

Short-Baseline Neutrino Program

Discussion

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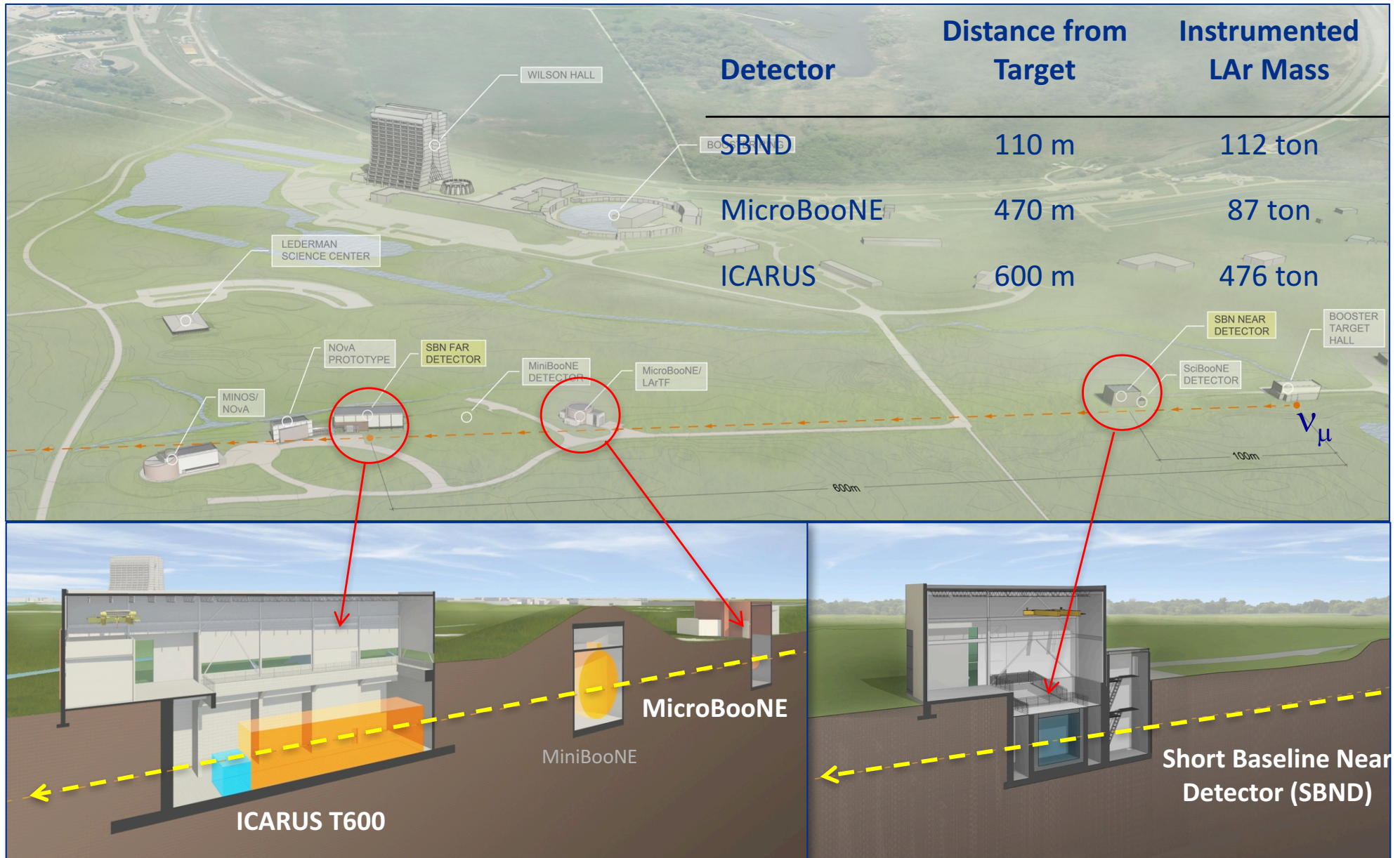
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SBN Program: Three LAr TPC Detectors

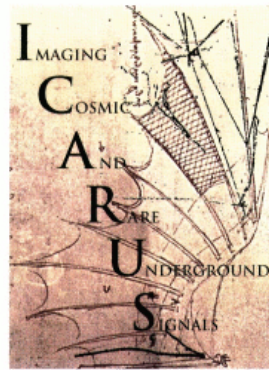


Simplified Timeline



2015

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2018

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2019

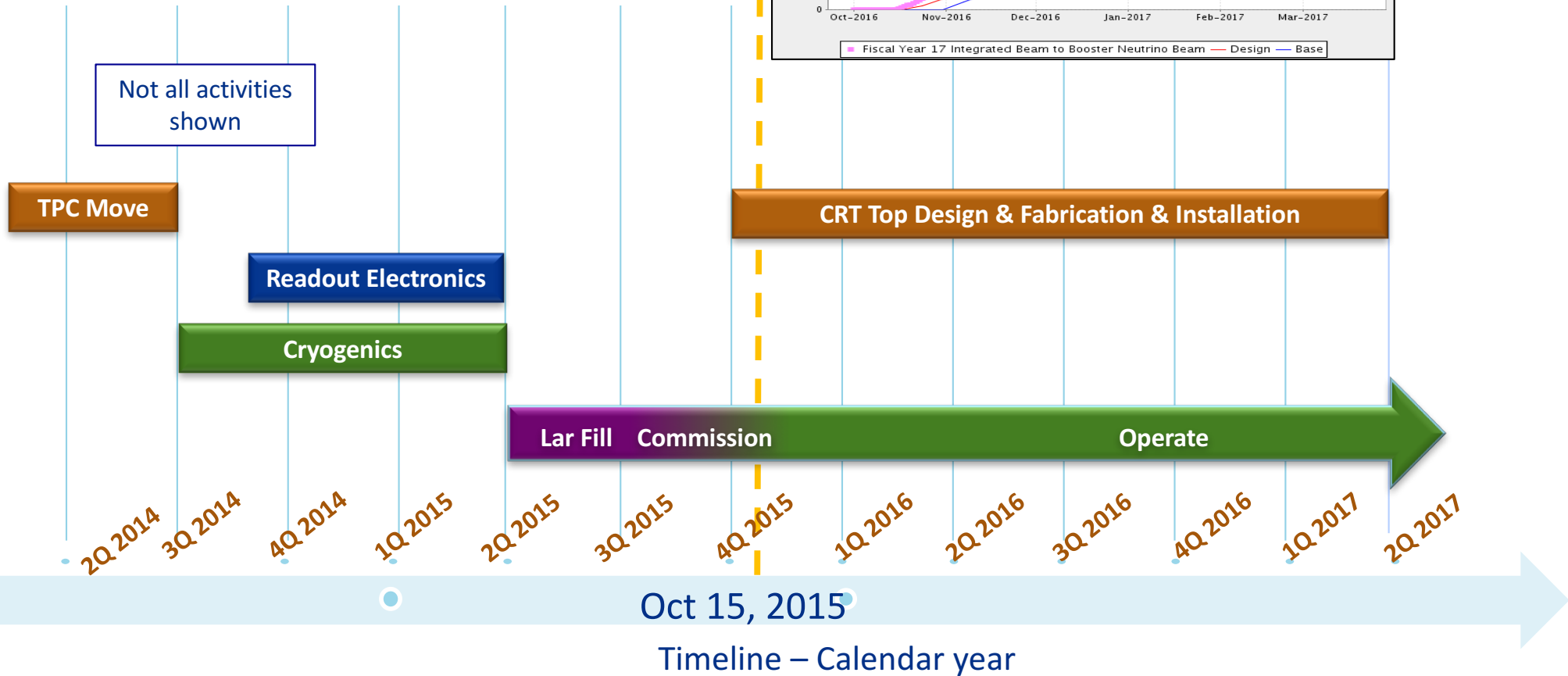
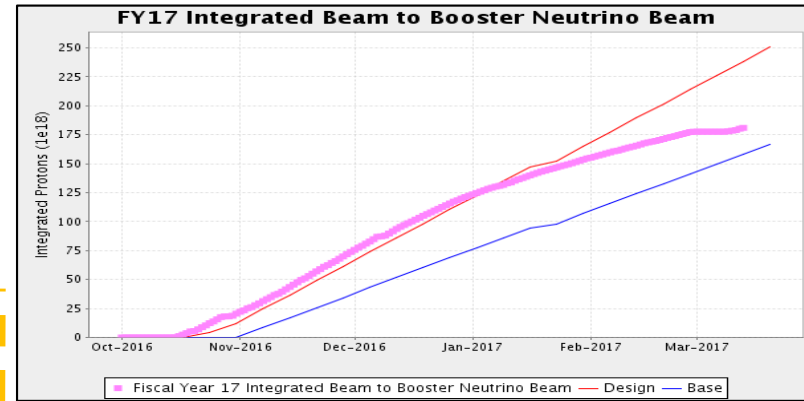
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Sterile ν Search

MicroBooNE Timeline

- First 17 months of running very successful
 - Collected ~80% of initial beam request
 - Booster setting intensity records
 - 97% detector uptime with beam
 - Argon purity – ~ inf. lifetime for 2.5m drift
 - Signal/noise ratio > 40 (collection plane)

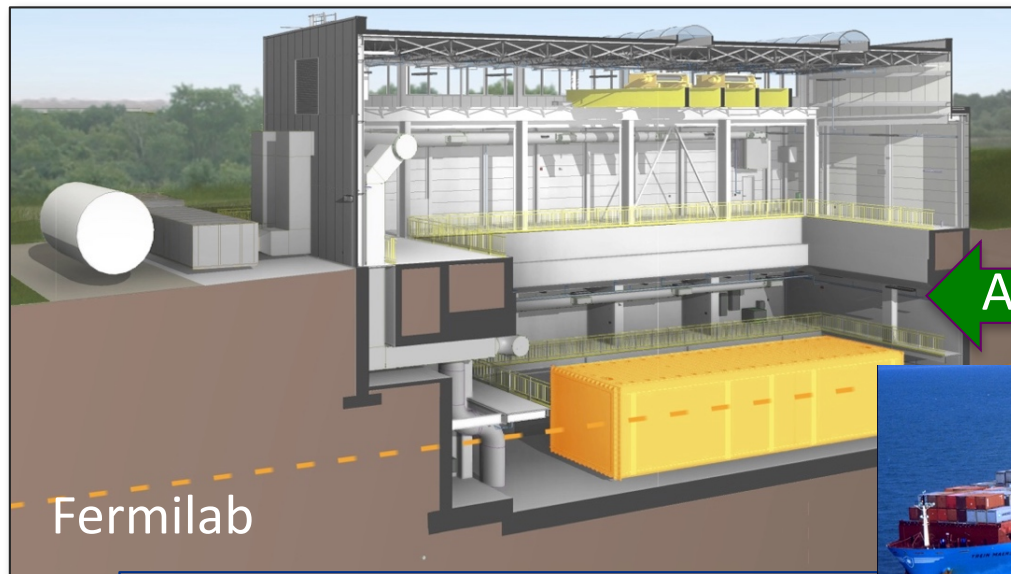


ICARUS: Gran Sasso to Fermilab via CERN

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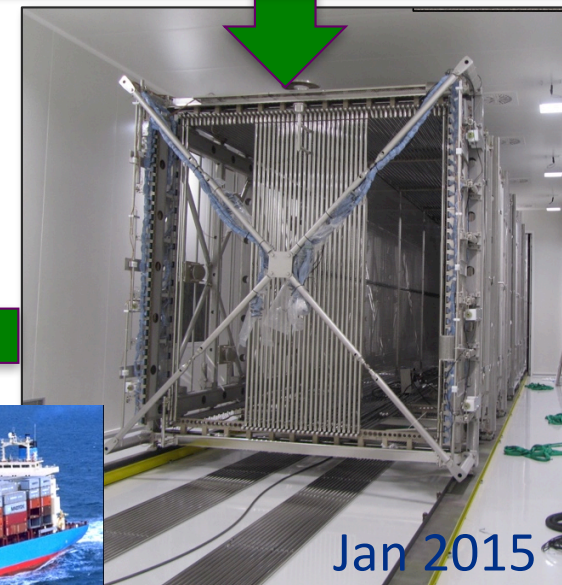


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New Building at Fermilab

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A bright, sunny day for ICARUS

March 31, 2017

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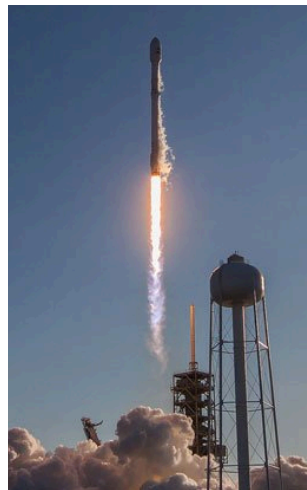


Steve Brice

After many months of planning, preparation and proofs of promising performance, the ICARUS neutrino detector, which CERN has been refurbishing for Fermilab's Short-Baseline Neutrino Program, is making its way across the Atlantic Ocean.

And we have an exciting announcement: Because of ICARUS' soaring achievements in tests, the Fermilab Physics Advisory Committee has recommended it be used not only to look for sterile neutrinos as planned, but also for solar neutrinos. So we're renting a rocket to send the ICARUS detector 1.5 million kilometers above Earth's surface to better understand both neutrinos and the workings of the sun.

We're sending ICARUS just shy of L1, a gravitationally stable sweet spot between the sun and Earth. It's the closest to the sun any neutrino



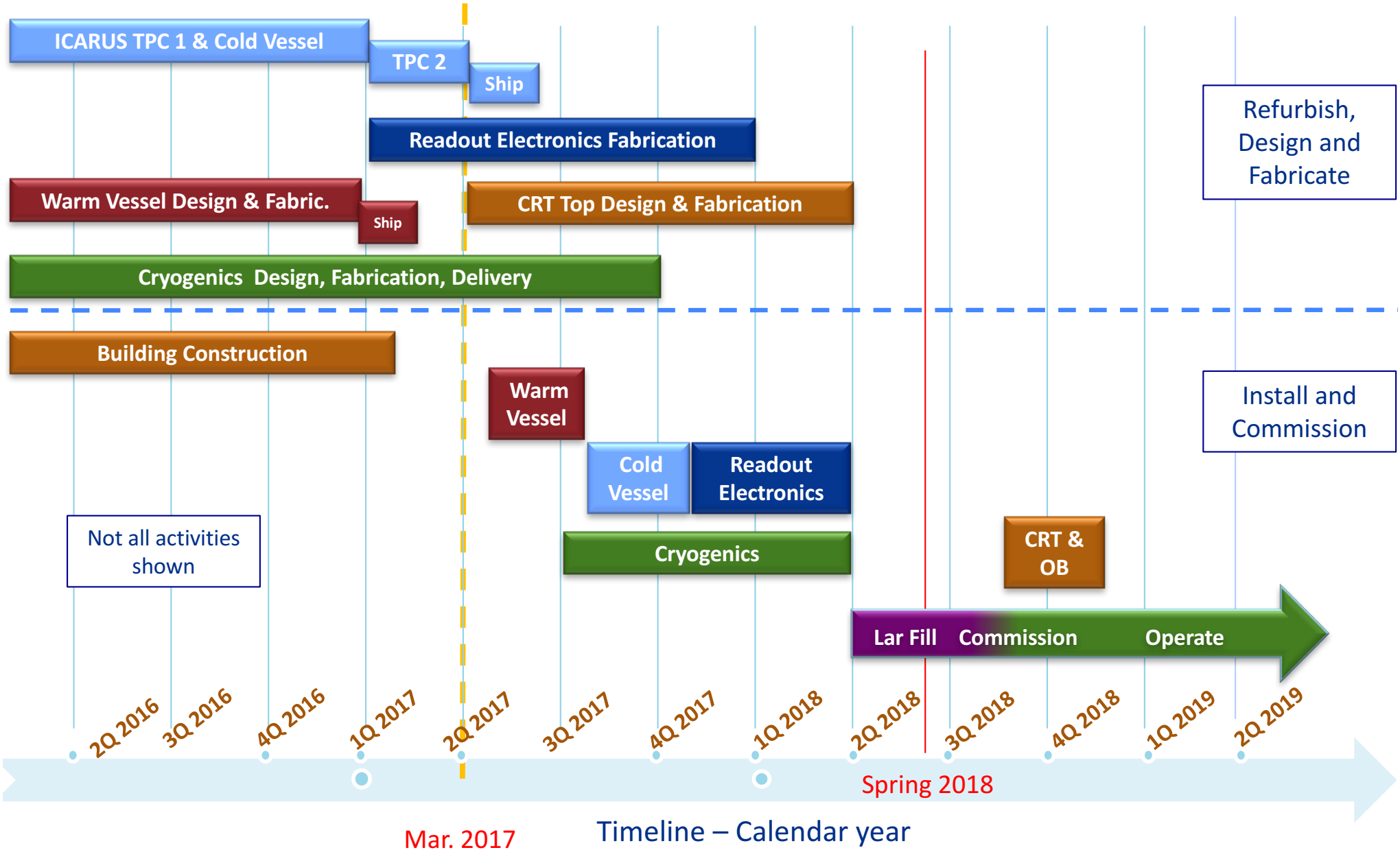
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Far Detector Timeline (March 2017)

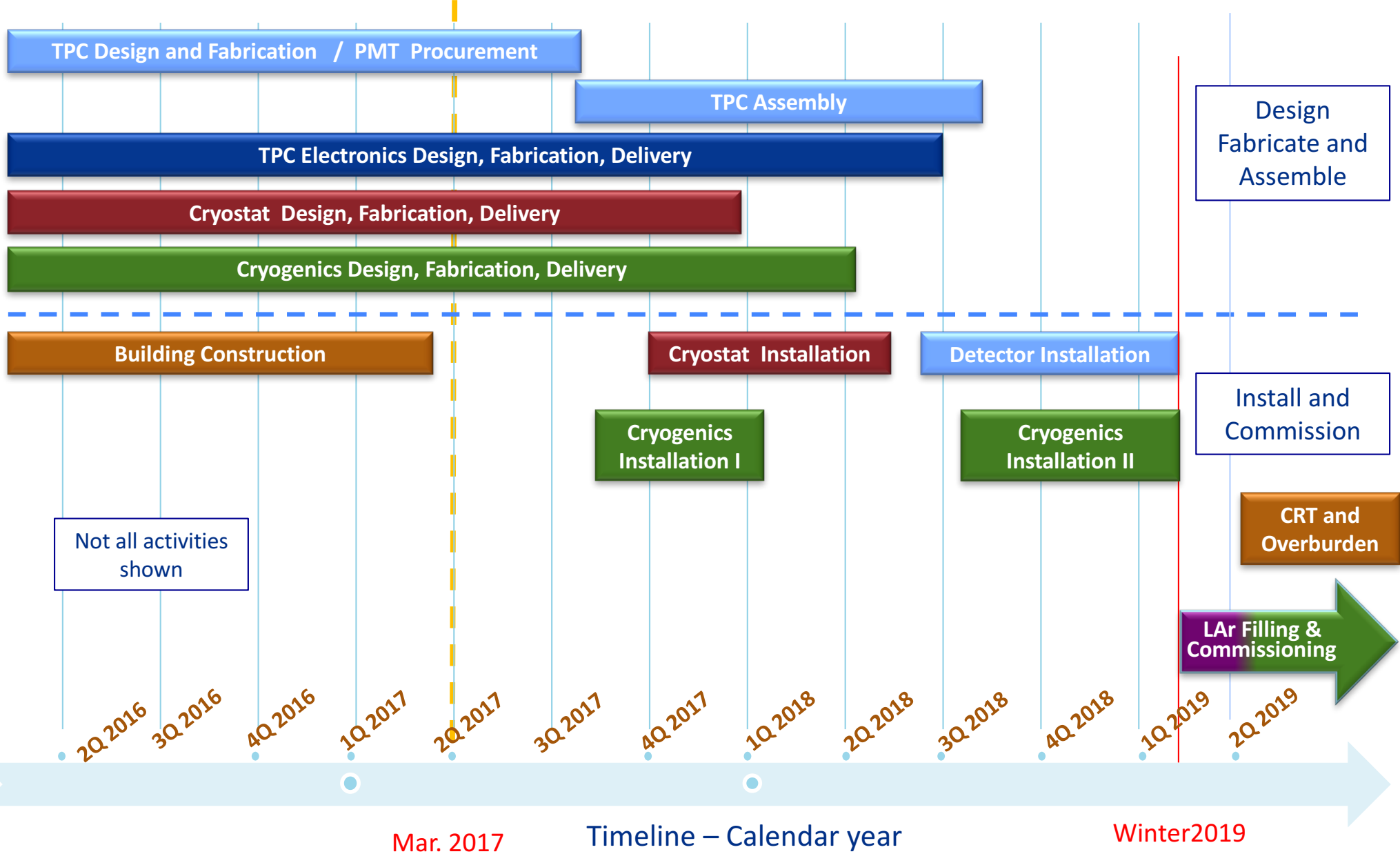


Not all activities shown

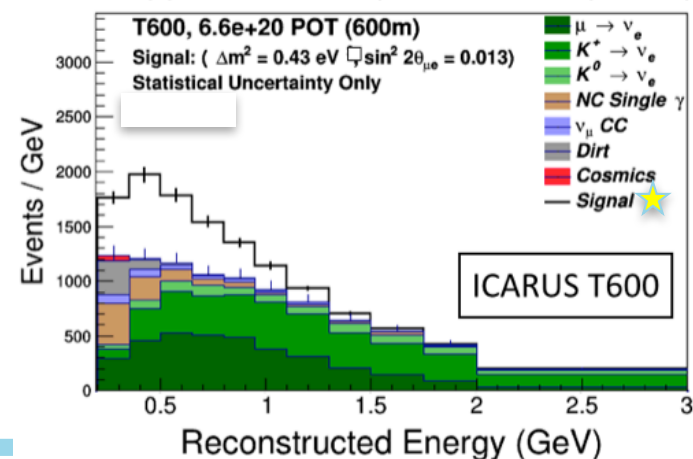
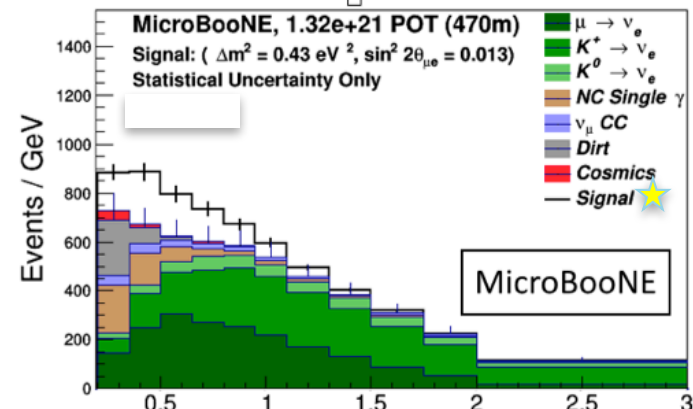
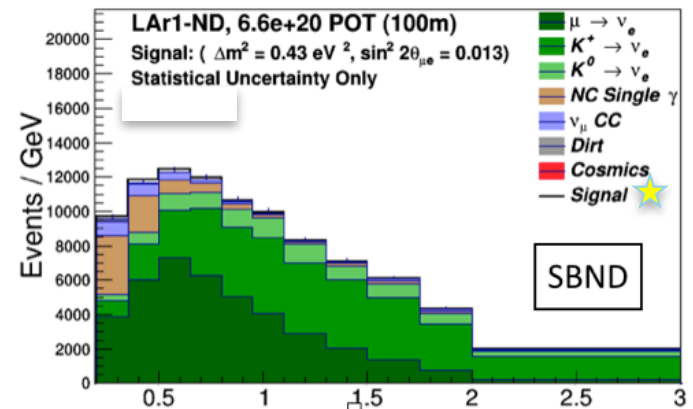
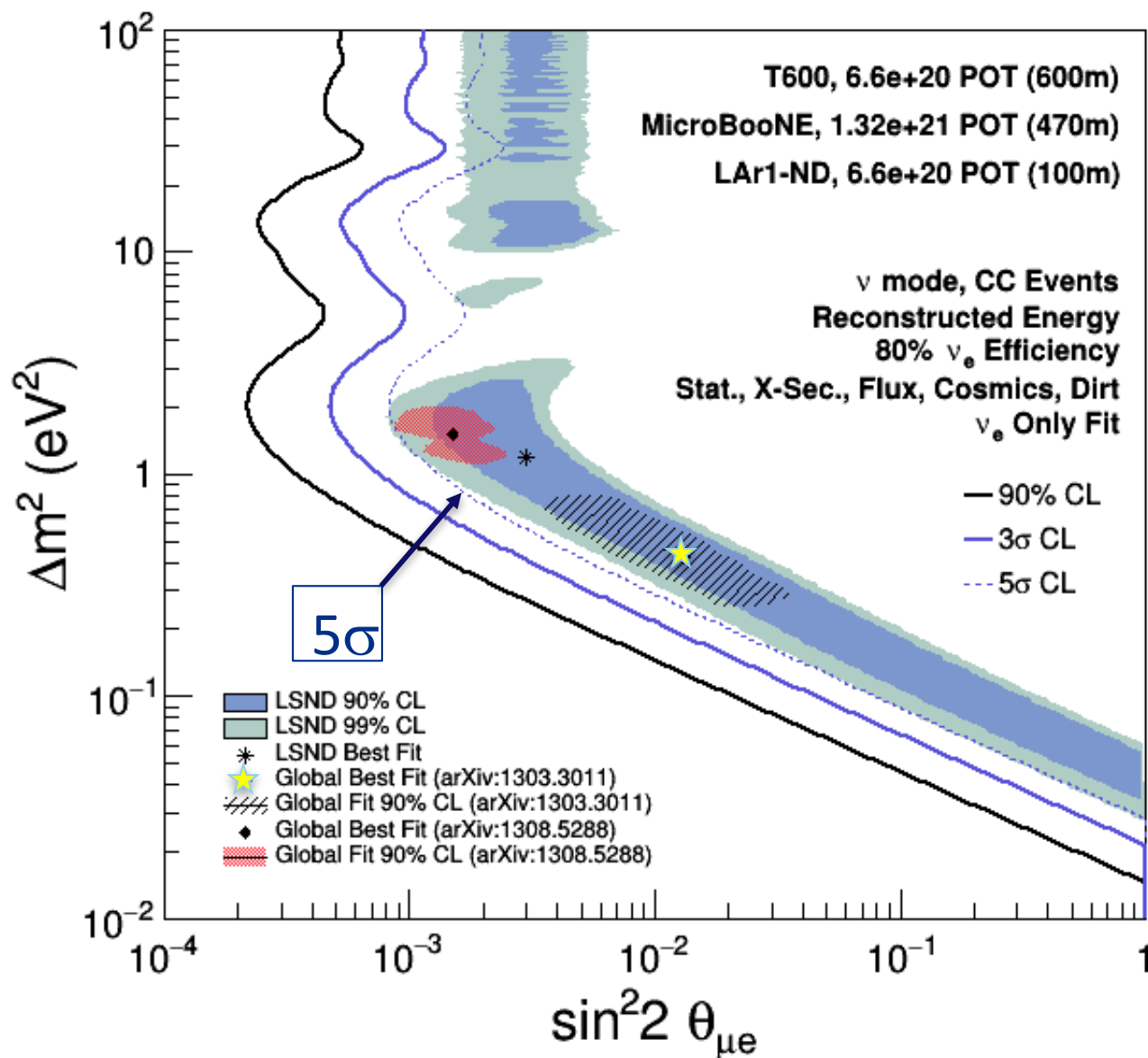
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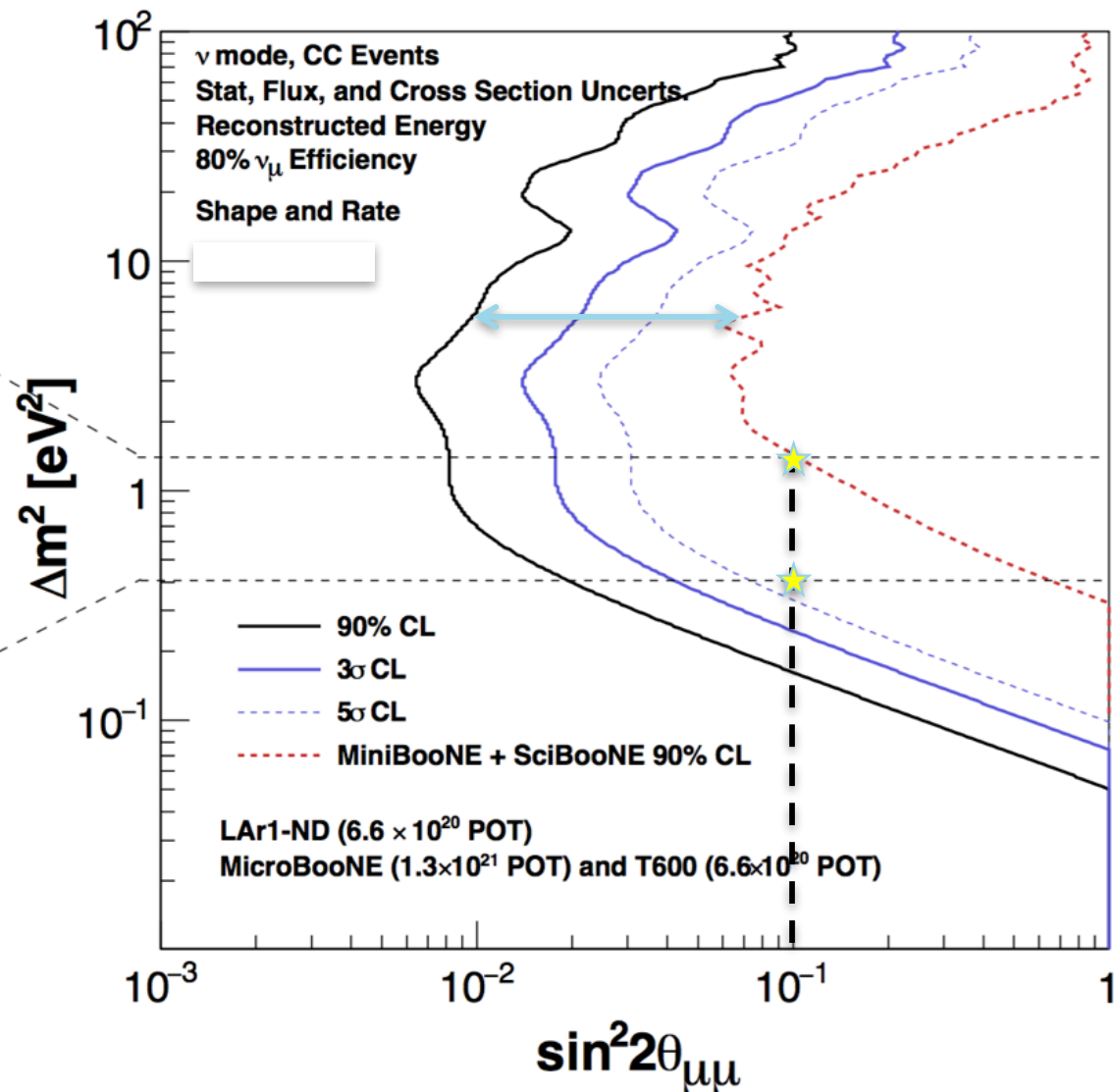
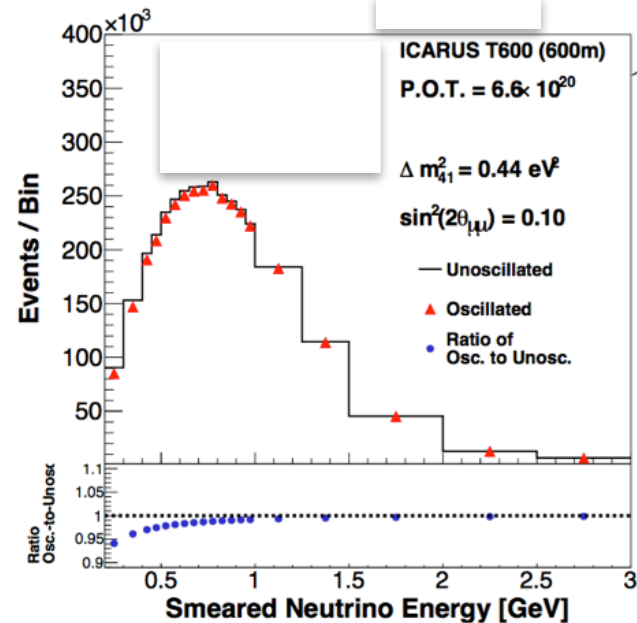
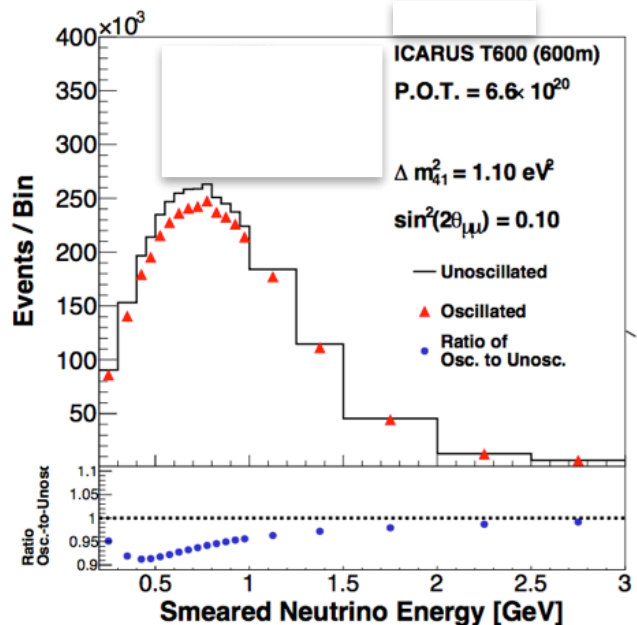
Near Detector Timeline (Dec 2016)



SBN $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ Oscillation Sensitivity



SBN ν_μ Disappearance Oscillation Sensitivity

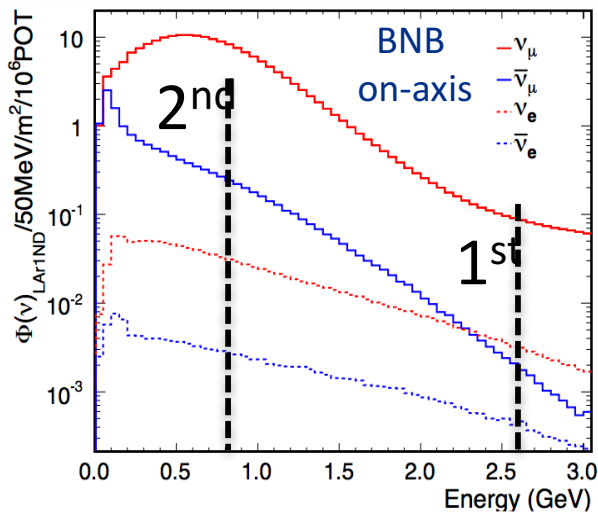
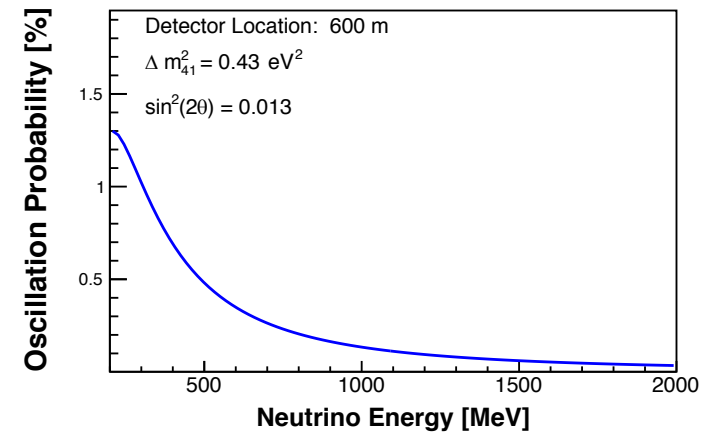
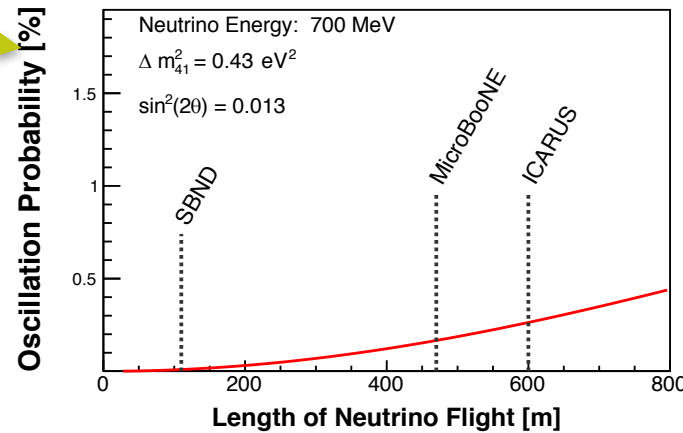
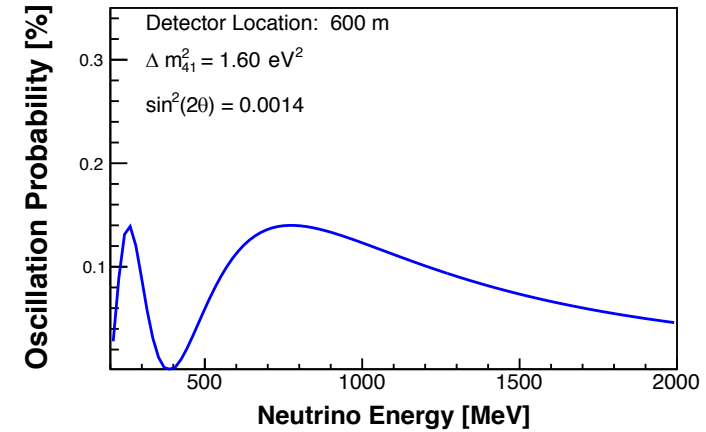
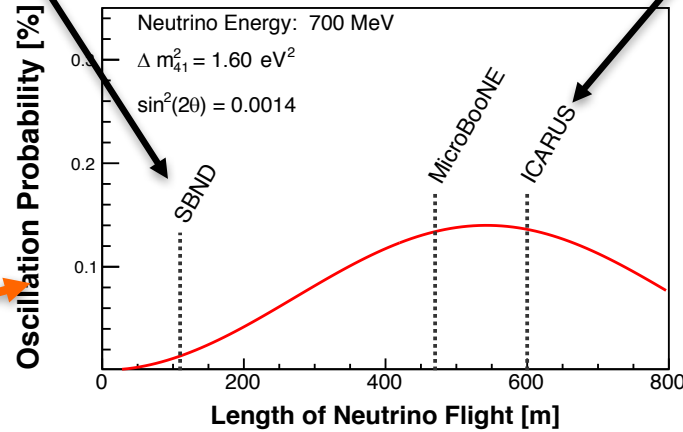
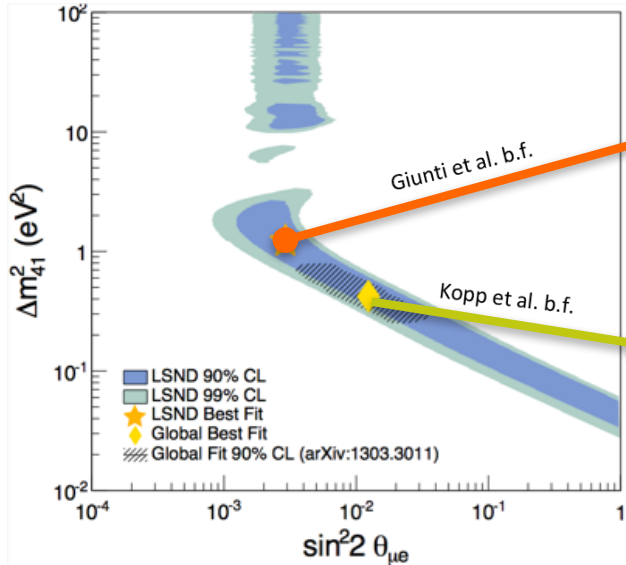


Very little background. Near detector key to controlling flux and cross-section uncertainties.

control systematics

increase statistics of signal

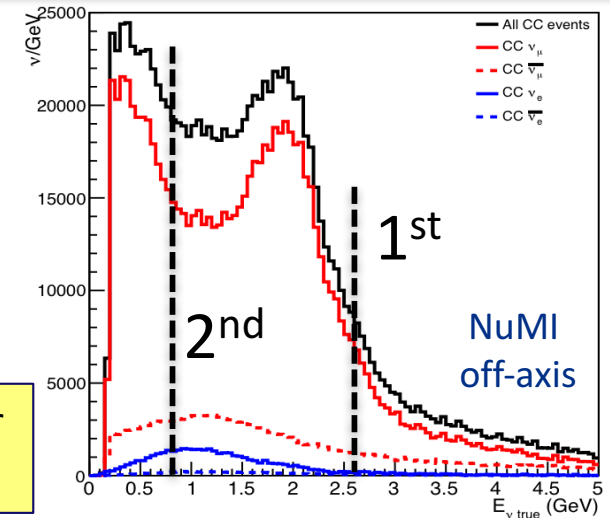
Oscillation Physics



SBND: 1.5M ν_μ CC/year, 12k ν_e CC/year
 + low rate channels - e.g. coherent (10^4),
 strange prod (10^3), neutrino-electron (10^2)

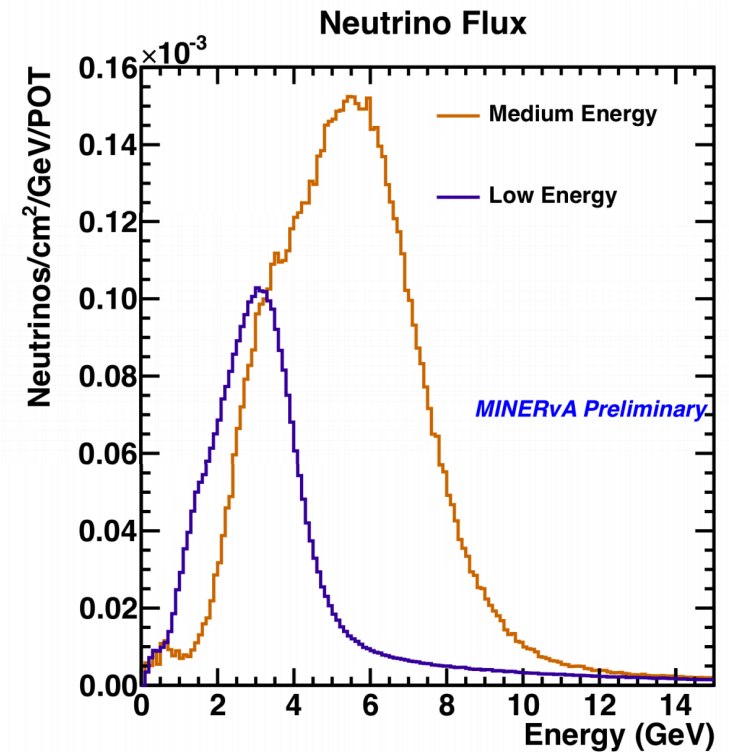
Neutrino Interaction Physics

ICARUS: 10^5 NuMI off-axis events/year
 many at the DUNE 1st osc. max



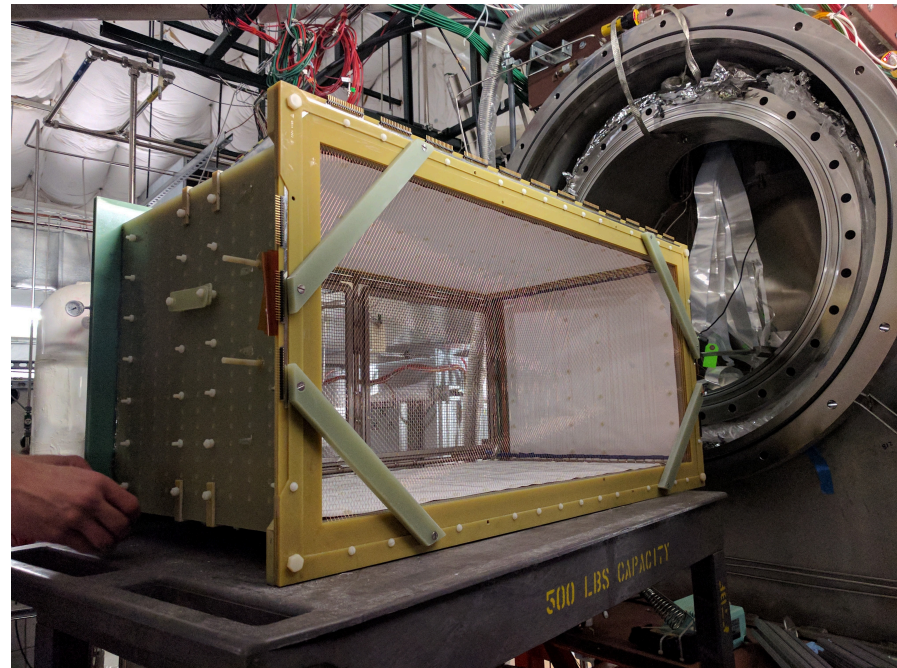
Minerva – Physics Goals

- Completing last Low-Energy Cross Sections Measurements
 - Quasi-Elastic studies: double-diff, improved reconstruction
 - Cross-section ratios: Pb/CH, Fe/CH
- Currently collection Medium-Energy
 - Much higher event rate
 - Accumulated 3x exposure of LE neutrino mode dataset
 - Expect similar anti-neutrino exposure through FY18
 - Will be able to probe nuclear effect for several channels, especially the Deep Inelastic Scattering
- Currently unique coverage of DUNE flux
- Plan for final analyses after beam ends

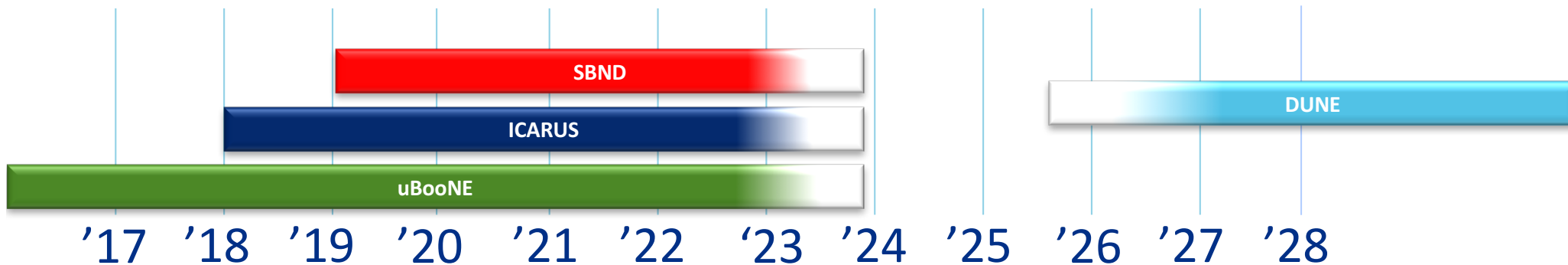


LArIAT – “the little cryostat that could”

- Run III has begun – continue to operate and take beam until June 23, 2017 scheduled start of summer shutdown
 - Utilization of FTBF has been very successful
- Measurement of charged particle cross sections on Ar
- Particle identification efficiency and separation
- Determine reconstruction eff and calorimetric resolution
- R&D on detector parameters
 - TPC wire spacing
 - Light collection devices
 - Mesh cathode
- Useful for simulation tuning
- Analysis of Run I and Run II datasets continue
- publications are on the way

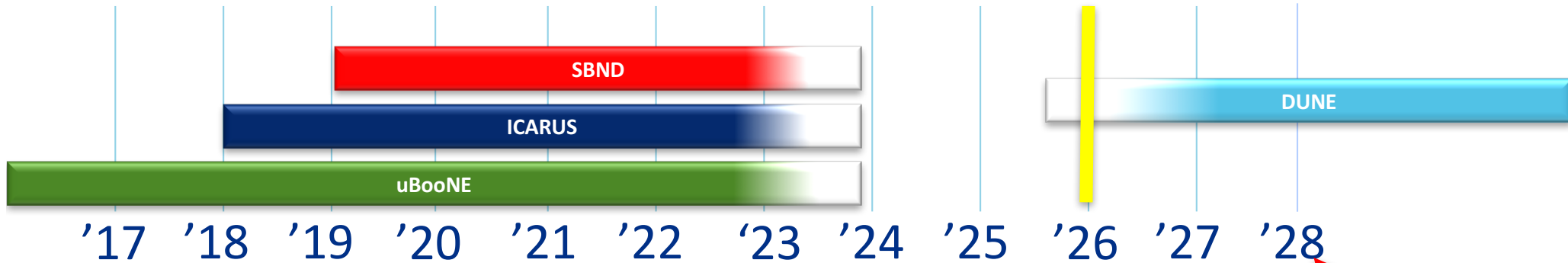


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Peter retires



Can't rely on him forever – young scientists need to express their ideas.

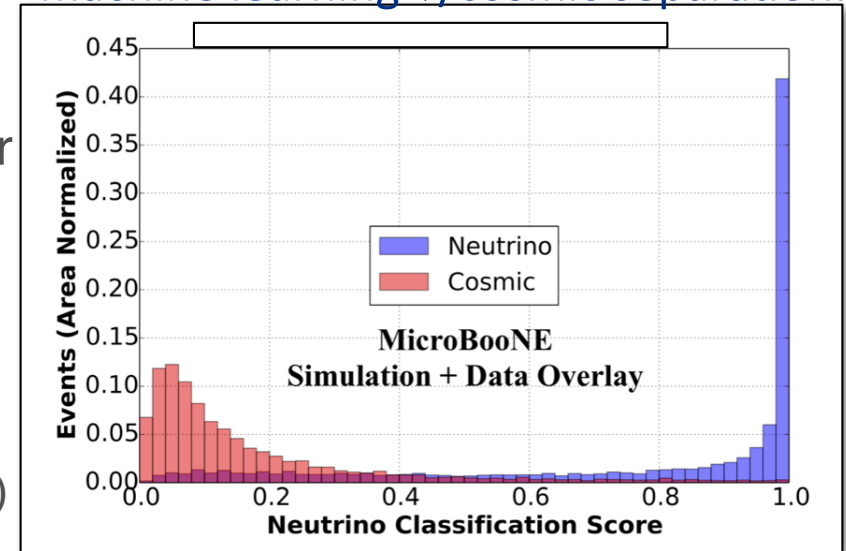
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MicroBooNE Physics

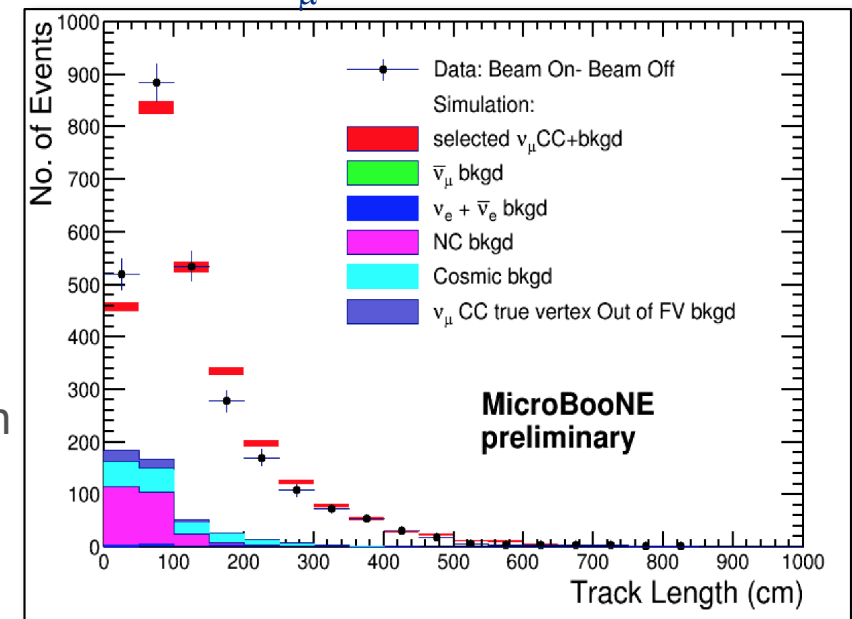
- MicroBooNE has several publications this year with more in the pipeline:
 - *Design and Construction of the MicroBooNE Detector*, JINST 12, P0217 (2017)
 - *Convolutional Neural Networks Applied to ν Events in a LAr TPC*, JINST 12, P03011 (2017)
 - *Determination of Muon Momentum in the MicroBooNE LAr TPC Using an Improved Model of Multiple Coulomb Scattering*, submitted to JINST arXiv: 1703.06187 (<https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.06187>)
- 3 more papers currently in internal review:
 - Michels, μ tracking efficiencies, signal/noise
- 16 public notes
 - describing detector performance, reconstruction techniques, and initial physics analyses

<http://www-microboone.fnal.gov/publications/publicnotes>

machine learning ν /cosmic separation:



ν_{μ} CC interactions:

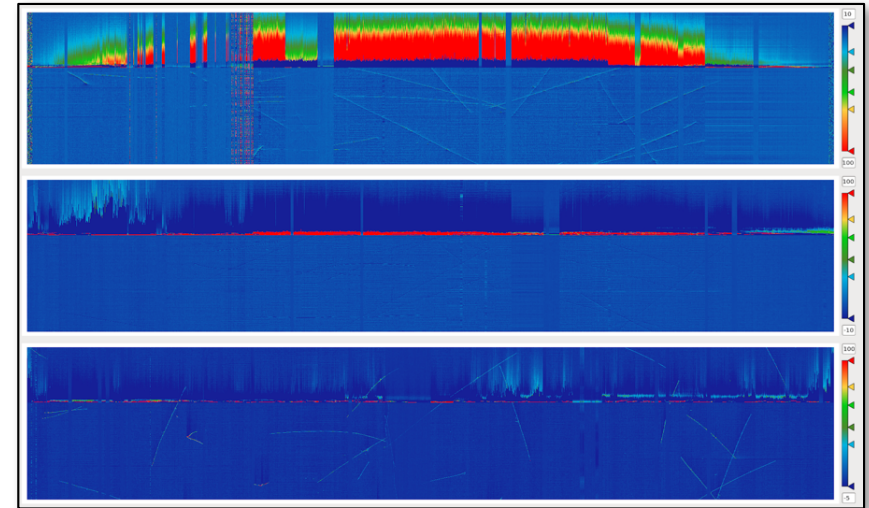


MicroBooNE R&D (we are learning a lot)

“burst events”

Recent example: drift HV feed-through to cathode connection problem

- Significant instabilities observed in HV system and on anode planes (large “burst” events) at the end of January, which made data taking impossible
- Systematically ruled out causes outside of the cryostat first
- Used anode planes to diagnose cathode instabilities (first time this has been done)
- Removal of ice ball on HV feed-through and adjustment of HV feed-through bellows brought system back into a stable running state
- In the process → developed new monitoring techniques and test configurations for diagnosis
- Passing on lessons learned (SBN/DUNE satellite workshop before next DUNE collaboration meeting)
 - HV feedthrough/cathode connectivity in LAr TPCs deserves more attention
- ***Have been running smoothly since Feb 29th***



flange housing the drift HV feed-thru

bellows

Fermilab: International Neutrino Laboratory

Booster ν beam

low energy, short distance

- MicroBooNE
- SBN Program (2018)

ν_μ
 $\bar{\nu}_\mu$

NuMI ν beam

NOvA, MINERvA,
MINOS+

LBNF ν beam

(about 2025)

DUNE

Booster

proton energy: 8 GeV

Main Injector

proton energy: 120 GeV

