

Design of a pan-European infrastructure for Large Apparatus for Grand Unification and Neutrino Astrophysics







# LAGUNA/LBNO

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#### Goal: neutrino underground observatory



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# The LAGUNA history



#### • LAGUNA DS (FP7 Design Study 2008-2011)

- ~100 members; 10 countries
- 3 detector technologies ⊗ 7 sites,
   different baselines (130 → 2300km)
- LAGUNA-LBNO DS (FP7 DS Long Baseline

Neutrino Oscillations, 2011-2014)

- ~300 members; 14 countries + CERN
- Down selection of sites & detectors

- Large Apparatus for Grand Unification and Neutrino Astrophysics - Long Baseline Neutrino Oscillations
- **LENA** (Low Energy Neutrino Astrophysics "Whitepaper", March 2012)
  - Focused at low energy (MeV) region, with GeV range physics complementary to LBNO
  - ~80 authors; 36 institutions
- LBNO (CERN SPSC EoI for a very long baseline neutrino oscillation experiment, June 2012)
  - Consensus towards full long baseline physics + full astroparticle as mandatory physics drivers
  - An incremental approach with clear phase 1 physics capabilities
  - ~230 authors; 51 institutions
  - CERN-SPSC-2012-021 ; SPSC-EOI-007, under review

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### LAGUNA-LBNO: sites overview

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**CN2PY** (Pyhäsalmi)

Initial : beam from SPS (500kW - 750kW)

Long term: LP-SPL + HP-PS - >2MW

#### Three far sites considered in details

arXiv:1003.1921 [hep-ph]

- Option 1: Pyhäsalmi mine (privately owned), 4000 m.w.e overburden, excellent infrastructure for deep underground access
- Option 2: Fréjus, nearby road tunnel, 4800 m.w.e. overburden, horizontal access
- Option 3: Umbria (LNGS extension), green site with horizontal access, 2000 m.w.e., CNGS off-axis beam
- Protons and beams:
  - Design of new CERN conventional neutrino beam to Finland (CN2PY) Baseline = 2300 km
  - Upgrades of CERN SPS to 700kWNew CERN HP-PS (2MW@50 GeV)
  - Recently: assessment of a new conventional beam coupled to accelerator upgrade at Protvino, Russia (OMEGA project) – Baseline = 1160 km
- PYHASALM PROTVINO **IHEP complex Protvino** • 70 GeV (450kW) CFRN C Cross FREJUS **CN2FR (Fréjus) HP-SPL** + accumulato NGS - Umbria (5 GeV – 4 MW) Beam from SPS (500kW) No near detector possibility
- Detector options: 20, 50, 100 kton LAr; 50 kton LSc and 540 kton WCD

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# **EXAMPLE NO (CERN SPSC-EOI-007)**

http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1457543

- In June 2012, an enlarged LAGUNA-LBNO Consortium has put forward an Expression of Interested to CERN, focused on neutrino Mass Hierarchy determination and CPV discovery coupled to a full astrophysics programme at the Pyhäsalmi (Finland) site
  - Based on the findings of several design studies LAGUNA/LAGUNA-LBNO and EUROv.
  - Supported by rock, civil, detector engineering designs and many years of detector R&D
- An incremental long-baseline program with a competitive 1st stage guaranteeing high level physics performance from the beginning.
  - LBNO Stage 1 is based on a 20 kt fid. LAr detector (double phase) and a conventional beam from the CERN SPS of 700 kW at 2300 km.
  - If the findings from Stage 1 require, the detector and the beam will be upgraded to 70 kton mass and 2 MW proton power.
  - The costs, possible implementation schemes and physics potentials will be further studied until the end of 2014.
- Initial positive feedback from SPSC (108<sup>th</sup> minutes, January 2013)
  - The SPSC supports the physics case and recognises its timely relevance in the rapidly evolving neutrino physics landscape.
  - SPSC notes that the Finnish Government could not commit to host LAGUNA-LBNO in the proposed Pyhäsalmi site
  - SPSC supports double phase LAr TPC as promising technique for future LBL
  - SPSC encourages LBNO to proceed with necessary R&D for validation of double phase LAr TPC on large scale

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# LBNO main physics ggals s

#### Long baseline neutrino oscillations

- $\nu\mu \rightarrow \nu e \& \nu\mu \rightarrow \nu \tau \& \psi\mu \rightarrow \nu\mu \& \nu NC \delta_{CP} = 90^{\circ}$
- Direct measurement of the energy dependence (L/E behaviour) induced by matter effects and CP-phase terms, independently for v and anti-v, by direct measurement of event spectrum, in particular covering 1stoand 2nd oscillation maxima
- Mass hierarchy determination at >5σ C.L. in first two years of running
- CP-phase measurement and CPV "discovery" ( $\Rightarrow$  5 $\sigma$  C.L.)
- Test of three generation mixing paradigm

#### • A full astrophysics programme

- Nucleon decays (direct GUT evidence)
- Atmospheric neutrino detection with complementary oscillation measurements and Earth spectroscopy
- Astrophysical neutrino detection and searches for new sources of neutrinos



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### **LBNO** far site and detectors

- The LAGUNA LBNO collaboration is in the most advanced state for what concerns all technical implementation and site studies, costing and prototyping.
- The Pyhäsalmi site is extremely convenient (baseline, infrastructures, depth, excavation aspects). An extended site investigation is progressing well (750 m drilled) →Discussions will continue with Finland in order to define its real contribution, after some initial misunderstanding. Alternative sites in Scandinavia are been looked into.



 Next milestone: Large-scale LBNO detectors prototyping at CERN, with priority emphasis on a large double-phase LAr demonstrator, using charged-particle test beams (2014-2017).



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### The CN2PY beam



- Phase 1 : use the proton beam extracted beam from SPS
- 400 GeV, max 7.0 1<sup>013</sup> protons every 6 sec, 750 kW nominal beam power, 10 μs pulse
- Yearly integrated pot = (8–13)e19 pot / yr depending on "sharing" with other fixed target programmes.
- Phase 2 : use the proton beam from the new HP-PS
- 50(70) GeV, 1 Hz, 2.5e14 ppp, 2 MW nominal beam power, 4 µs pulse



### **High power HP-PS study**





Ramp time

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Dipole field rate dB/dt (acc. ramp)

- Basic ideas about accelerating RF system
- Basic ideas about collimation
- Consolidate optics and establish set of requirements for different magnet families.
- Design of magnet foreseen.

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10 10

[ms]

[T/s]

500

5.9

500

3.9

#### LBNO near detector and hadroproduction

<u>Aim</u>: systematic errors for signal and backgrounds in the far detectors below ±5%, possibly at the level of  $\pm 2\% \Rightarrow$  control of fluxes, cross-sections, efficiencies,...



- Concept: 20 bar gas argon-mixture TPC (2.4 m × 2.4 m × 3 m) surrounded by scintillator bar tracker embedded in an instrumented magnet with field 0.5T
- 600 kg argon mass in TPC
- 0.2 event/spill @ 7e13 ppp 400 GeV
- O(100'000) events/year



- It is widely recognized that hadroproduction measurements with thin or replica target are really crucial for precision neutrino experiments (eg. K2K, T2K, MINOS).
- CERN NA61 upgrade needed for 400 GeV incident protons
- Precision neutrino cross-section measurements: e.g. MINERVA, T2K-ND280, also nuSTORM LOMONOSOV CONFERENCE

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#### Possibility of neutrinos from Protvino





#### Assumed parameters for neutrino beam:

Proton energy Repetition rate Intensity Power Neutrino channel Angle to Pyhäsalmi Distance to ND ND depth (at 500m) 70 GeV 0.2 Hz 2.2x10<sup>14</sup> ppp 450 kW 200-300 m 5.2 deg 500 - 750 m 46 m

#### ≈1800 vµ CC / 20 kton / year (no osc.)



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# **Rich MH & CP phenomenology**

#### • First order approximation in expansion (Sato et al.):



#### Difference between neutrinos and antineutrinos:



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### **Expected oscillation probability**



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### Event rates/year for 20 kton



POT normalisation

Protvino: 4e20 pot @ 70 GeV

(corresponds events/1 year): CERN: SPS 1.5e20 pot @ 400GeV and HP-PS 3.5e21 pot @ 50 GeV

| Nu beam | CERN SPS 700kW      |                                   | CERN HP-PS 2MW      |                                   | Protvino 450kW      |                                   |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
|         | $\upsilon_{\mu}$ CC | υ <sub>e</sub> +ū <sub>e</sub> CC | $\upsilon_{\mu}$ CC | υ <sub>e</sub> +ū <sub>e</sub> CC | $\upsilon_{\mu}$ CC | υ <sub>e</sub> +ū <sub>e</sub> CC |
| NEUT    |                     |                                   |                     |                                   | 2056                | 21                                |
| GENIE   | 1428                | 10                                | 4007                | 26                                | 1805                | 18                                |
| GLOBES  | 1426                | 10                                | 3975                | 26                                | 1756                | 18                                |



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#### **δ<sub>CP</sub> & MH dependence** SPS(700kW), 10y, 75%nu-25%antinu; m=70kt



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# Sensitivity to mass hierarchy

# Extracting MH from global fits can not replace a direct 5σ measurement from a direct measurement !



Provide a >5 $\sigma$  direct determination of MH independent of the values of  $\theta_{23}$  &  $\delta_{CP}$  in  $\approx$ 2 years of running

Other methods proposed (atmospheric neutrinos, reactors) do not provide such a level of sensitivity and could be prone to irreducible systematic errors

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### Effect of systematic errors

LBNO L=2300km, 20 kton, 10 years



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### LBNO++: two beam experiment!

CERN-Protvino-Pyhäsalmi – 1160&2300 km baselines



Sensitivity can be significantly enhanced and systematic errors crosschecked with CERN+Protvino beams with different baselines in the single far LBNO experiment → Unique setup!

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- Neutrino oscillation physics complementary to long baseline beam
- Clean  $v_e \& v_\mu$  CC over all range of energies (GeV, MultiGeV)
- Good neutrino energy and angular reconstruction



### Proton decay sensitivity



#### For a 20kton exposure of 10 years (200 kton×year)

#### JHEP 0704 (2007) 041

| Mode                            | Lifetime (90%C.L.)        |  |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| p <b>→</b> vK+                  | >3×10 <sup>34</sup> yrs   |  |  |
| p→e⁺γ, p→μ⁺γ                    | >3×10 <sup>34</sup> yrs   |  |  |
| p <b>→</b> μ <sup>-</sup> π⁺K⁺  | >3×10 <sup>34</sup> yrs   |  |  |
| n→e <sup>-</sup> K <sup>+</sup> | >3×10 <sup>34</sup> yrs   |  |  |
| p→ $\mu^+K^0$ , p→ $e^+K^0$     | >1×10 <sup>34</sup> yrs   |  |  |
| p→e⁺π <sup>0</sup>              | >1×10 <sup>34</sup> yrs   |  |  |
| p <b>→</b> μ⁺π <sup>0</sup>     | >0.8×10 <sup>34</sup> yrs |  |  |
| n→e⁺π <sup>−</sup>              | >0.8×10 <sup>34</sup> yrs |  |  |

Expect ≈linear sensitivity improvement with exposure until 1000 kton×year

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### Supernova detection channels



JCAP 0310 (2003) 009For 20 kton and a SN explosionJCAP 0408 (2004) 001at the distance of 5 kpc:

$$\langle E_{\nu_e} \rangle = 11 MeV, \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle = 16 MeV, \langle E_{\nu_x} \rangle = \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_x} \rangle = 25 MeV$$
 **Events:**

- $\nu_e {}^{40}Ar \to e^{-40}K^* \quad (E_v > 1.5 \text{ MeV}) \approx 23820$
- $\bar{\nu}_e {}^{40}Ar \to e^+ {}^{40}Cl^* \quad (E_v > 7.48 \text{ MeV}) \approx 2420$

$$\nu_x {}^{40}Ar \to \nu_x + {}^{40}Ar^*$$
  $\approx 30440$ 

 $\nu_x \ e^- \rightarrow \nu_x \ e^ \approx 1330$ 

- Unique sensitivity to electron neutrino flavour (most other SN-detectors detect inverse beta decays)
- Combined analysis of all reaction modes
- Neutrino mass via TOF

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#### **Double phase LBNO LAr demonstrator**



- We are proposing a 6x6x6 = 216 m<sup>3</sup> active volume double phase LAr detector to be constructed and operated at CERN
- Charged test beams to collect the large controlled data set allowing electromagnetic and hadronic calorimetry and general detector performance (PID, ...) to be measured, simulation and reconstruction to be improved and validated.
- Proposal to SPSC ready for submission





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### Conclusion

- EU FP7 LAGUNA/LBNO design study has made significant progress at designing and optimising a next generation deep underground neutrino observatory.
- LBNO (SPSC-EOI-007) has been put forward to CERN with unique physics potentials, including astro-particle physics and proton decay search.
- It is conceived as an incremental approach starting with an underground LAr detector, a clear stage 1 physics goal and well-defined upgrade plan, in order to reach a CPV discovery.
- Protvino could complement LBNO, greatly enhancing its physics potential. A Protvino near-detector complex can provide important neutrino physics.
- We are now proposing to CERN an LBNO demonstrator for the double phase LAr technology at a relevant scale (216m<sup>3</sup>).
- The LAGUNA/LBNO consortium plans to finalise its findings and submit its reports by the end of 2014.

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