

# Neutrinos from Core-Collapse Supernovae

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# OUTLINE

**Neutrinos, supernovae & neutrinos from SNe**

**What can be learned**

**Supernova neutrino detection**

**Inverse beta decay**

**Other CC interactions**

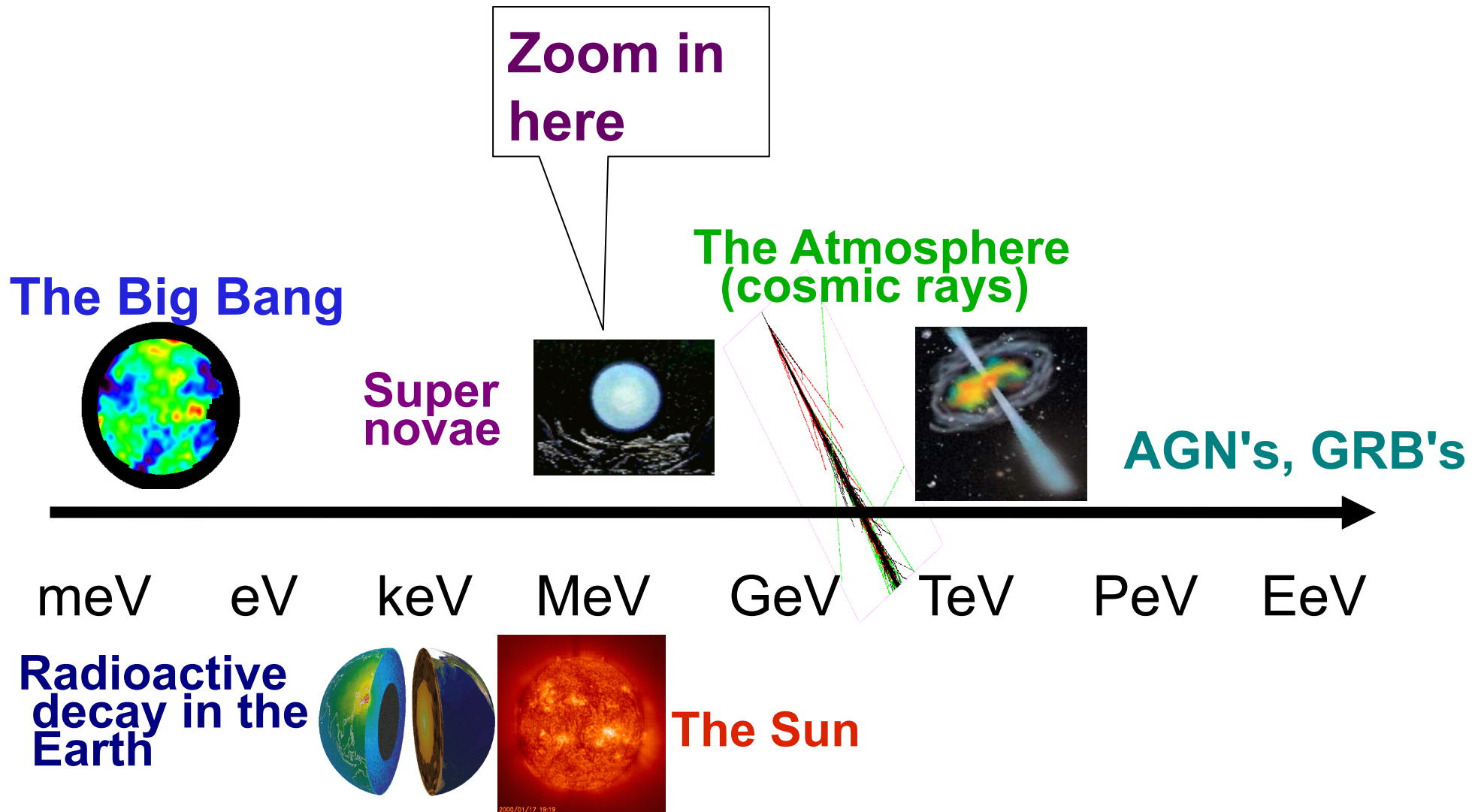
**NC interactions**

**Summary of current and near future detectors**

**Future detection**

**Summary**

# Sources of wild neutrinos





# 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

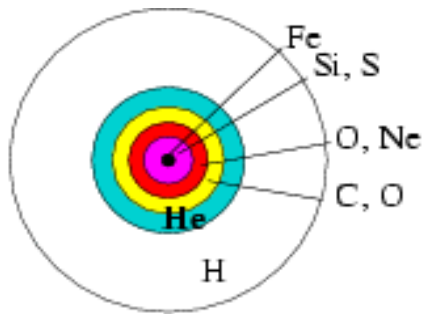
(Energy *can* escape via  $\nu$ 's)

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

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

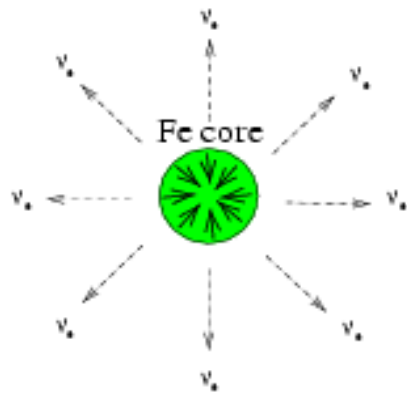






## PRE-SUPERNOVA

"onion-skin"



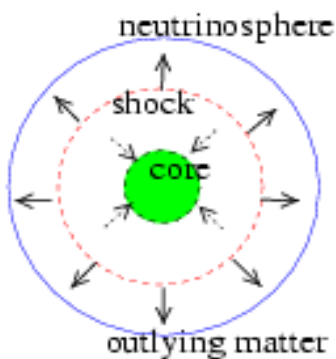
## CORE INFALL

$$M_{\text{core}} > \sim M_{\text{Ch}}$$

"neutronization"  $e^- + p \rightarrow n + \nu_e$

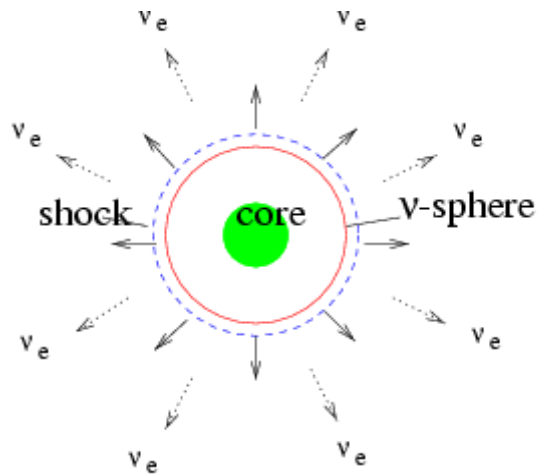


## NEUTRINO TRAPPING

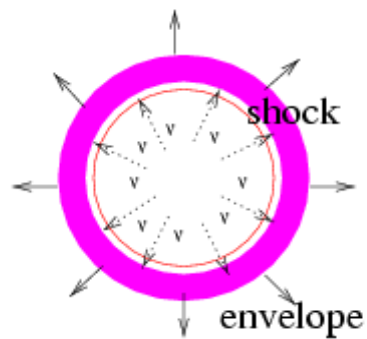


## CORE BOUNCE

shock formation

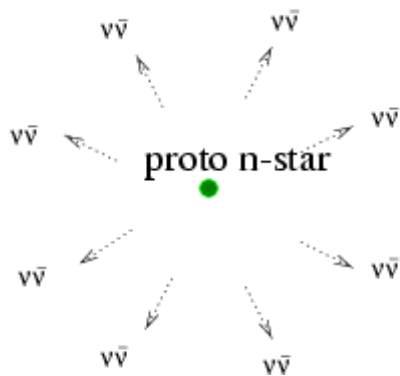
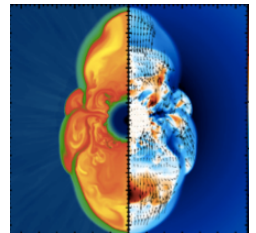


**NEUTRINO "BREAKOUT"**  
**shock hits "ν-sphere"**  
 (radius such that  
 $\nu$  mean free path is  $\infty$ )



**ACCRETION and/(or)  
 EXPLOSION**

**star disrupted (or fizzles...)  
 ν's may be important**



**COOLING**      **energy shed  
 via  $\nu\bar{\nu}$  pairs**

**Visible aftermath after  
 ~hours or days**



# Expected neutrino luminosity and average energy vs time

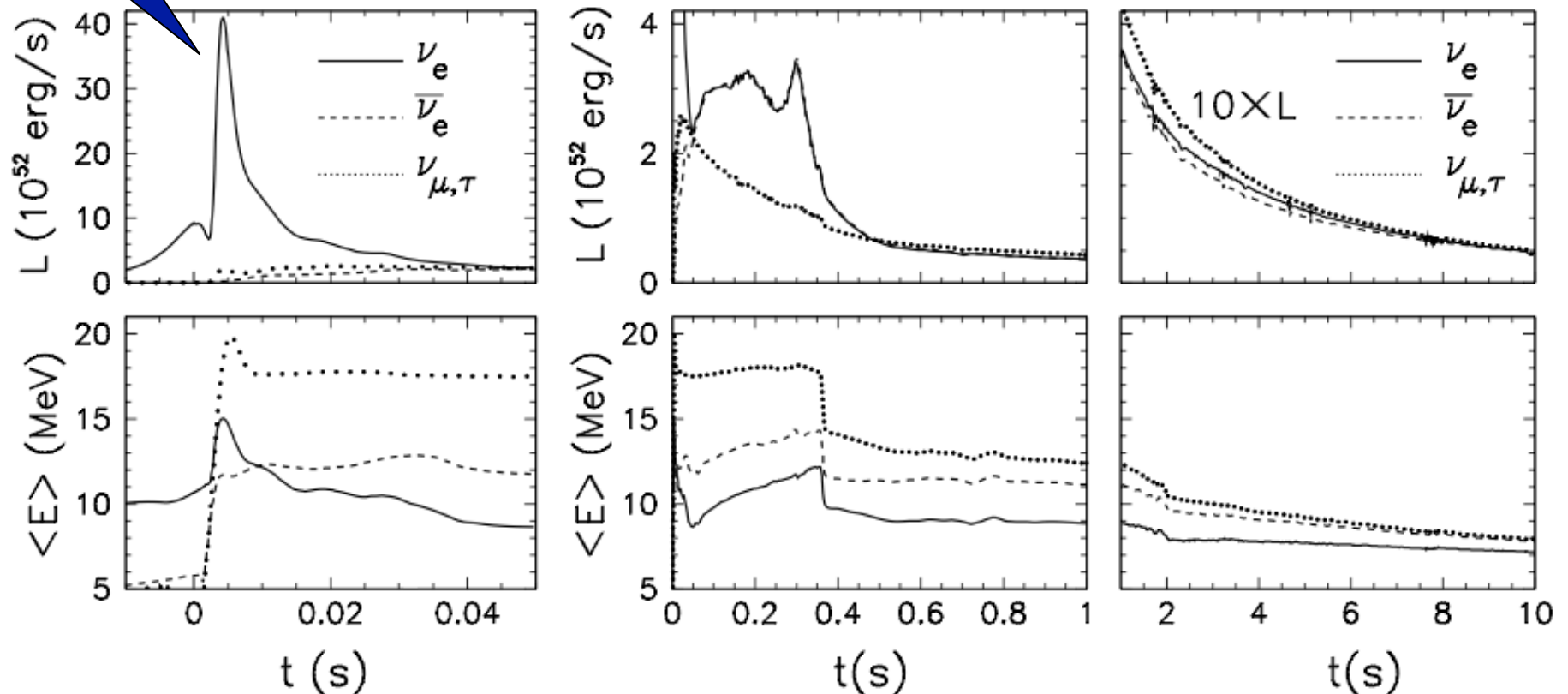
Fischer et al., arXiv:0908.1871: 'Basel' model

neutronization burst

Early:  
deleptonization

Mid:  
accretion

Late:  
cooling



**Generic feature:**  
(may or may not be robust)

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

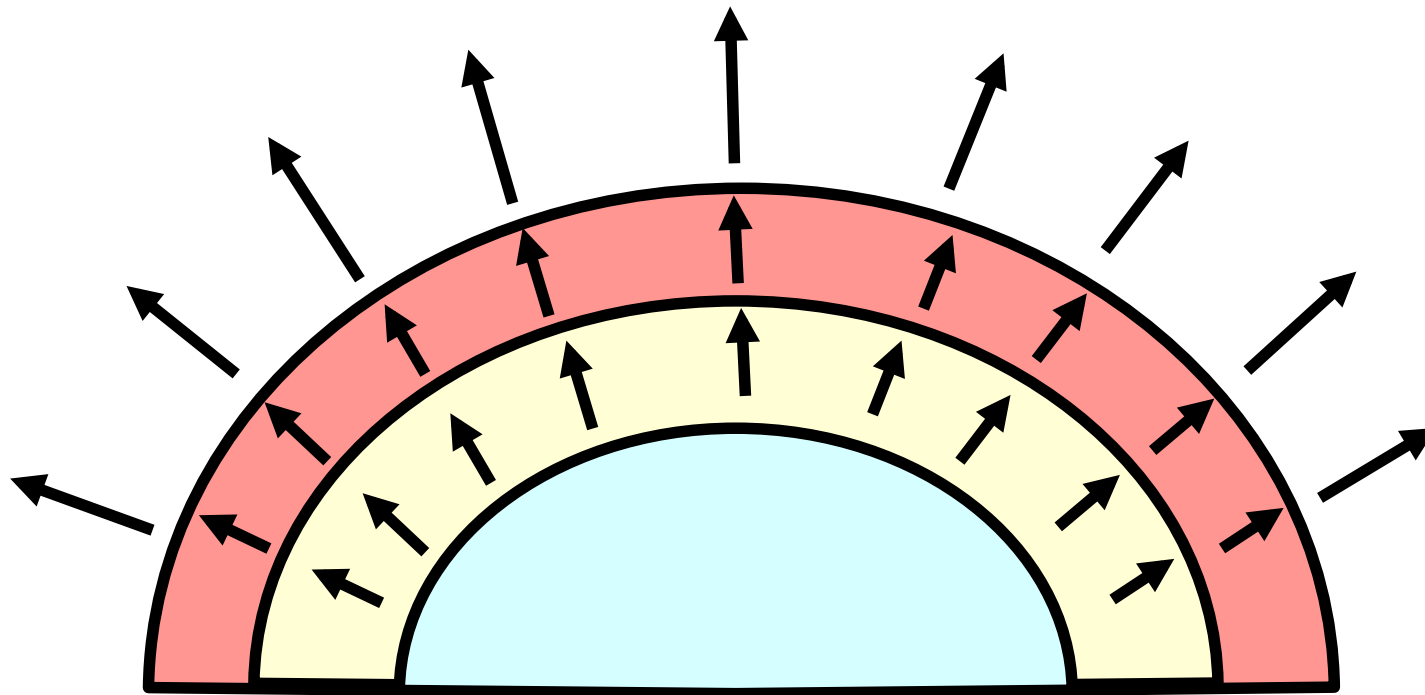


# Nominal expected flavor-energy hierarchy

Fewer interactions  
w/ proto-nstar  
 $\Rightarrow$  deeper  $\nu$ -sphere  
 $\Rightarrow$  hotter  $\nu$ 's



$$\begin{aligned}\langle E_{\nu_e} \rangle &\sim 12 \text{ MeV} \\ \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle &\sim 15 \text{ MeV} \\ \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_{\mu,\tau}} \rangle &\sim 18 \text{ MeV}\end{aligned}$$



May or may not be robust (neutrinos which decouple deeper may lose more energy)

# Supernova 1987A

in the Large Magellanic Cloud (55 kpc away)



# SN1987A in LMC

at 55 kpc

$\nu$ 's seen  $\sim 2.5$  hours before first light

Water Cherenkov: IMB

Kam II

$E_{th} \sim 29$  MeV, 6 kton

$E_{th} \sim 8.5$  MeV, 2.14 kton

8 events

11 events

Liquid Scintillator: Baksan

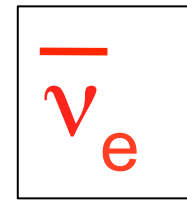
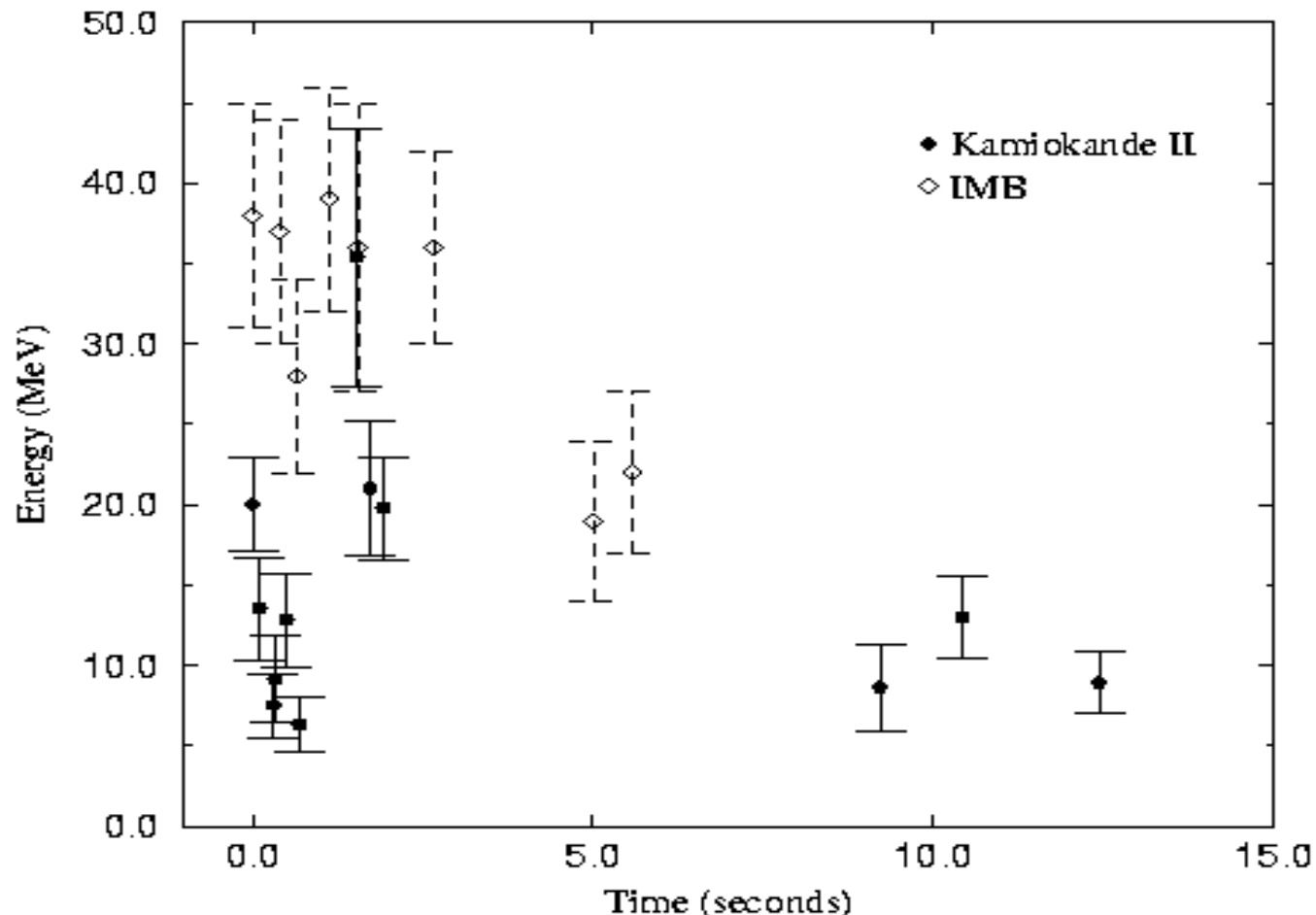
Mont Blanc

$E_{th} \sim 10$  MeV, 130 ton

$E_{th} \sim 7$  MeV, 90 ton

3-5 events

5 events??

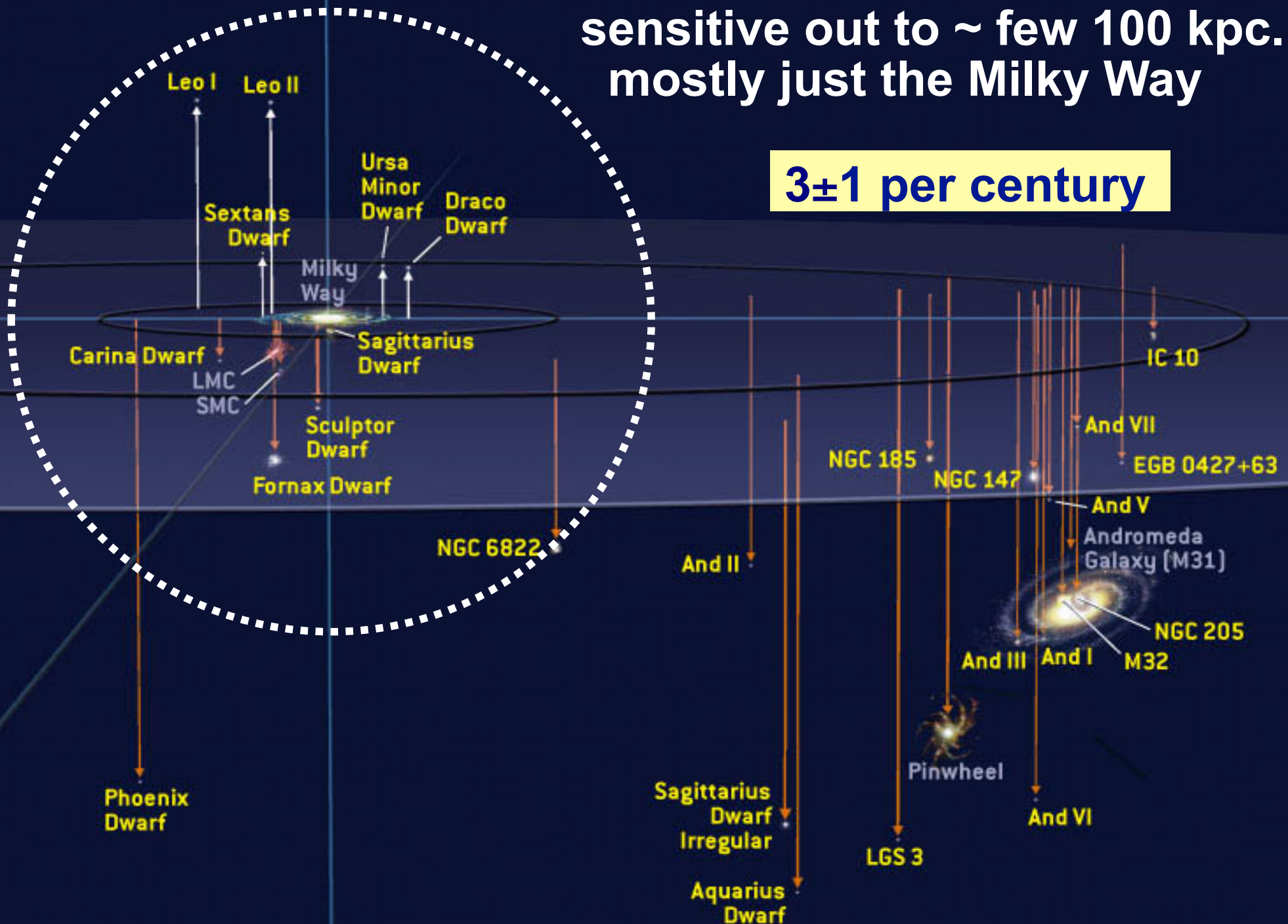


Confirmed  
baseline  
model...  
but still  
many  
questions



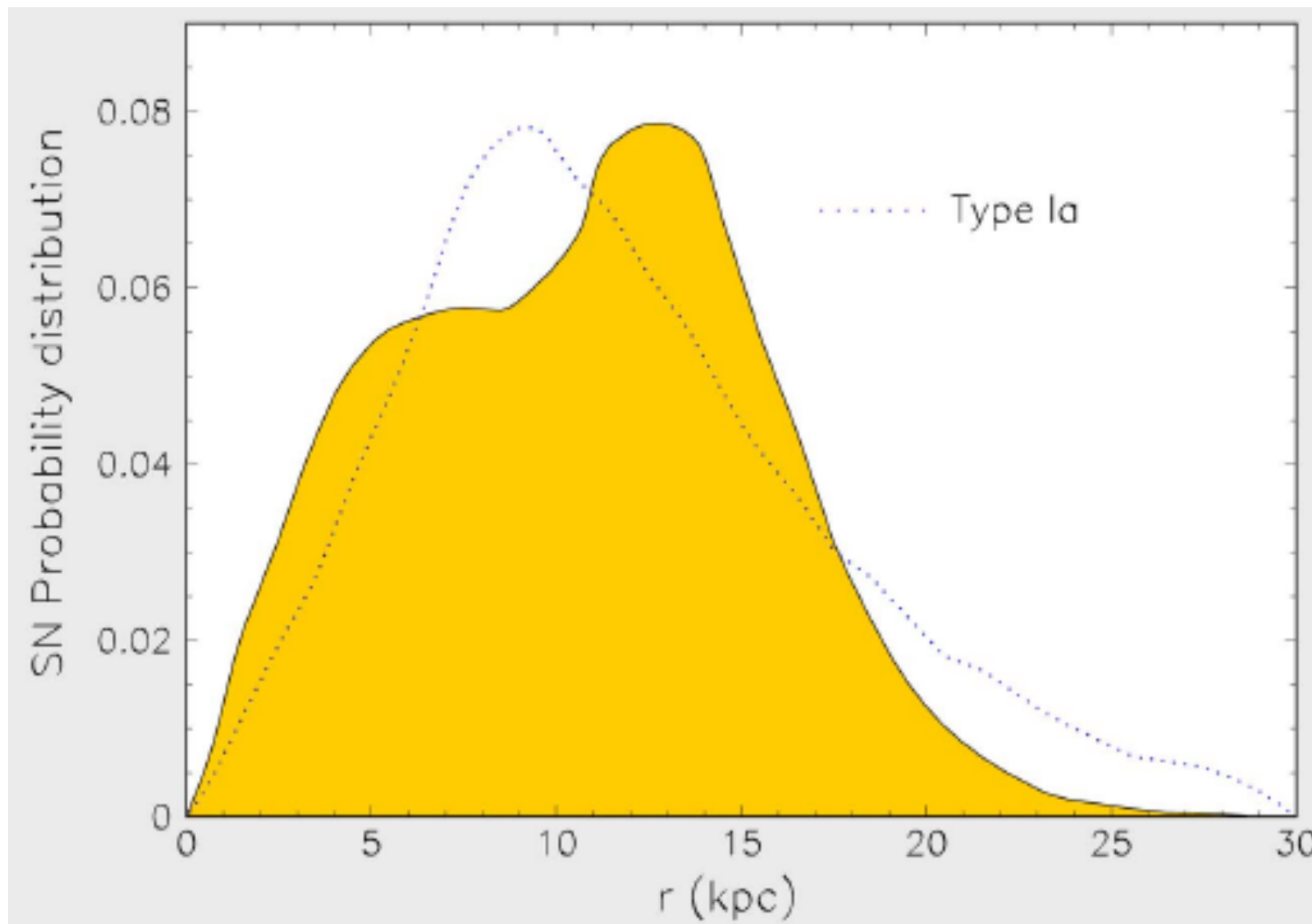
Current best neutrino detectors  
sensitive out to ~ few 100 kpc..  
mostly just the Milky Way

$3 \pm 1$  per century



# Typical distance from us: $\sim 10\text{-}15$ kpc

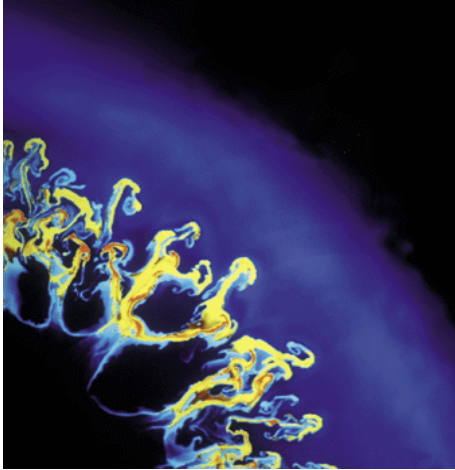
(10 kpc is “standard distance”)



Mirizzi, Raffelt and Serpico , astro-ph/0604300

# What We Can Learn

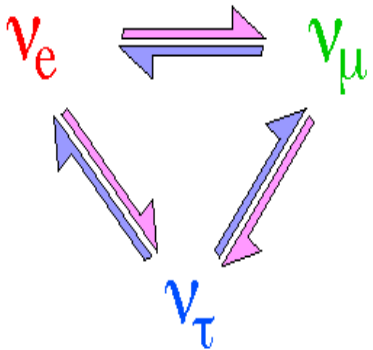
## CORE COLLAPSE PHYSICS



- explosion mechanism
- proto nstar cooling, quark matter
- black hole formation
- accretion disks
- nucleosynthesis

from flavor,  
energy, time  
structure  
of burst

## NEUTRINO/OTHER PARTICLE PHYSICS



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

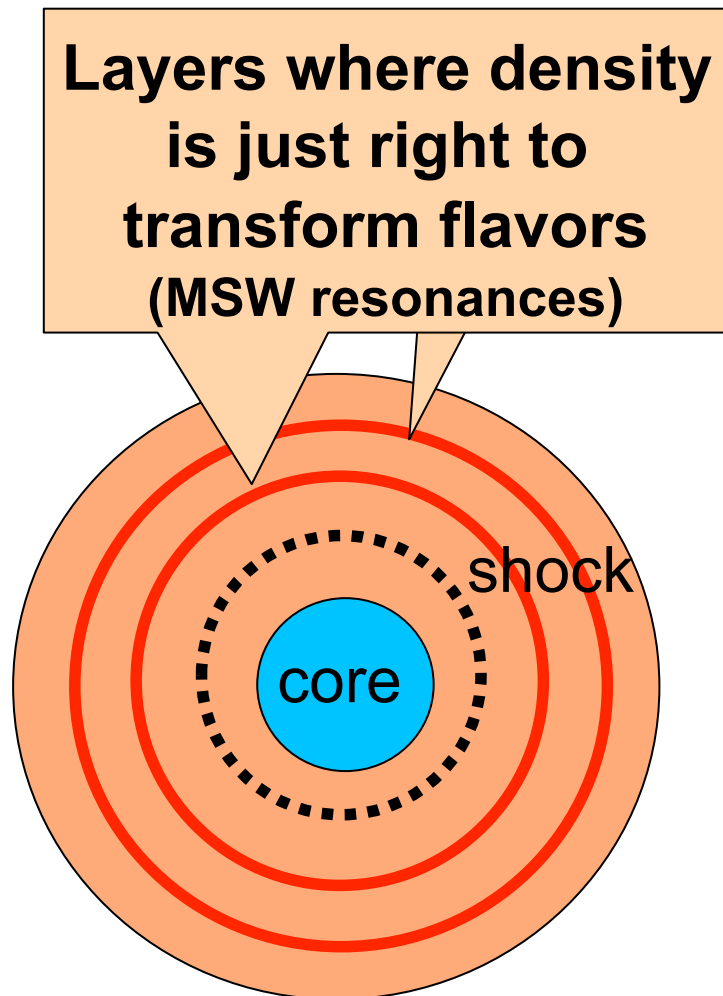
**+ EARLY ALERT**



# Getting at neutrino oscillation parameters, e.g. $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2)$

Flavor transitions in the supernova itself may leave an imprint of the oscillation parameters on the supernova signal

There is some model dependence; understanding of the supernova will help



For example, depending on parameters, spectra can get swapped; signature could be e.g. *anomalously hot*  $\nu_e$ ; also shock wave can have effect

## 'Collective effects' matter

- $\nu$ - $\nu$  interactions
- nonlinear effects
- 'multi-angle' effects

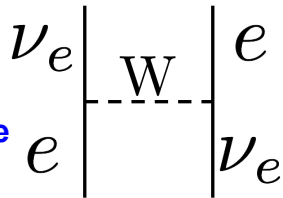
# How can we learn about unknown neutrino oscillation parameters from a core collapse signal?

In the proto-neutron star the neutrino density is so high that *neutrino-neutrino interactions* matter

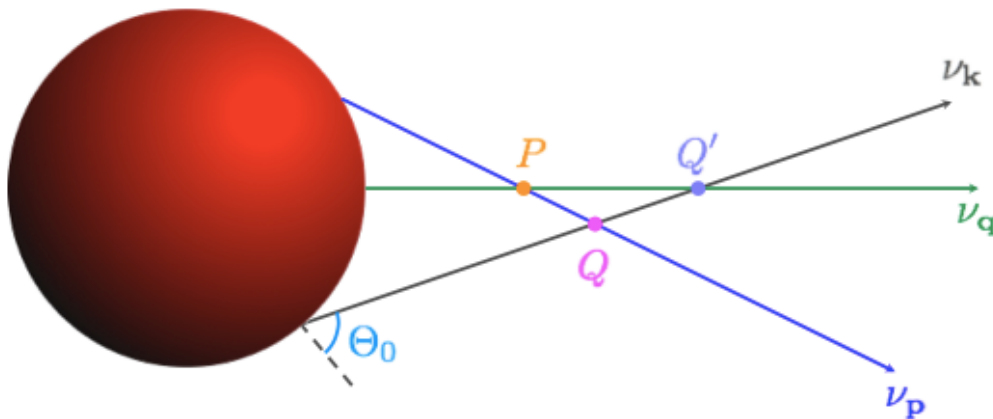
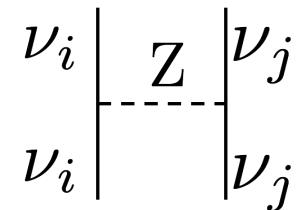
$$\psi_{\nu,i} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{amplitude to be } \nu_e \\ \text{amplitude to be } \nu_{\mu,\tau} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi_{\nu,i} = (\mathcal{H}_{\text{vac},i} + \mathcal{H}_{e,i} + \mathcal{H}_{\nu\nu,i}) \psi_{\nu,i}$$

From G. Fuller

neutrino-electron  
charged current  
forward exchange  
scattering



neutrino-neutrino  
neutral current  
forward scattering

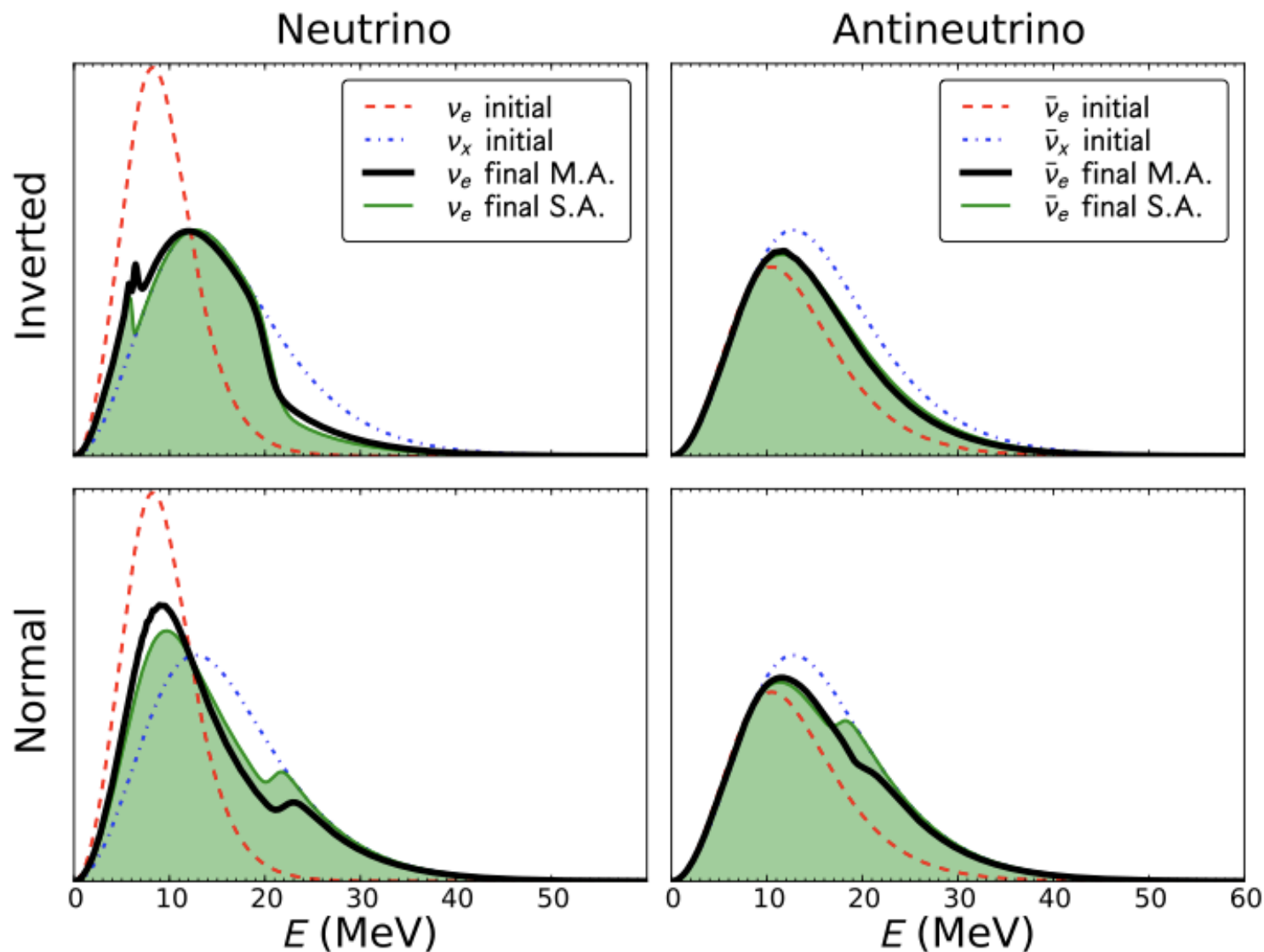


Anisotropic, nonlinear  
quantum coupling of all  
neutrino flavor evolution  
histories:  
“collective effects”

Must solve many *millions* of coupled, nonlinear partial differential equations!!

“The physics is addictive” -- G. Raffelt

# Example of collective effects: Duan & Friedland, arXiv:1006.2359



***Distinctive spectral swap features depend on neutrino mass hierarchy, for neutrinos vs antineutrinos***

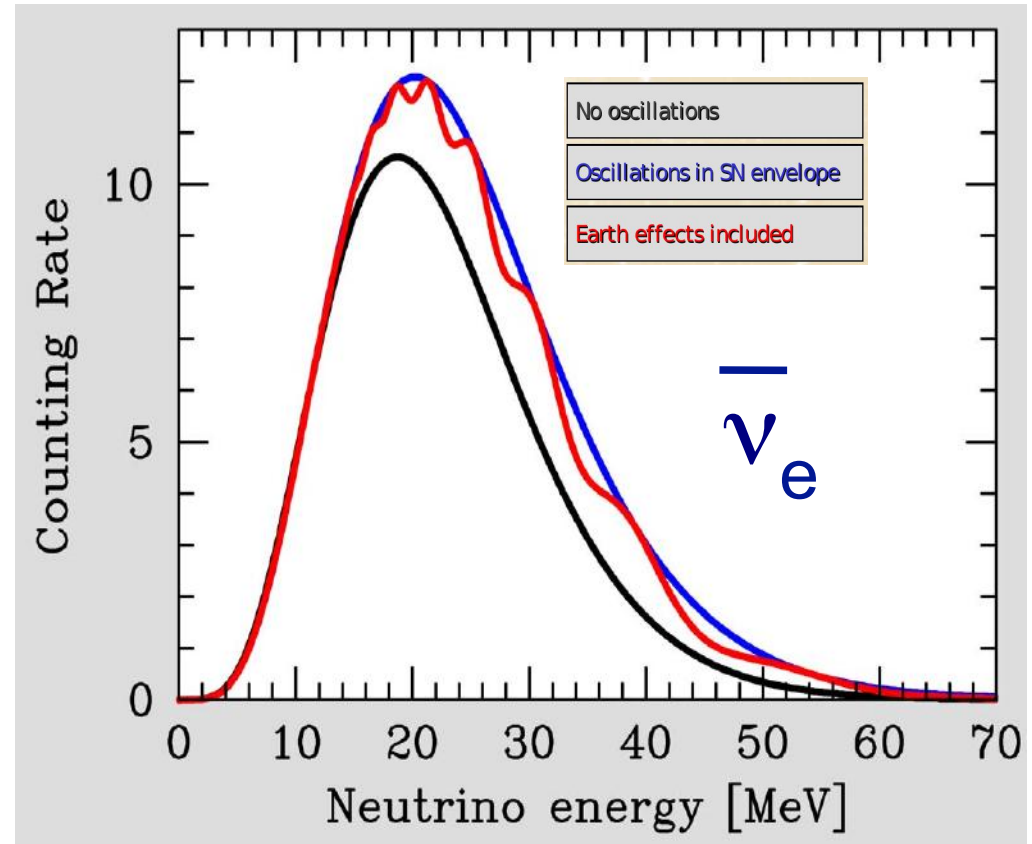
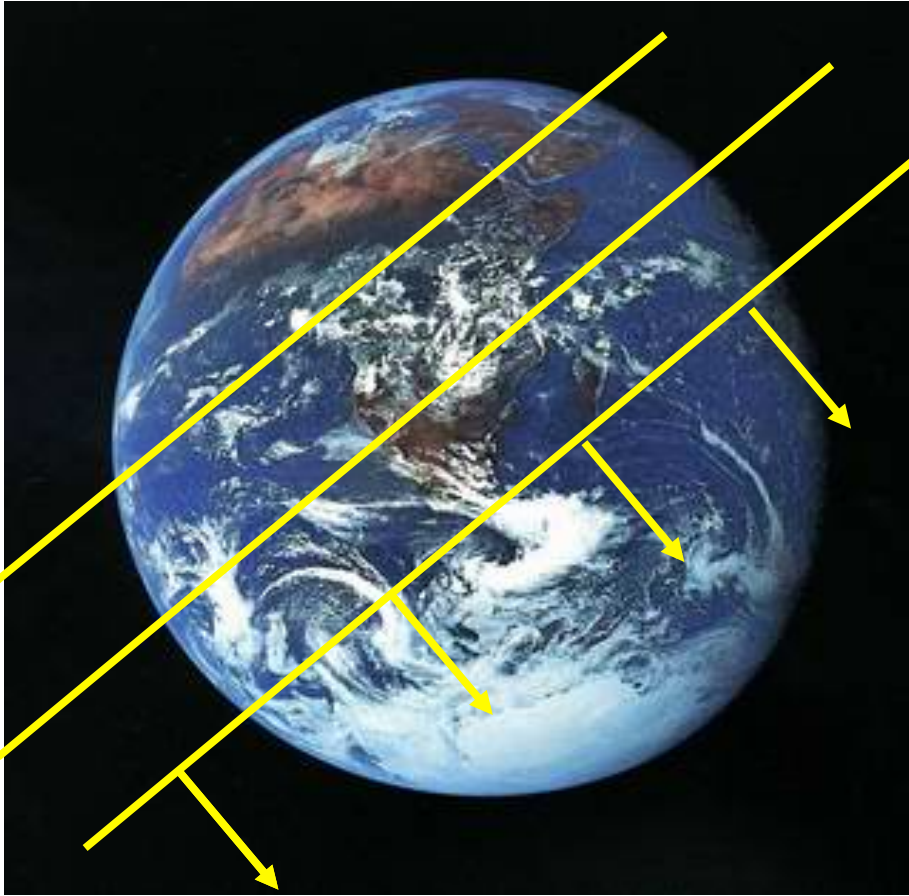
**Experimentally, can we tell the difference?**



**Another possibility:**

**Flavor transformation *in the Earth* can give a handle on oscillation parameters (less SN-dependence)**

Kachelreiss, Raffelt et al.



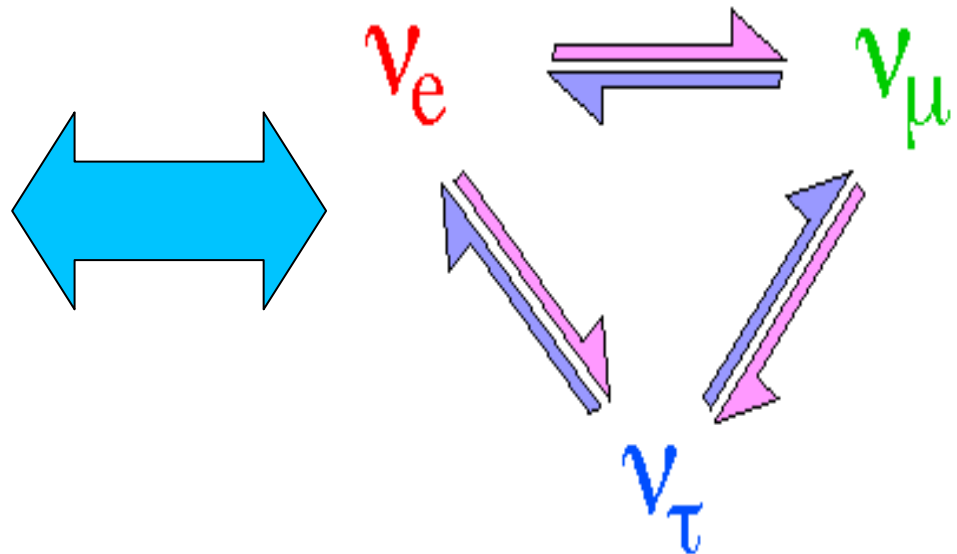
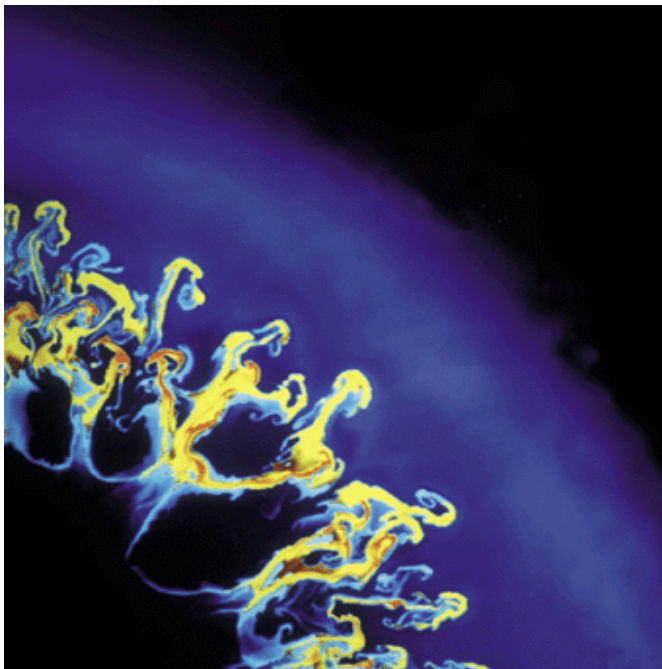
**Compare fluxes of different flavors  
at different locations; or, look for spectral  
distortions in a single detector**

My message here:

***Sensitivity to (and ability to tag) different flavors***

**will be key for disentangling  
core collapse & neutrino physics  
information from the observed signal**

**Detector locations around the globe desirable, too!**



# What do we want in a SN $\nu$ detector?

- Need  $\sim 1\text{kton}$  for  $\sim \text{few } 100$  interactions for burst at the Galactic center (8.5 kpc away)
- Must have bg rate  $\ll$  signal rate in  $\sim 10$  sec burst (typically easy for underground detectors, even thinkable at the surface)

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- Timing
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Require NC sensitivity for  $\nu_{\mu,\tau}$ , since SN  $\nu$  energies below CC threshold



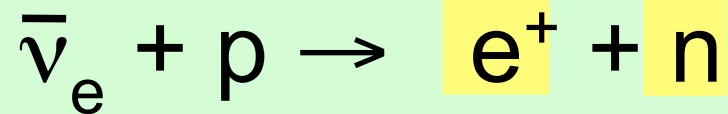
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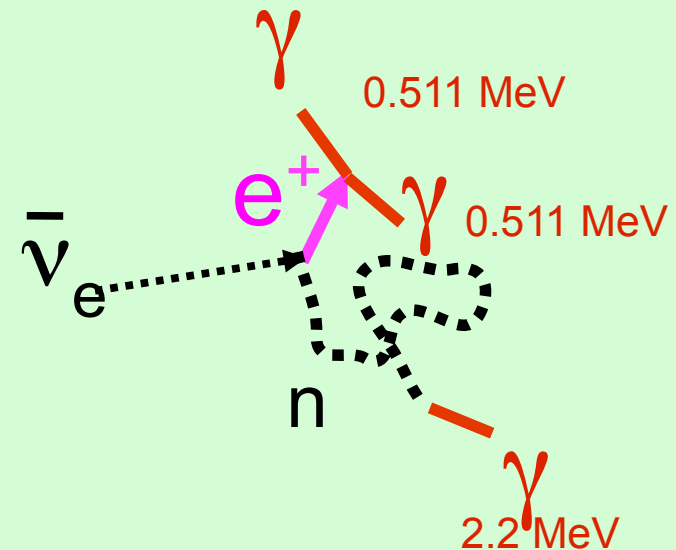


# Neutrino interactions in the few-tens-of-MeV range

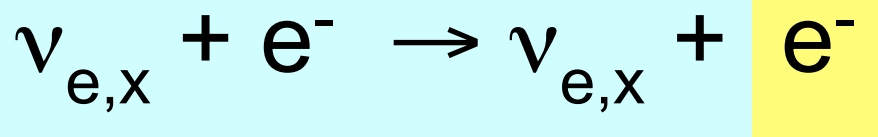
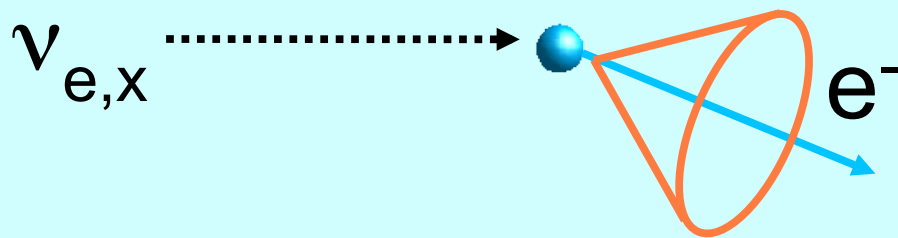
## Inverse Beta Decay (CC)



In any detector with lots of free protons (e.g. water, scint) this dominates

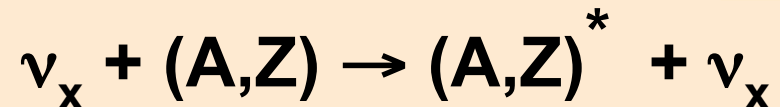
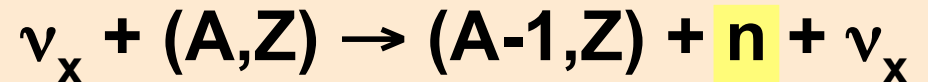
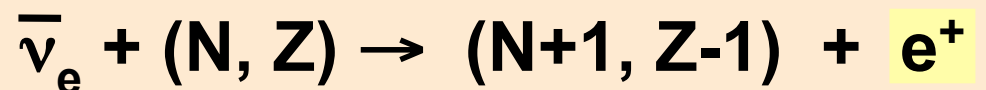


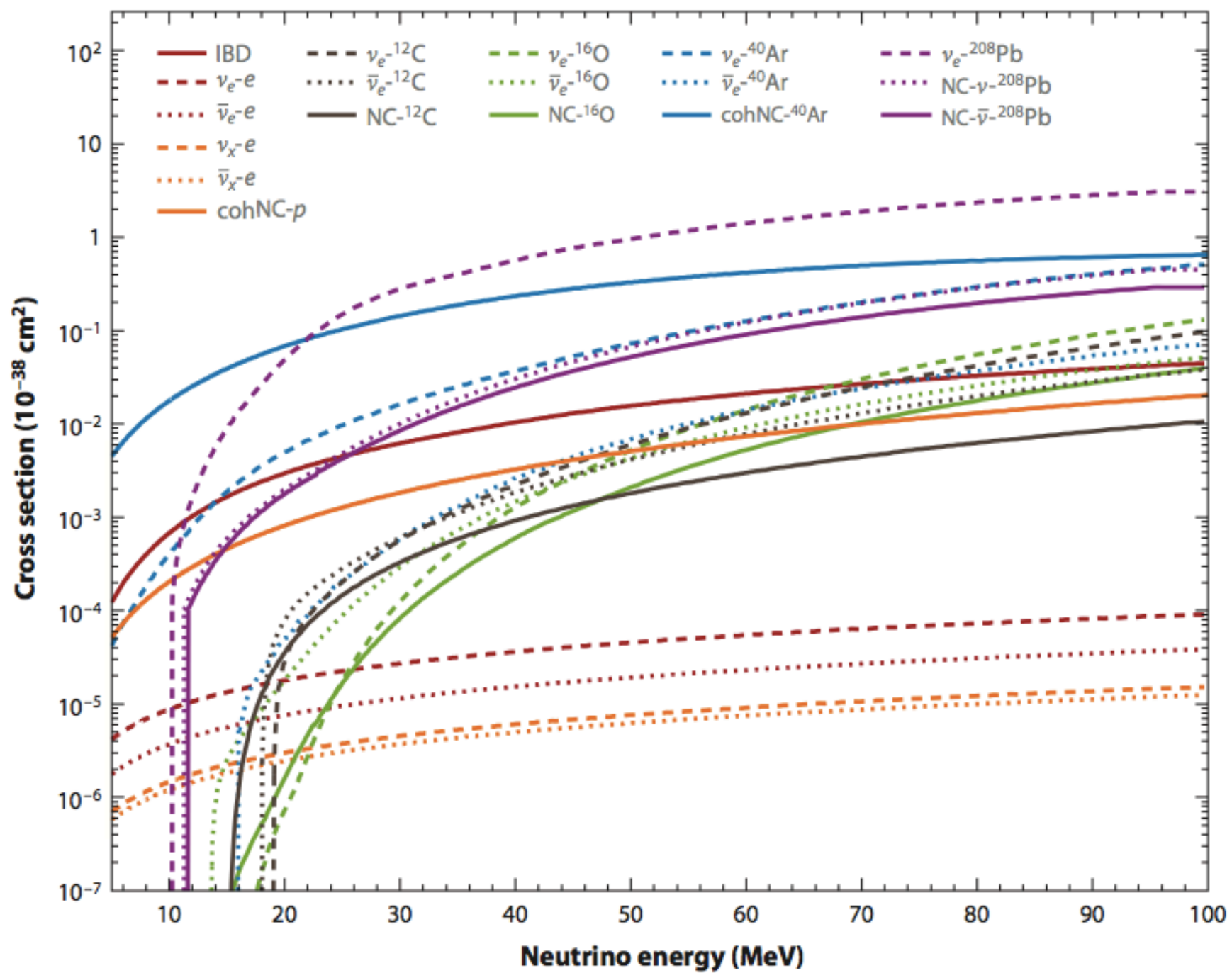
## Elastic scattering on atomic electrons



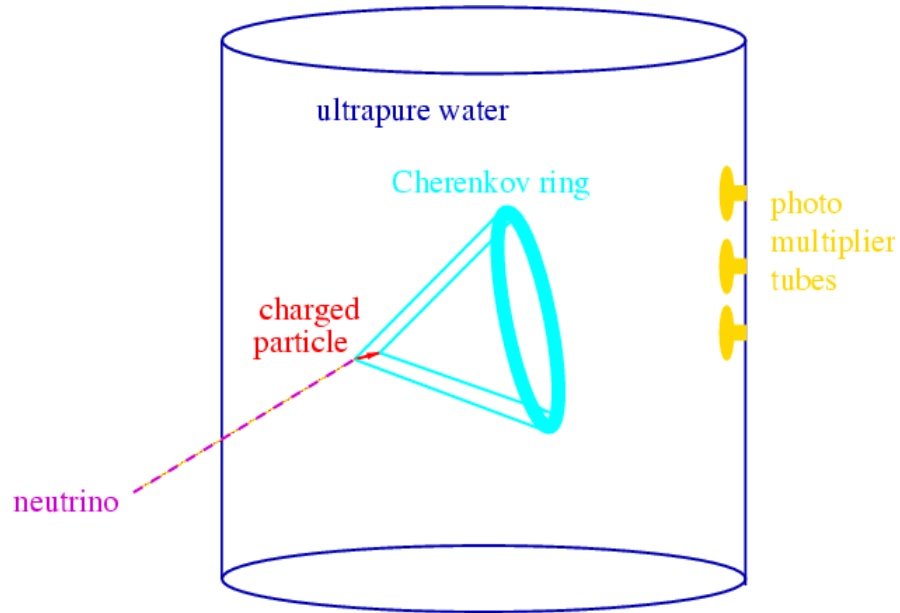
(useful for pointing)

## CC and NC interactions on nuclei



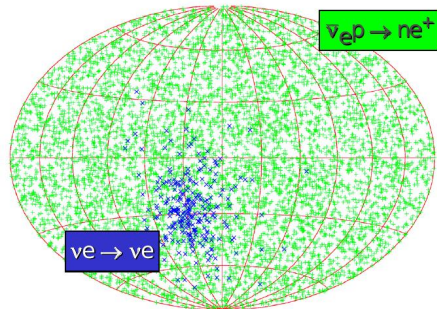
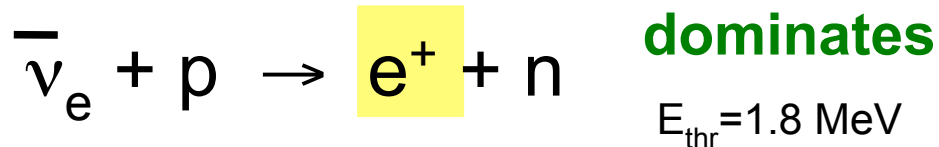


# Water Cherenkov detectors

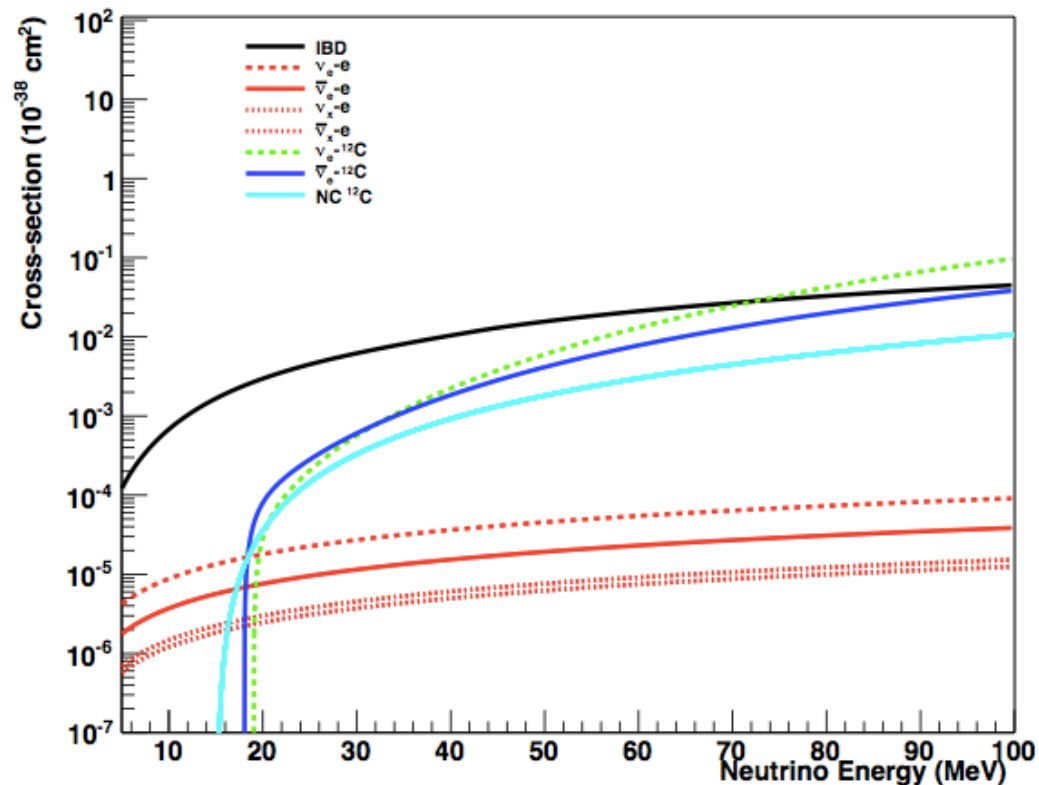


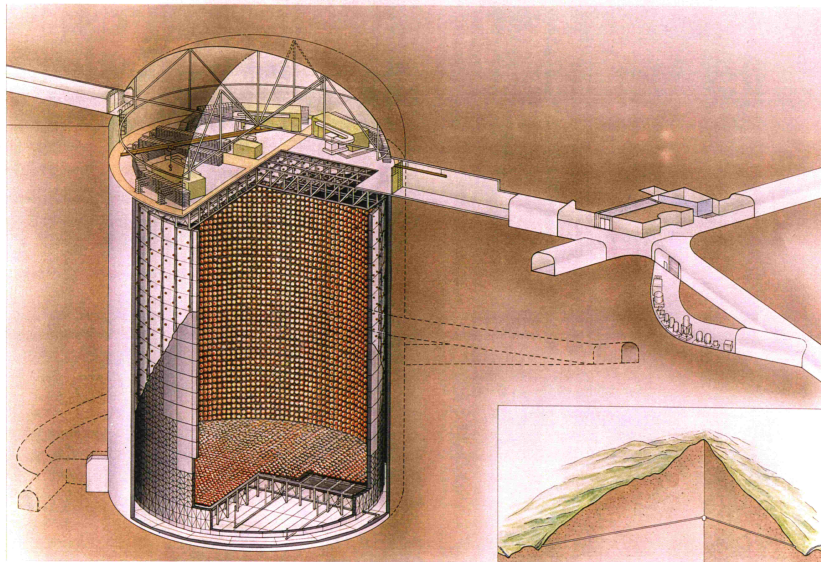
- few 100 events/kton
- typical energy threshold  
~ several MeV makes  
2.2 MeV neutron tag difficult  
(unless Gd added)

## Inverse Beta Decay (CC)



Some pointing  
from ES





# Super-Kamiokande

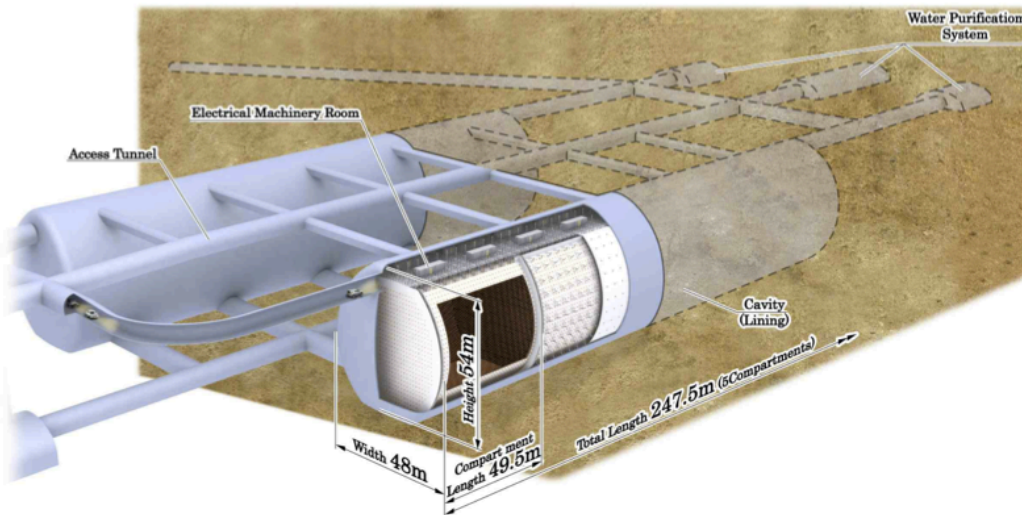
Mozumi, Japan

22.5 kton fiducial volume

~5-10K events (mostly anti-nue)

SUPERKAMIOKANDE INSTITUTE FOR COSMIC RAY RESEARCH UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

NIKKEN SEKKI



# Hyper-Kamiokande

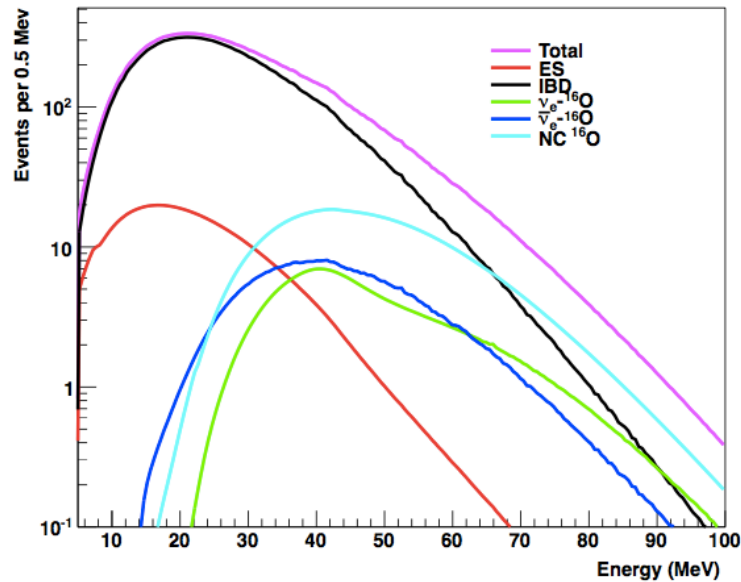
560 kton fiducial volume

Design & site-selection  
underway

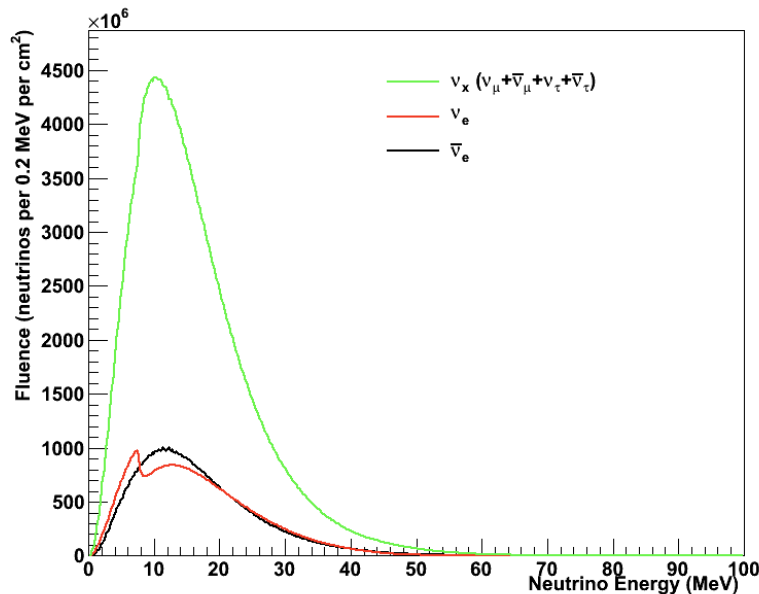
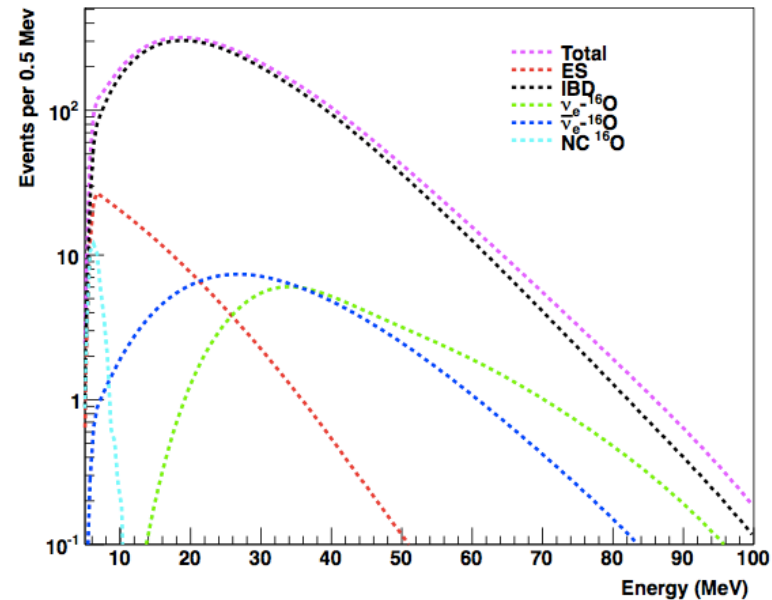
~half photocoverage, but  
still good efficiency for SN

# Signal in a water Cherenkov detector

Interactions, as a function of neutrino energy



Events seen, as a function of observed energy

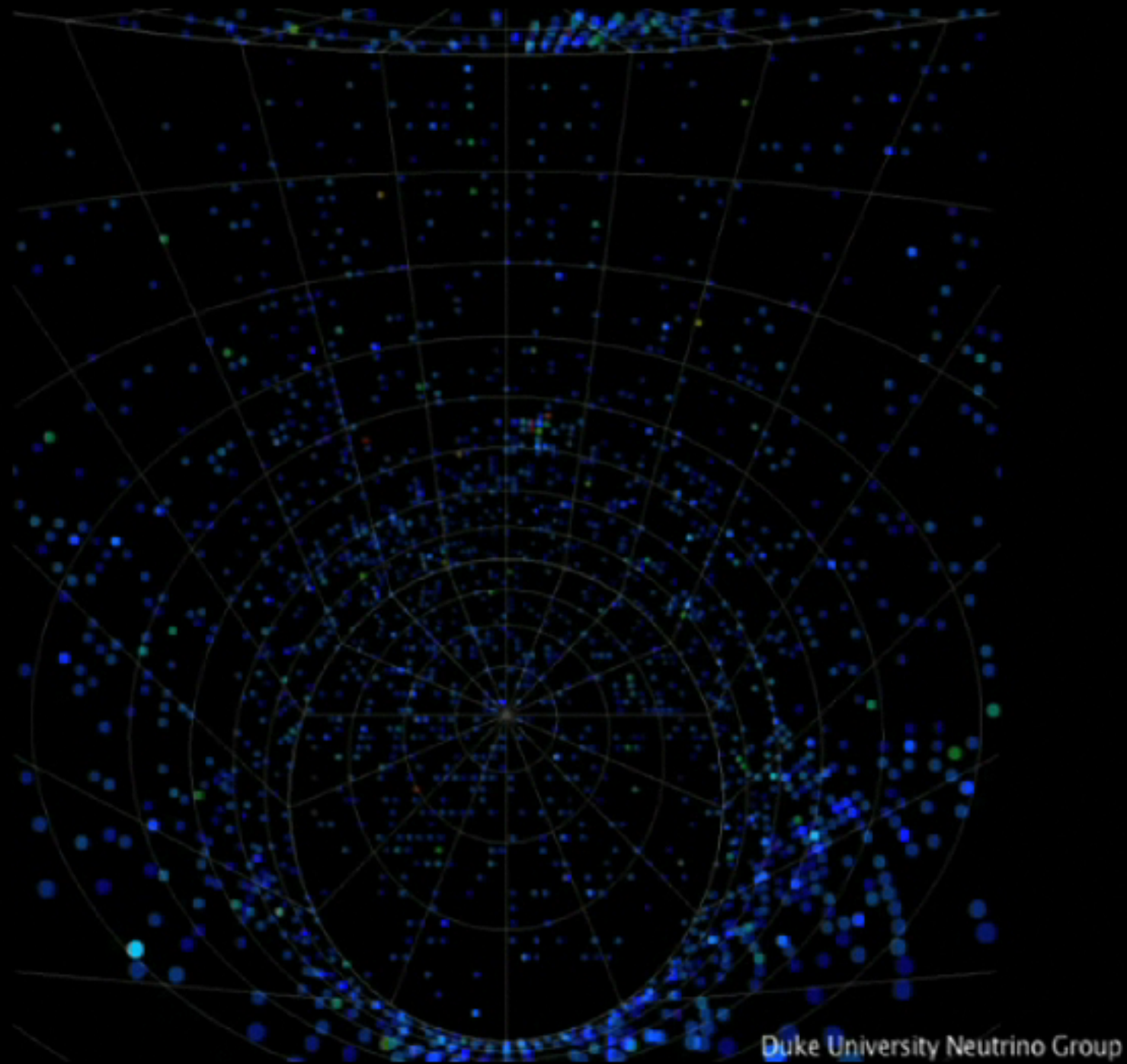


Channel	No of events (observed), GVKM 10 kpc, 100 kton	No. of events (observed), Livermore
IBD	16210	27116
ES	534	868
Nue-O16	378	88
Nuebar-O16	490	700
NC- O16	124	513
<b>Total</b>	<b>17738</b>	<b>29284</b>

**Notes:**

- IBD overwhelmingly dominant
- NC component weak
- low energy features smeared out in ES
- large model variation in rate



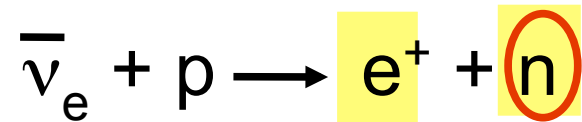


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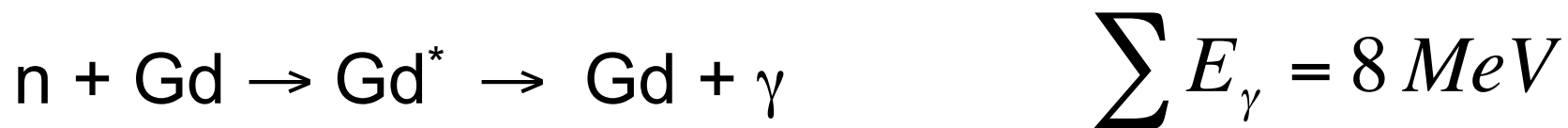
<http://snews.bnl.gov/snmovie.html>

## Possible enhancement:

use gadolinium to capture neutrons for tag of  $\bar{\nu}_e$



Gd has a huge n capture cross-section:  
49,000 barns, vs 0.3 b for free protons;



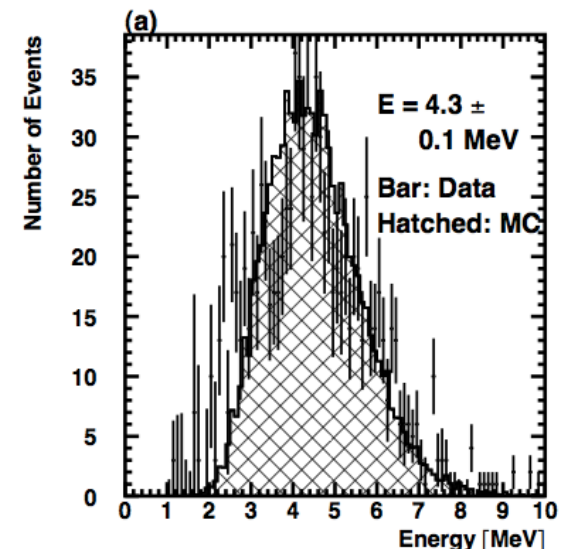
Previously used in small scintillator detectors;  
may be possible for large water detectors  
with Gd compounds in solution

Beacom & Vagins, hep-ph/0309300

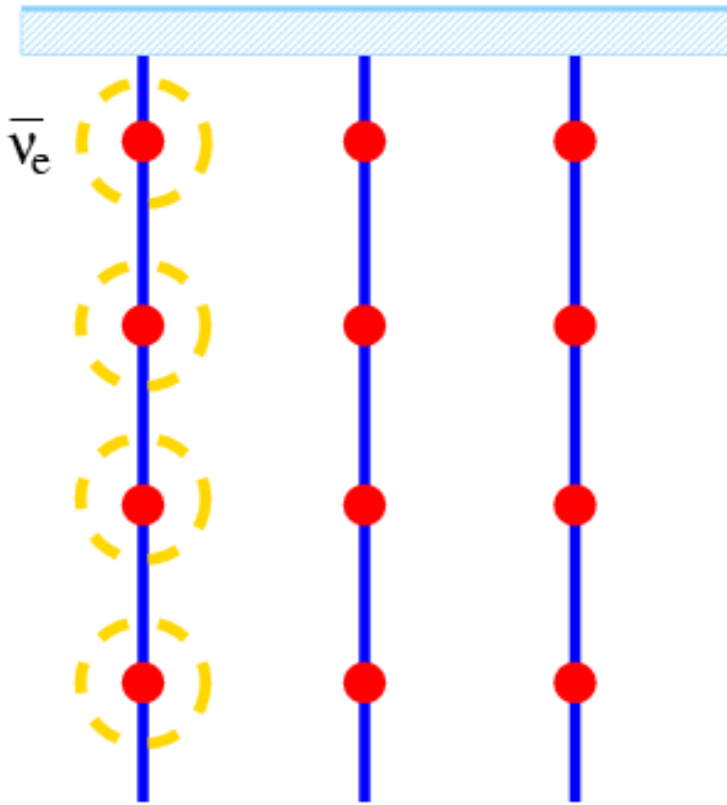
H. Watanabe et al., Astropart. Phys. 31, 320-328 (2009), arXiv:0811.0735

About 4 MeV visible energy per capture;  
~67% efficiency in SK

→ need good photocoverage



# Long string water Cherenkov detectors

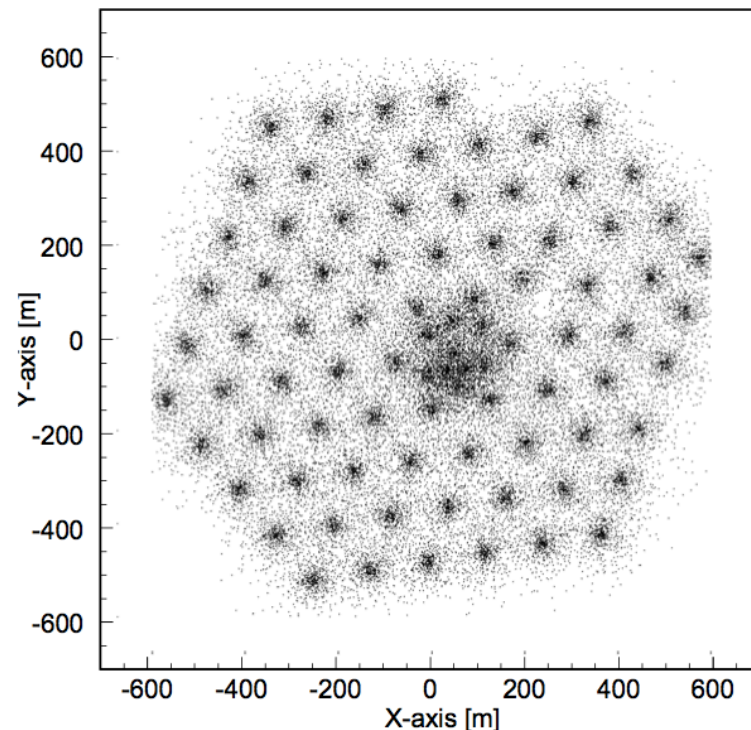


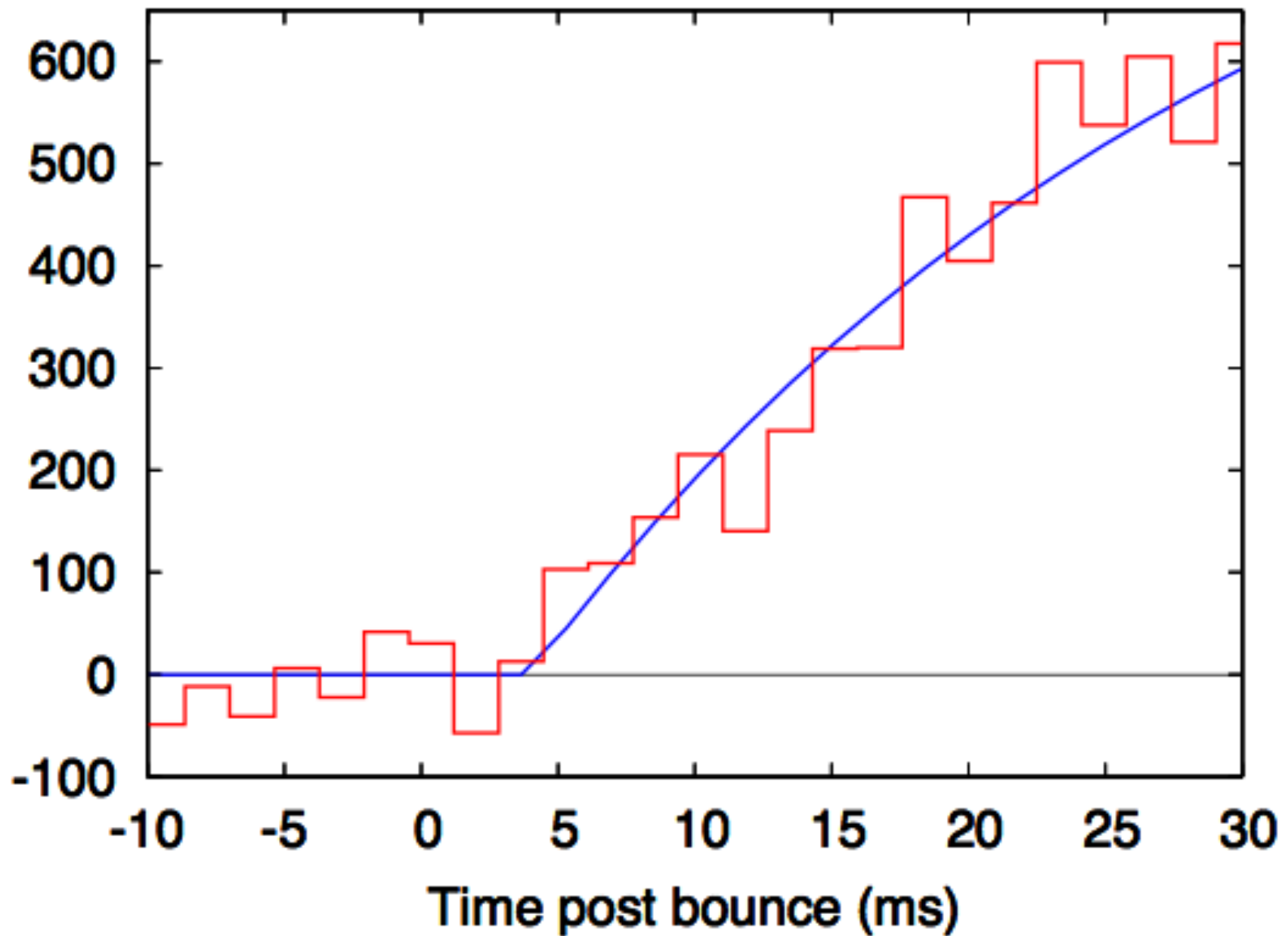
~kilometer long strings of PMTs  
in very clear water or ice

Nominally multi-GeV energy  
threshold... but, may see burst  
of low energy  $\bar{\nu}_e$ 's as *coincident*  
*increase in single PMT count*  
*rates* ( $M_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.7 \text{ kton/PMT}$ )

cannot tag flavor,  
or other interaction  
info, but gives  
overall rate and  
time structure

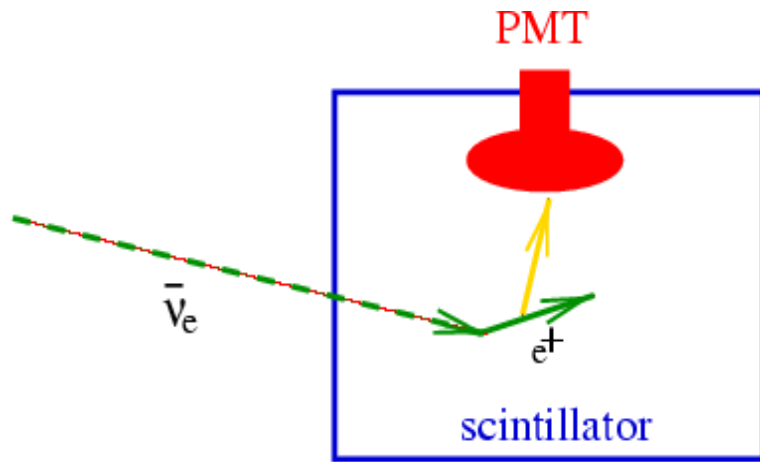
IceCube  
at the South Pole, Antares  
(+ PINGU...)





Few ~ms timing may be possible @ 10 kpc w/IceCube

# Scintillation detectors

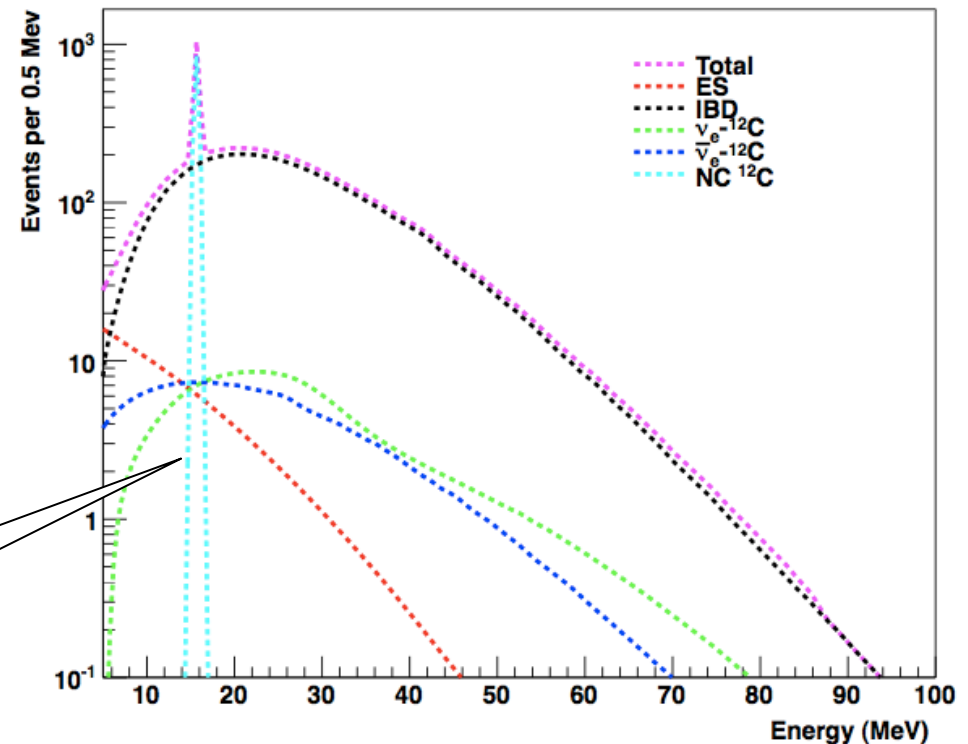


Liquid scintillator  $C_nH_{2n}$   
volume surrounded by  
photomultipliers

LVD, KamLAND, Borexino,  
SNO+, (MiniBooNE)  
+Double Chooz, Daya Bay and RENO

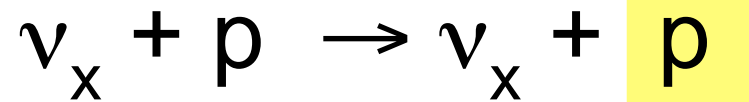
- few 100 events/kton (IBD)
- low threshold, good neutron tagging possible
- little pointing capability (light is  $\sim$ isotropic)
- coherent elastic scattering on protons for  $\nu$  spectral info

NC tag from 15 MeV  
deexcitation  $\gamma$   
(no  $\nu$  spectral info)

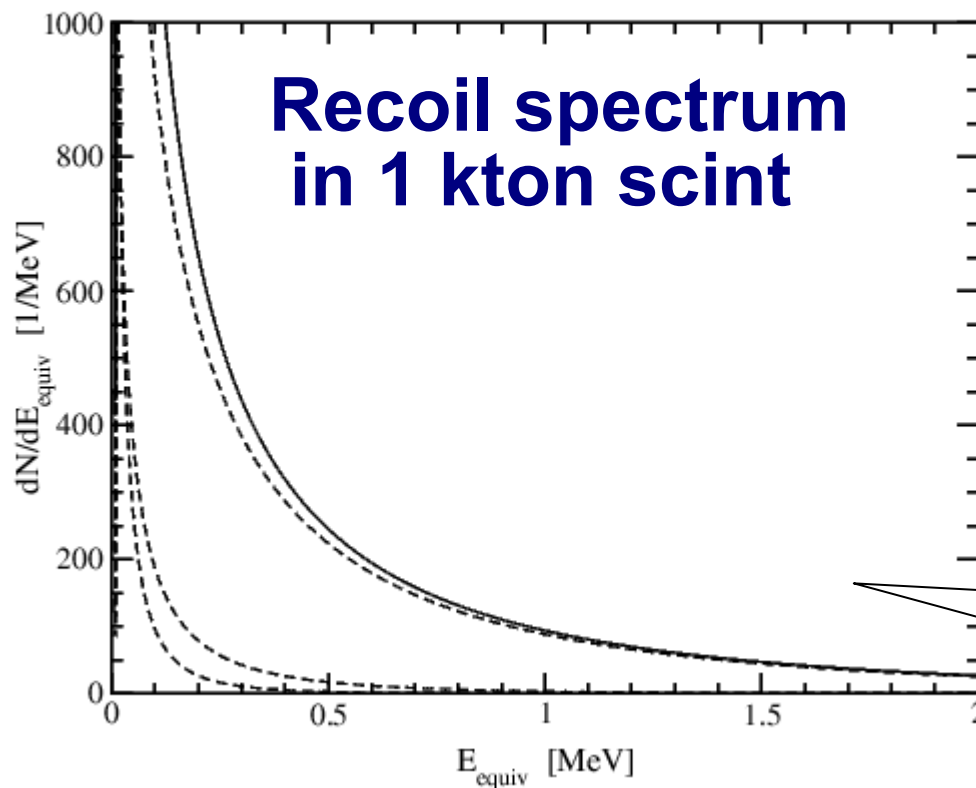




# NC neutrino-proton elastic scattering



Recoil energy small, but visible in scintillator  
(accounting for 'quenching' )

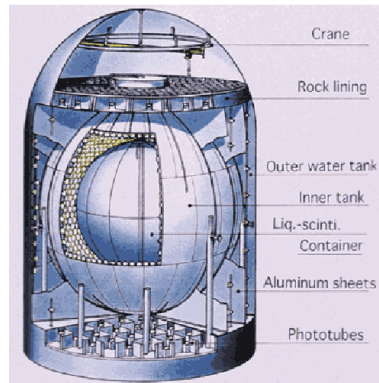


Expect ~few 100  
events/kton  
for 8.5 kpc SN

Neutrino spectral information  
from recoil energies

# Current and near-future scintillator detectors

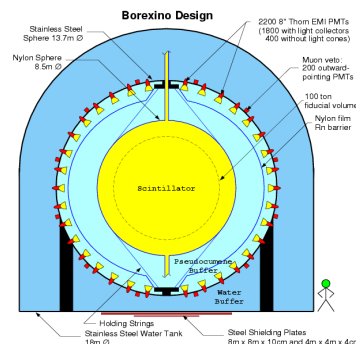
## KamLAND (Japan) 1 kton



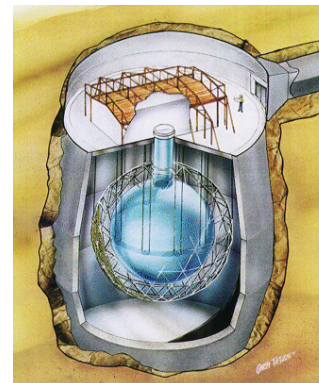
## LVD (Italy) 1 kton



## Borexino (Italy) 0.33 kton



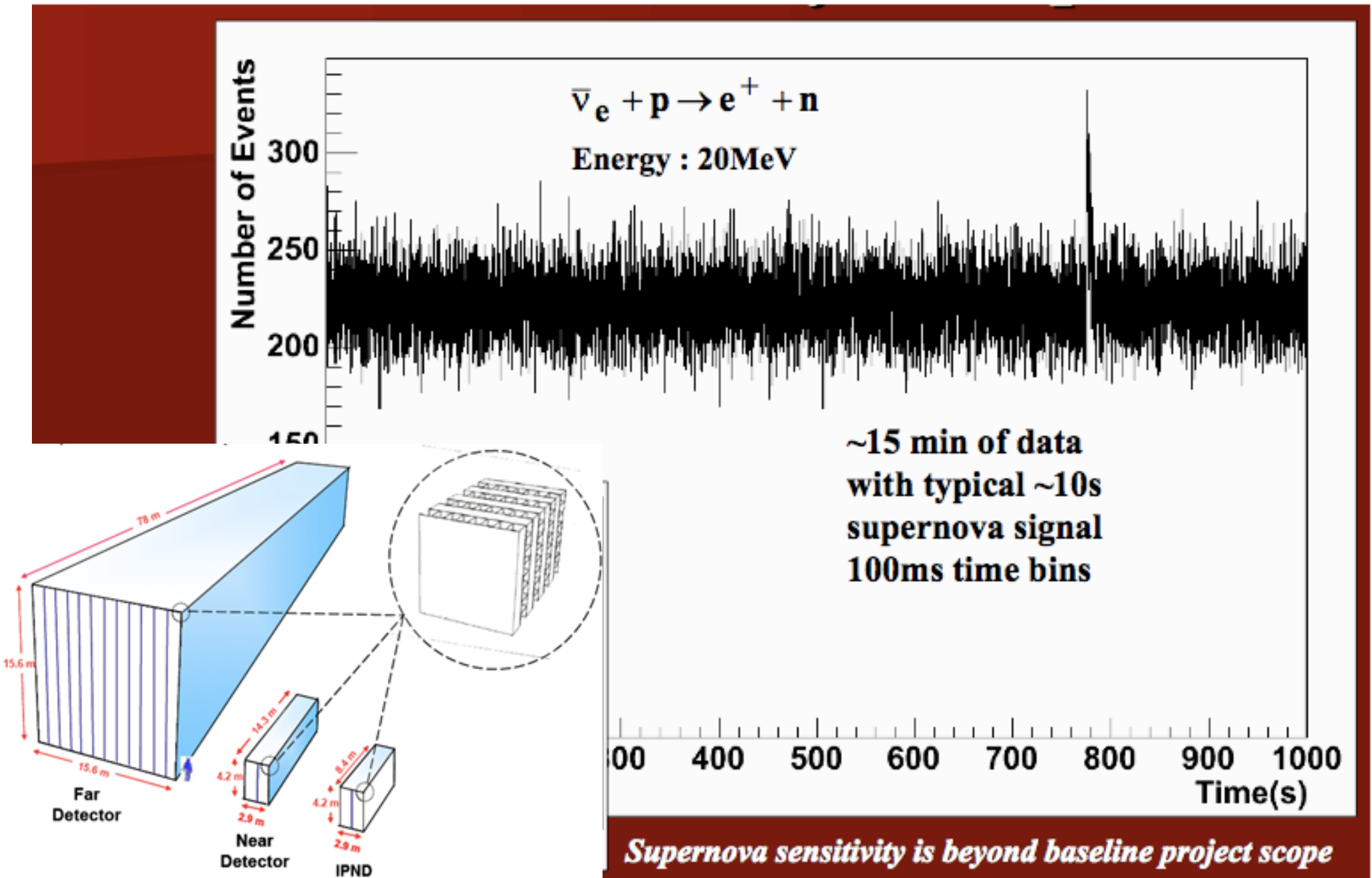
## SNO+ (Canada) 1 kton



# NO $\nu$ A: long baseline oscillation experiment (Ash River, MN)

## 15 kton scintillator, near surface

K. Arms, CIPANP '09



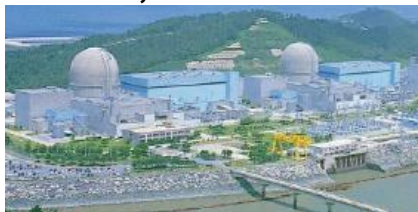
# Although on the surface, reactor experiments w/ Gd-doped scintillator will record events

Detector	Type	Location	Mass (ton)	Events @ 10 kpc
Double Chooz	Scintillator	France	20	7
RENO	Scintillator	South Korea	30	11
Daya Bay	Scintillator	China	160	58

Although signal numbers are small, for low bg rates and good tagging, there will be good S/B

Also: coincidence between multiple detectors will help for a SN trigger

RENO, South Korea



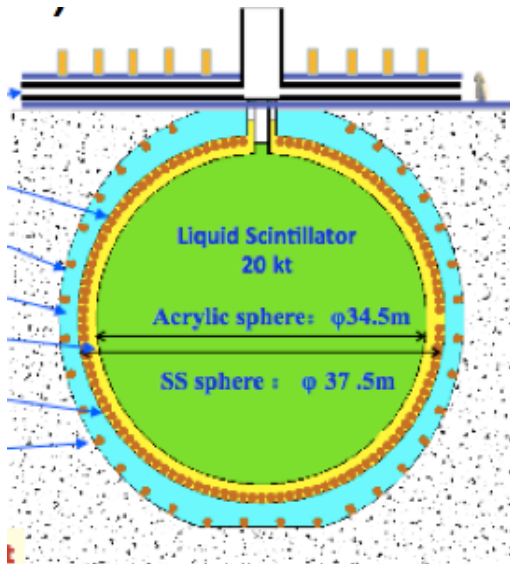
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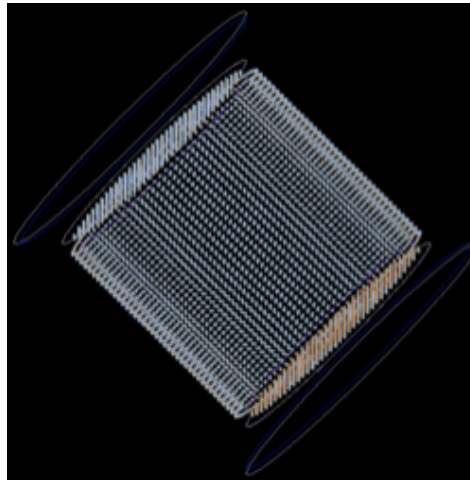
Daya Bay, China



# Next-generation detectors



**JUNO**  
(China)  
20 kton



**RENO-50**  
(S. Korea)  
18 kton



**LENA**  
(Finland)  
50 kton



For most existing (and planned) large detectors, inverse beta decay dominates, (and is potentially taggable) so primary sensitivity is to  $\bar{\nu}_e$

**CC and NC interactions on nuclei play a role, too**

(cross-sections smaller for bound nucleons)

$$\nu_e + n \rightarrow p + e^- : \quad \nu_e + (N, Z) \rightarrow (N-1, Z+1) + e^-$$

$$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+ : \quad \bar{\nu}_e + (N, Z) \rightarrow (N+1, Z-1) + e^+$$

$$\nu_x + (A, Z) \rightarrow (A-1, Z) + n + \nu_x$$

$$\nu_x + (A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z)^* + \nu_x$$

$$\downarrow (A, Z) + \gamma$$

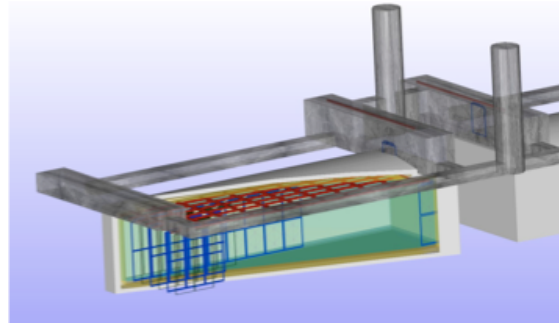
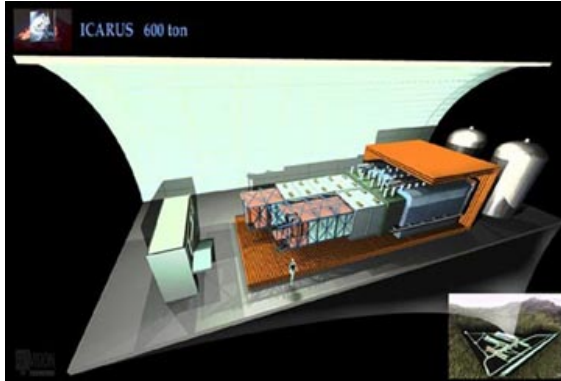
Rates and observables depend on specific nucleus: need measurements!

Observables for tagging

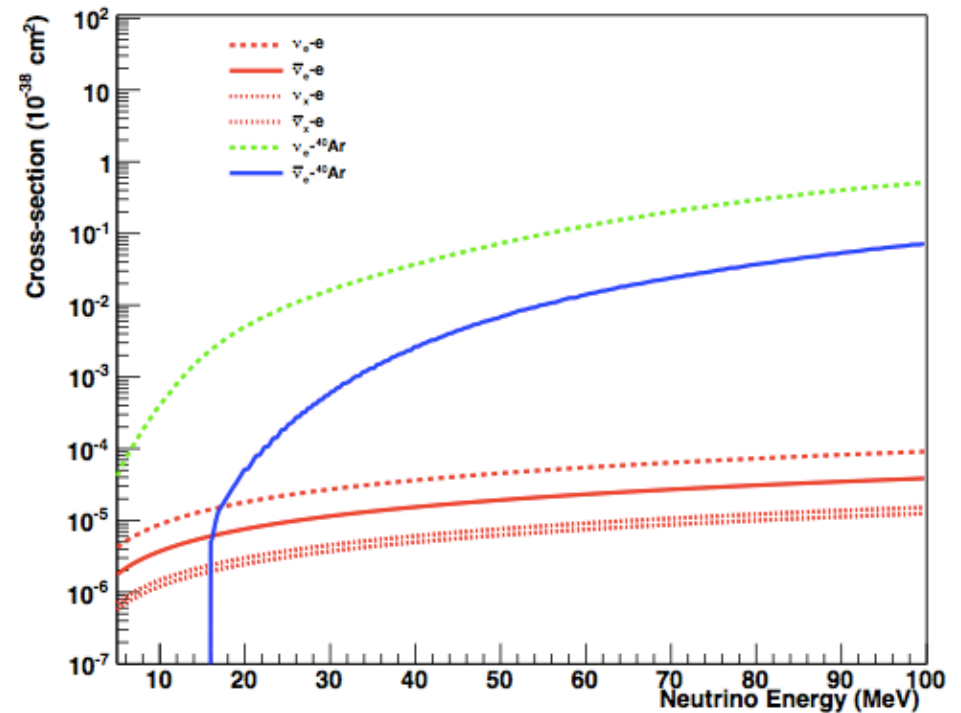
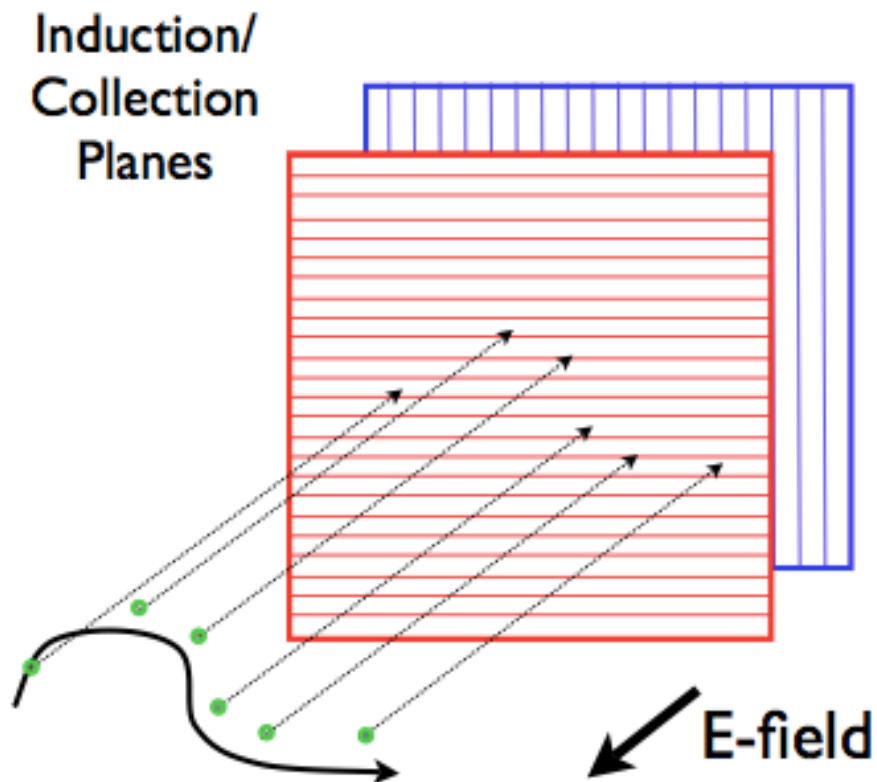
- charged lepton  $e^{+/-}$
- possibly ejected nucleons
- possibly de-excitation  $\gamma$ 's

# Liquid argon time projection chambers

e.g. Icarus, LBNE LAr, MicroBooNE

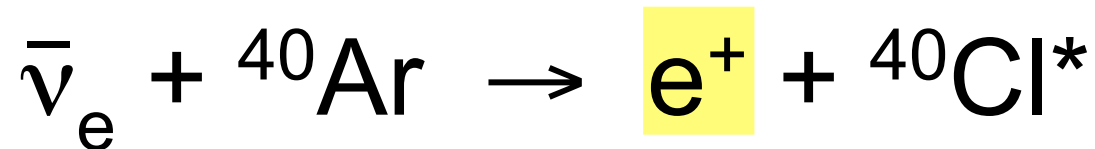
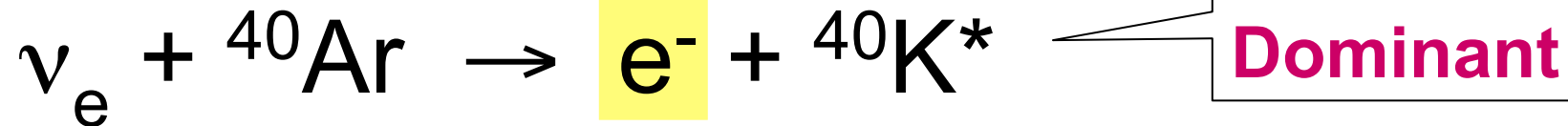


- fine-grained trackers
- no Cherenkov threshold
- high  $\nu_e$  cross section



# Low energy neutrino interactions in argon

## Charged-current absorption

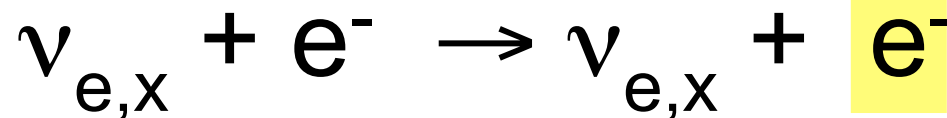


## Neutral-current excitation



Insufficient  
info in  
literature;  
ignoring  
for now

## Elastic scattering



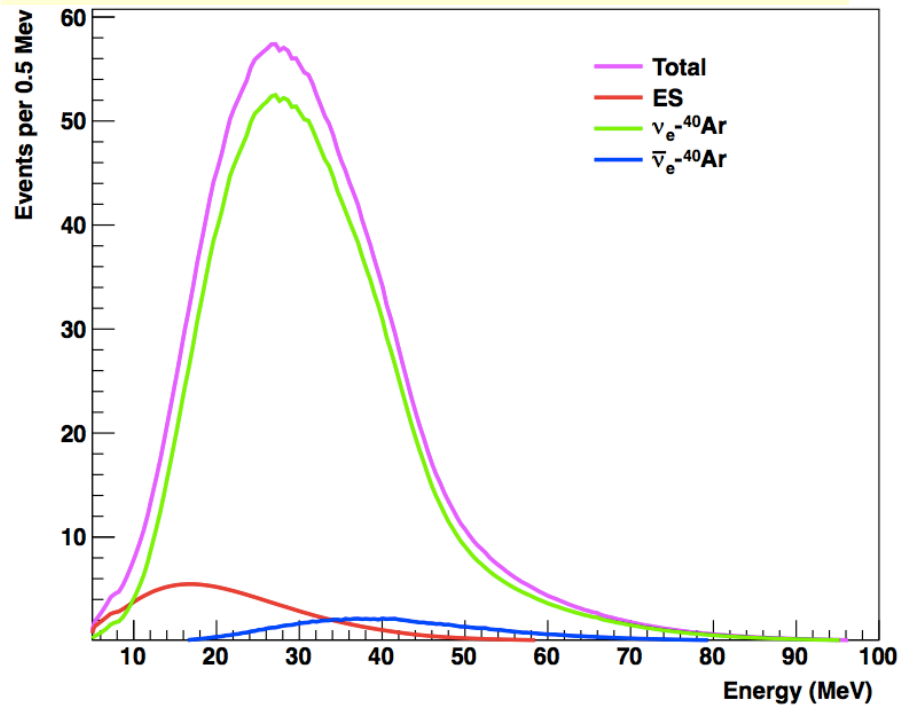
Can use for  
pointing

- In principle can tag modes with
- deexcitation gammas (or lack thereof)...

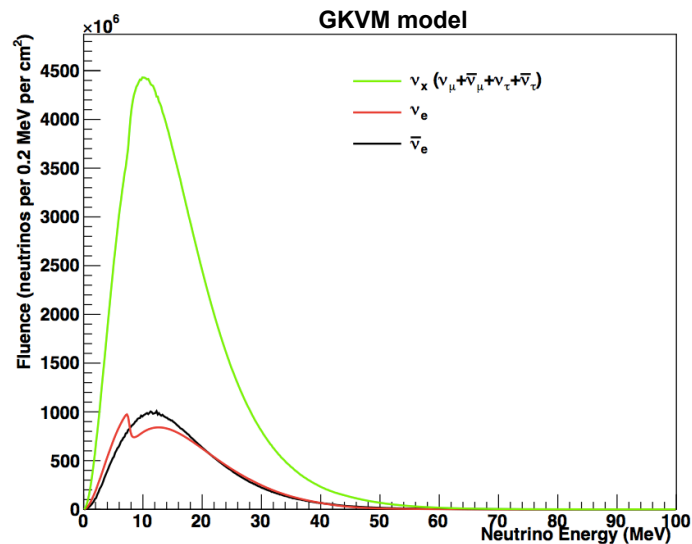
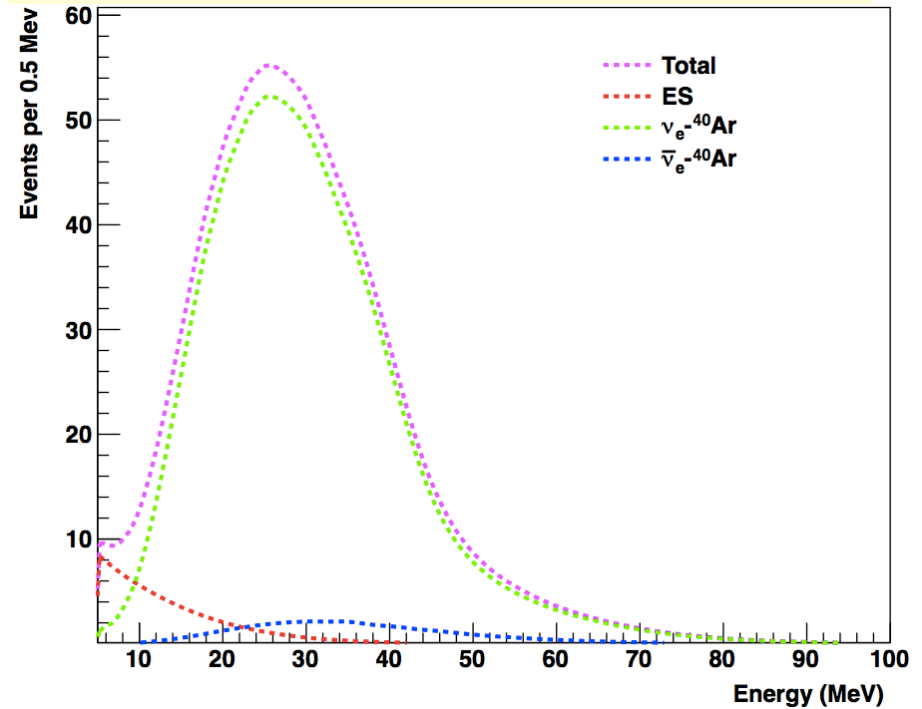
# Expected signal in LAr

SN @ 10 kpc

## Interactions, as a function of neutrino energy



## Events seen, as a function of observed energy

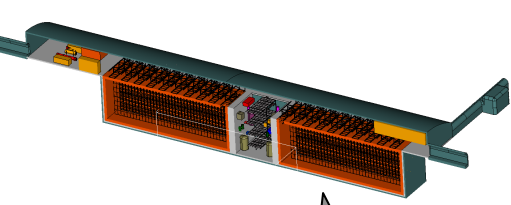


Channel	No of events (observed), GKVM, 34 kton	No. of events (observed), Livermore
Nue-Ar40	2848	2308
Nuebar-Ar40	134	194
ES	178	296
<b>Total</b>	<b>3160</b>	<b>2798</b>



**Dominated by  $\nu_e$**

# Long-Baseline Neutrino Experiment



**New Neutrino Beam at Fermilab...**



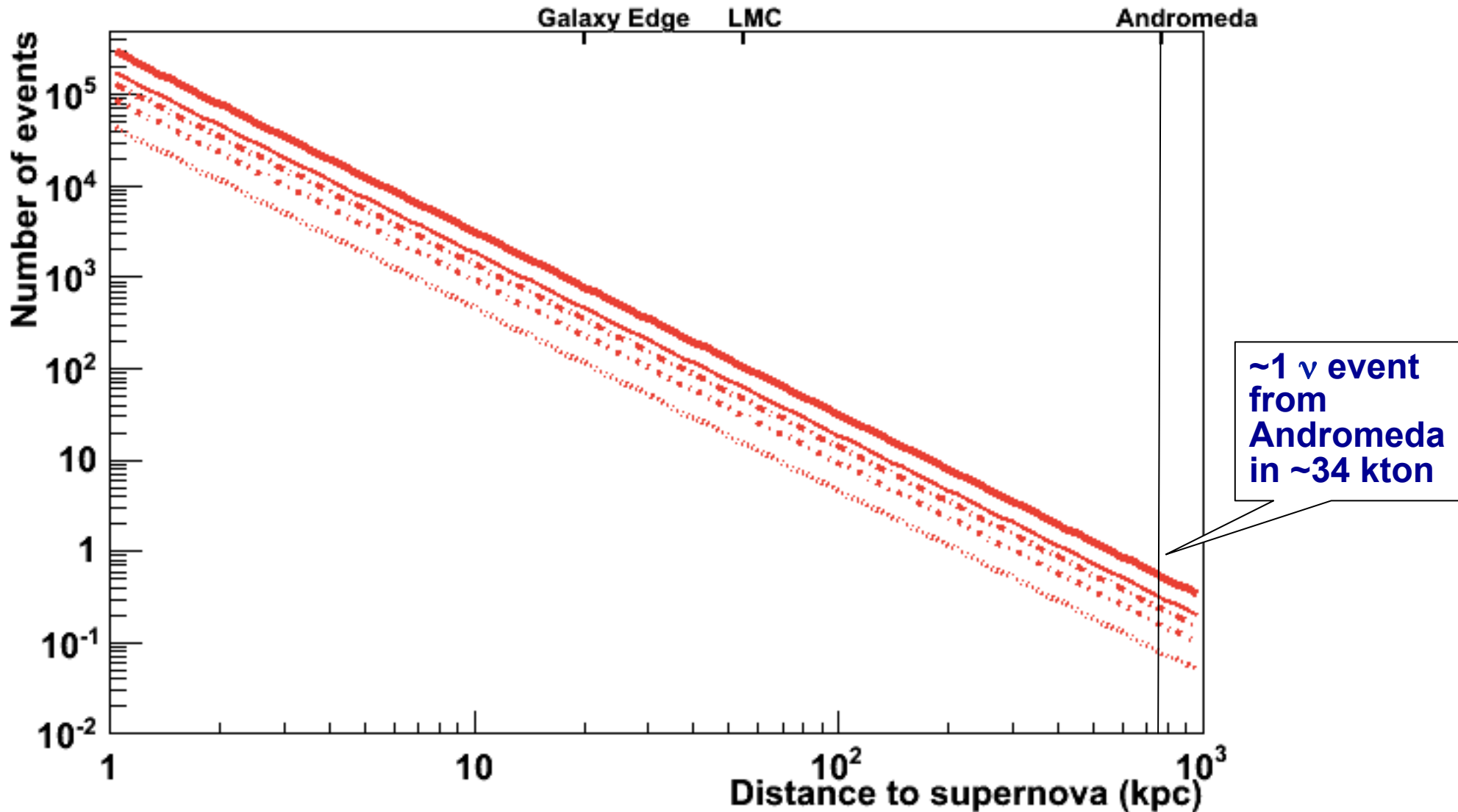
## Long-Baseline Neutrino Experiment

**34 kton LArTPC in SD @ 4850 ft**  
**1300 km baseline**  
**New 700 kW beam**  
**(CD1 for 10kt on the surface)**



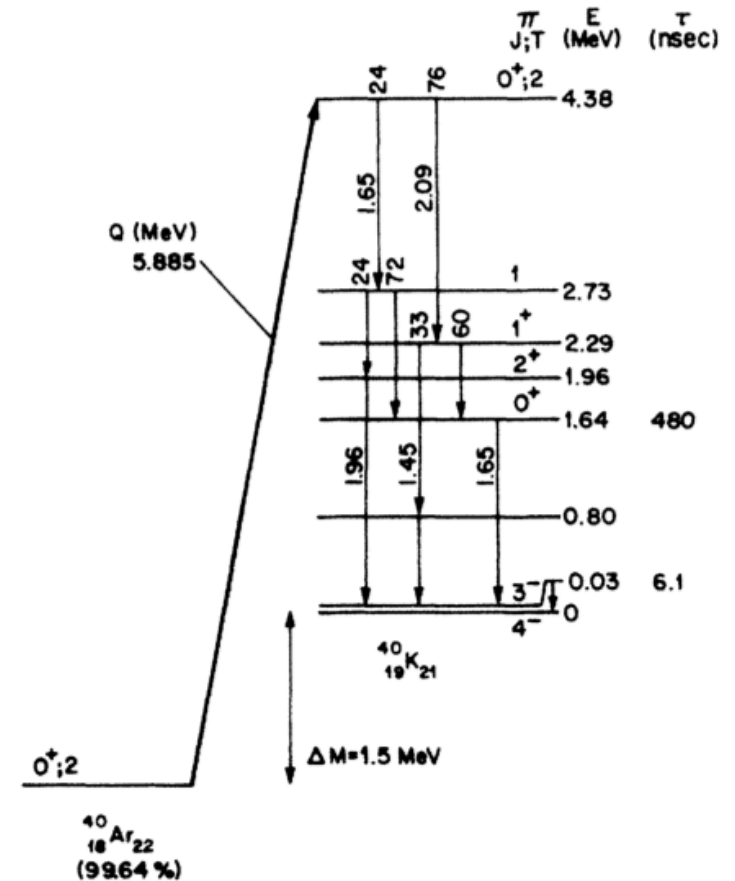
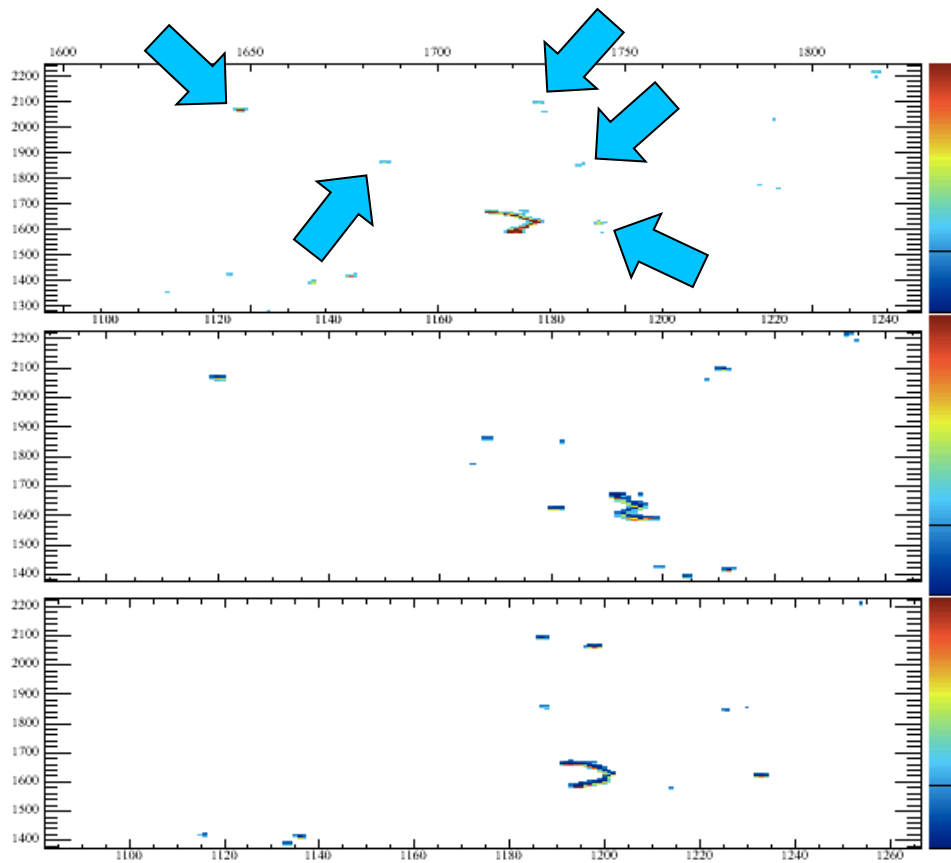
# Signal rates vs distance for LBNE configurations

## Supernova neutrinos in argon



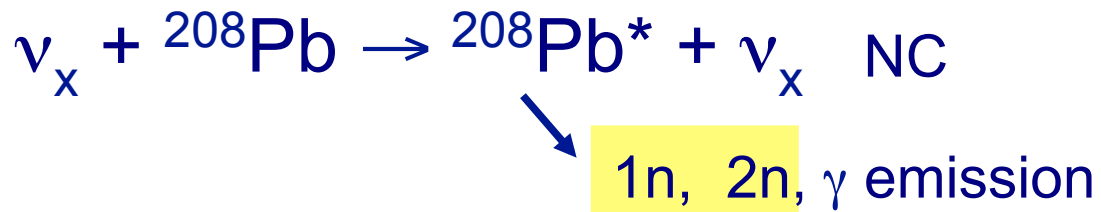
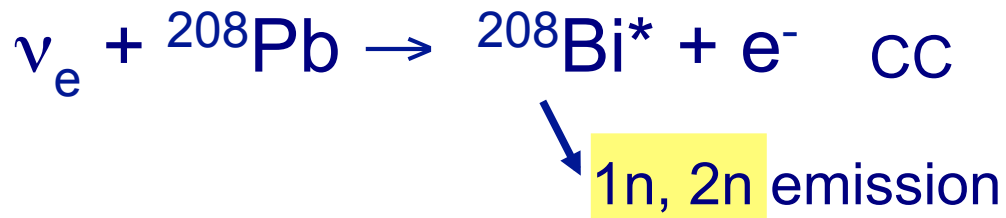
5, 10, 15, 20, 34 kton

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

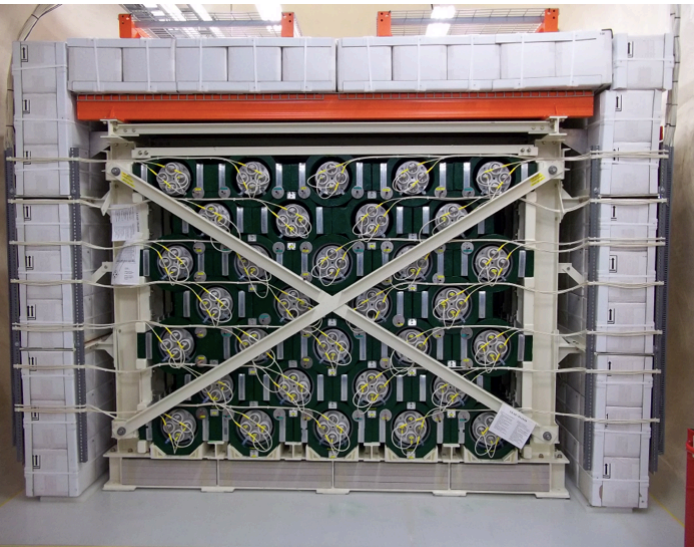


20 MeV  $\nu_e$ , 14.1 MeV  $e^-$ , Raghavan model gammas  
MicroBooNE geometry, fixed position (0,0,0)

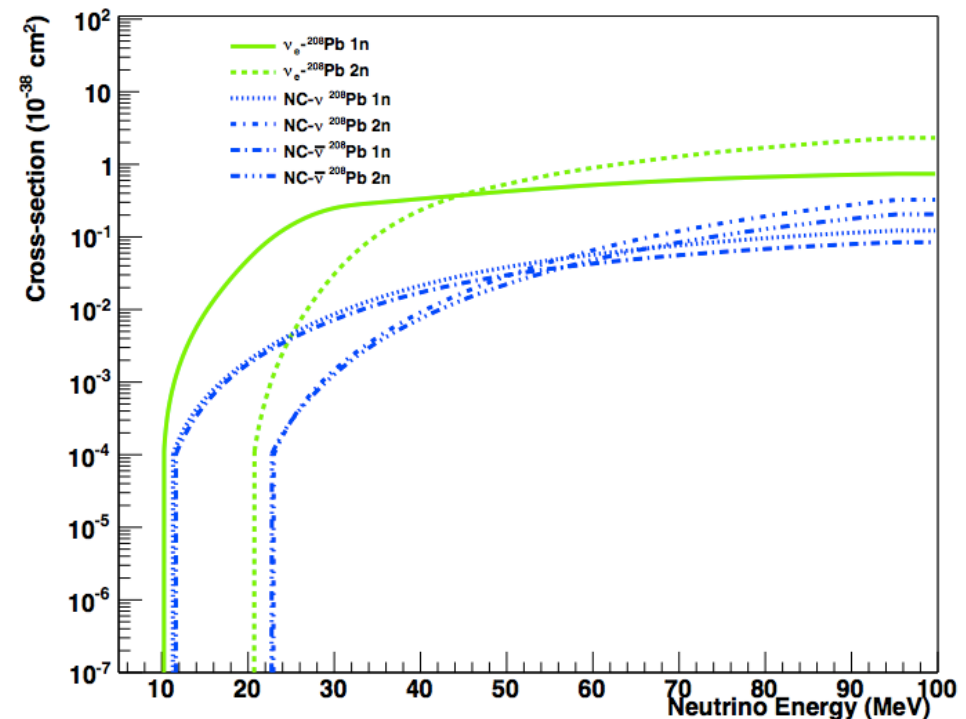
# HALO at SNOLab



Relative 1n/2n  
rates sharply  
dependent on  
 $\nu$  energy  
 $\Rightarrow$  spectral  
sensitivity  
(oscillation sensitivity)



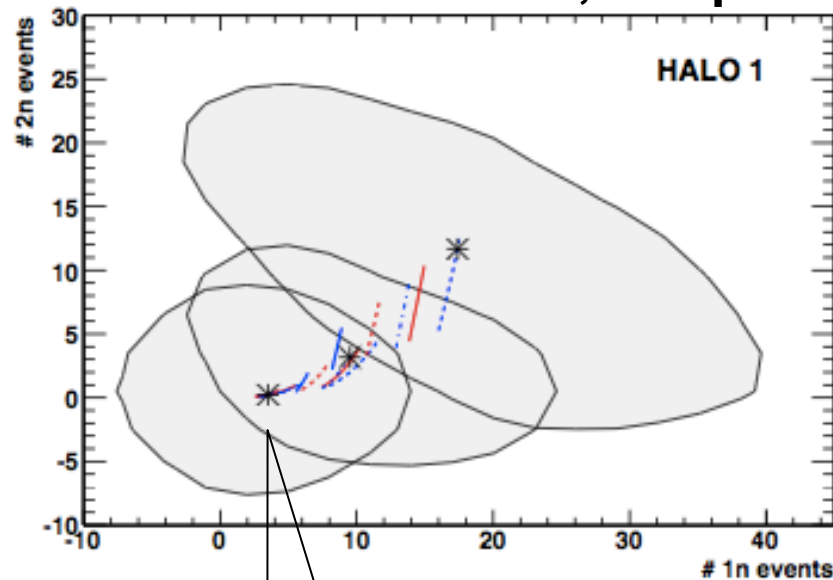
HALO  
operational  
as of  
May 2012!



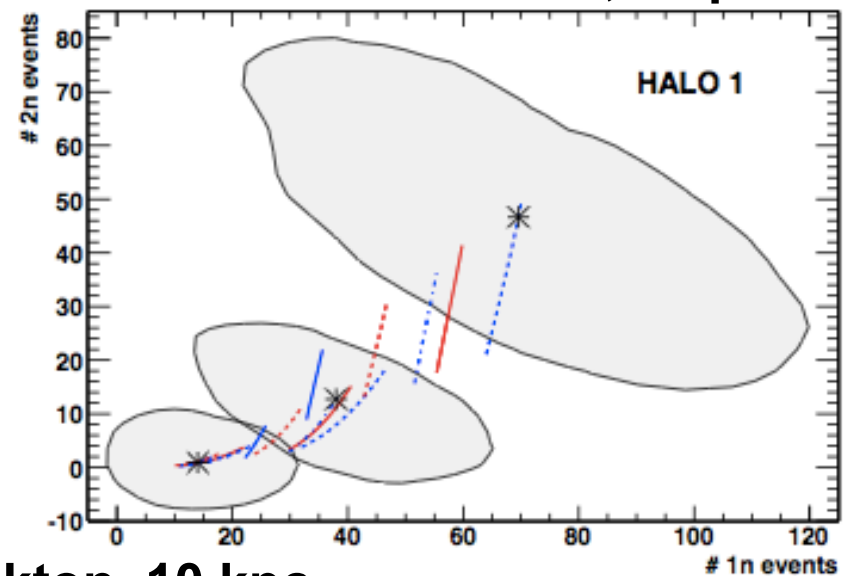
SNO  ${}^3\text{He}$  counters + 79 tons of Pb: ~1-40 events @ 10 kpc

# HALO sensitivity

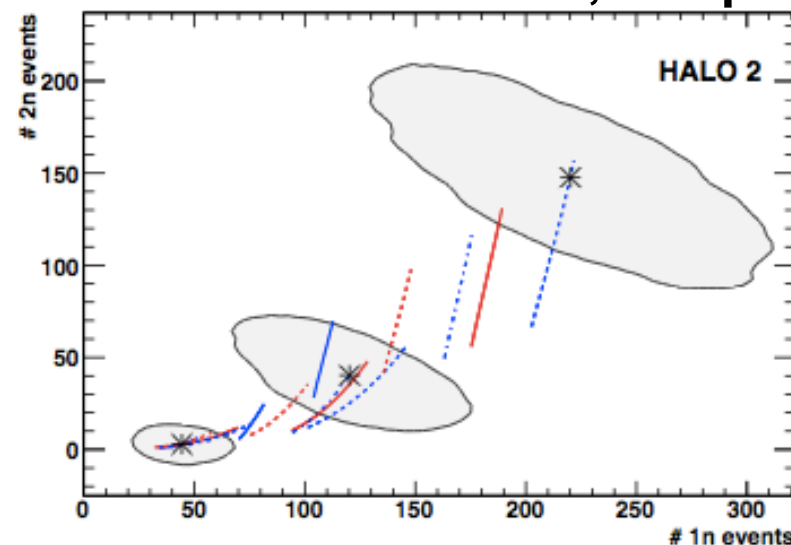
79 tons, 10 kpc



79 tons, 5 kpc



1kton, 10 kpc



Note that  
measuring  
few events  
will give  
significant  
information

- Curves represent predictions for a range of models with different fluxes and oscillation parameters, from Vaananen & Volpe arXiv:1105.6225
- Shaded regions enclose 90% of HALO inferred values, for simulated neutron detection efficiencies

# Neutrino-nucleus NC elastic scattering in ultra-low energy detectors

$$\nu_x + A \rightarrow \nu_x + A$$

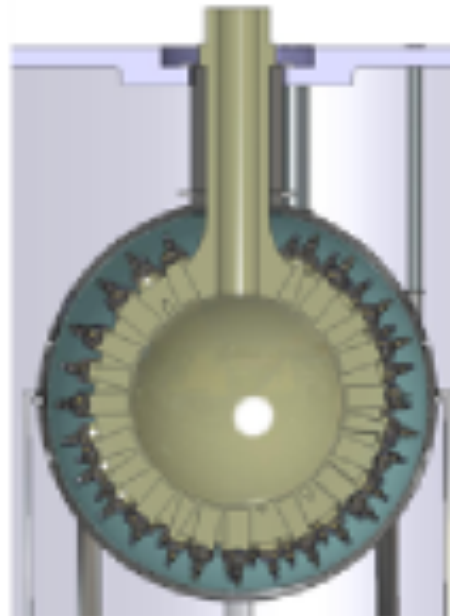
C. Horowitz et al., astro-ph/0302071

High x-scn but *very* low recoil energy (10's of keV)  
⇒ possibly observable in solar pp/DM detectors

~ few events per ton  
for Galactic SN

$\nu_x$  energy information  
from recoil spectrum

e.g. Ar, Ne, Xe, Ge, ...

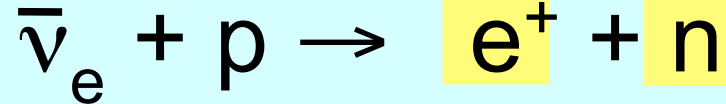


DM detectors,  
e.g. CLEAN/DEAP, LUX, ...



# Summary of SN neutrino detection channels

## Inverse beta decay:



- dominates for detectors with lots of free p (water, scint)
- $\bar{\nu}_e$  sensitivity; good E resolution; well known x-scns; some tagging, poor pointing

## CC interactions with nuclei:

- lower rates, but still useful,  $\nu_e$  tagging useful (e.g. LAr)
- cross-sections not always well known

Elastic scattering: few % of  $\text{inv}\beta\text{dk}$ , but point!

## NC interactions with nuclei:

- very important for physics, probes  $\mu$  and  $\tau$  flux
- some rate in existing detectors, new observatories
- some tagging; poor E resolution; x-scns not well known
- coherent  $\nu$ -p,  $\nu$ -A scattering in low thresh detectors

**Table 1** Summary of relevant interactions for current and near-future detectors

KS, arXiv:1205.6003

Channel	Observable(s) <sup>a</sup>	Interactions <sup>b</sup>
$\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-$	C	17/10
$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$	C, N, A	278/165
$\nu_x + p \rightarrow \nu_x + p$	C	682/351
$\nu_e + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{12}\text{N}^*$	C, N, G	3/9
$\bar{\nu}_e + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow e^+ + {}^{12}\text{B}^*$	C, N, G, A	6/8
$\nu_x + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \nu_x + {}^{12}\text{C}^*$	G, N	68/25
$\nu_e + {}^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{16}\text{F}^*$	C, N, G	1/4
$\bar{\nu}_e + {}^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow e^+ + {}^{16}\text{N}^*$	C, N, G	7/5
$\nu_x + {}^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow \nu_x + {}^{16}\text{O}^*$	G, N	50/12
$\nu_e + {}^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{40}\text{K}^*$	C, G	67/83
$\bar{\nu}_e + {}^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow e^+ + {}^{40}\text{Cl}^*$	C, A, G	5/4
$\nu_e + {}^{208}\text{Pb} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{208}\text{Bi}^*$	N	144/228
$\nu_x + {}^{208}\text{Pb} \rightarrow \nu_x + {}^{208}\text{Pb}^*$	N	150/55
$\nu_x + A \rightarrow \nu_x + A$	C	9,408/4,974

(Livermore/GKVM)

**C:** energy loss of a charged particle

**N:** neutrons

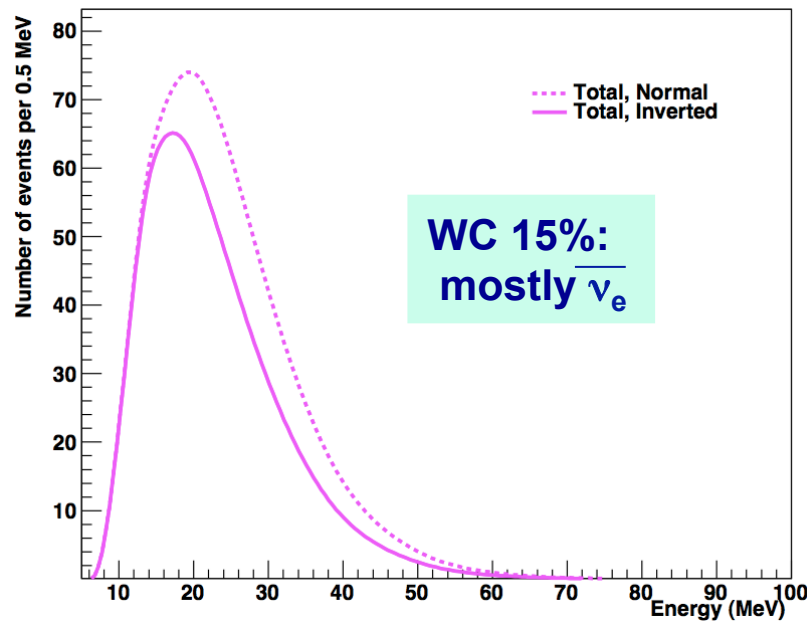
**A:** annihilation gammas

**G:** de-excitation gammas

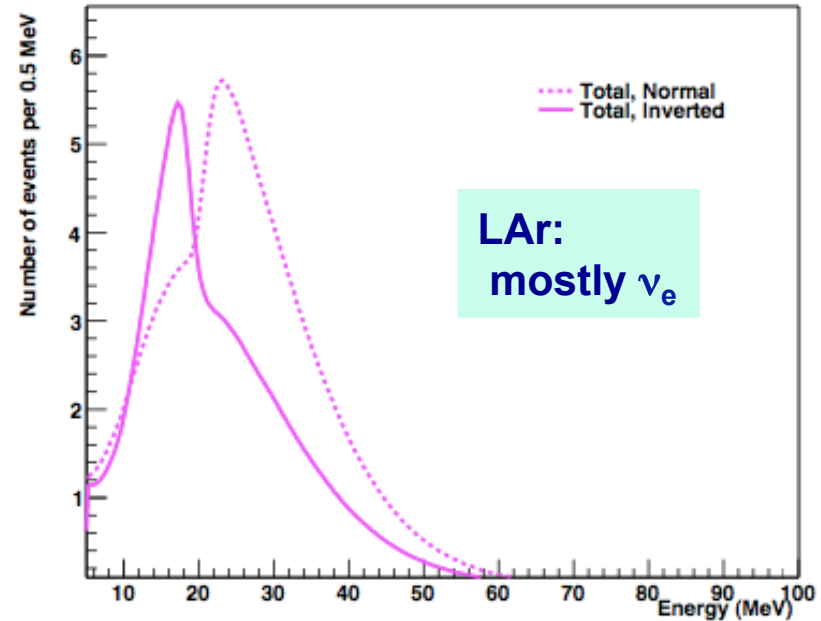
# Sensitivity to neutrino oscillation parameters: example

## Can we tell the difference between normal and inverted mass hierarchies?

(1 second late time slice, flux from H. Duan w/collective effects)



Differences, but no sharp features



LAr shows  
dramatic difference

‘Anecdotal’ evidence is good...

Diverse supernova detectors are desirable for getting the most physics from the burst

## Comments on extracting information from the supernova signal:

The signatures of physics and astrophysics are `rich': many complex features in energy spectrum, flavor and time evolution depending on progenitor, SN type, oscillation parameters, model assumptions...

... models aren't identical, and individual SN explosions may also vary but there *are* generic features of e.g. mass hierarchy

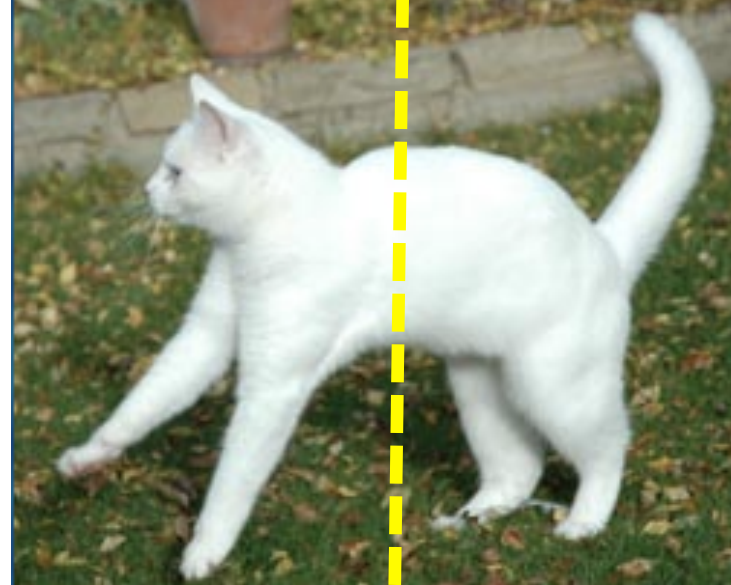
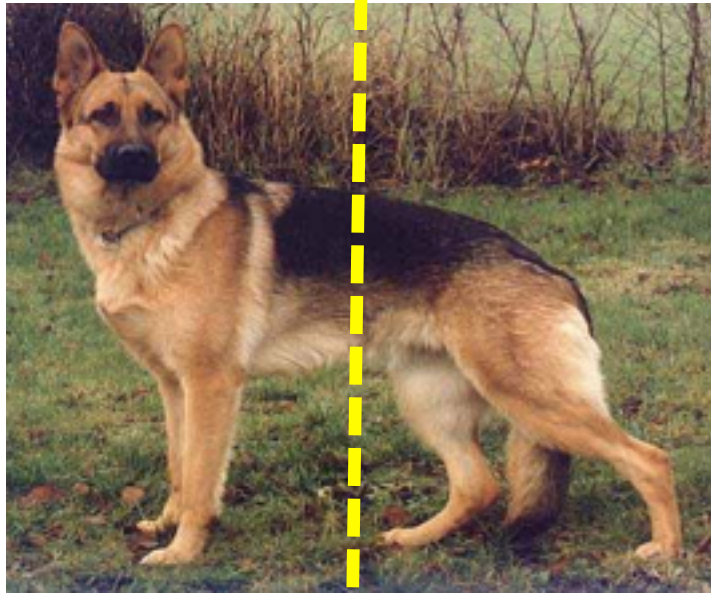
**An analogy: testing ability to determine the mass hierarchy from the SN burst flux is like**



**testing ability of an algorithm to tell a picture of a cat from a picture of a dog**



**Having both electron neutrino and antineutrino signals is like having pictures of both front and back ends of the animal to help you identify it**



**Looking at one model is like testing whether you can tell a *particular* cat and a particular dog apart, knowing features of the individuals in advance**

**If your algorithm works, that's a good sign, and you get a reasonable suggestion about whether the front or the back picture is more useful, but:**

- doesn't prove that you can always do it for all cats and dogs
- doesn't really say much about whether or not you can do it in general or in common cases



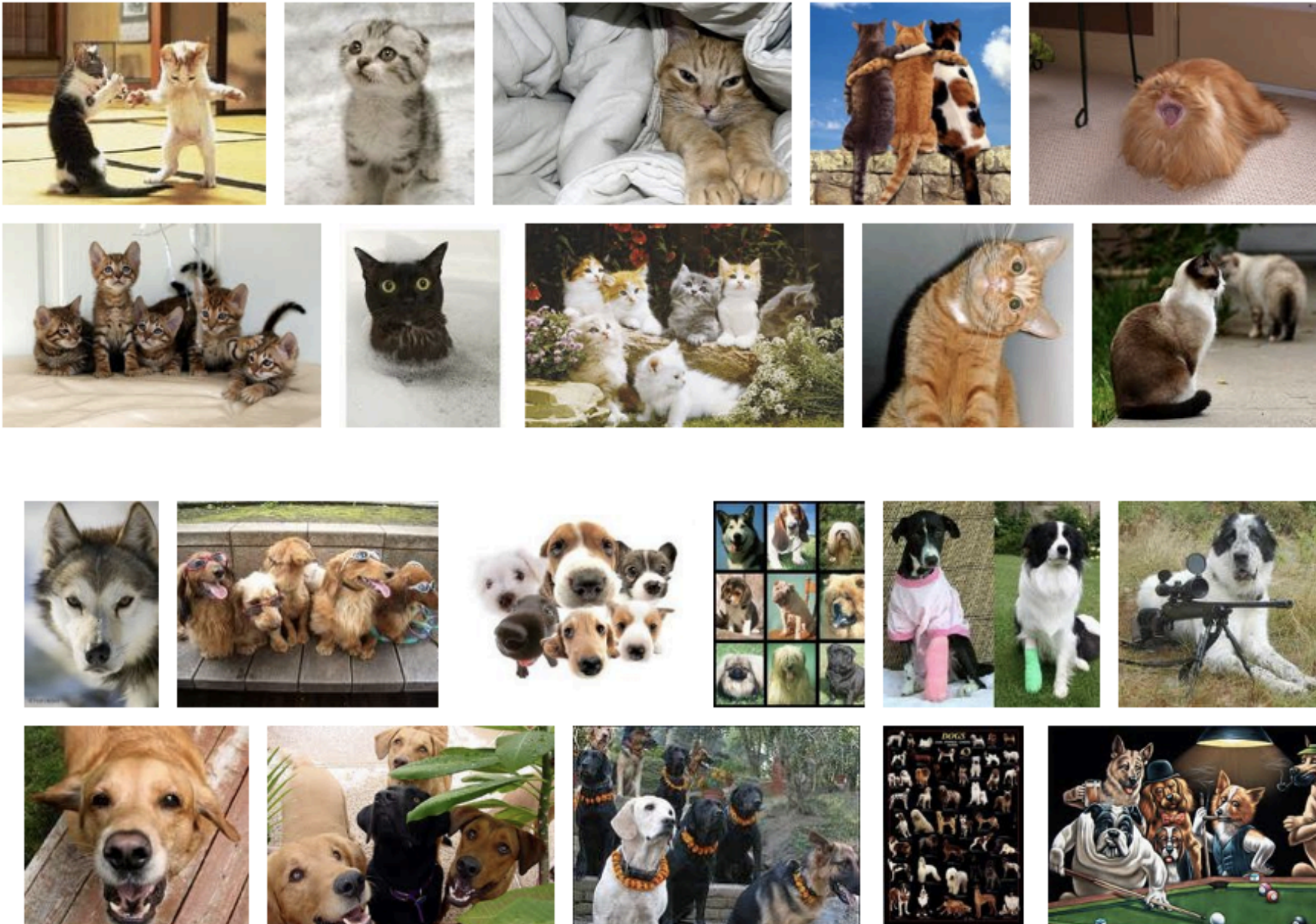
# What about this one?





Having *both* the front and back  
will very likely help!

**We need to test a range of cases...**



**A wide sampling of models is needed**

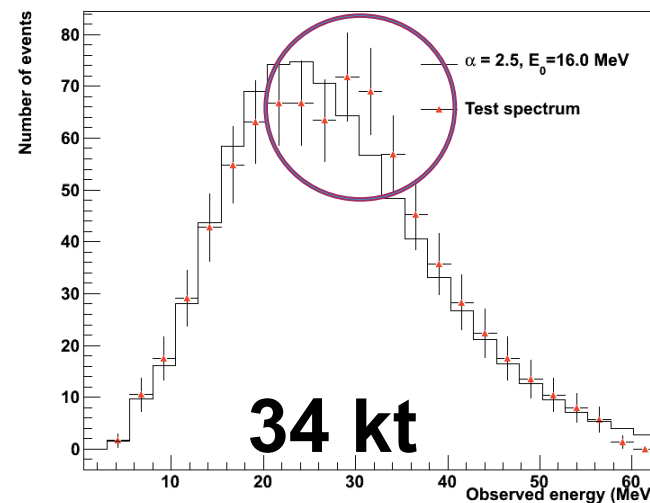
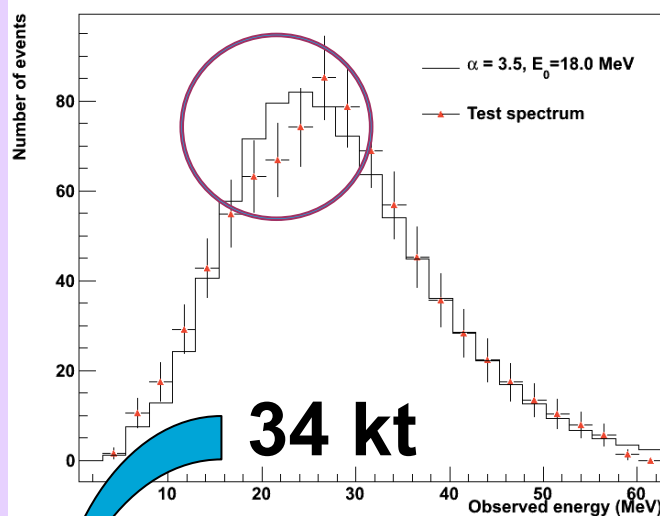


# Hierarchy signature in SN shock w/LAr

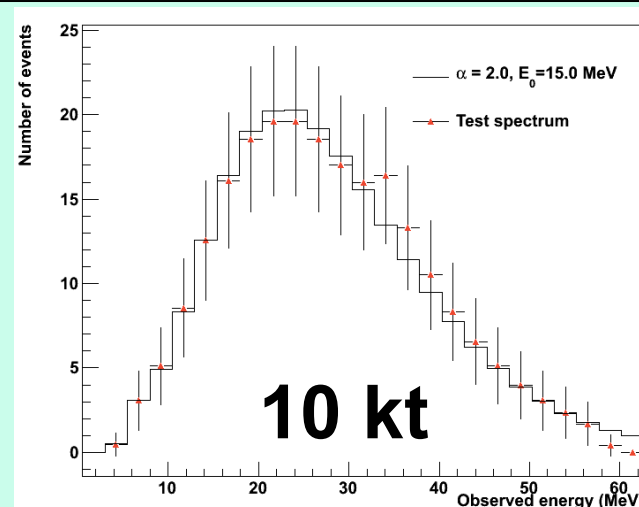
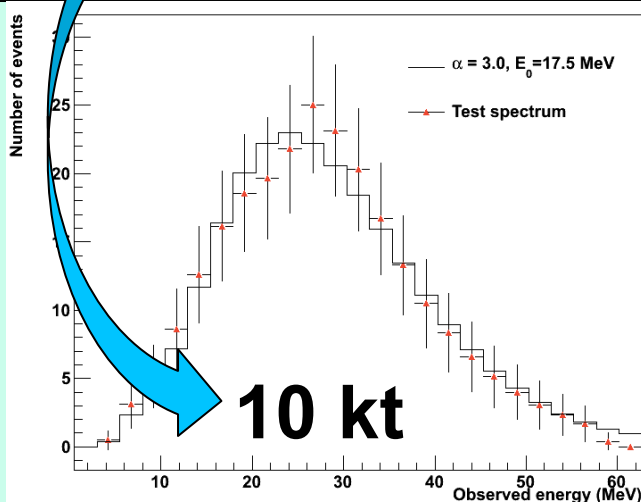
## Snapshots at $\sim 1$ second intervals (1 s integration) for cooling phase w/ shock, NMH

Preliminary:  
work in progress

10 kpc spectra from A. Friedland/JJ Cherry/H. Duan smeared w/ SNOwGLoBES response  
Based on Keil, Raffelt, Janka spectra, astro-ph/0208035, w/ collective oscillations + shock  
Black line: best fit to pinched thermal spectrum



For NMH (*not* for IMH),  
“non-thermal” features  
clearly visible,  
and change as shock  
moves through the SN

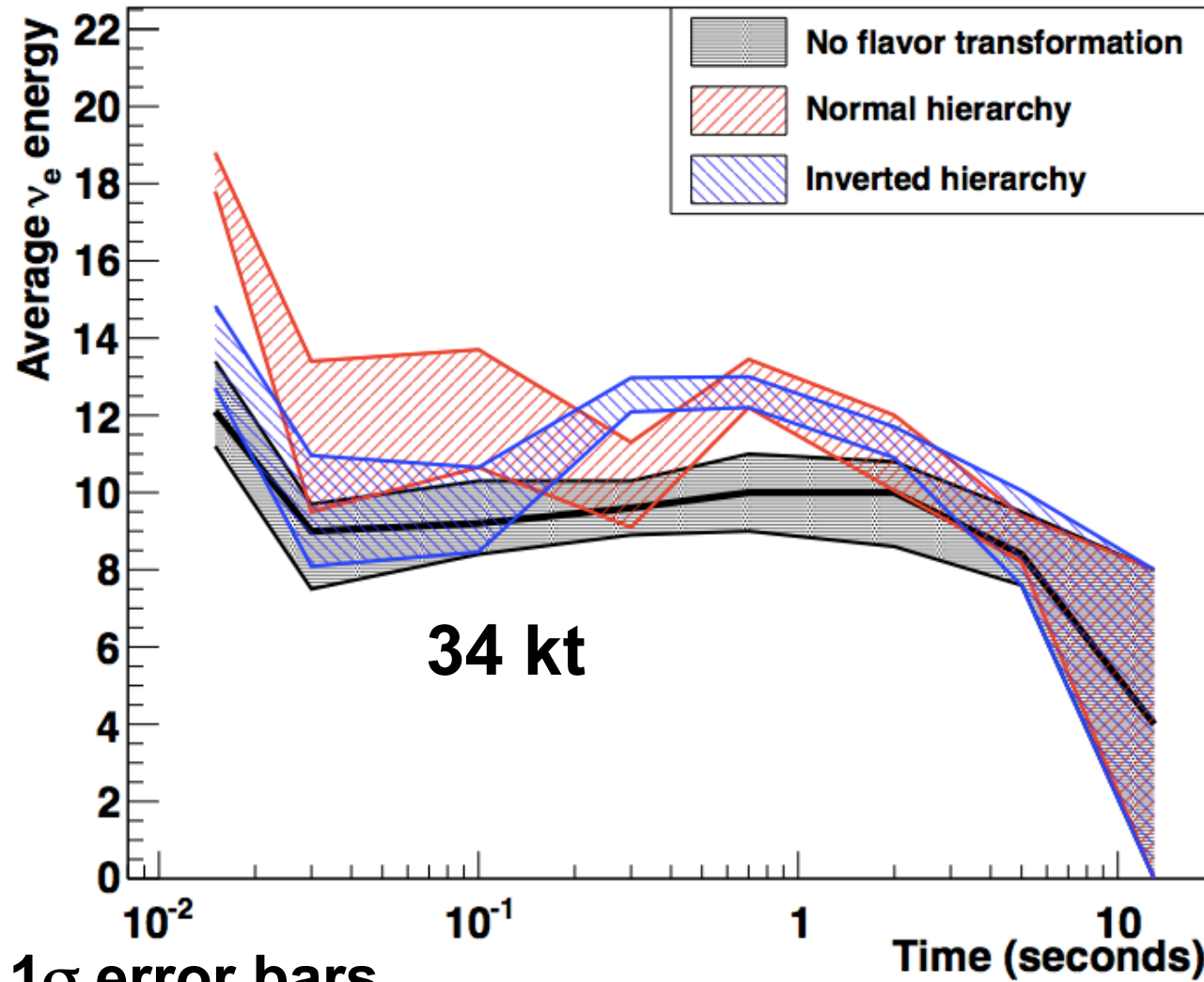


Features become  
difficult to see  
for 10 kt stats  
@ 10 kpc

# Measuring SN $\nu_e$ temperature vs time w/Lar

10 kpc spectra from A. Friedland/JJ Cherry/H. Duan smeared w/ SNOwGLoBES response,  
fit to pinched thermal spectrum

Based on Keil, Raffelt, Janka spectra, astro-ph/0208035, w/ collective oscillations (NH & IH)



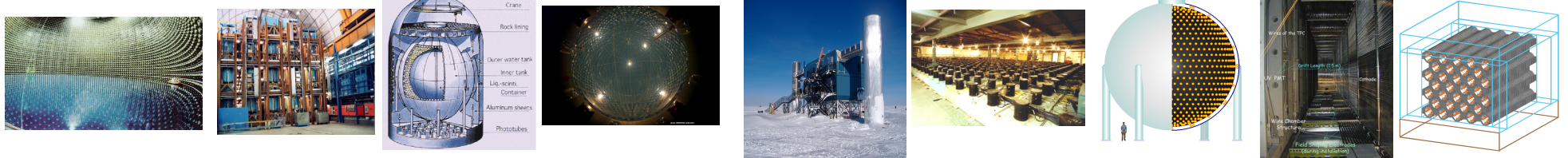
Preliminary: work in progress



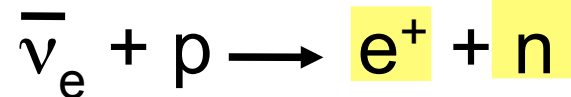
# Current & near-future supernova neutrino detectors

Detector	Type	Location	Mass (kton)	Events @ 10 kpc	Status
Super-K	Water	Japan	32	8000	Running (SK IV)
LVD	Scintillator	Italy	1	300	Running
KamLAND	Scintillator	Japan	1	300	Running
Borexino	Scintillator	Italy	0.3	100	Running
IceCube	Long string	South Pole	(600)	(10 <sup>6</sup> )	Running
Baksan	Scintillator	Russia	0.33	50	Running
Mini-BOONE	Scintillator	USA	0.7	200	(Running)
HALO	Lead	Canada	0.079	20	Running
Icarus	Liquid argon	Italy	0.6	(60)	(Recently finished)
NOvA	Scintillator	USA	15	3000	Under construction
SNO+	Scintillator	Canada	1	300	Under construction
MicroBooNE	Liquid argon	USA	0.17	17	Under construction

plus reactor experiments, DM experiments...



Primary sensitivity is to electron antineutrinos  
via inverse beta decay



# Summary of supernova neutrino detectors

Galactic sensitivity

Extragalactic

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SNO+	Scintillator	Canada	1	300	Under construction
MicroBooNE	Liquid argon	USA	0.17	17	Under construction
LBNE LAr	Liquid argon	USA	34	3000	Proposed
Hyper-K	Water	Japan	540	110,000	Proposed
JUNO	Scintillator	China	20	6000	Proposed
RENO-50	Scintillator	South Korea	18	5400	
LENA	Scintillator	Europe	50	15,000	Proposed

plus reactor experiments, DM experiments...

# World SN flavor sensitivity

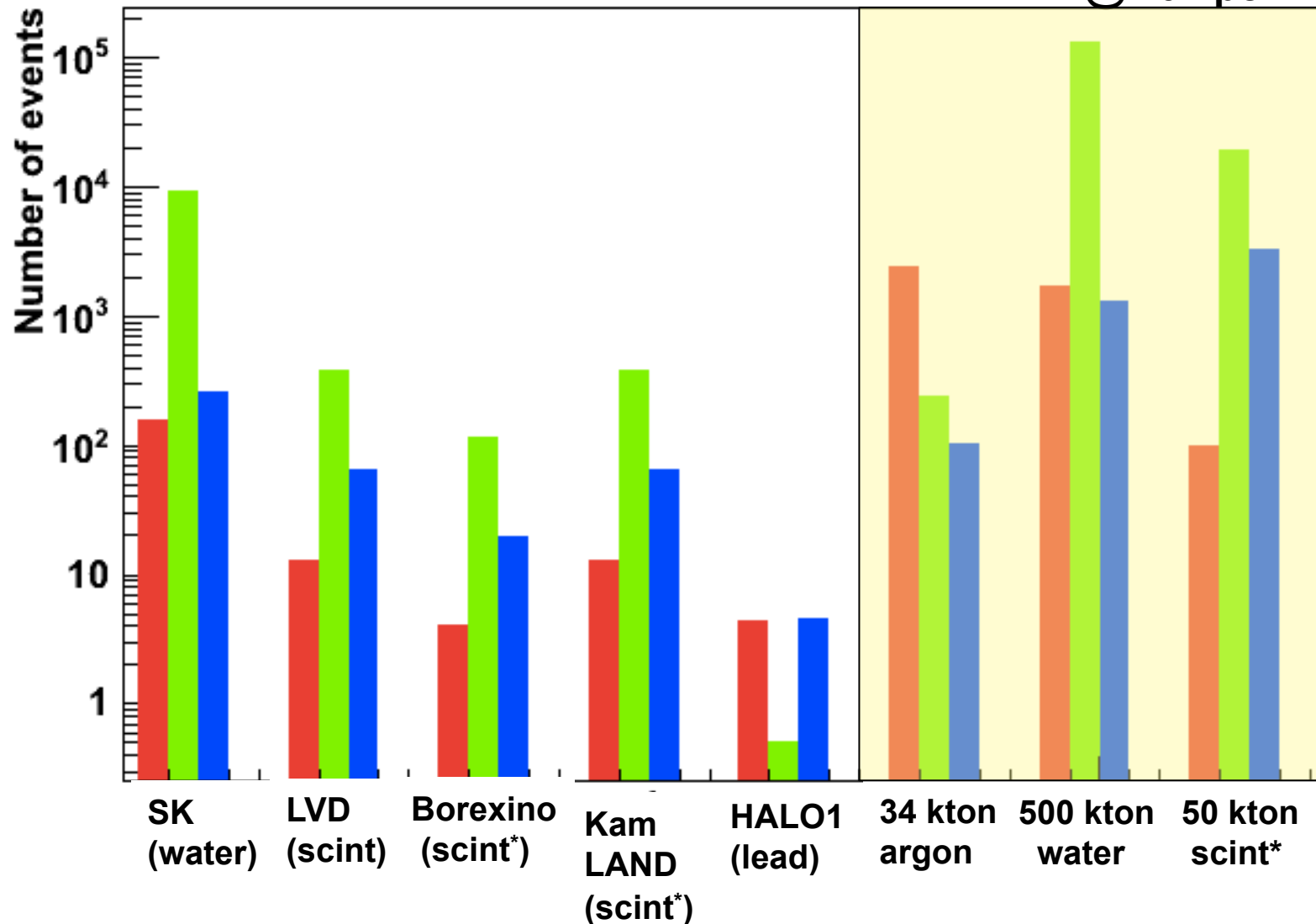
for largest detectors of each class

Electron neutrino

Electron antineutrino

Muon and tau neutrino and antineutrino

Livermore model  
@ 10 kpc



\* plus NC  $\nu$ -p scattering

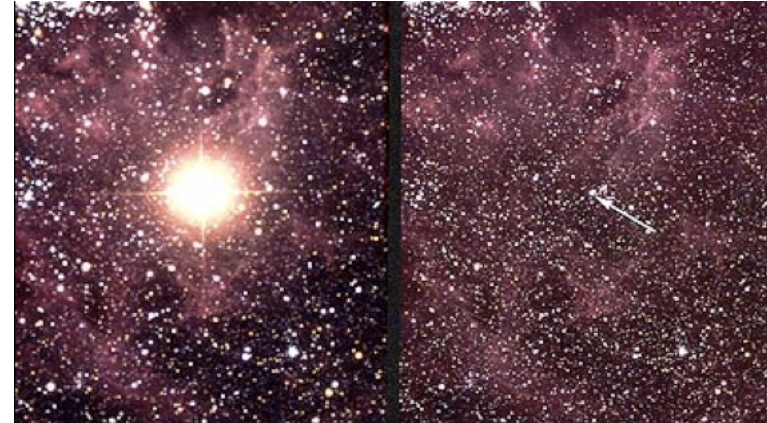
An **EARLY ALERT** for astronomers

**~hours of warning,**

**dependent on stellar envelope**

**Observations of light curve turn-on  
very rare for extragalactic SNaE**

**Early light actually probably not  
that helpful for SN explosion theory ( $\nu$ 's are)**



**BUT:**

- environment near progenitor probed by initial stages
- UV/ soft x-ray flash at shock breakout predicted

**$\Rightarrow$  *info about progenitor* from spectroscopy**

**$\Rightarrow$  mass density profile for  
 $\nu$  oscillation understanding**

**Plus: possible unknown early effects!**

# **Any information saved, in any channel, may be valuable**

- all em wavelengths
- neutrinos (low and high energy)
- gravitational waves
- ...

**Combining information with other detectors  
sensitive to SNaE is important! (alert & later)**



**gravitational waves**

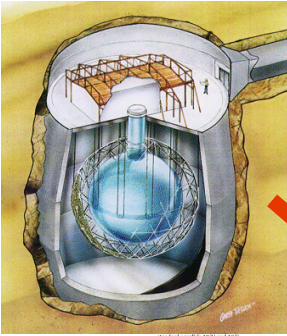


**multiwavelength astronomy**



# SNEWS: SuperNova Early Warning System

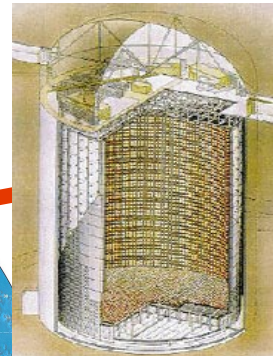
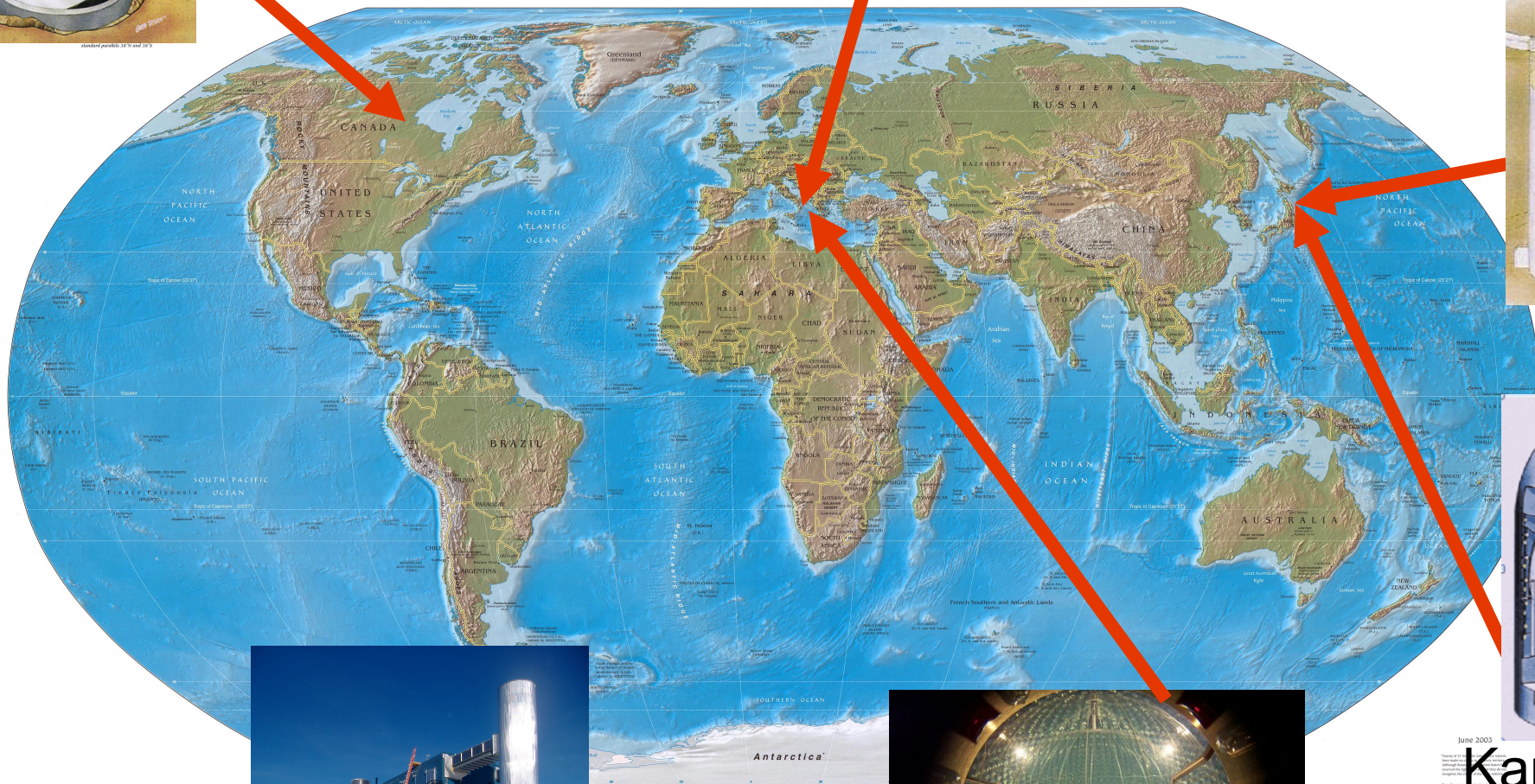
SNO  
(until 2006)



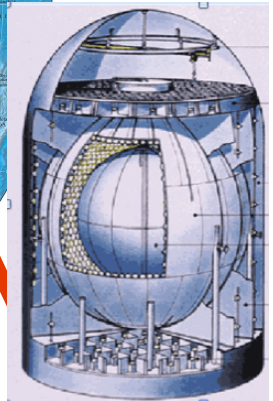
LVD



[snews.bnl.gov](http://snews.bnl.gov)

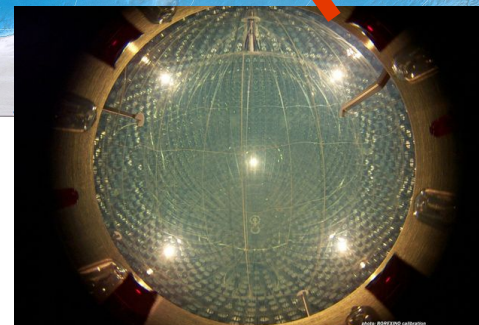
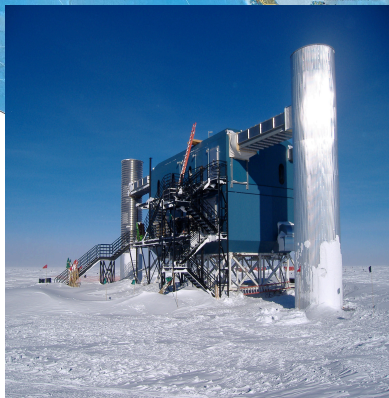


Super-K



KamLAND

IceCube



Borexino

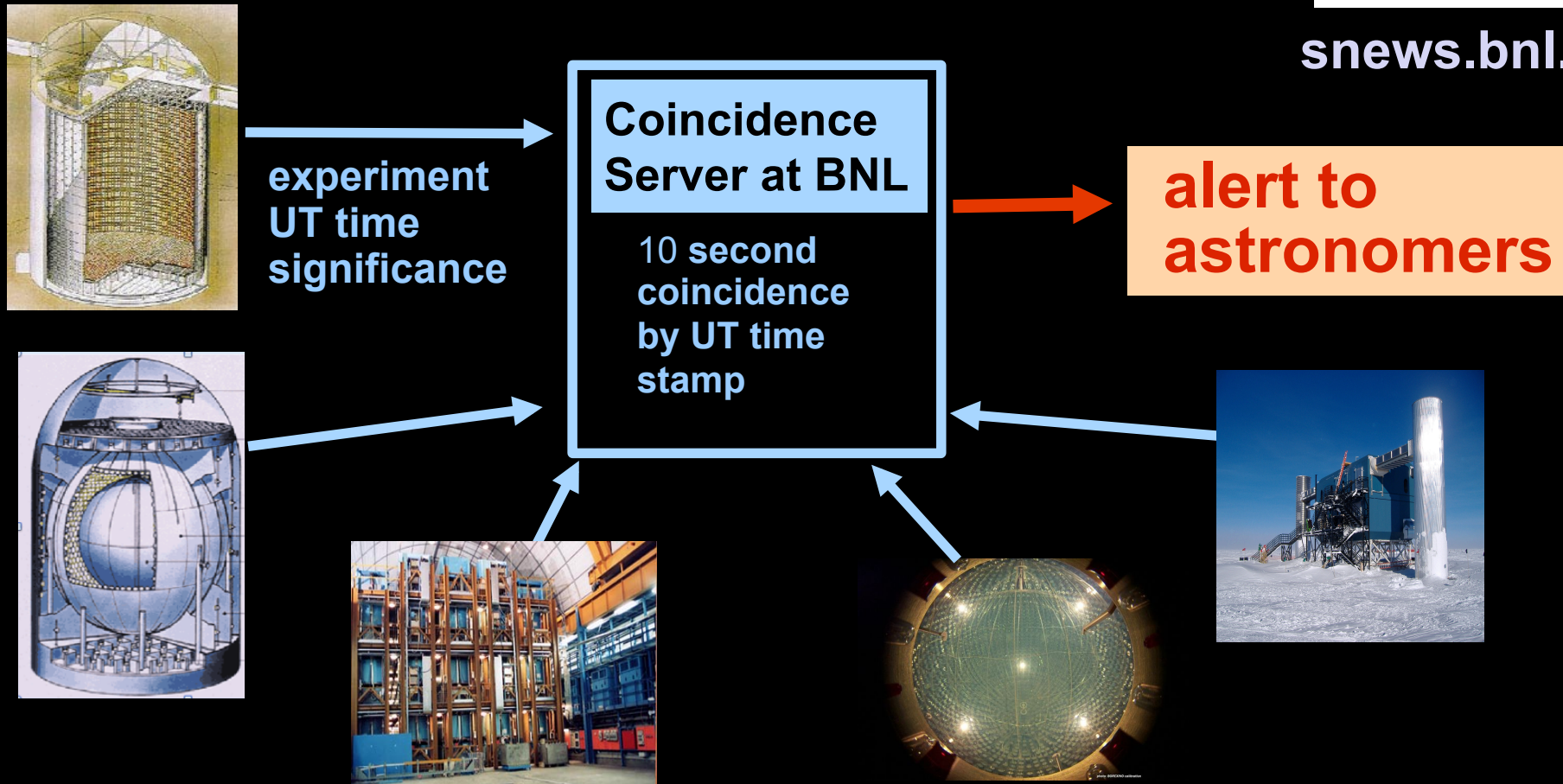


# SNEWS: SuperNova Early Warning System

- Neutrinos (and GW) precede em radiation by hours or even days
- For promptness, require *coincidence* to suppress false alerts



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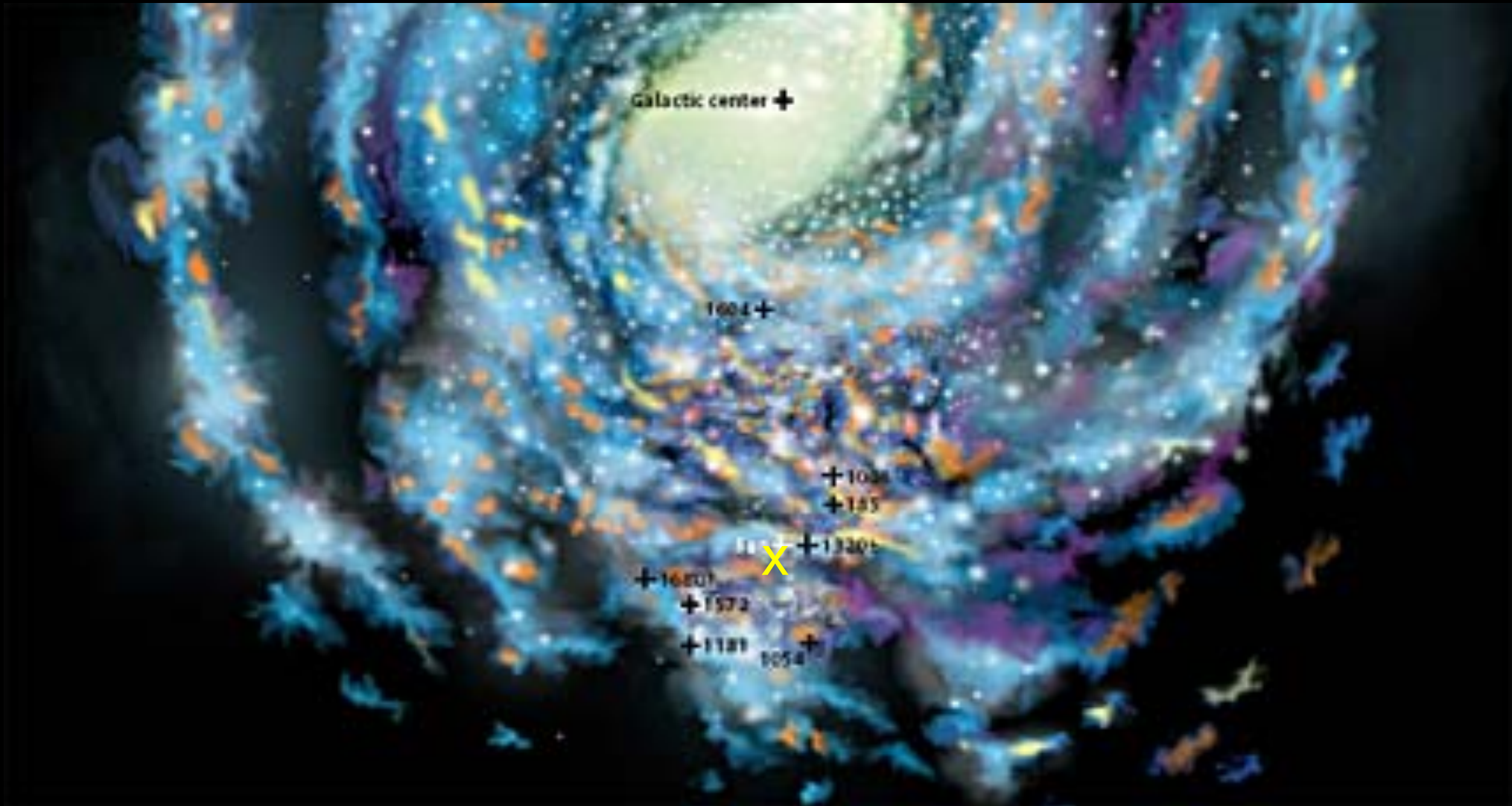


- Running smoothly for more than 10 years, automated since 2005
- Amateur astronomer connection

Possibly 1/6 will stand out obviously...

## Historical Supernovae:

(Sky&Telescope)



Also, fireworks may be intrinsically dim

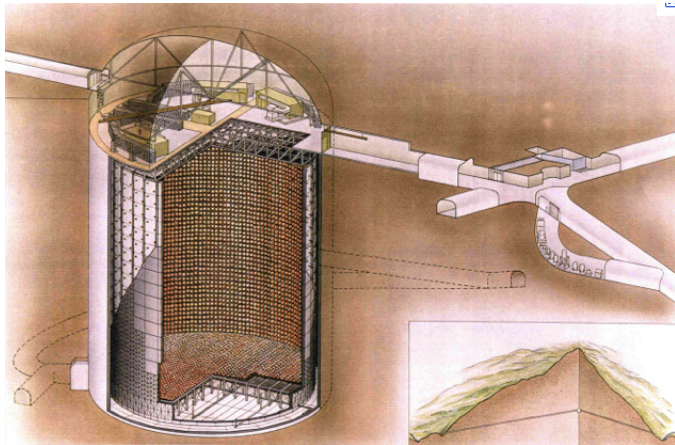
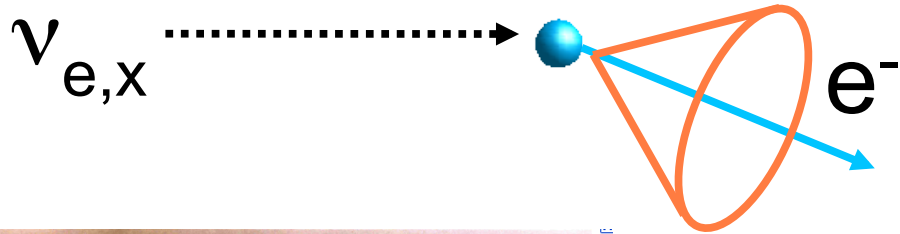


# POINTING to the supernova with future detectors

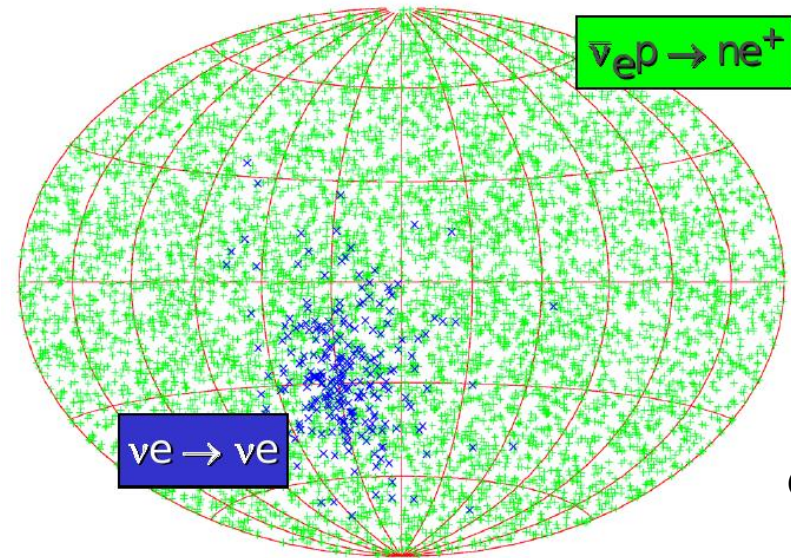
(should be prompt if possible)

## Elastic scattering off electrons is the best bet

$$\nu_{e,x} + e^- \rightarrow \nu_{e,x} + e^-$$



In water Cherenkov  
few % of total rate



G. Raffelt

**Super-K:  $\sim 8^\circ$  pointing**

Other possibilities:

- time triangulation
- matter oscillation pattern
- inv.  $\beta$ dk  $e^+n$  separation
- $\sim$ TeV neutrinos (delayed)

KS, A. Burgmeier, R. Wendell  
arXiv: 0910.3174

Tomas et al., hep-ph/0307050

# Summary

**Vast information to be had from  
a core-collapse burst!**

- Need energy, flavor, time structure

**Current & near future detectors:**

- ~Galactic sensitivity  
(SK reaches barely to Andromeda)
- sensitive mainly to the  $\bar{\nu}_e$  component of  
the SN flux
- excellent timing from IceCube
- early alert network is waiting

**Farther future, for megadetectors**

- extragalactic reach
- huge statistics, richer flavor sensitivity (e.g. LAr)
- multimessenger prospects!





# **Extras/backups**

# SN $\nu$ spectrum parameterizations:

“pinched thermal” is decent description

**Fermi-Dirac**  $(T, \eta, \Phi)$

$$F_{\nu_\alpha}^0(E) = \frac{\Phi_{\nu_\alpha}}{T_{\nu_\alpha}^3 f_2(\eta_{\nu_\alpha})} \frac{E^2}{e^{E/T_{\nu_\alpha} - \eta_{\nu_\alpha}} + 1}$$

$$f_n(\eta_{\nu_\alpha}) \equiv \int_0^\infty \frac{x^n}{e^{x - \eta_{\nu_\alpha}} + 1} dx$$

$$\langle E_{\nu_\alpha} \rangle = [f_3(\eta_{\nu_\alpha}) / f_2(\eta_{\nu_\alpha})] T_{\nu_\alpha}$$

**Garching**  $(\langle E \rangle, \beta, \Phi)$  **preferred by Garching SN modelers**

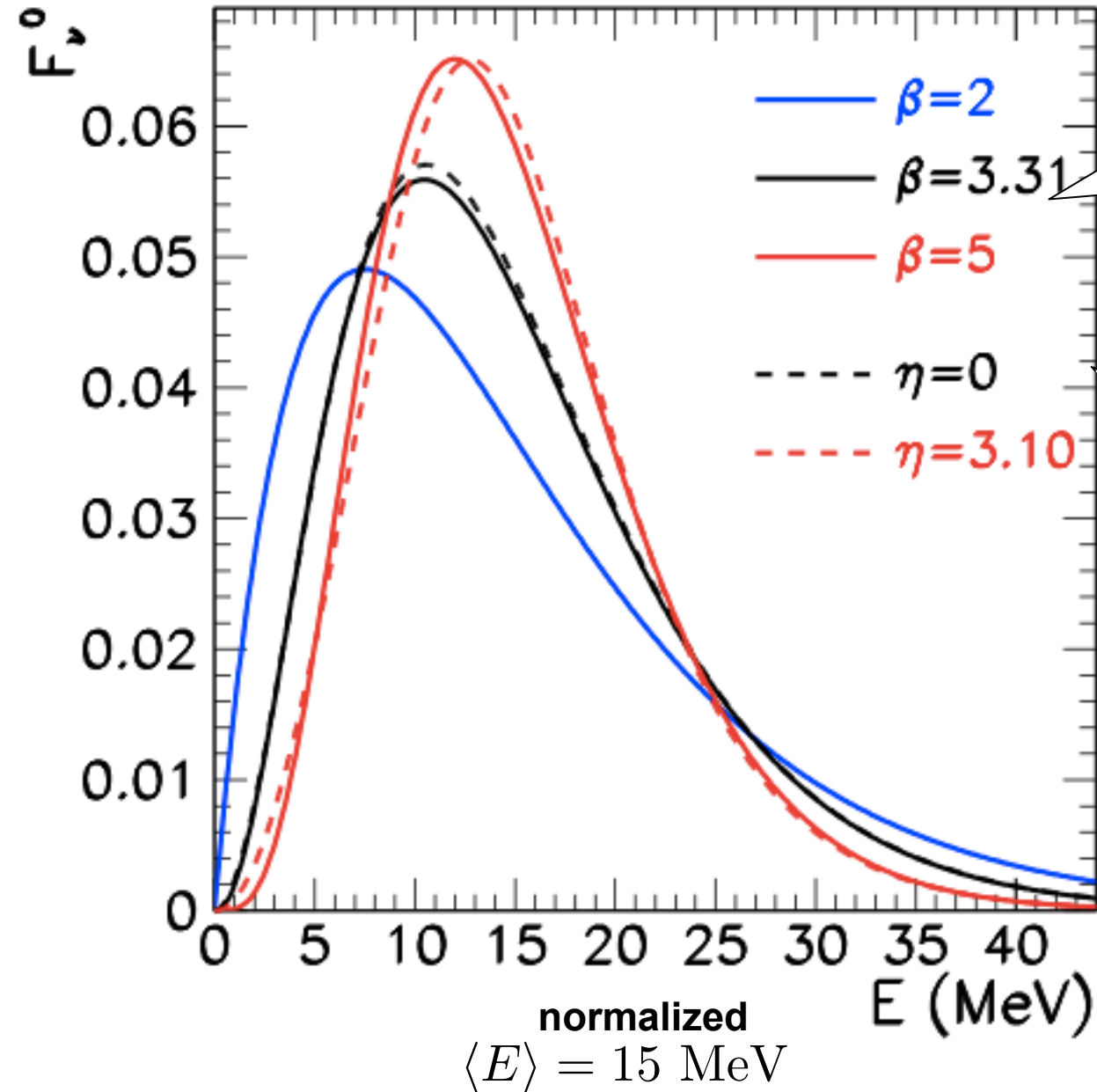
$$F_{\nu_\alpha}^0(E) = \frac{\Phi_{\nu_\alpha}}{\langle E_{\nu_\alpha} \rangle} \frac{\beta_{\nu_\alpha}^{\beta_{\nu_\alpha}}}{\Gamma(\beta_{\nu_\alpha})} \left( \frac{E}{\langle E_{\nu_\alpha} \rangle} \right)^{\beta_{\nu_\alpha} - 1} \exp \left( -\beta_{\nu_\alpha} \frac{E}{\langle E_{\nu_\alpha} \rangle} \right)$$

see e.g. arXiv:0802.1489

$$\Phi_{\nu_x} = \Phi_{\nu_\mu} = \Phi_{\bar{\nu}_\mu} = \Phi_{\nu_\tau} = \Phi_{\bar{\nu}_\tau}$$

$$E_{\nu_\alpha}^{\text{tot}} = \Phi_{\nu_\alpha} \langle E_{\nu_\alpha} \rangle$$

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**“Pinching”  
controlled  
by  $\beta$  for  
Garching**

**“Pinching”  
controlled  
by  $\eta$  for FD**

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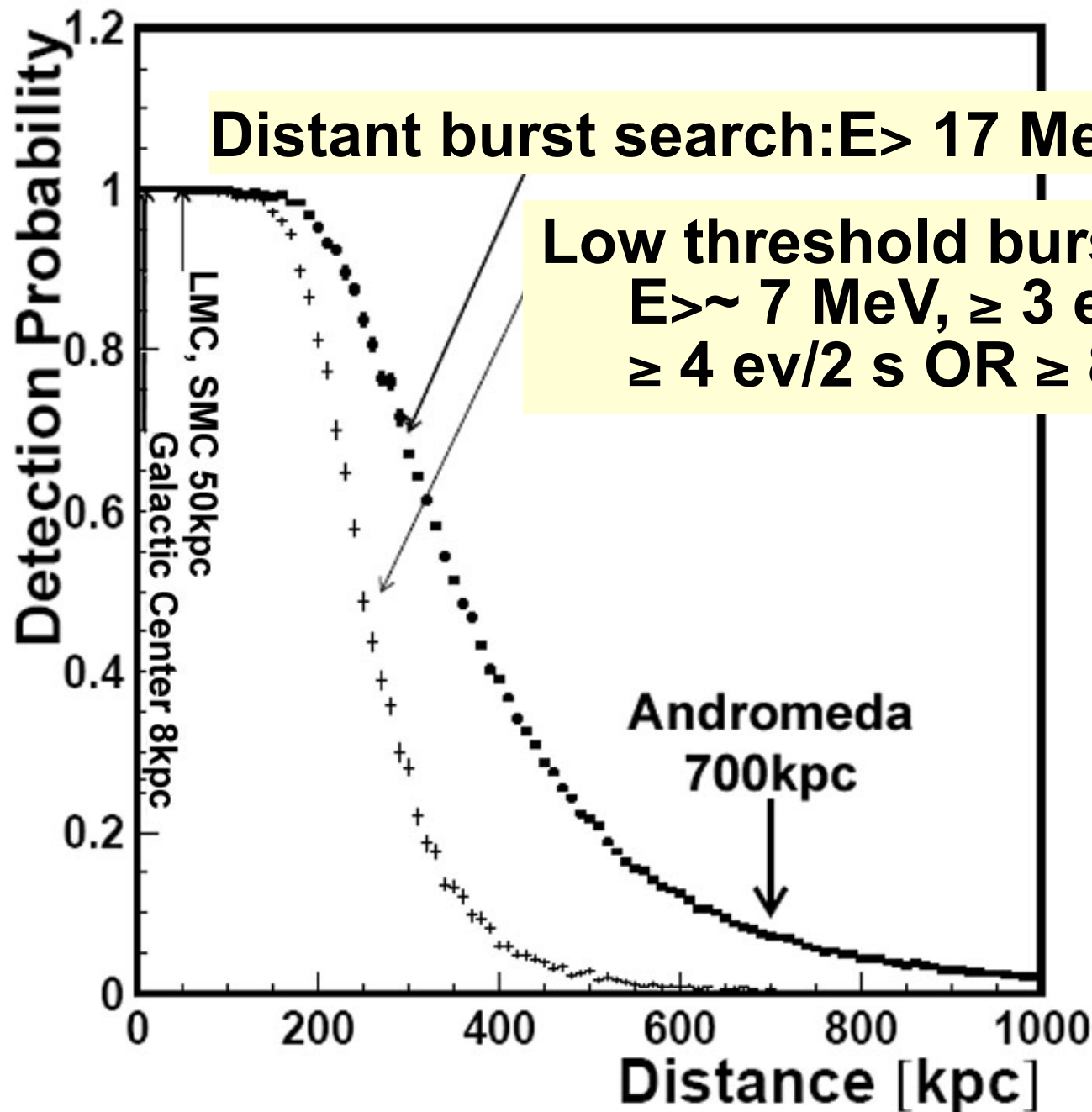
# Interaction rates in a detector material

The diagram shows the equation  $R = \Phi \sigma N_t$  where the variables are highlighted in colored boxes and labeled with callouts.  $\Phi$  is in a light green box with a callout labeled 'Flux'.  $\sigma$  is in a light yellow box with a callout labeled 'Cross section'.  $N_t$  is in a light purple box with a callout labeled 'Number of targets'.

$$R = \Phi \sigma N_t$$

$\propto$  detector mass,  $1/D^2$

# How far can we look out? SK has farthest reach now

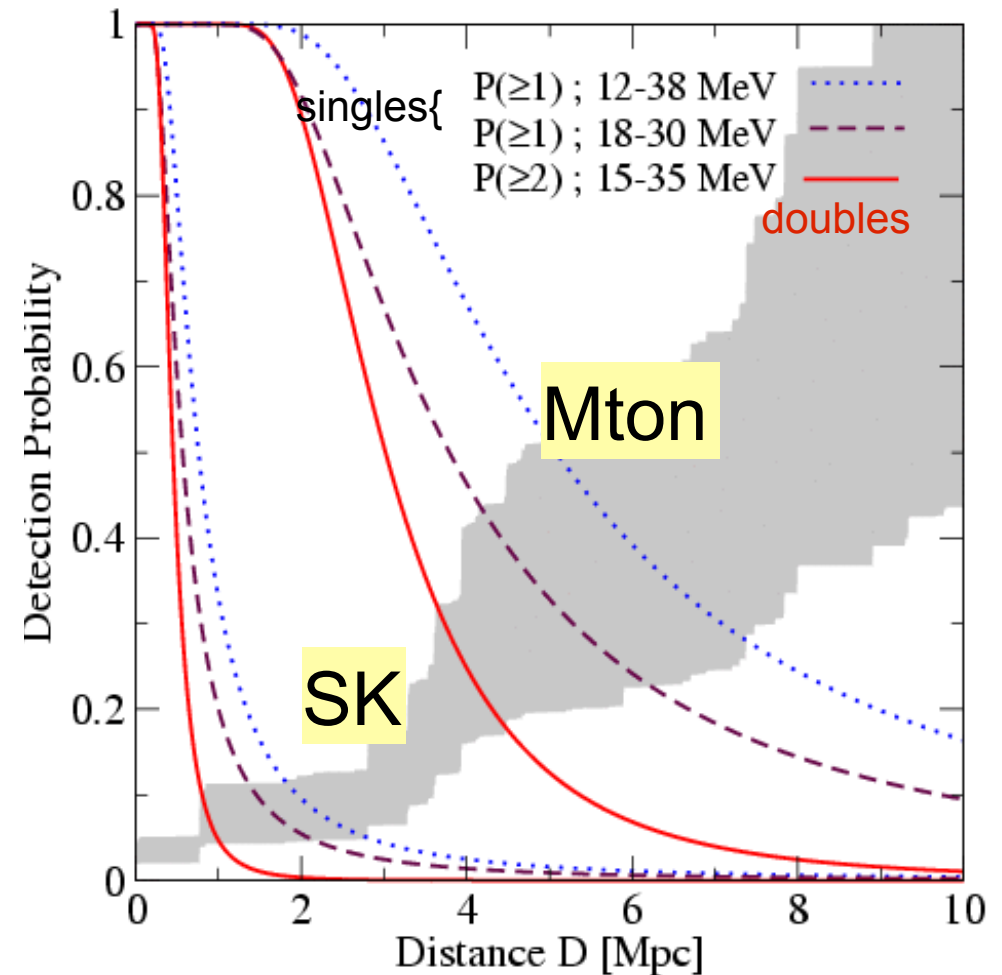
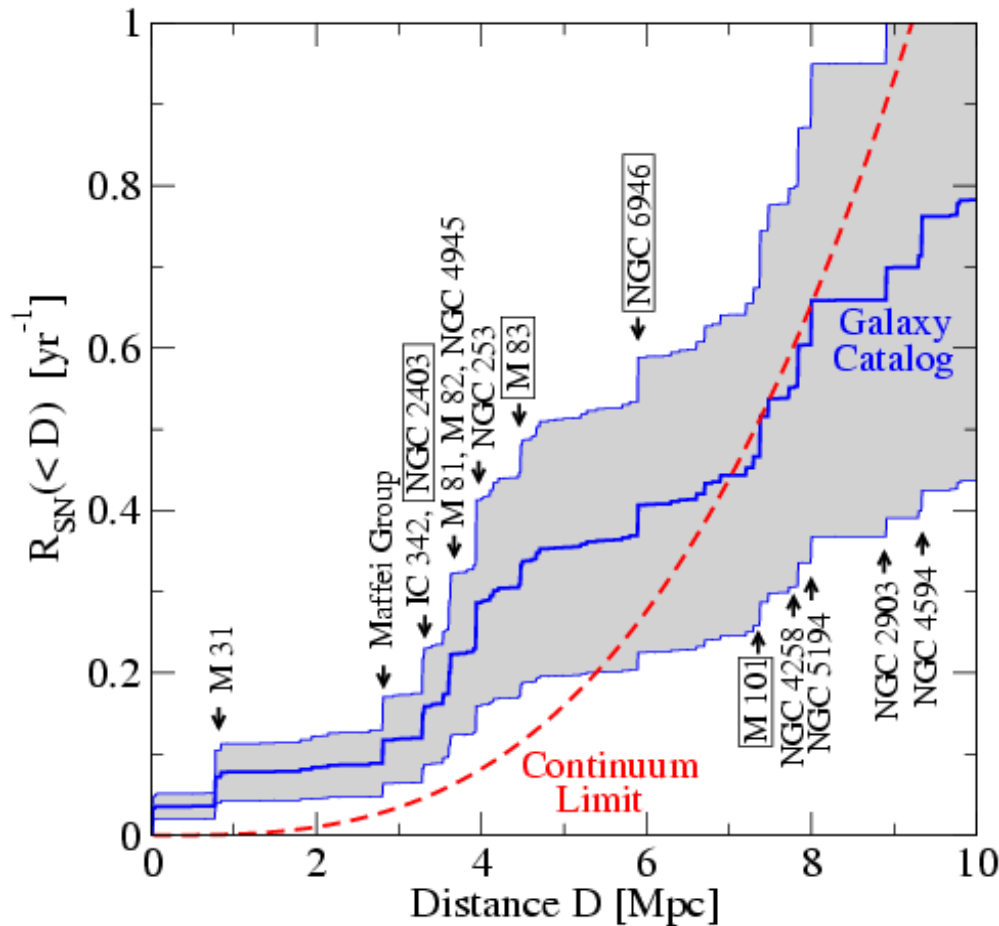


For “untriggered” distant search, it’s all about the background...



# Looking beyond: number of sources $\propto D^3$

S. Ando et al., astro-ph/0503321



With Mton scale detector, probability of detecting 1-2 events reasonably close to  $\sim 1$  at distances where rate is  $< \sim 1/\text{year}$

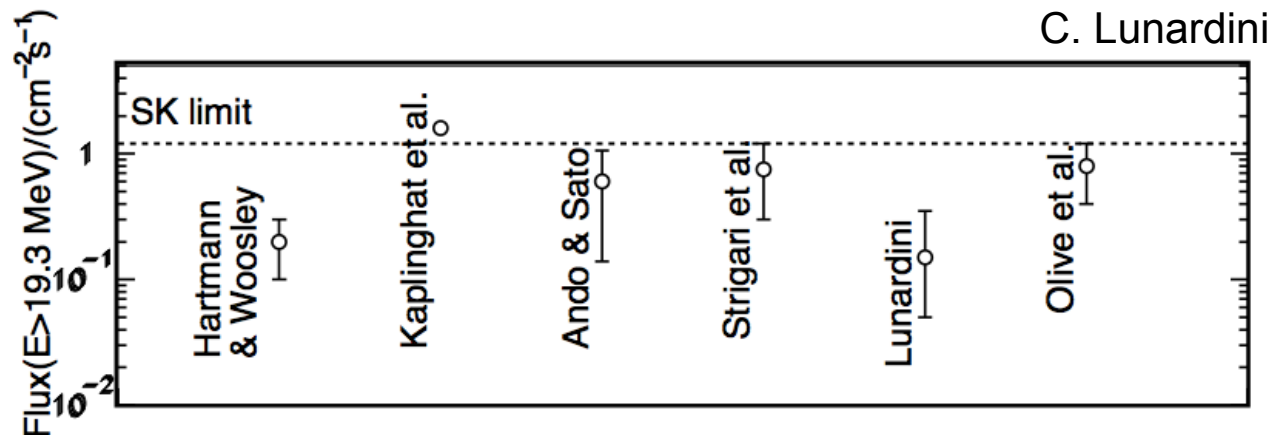
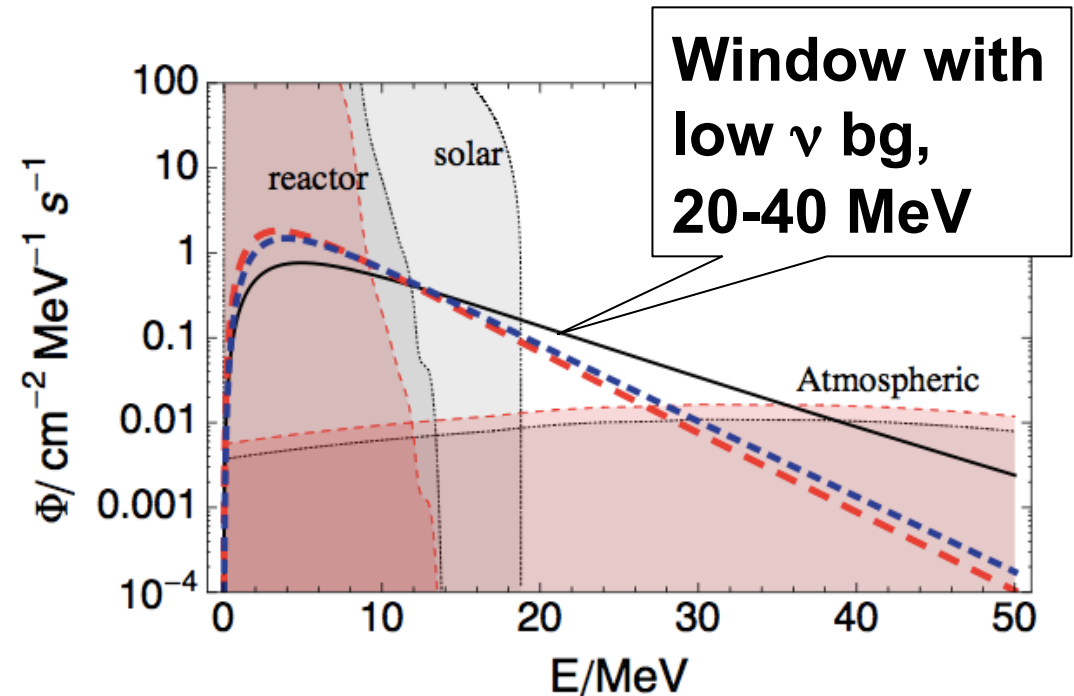
Tagging signal over background becomes the issue

$\Rightarrow$  require double  $\nu$ 's or grav wave/optical coincidence

And going even farther out: we are awash in a sea of '*relic*' or diffuse SN  $\nu$ 's (DSNB), from ancient SNaE

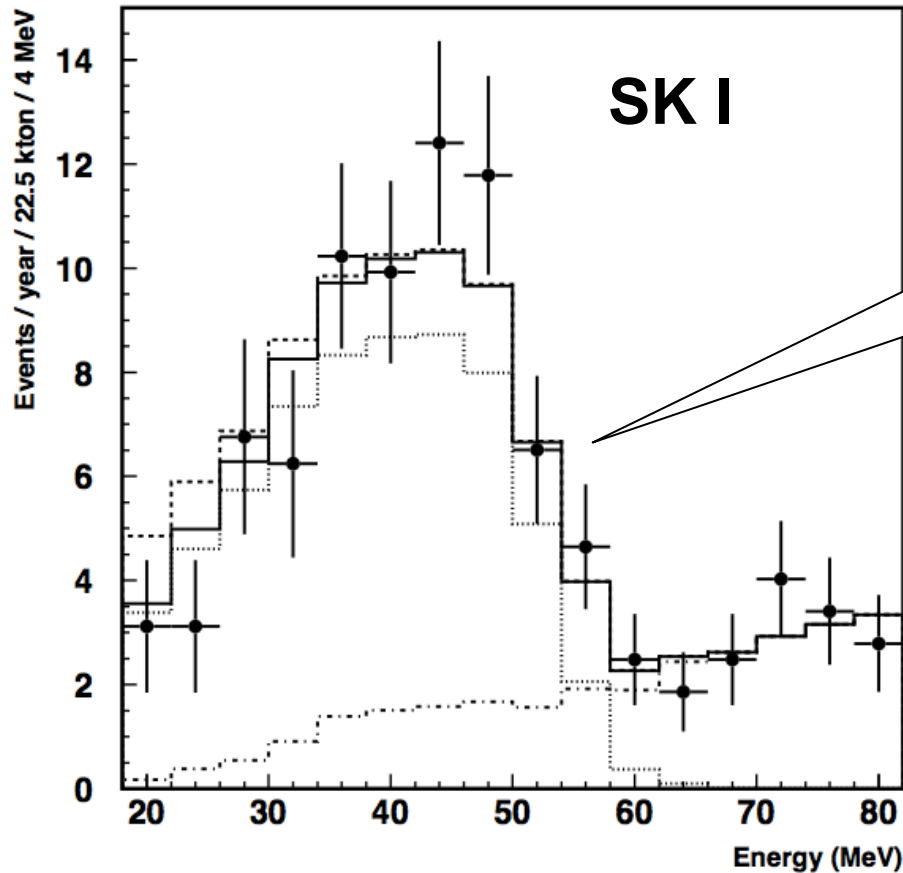
Learn about average supernova properties over cosmic history

Difficulty is tagging for decent signal/bg (no burst, 2  $\nu$  coincidences optical SNaE...)



~few events per year in SK

In water:  $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$



Michel electrons  
from decays of  
sub-Cherenkov  
threshold muons

- Worst background is from decaying 'invisible muons' from atmospheric neutrinos  
→ *reduce by tagging electron antineutrinos with Gd*
- But for a big detector requires low energy threshold (\$)

**LAr?** Electron flavor, but low rate... bg unknown  
**Scintillator?** Good IBD tagging, but NC bg

## DSNB

**~0.1 event/kt/year**

**more background**

**low rate of return,  
but a sure thing**

## Galactic SN

**~300 events/kt/30 year**

**~10 events/kt/yr**

**less background**

**risky in the short term, but you  
win in the very long term**

**bonds vs stocks...**

**(Of course if you build a big detector and run  
it a long time, you may get both! Diversify!)**

# Measuring Supernova-Relevant Neutrino-Nucleus Cross-Sections at a Stopped-Pion Source

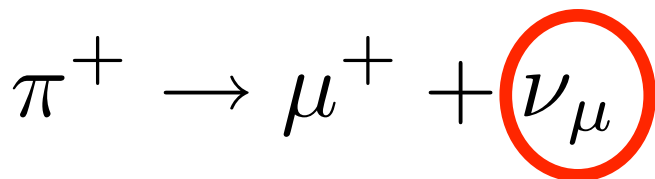
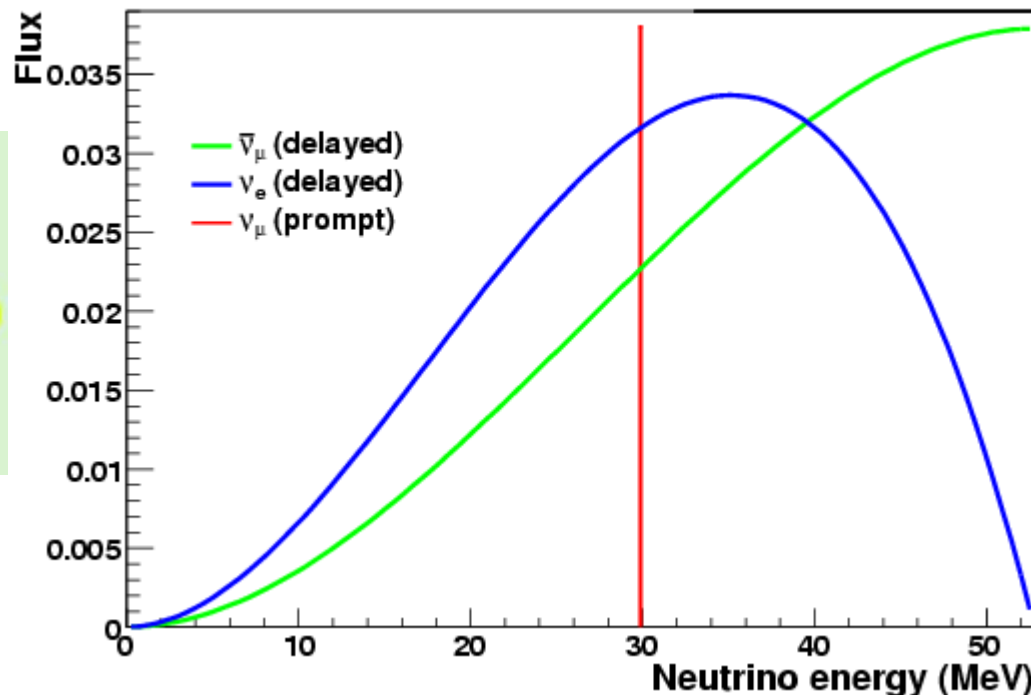
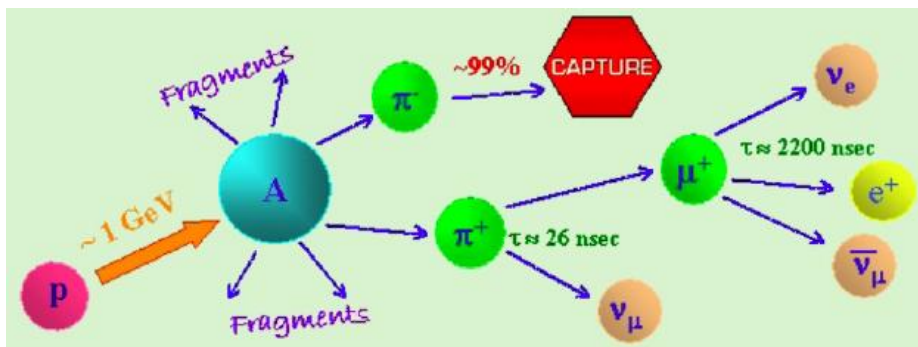


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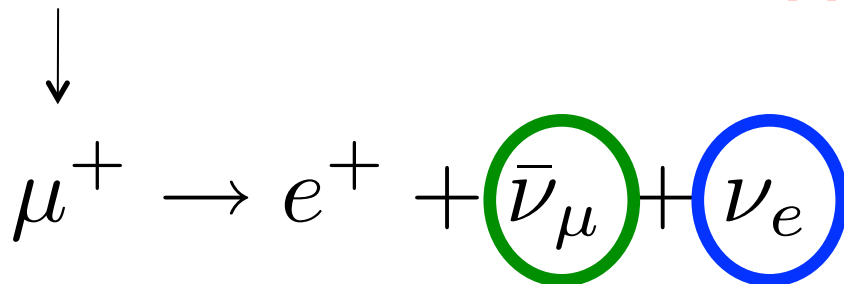


# Expected DAR neutrino spectrum

F. Avignone and Y. Efremenko, J. Phys. G: 29 (2003) 2615-2628



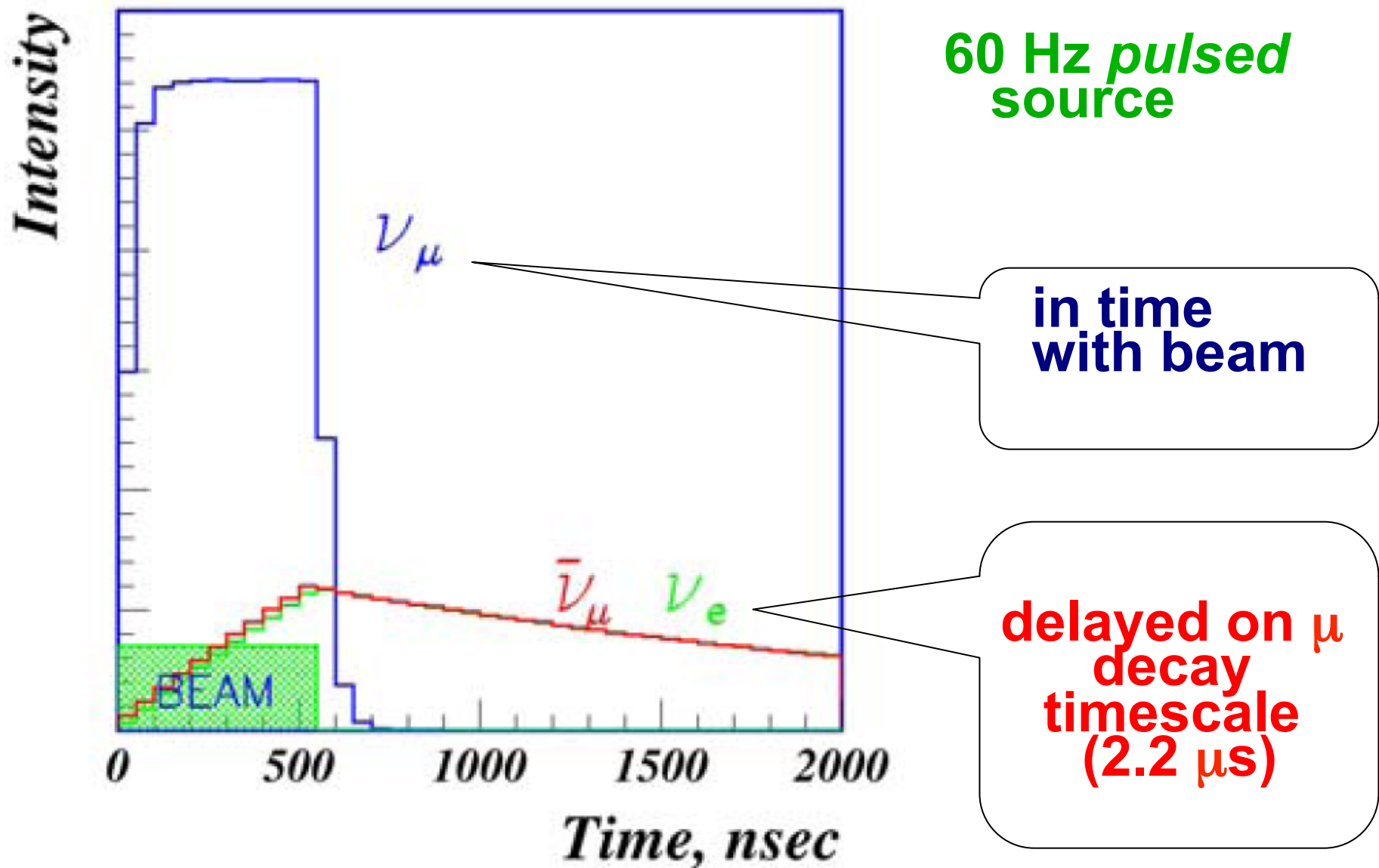
**2-body decay: monochromatic 29.9 MeV  $\nu_\mu$   
PROMPT**



**3-body decay: range of energies  
between 0 and  $m_\mu/2$   
DELAYED (2.2  $\mu s$ )**

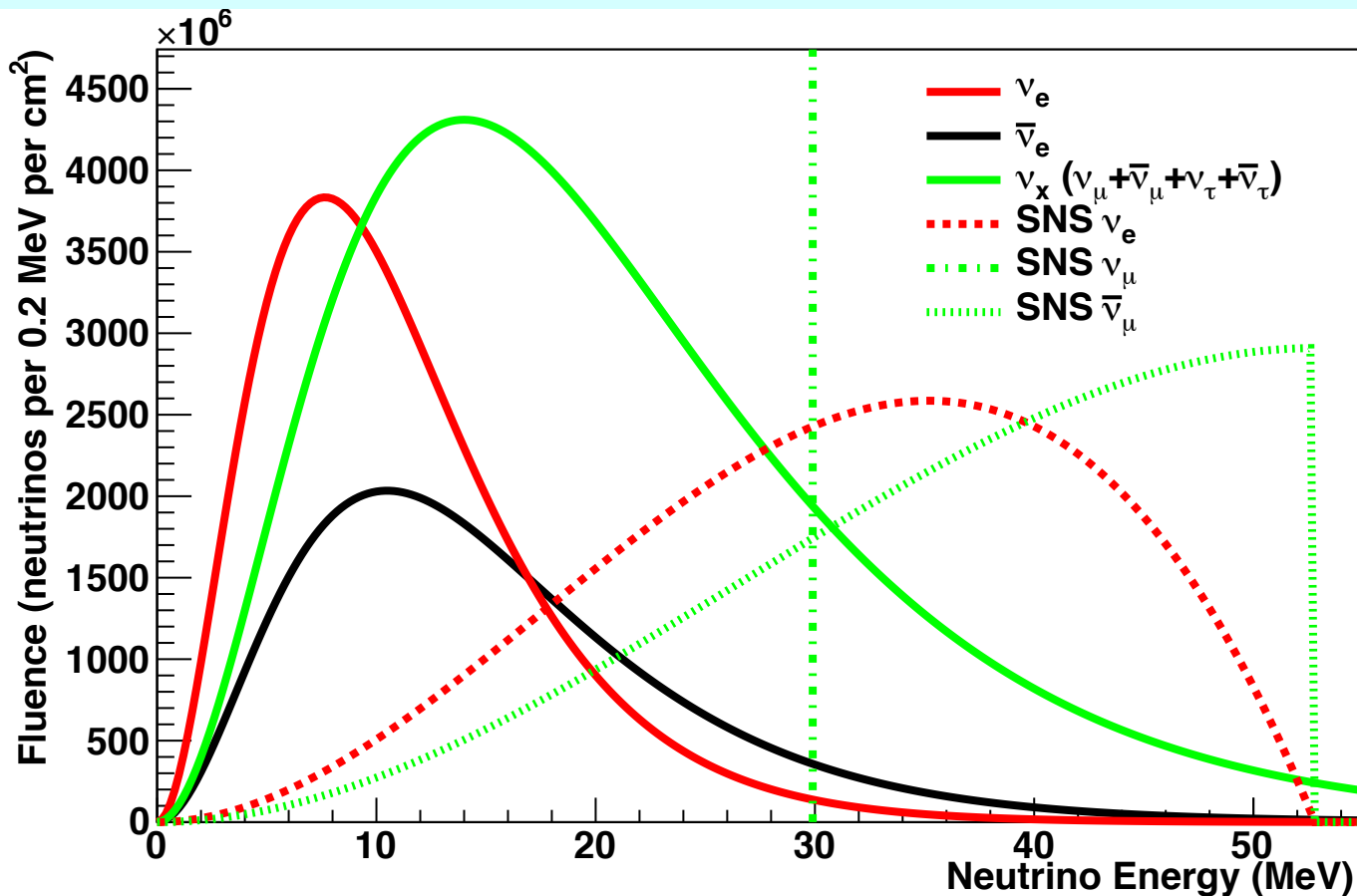
**Neutrino flux: few times  $10^7$  /s/cm<sup>2</sup> at 20 m ~0.13 per flavor  
per proton**

# Time structure of the source



Background rejection factor  $\sim \text{few} \times 10^{-4}$

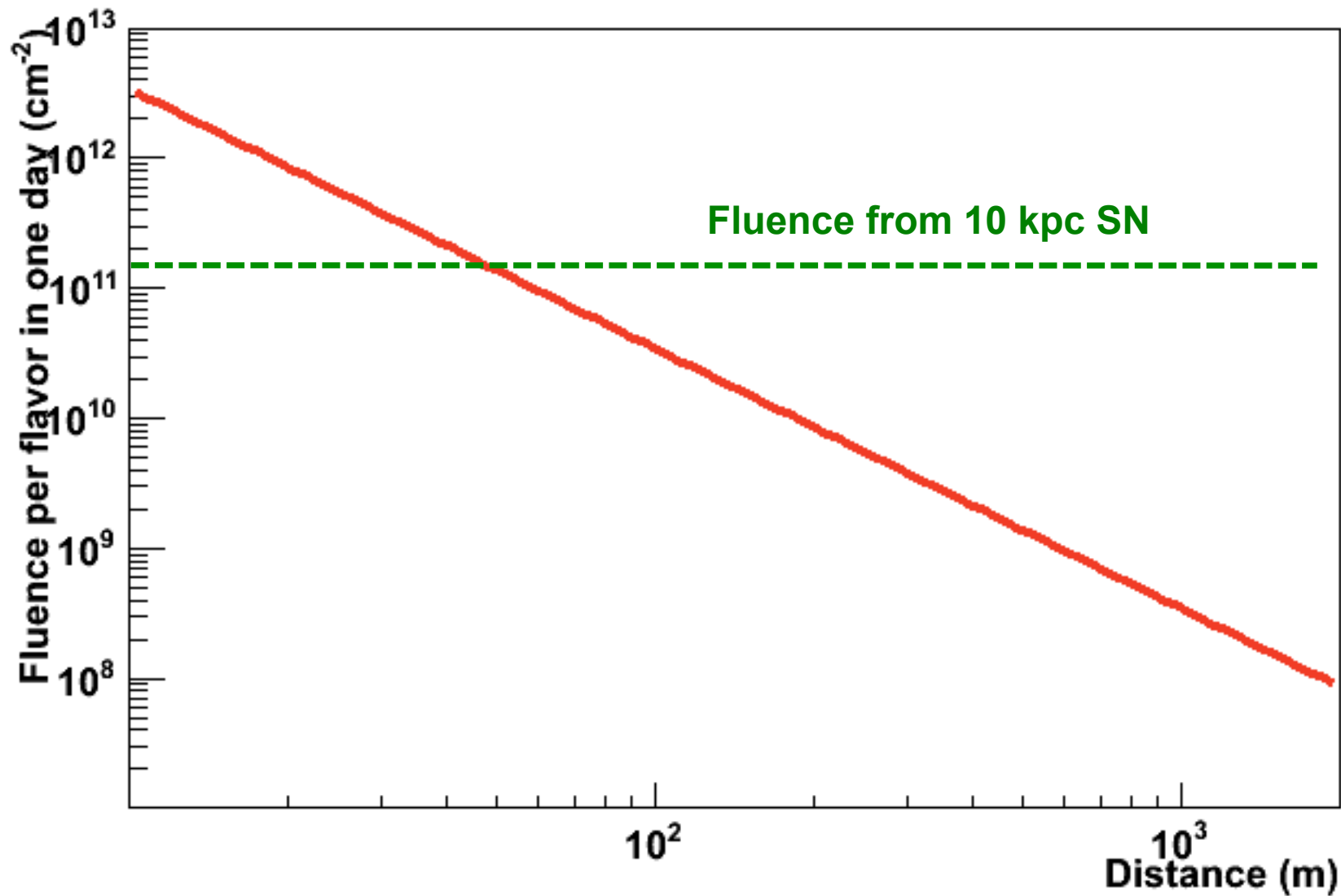
# Supernova neutrino spectrum overlaps very nicely with stopped $\pi$ neutrino spectrum



**Study CC and NC interactions with various nuclei, in few to 10's of MeV range**

1. Understanding of *core-collapse SN processes*, nucleosynthesis
2. Understanding of *SN  $\nu$  detection processes*

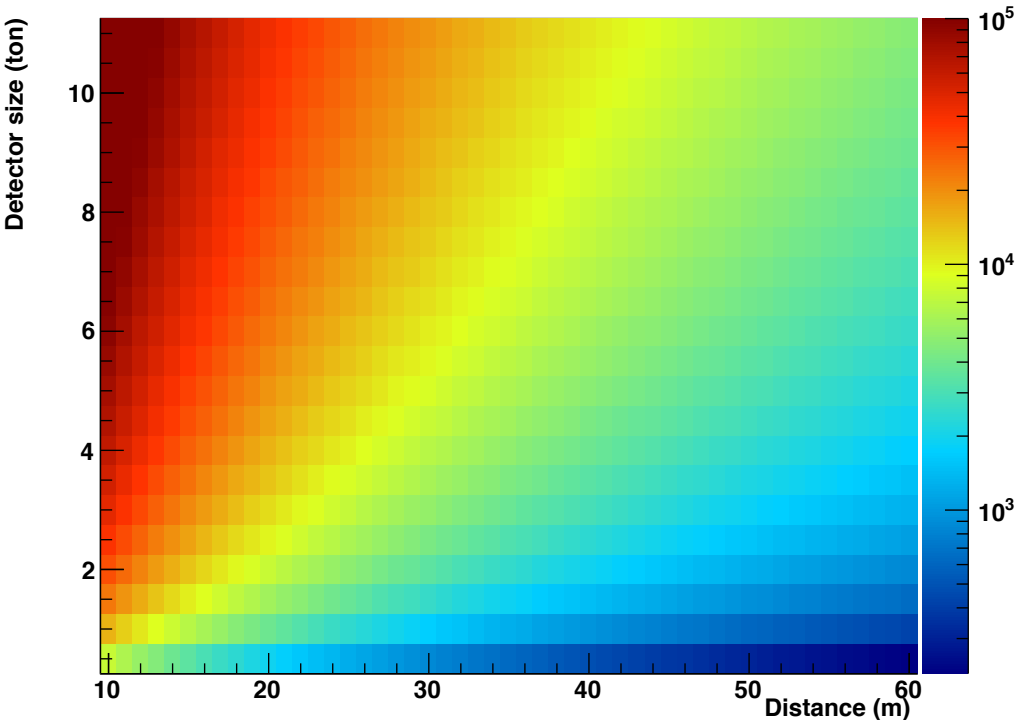
**Fluence at ~50 m from the stopped pion source amounts to ~ a supernova a day!**



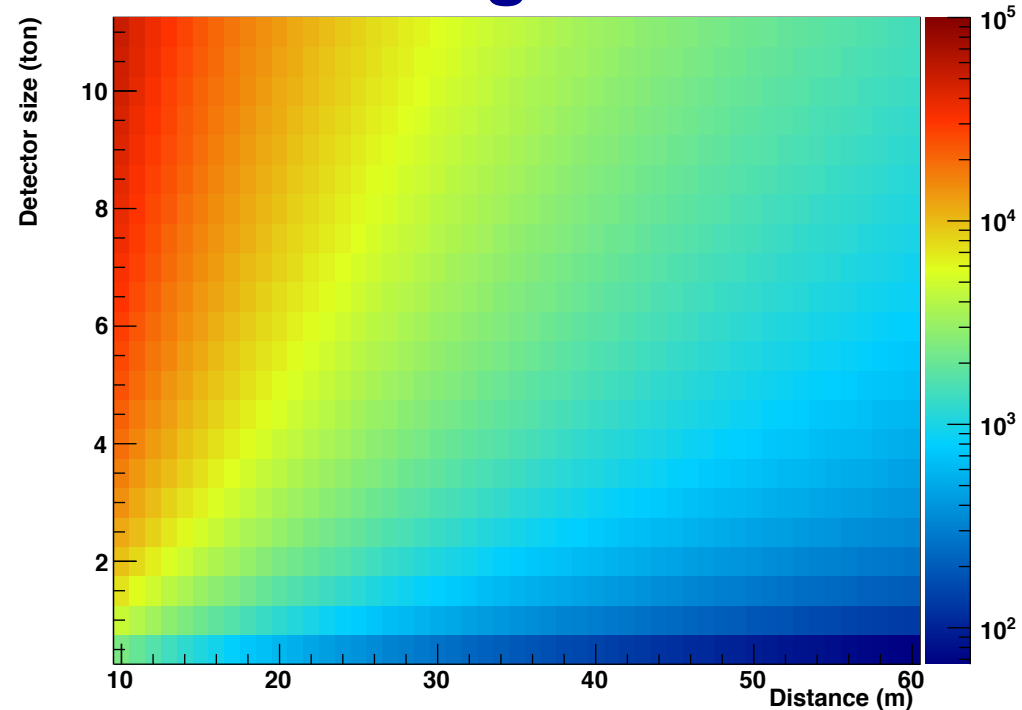
# Total events per year at the SNS as a function of distance and mass

just scaling as  $\propto 1/R^2$ ,  $\propto M$

lead



argon



$\sim 10^3$  events per few tons at 30 m

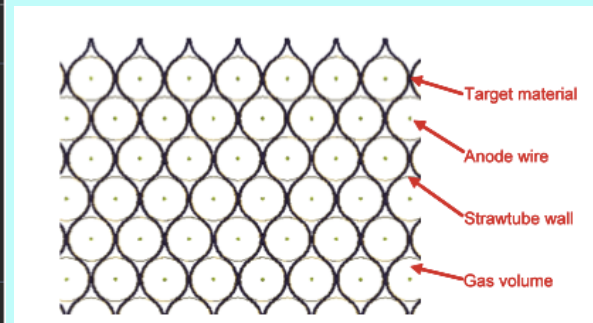
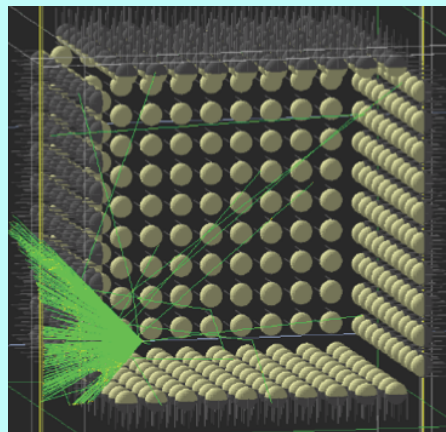


# Possible Experiments for CC/NC Measurements

## NuSNS:

interchangeable targets

- homogeneous detector for transparent liquids
- foils + straws for metallic targets



Small LAr  
TPC

ArgoNeut?  
LBNE  
prototype?



Small  
lead + n  
detector

HALO-  
inspired

