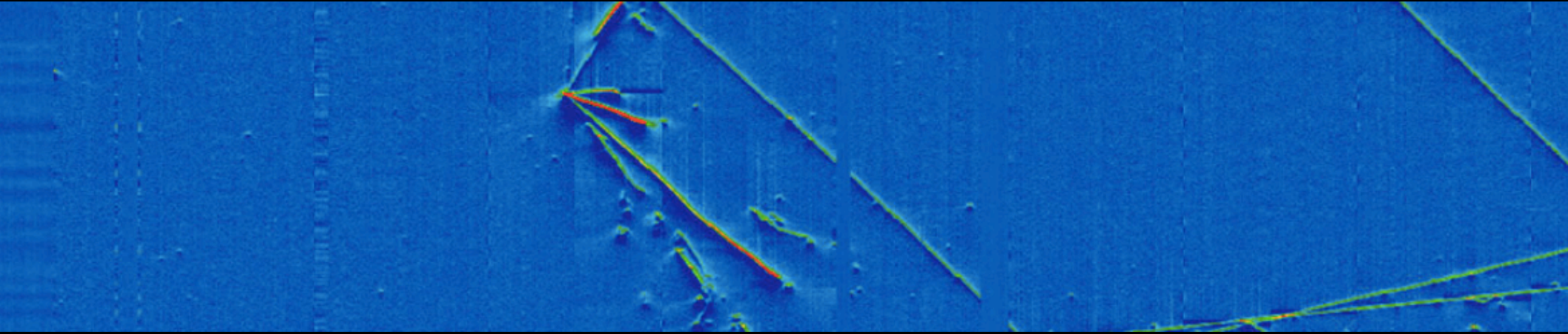


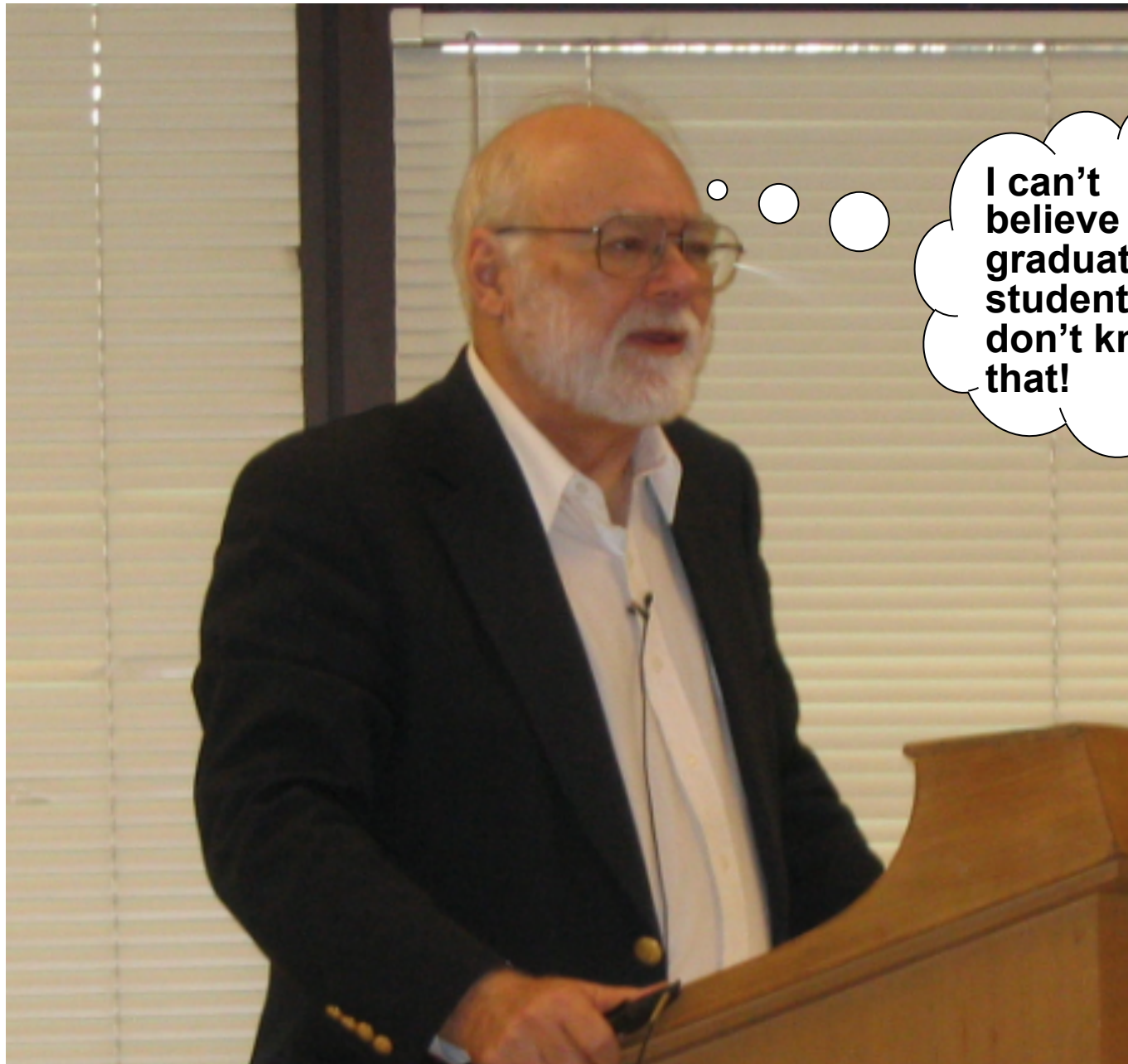
# The Physics Associated with Neutrino Mass



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This talk is dedicated to my PhD advisor **Charlie Peck**



I can't believe my graduate students don't know that!



# P5 Neutrino Questions

*What is the origin of neutrino mass?*

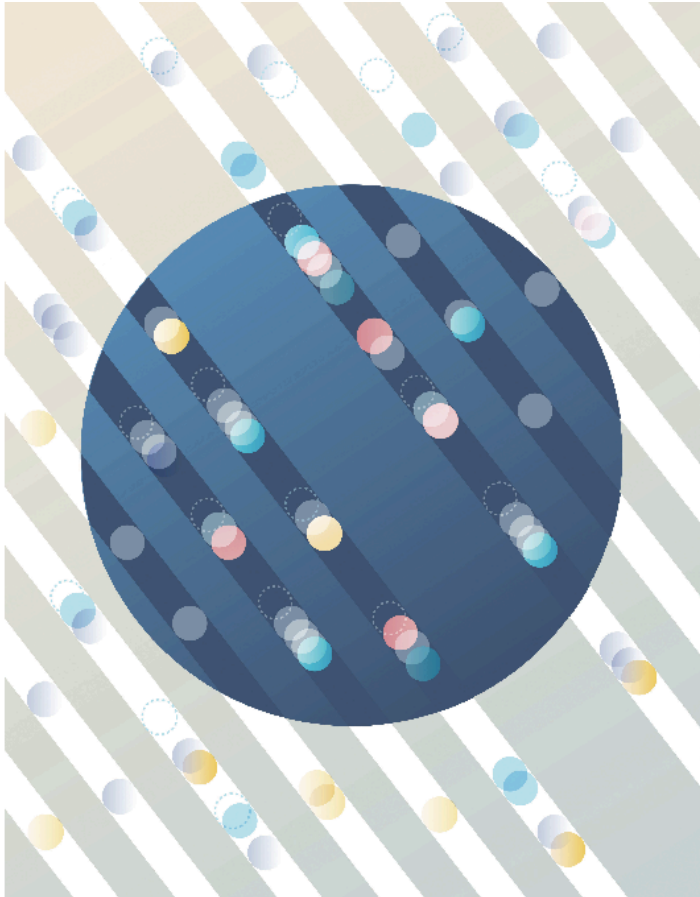
*How are the neutrino masses ordered?*

*What are the neutrino masses?*

*Do neutrinos and antineutrinos oscillate differently?*

*Are there additional neutrino types and interactions?*

*Are neutrinos their own antiparticles?*



## **Diversity and balance in the neutrino program**

The U.S. neutrino program envisioned in this report encompasses both small and large experiments in the near- and far-term to address fundamental questions in particle physics. Development of software and hardware for different experiments complement and enhance one another. Data from near-term experiments produce physics results while construction for next-generation experiments is underway. This provides a diversity and balance essential for the field.

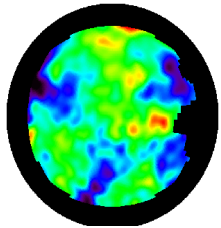
Many diverse  
experiments addressing  
these questions...

The relevant neutrinos span a very wide energy range...  
→ very diverse instrumentation needs



## Sources of 'wild' neutrinos

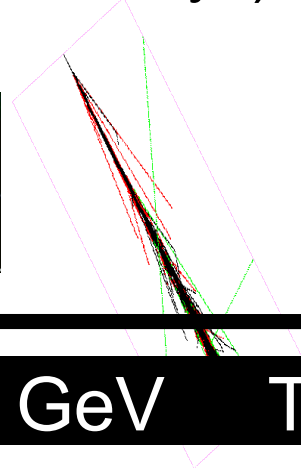
The Big Bang



Super  
novae



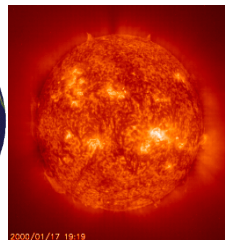
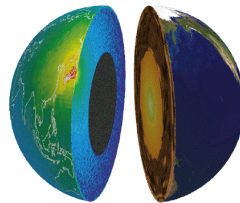
The Atmosphere  
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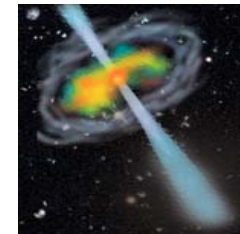
AGN's, GRB's

meV   eV   keV   MeV   GeV   TeV   PeV   EeV

Radioactive  
decay in the  
Earth



The Sun





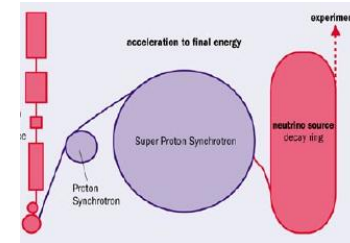
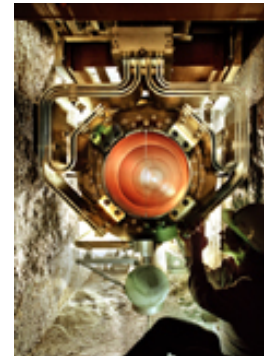


# Sources of 'tame' neutrinos

Proton accelerators (muon DIF)

Beta beams

Nuclear reactors



eV

keV

MeV

GeV

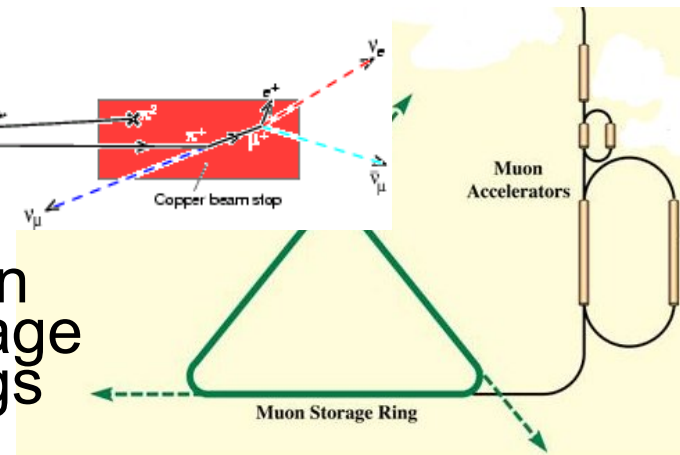
TeV

Artificial radioactive sources



Stopped pion sources

Muon storage rings



I will highlight some specific areas...  
there are many interesting topics I will not cover!

**Zoom in  
to the  
~ GeV  
energy range**

Proton  
accelerators



eV

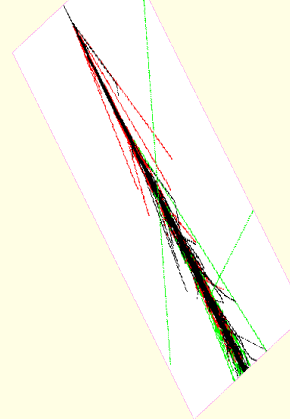
keV

MeV

GeV

TeV

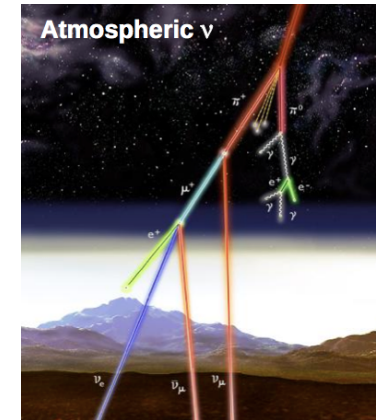
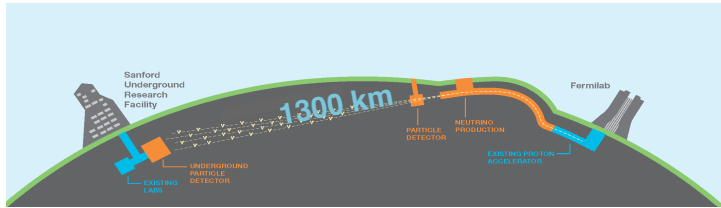
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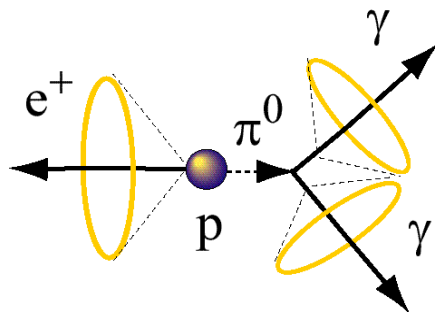
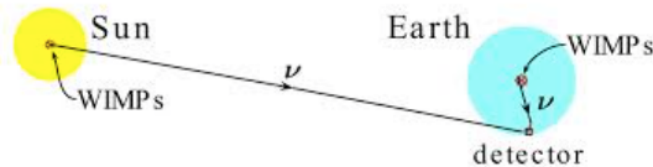
# Physics questions of interest in this energy range:

## Neutrino oscillations with beam and atmospheric neutrinos



## Astrophysical neutrinos/cosmic rays

## WIMP dark matter



(Also: nucleon decay... original motivation for large underground detectors!)

# Neutrino Oscillations

Current status of 3-flavor oscillations

Flavor states related to mass states by a unitary mixing matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1}^* & U_{e2}^* & U_{e3}^* \\ U_{\mu1}^* & U_{\mu2}^* & U_{\mu3}^* \\ U_{\tau1}^* & U_{\tau2}^* & U_{\tau3}^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

participate in  
weak interactions

unitary mixing  
matrix

eigenstates of free  
Hamiltonian



$$|\nu_f\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N U_{fi}^* |\nu_i\rangle$$

If mixing matrix is not diagonal,  
get *flavor oscillations*  
as neutrinos propagate  
(essentially, interference  
between mass states)



# The three-flavor paradigm

$$|\nu_f\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N U_{fi}^* |\nu_i\rangle$$

Parameterize mixing matrix U as

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**3 masses**

$m_1, m_2, m_3$   
(2 mass differences  
+ absolute scale)

**3 mixing angles**

$\theta_{23}, \theta_{12}, \theta_{13}$

**1 CP phase**

$\delta$

**(2 Majorana phases)**

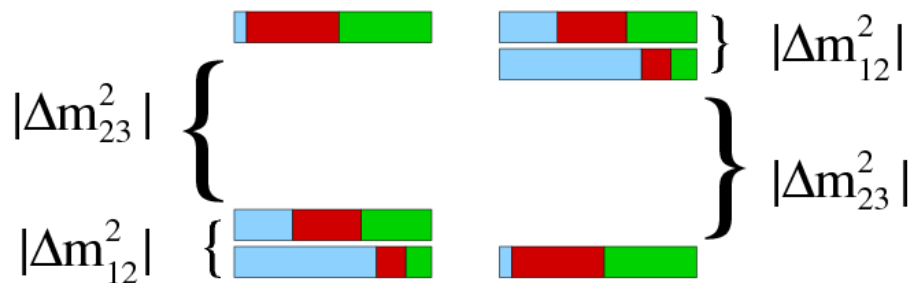
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$

$$\times \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\alpha_1/2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha_2/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$s_{ij} \equiv \sin \theta_{ij}, c_{ij} \equiv \cos \theta_{ij}$

Normal

Inverted



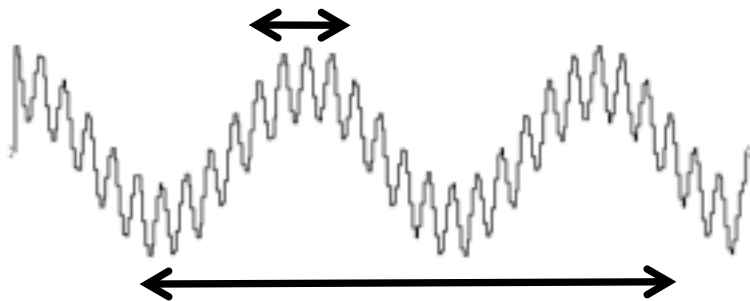
signs of the mass differences matter

# Oscillation probabilities in a 3-flavor context

$$|\nu_f\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N U_{fi}^* |\nu_i\rangle \quad \Delta m_{ij}^2 \equiv m_i^2 - m_j^2 \quad (\text{L in km, E in GeV, m in eV})$$

$$P(\nu_f \rightarrow \nu_g) = \delta_{fg} - 4 \sum_{i>j} \Re(U_{fi}^* U_{gi} U_{fj} U_{gj}^*) \sin^2(1.27 \Delta m_{ij}^2 L/E) \pm 2 \sum_{i>j} \Im(U_{fi}^* U_{gi} U_{fj} U_{gj}^*) \sin(2.54 \Delta m_{ij}^2 L/E)$$

oscillatory behavior in L and E



$$|\Delta m_{23}^2| \gg |\Delta m_{12}^2| \rightarrow \text{two frequency scales}$$

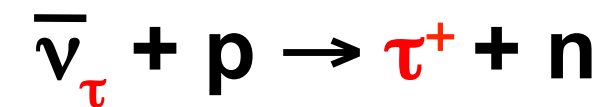
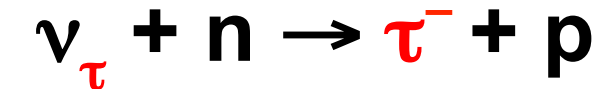
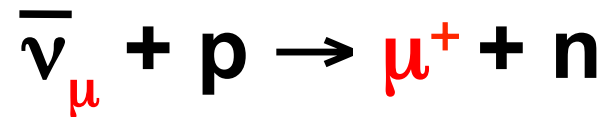
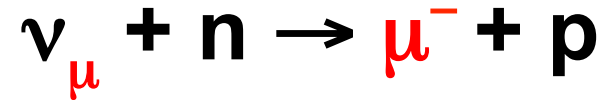
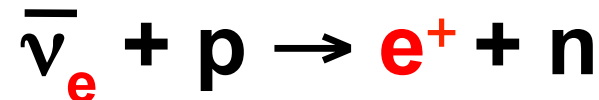
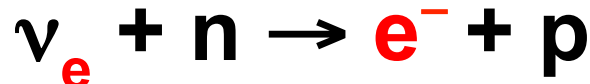
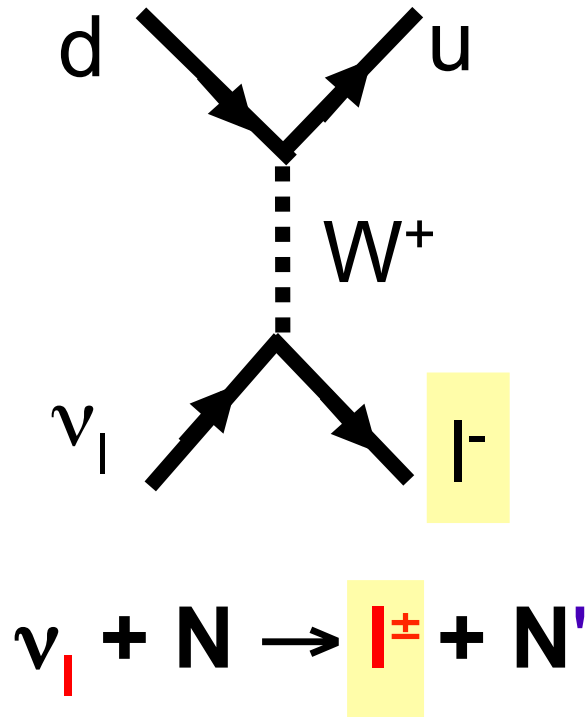
For appropriate L/E (and  $U_{ij}$ ), oscillations “decouple”, and probability can be described by the 2-flavor expression

$$P(\nu_f \rightarrow \nu_g) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left( \frac{1.27 \Delta m^2 L}{E} \right)$$



# Look for *flavor change* and *spectral distortion* vs distance

Cleanest channel:  
charged-current quasi-elastic



Require  
 $E_\nu \sim 110 \text{ MeV}$

Require  
 $E_\nu \sim 3.5 \text{ GeV}$

Tag neutrino flavor by flavor of outgoing lepton

Reconstructed  
energy

Beam direction  $\theta_{\text{beam}}$

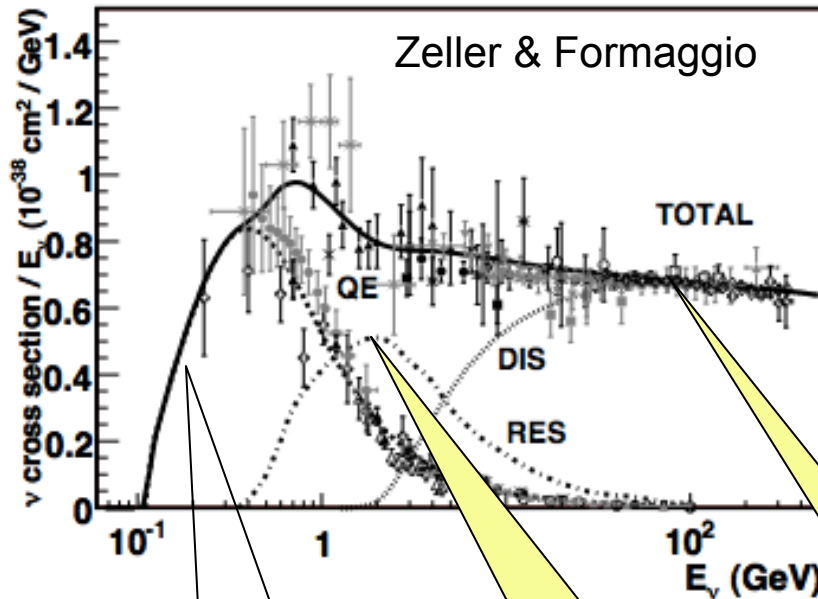
$$E_\nu = \frac{m_p^2 - m_{n'}^2 - m_\ell^2 + 2m_{n'} E_\ell}{2(m_{n'} - E_\ell + p_\ell \cos \theta_{\text{beam}})}$$

$$\ell = e^\pm, \mu^\pm \quad m_{n'} = m_n - E_b$$

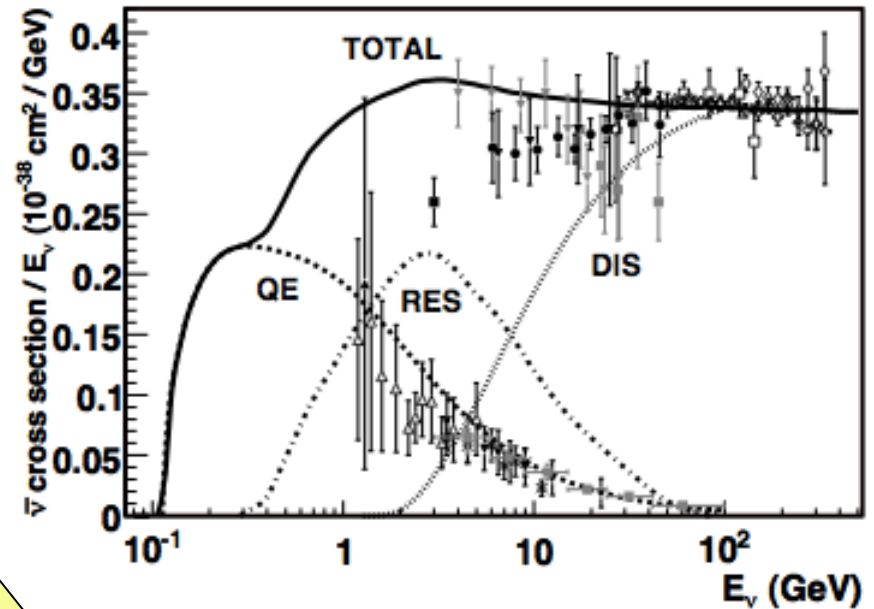
But there can be more complicated final states....



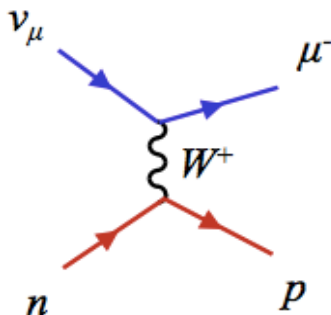
## Neutrinos



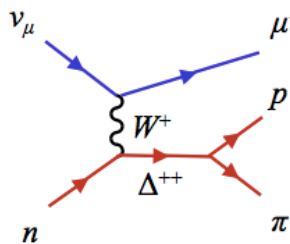
## Antineutrinos



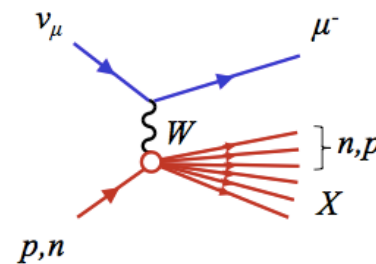
quasi-elastic



resonant



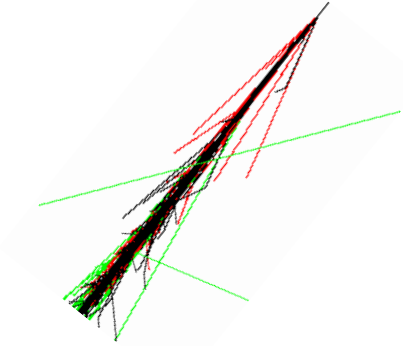
deep inelastic scattering



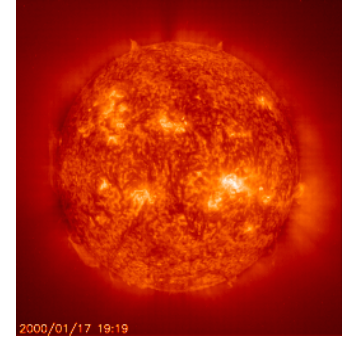
pions,  
ejected  
nucleons,  
...

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atmospheric



solar



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beams



reactor

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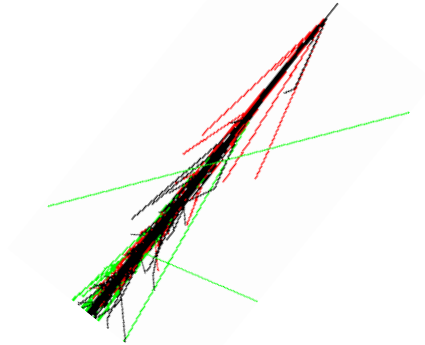
confirmed with  
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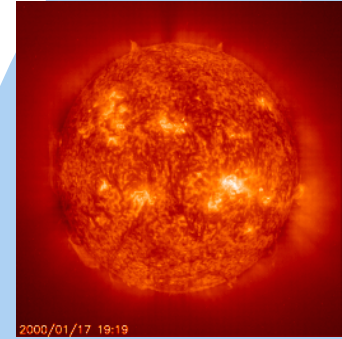


beams

“Solar” sector:  
solar  $\nu$   
oscillations  
confirmed with  
reactors

solar

SK, SNO,  
Ga, Cl,  
Borexino



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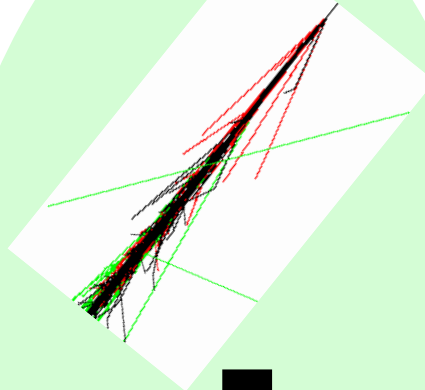
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reactor

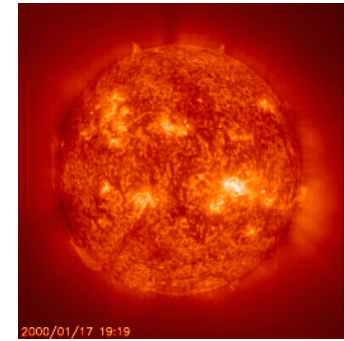


atmospheric



SK, Soudan,  
MACRO, MINOS

solar



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beams

“Atmospheric” sector:  
atmnu osc confirmed  
with beams

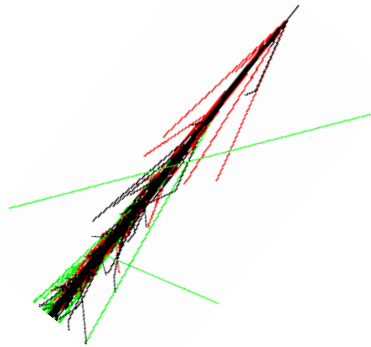
K2K, MINOS,  
T2K, MINOS+,  
OPERA, NOvA



reactor

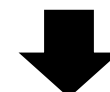
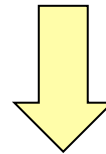
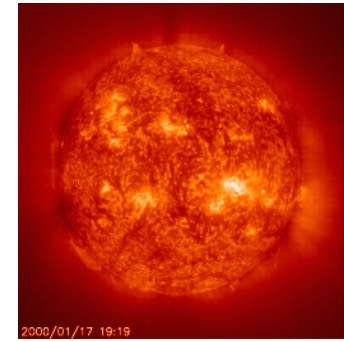
# The mixing angle $\theta_{13}$ : new information from beams and burns!

atmospheric



$\theta_{13}$ , the  
"twist  
in the  
middle"

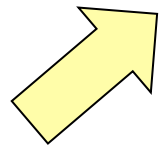
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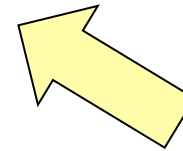


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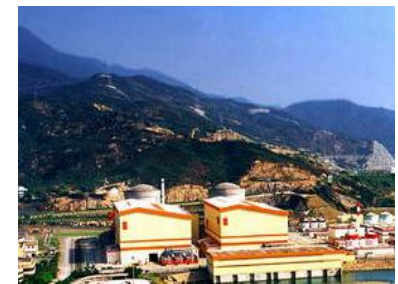


T2K,  
NOvA

Before 2011,  
known to be  
small



Double  
CHOOZ,  
RENO,  
Daya Bay



reactor



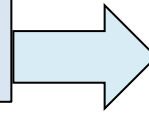
# The three-flavor picture fits the data well

## Global three-flavor fits to all data

	$3\sigma$ range	<u><math>3\sigma</math> knowledge</u>
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.273 $\rightarrow$ 0.349	
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$\theta_{23}/^\circ$	38.6 $\rightarrow$ 53.1	$\sim 33\%$
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.0187 $\rightarrow$ 0.0250	
$\theta_{13}/^\circ$	7.86 $\rightarrow$ 9.11	$\sim 15\%$
$\delta_{\text{CP}}/^\circ$	0 $\rightarrow$ 360	$\sim$ no info
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# What do we *not* know about the three-flavor paradigm?

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# Going after remaining 3-flavor parameters...

There are a number of promising methods for mass ordering, but one is ***guaranteed*** with sufficient exposure at long baseline; also good for CP, octant

## Long-baseline beams



# Long-baseline approach for going after MO and CP

Measure transition probabilities for

$$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$$

through matter

$$P_{\nu_e \nu_\mu (\bar{\nu}_e \bar{\nu}_\mu)} = s_{23}^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \left( \frac{\Delta_{13}}{\tilde{B}_\mp} \right)^2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{\tilde{B}_\mp L}{2} \right) + c_{23}^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \left( \frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \right)^2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{AL}{2} \right) + \tilde{J} \frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \frac{\Delta_{13}}{\tilde{B}_\mp} \sin \left( \frac{AL}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{\tilde{B}_\mp L}{2} \right) \cos \left( \pm \delta - \frac{\Delta_{13} L}{2} \right)$$

Change of sign for antineutrinos

A. Cervera et al., Nucl. Phys. B 579 (2000)

$$\tilde{J} \equiv c_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{13}$$

$\theta_{13}, \Delta_{12}L, \Delta_{12}/\Delta_{13}$  are small

$$\Delta_{ij} \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2}{2E_\nu}, \quad \tilde{B}_\mp \equiv |A \mp \Delta_{13}|, \quad A = \sqrt{2}G_F N_e$$

Different probabilities as a function of L& E for neutrinos and antineutrinos, depending on:

- CP  $\delta$
- matter density (Earth has electrons, not positrons)

# What do you want in a detector for a ~GeV neutrino oscillation experiment?

✓ **neutrino flavor ID...** usually “leading lepton”

(can be tricky for non-CCQE... want all the final state particles)

✓ **resolution on L/E**  $P(\nu_f \rightarrow \nu_g) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left( \frac{1.27 \Delta m^2 L}{E} \right)$

For beam  $\nu$ 's, you know L, so you need **energy resolution** ✓

$$E_{\text{reco}} = \frac{m_p^2 - (m_n - E_b)^2 - m_\mu^2 + 2(m_n - E_b)E_\mu}{2(m_n - E_b - E_\mu + p_\mu \cos \theta_\mu)}$$

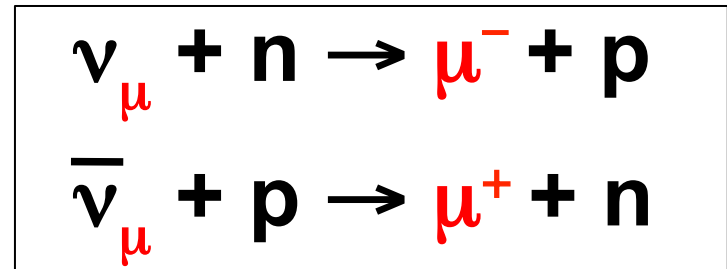
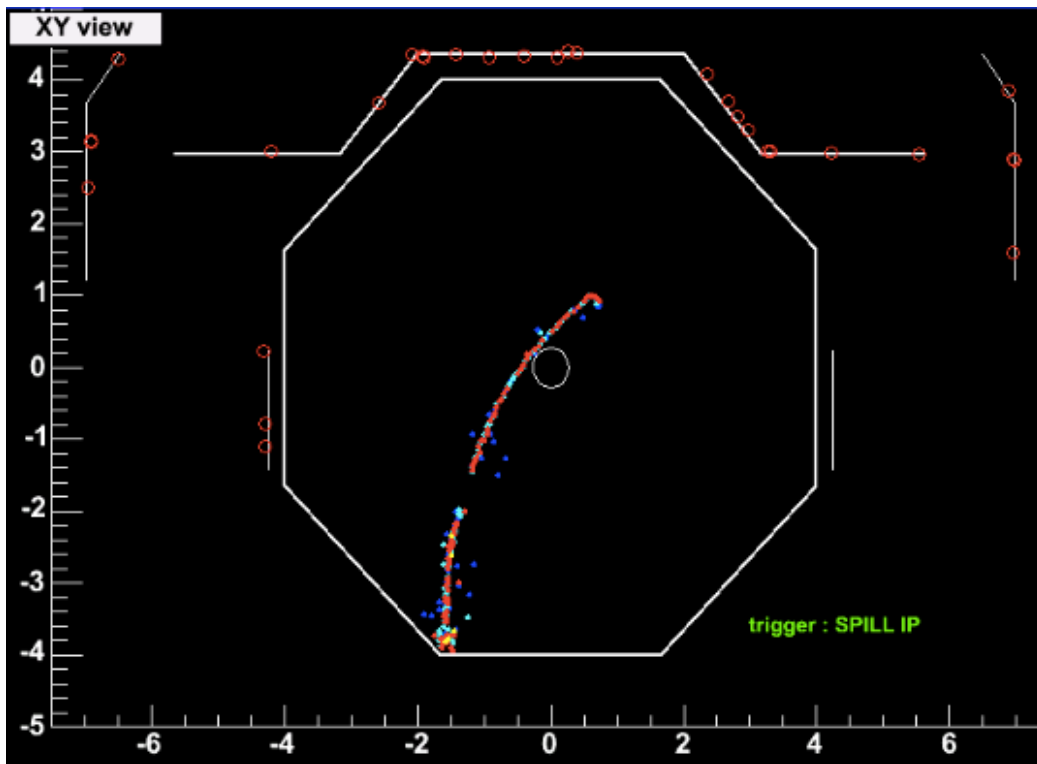
for CCQE, can improve with angular information in beam case (trickier if there's more debris)

**angular resolution** ✓

For atm $\nu$ 's, L must be inferred from direction

✓ and of course, lots of events and low bg

# Magnetic field is nice for lepton sign selection, to tag neutrino vs antineutrino



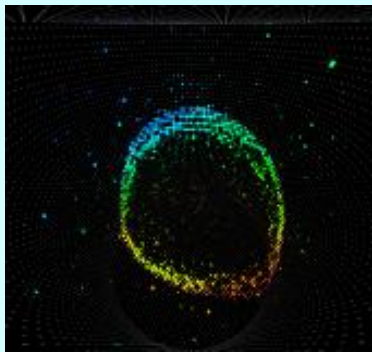
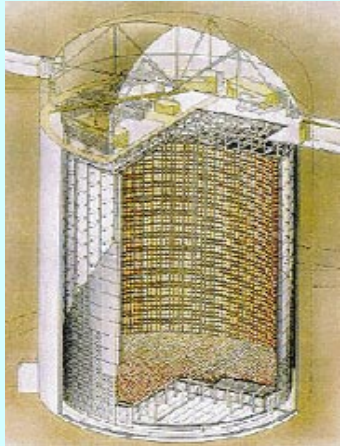
High volume magnetic fields hard, though...  
expensive, interfere with sensors, ...

Good final state reconstruction can also help tag nu vs nubar  
(protons or neutrons? muons from hadron decays?)



# Large (multi-kton) detector technologies

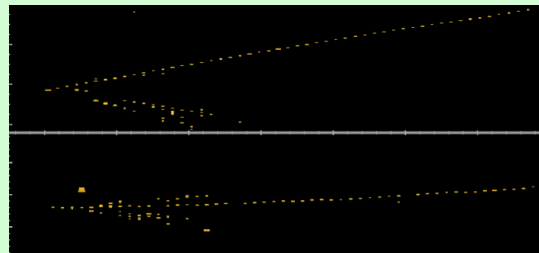
## Water Cherenkov



Cheap material,  
proven at very  
large scale

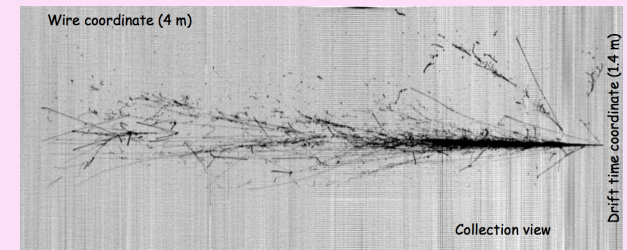
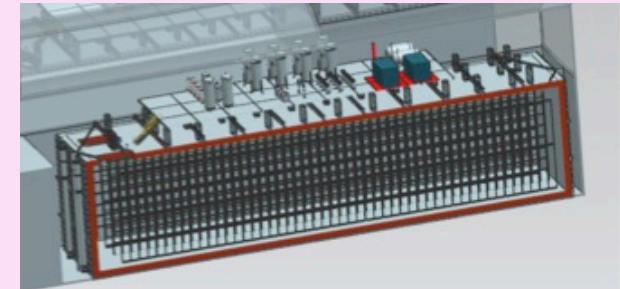
## Trackers

(a diverse  
category)



Good particle  
reconstruction

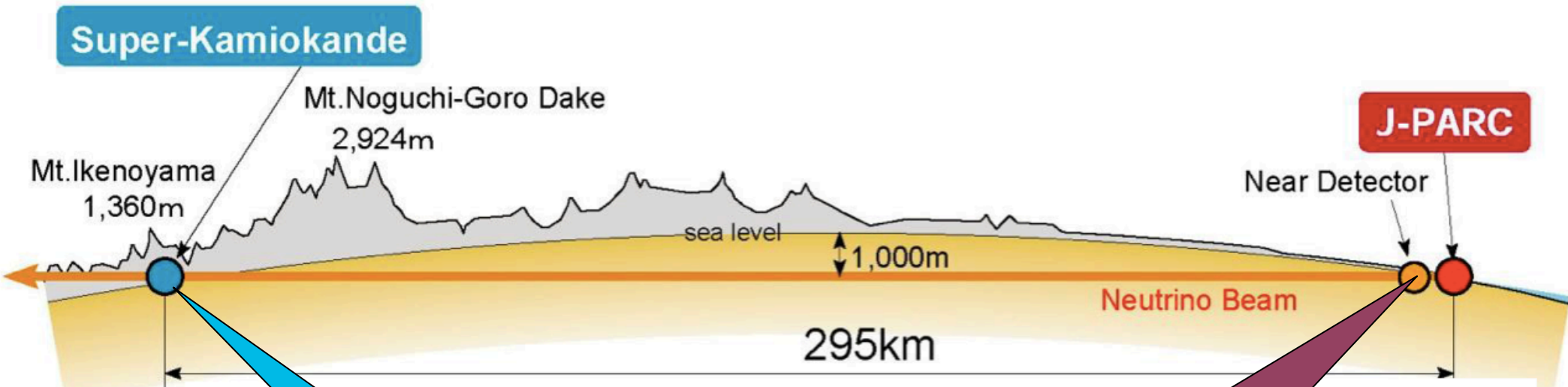
## Liquid Argon



Excellent particle  
reconstruction

# Comment on neutrino oscillation experiments:

Since you're looking for flavor *change*, usually have **near and far detectors** ...



to evaluate whether neutrinos have oscillated here

measure spectrum and flavor content here

Cancel systematics:

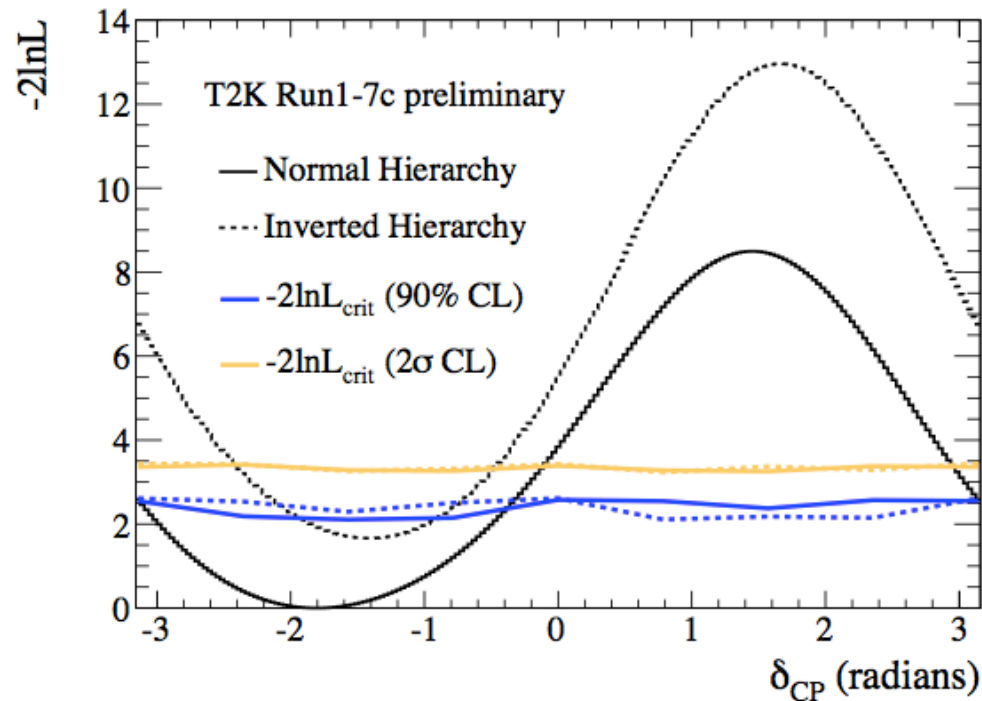
- flux (although note: spectra may be different)
- xscn and detector effects (for similar detectors)

\* Atmospheric  $\nu$  detectors are their own near and far detectors!

# CP & MO hints already from beam experiments (+ atm nus)

## T2K

J-PARC to SK, 295 km

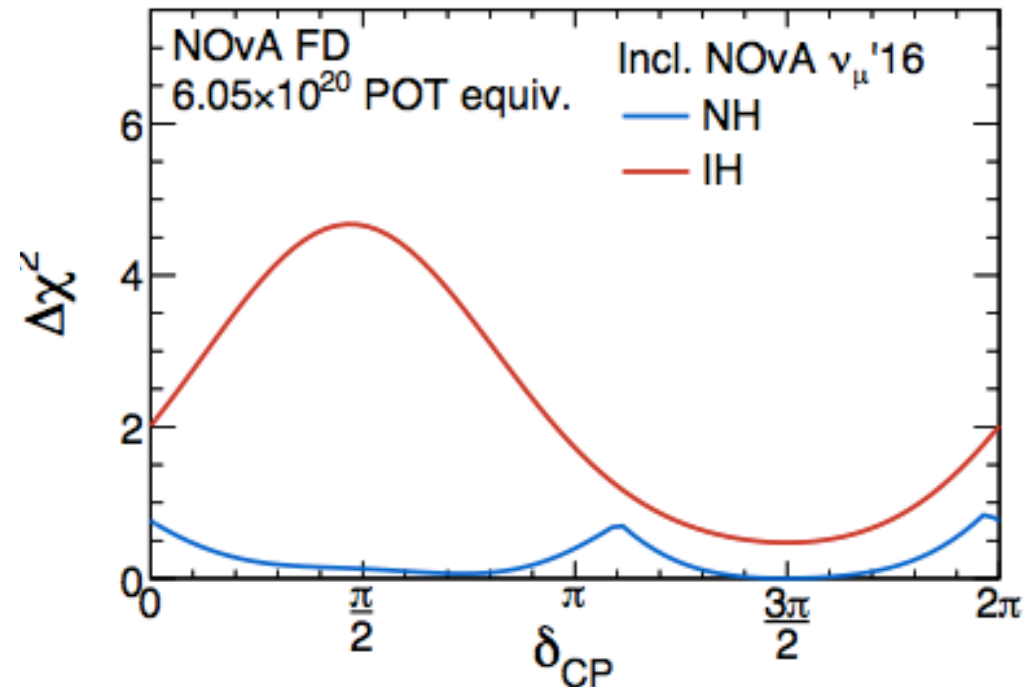


joint fit to  $\nu_{\mu}$  appearance,  
 $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$  disappearance,  
neutrinos and antineutrinos+ reactor

## NOvA

FNAL to Ash River, 810 km

NOvA Preliminary



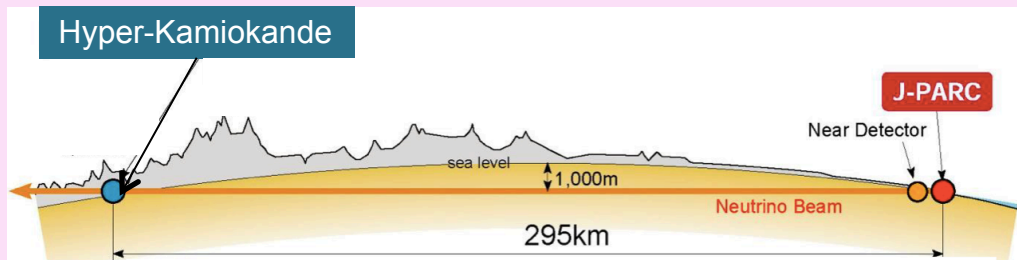
P. Vahle, Neutrino 2016

Some regions of  $\delta_{\text{CP}}$  **weakly** ( $\sim 90\%$ ) disfavored,  
 $\delta_{\text{CP}} \sim -\pi/2$  and normal ordering **weakly** favored

**Will need new experiments** for MO/CP/octant,  
precision measurements of all the parameters (and more...)

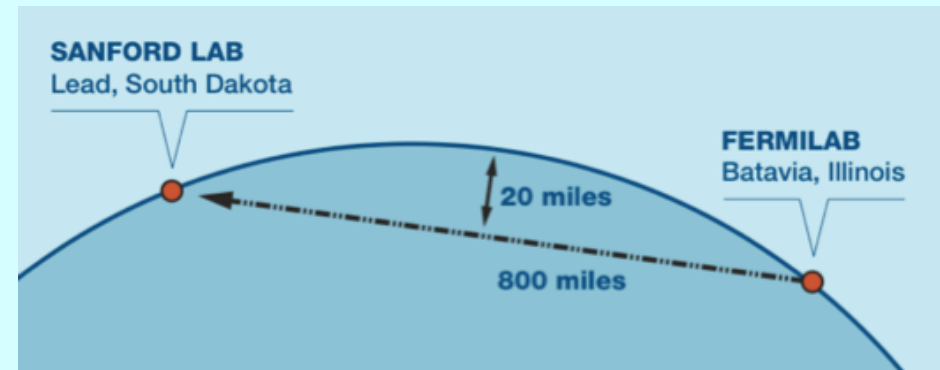
# The Next Generation Long-Baseline Experiments

## Hyper-Kamiokande



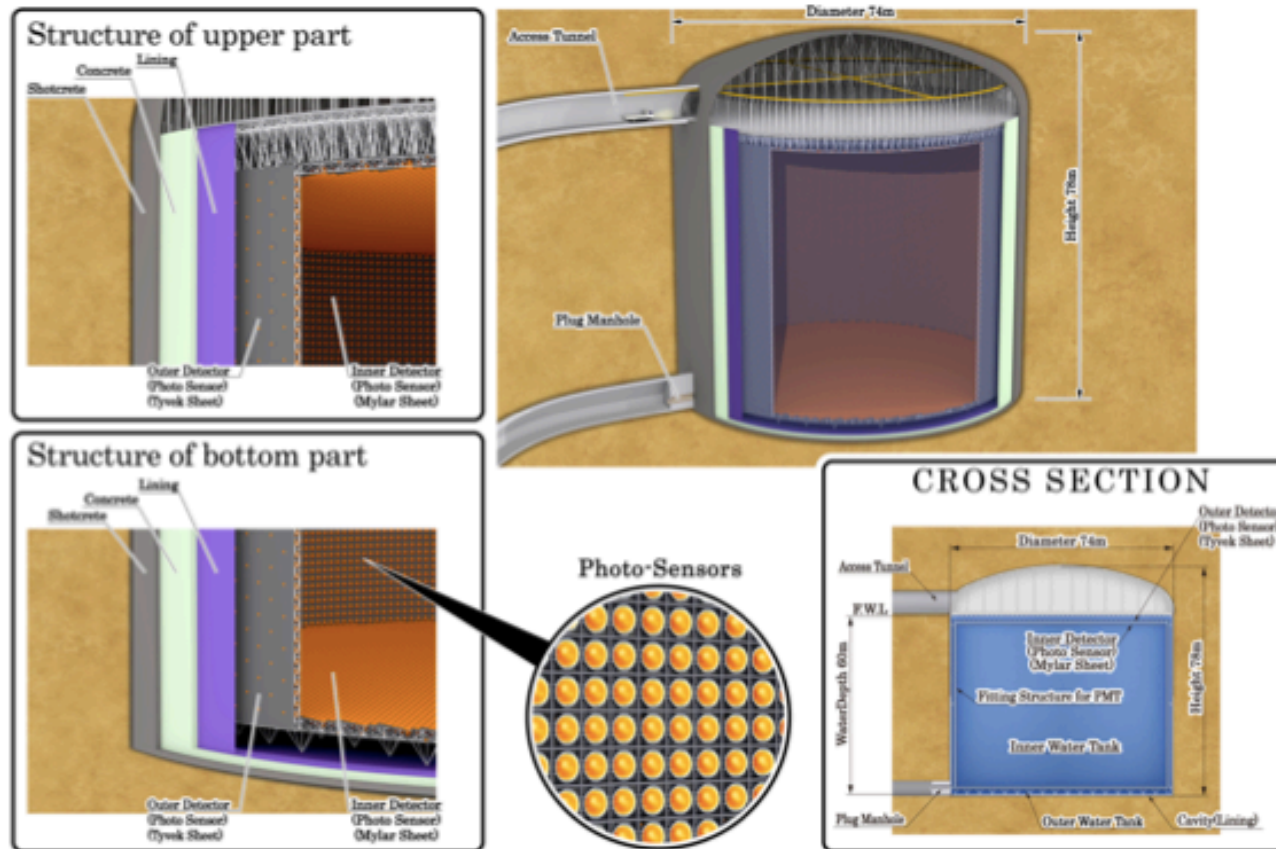
- 295-km baseline
- staged 2-module, 374-kton fid. **water Cherenkov detectors**
- upgraded J-PARC beam to 750 kW → 1.4 MeV
- First module: 40% PMT coverage w/double efficiency

## LBNF/DUNE



- 1300-km baseline
- 4 10-kton **LArTPC** modules
- 4850-ft depth
- New 1.2 MW beam (upgradeable to 2.3 MW)

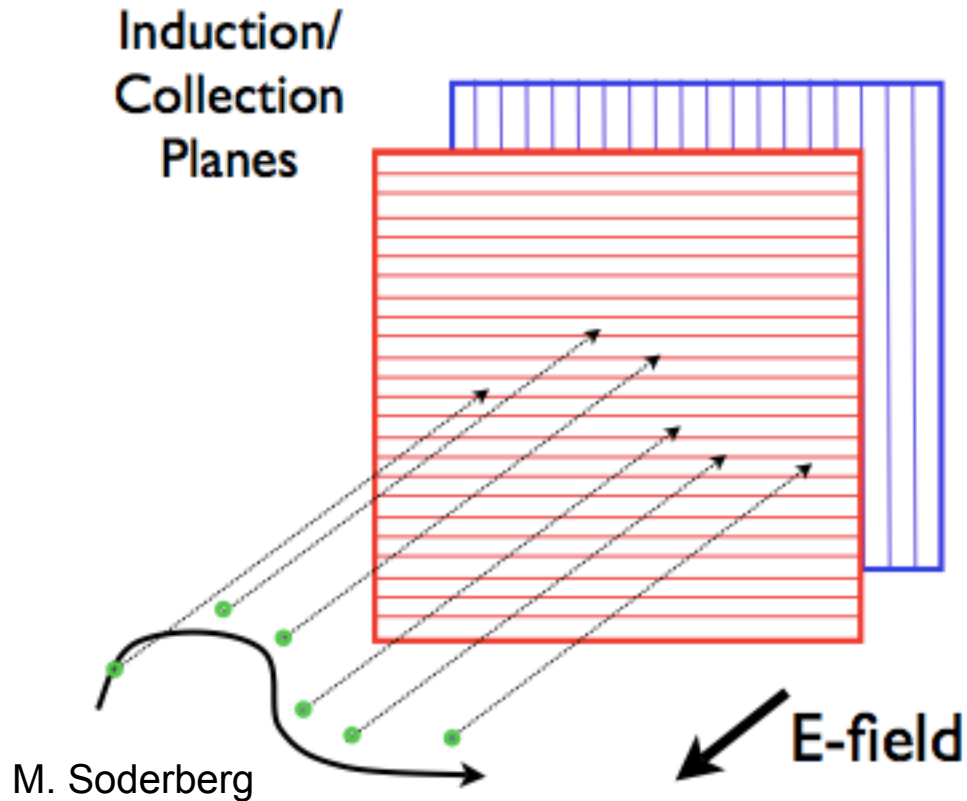
# Hyper-Kamiokande in Japan



- Generally **well-understood** technology  
(lots of experience from SK)
- New: **Gd-loading** for neutron tagging for SK  
(option for HK)
- Photosensors: new **HQE PMTs**, other R&D underway

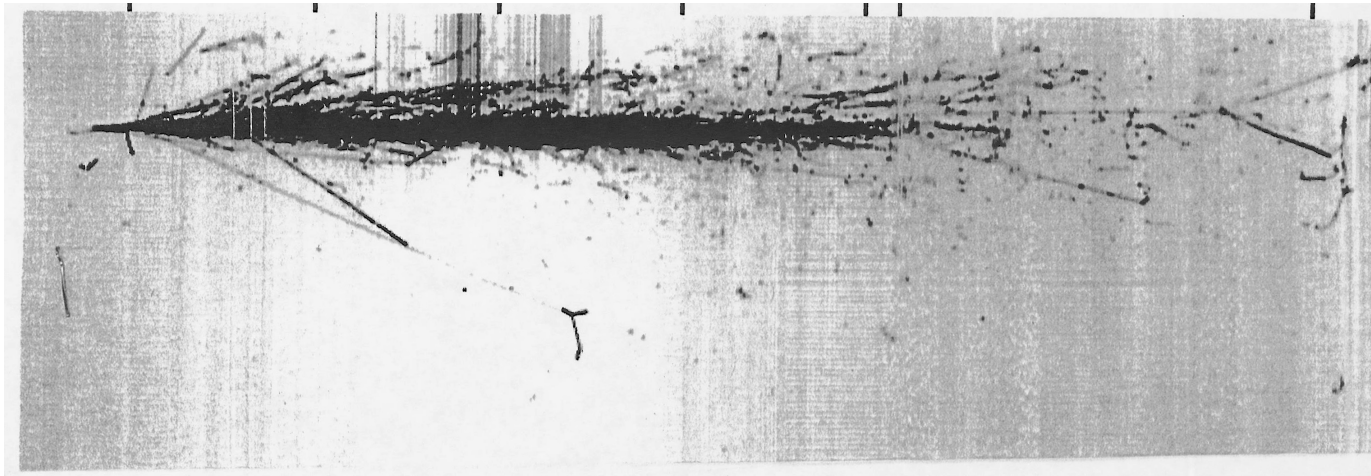


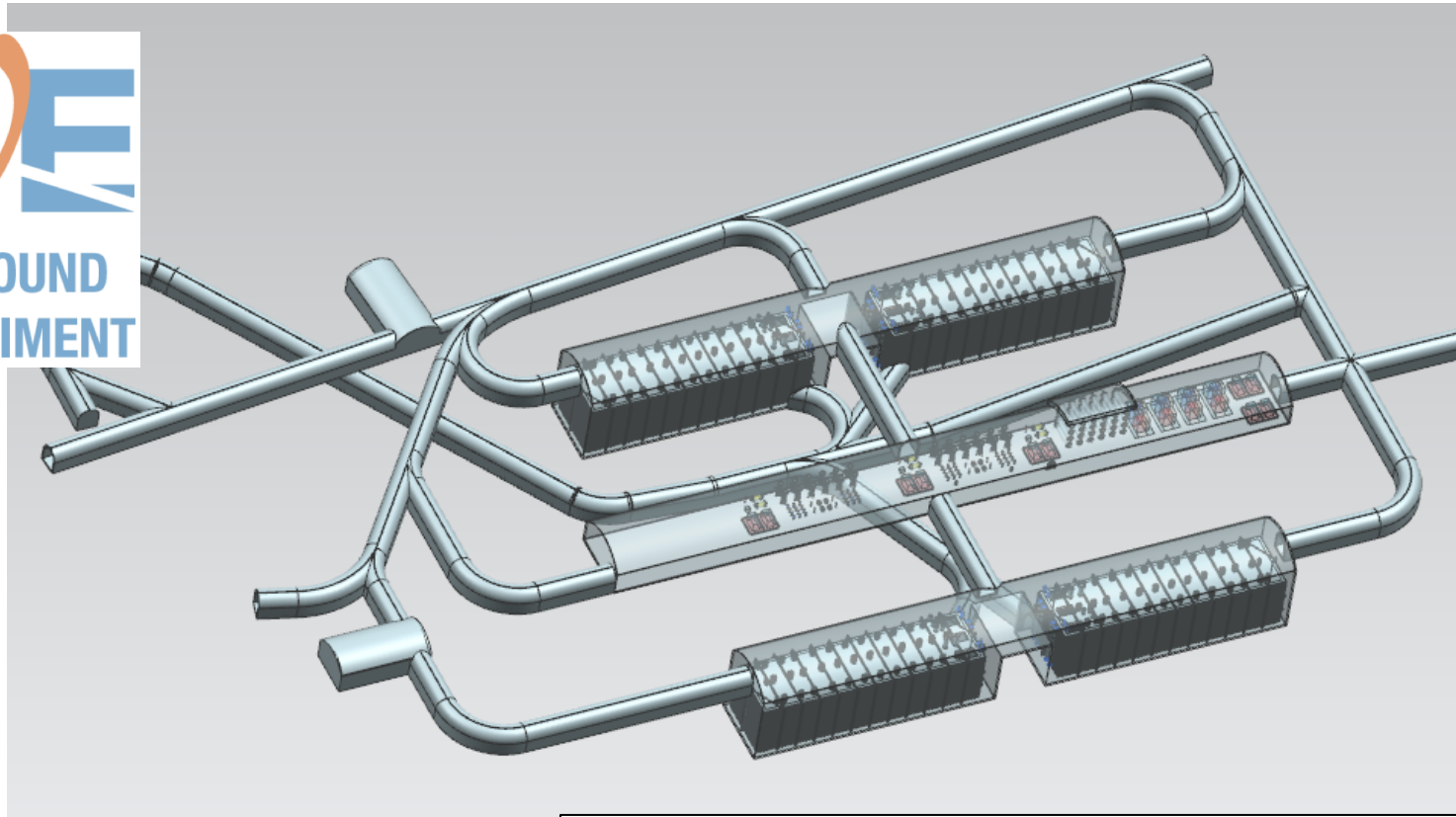
# Liquid argon time projection chambers



Ionization charge  
drifted and collected;  
**3D track** using time info

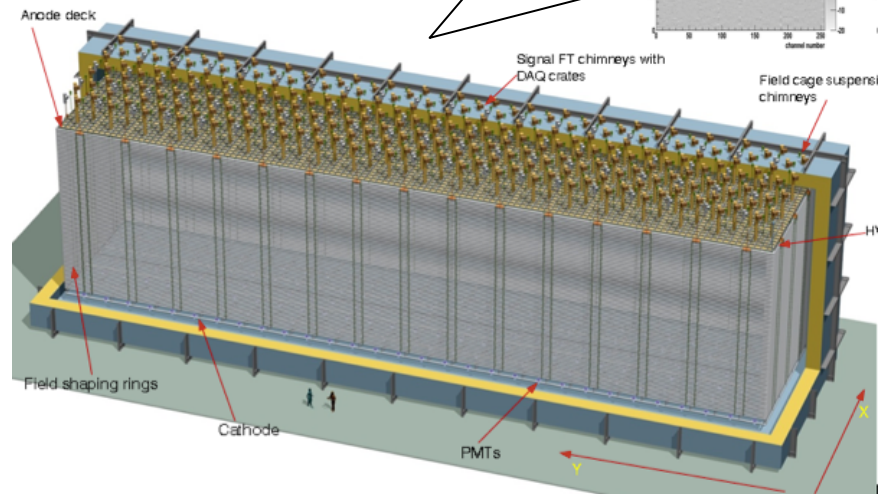
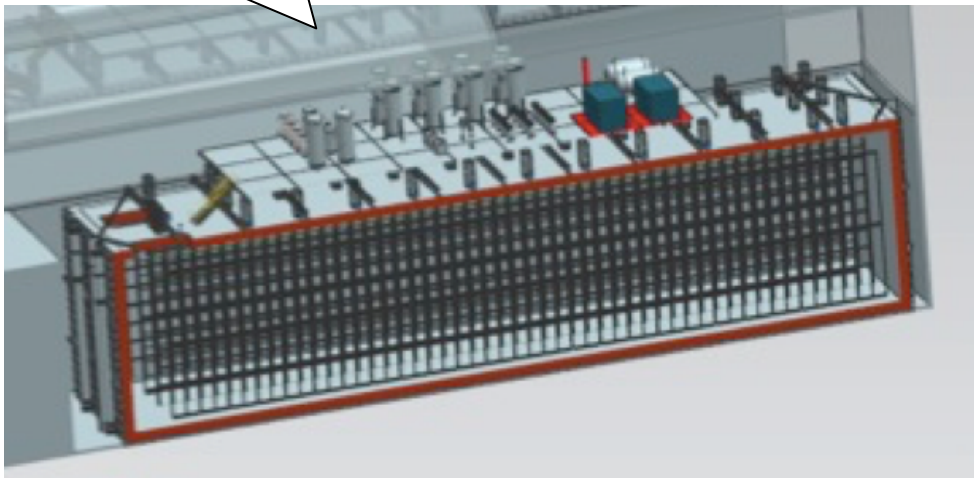
- **very high quality particle reconstruction** possible
- scintillation light (photosensors) for absolute time
- require very high purity, cryogenic liquid





First module will be based on **single-phase** modular drift cell design

**Dual phase** design w/ single volume vertical drift, gas phase amplification, is candidate for subsequent modules



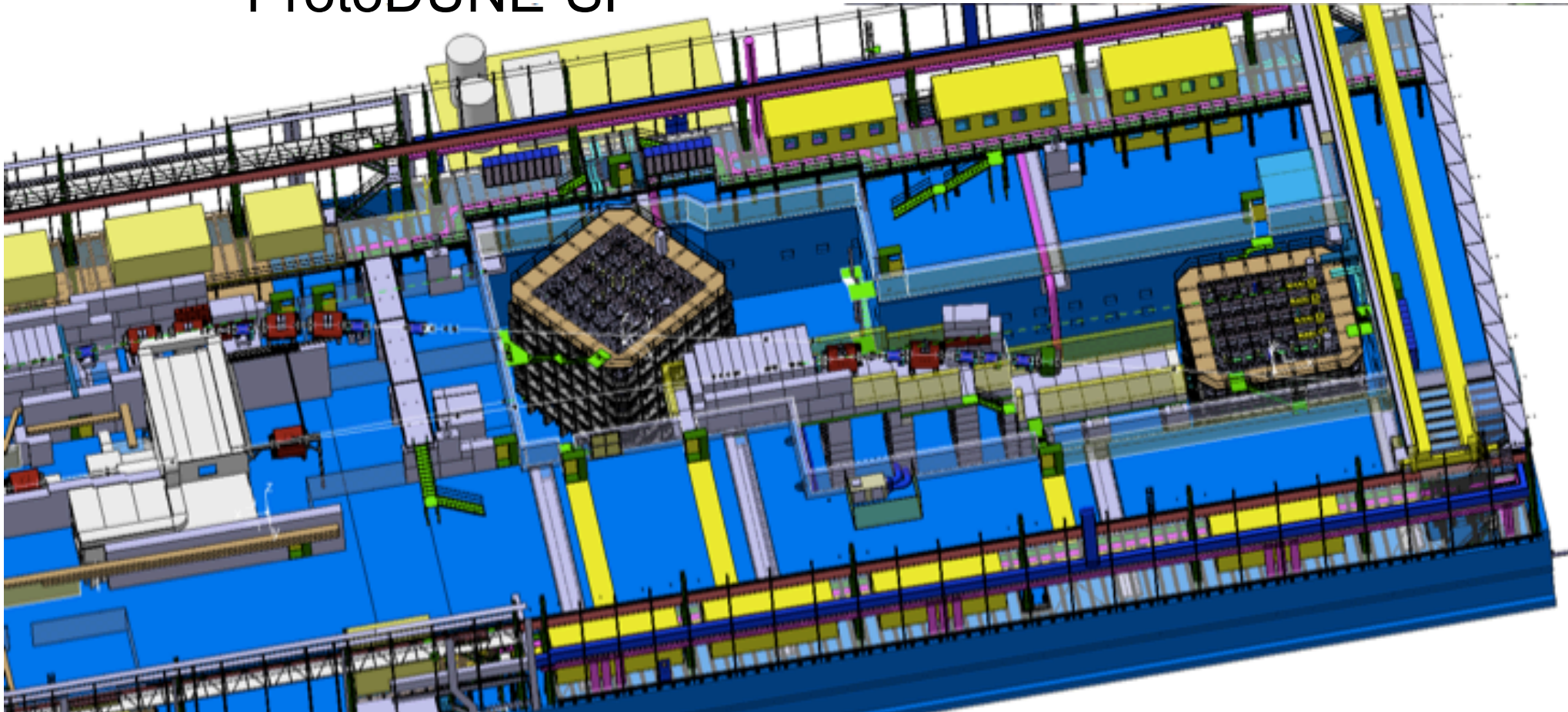


Many (interesting) R&D challenges...

HV, purity, photons, electronics, DAQ, backgrounds, reco, ...

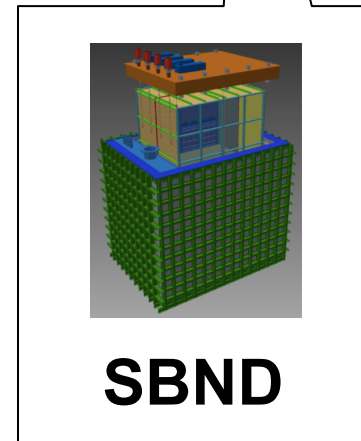
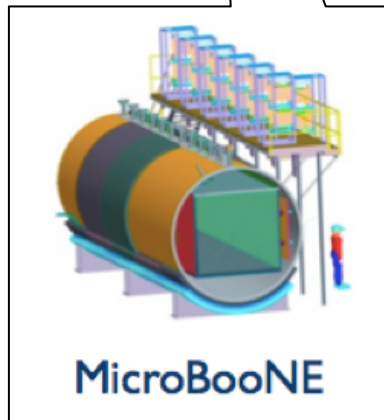
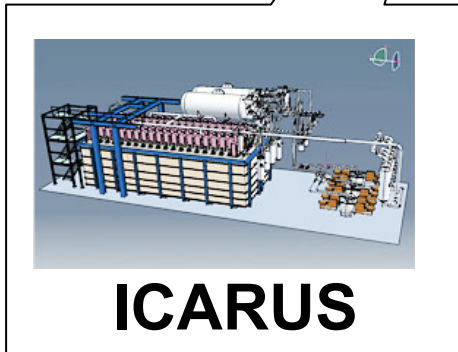
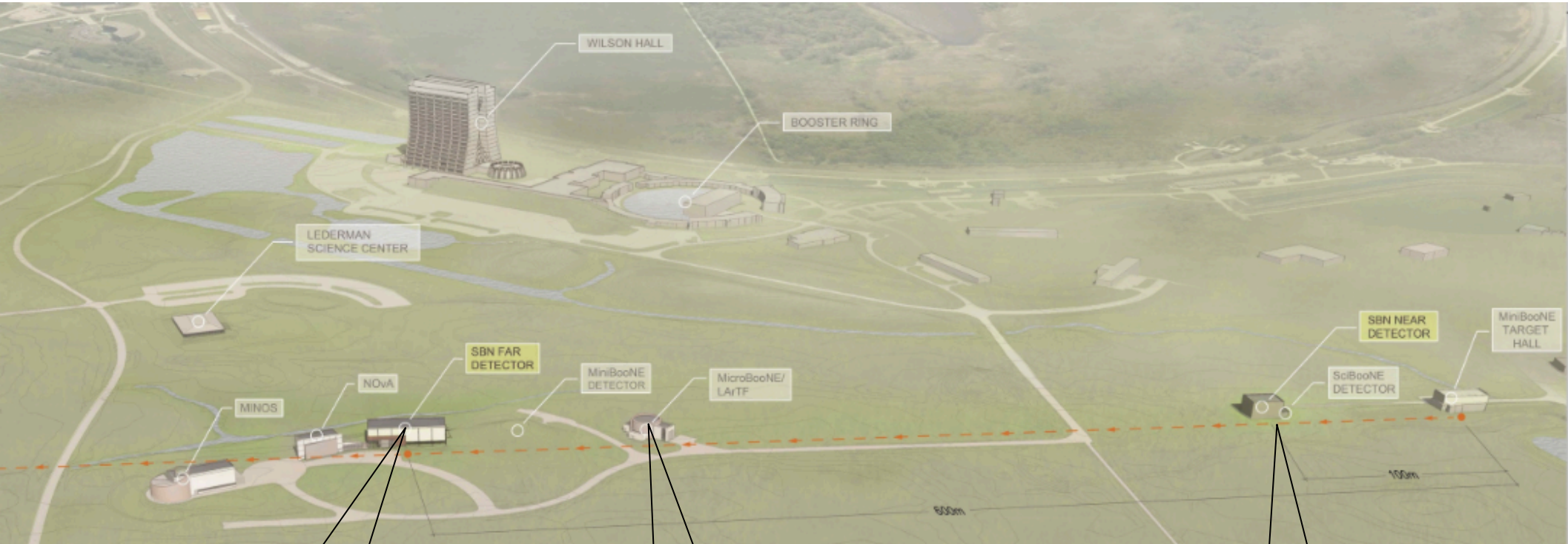
## ProtoDUNEs at CERN

- 0.5-5 GeV/c charged-particle test beams
- WA105 ProtoDUNE-DP
- ProtoDUNE-SP



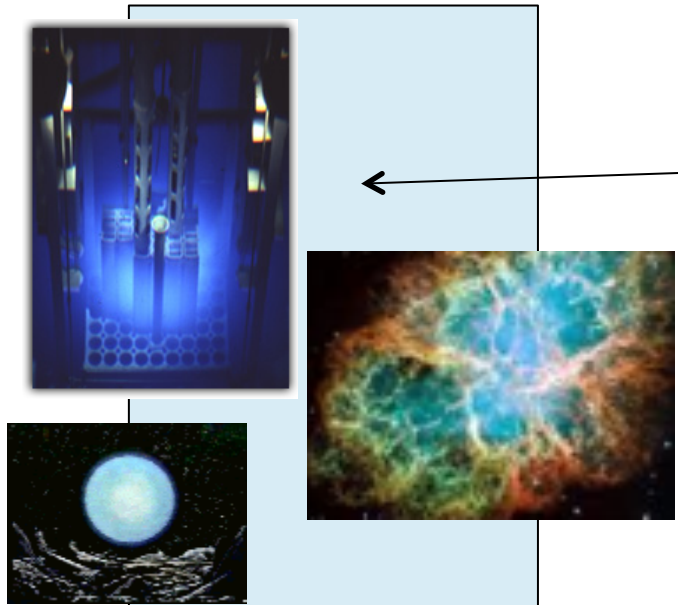
# FNAL Short Baseline Neutrino program

- sterile neutrino oscillation searches,  $\nu$  cross sections
- providing more LArTPC experience

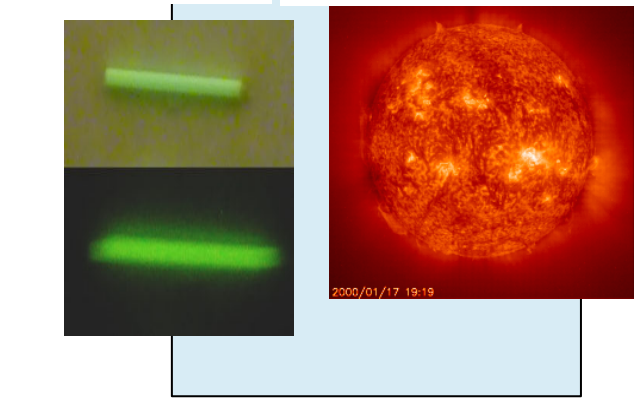
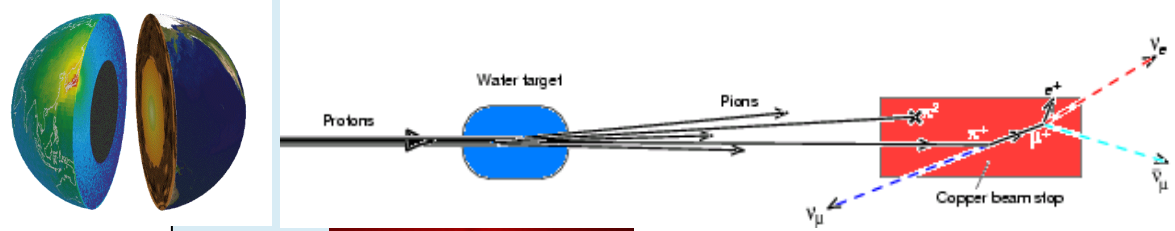




# The ~1-100 MeV energy range



A lot of physics and astrophysics here... (solar, burst and diffuse supernova, reactor, low-energy accelerator  $\nu$ 's, neutrinoless  $\beta\beta$ dk,...)

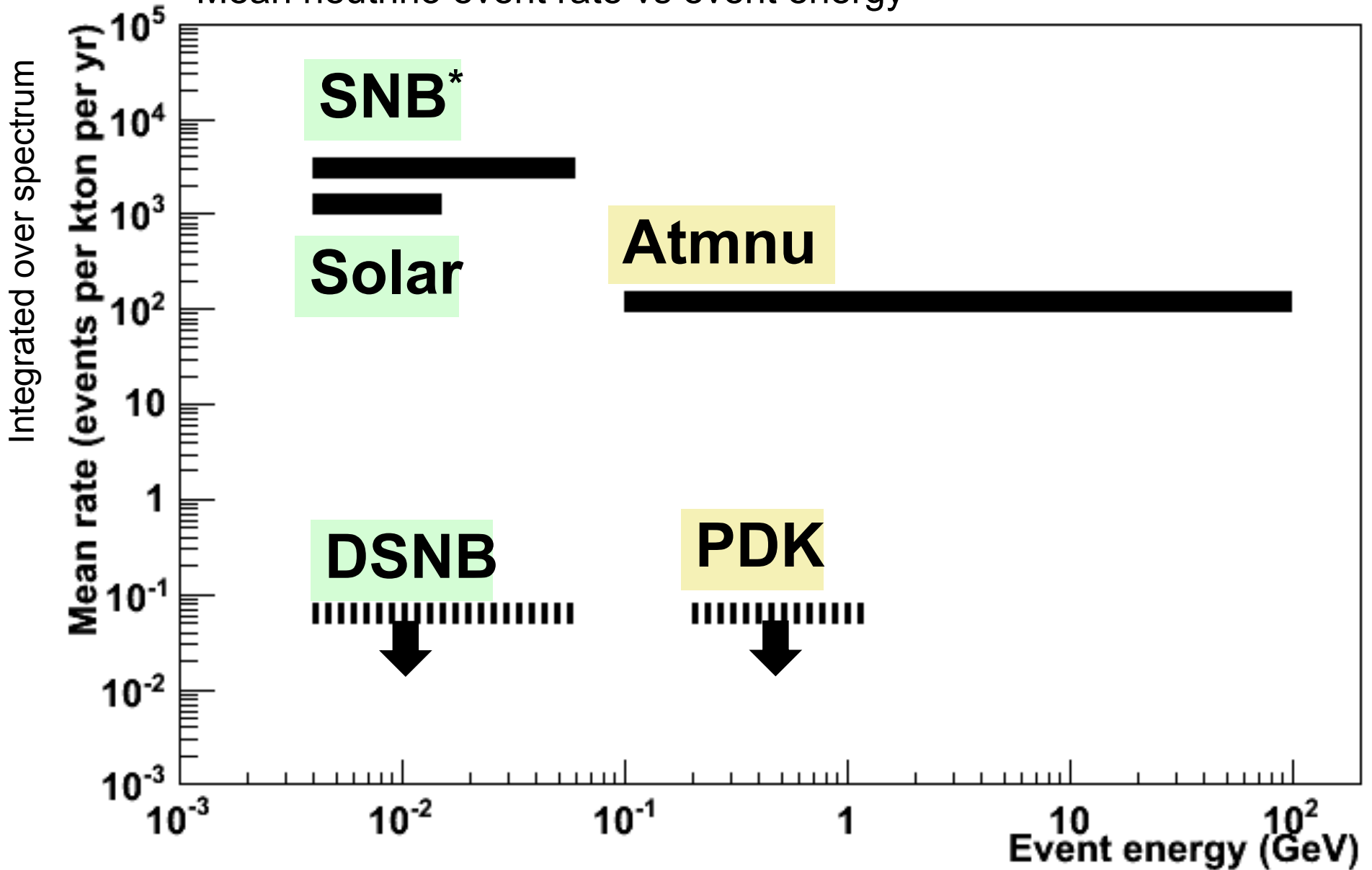


...detection issues are somewhat different...



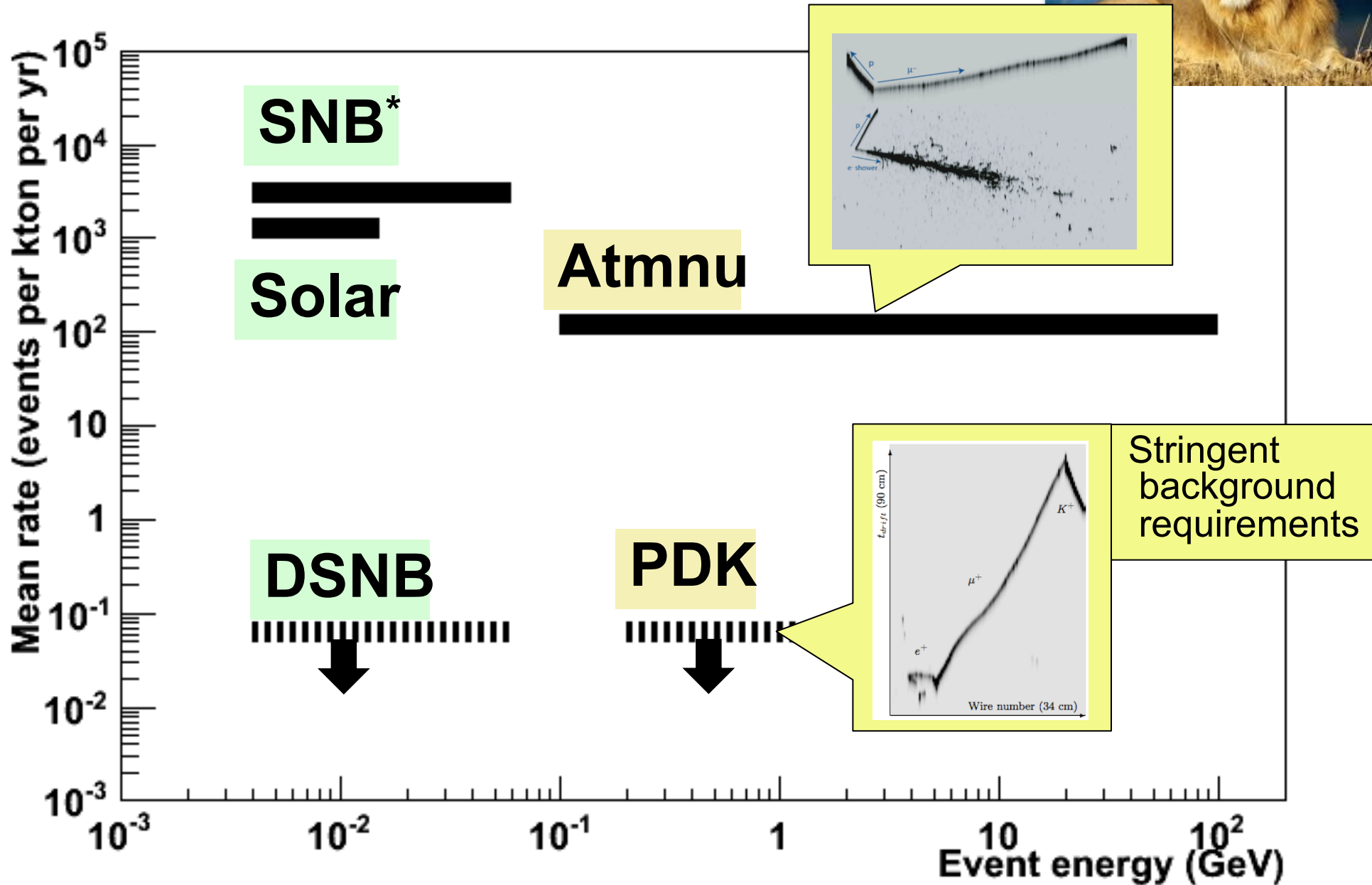
# “Wild” Neutrinos

Mean neutrino event rate vs event energy



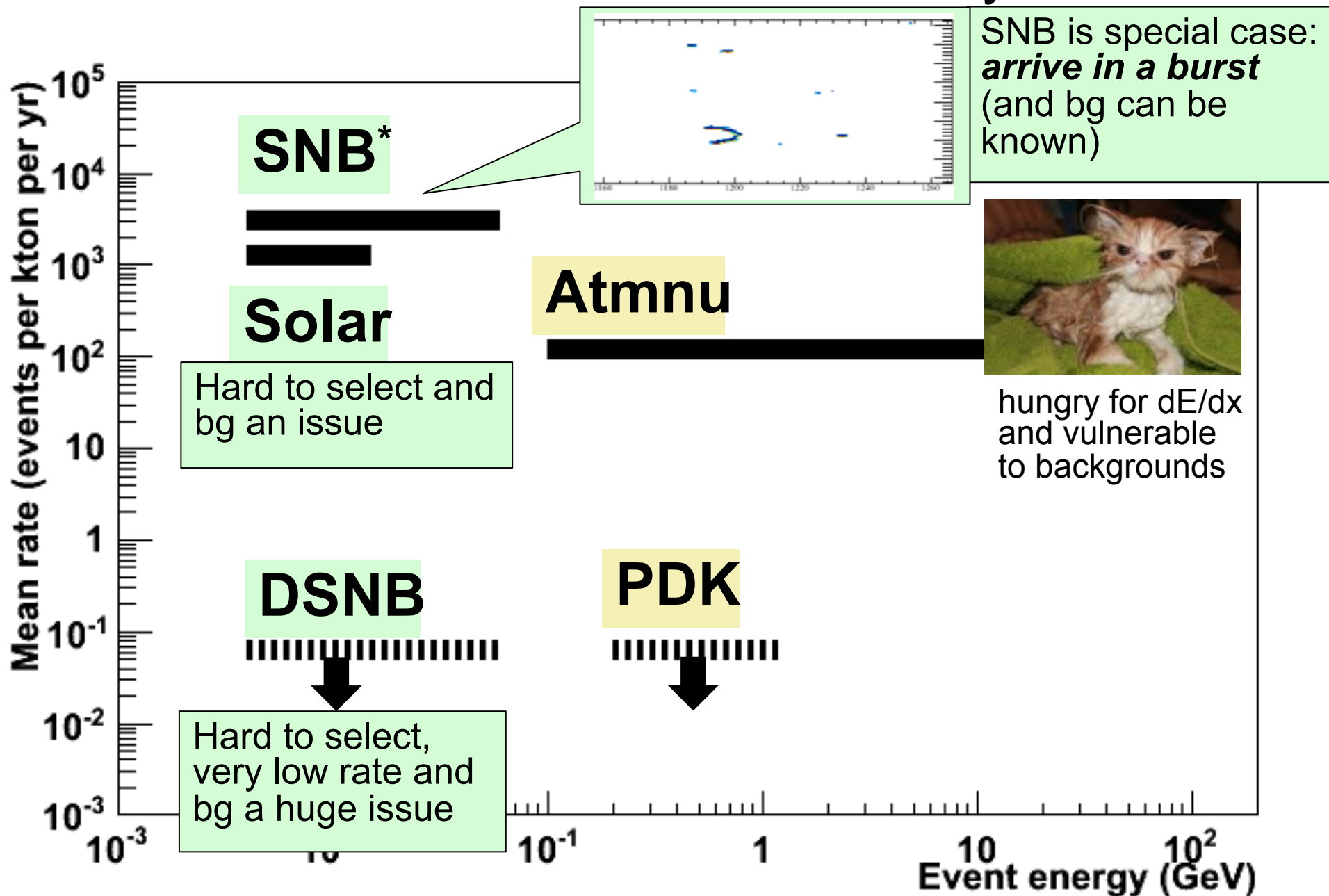
\* @1 kpc, 30 s (not steady-state rate)

# GeV-scale events: handsome and distinctive



\* @1 kpc, 30 s

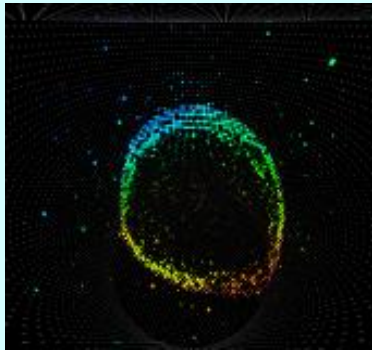
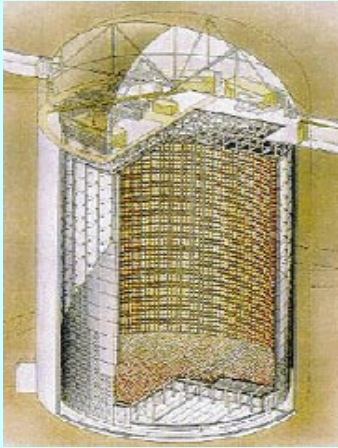
# Few tens of MeV-scale events: crummy little stubs



\* @1 kpc, 30 s

# Large (multi-kton) detector for low energy neutrinos?

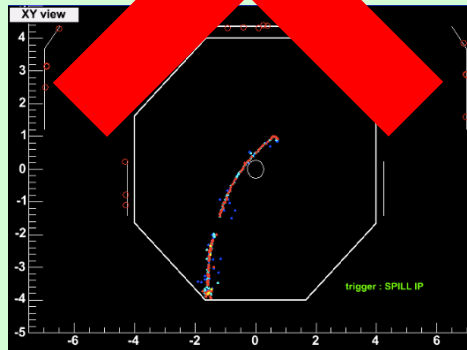
## Water Cherenkov



Cheap material,  
proven at very  
large scale

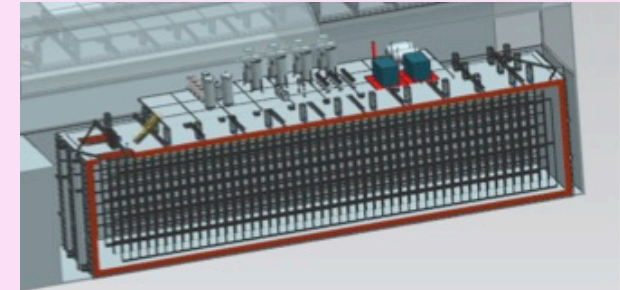
## Trackers

(a diverse  
category)



Not good for low  
energies (with  
some exceptions)

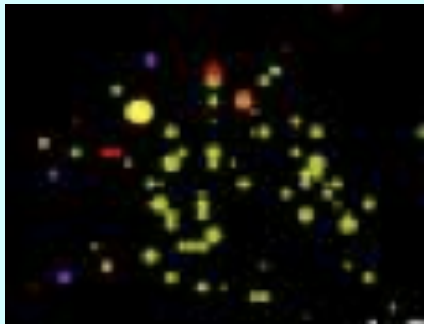
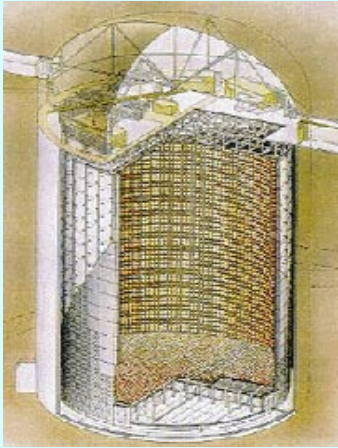
## Liquid Argon



Excellent particle  
reconstruction

# Large (multi-kton) detector technologies for low energies

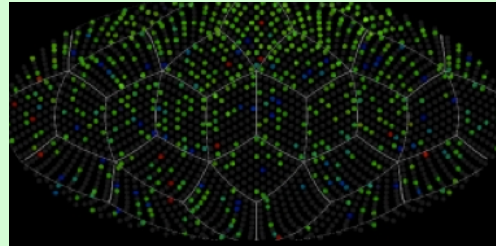
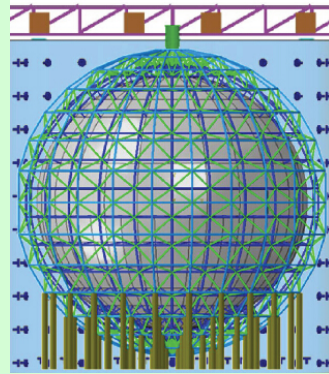
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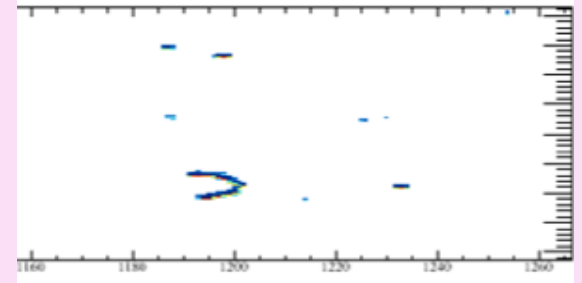
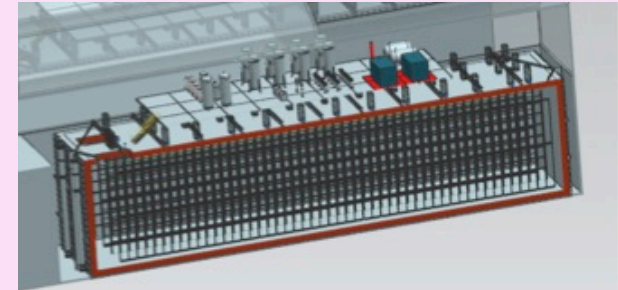
## Liquid scintillator

(and water-based LS)



Low threshold,  
good energy  
resolution

## Liquid Argon



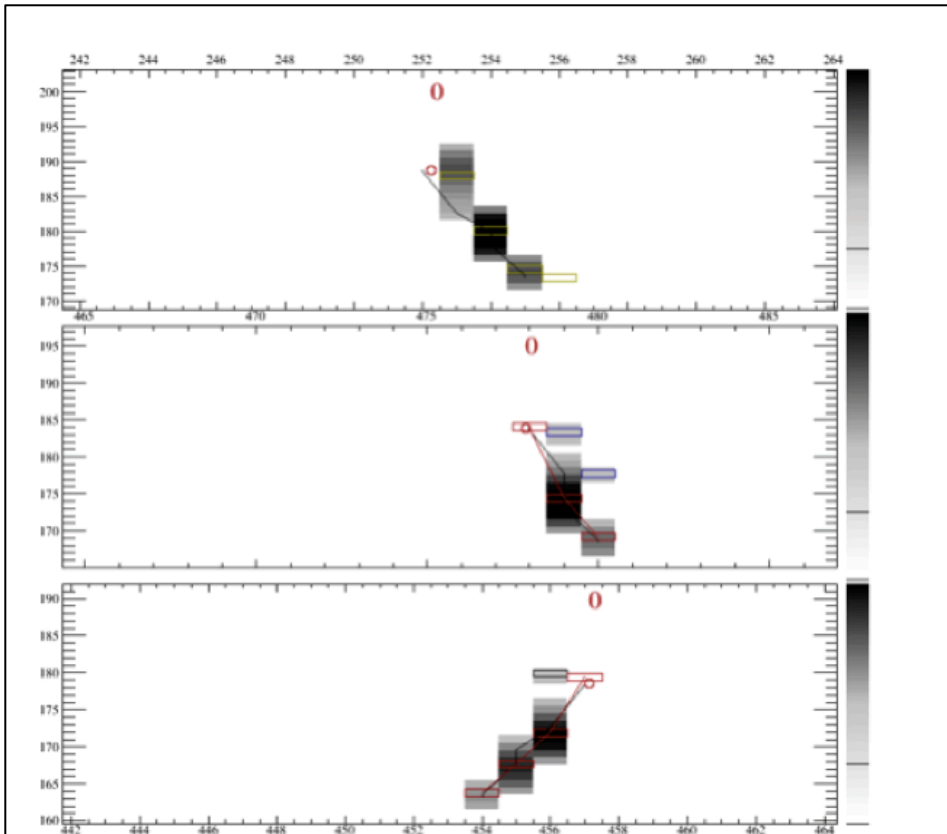
Good particle  
reconstruction

+ some other detector types for specific uses



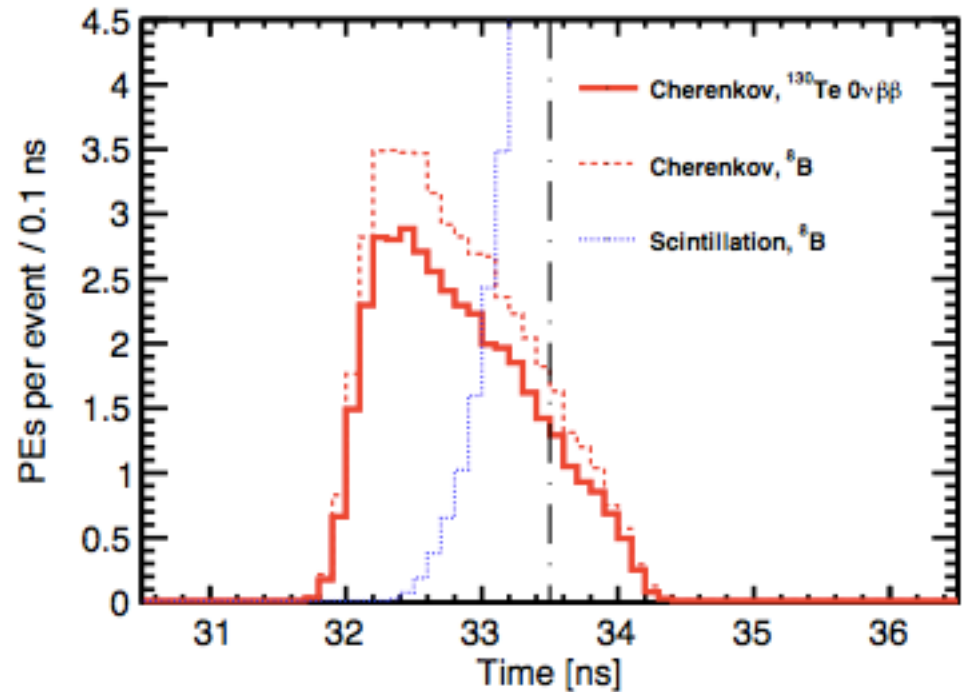
R&D activity important for this regime, too,  
both for low-energy capabilities of large  
multi-purpose detectors, and new detectors

**Examples:** (there are many more!)



Reconstructed 10 MeV electron

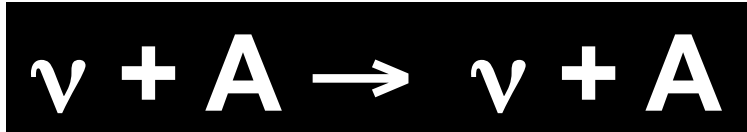
LArTPC: backgrounds, photons,  
reco for low-energy events



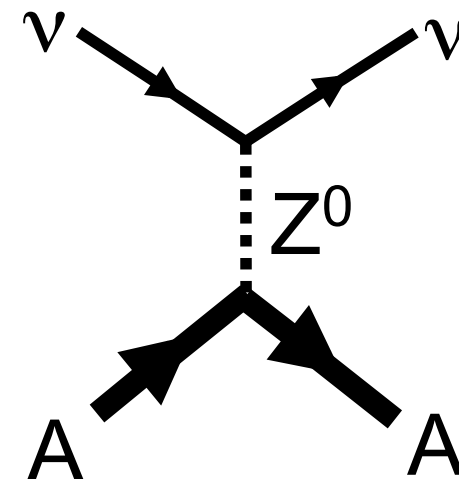
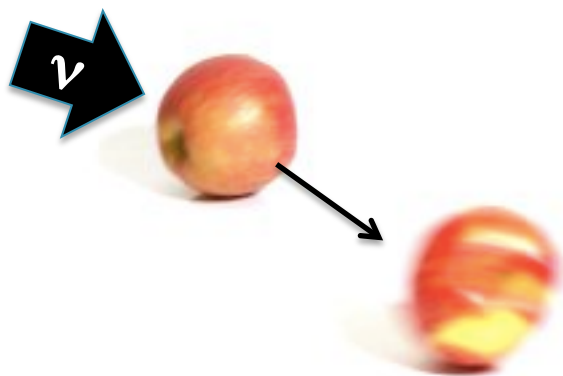
Scintillation vs Cherenkov light  
separation using fast timing  
photosensors (arXiv:1609.09865)

One more example: addresses multiple drivers

## Coherent Elastic Neutrino Nucleus Scattering (CEvNS)



A neutrino smacks a nucleus via exchange of a  $Z$ , and the nucleus recoils as a whole; **coherent** up to  $E_\nu \sim 50$  MeV



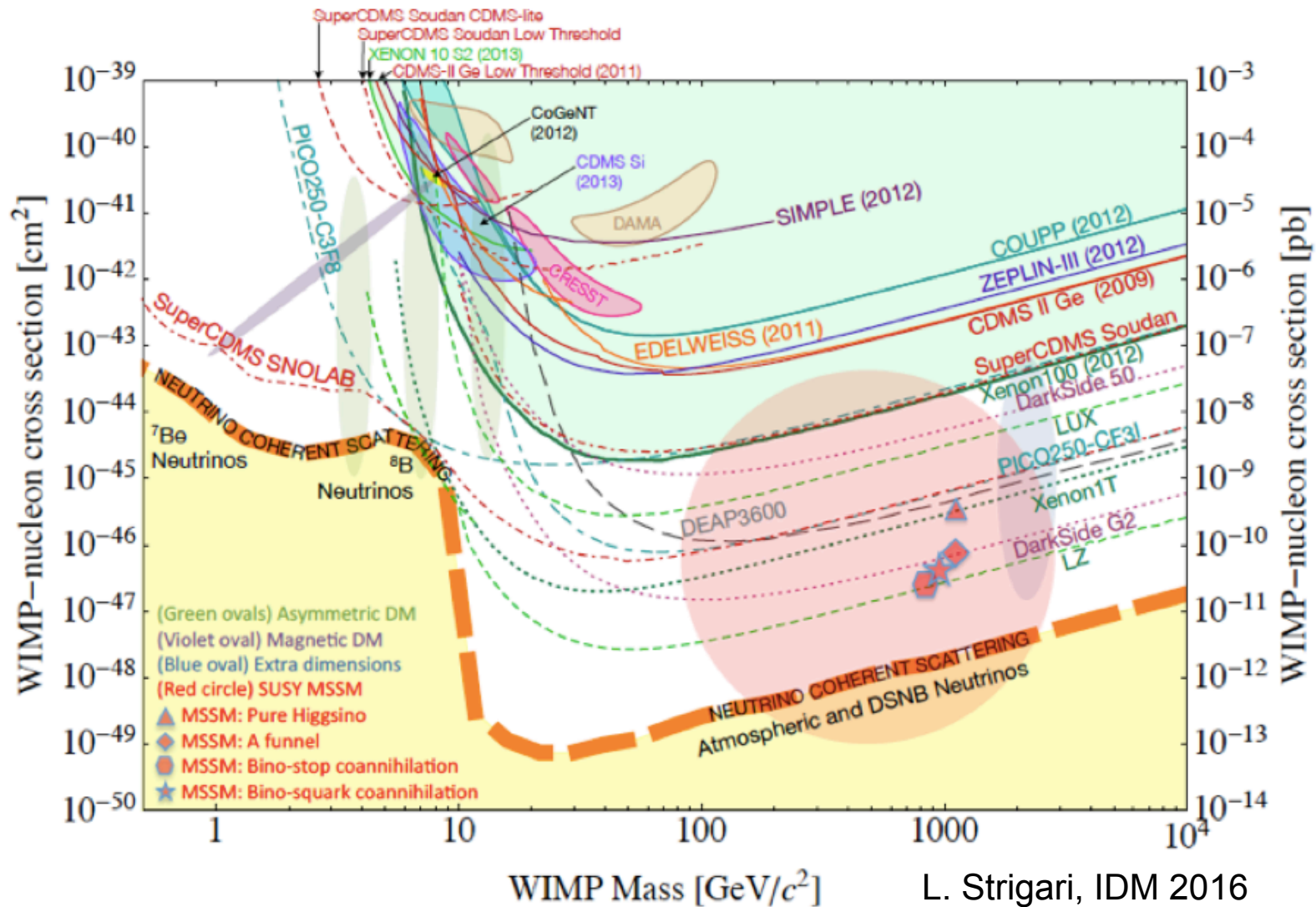
- Important in supernova processes & detection
- Well-calculable cross-section in SM:
  - SM test, probe of neutrino non-standard interactions
- Dark matter direct detection background
- Sterile oscillations
- Neutron form factors
- Possible applications (reactor monitoring)



Produces **very low-energy recoils** ( $\sim 10$ 's of keV)

# CEvNS from natural neutrinos creates ultimate background for direct DM search experiments

J. Billard, E. Figueroa-Feliciano, and L. Strigari, arXiv:1307.5458v2 (2013).

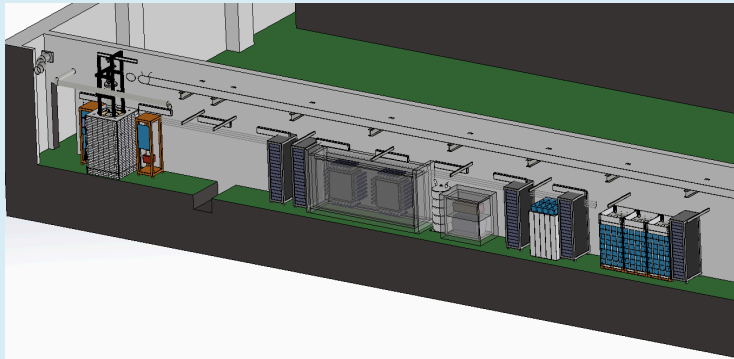


Understand nature of background (& detector response)

# CEvNS experiments at pion DAR sources & reactors

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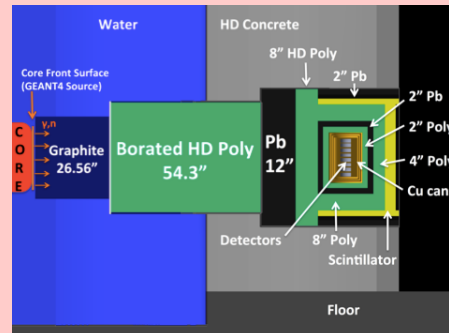
multiple WIMP/0nbbdk-type detectors @SNS



Akimov et al.,  
arXiv:1509.08702

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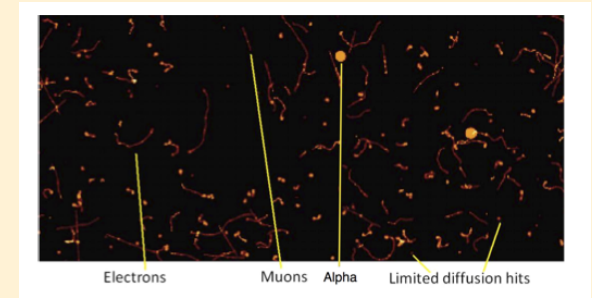
cryogenic  
Ge @ reactor



Agnolet et al.,  
arXiv:1609.02066

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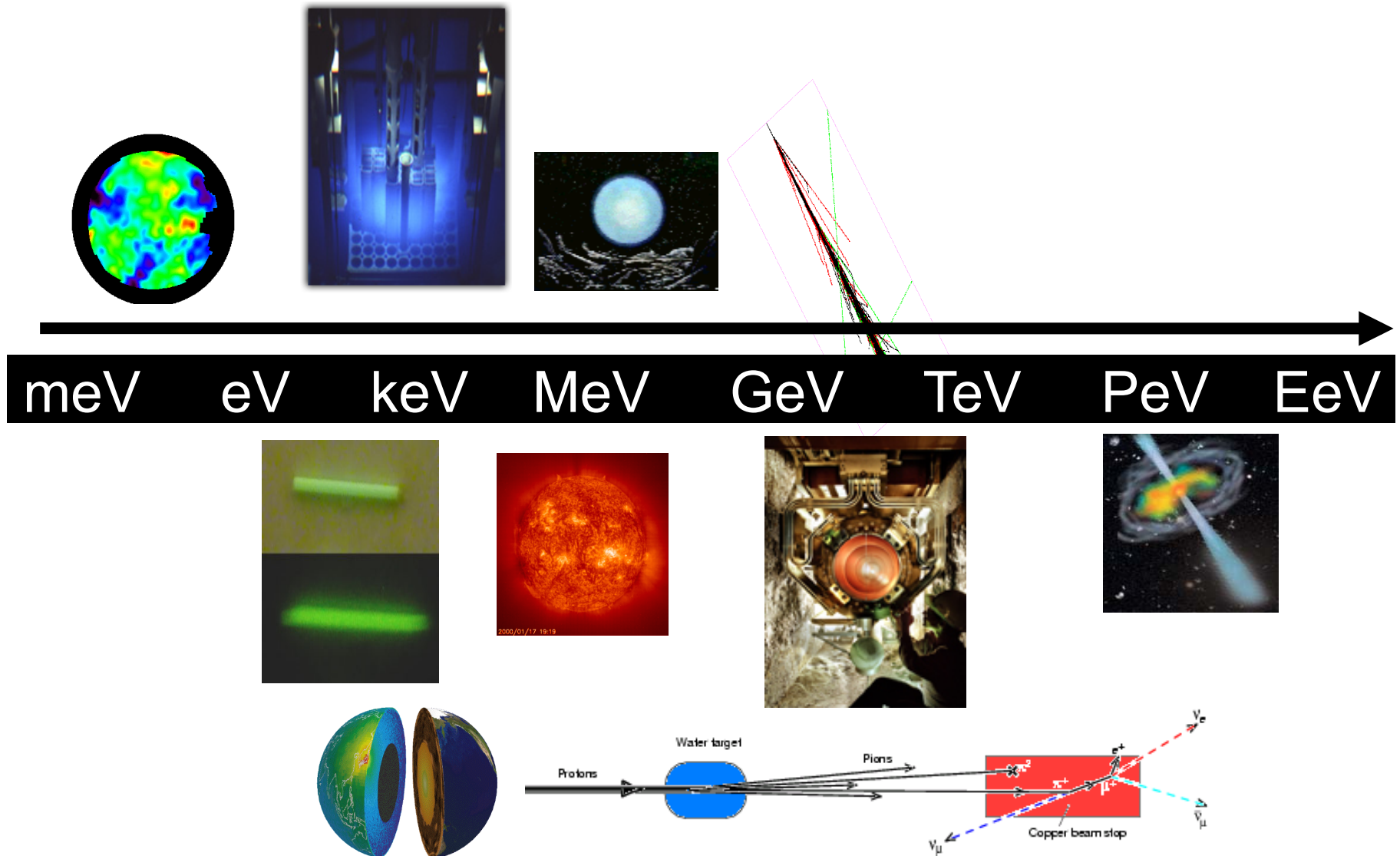
silicon CCDs  
@ reactors



Moroni et al.,  
Phys.Rev. D91 (2015) 7,  
072001

There is strong physics motivation to extend  
recoil energy threshold to sub-keV (reactor & source  $\nu$ 's)  
... backgrounds are the issue

In summary...much exciting physics to explore in broad regimes...  
diverse challenges, and connections to other physics drivers

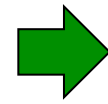
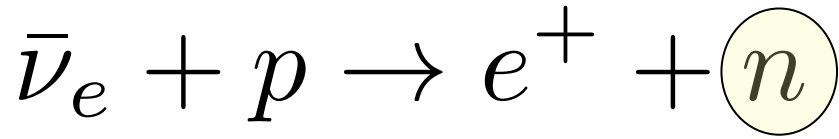


Many, many things I did not discuss with relevant interesting technology  
( $0\nu\beta\beta$ dk, absolute  $\nu$  mass, UHE  $\nu$ 's, reactor expts, xscns, applications,...)  
**see parallel sessions for more!**



# **Extras/backups**

# Neutron tagging in water Cherenkov detectors

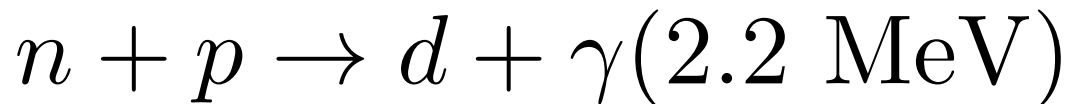


detection of neutron tags  
event as *electron antineutrino*

- especially useful for DSNB (which has low signal/bg)
- also useful for disentangling flavor content of a burst  
(improves pointing, and physics extraction)

R. Tomas et al., PRD68 (2003) 093013  
KS, J.Phys.Conf.Ser. 309 (2011) 012028; LBNE collab arXiv:1110.6249  
R. Laha & J. Beacom, PRD89 (2014) 063007

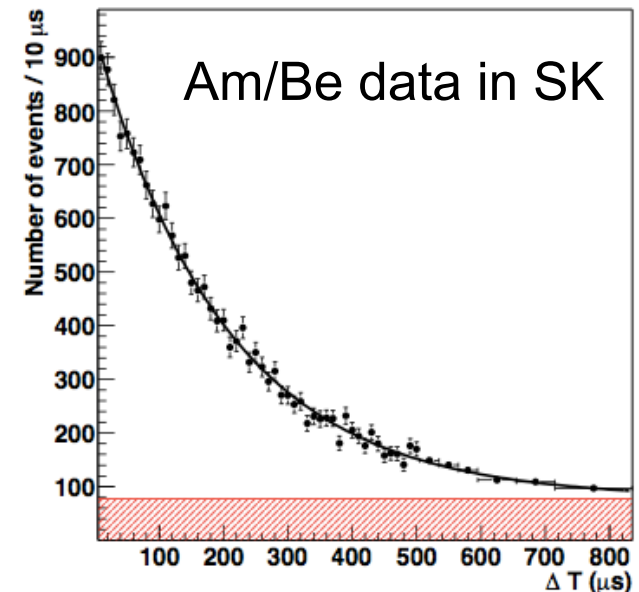
## “Drug-free” neutron tagging



~200  $\mu\text{s}$  thermalization & capture,  
observe Cherenkov radiation from  
 $\gamma$  Compton scatters

→ with SK-IV electronics,  
~18% n tagging efficiency

SK collaboration, arXiv:1311.3738;



# Enhanced performance by doping!

use gadolinium to capture neutrons

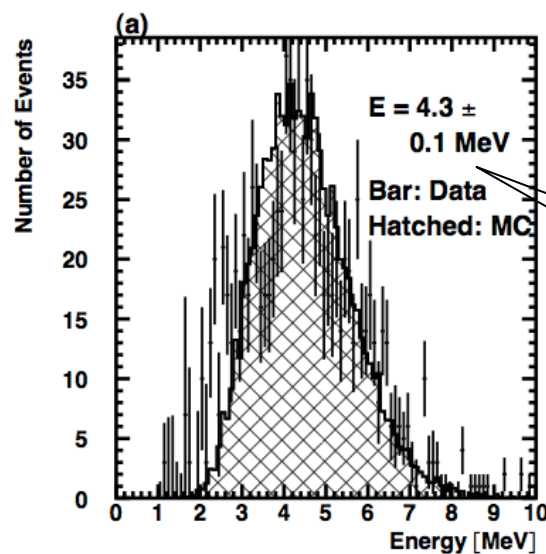
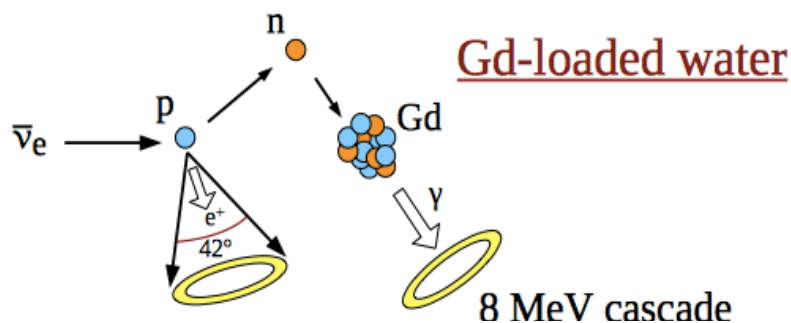
(common strategy for scintillator)

J. Beacom & M. Vagins, PRL 93 (2004) 171101

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

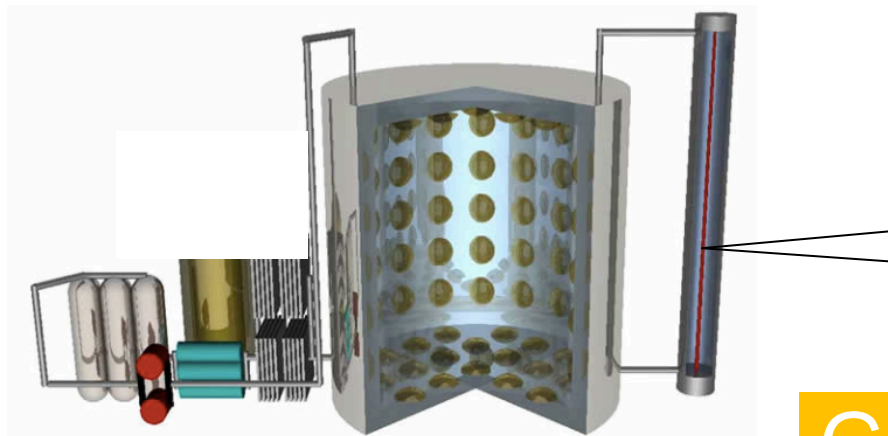


$$\sum E_{\gamma} = 8 \text{ MeV}$$



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

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



**ADS: test tank in the  
Kamioka mine for R&D**

Going forward as "SK-Gd"

# Photosensor Improvements

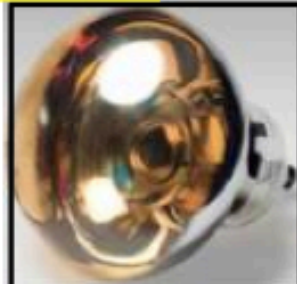
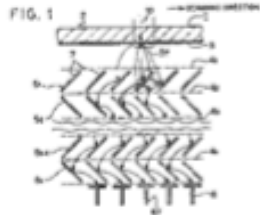
## Photo Multipliers (PMTs)

- Efficiency x 2, Timing resolution x 1/2
- Pressure tolerance x 2 (>100m)
- Enhance  $p \rightarrow \bar{\nu} K^+$  signal, solar  $\nu$ , neutron signature of  $np \rightarrow d + \gamma(2.2\text{MeV}), \dots$

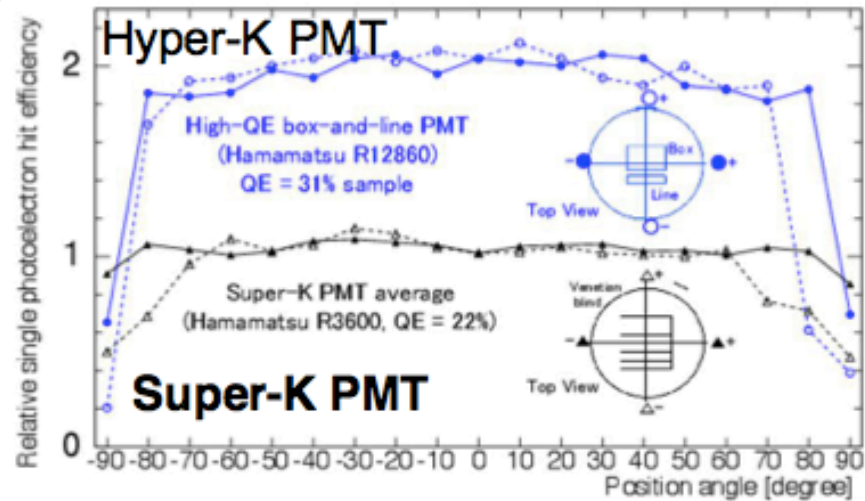
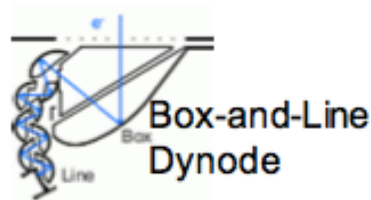


**Super-K PMT**

Venetian Blind

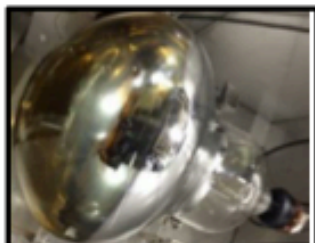


**50cm HQE Box&Line PMT**

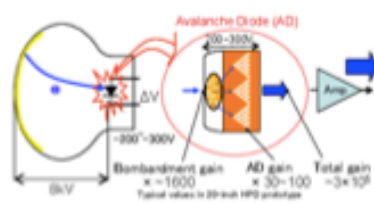


## Other Developments:

### Hybrid Photo Detectors (HPDs)



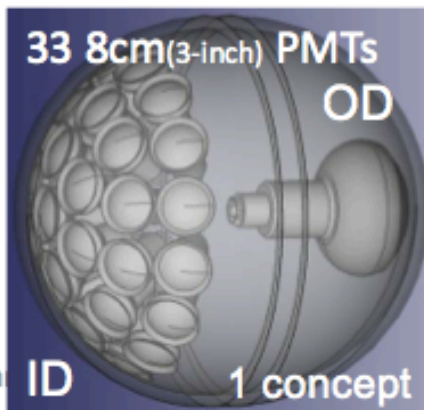
**50cm HQE HPD w/ 20mm  $\phi$  AD**



Underviability study

The Hyper-Ka

### Multi-PMTs



### Working concept from KM3NeT but:

- Usage for ID/OD
  - lower pressure tolerance required.
  - ultrapure water.
- International contribut.

All of this discussion is in the context of  
the standard 3-flavor picture and  
testing that paradigm....

There are already some slightly  
uncomfortable data that **don't fit that paradigm...**

Open a parenthesis:



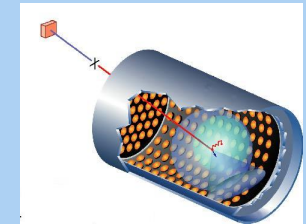


# Outstanding 'anomalies'

## LSND @ LANL (~30 MeV, 30 m)

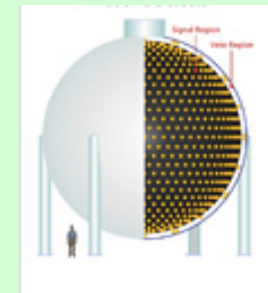
Excess of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  interpreted as  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$

→  $\Delta m^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$ : inconsistent with 3  $\nu$  masses



## MiniBooNE @ FNAL ( $\nu, \bar{\nu} \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$ , 0.5 km)

- unexplained  $>3 \sigma$  excess for  $E < 475 \text{ MeV}$  in neutrinos (inconsistent w/ LSND oscillation)
- no excess for  $E > 475 \text{ MeV}$  in neutrinos (inconsistent w/ LSND oscillation)
- small excess for  $E < 475 \text{ MeV}$  in antineutrinos (~consistent with neutrinos)
- small excess for  $E > 475 \text{ MeV}$  in antineutrinos (consistent w/ LSND)
- for  $E > 200 \text{ MeV}$ , both  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  consistent with LSND



????  
more data needed

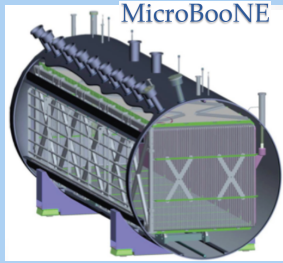
Also: possible deficits of reactor  $\bar{\nu}_e$  ('reactor anomaly') and source  $\nu_e$  ('gallium anomaly')

**Sterile neutrinos??** (i.e. no normal weak interactions)

Some theoretical motivations for this, both from particle & astrophysics [cosmology w/Planck now consistent w/3 flavors... but allows 4...]

**Or some other new physics??**

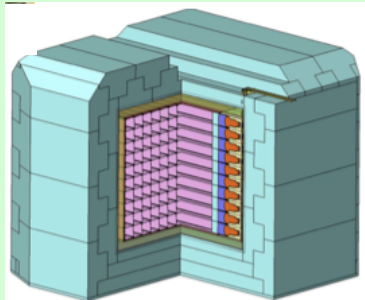
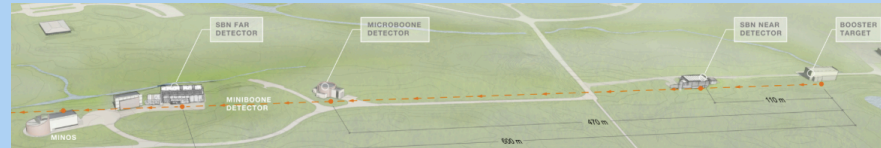
# Experimental ideas to address these anomalies...



## Experiments with beams

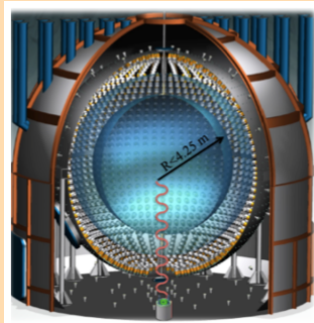
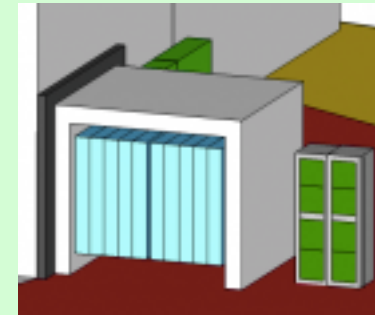
(meson decay in flight and at rest)

MINOS+, FNAL SBN, OscSNS, J-PARC MLF, ...



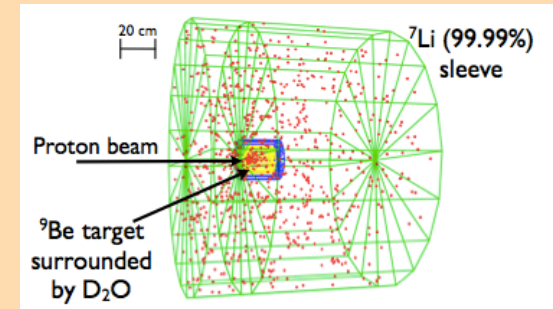
## Experiments at reactors

PROSPECT, SoLid, NuLAT, STEREO, DANNS, Neutrino4, Hanaro, ..



## Experiments with radioactive sources

SOX, CeSOX, IsoDAR, ...



Many more! see e.g., [arXiv:1204.5379](https://arxiv.org/abs/1204.5379) (...already out of date...rapidly evolving)

... parenthesis not closed...

# General NLDBD experiment strategies

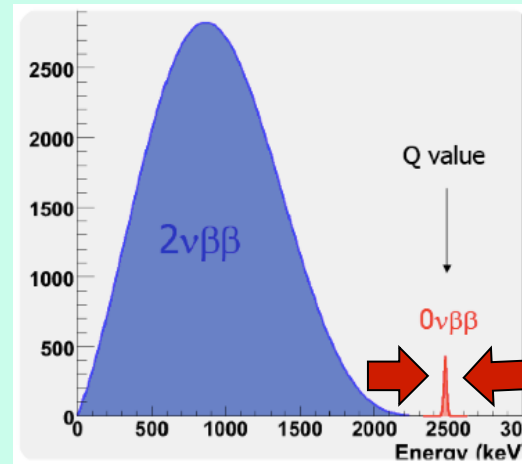
$$T_{1/2} > \frac{\ln 2 \cdot \epsilon \cdot N_{source} \cdot T}{UL(B(T) \cdot \Delta E)}$$

## The “Brute Force” Approach



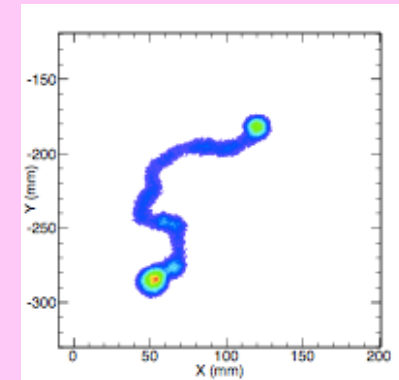
focus on the numerator  
with a huge amount  
of material  
(often sacrificing  
resolution)

## The “Peak-Squeezer” Approach



focus on the denominator  
by squeezing down  $\Delta E$   
(various technologies)

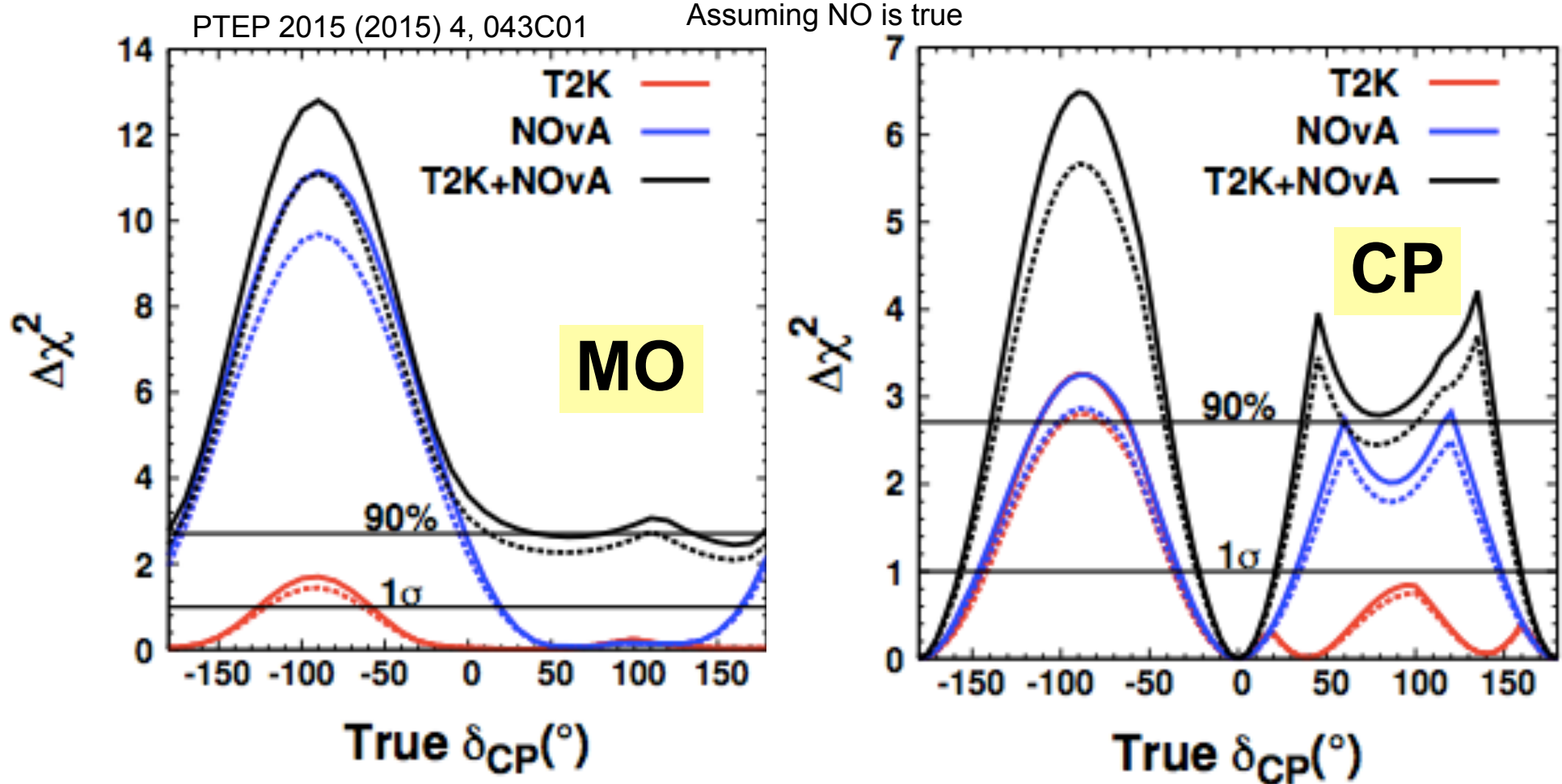
## The “Final-State Judgement” Approach



try to make the  
background zero by  
tracking or  
other technique

...some experiments take hybrid approaches...

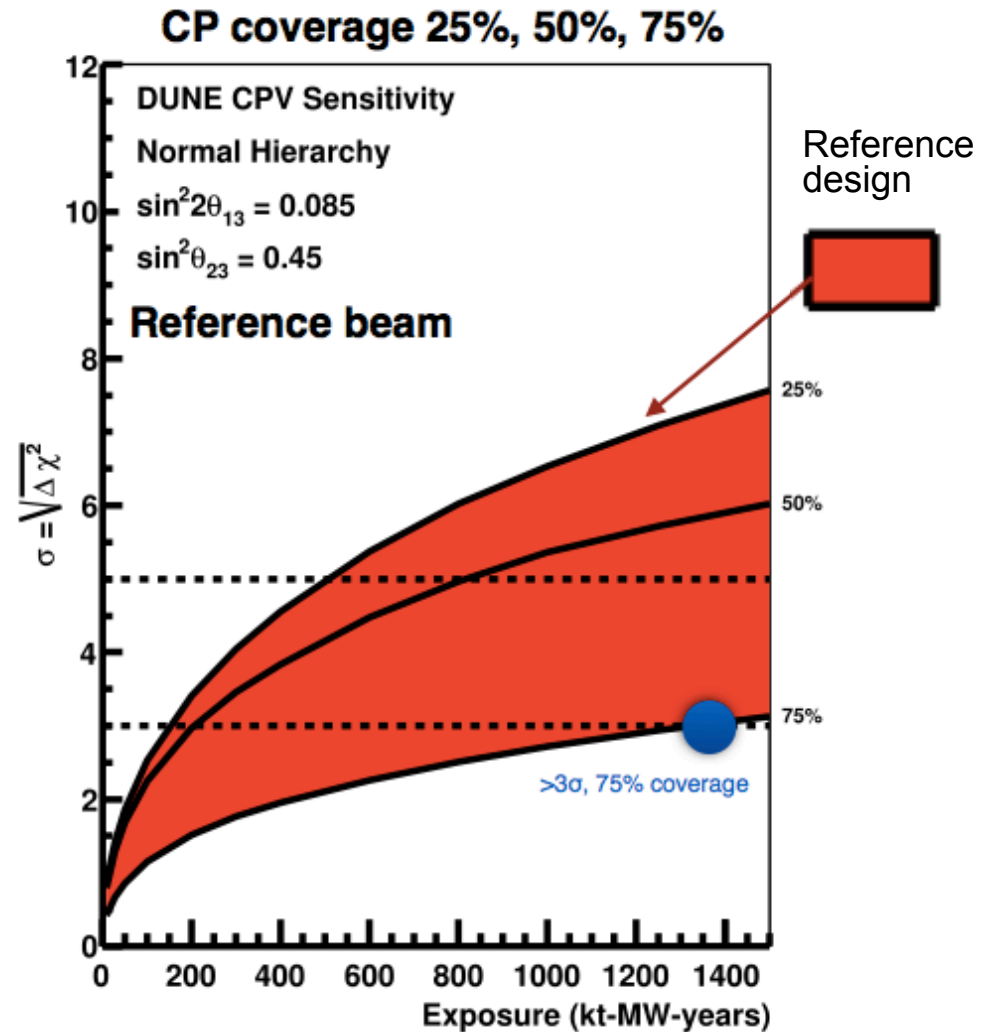
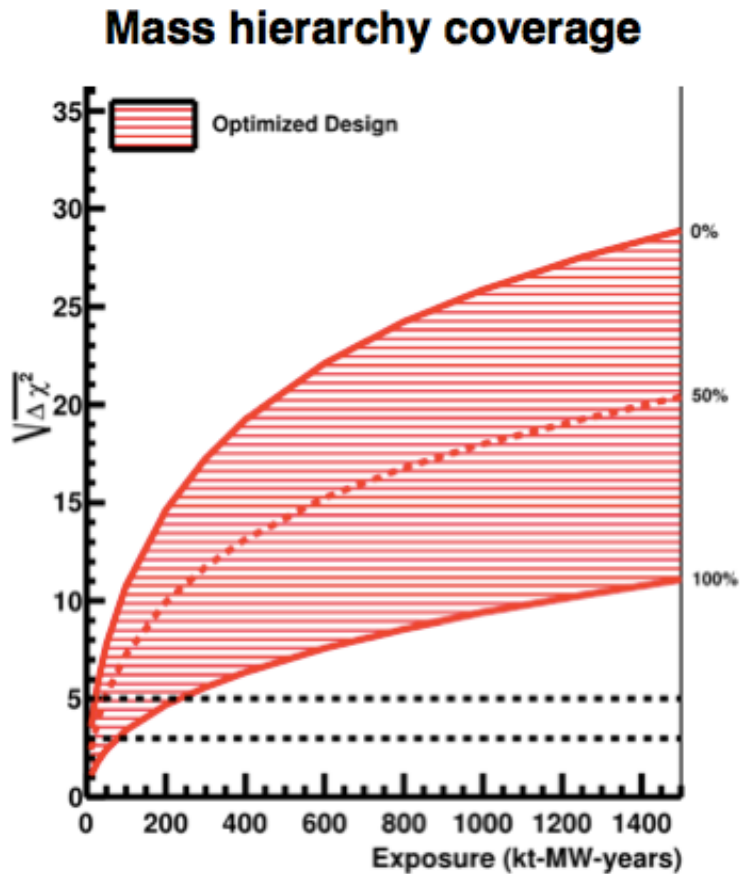
# More data to come from both T2K and NO $\nu$ A... ...how far will they take us?



Expected sensitivities for T2K+NO $\nu$ A  
(MO sensitivity driven by NO $\nu$ A thanks to longer baseline)

→ Possible “indications” within ~5 years if parameters are lucky (hints so far are in the right direction!)

# DUNE sensitivity



Excellent mass ordering reach for all CP values

Decent chance to measure CPV