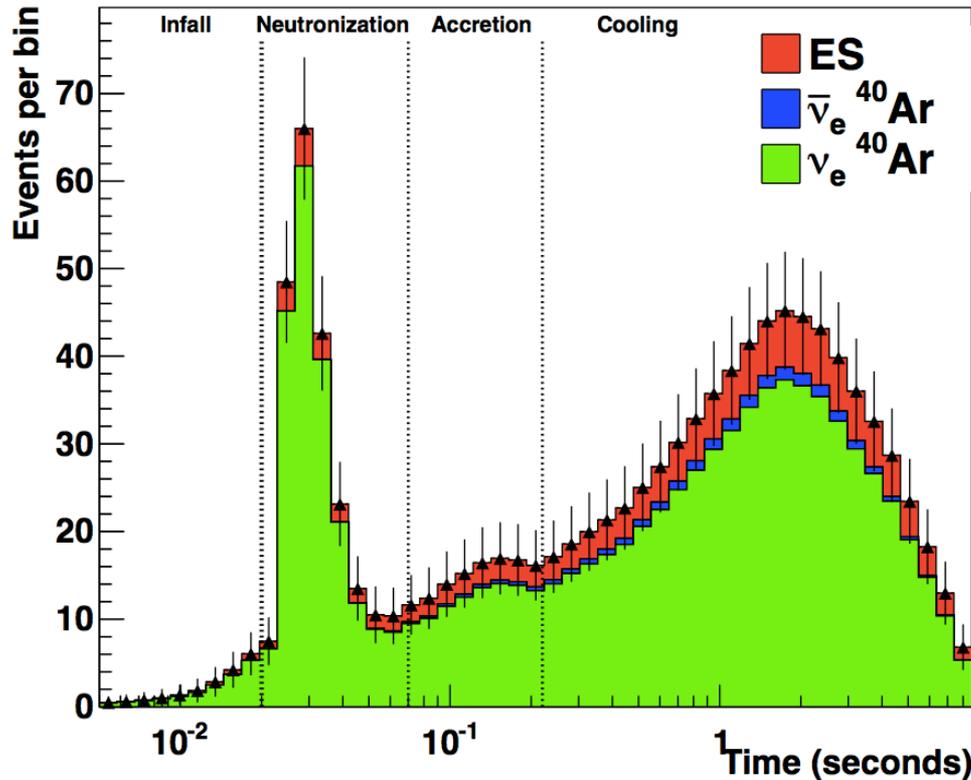
Fischer et al., Astron.Astrophys. 517 (2010). arXiv:0908.1871: 'Basel' model



Generic feature:  
(may or may not be robust)

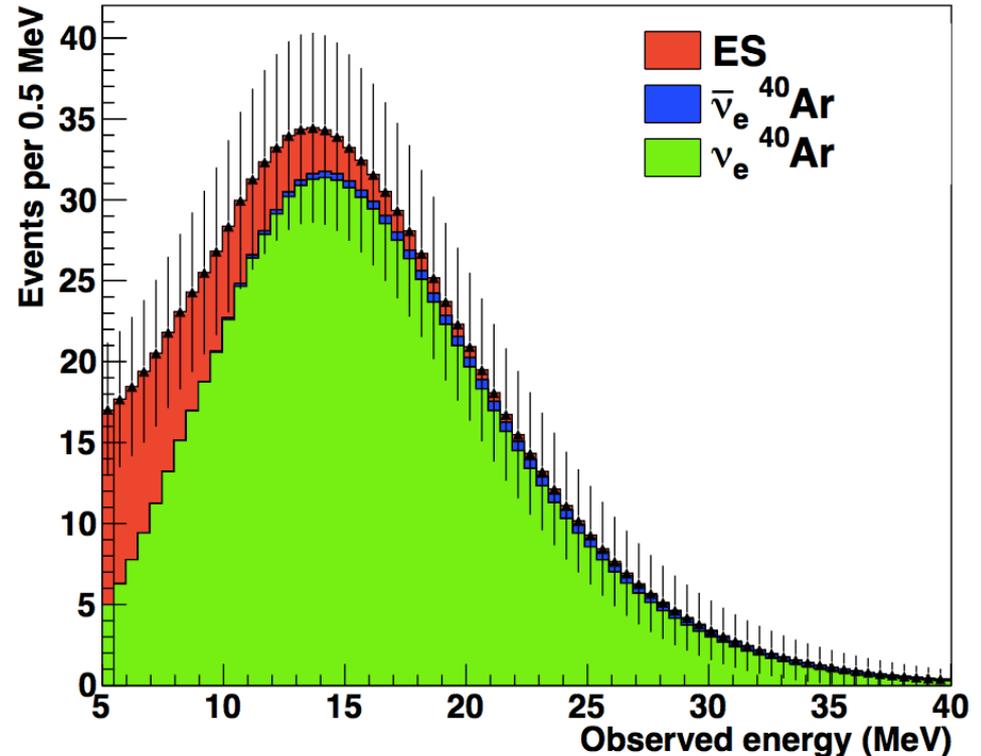
$$\langle E_{\nu_e} \rangle < \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle < \langle E_{\nu_x} \rangle$$

# Flavor composition as a function of time



For 40 kton @ 10 kpc,  
Garching model

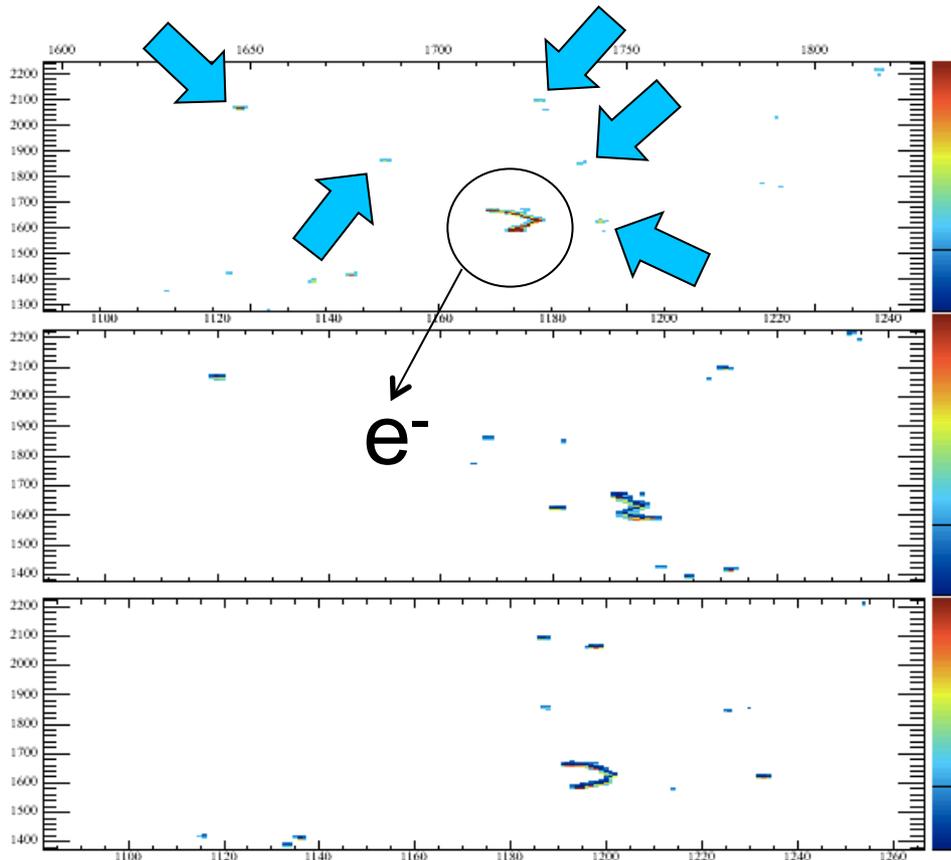
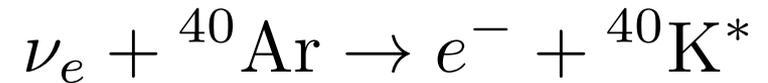
# Energy spectra integrated over time



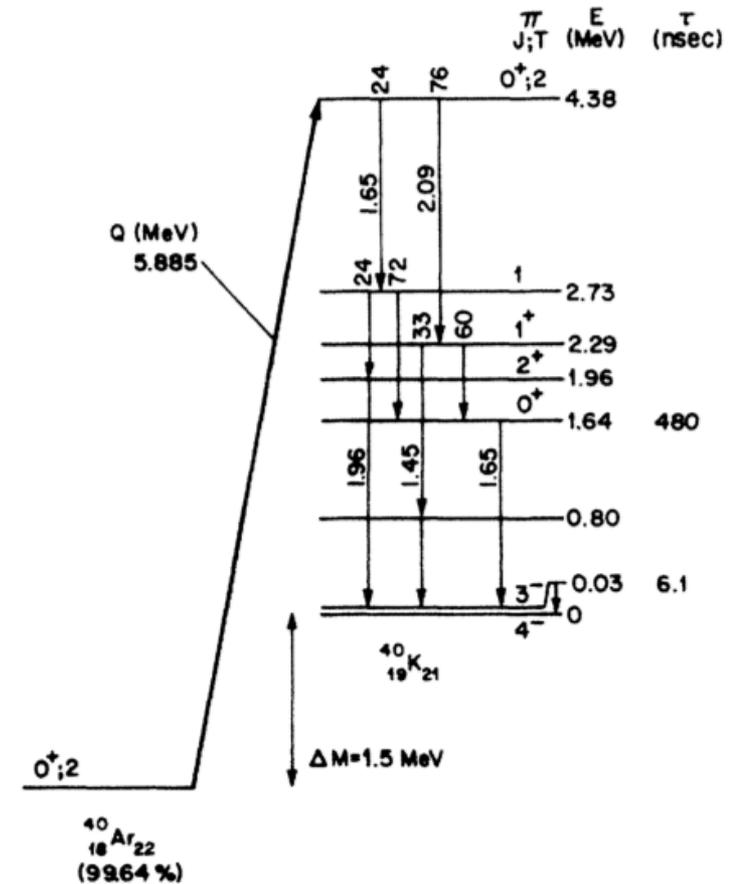
Channel	Events "Livermore" model	Events "GKVM" model
$\nu_e + {}^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{40}\text{K}^*$	2720	3350
$\bar{\nu}_e + {}^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow e^+ + {}^{40}\text{Cl}^*$	230	160
$\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-$	350	260
Total	3300	3770

There is significant model variation

# Can we tag $\nu_e$ CC interactions in argon using nuclear deexcitation $\gamma$ 's?



MicroBooNE geometry (LArSoft)



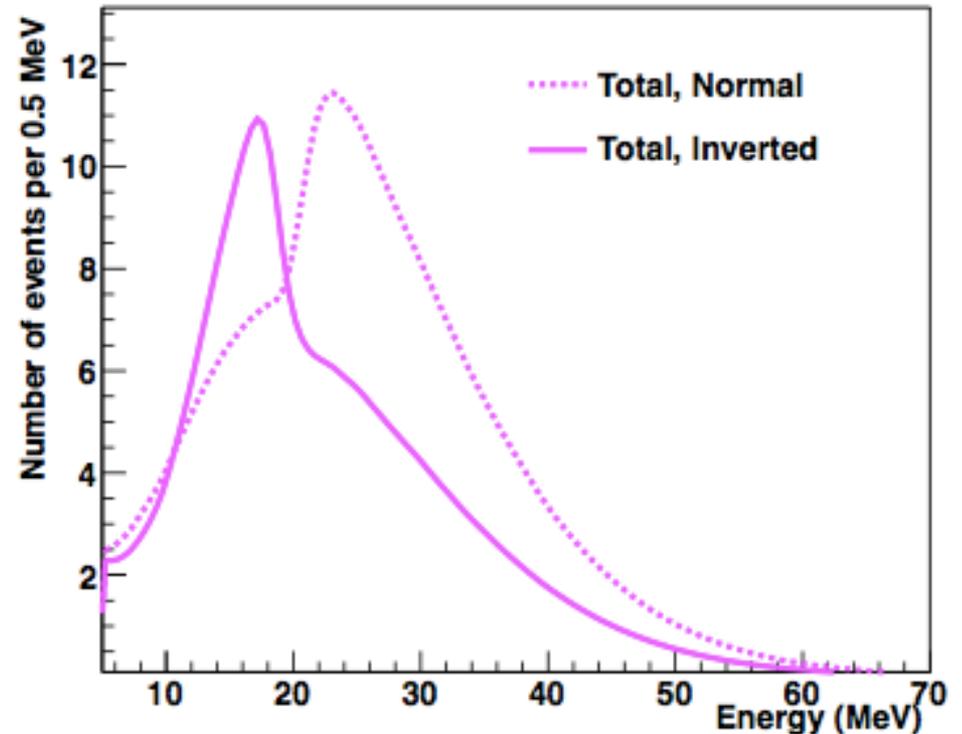
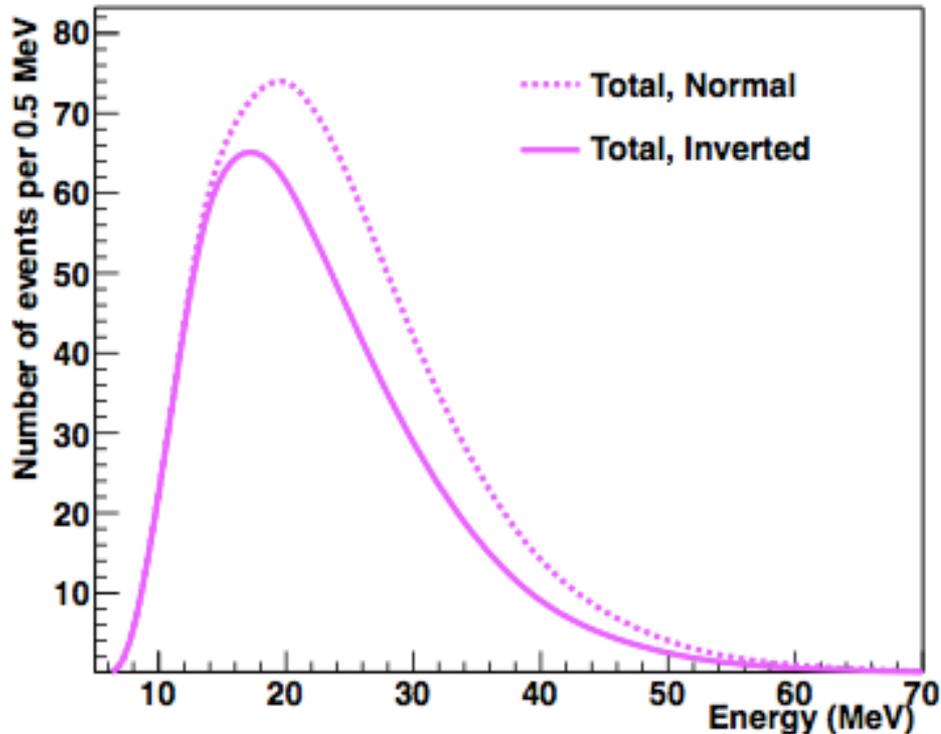
20 MeV  $\nu_e$ , 14.1 MeV  $e^-$ , simple model based on R. Raghavan, PRD 34 (1986) 2088  
 Improved modeling based on  ${}^{40}\text{Ti}$  ( ${}^{40}\text{K}$  mirror)  $\beta$  decay measurements possible  
**Direct measurements (and theory) needed!**

Work underway to understand efficiencies

# Water

# Argon

1-s time slice from Duan model; 100-kt water/ 34-kt LAr (caveat: an illustrative anecdote)



mostly  $\bar{\nu}_e$

mostly  $\nu_e$

Different features in different flavors →

**highly complementary**

**DUNE collaboration has formed and will operate as an international HEP collaboration**

- Parameters: **high-power beam FNAL to SD, four 10-kton LAr TPCs** (staged)
  - first module will be single-phase, alternative dual-phase design possible for subsequent
- Timeline:
  - Far site construction to start 2017
  - Start physics data-taking w/1<sup>st</sup> module in 2024
  - Beam and ND in 2026
  - Construction finish in 2028
- Physics reach:
  - **excellent long-baseline sensitivity:** MH, CPV, octant,...
  - **unique capabilities for underground physics:** supernova burst, proton decay, atm nus,...;  
**highly complementary** to water (& scint)

# Extras/backups

## Electron (anti) neutrino appearance

	CDR Reference Design	Optimized Design
$\nu$ mode (150 kt · MW · year)		
$\nu_e$ Signal NH (IH)	861 (495)	945 (521)
$\bar{\nu}_e$ Signal NH (IH)	13 (26)	10 (22)
Total Signal NH (IH)	874 (521)	955 (543)
Beam $\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$ CC Bkgd	159	204
NC Bkgd	22	17
$\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau$ CC Bkgd	42	19
$\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC Bkgd	3	3
Total Bkgd	226	243
$\bar{\nu}$ mode (150 kt · MW · year)		
$\nu_e$ Signal NH (IH)	61 (37)	47 (28)
$\bar{\nu}_e$ Signal NH (IH)	167 (378)	168 (436)
Total Signal NH (IH)	228 (415)	215 (464)
Beam $\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$ CC Bkgd	89	105
NC Bkgd	12	9
$\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau$ CC Bkgd	23	11
$\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC Bkgd	2	2
Total Bkgd	126	127

## Muon (anti)neutrino disappearance

	CDR Reference Design	Optimized Design
$\nu$ mode (150 kt · MW · year)		
$\nu_\mu$ Signal	10842	7929
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC Bkgd	958	511
NC Bkgd	88	76
$\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau$ CC Bkgd	63	29
$\bar{\nu}$ mode (150 kt · MW · year)		
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ Signal	3754	2639
$\nu_\mu$ CC Bkgd	2598	1525
NC Bkgd	50	41
$\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau$ CC Bkgd	39	18

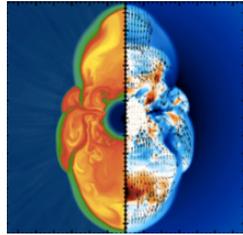
## Sources of backgrounds for the Kaon channels

Background Source	Mitigation Strategy
Internal cosmic ray spallation	Energy threshold
External cosmogenic $K^+$ production	Depth, fiducialization
External cosmogenic $K^0$ production +internal charge-exchange to $K^+$	Cuts on other secondaries
Atmospheric $\nu$ $\Delta S = 0$ processes	Cut on associated strange baryon
Atmospheric $\nu$ $\Delta S = 1$ processes	Cabibbo-suppressed, lepton ID
Atmospheric $\nu$ with $\pi$ mis-ID	$dE/dx$ discrimination, 236 MeV muon track
Reconstruction pathologies	$dE/dx$ profiles vs track length

- Year 1: 10 kt far detector mass, 1.07-MW 80-GeV proton beam with  $1.47 \times 10^{21}$  protons-on-target per year beam, and no ND
- Year 2: Addition of the second 10-kt far detector module, for a total far detector mass of 20 kt
- Year 3: Addition of the third 10-kt far detector module, for a total far detector mass of 30 kt; and first constraints from the preliminary ND data analysis
- Year 4: Addition of the fourth 10-kt far detector module, for a total far detector mass of 40 kt
- Year 5: Inclusion of constraints from a full ND data analysis
- Year 7: Upgrade of beam power to 2.14 MW for a 80-GeV proton beam

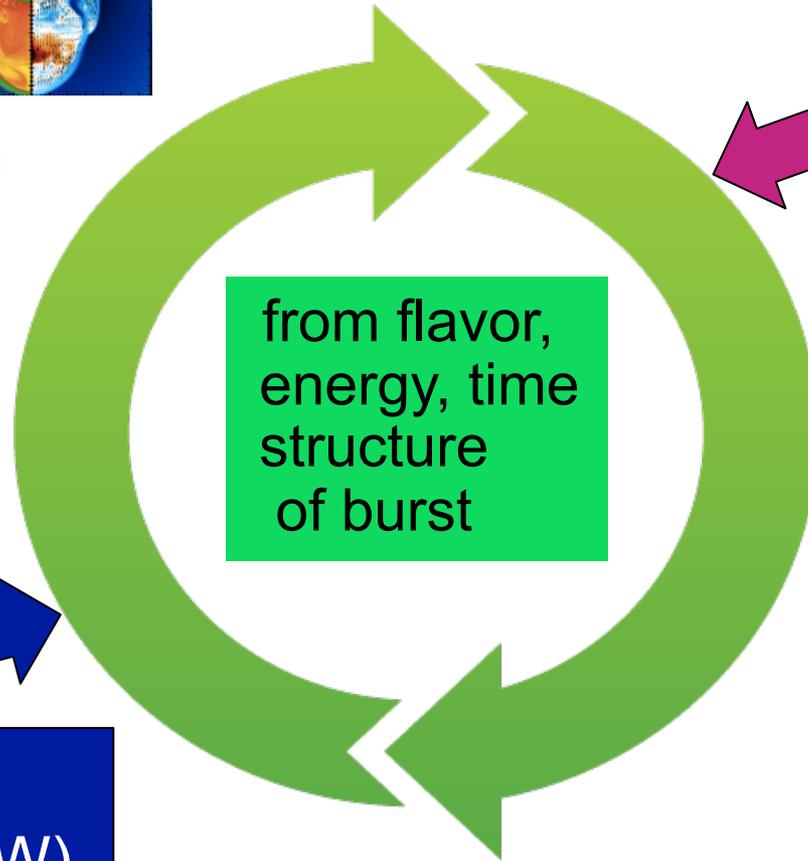
# What can we learn from the next neutrino burst?

## CORE COLLAPSE PHYSICS



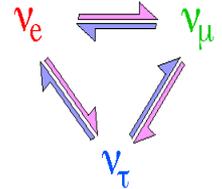
explosion mechanism  
proto nstar cooling,  
quark matter  
black hole formation  
accretion, SASI  
nucleosynthesis  
....

input from  
photon (GW)  
observations



from flavor,  
energy, time  
structure  
of burst

input from  
neutrino  
experiments

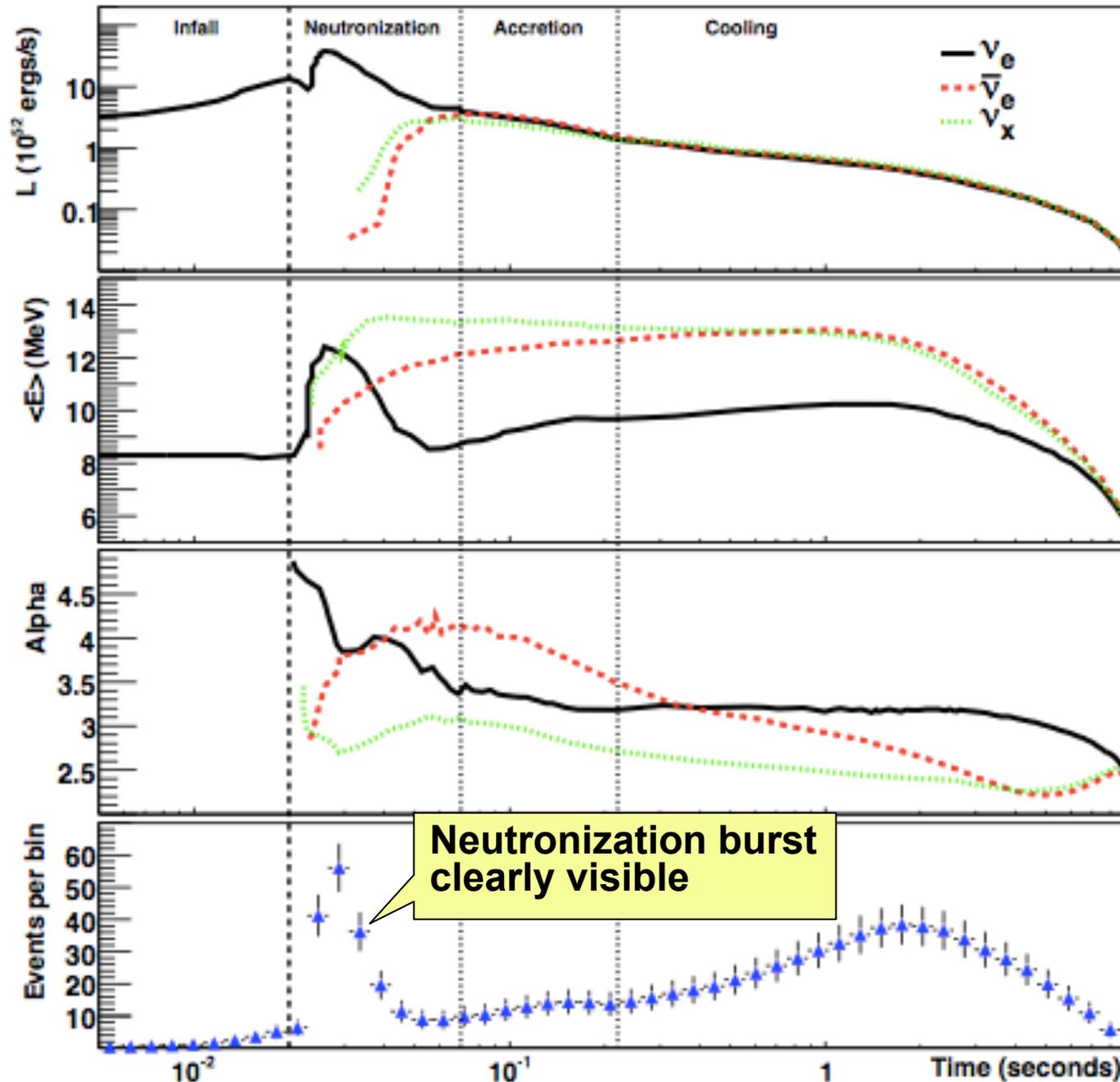


## NEUTRINO and OTHER PARTICLE PHYSICS

$\nu$  absolute mass (not competitive)  
 $\nu$  mixing from spectra:  
flavor conversion in SN/Earth,  
collective effects  
→ mass hierarchy  
other  $\nu$  properties: sterile  $\nu$ 's,  
magnetic moment, ...  
axions, extra dimensions,  
LIV, FCNC, ...

+ EARLY ALERT

# Example of supernova burst signal in 34 kton of LAr



luminosity

average  
 $\nu$  energy

pinching  
(large  $\alpha \rightarrow$   
suppressed tails)

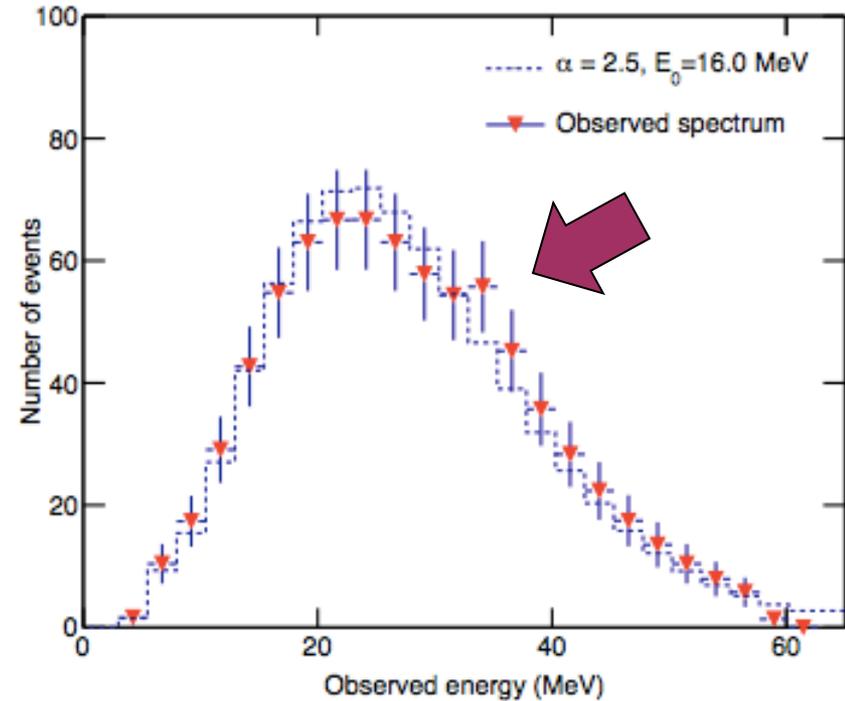
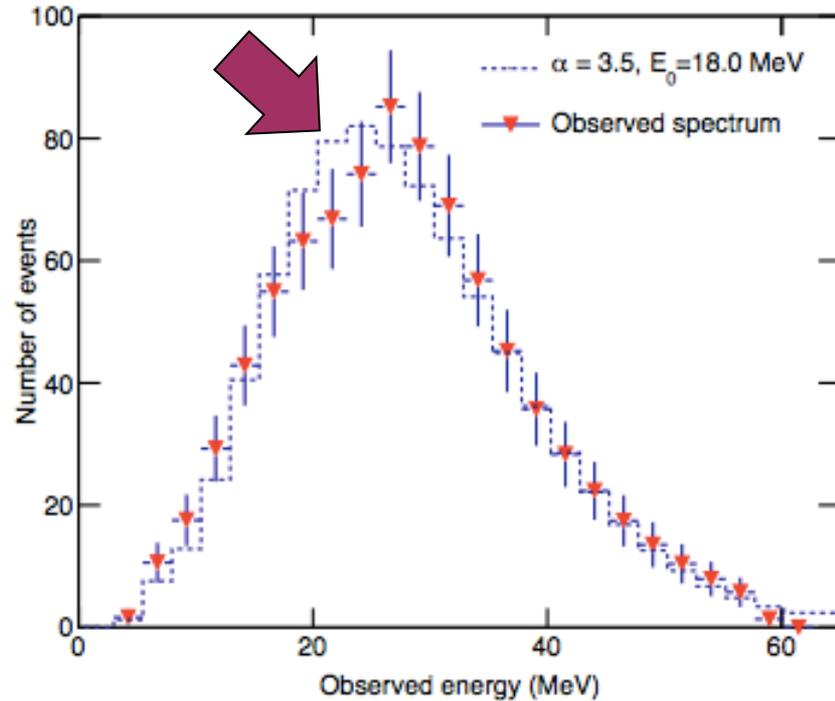
See the  $\nu_e$   
light curve!

Flux from Huedepohl et al., PRL 104 (2010) 251101 ("Garching") @ 10 kpc;  
assuming Bueno et al. resolution

# Another anecdote:

A. Friedland, H. Duan, JJ Cherry, KS

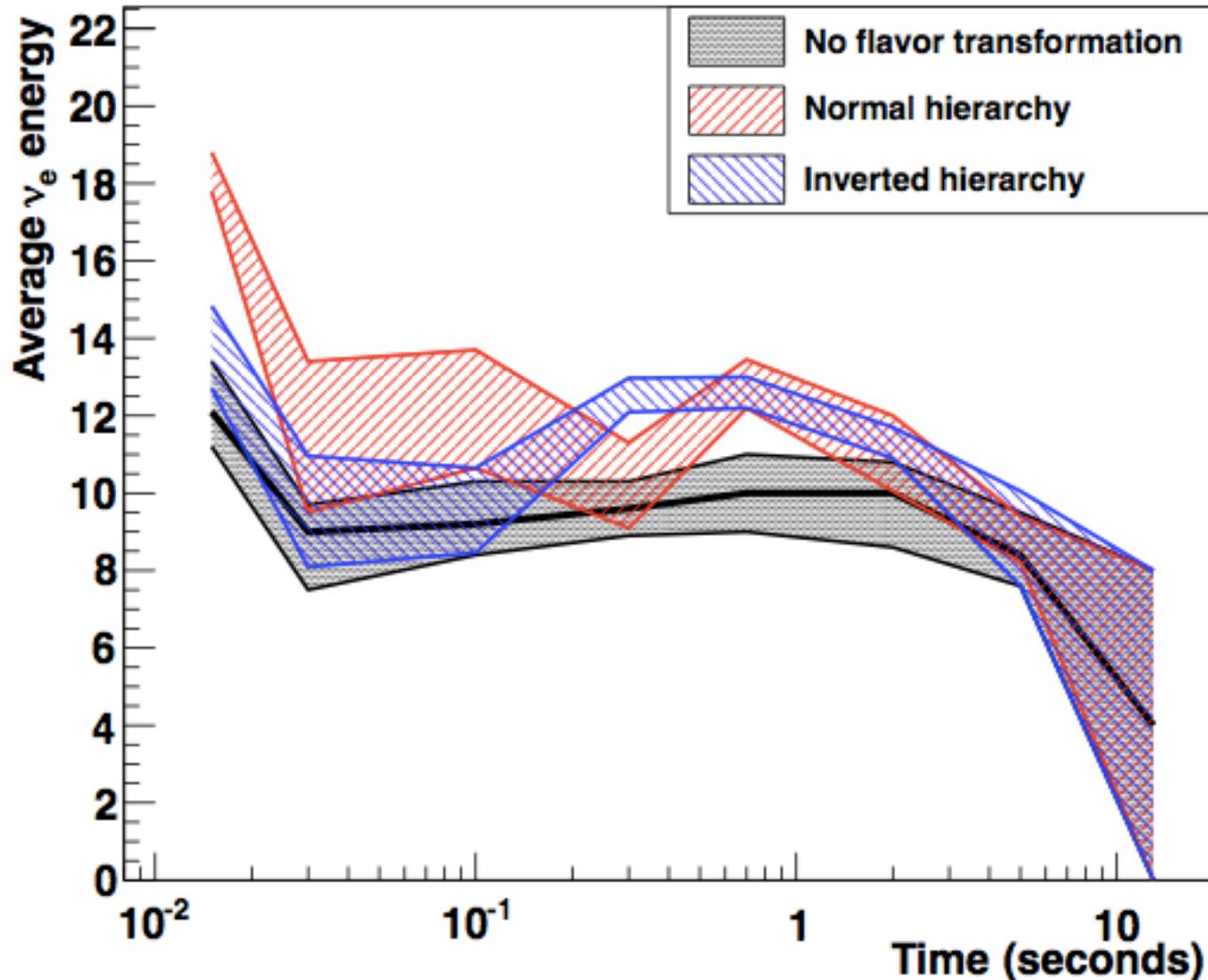
1-sec integrated spectra in 34-kton LAr, few sec apart for 10-kpc SN, NMH



MH-dependent “non-thermal” features clearly visible as shock sweeps through the supernova

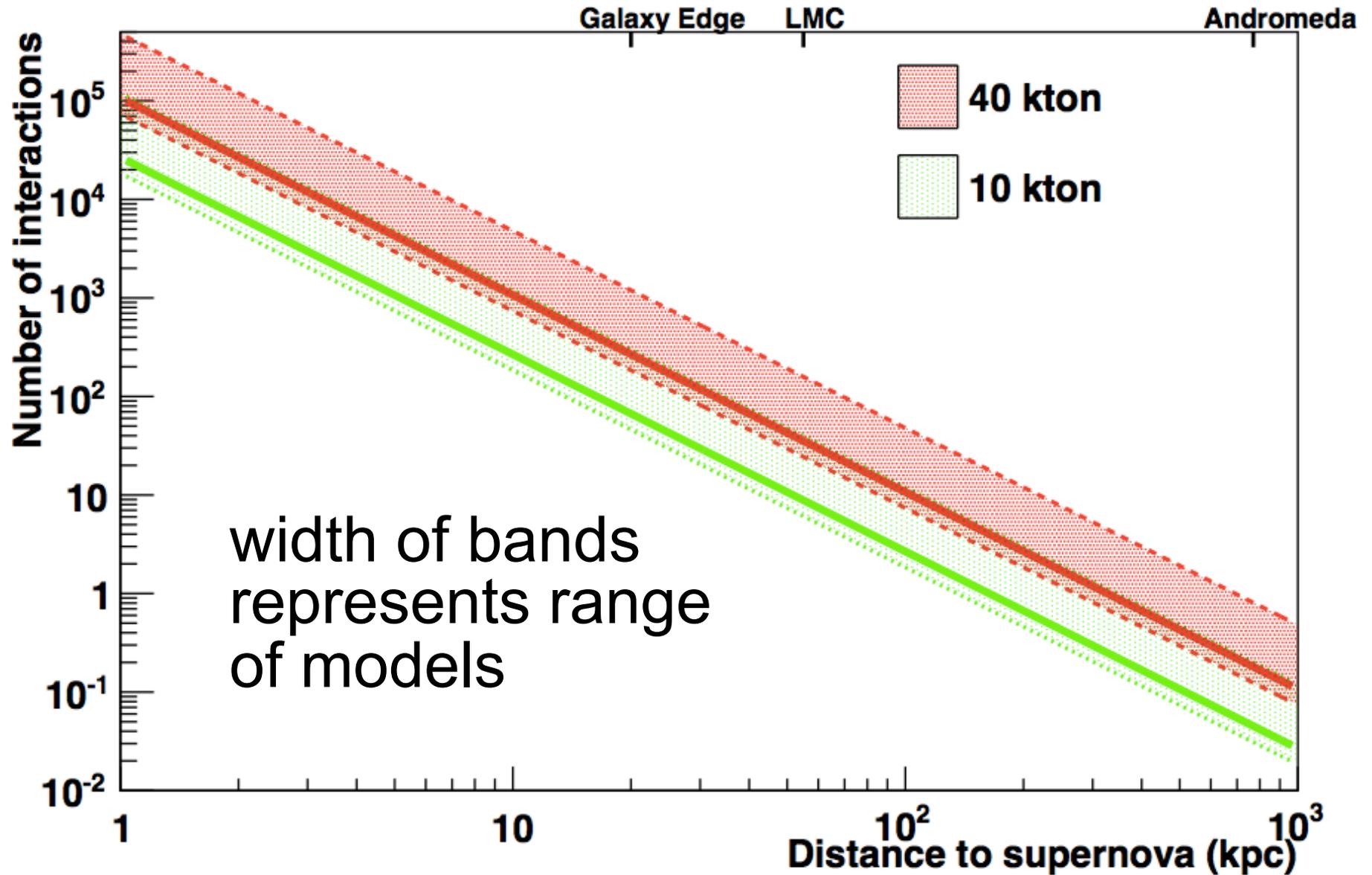
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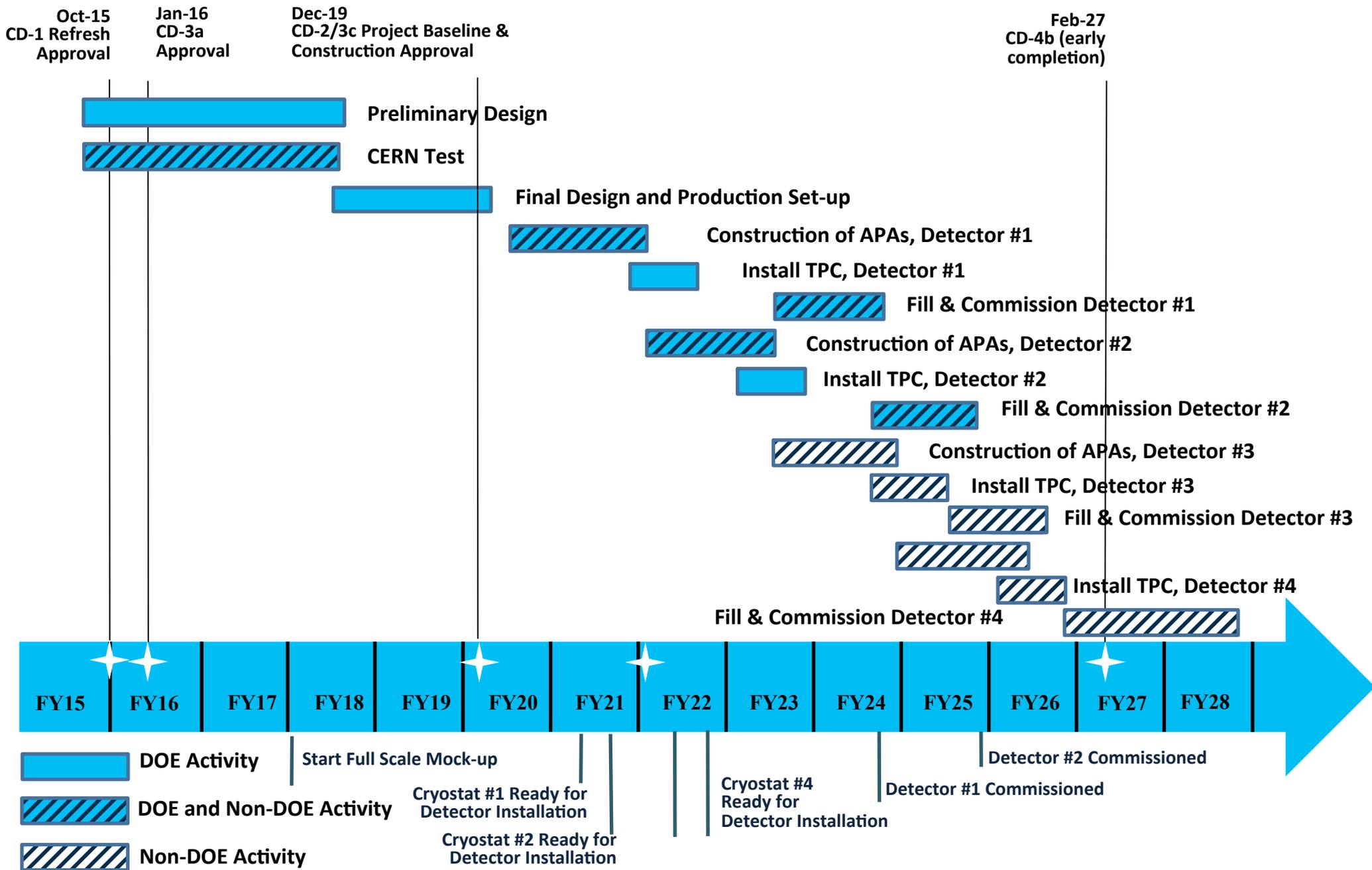


Average  $\nu_e$  energy from fit to “pinched thermal”,  
34-kton LAr @ 10 kpc, including collective oscillations →  
**clearly, there’s information in the spectral evolution**

# Events in LAr vs distance



# Resource Loaded Schedule



# Indicative Far Detector Decision Dates

