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# Neutrino Physics (2)

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Solar and Supernova neutrinos

High Energy Neutrino Astronomy

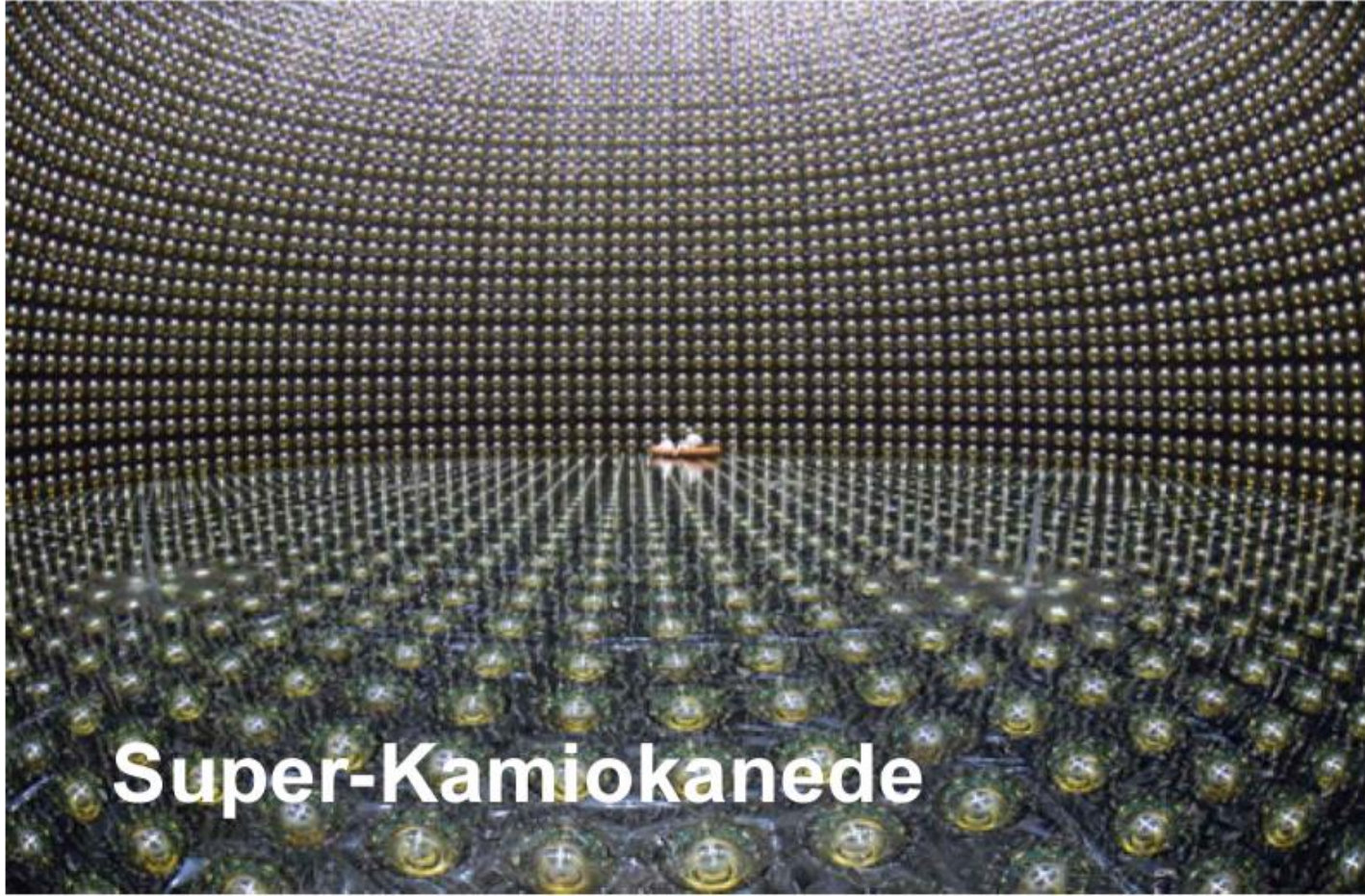
# Solution of Solar Neutrino Problem



Takaaki Kajita (1959) and Arthur McDonald (1943)



*2015*

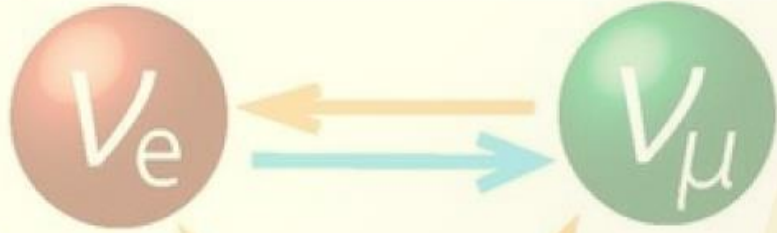


# Neutrino Oscillation Experiments

$$\Delta m_{21}^2, \Theta_{12}$$

Solar( $\nu_e$ ) and reactor( $\bar{\nu}_e$ ):

Homestake, Gallex, GNO, SAGE  
Super-K, SNO  
KamLAND, Borexino



$$\Delta m_{31}^2, \Theta_{13}$$

Reactor( $\bar{\nu}_e$ ):

Double Chooz, Daya Bay,  
RENO



$$\Delta m_{32}^2, \Theta_{23}$$

Atmospheric neutrinos( $\nu_\mu, \nu_e$ ):

Super-K, MACRO, ANTARES,  
IceCube/DeepCore

Accelerator beams ( $\nu_\mu$ ):

CERN: CNGS(Opera, ICARUS)  
FNAL: MINOS, NOvA  
KEK: K2K, T2K

Under construction:

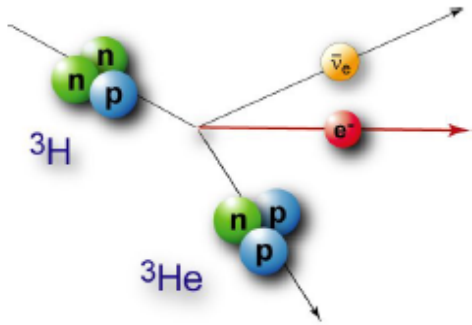
KM3NeT/ORCA  
(data taking: 2020)  
with full det. 2027

JUNO (2025)

Hyper-K (2027)

DUNE (2030 ?)

# Direct Neutrino Mass Measurement

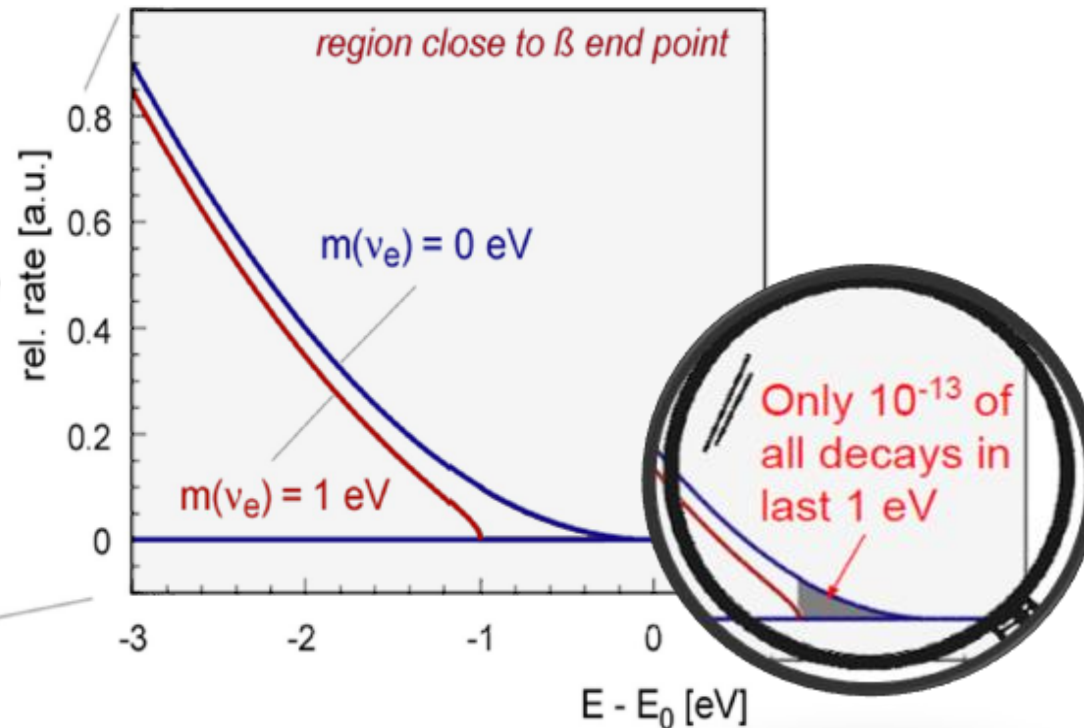
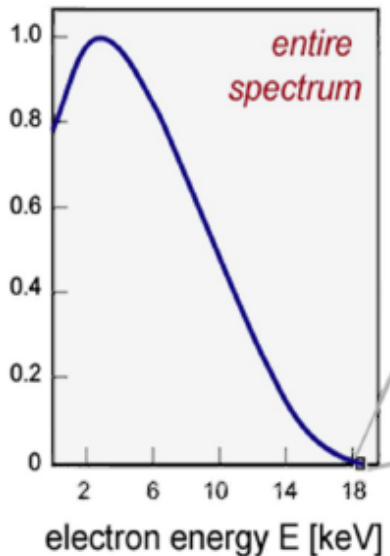


- Independent of cosmology
- Independent of neutrino nature

Key requirements:

- Strong  $\beta$ -source

${}^3\text{H}$ : 12.3 y,  $E_0 = 18.6\text{keV}$



- Excellent energy resolution (1 eV)

- Low background

# Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino Experiment (KATRIN)

## Windowless gaseous tritium source

- 30  $\mu\text{g}$  molecular tritium in closed loop
- $10^{11}$   $\text{T}_2$  decay/s

## Transport section

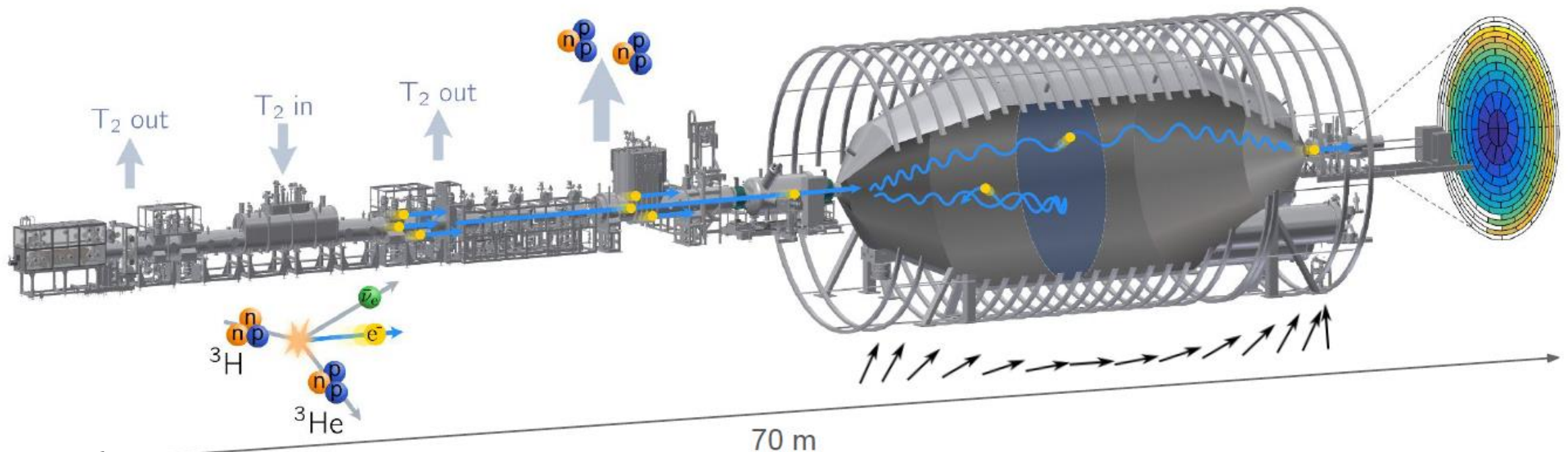
- Tritium gas/ion removal  $> 10^{14}$

## Spectrometer

- MAC-E filter principle
- High resolution:  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  eV

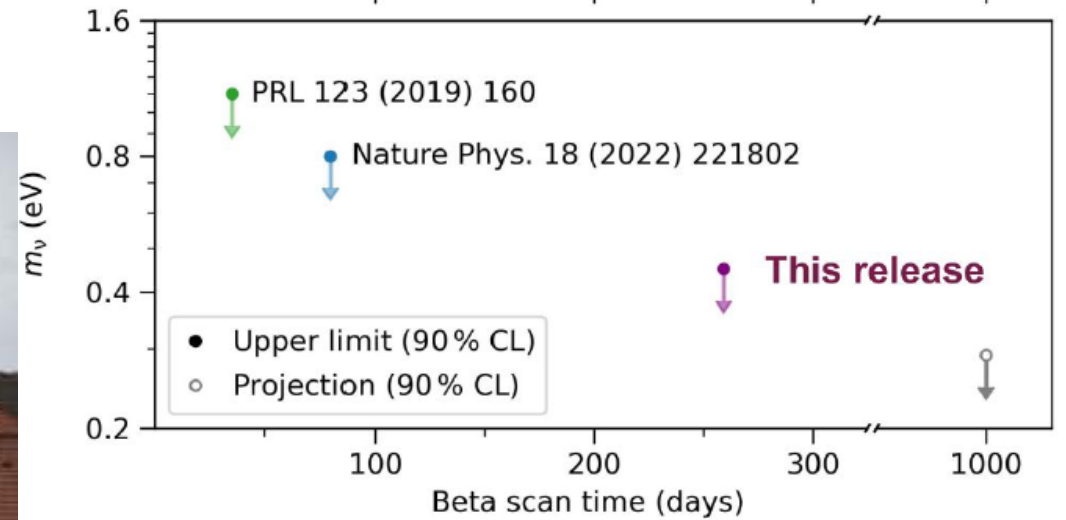
## Detector

- Focal plane detector, 148 pixel PIN-diode
- Counts electrons



MAC-E-Filters (Magnetic Adiabatic Collimation combined with an Electrostatic Filter).

# KATRIN Results



New KATRIN release improves direct neutrino-mass bound by a factor of 2:  
 **$m_\nu < 0.45 \text{ eV (90% CL)}$**

Expected final result (2025, 1000 days):  
 **$m_\nu < 0.3 \text{ eV (90% CL)}$**

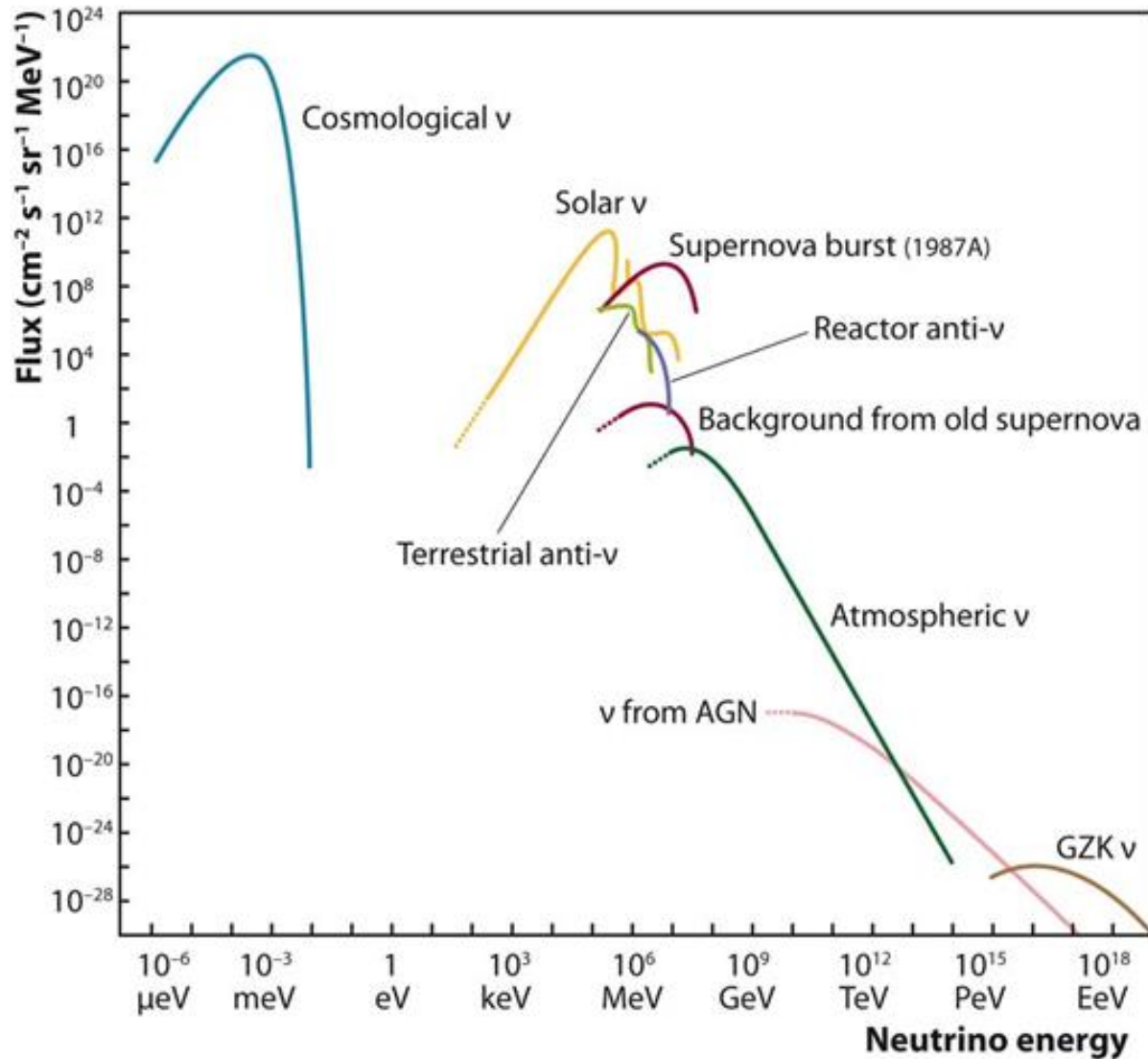
# Neutrino Astronomy/astrophysics

Solar and Supernova neutrinos

High Energy Neutrino Astronomy



# Neutrinos in Nature



- ✓ Cosmological neutrinos (CvB)
- ✓ Neutrinos produced in the fusion reactions in the stars
- ✓ Neutrinos from the supernova explosion of massive stars
- ✓ Neutrinos from astrophysical objects (AGN, GRB,...) produced by cosmic rays, CR)
- ✓ Neutrinos from UHECR interactions with CMBR (GZK  $\nu$ )

# Borexino Solar Neutrino Experiment

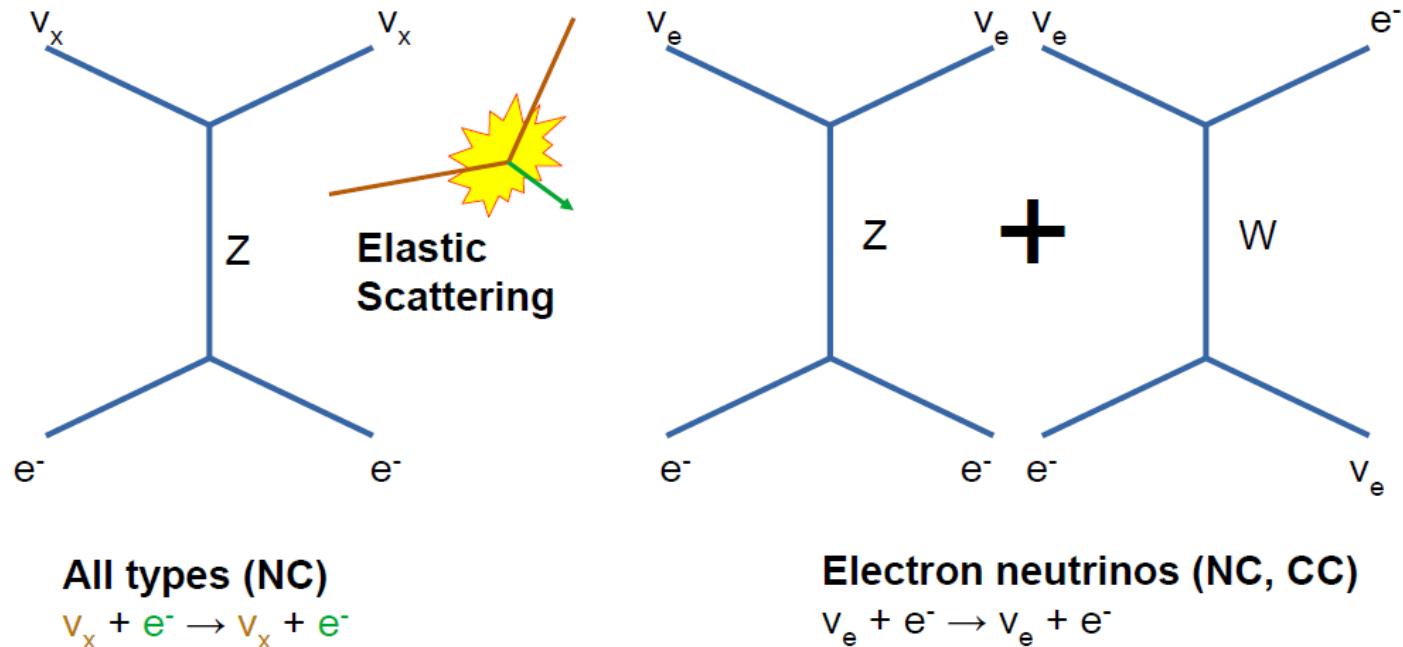
1990: idea of a real time neutrino detection for a sub Mev solar neutrinos

Measure of the neutrino–electron elastic scattering rates

1995: testing the record radiopurity  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th} < 10^{-16}$  g/g &  $^{14}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C} < 10^{-18}$

1996-1997 : Approval

2007-2021: Data taking



# Borexino Solar Neutrino Experiment at LNGS

**Water tank:** 16.9 m high with 9.0-m radius; 2,400 tons of ultrapure water

**Tyvek** to enhance light collection on the stainless-steel sphere outer wall and the water tank inner walls

**Stainless-steel sphere** (6.85-m radius): supports 2,212 eight-inch photomultipliers

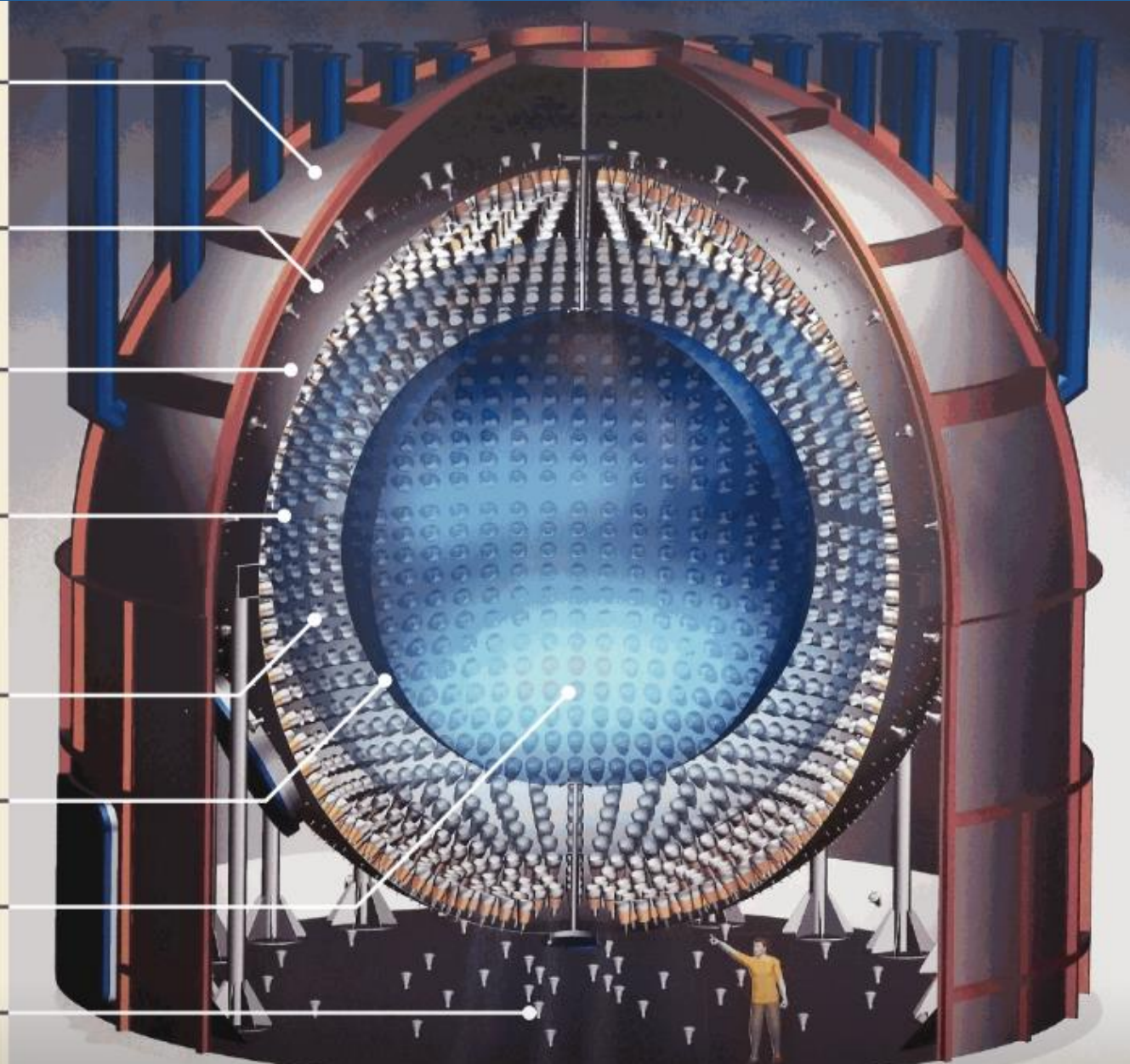
**Outer vessel:** second nylon vessel; barrier against emission from photomultipliers and stainless-steel sphere

**Buffer liquid:** 600 tons of PC + DMP ( $3.5 \text{ g L}^{-1}$ )

**Inner vessel:** 125- $\mu\text{m}$ -thick ultrapure nylon

278 tons of **liquid scintillator** (PC + PPO)

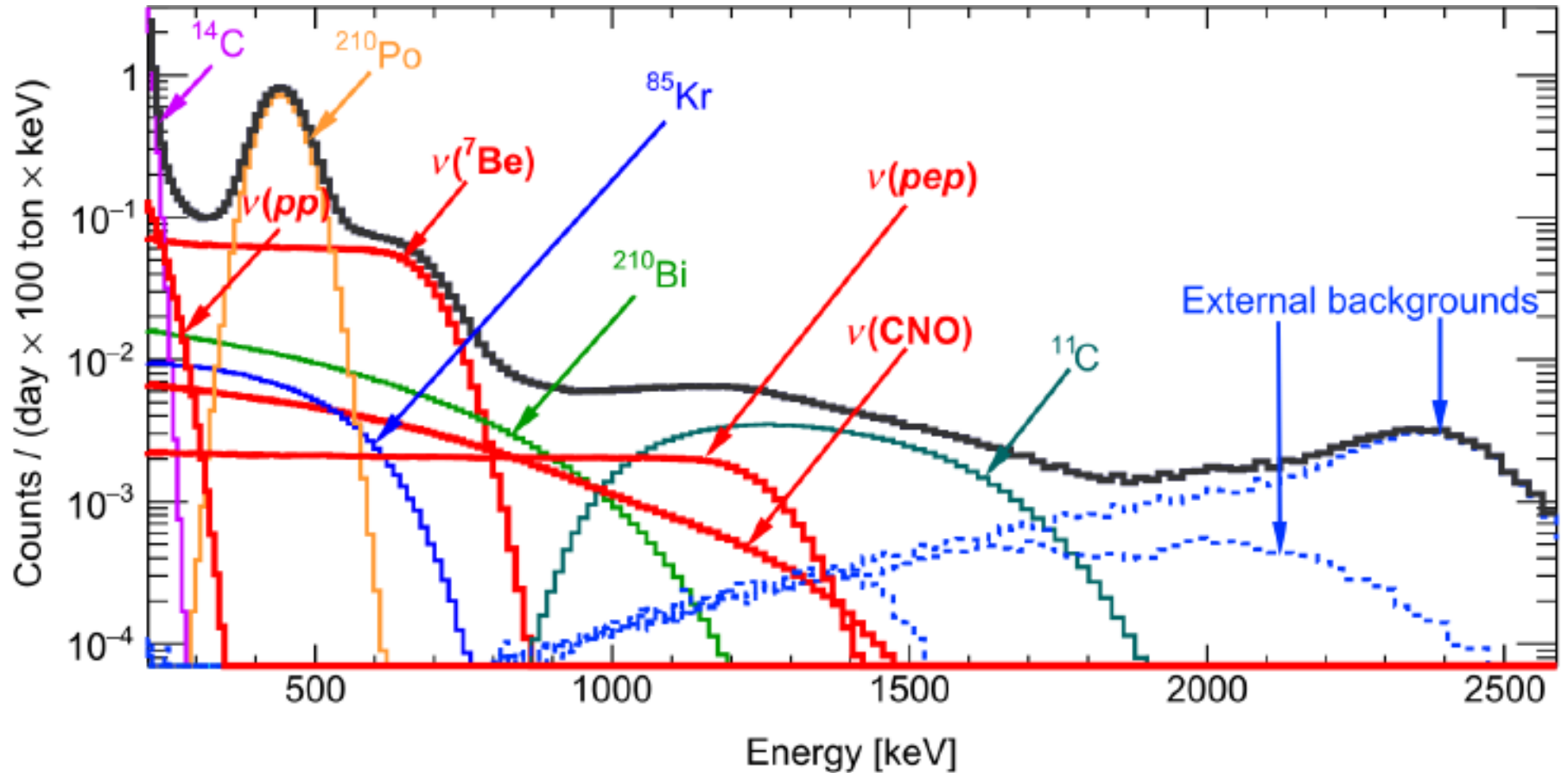
200 **photomultipliers:** muon veto



# Comprehensive Measurement of Solar Neutrinos

BOREXINO Collaboration, Comprehensive measurement of  $pp$ -chain solar neutrinos, Nature 562(2018), 505–510

neutrinos produced  
by 4 reactions of  
the Sun  $pp$  chain:  
-initial  $pp$ ;  
 ${}^7\text{Be}$ ;  
 $pep$ ;  
 ${}^8\text{B}$

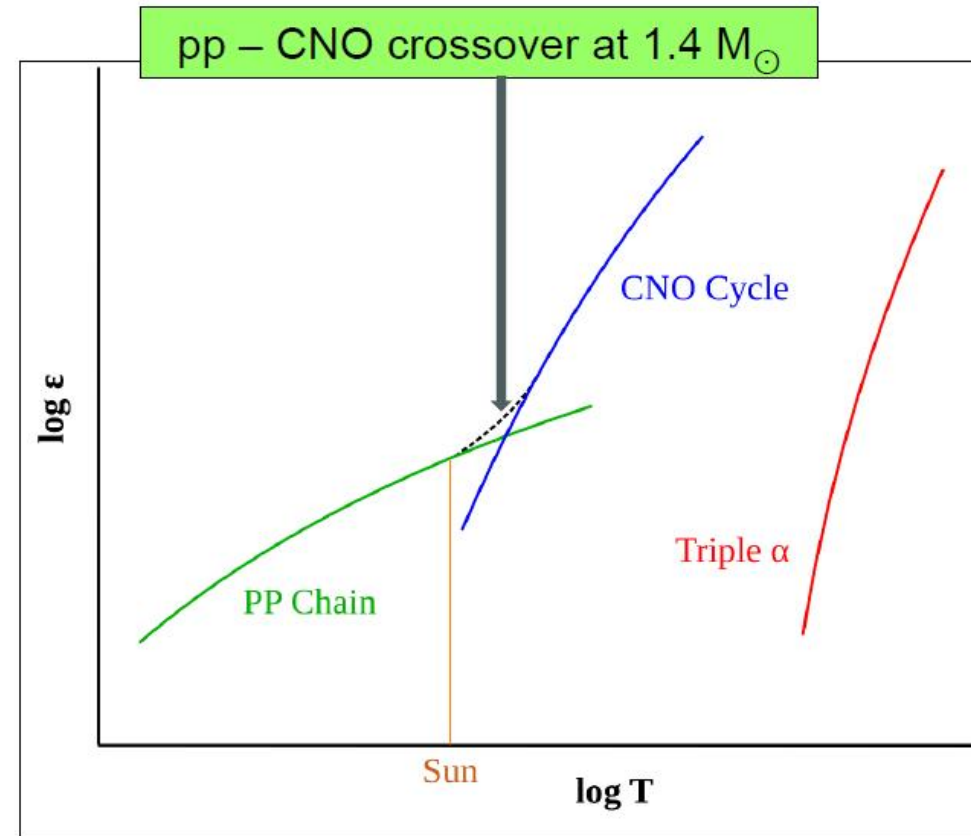
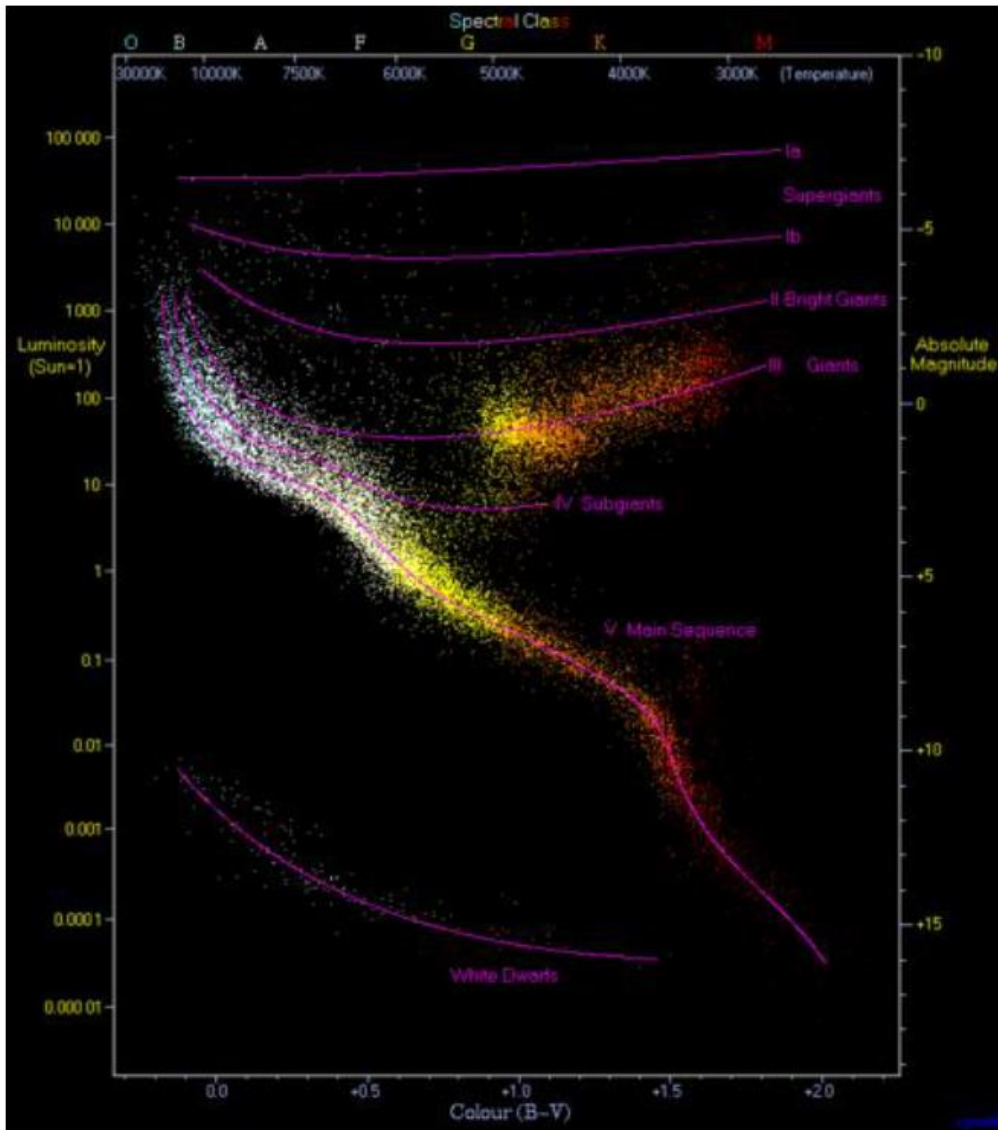


# BOREXINO Results

Fundamental step to the understanding and the experimental demonstration of the working principle of all stars in the Main Sequence

Neutrinos	References	Rate [cpd/100t]	Flux [cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]
pp	Nature 2014, Nature 2018, PRD 2019	$(134 \pm 10)_{-10}^{+6}$	$(6.1 \pm 0.5)_{-0.5}^{+0.3} \times 10^{10}$
<sup>7</sup> Be	PLB 2008, PRL 2011, Nature 2018, PRD 2019	$(48.3 \pm 1.1)_{0.7}^{+0.4}$	$(4.99 \pm 0.11)_{-0.08}^{+0.06} \times 10^9$
pep	PRL 2012, Nature 2018 PRD 2019	$(2.65 \pm 0.36)_{-0.24}^{+0.15}$ [HZ]	$(1.27 \pm 0.19)_{-0.12}^{+0.08} \times 10^8$ [HZ]
<sup>8</sup> B	PRD 2010, Nature 2018, PRD 2020	$0.223_{-0.022}^{+0.021}$	$5.68_{-0.41-0.03}^{+0.39+0.03} \times 10^6$
hep	Nature 2018, PRD 2020	<0.002 (90% CL)	<1.8x10 <sup>5</sup> (90% CL)
<b>CNO</b>	<b>Nature 2020</b>	<b><math>6.7_{-0.8}^{+2.0}</math></b>	<b><math>6.6_{-0.9}^{+2.0} \times 10^8</math></b>

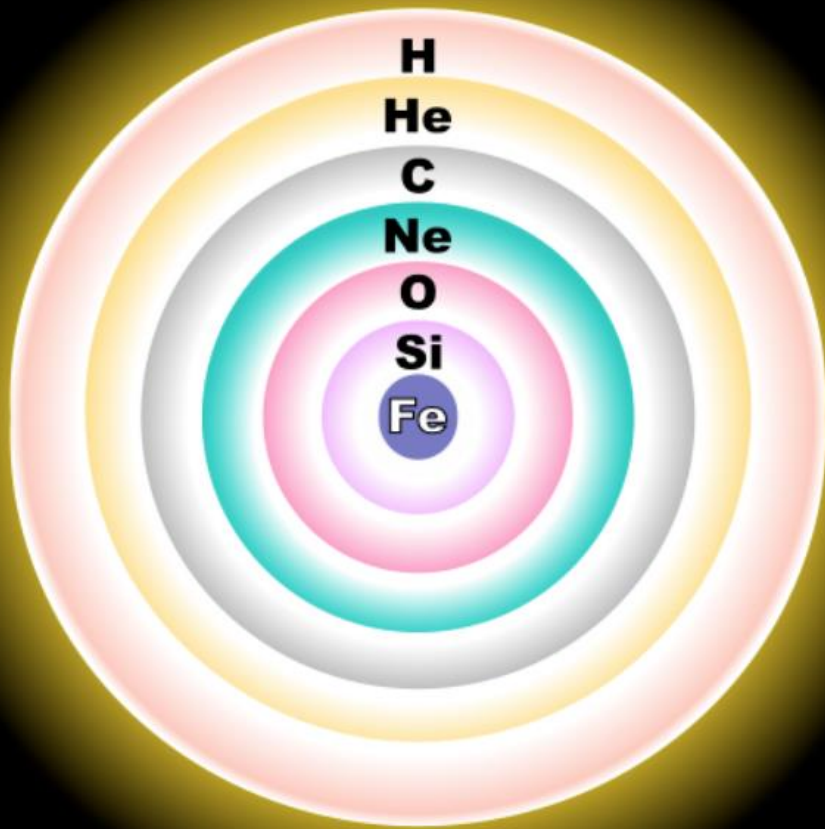
# BOREXINO Results



BOREXINO measurements are relevant to all Main Sequence stars

(22,000 stars in the Hipparchos catalog)

# Neutrinos from SN1987A



The onion-like layers of a massive, evolved star just before core collapse. (Not to scale.)

Core Collapse Supernova (CCSN) /  
Supernova type II (SN II)

Massive stars (8-40 solar masses) - explode as after  
the core is formed from Fe/Ni.

99% of gravitation collapse energy is released by  
Neutrinos

SN II very rare event: few per Galaxy per century

Very active field of research since SN1988A

Bethe, H. A. Supernova mechanisms. *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **62(1990)**,  
801-866 (1990)..

# SN1987A



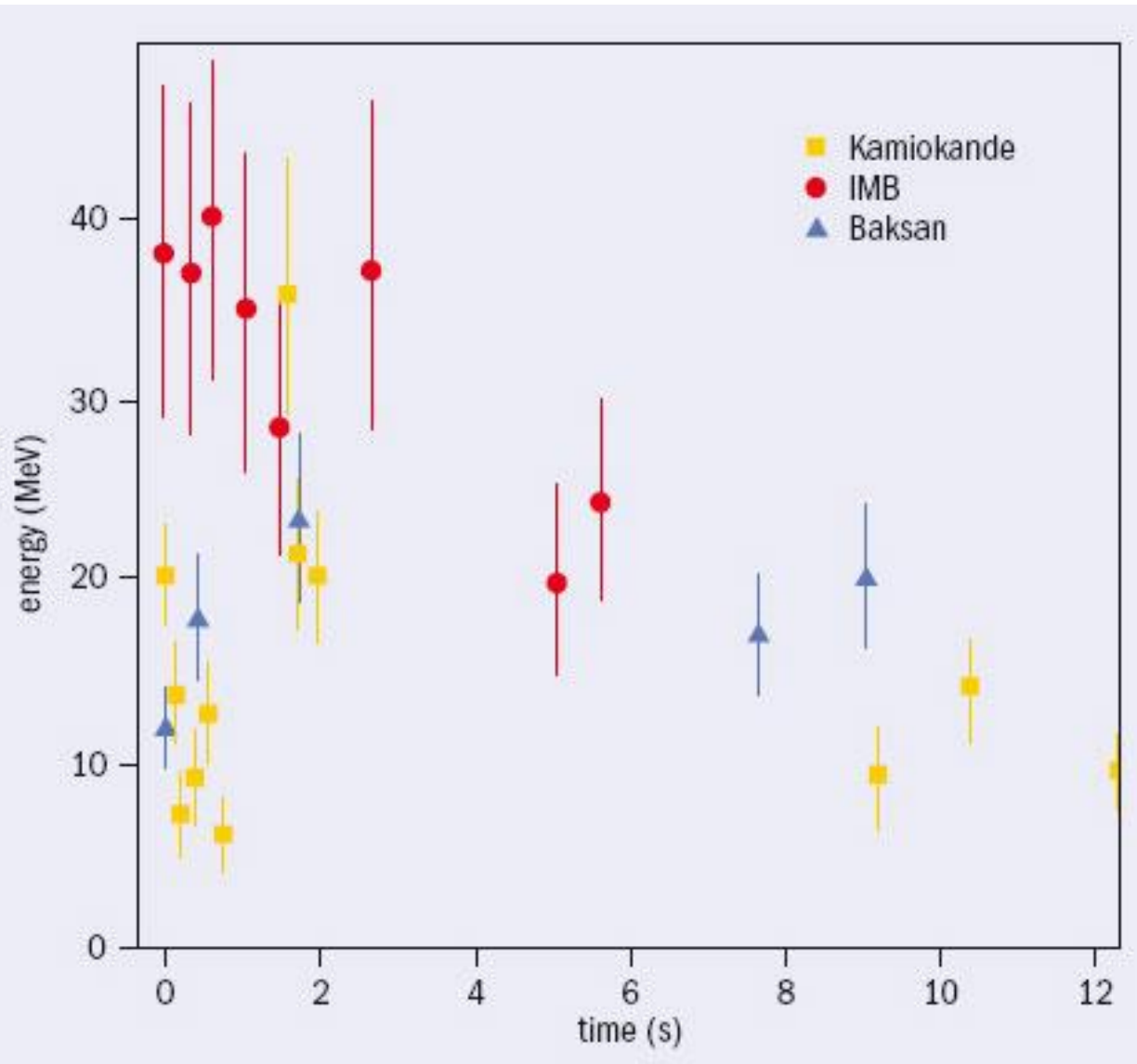
Closest observed  
supernova 1604  
(Kepler's Supernova)

The progenitor star:  
Sanduleak -69 202  
(Sk -69 202)

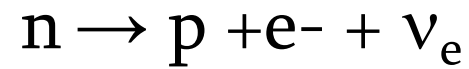
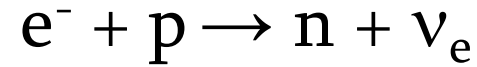
SN1987A (SN II) explosion in the LMC satellite galaxy of Milky Way about 51.4 kpc (168 000 light-year) away. Observed on Feb 23, 1987 (photo by



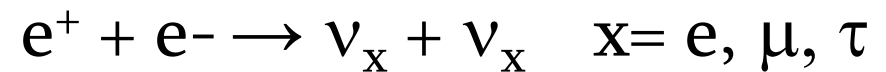
# Neutrino Burst from SN1987A



SN neutrino flux:



weak interactions of electron-positron pairs:



25 neutrinos were detected from SN1986A  
in a time interval of about 10 sec by 3  
neutrino detectors:

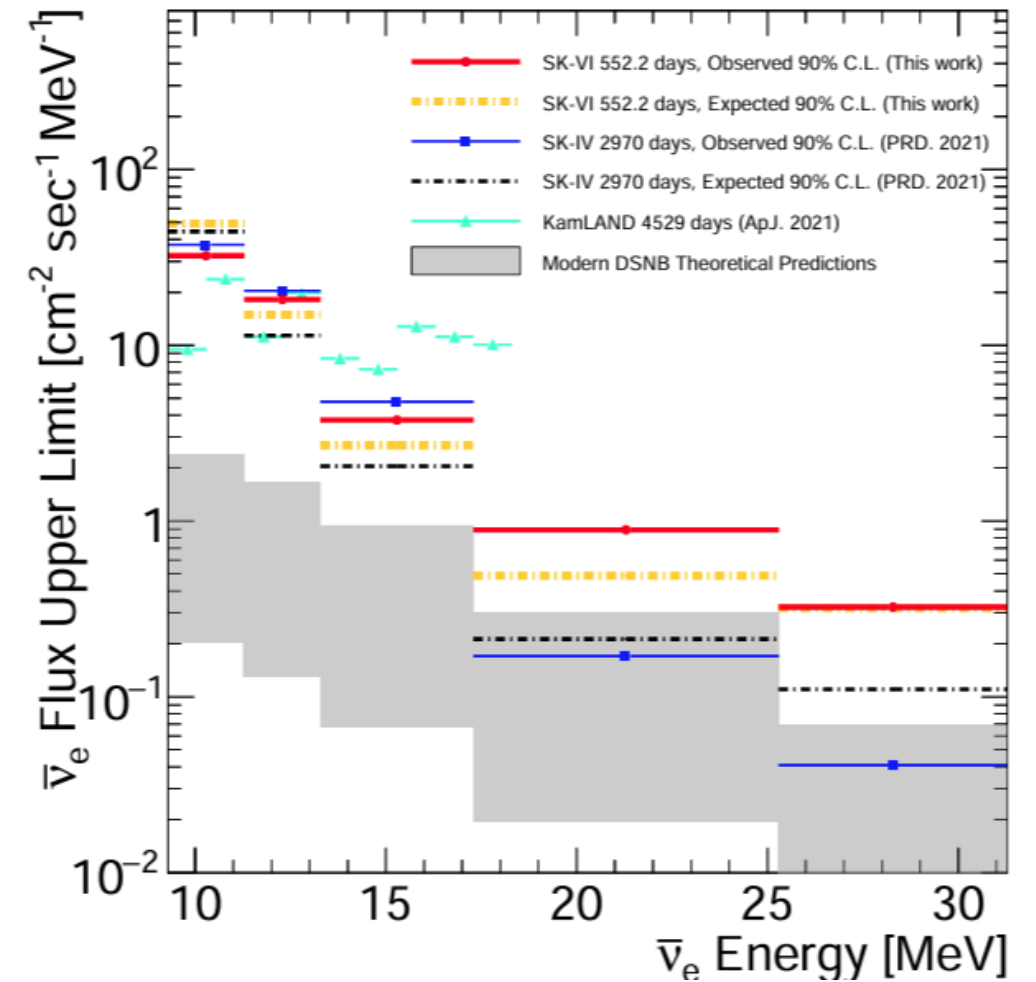
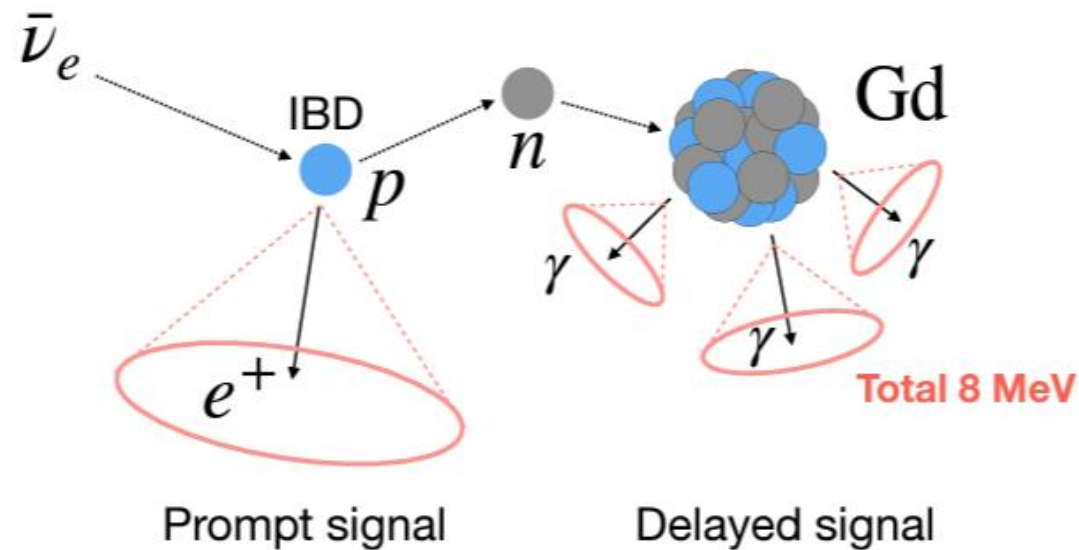
Kamiokande (12 events)

IMB (8 events)

Baksan (5 events)

# Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background (DSNB)

DSNB is an integrated flux of neutrinos emitted from all past supernovae in the universe.



SK Collaboration, "First result of a search for Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background in SK-Gd experiment", *PoS ICRC2023* (2023) 117

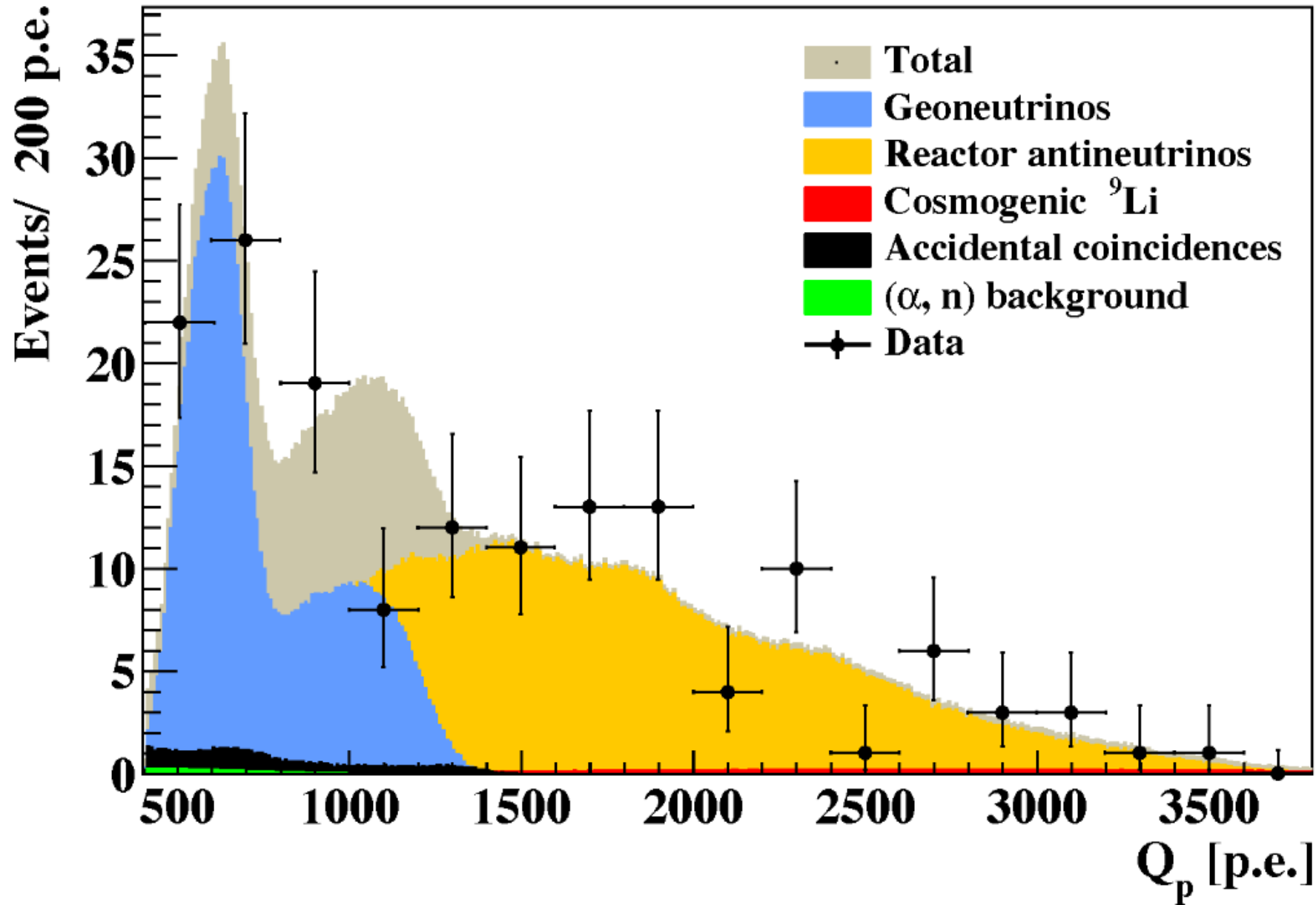
# Terrestrial Neutrinos (Geoneutrinos)

$^{40}\text{K}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$

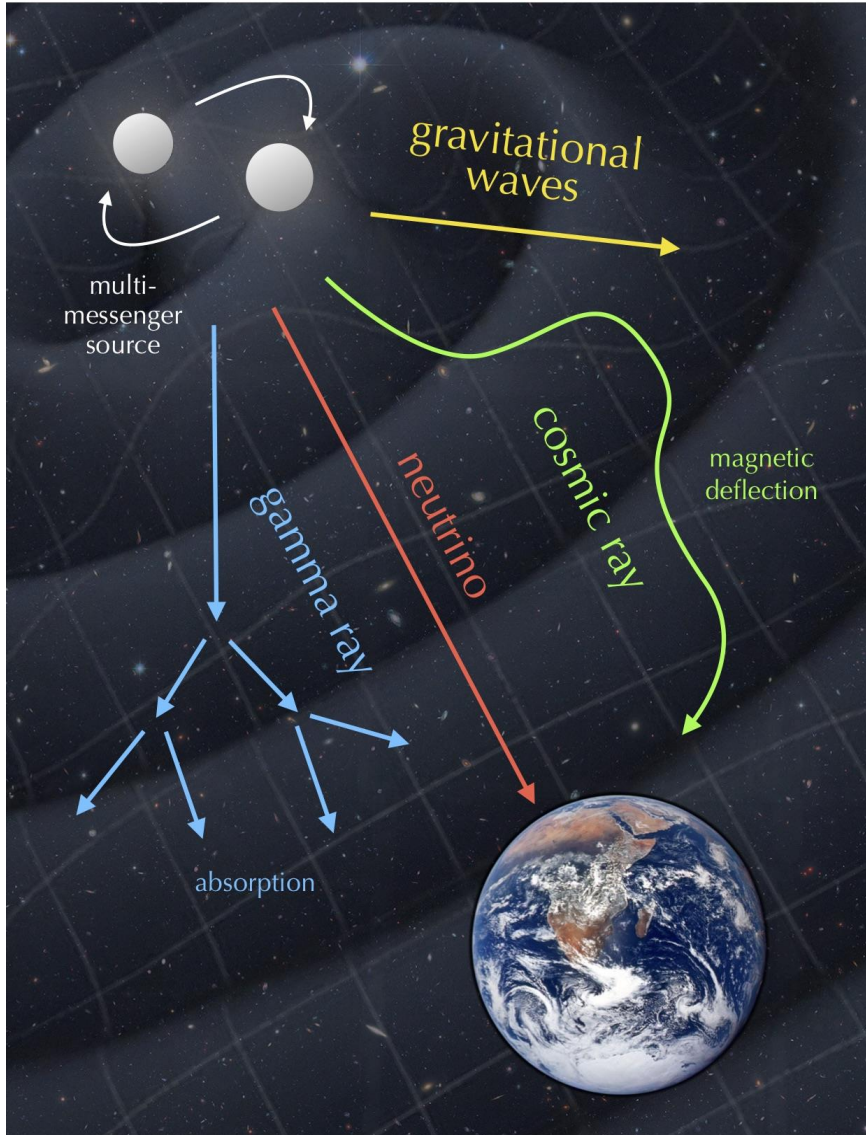
Earth composition models:  
16 TW

Electron antineutrinos  
produced by the decay of  $^{238}\text{U}$   
and  $^{232}\text{Th}$  within the Earth.

Measurements by  
KamLAND and  
BOREXINO



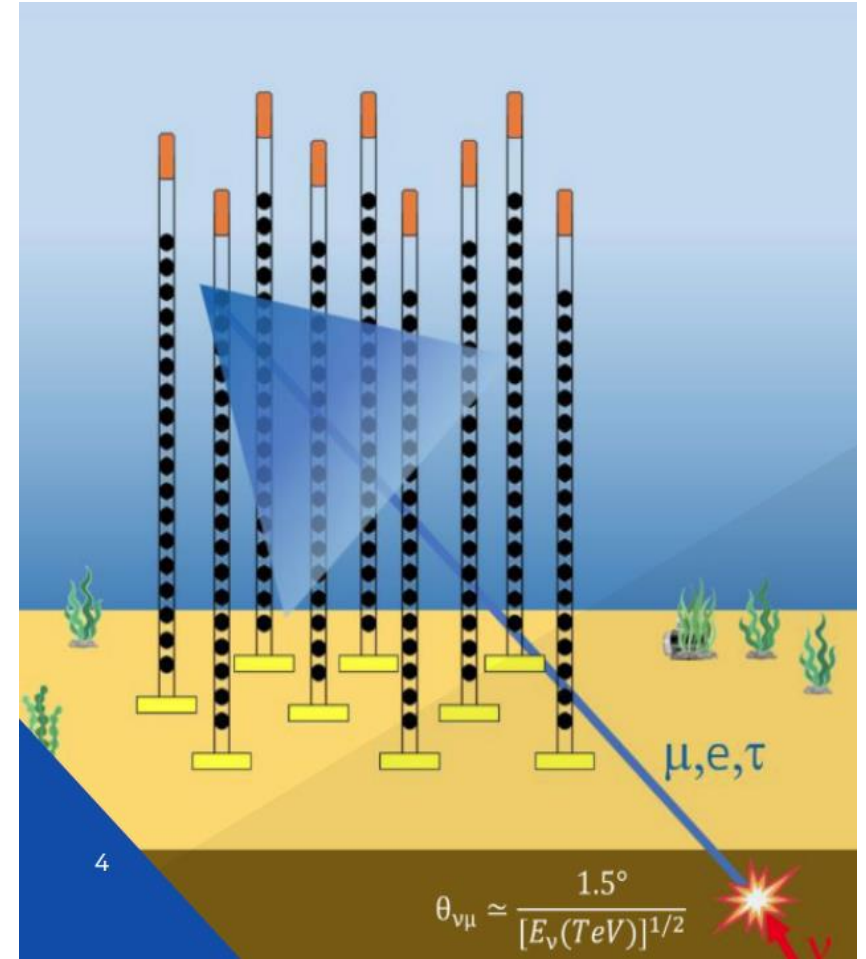
# High Energy Neutrino Astronomy



Moisey Markov  
1908-1994

First attempt:

Deep Underwater Muon And Neutrino Detector (DUMAND)



# First Generation Neutrino Telescopes

AMANDA: South Pole, Amundsen-Scott Station

Polar ice: high transparent environment, short scattering length,  
no background

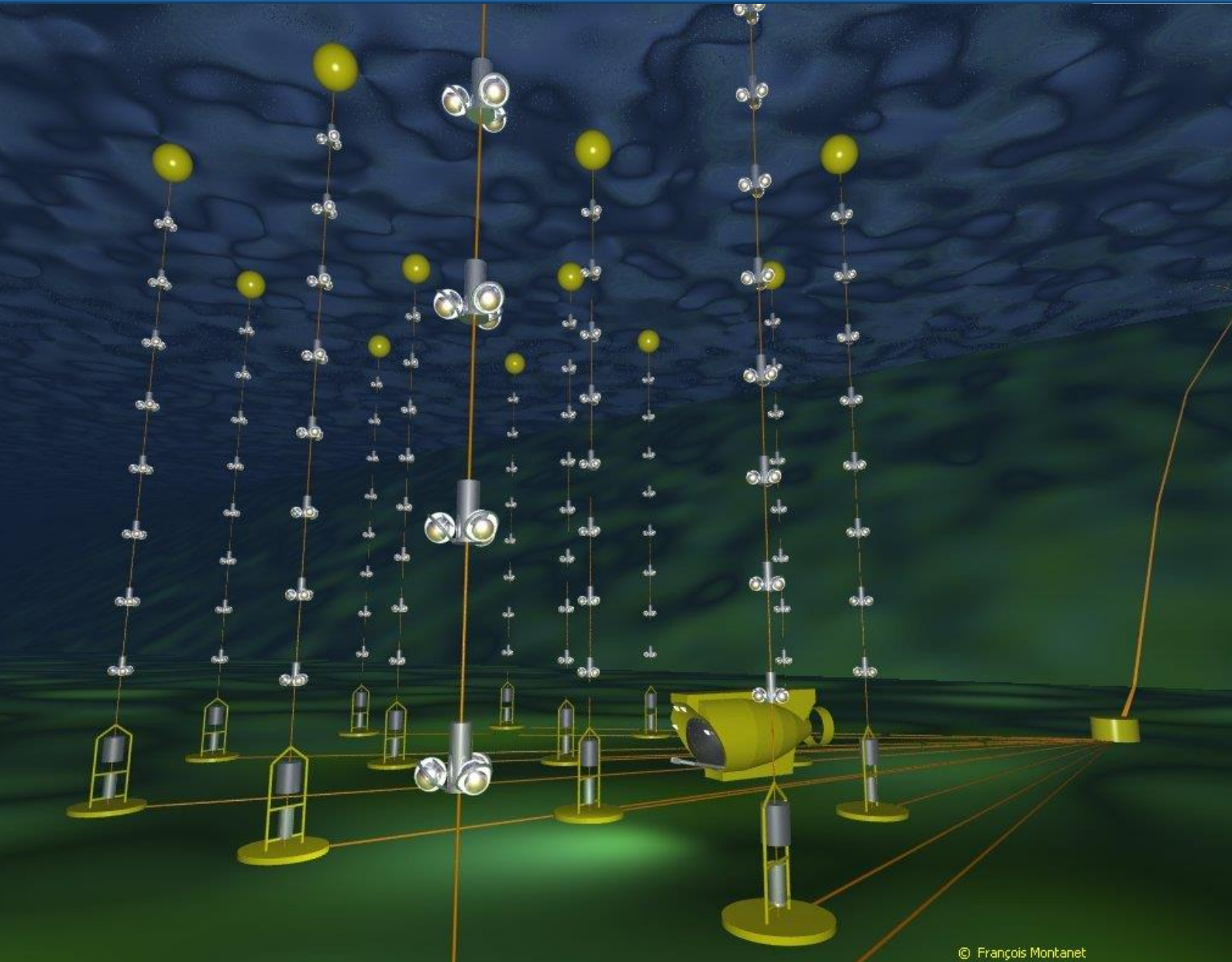
Remote location: high transportation and energy supply costs

ANTARES: first deep-sea neutrino telescope (near Toulon, France)

Deep-sea environment: short absorption and longer scattering lengths,  
Optical background from 40K and bioluminescence,

Baikal telescope in the lake Baikal

# ANTARES Neutrino Telescope

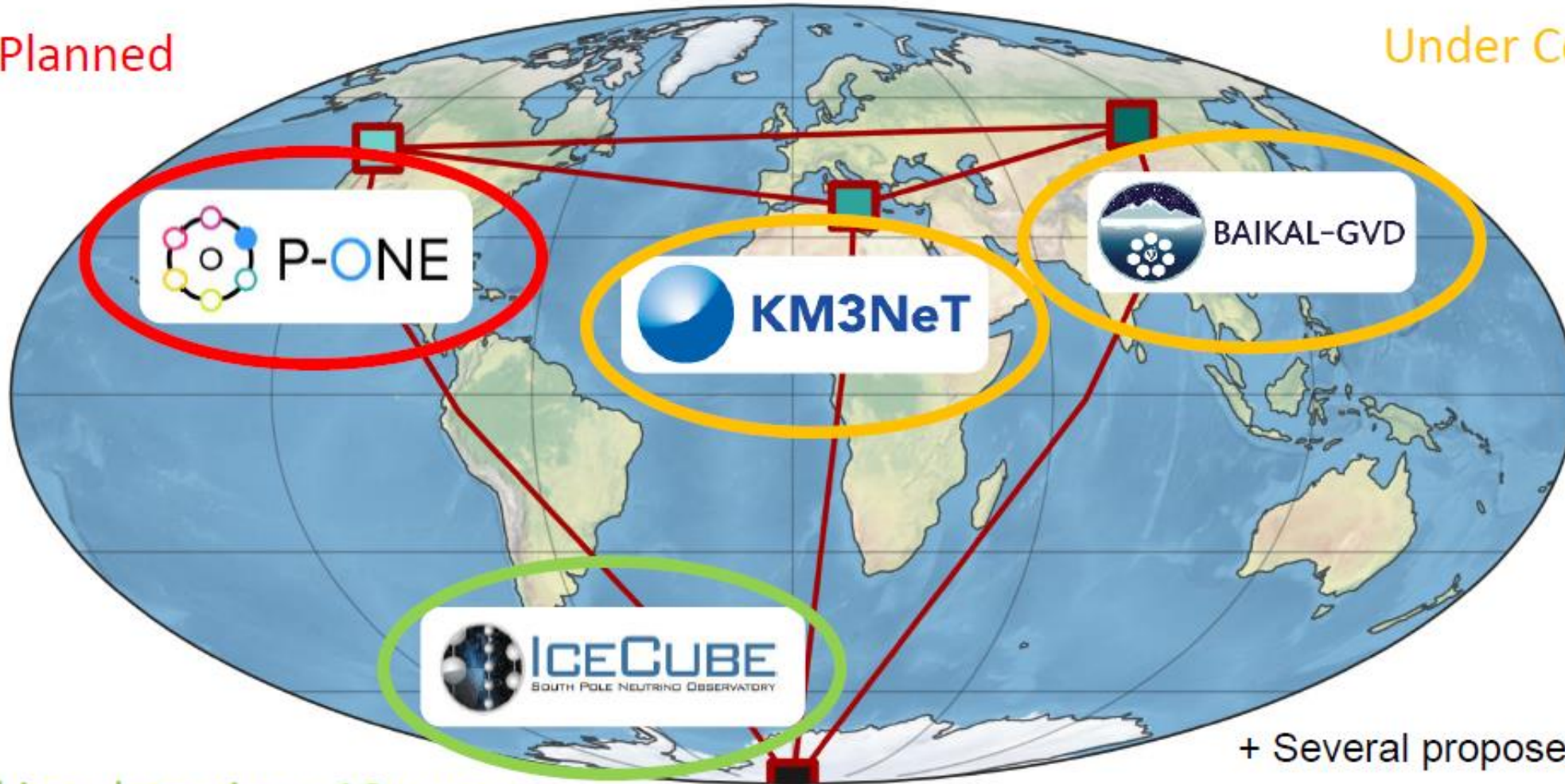


ANTARES Neutrino telescope.  
(data taking: 2007-2022)

# Current Projects of High Energy Neutrino Astronomy

Planned

Under Construction



 P-ONE

 KM3NeT

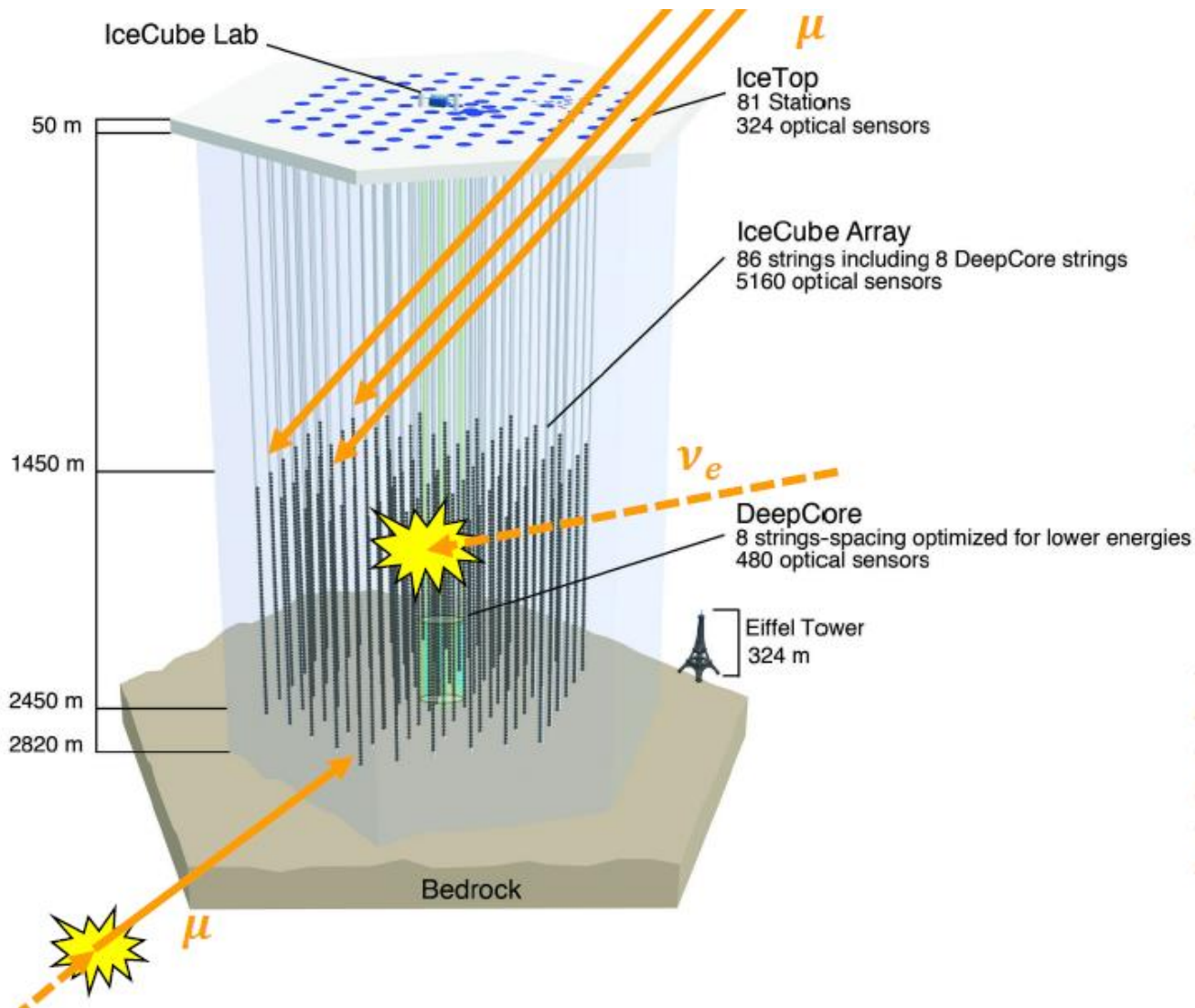
 BAIKAL-GVD

 ICECUBE  
SOUTH POLE NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY

+ Several proposed Chinese projects

Taking data since 10+ years

# IceCube: First km<sup>3</sup> Scale Neutrino Telescope

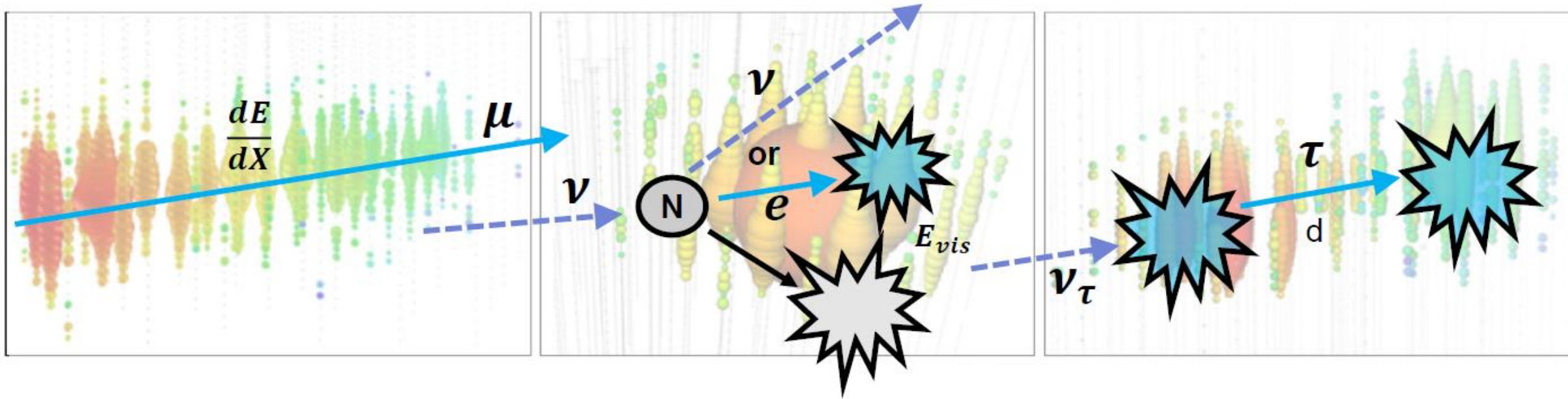


- 86 Strings with 60 Digital Optical Modules (DOMs)
- Full configuration running with > 99% uptime since 2011
- 3000 atmospheric  $\mu$  per second
- 1 atmospheric  $\nu$  per minute
- 1 astrophysical  $\nu$  per day



# Neutrino Signatures in IceCube

IceCube-Gen2  
arXiv:2008.04323v1



## “Tracks”:

- Good directional resolution  $< 1^\circ$
- Poor energy resolution via  $\frac{dE}{dX}$  of muon

## “Cascades”:

- CC  $\nu_e$  &  $\nu_\tau$  interactions + NC all-flavor
- Directional resolution  $\sim 5 - 15^\circ$
- Good resolution of visible energy:  $\sim 10\%$  for CC  $\nu_e$

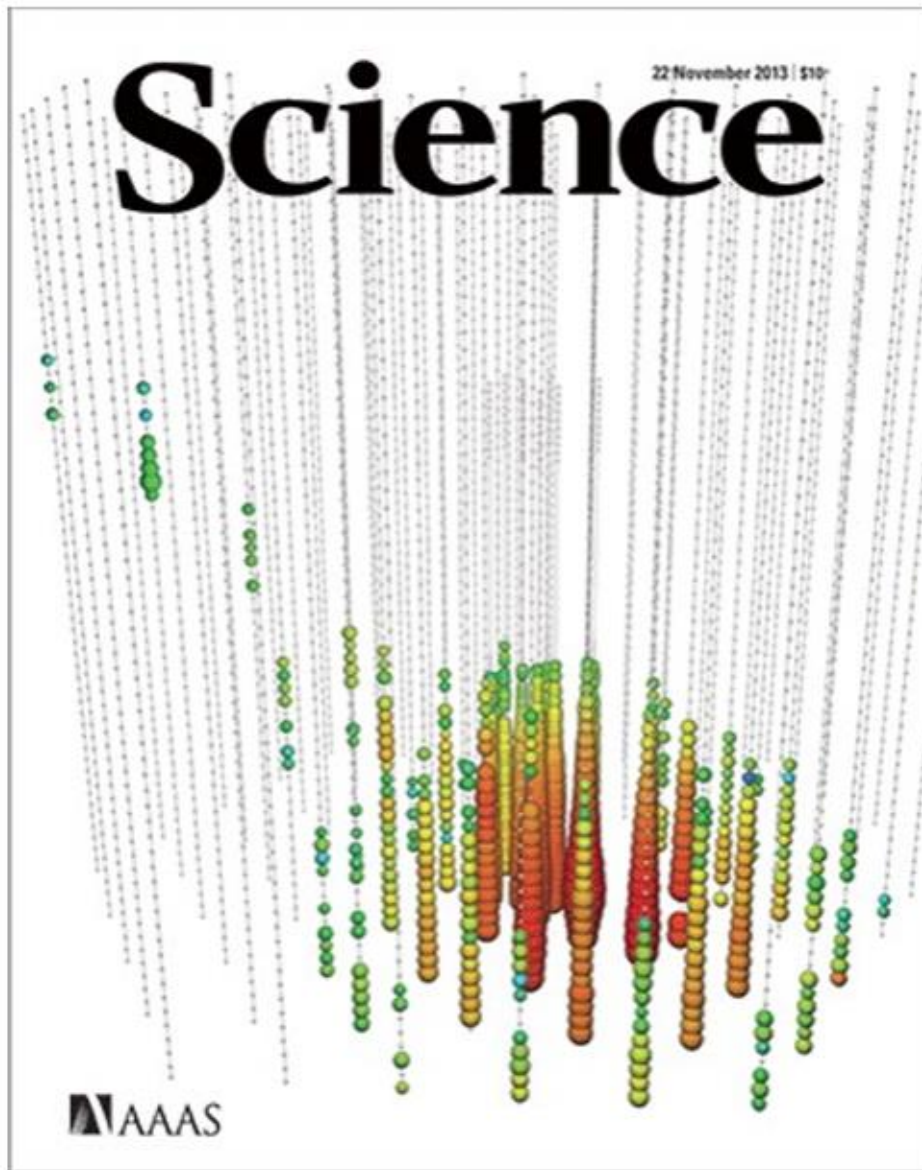
## “Double Bang”:

- CC  $\nu_\tau$  interactions +  $\tau$  decay
- Atmospheric  $\nu_\tau$  production strongly suppressed
- $\tau$  decay length:

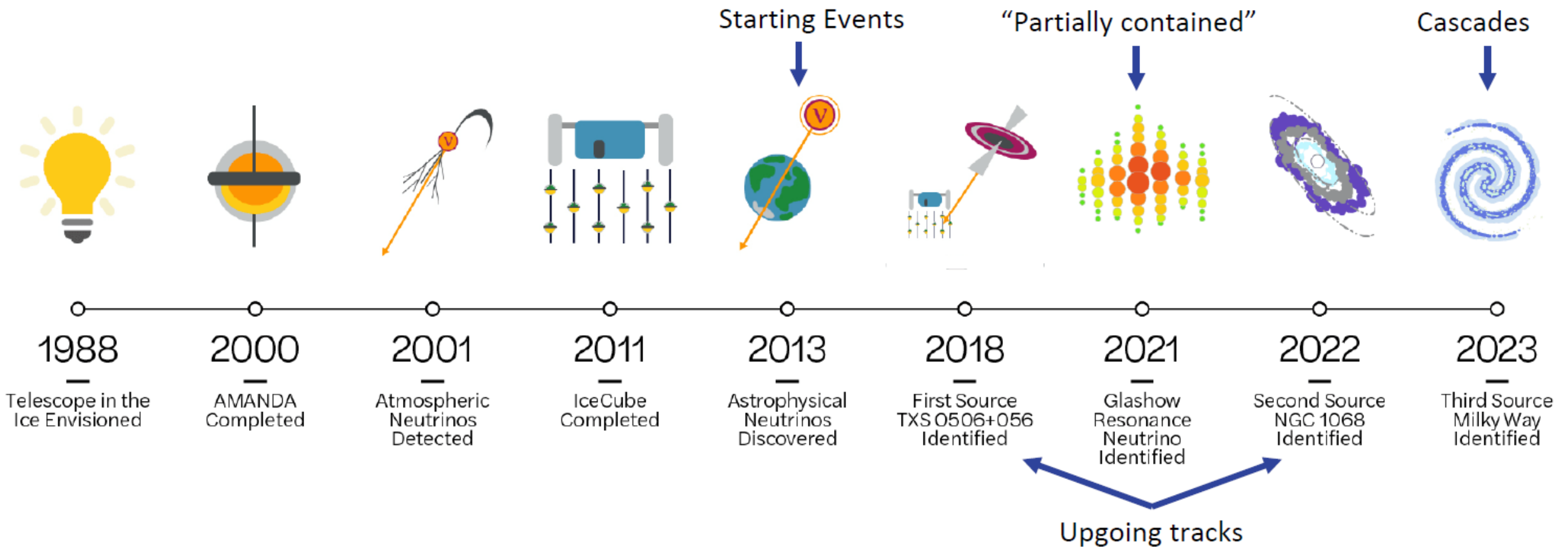
$$d \sim 50\text{m} \cdot \left( \frac{E}{\text{PeV}} \right)$$

# ORCA (Oscillation Research with Cosmics in Abyss)

IceCube Collaboration, Evidence for High-Energy Extraterrestrial Neutrinos at the IceCube Detector, *Science* 342 (2013), 1242856

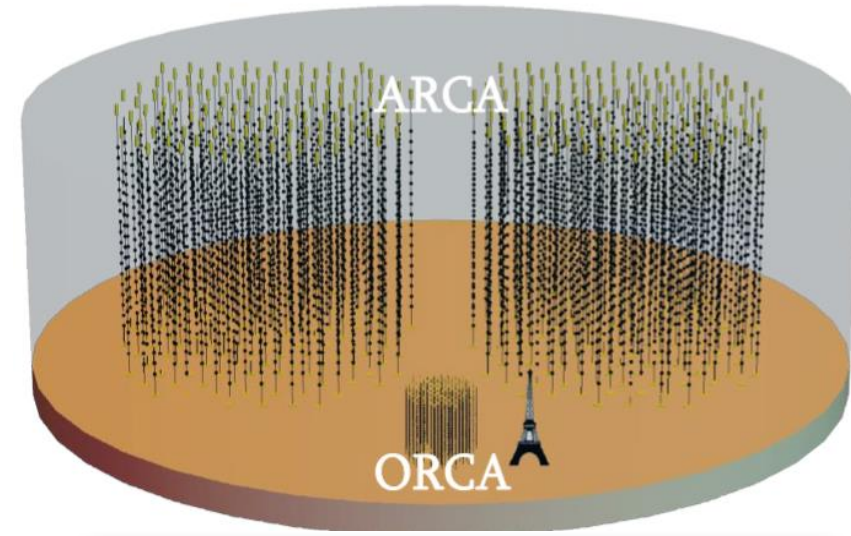
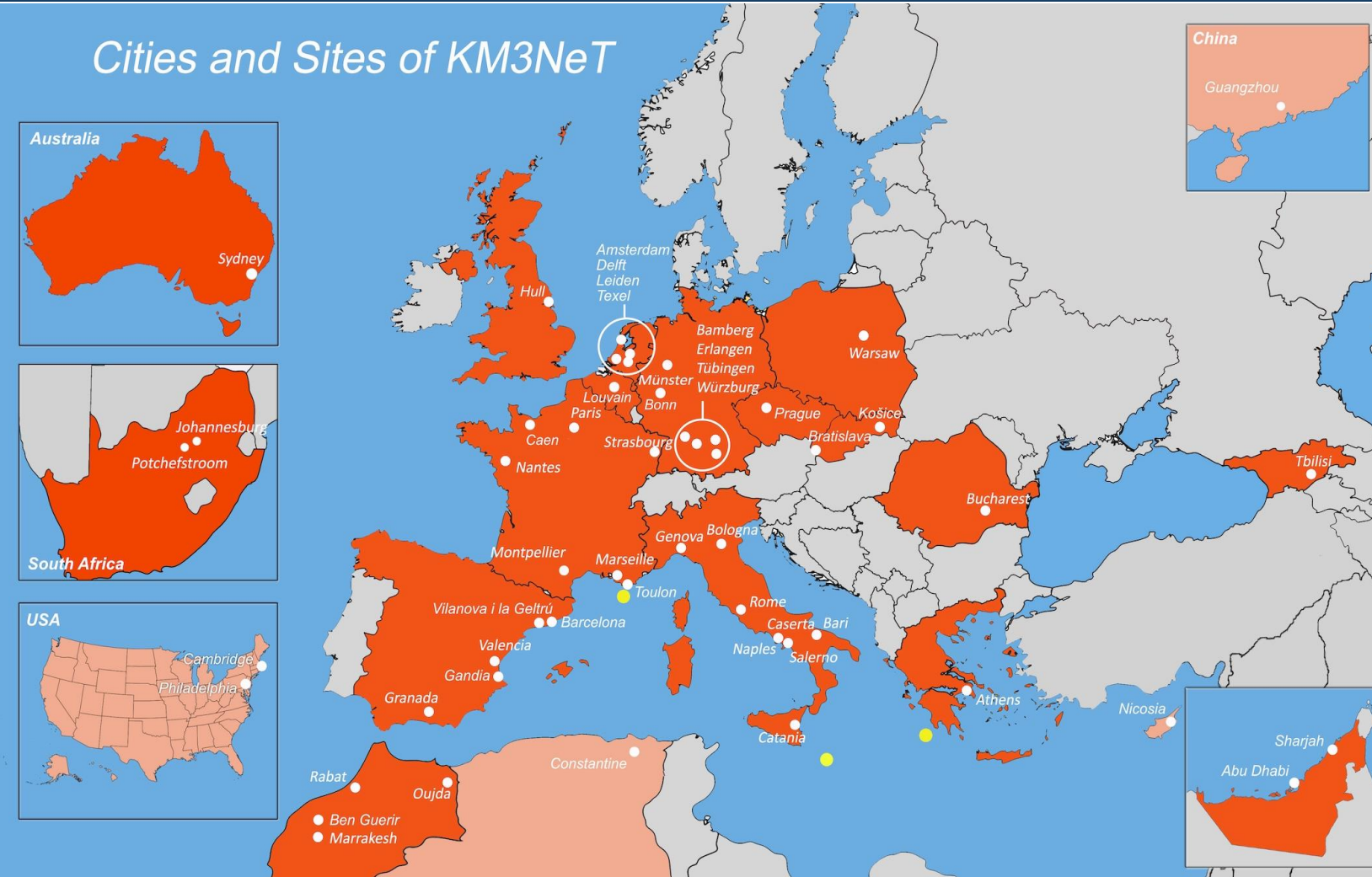


# History of Neutrino Astronomy in Antarctica



# KM3NeT Project

## Cities and Sites of KM3NeT



### ARCA

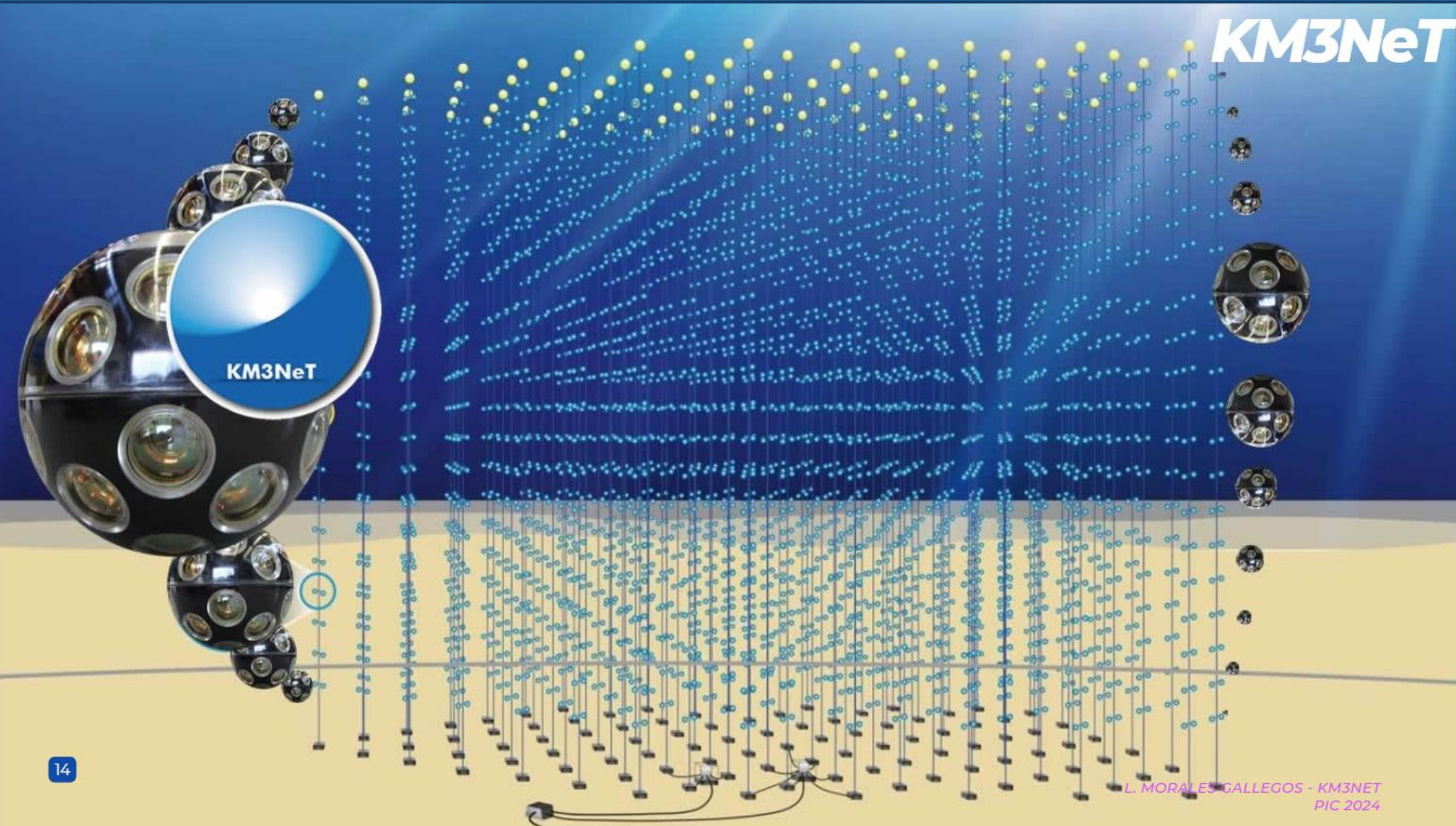
Depth ~3500 m  
2 blocks of 115 Detection Units (DU)  
Distance between DU ~90 m  
Distance between DOMs ~36 m  
Volume (0.5 × 2) km<sup>3</sup>

### ORCA

Depth ~2500 m  
One block of 115 Detection Units  
Distance between DU ~20 m  
Distance between DOMs ~9 m  
Volume ≈8 Mton

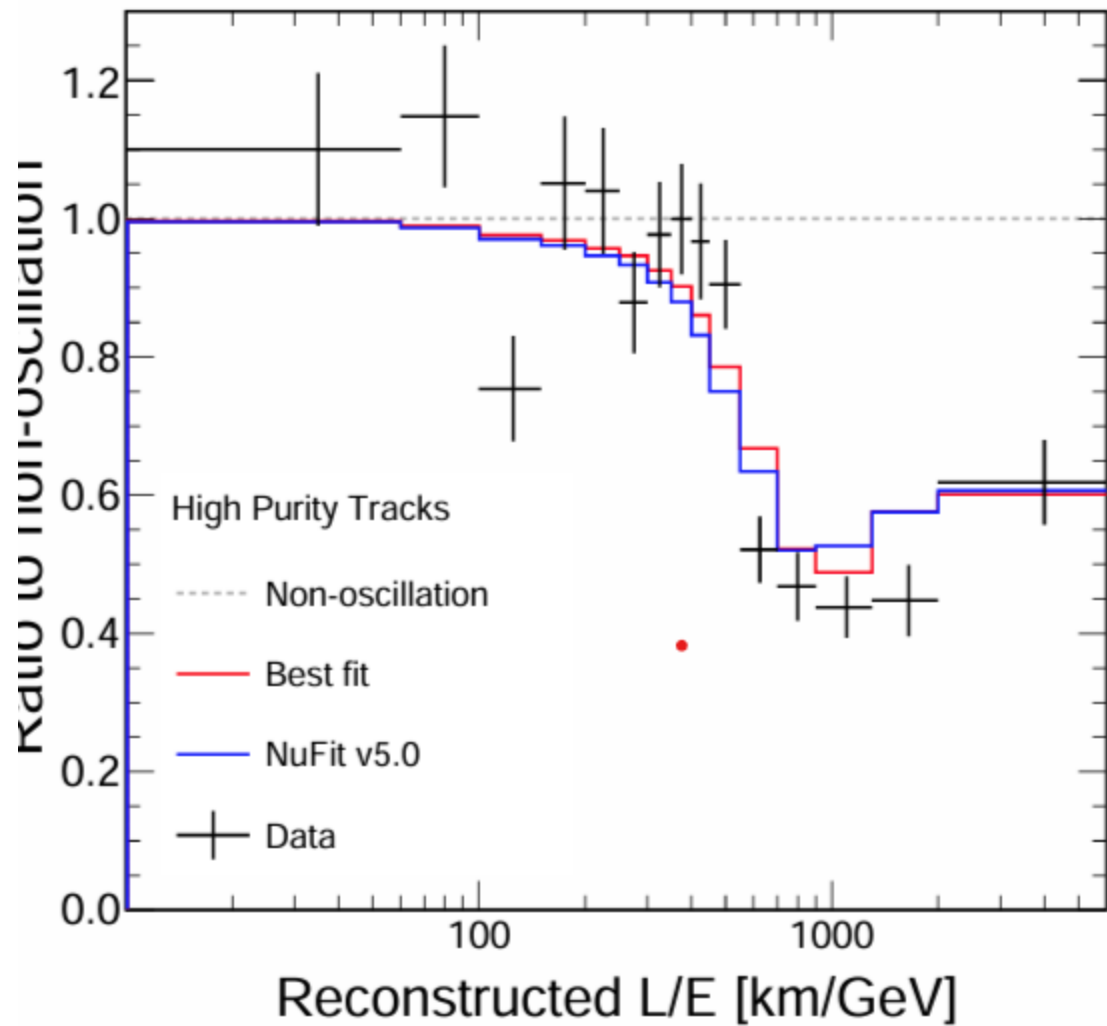
The KM3NeT Collaboration ( 62 institutes, 22 countries)

# KM3NeT Detector

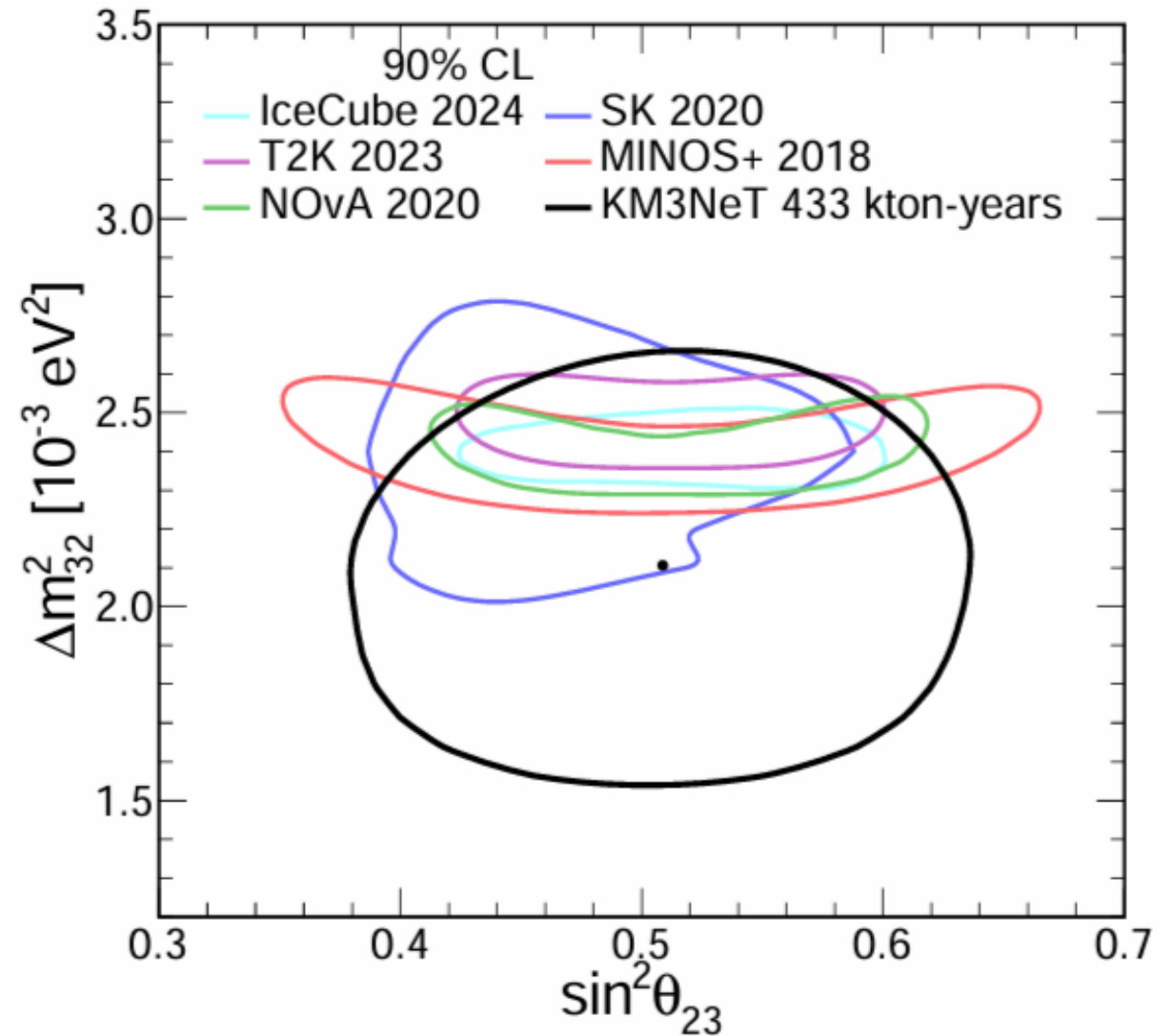


# Neutrino Oscillations in KM3NeT/ORCA6

KM3NeT/ORCA6, 433 kton-years



KM3NeT/ORCA6, 433 kton-years

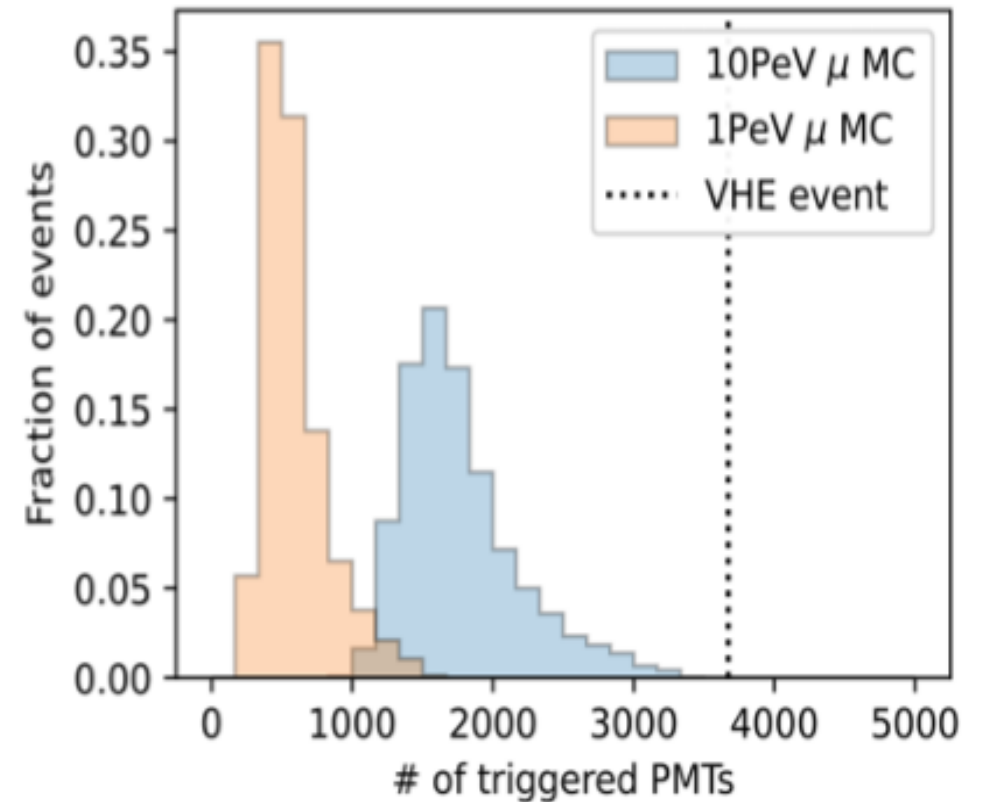


# VHE Neutrino Events in ARCA21

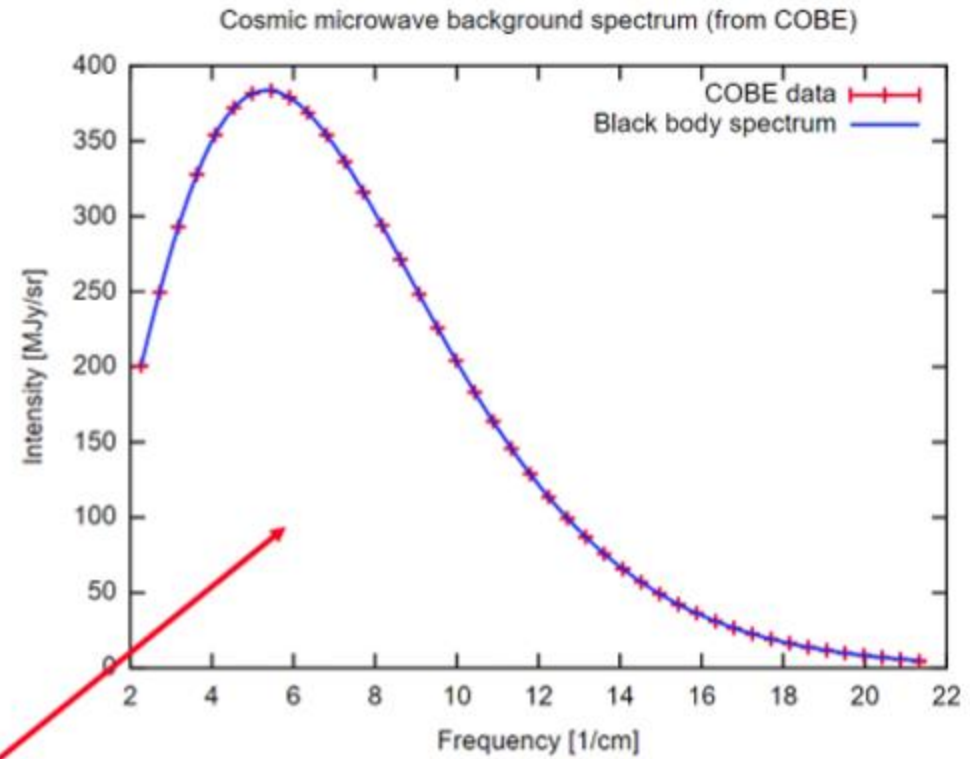
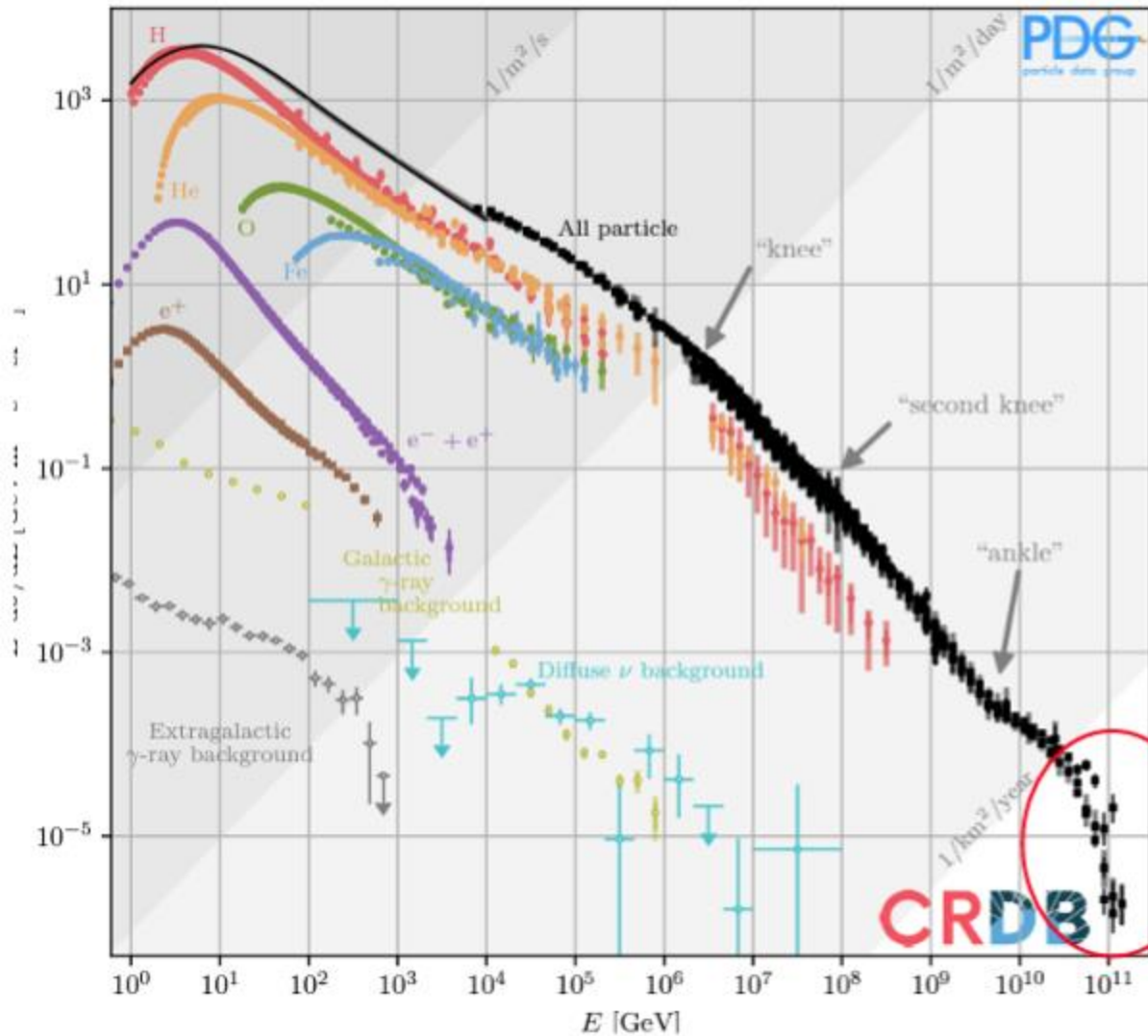
ARCA21: VHE event

3672 PMTs (35%) triggered

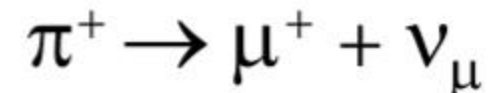
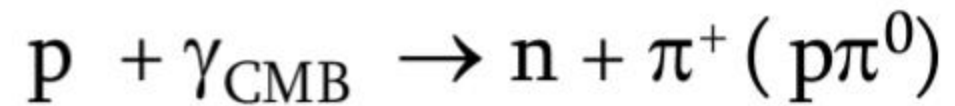
Energy:  $> 100$  PeV



# KM3NeT VHE-Event: GZK Neutrino?



GZK process (cutoff):





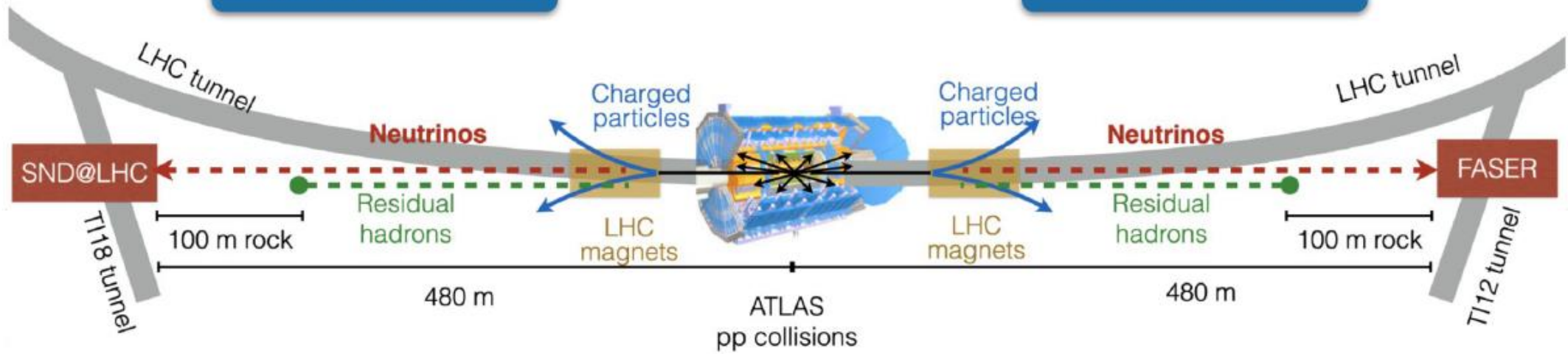
# LHC Neutrino Detectors



SND@LHC in T118



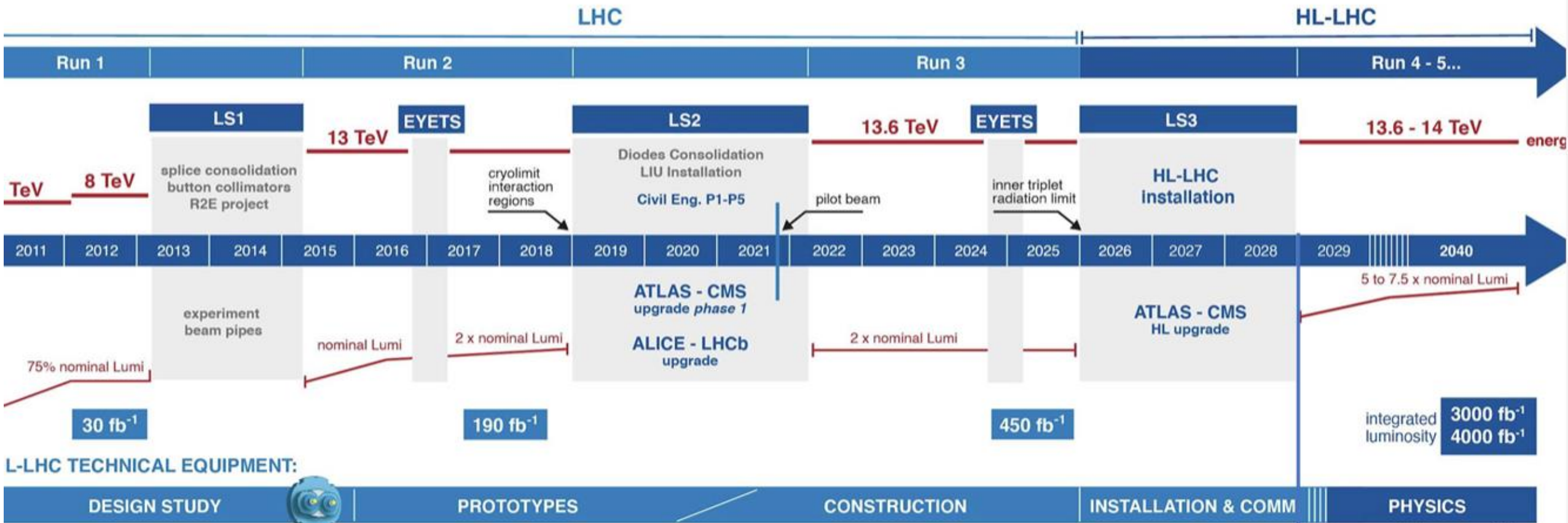
FASER in T112



# LHC Neutrinos in the KM3NeT ?



## LHC / HL-LHC Plan



L-LHC TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT:

DESIGN STUDY



PROTOTYPES

CONSTRUCTION

INSTALLATION & COMM

PHYSICS

HL-LHC CIVIL ENGINEERING:

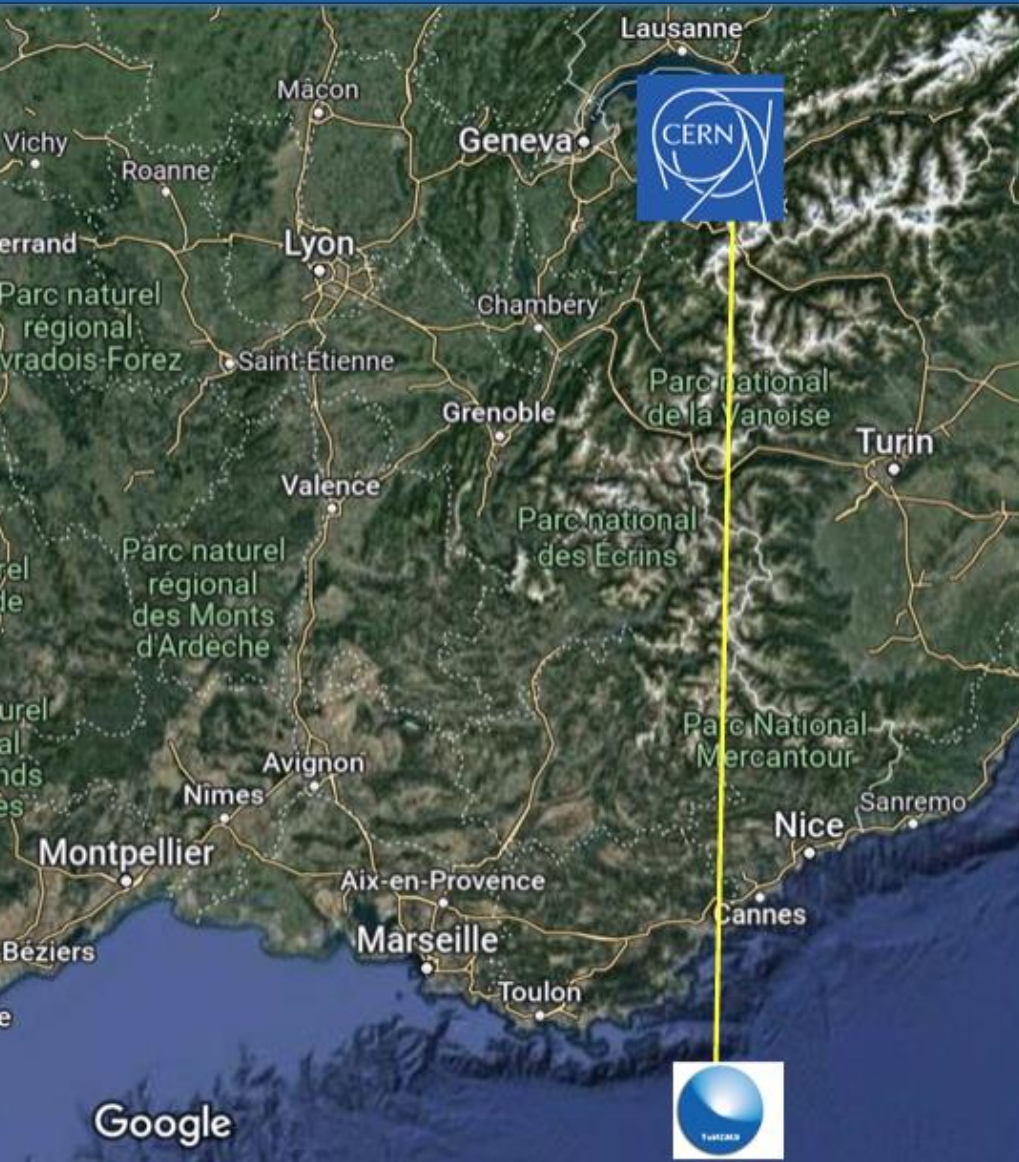
DEFINITION

EXCAVATION

BUILDINGS

Data taking with  
KM3NeT(ORCA&ARCA)

# LHC Neutrinos in the KM3NeT ?



CERN (46.2330° N, 6.0557° E)

KM3NeT/ORCA (42°48' N, 6°02' E)  
(42.8° N, 6.0333° E)

CERN experiments:

ATLAS (46.235° N, 6.053° E)

CMS (46.3098° N, 6.0764° E)

LHCb (46.2412° N, 6.0969° E)

Distances:

ATLAS - KM3NeT/ORCA: 382 km

CMS - KM3NeT/ORCA: 390 km

**KM3NeT/ORCA**

# Summary

Neutrino physics is very active field of research: linking Standard Model and New Physics?

Neutrino oscillation research:

- precision measurement of 5 PMNS parameters
- defining NMO and  $\delta_{CP}$

Measurement of neutrino mass

Unanswered questions:

- are massive neutrinos Dirac or Majorana particles? ( $0\nu\beta\beta$ )
- are there sterile neutrinos?
- are there non-standard neutrino interactions?

New neutrino experiments: DUNE, Hyper-K, JUNO, KM3NeT, . . .

**End of Lecture II**