

# NEUTRINO PHYSICS PRIORITIES

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# OPEN QUESTIONS: MIXING

- We know this: neutrino flavors mix, neutrinos are massive!

• flavor states  $|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k} |\nu_k\rangle$  • mass states  
 $\nu_\alpha = \nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$   $\nu_k = \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3$

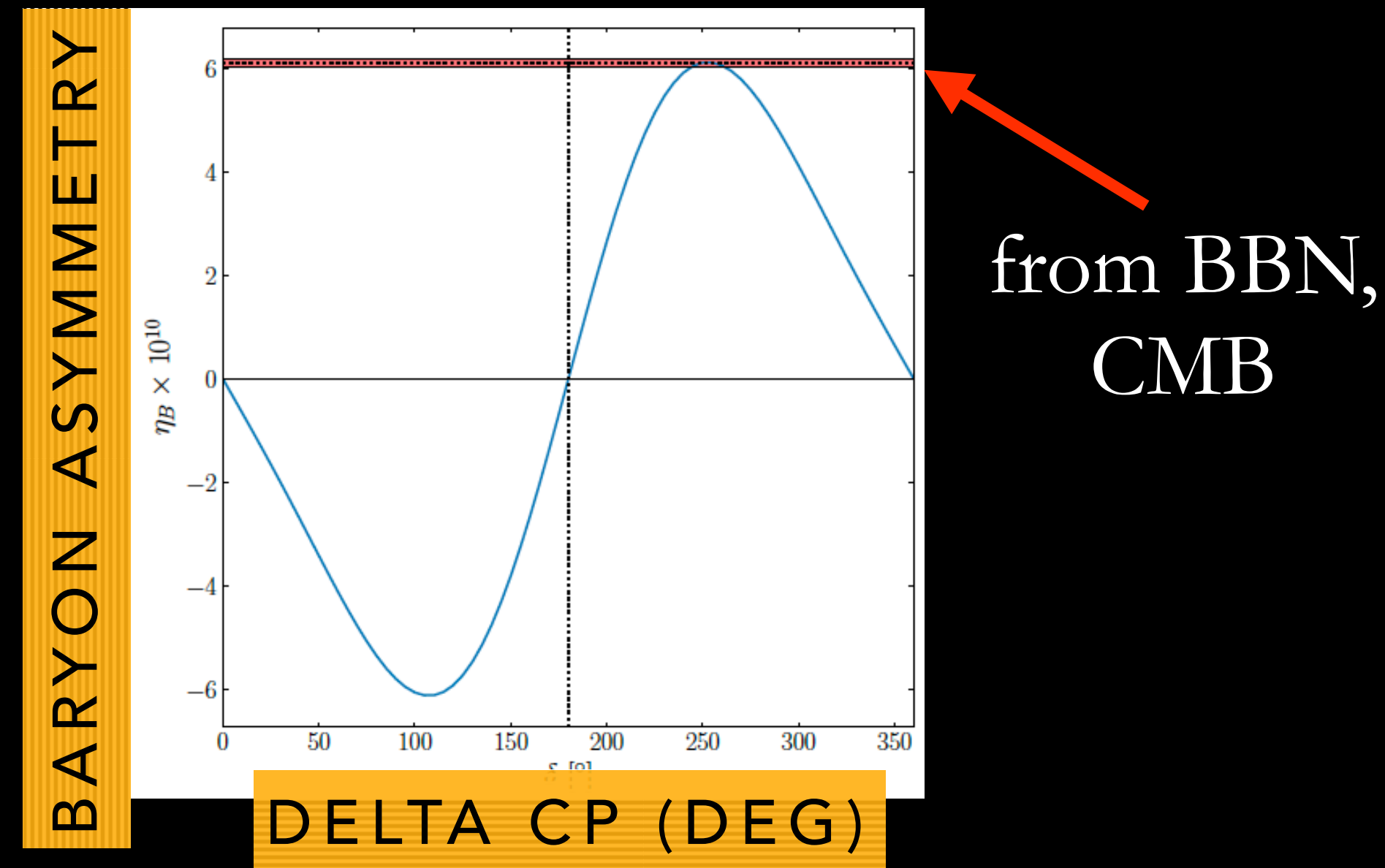
$s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$   
 $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\alpha_{21}}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\frac{\alpha_{31}}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- We know the angles  $\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{23}$  but not the phases  $\delta_{CP}, \alpha_{21}, \alpha_{31}$

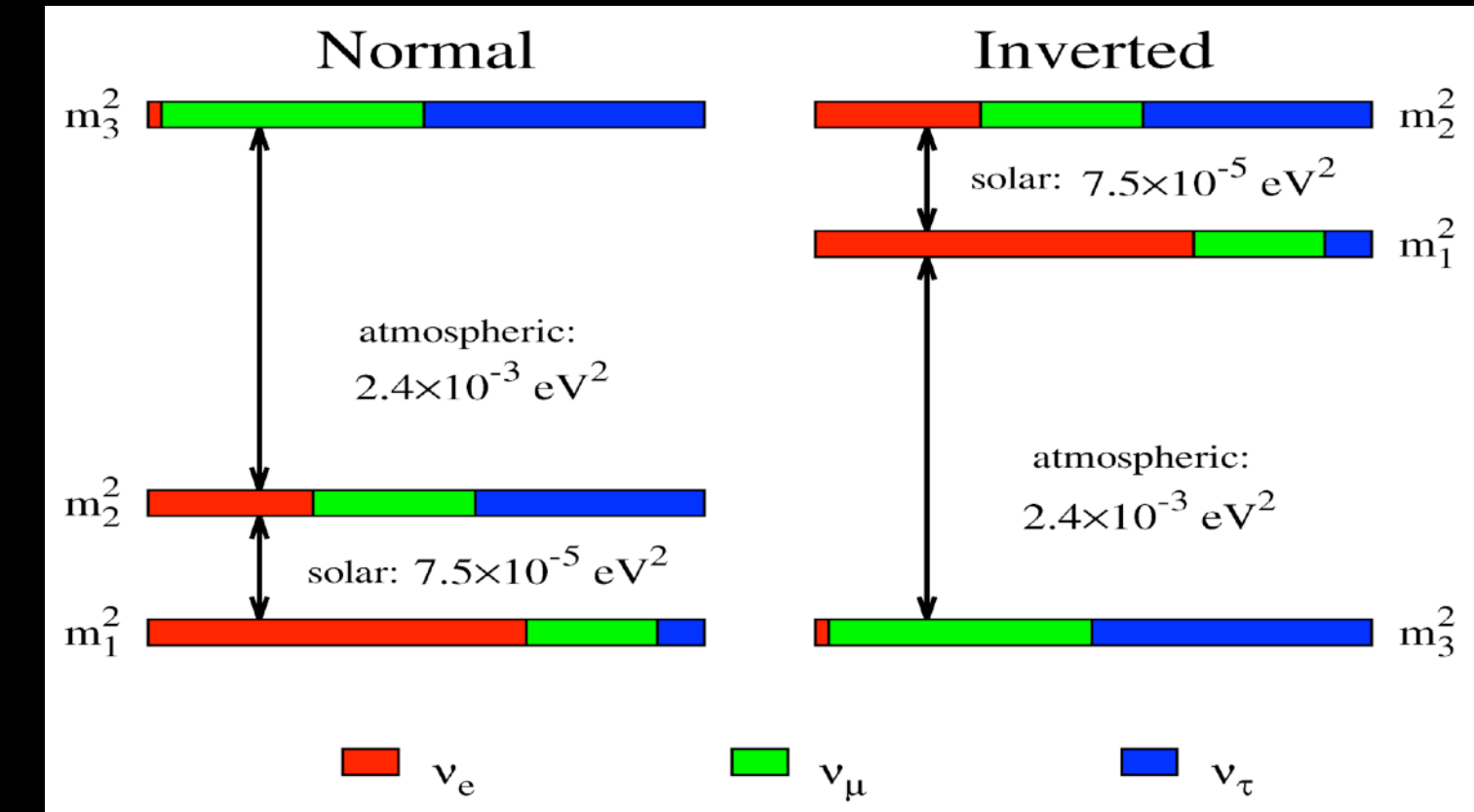
IS THE MIXING MATRIX REAL OR COMPLEX?  
 IS THERE CP VIOLATION IN THE LEPTON SECTOR ?

- Strong implications in cosmology. Can explain the matter - antimatter asymmetry in the early Universe.



# OPEN QUESTIONS: MASS, DIRAC/MAJ.

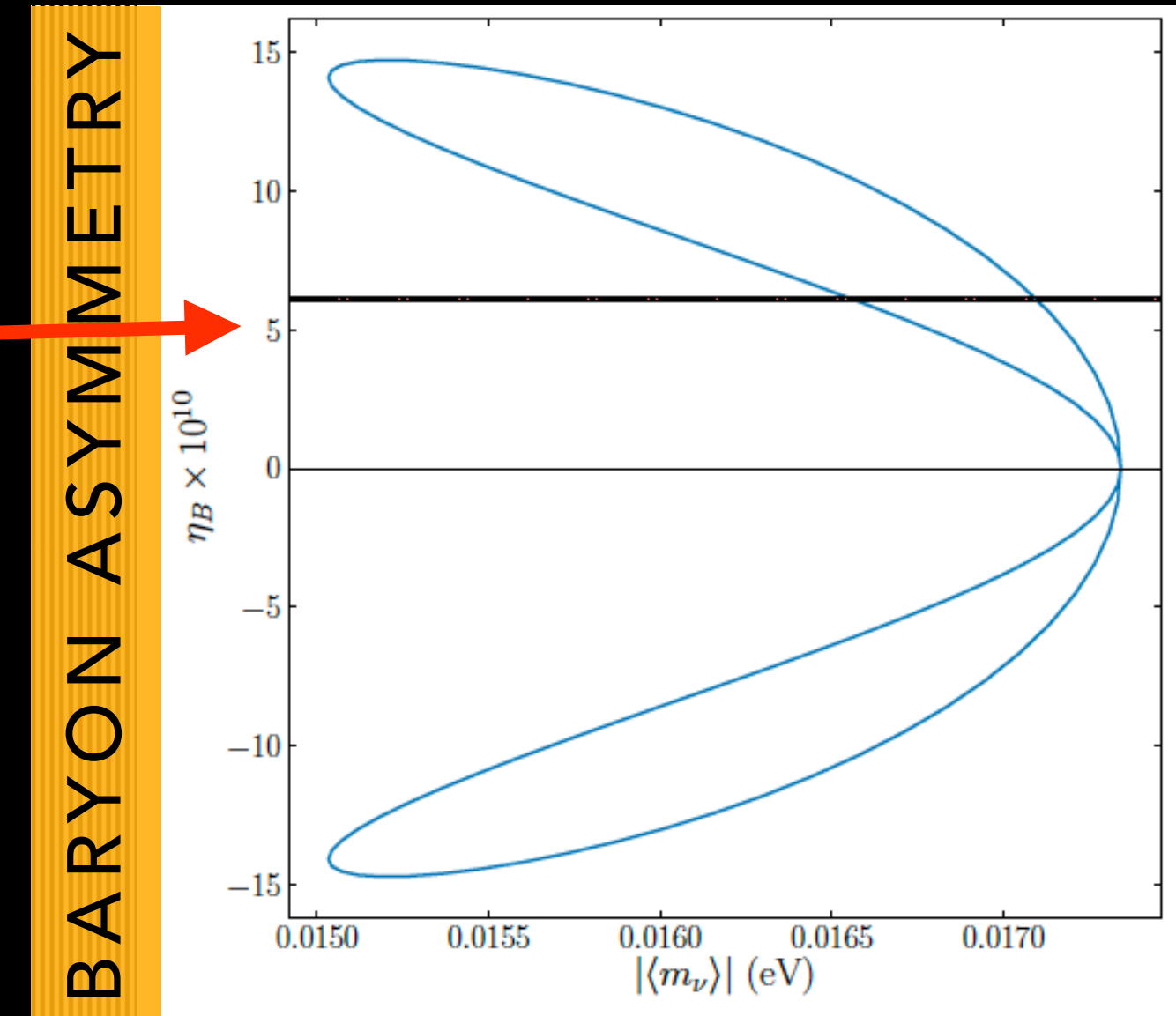
- We know  $\Delta m_{ij}^2$  but not the absolute values  $m_1, m_2, m_3$



$$\mathcal{L}^{mass} = \left[ \overline{\nu_L^C} \quad \overline{N_R} \right] \begin{bmatrix} m_L & m_D \\ m_D & m_R \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_L \\ N_R^C \end{bmatrix} + h.c.$$

- Type of mass terms, charge conjugation properties?
  - Dirac?** only one phase  $\delta_{CP}$  and one mass  $m_D$
  - Majorana?** more d.o.f.:  $\alpha_{21}, \alpha_{31}, m_L, m_R$ 
    - smallness of mass explained by large  $m_R$  scale
    - additional CP violation via  $\alpha_{21}, \alpha_{31}$
    - neutrinoless double-beta decay is possible
      - rate directly related to absolute masses

$$m_1 = -\frac{m_D^2}{m_R}$$



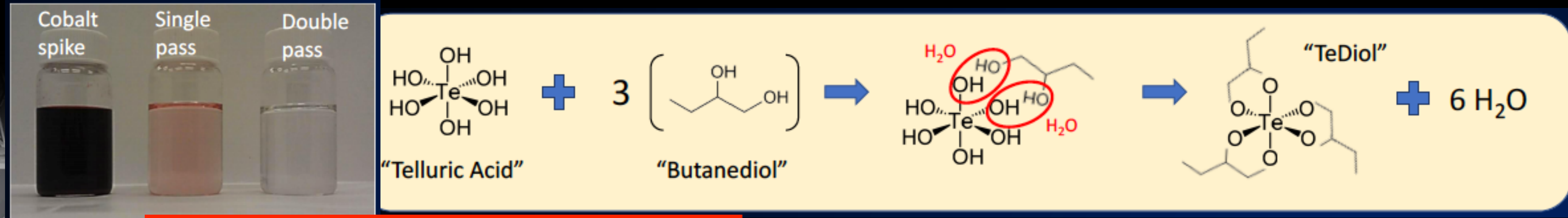
$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_{k=1}^3 m_k U_{ek}^2 \right| = \left| m_1 c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 + m_2 s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 e^{i(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)} + m_3 s_{13}^2 e^{i(\alpha_1 - 2\delta_{CP})} \right|$$



# DOUBLE BETA DECAY: SNO+

Re-using SNO detector (Canada)

LIQUID SCINTILLATOR LOADING TECHNIQUE:  
HIGH ISOTOPE MASS, LOW BACKGROUNDS



SNO+ DEVELOPED  
TECHNIQUES FOR  
TELLURIUM PURIFICATION  
AND LOADING

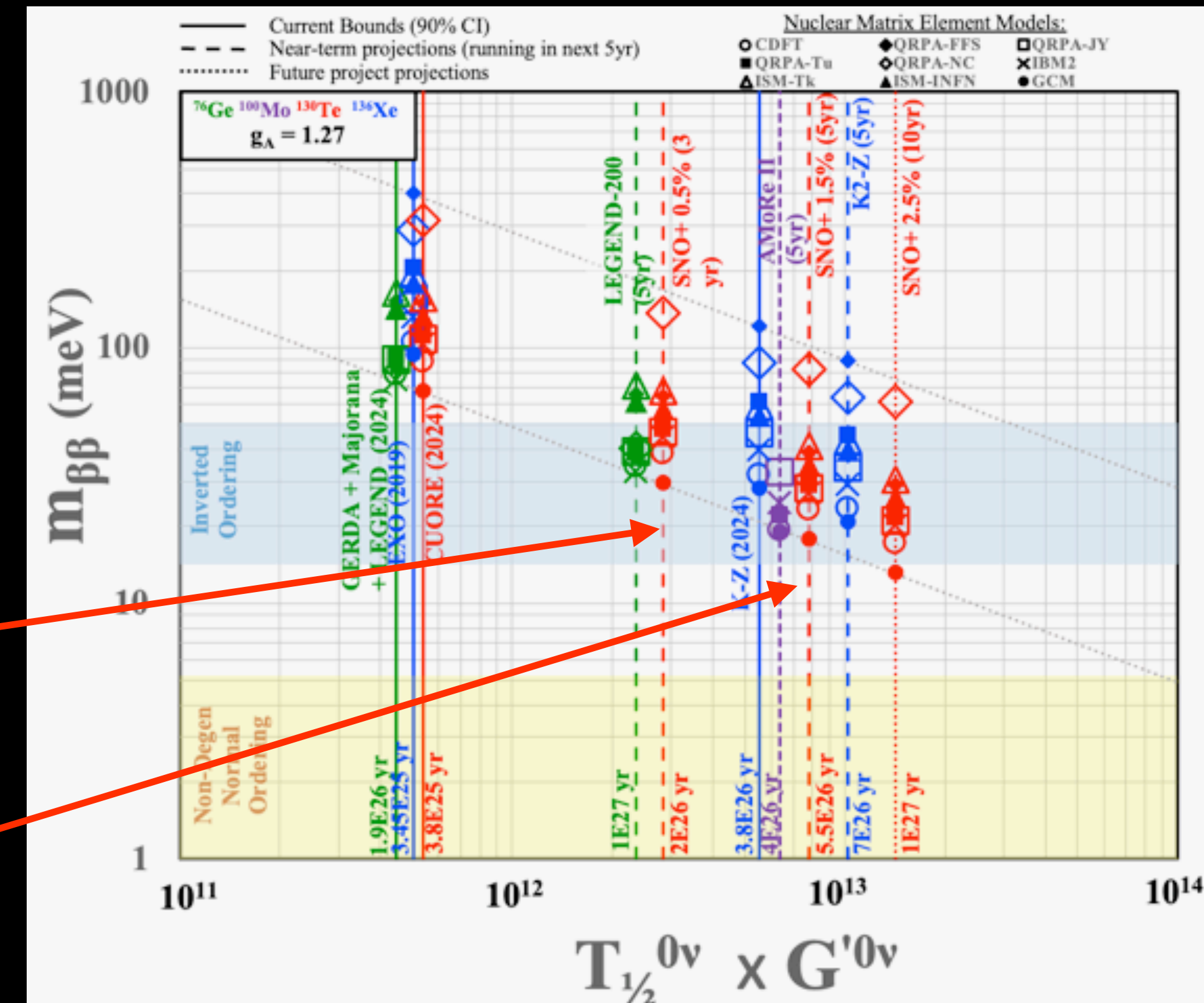
~9300 PMTs

several  
target  
materials

12 m acrylic vessel

0.5% LOADING: BEST TE130  
SENSITIVITY

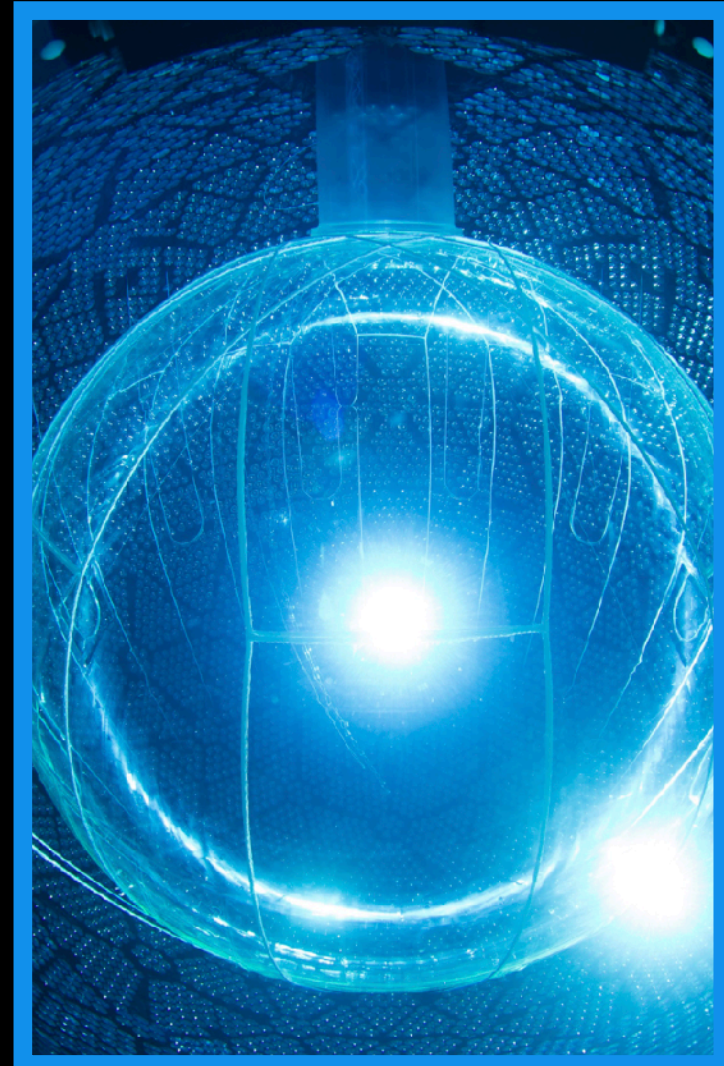
1.5% LOADING: WINDOW OF  
OPPORTUNITY FOR BEST  
SENSITIVITY, ANY ISOTOPE  
(BEFORE "TON-SCALE")





# DOUBLE BETA DECAY: SNO+

2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025



## Water phase

best invisible nucleon decay limits; first reactor  $\nu$  in pure water

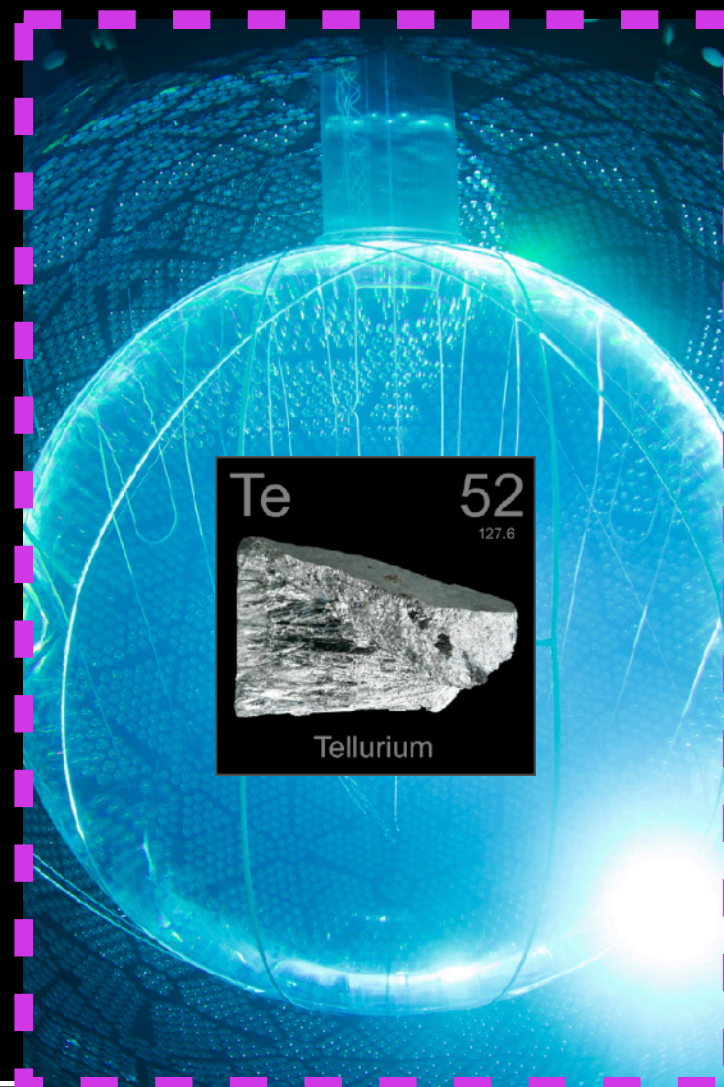
## Partial fill phase

solar  $\nu$  directionality  
reactor  $\nu$  in LS



## Scintillator phase

reactor  $\nu$ : 2nd world measurement of  $\Delta m_{12}^2$ ;  
first solar CC on  $^{13}\text{C}$   
low energy  $^8\text{B}$  solar  $\nu$



2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032

Fill 0.5% Te 0.5% data Fill 1.5% Te 1.5% data

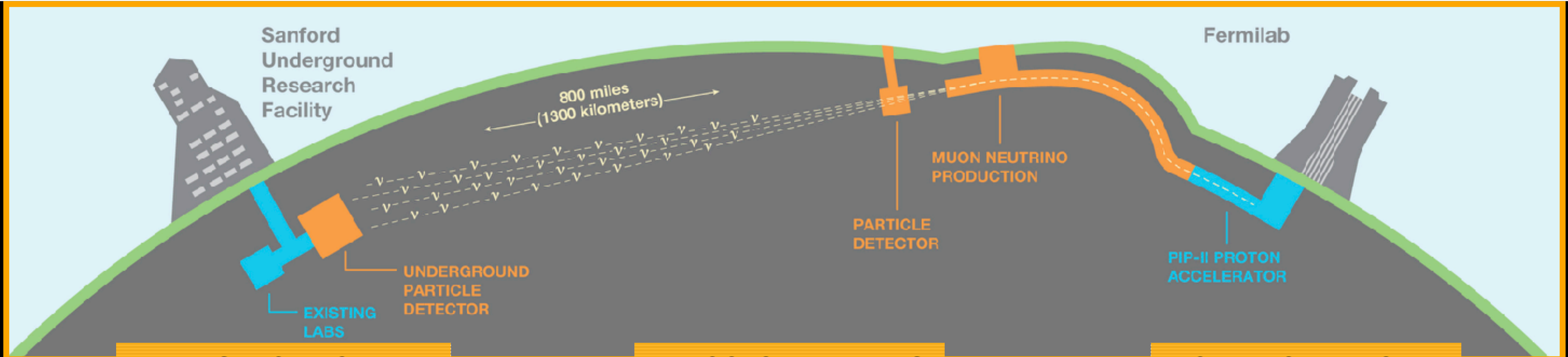
## Tellurium-loaded phases:

0.5%: best sensitivity to  $^{130}\text{Te}$   $0\nu\beta\beta$  ( $2 \times 10^6$  yr in 3 yrs)

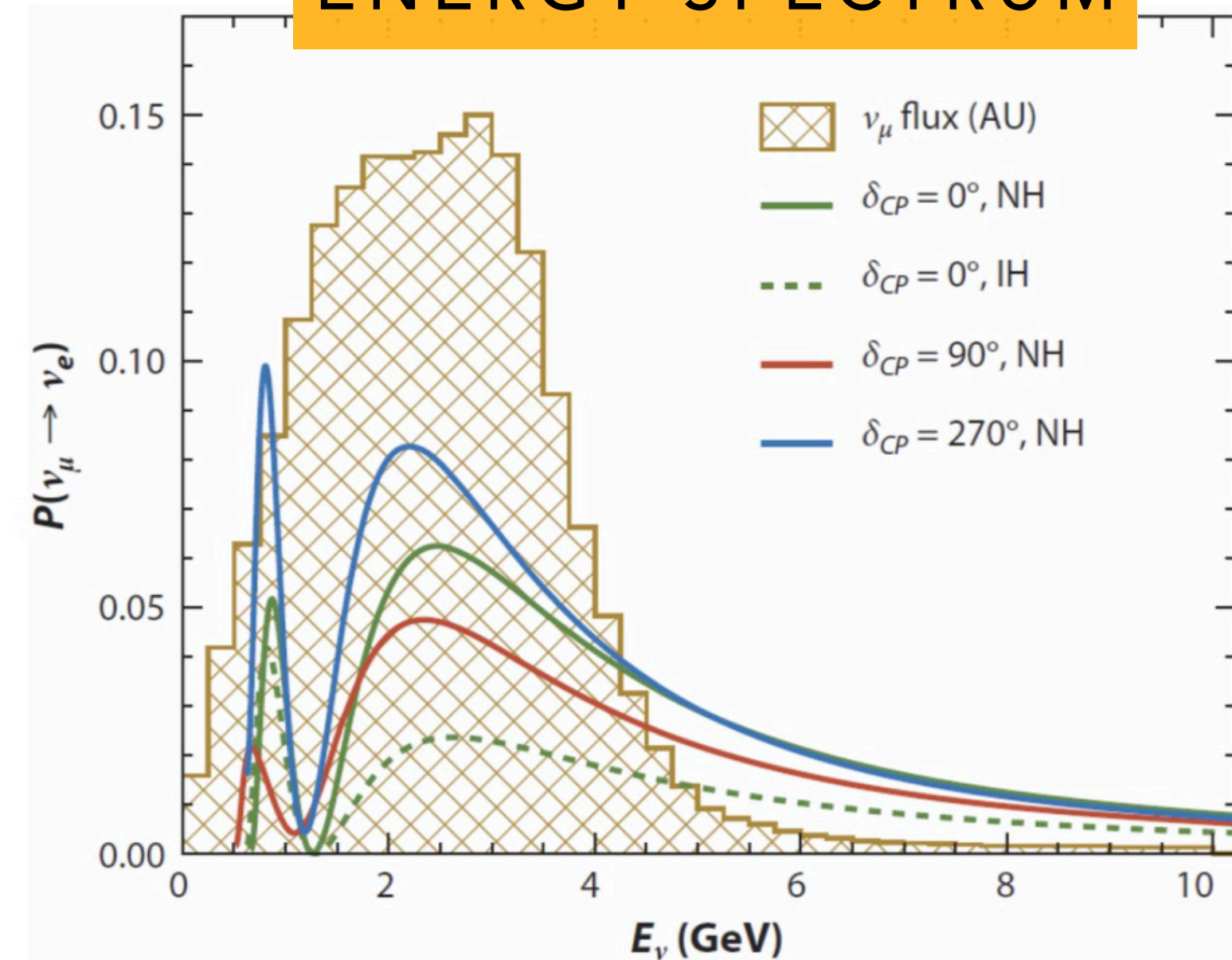
1.5%: best sensitivity, any isotope ( $6 \times 10^6$  yr in 5 yrs)



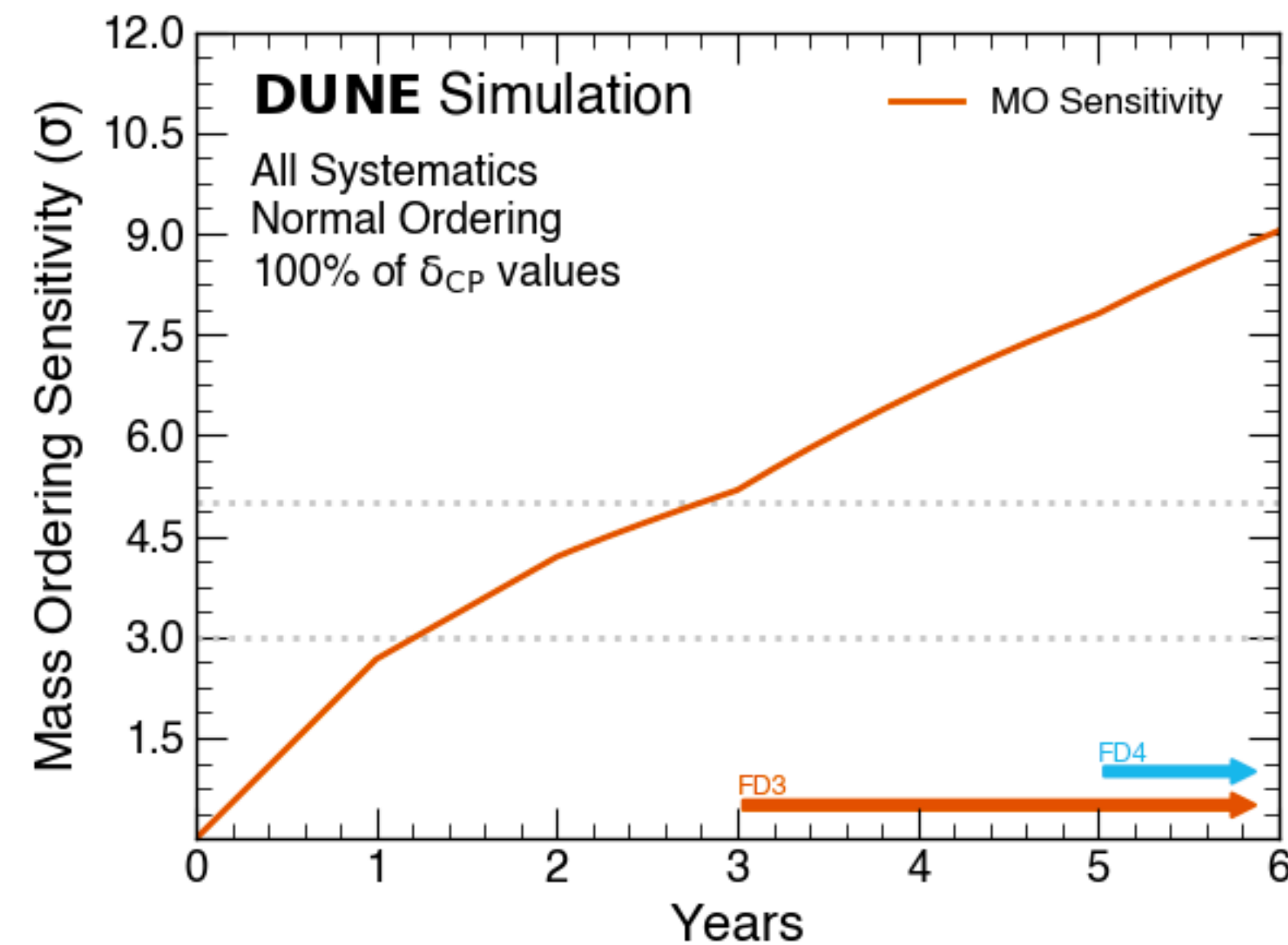
# LONG BASELINE OSCILLATIONS: DUNE



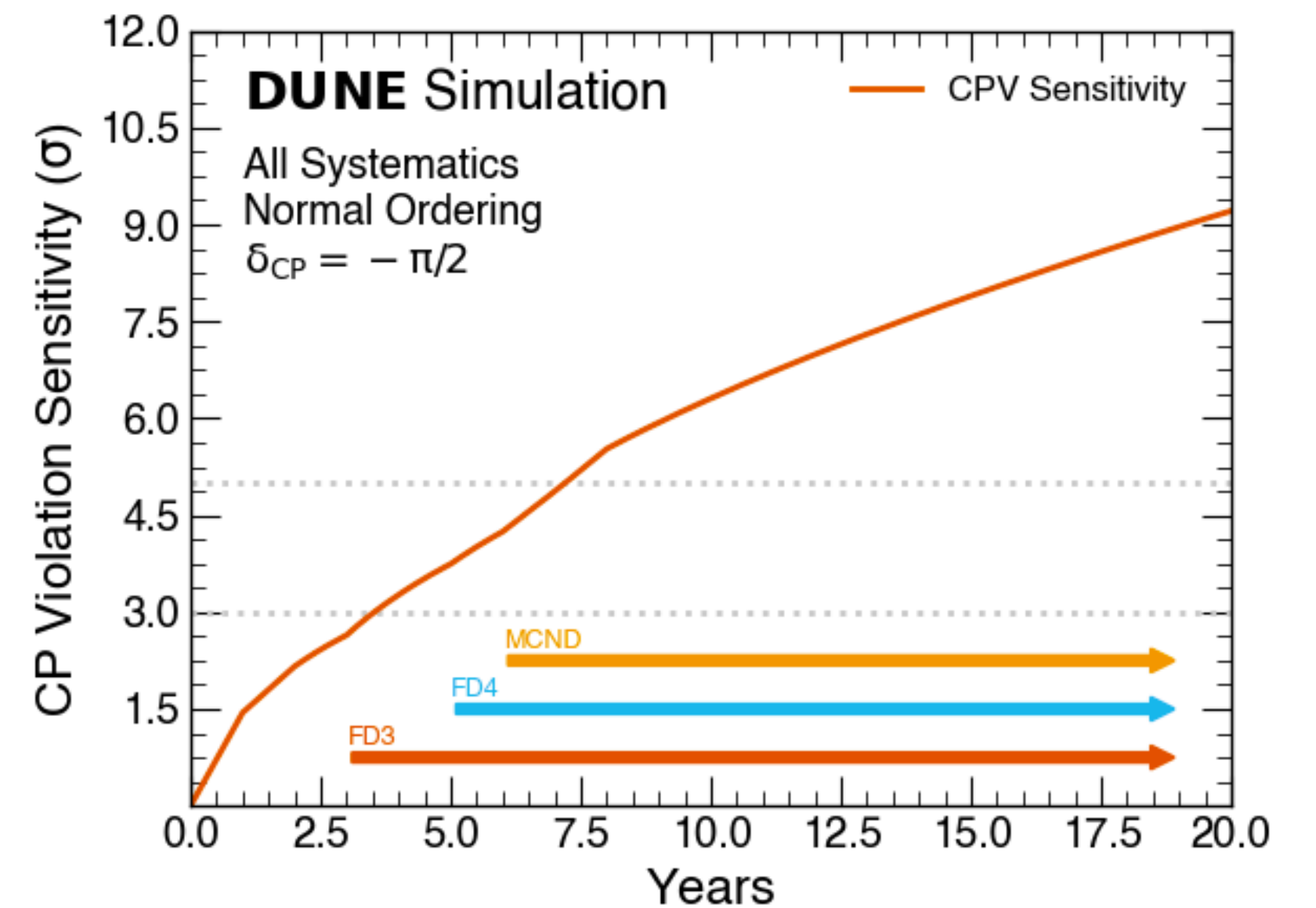
## ENERGY SPECTRUM



## MASS ORDERING



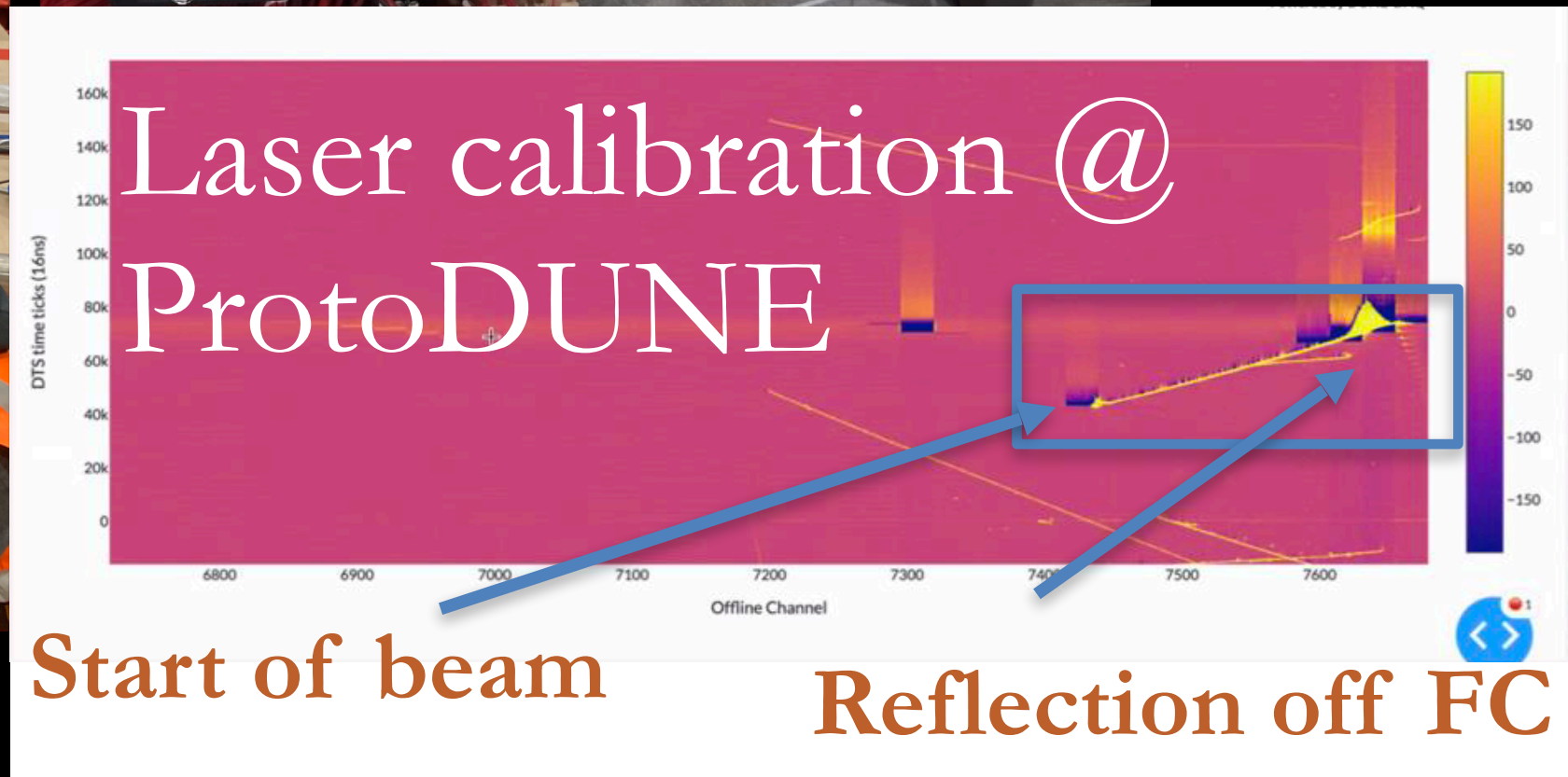
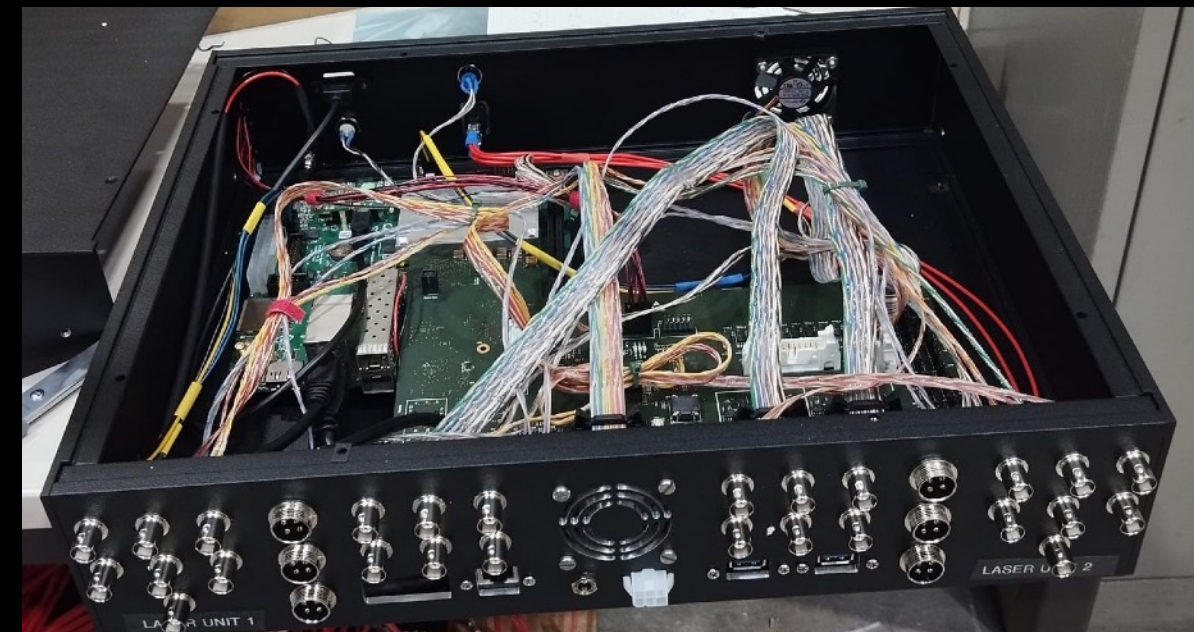
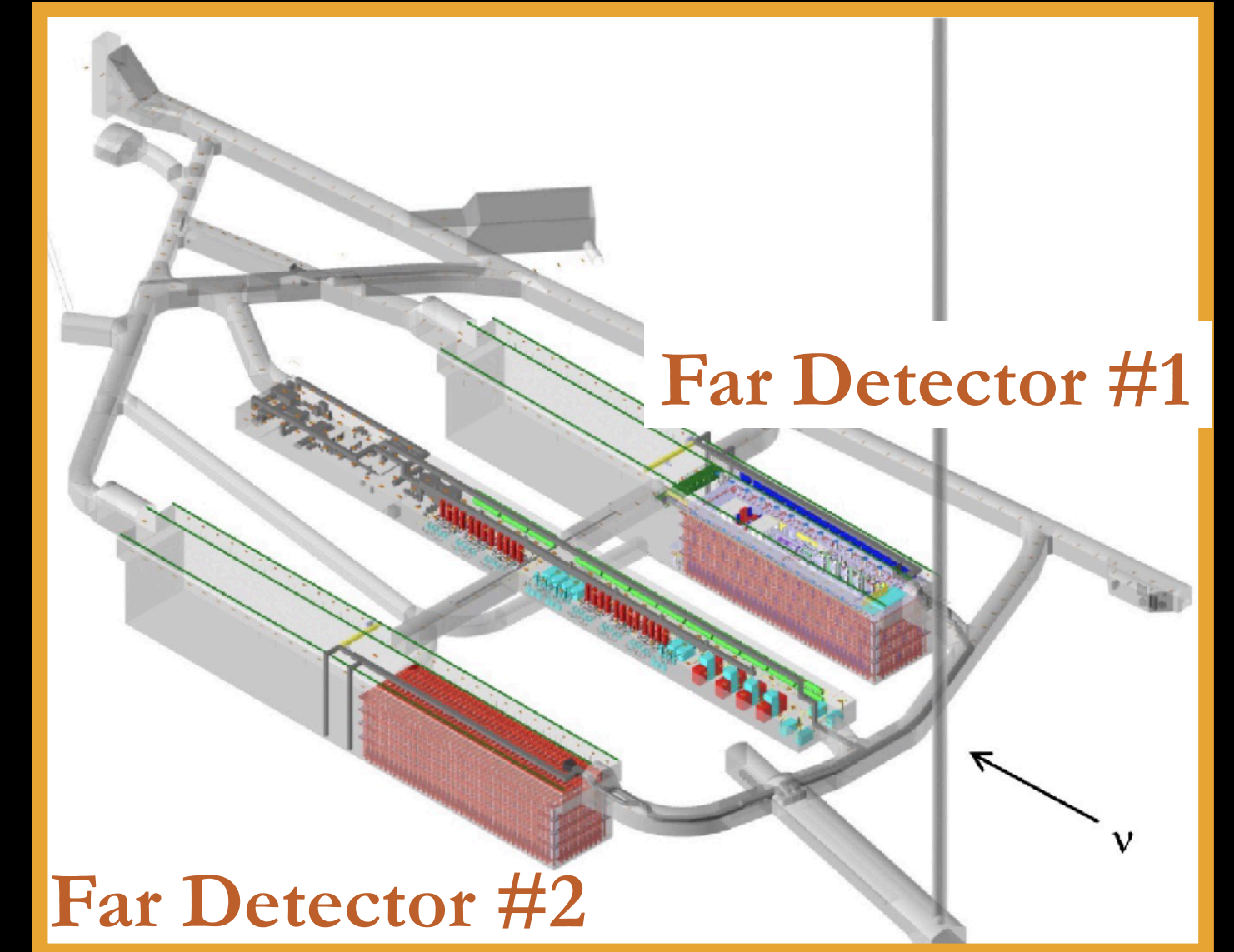
## CP VIOLATION





# LONG BASELINE OSCILLATIONS: DUNE

- DUNE Phase I: FD1 and FD2, beam start 2031
- Horizontal and vertical drift LAr TPCs (17 kt each)
- Testing this technology at ProtDUNEs (CERN)
- LIP leading Calibration and Cryogenic Instrumentation



- DUNE Phase II: FD3 and FD4
- FD4 not necessarily LAr, open to expand physics
- Theia: Liquid scintillator option proposed for FD4. Possible convergence with SNO+ expertise



# PRIORITIES

	DUNE	SNO+
PHYSICS POTENTIAL	MASS ORDERING AND LEPTONIC CP VIOLATION (+ BSM) SUPERNOVAE, PROTON DECAY	BEST SENSIVITY TO 0VBB WITH TE130 @0.5%
LONG-TERM POTENTIAL	WIDEBAND GIVES GOOD SENSITIVITY TO BSM R&D FOR DUNE PHASE II	BEST SENSIVITY WITH ANY ISOTOPE @1.5% TECHNIQUE FOR FUTURE EXPERIMENTS
FINANCIAL, HUMAN RESOURCES	LEVERAGE LEADERSHIP ROLES AND LIP INFRASTRUCTURES.	LEADERSHIP ROLES MODEST NEEDS FOR FUTURE R&D



# PRIORITIES

	DUNE	SNO+
TIMING	PROTODUNE ANALYSIS IN PARALLEL WITH FD CONSTRUCTION. LATER, R&D FOR PHASEII	DATA ANALYSIS NOW. FUTURE LS TECHNIQUE POTENTIALLY CONVERGE AS DUNE FD4
CAREERS, TRAINING	LARGE INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS, GOOD COMBINATION OF HW, ANALYSIS	

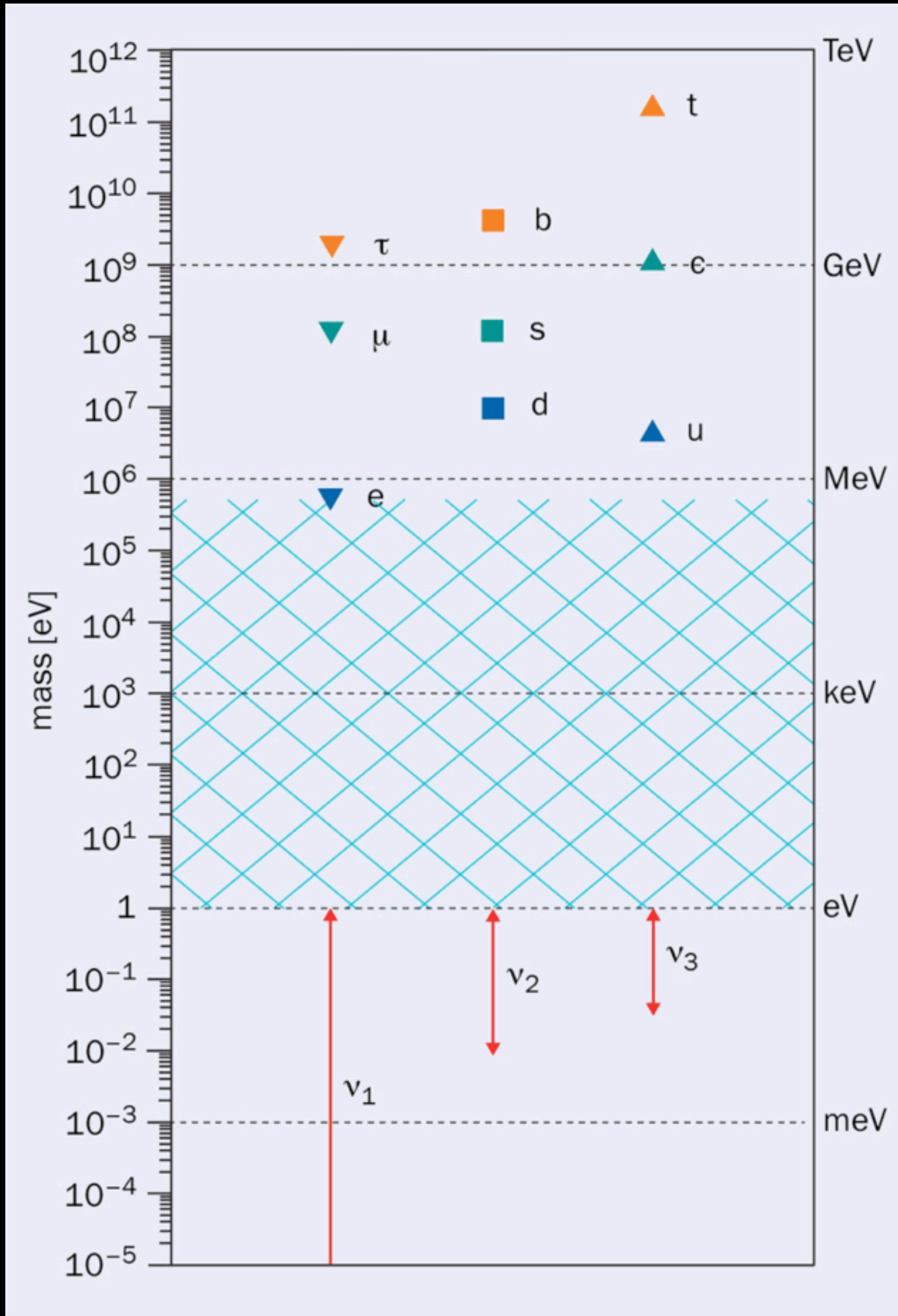


**EXTRA SLIDES**

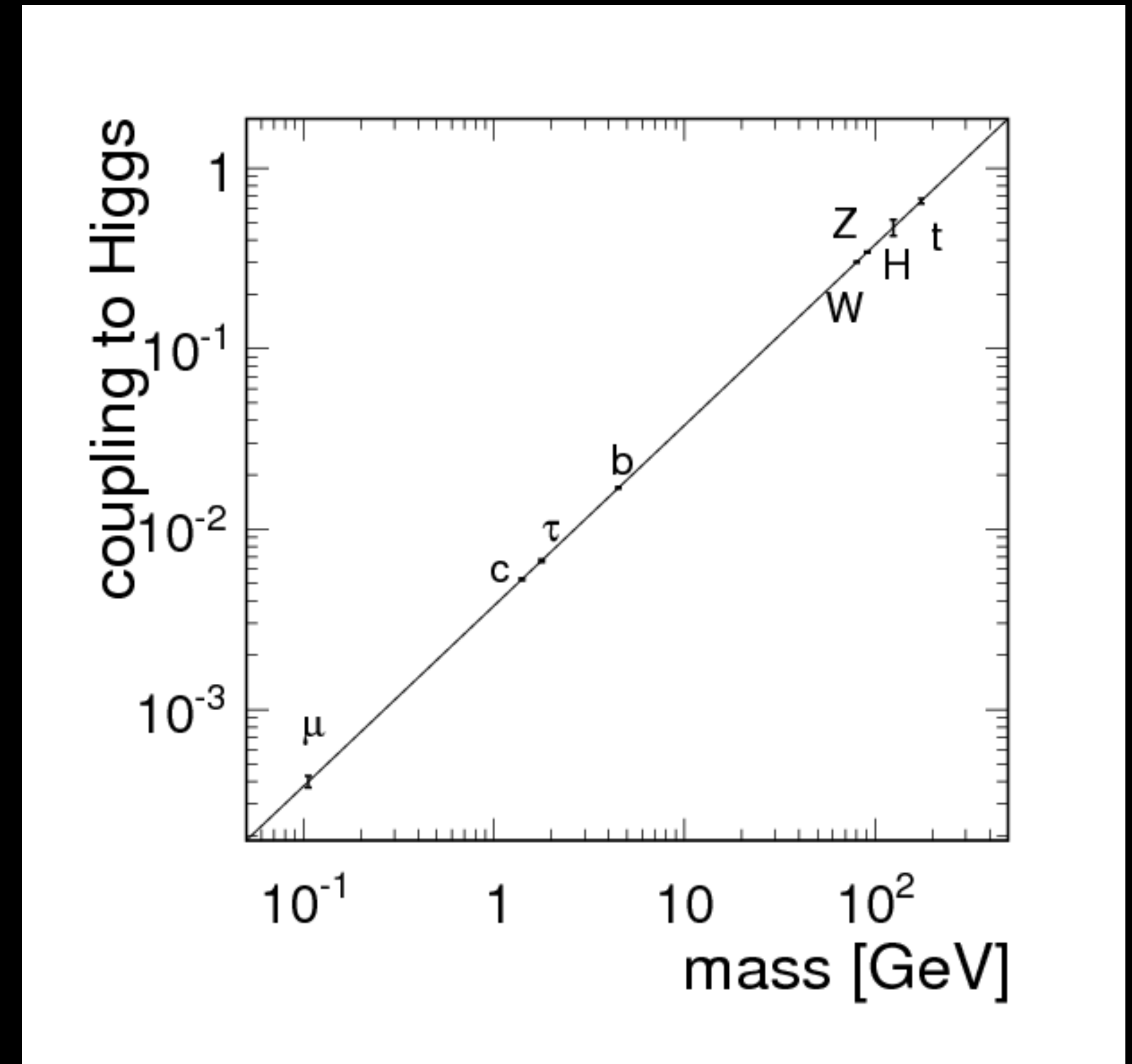


# NEUTRINO MASS, WHY SO TINY?

## Fermion masses

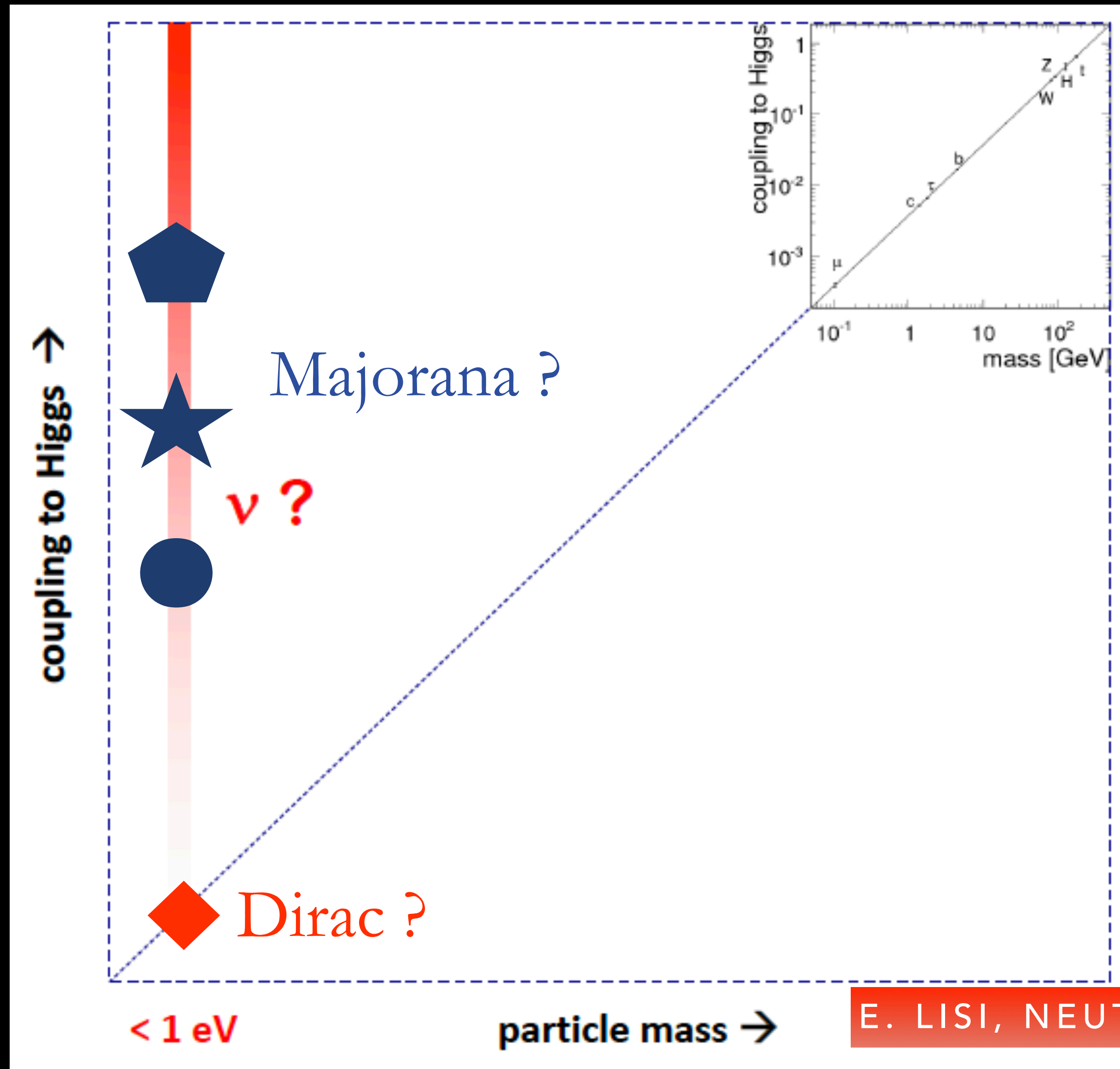


Mass of elementary particles directly related to Higgs interaction





# NEUTRINO MASS, WHY SO TINY?



Do neutrinos couple to the Higgs in the same way as charged fermions?

- A test ground for New Physics!
- Possible explanation for matter/antimatter asymmetry.





# NEUTRINO MASS OBSERVABLES

