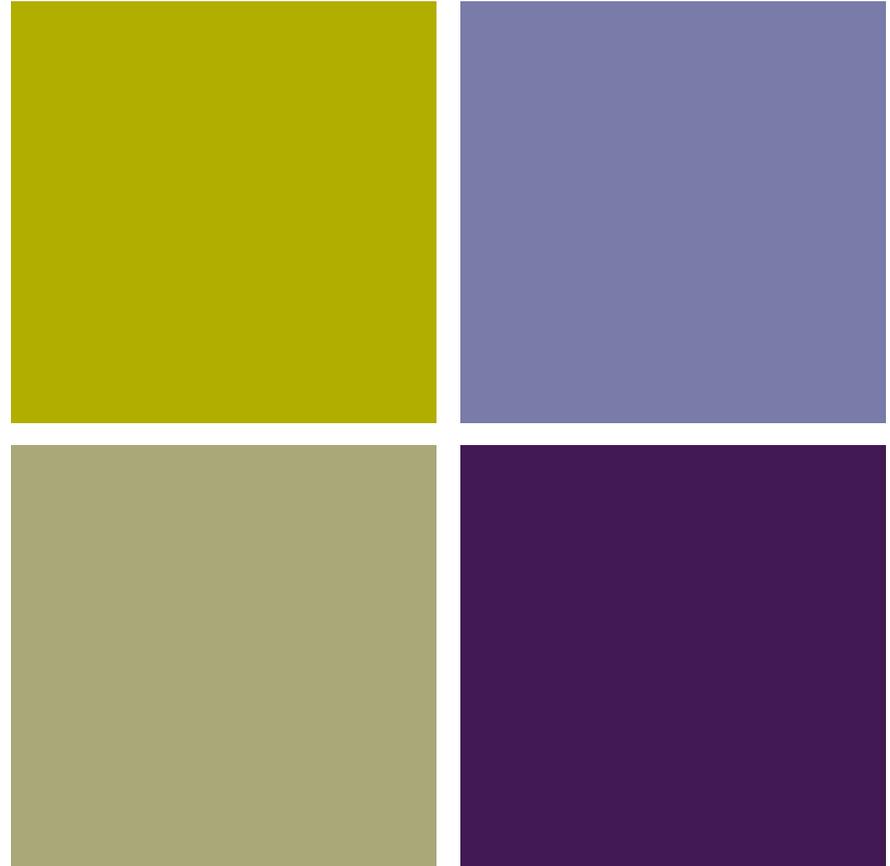




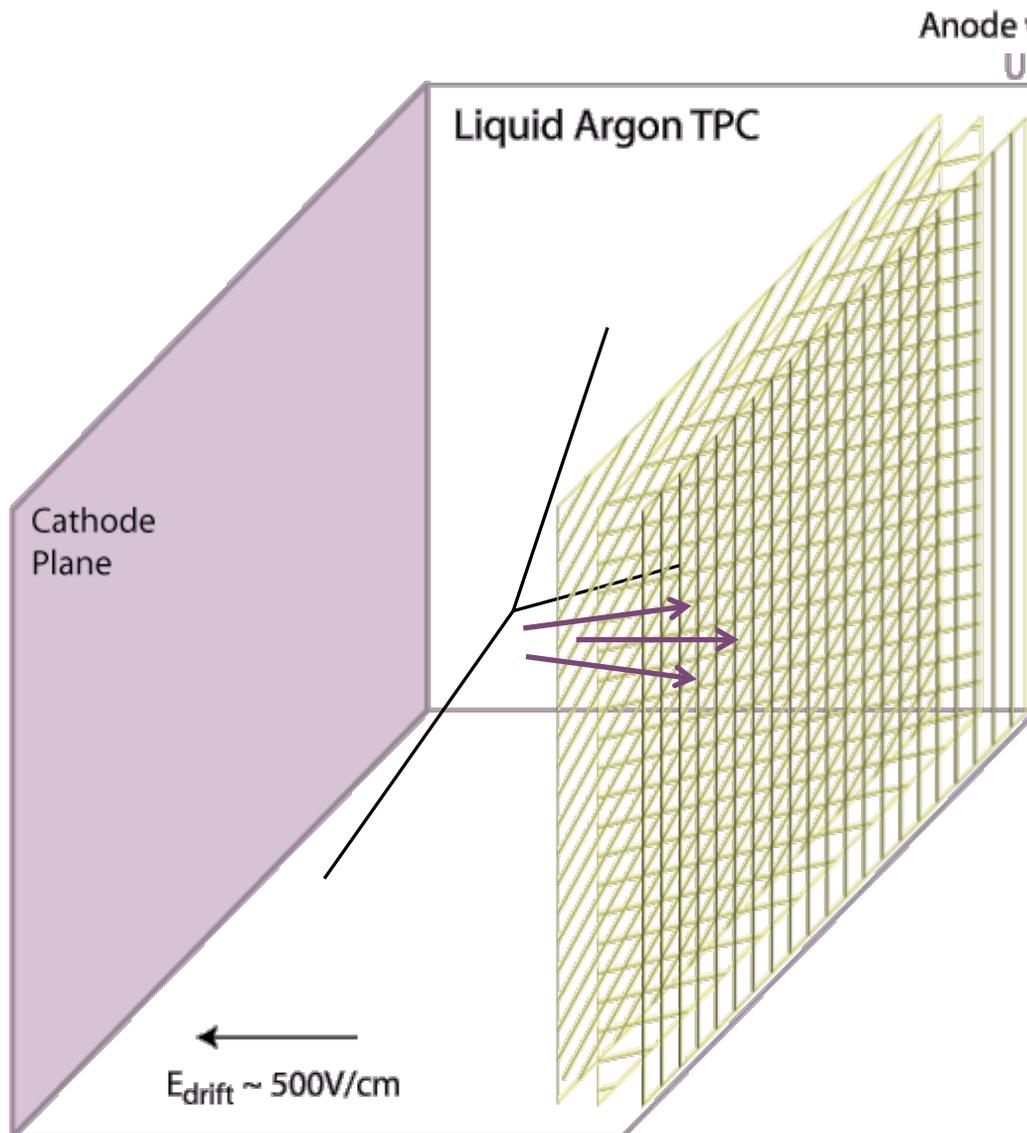
1. LArTPC's:  
Motivation & challenges  
Worldwide effort  
Physics goals
2. Current experiments:  
ICARUS  
MicroBooNE
3. Future experiments:  
LAr1  
2-LAr@CERN-SPS  
LBNE  
100kton@Okinoshima



## Current and Future Liquid Argon Experiments

Georgia Karagiorgi  
Columbia University  
NuInt' 12 -- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

# + 1. LArTPC's: Detector Concept



Charged particle tracks ionize argon atoms; Ionization charge drifts to **finely segmented charge collection planes** over  $\sim 1$ -few ms.

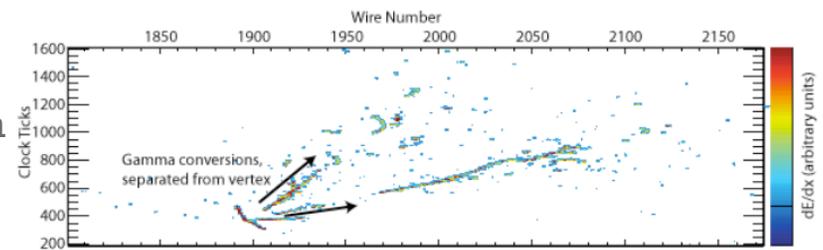
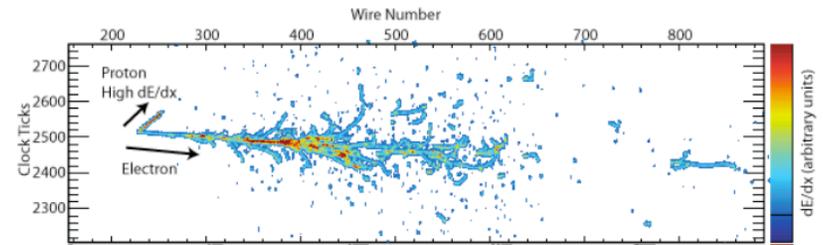
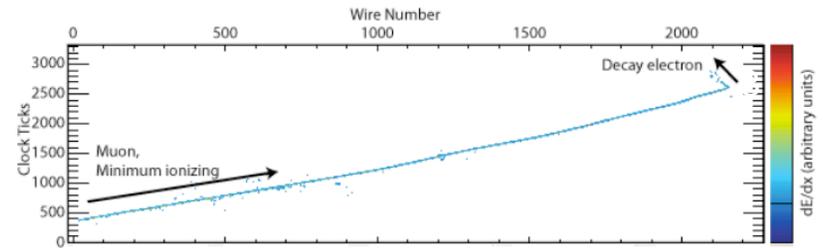


Scintillation light ( $\sim$ few ns) is typically detected by photo-sensitive detectors for event  $t_0$  and triggering

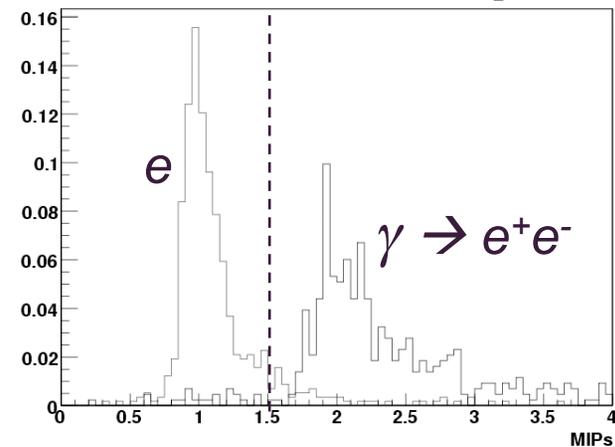


# 1. LArTPC's: Motivation

- Liquid argon is ideal for low rate TPCs
  - High-density and relatively cheap medium
  - Factor of  $\sim 2$  increase in signal detection efficiency and higher background rejection relative to water Cherenkov  
→ 1:6 detector mass ratio for comparable oscillation sensitivity
  - Possibility for continuous data taking
  - Homogeneous, fully active neutrino interaction volume
  - High ionization charge yield (MIP,  $\sim 1\text{fC}/\text{mm}$ ), small diffusion ( $\sim \text{mm}$  for several meters of drift)
  - High scintillation yield, can be used for  $T_0$ , triggering
- Detector performance
  - High-resolution 3D tracking ( $\sim \text{mm}$ -scale spatial resolution) with local  $dE/dx$  information
  - **Excellent PID (range vs  $dE/dx$ ) and  $e/\gamma$  separation ( $\sim 80\%$ )**
  - **Ideal technology for  $\nu_e$  measurements!**



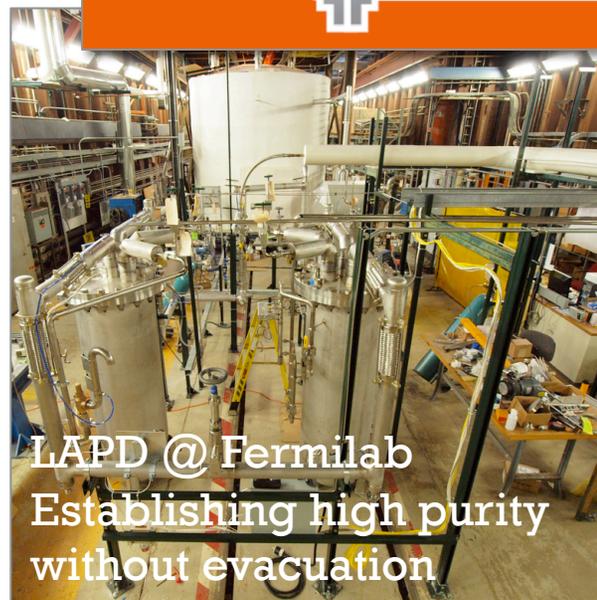
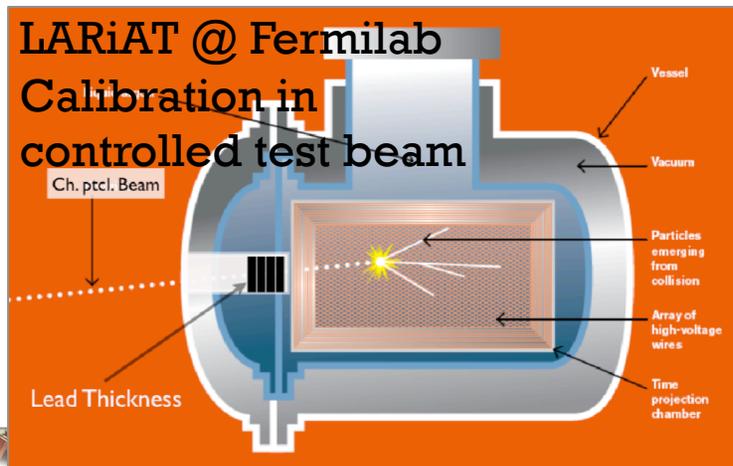
**Energy loss in first 24mm of track:  
250 MeV electron vs. 250 MeV photon**



# + 1. LArTPC's: Technical challenges

[...being addressed by ongoing and planned R&D projects]

- Large cryogenic system
- Long drift distances
  - Requires ultra high purity and evacuation is impractical
  - Implies high voltage on cathode
- Large number of readout channels with high data volume/channel (data storage, data processing, ...)
- Cold electronics
- Reconstruction tools: LArSoft development



# + 1. LArTPC's: Test Facilities & Experiments

## United States

Materials Test Stand

**ArgoNeuT**

LAPD

☆ **MicroBooNE**

☆ **LArI**

LARiAT

Los Alamos LDRD LArTPC

**GLADE**

☆ **LBNE**

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50-liter @ CERN

10m<sup>3</sup>

☆ **ICARUS**

LArTPC in B-field

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- ★ See talk by A. Szec
- ★ See talk by A. Weber
- ★ Backup slides

## + 1. LArTPC's:

Neutrino Physics Goals [unanswered questions]  
addressed by LArTPC neutrino experiments

Fundamental  
questions

**CP violation (long-baseline oscillations:  $\bar{\nu}_e$  appearance)**  
LBNE LAGUNA/LBNO 100kton@Okinoshima MODULAR GLADE

**Mass hierarchy & Dirac vs. Majorana**  
(combinations of the above + other expts, in various permutations)

**Sterile neutrinos (short-baseline oscillations)**  
MicroBooNE LAr1 2-LAr@CERN-SPS

**Exclusive and inclusive cross section measurements,  
Nuclear effects & FSI**  
MicroBooNE LAr1 2-LAr@CERN-PS ICARUS ArgoNeuT

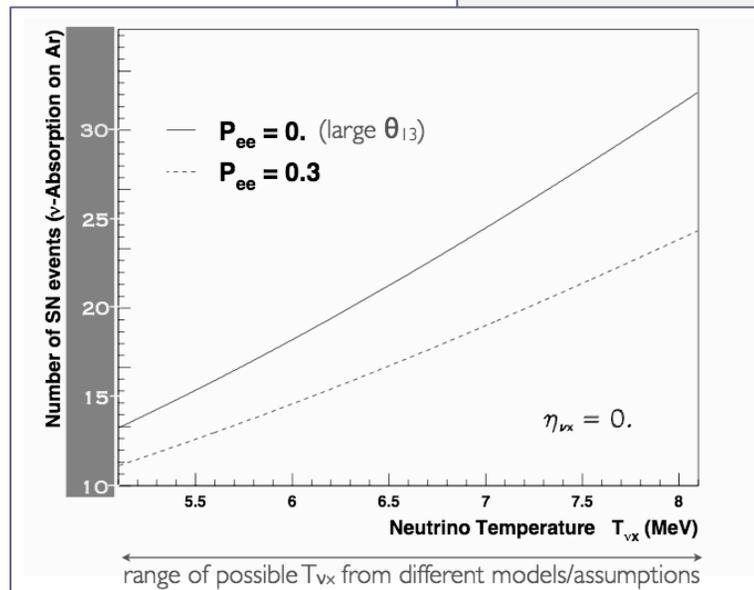
Pressing  
experimental  
questions

## + ...And more!

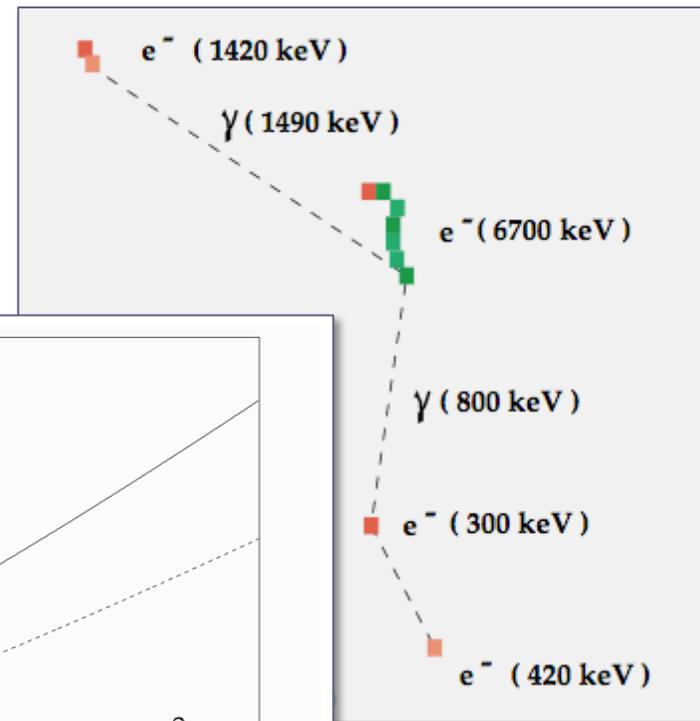
- Proton decay & baryon number violating processes
- Supernova core collapse neutrinos
- Atmospheric neutrinos
- Diffuse SN background

Signature of low energy  $\nu_e$   
CC absorption on Ar

SN neutrino event  
rate predictions for  
MicroBooNE  
(60 tons)



See talk by F. Cavanna

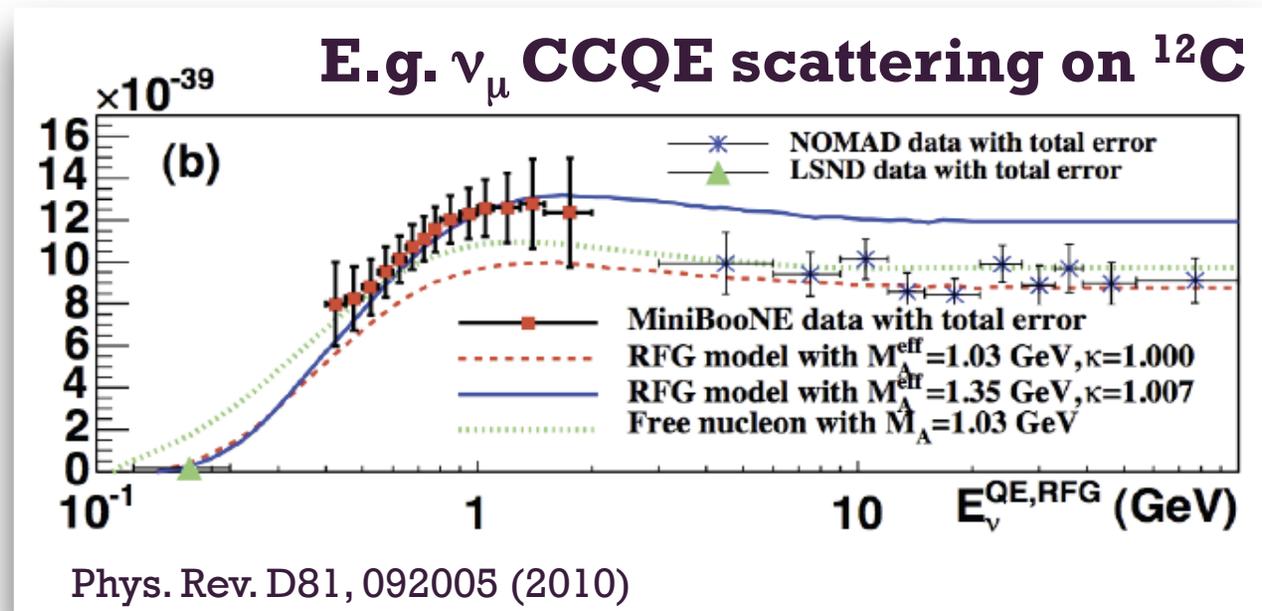


# + 1. LArTPC's: $\nu$ Interactions

Goal of next-generation cross-section experiments:  
unambiguously measure neutrino cross sections around 1 GeV

- Past cross section measurements (from K2K, MiniBooNE, SciBooNE, MINOS, NOMAD) have revealed limitations in our understanding neutrino interactions from lepton kinematics alone.

Hadronic effects play a critical role and hadronic kinematics should be considered.



- A precise measurement of the hadronic system (**vertex activity, hadronic final state multiplicity and momentum**, etc.) will provide critical information for testing existing models and developing more robust neutrino interaction event generators for oscillation physics.

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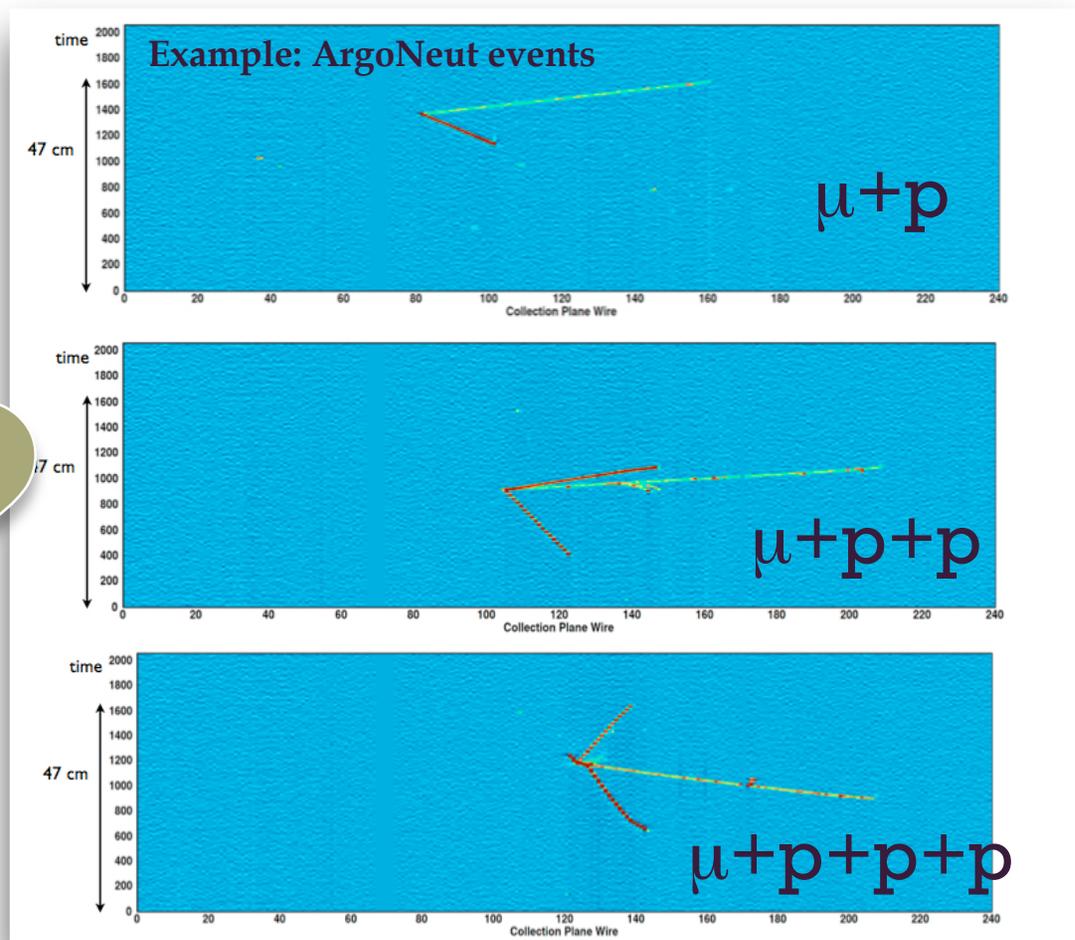
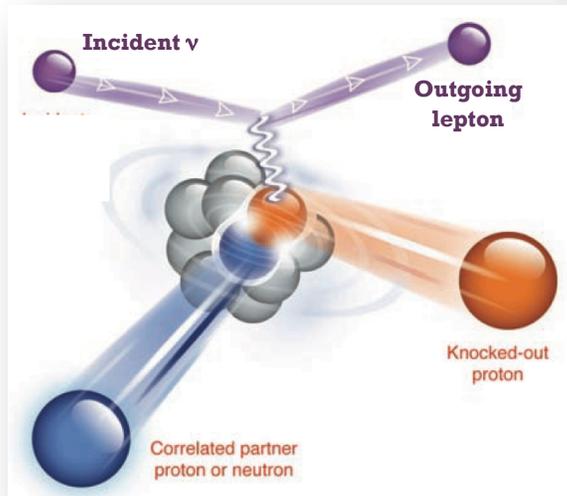
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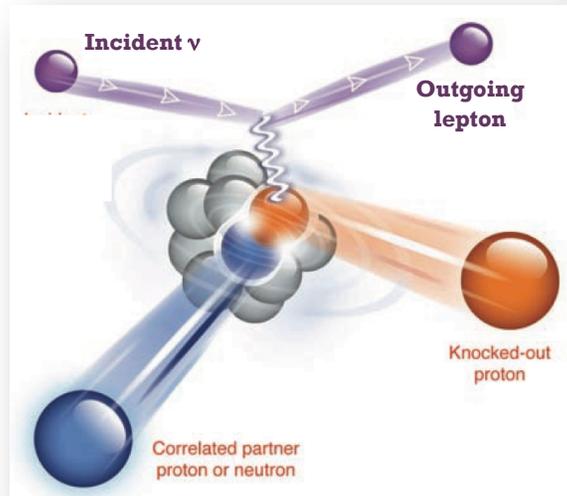
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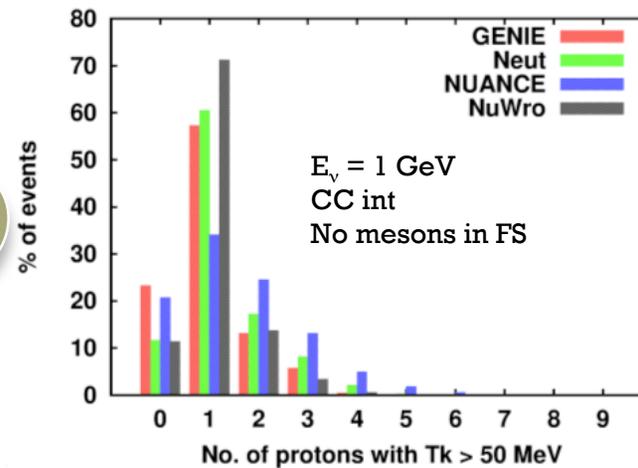
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Example: ArgoNeut events

Generator-level implementation?



See talk by T. Golan

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# + 1. LArTPC's: $\nu$ Interactions

LArTPC's study events **after final state interactions** in exquisite detail

- **Other channels of interest:**

- **$\nu$ -N NC elastic scattering**

Measure  $\Delta$ s and improve sensitivity of dark matter searches

$$T_{p,\min} \sim 40 \text{ MeV} \quad (Q^2 \sim 0.08 \text{ MeV}^2)$$

- **Kaon production**

p-decay background constraints

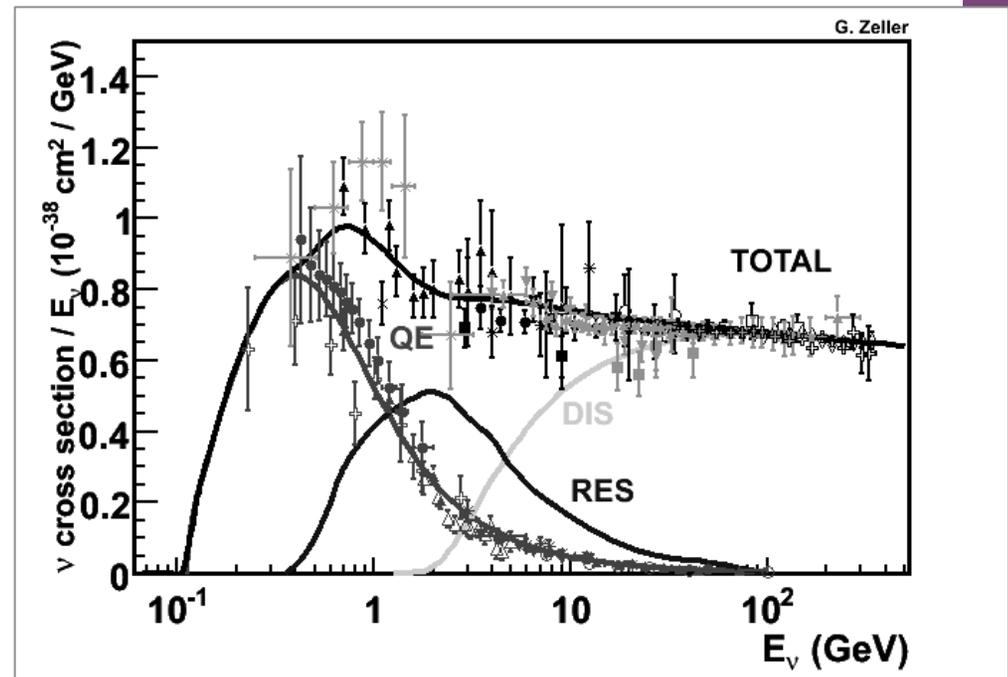
- **Single- $\pi$  production**

Resolve theoretical tension?

- **Hyperon production**

- **Single-photon production in low energy scattering**

- **First conclusive  $\nu_e$  cross-section measurements ( $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}$ )**



**BNB: MicroBooNE, LAr1**



**CNGS: ICARUS, MODULAR**



**NuMI: ArgoNeuT, GLADE**



**New SPS: 2-LAr@CERN-SPS**



**LBNE**



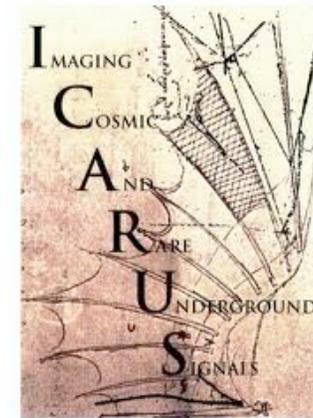
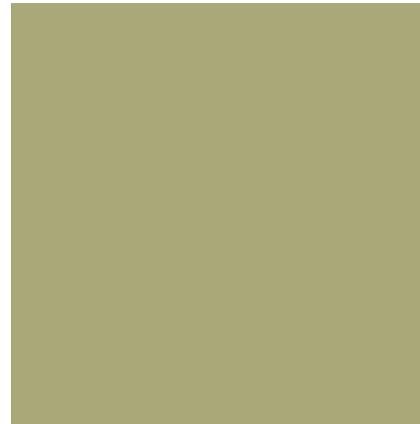
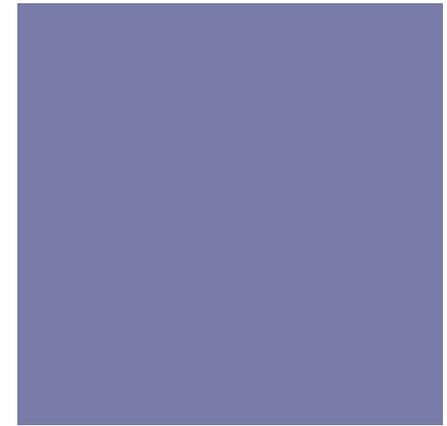
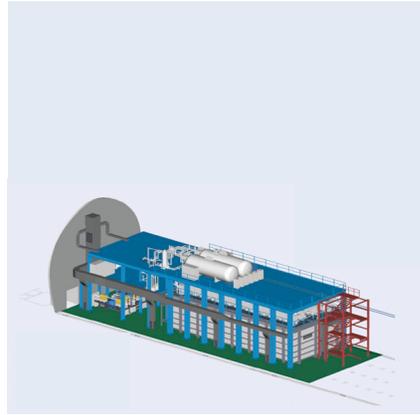
**Upgraded T2K:**

**200kton@Okinoshima**

# + 1. LArTPC's: $\nu$ Interactions

## Limitations

- Only one type of target nucleus (Ar)
- No free protons
- No charge ID on event by event basis
  - Magnetized LArTPC's are challenging
  - Options:
    - High-purity sign-selected beams
    - LArTPC + spectrometer (ArgoNeuT-style) for  $\mu$  charge ID
    - LArTPC in a magnetic field (LBNE-ND)



## 2. Current experiments: ICARUS

[running]

International collaboration:

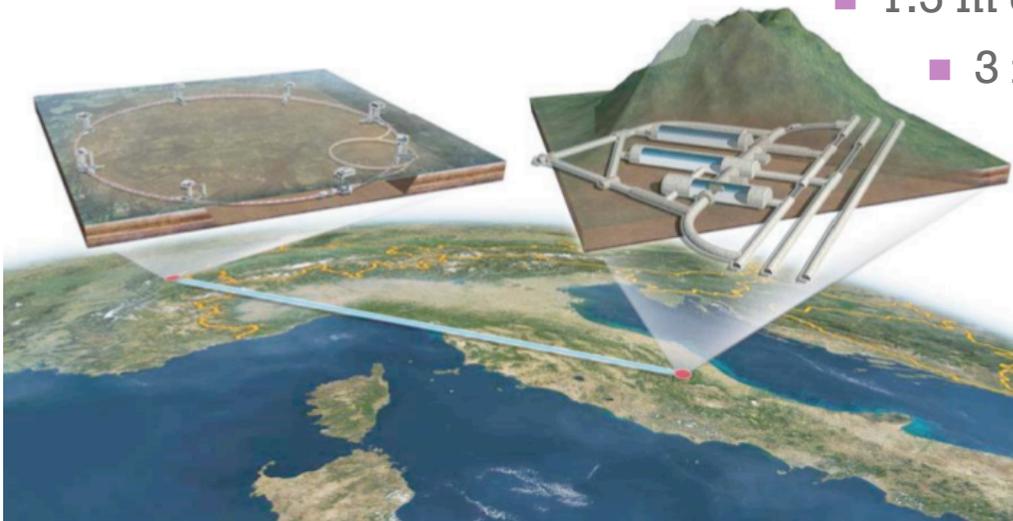
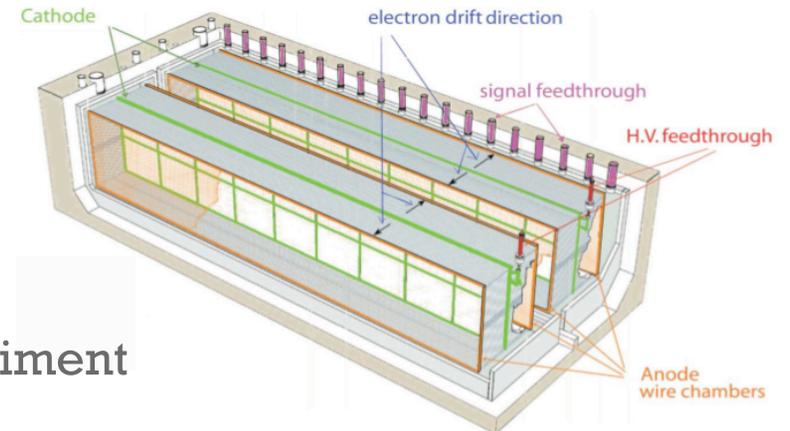
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5 countries

# + ICARUS

## Pioneer LArTPC experiment

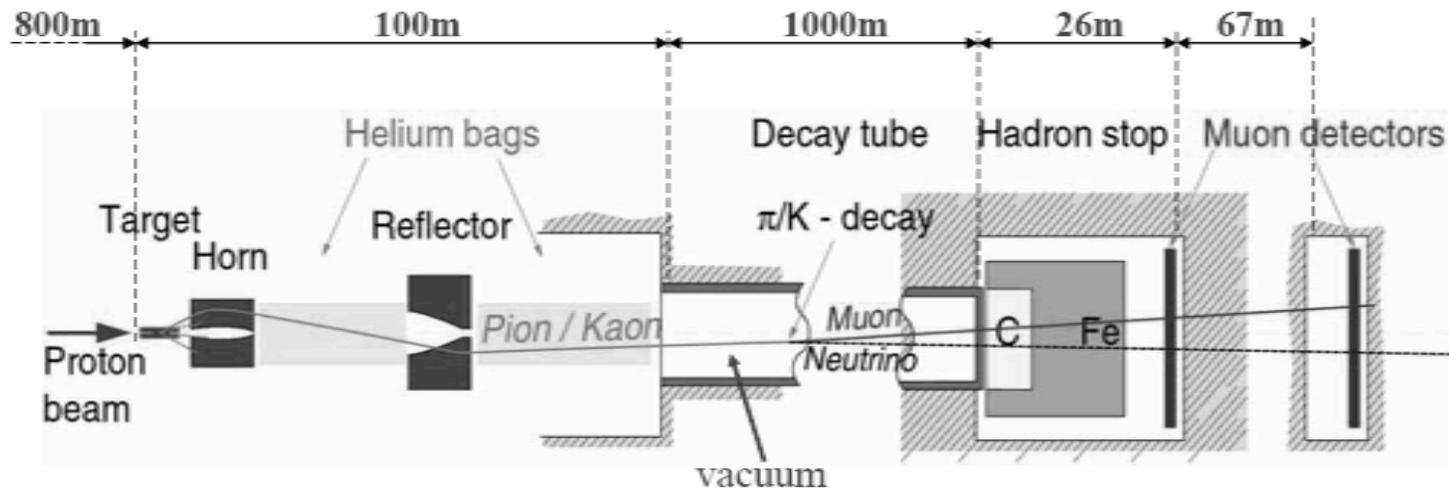
- Largest existing LArTPC neutrino experiment
- Detector located underground at Gran Sasso National Lab, Italy
- Detector parameters:
  - Two identical modules:  $3.6 \times 3.9 \times 19.6 \sim 275 \text{m}^3$  each (2 TPC's per module)
    - 600 (476) tons total (active) LAr mass
    - 1.5 m drift length (1ms)
    - 3 mm wire pitch
    - 54k wires
    - PMT's with wavelength shifter for triggering



# + ICARUS

## CNGS beam from CERN

- $\nu_\mu$ -pure,  $L=732\text{km}$ ,  $E_\nu \sim 17\text{ GeV}$
- Collecting data since 2010  
( $\sim 5\text{E}19$  POT in 2010-11;  $3.3\text{E}19$  POT analyzed so far)



# + ICARUS

## Detector performance

- Fully operational since Oct. 2010
- Tracking device:
  - precise event topology ( $\sigma_{x,y} \sim 1\text{mm}$ ,  $\sigma_z \sim 0.4\text{mm}$ )
  - $\mu$  momentum measurement via multiple scattering:  
 $\Delta p/p \sim 10\text{-}15\%$  depending on track length and  $p$
- Measurement of local energy deposition  $dE/dx$ :
  - $e/\gamma$  separation (2%  $X_0$  sampling);
  - particle ID by means of  $dE/dx$  vs range
  - $e/\pi^0$  discrimination at  $10^{-3}$  by  $\gamma$  conversion from vertex,  $\pi^0$  mass and  $dE/dx$  measurements with 90 % electron identification efficiency
  - NC/CC rejection at  $10^{-3}$  level retaining 90 %  $\nu_e$  CC

### □ Energy resolution

**Low energy electrons:**  $\sigma(E)/E = 11\% / \sqrt{E(\text{MeV})} + 2\%$   
**Electromagnetic showers:**  $\sigma(E)/E = 3\% / \sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$   
**Hadron shower (pure LAr):**  $\sigma(E)/E \approx 30\% / \sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$

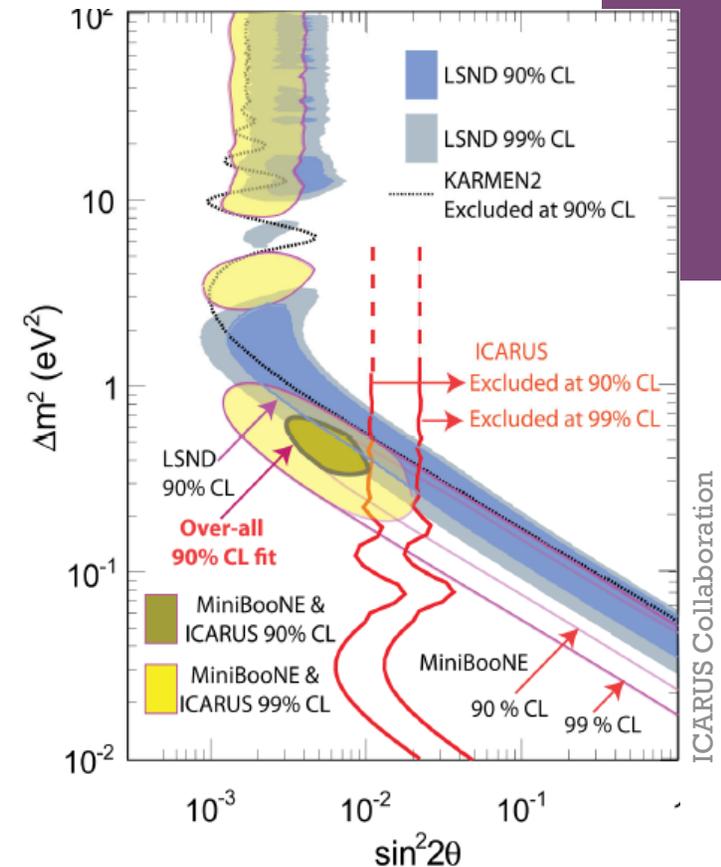
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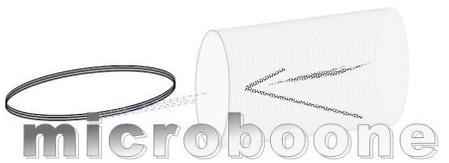
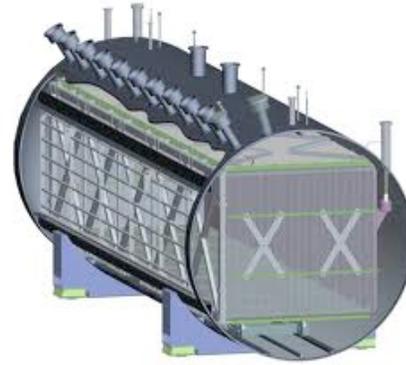
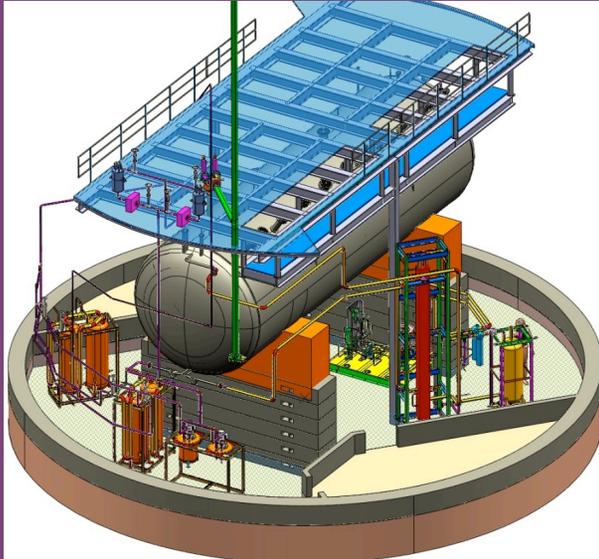
## Physics scope

- Multipurpose detector:
  - CNGS neutrinos (5-25 GeV), ~2k evts/yr
  - Solar neutrinos (>8 MeV)
  - SN, expected ~200 evts (10kpc)
  - Atmospheric neutrinos, ~100 evts/yr
  - Nucleon decay searches,  $3 \times 10^{32}$  nucleons

## Results with CNGS beam

- CNGS events analysis is ongoing
- Search for sterile neutrinos in LSND parameter space using CNGS:  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  (arXiv:1209.0122)
- Search for the analogue to Cherenkov radiation by high energy CNGS neutrinos at superluminal speeds (Phys. Let. B 711 (3-4): 270-275)
- Precision measurement of the neutrino time-of-flight with the 2011 (Phys. Let. B 713 (1): 17-22) and 2012 (arXiv:1208:2629) CNGS bunched beams





## 2. Current experiments: MicroBooNE

[under construction]

International collaboration:

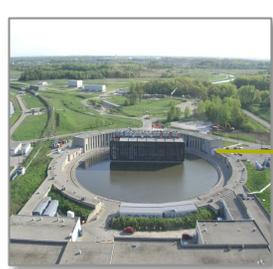
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16 institutions

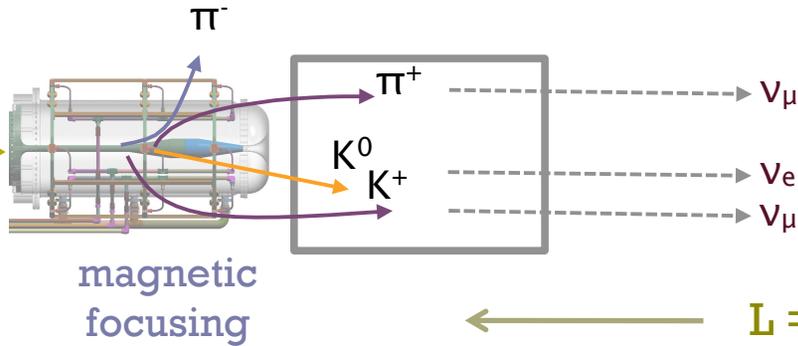
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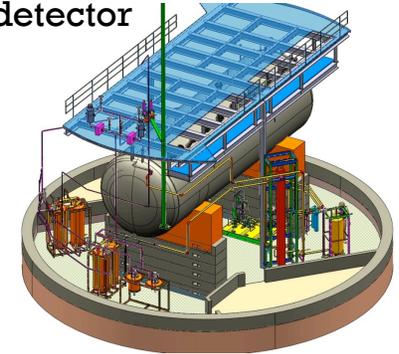
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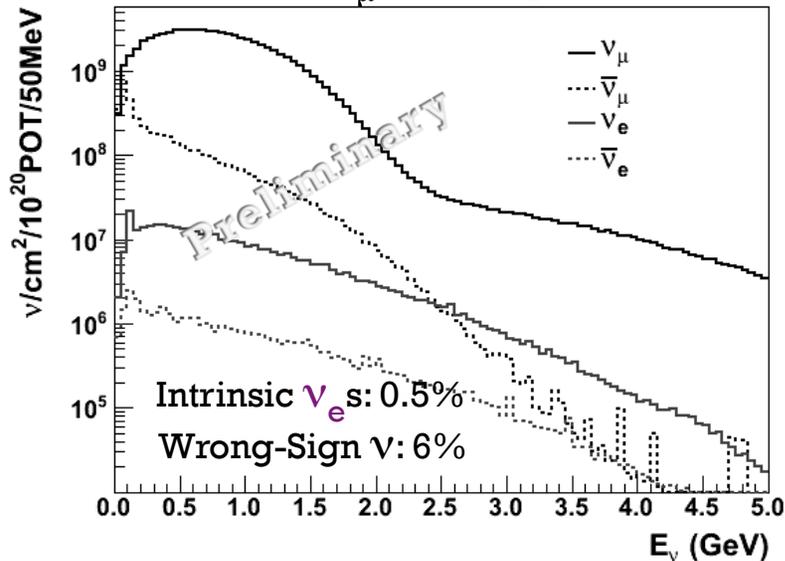
8 GeV protons  
(FNAL booster)



MicroBooNE  
detector



## Flux estimate: $\nu_\mu$ running in BNB



Current run plan (approved):  
Neutrino mode running,  $6.6 \times 10^{20}$  POT

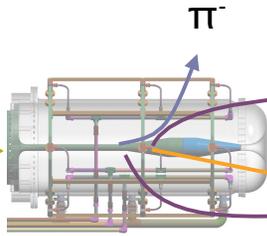
Possibility of future antineutrino  
running (sign-selected beam)

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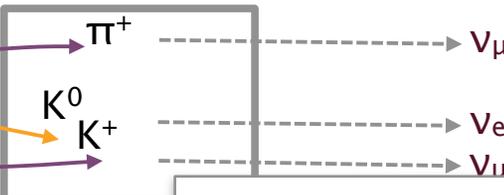
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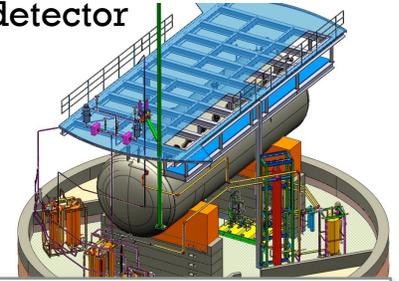
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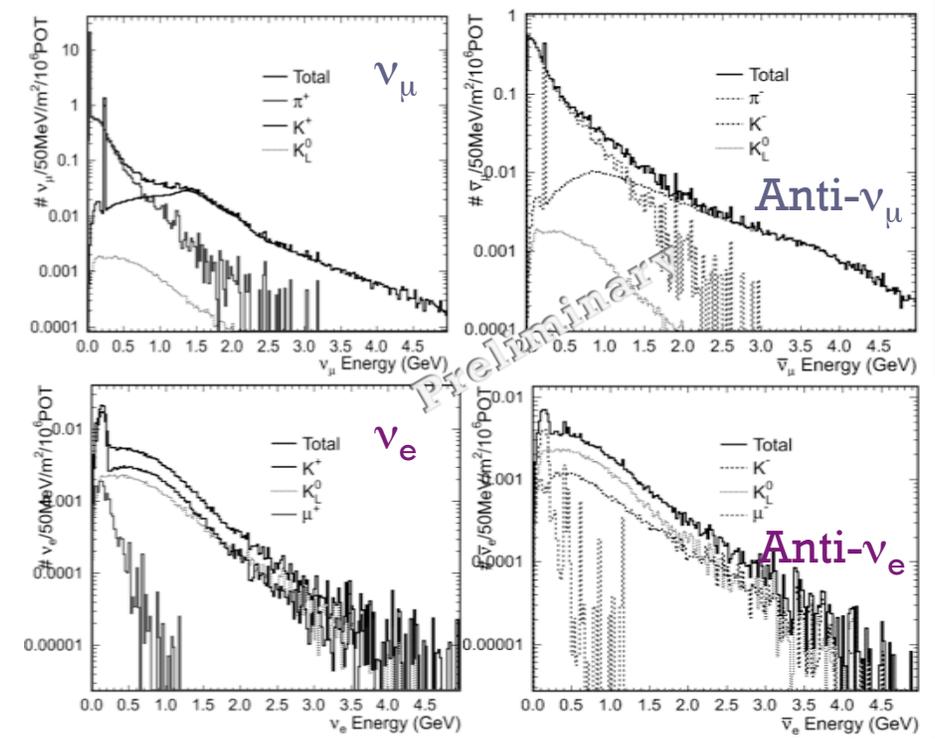
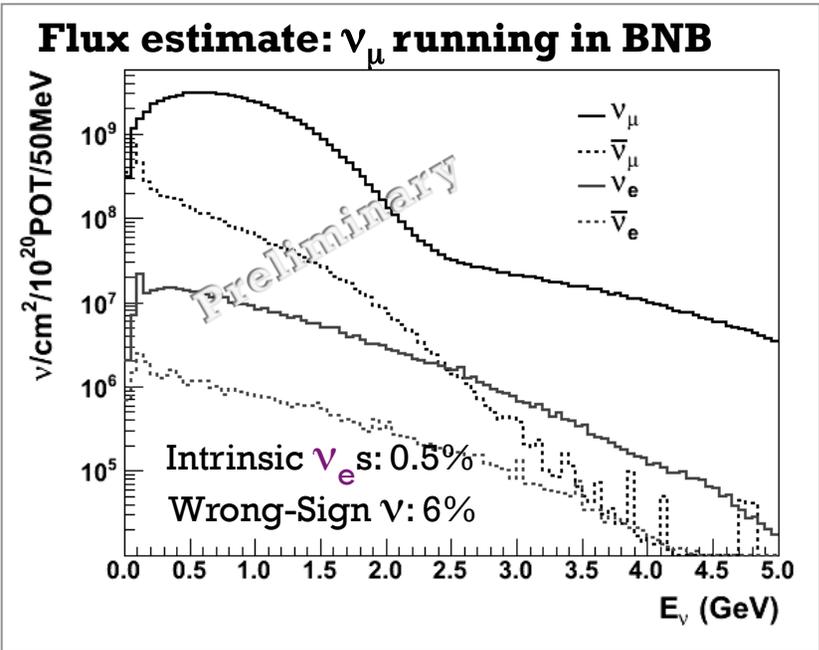
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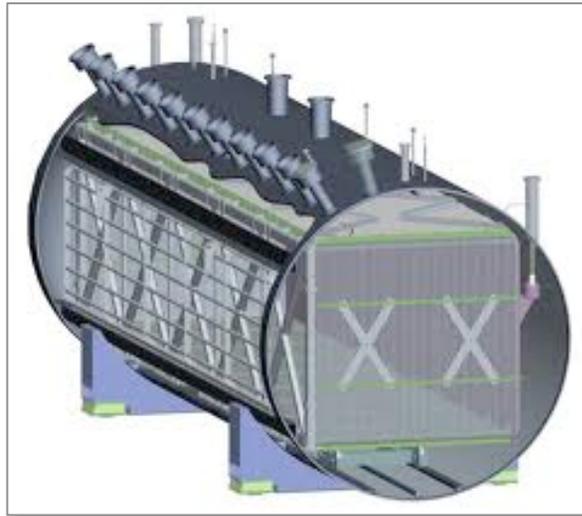
MicroBooNE detector



Also "sees" NuMI beam: Off-axis

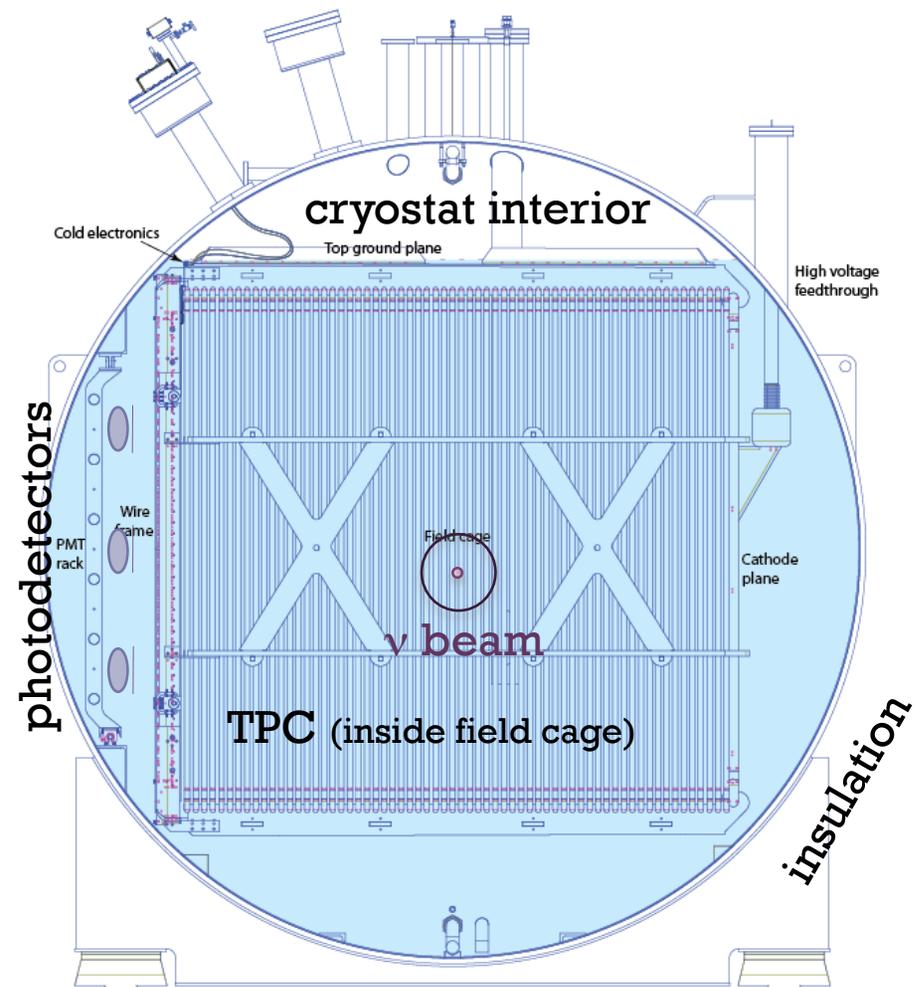


# + MicroBooNE



- Detector parameters:
  - 2.5 m x 2.3 m x 10.2 m TPC
  - 170 (60) tons total (fiducial) mass
  - 2.5 m drift length
  - 3 wire planes,  $0, \pm 60^\circ$  from vertical
  - 3 mm wire pitch
  - 8256 wires
  - 30 PMT's for  $T_0$  and triggering for empty beam spill rejection

Cross section of detector:

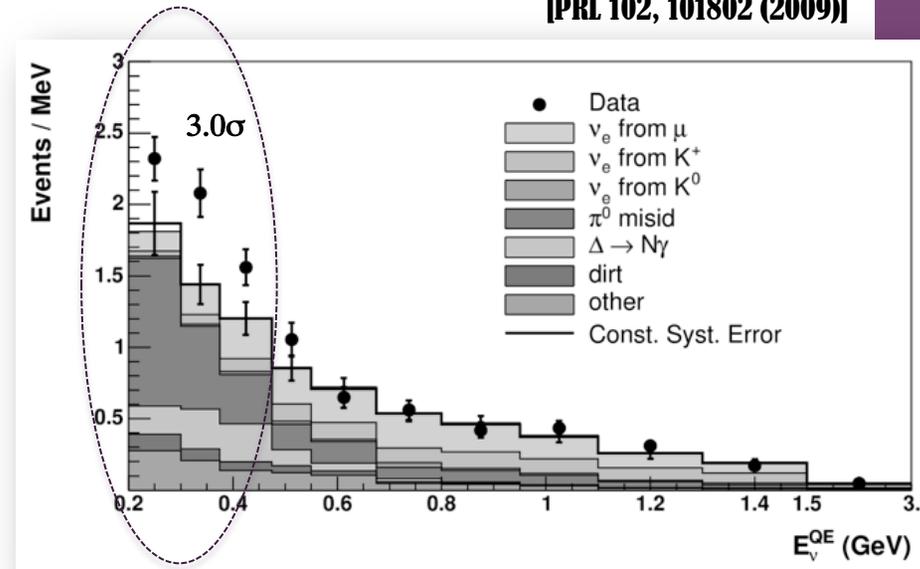


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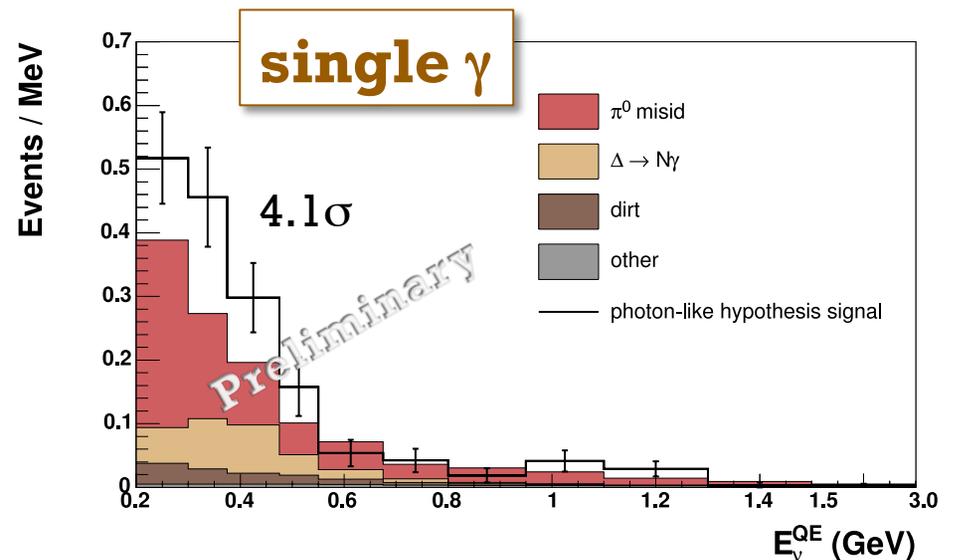
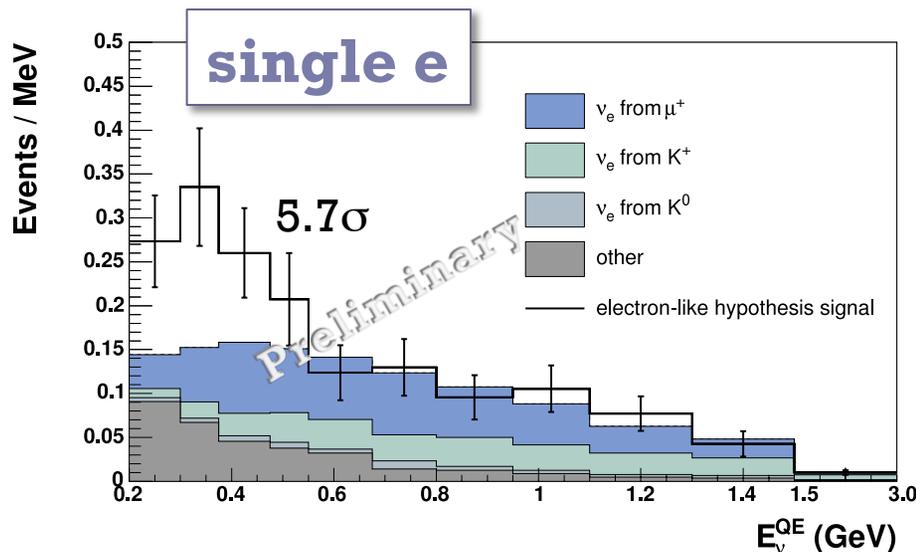
## Primary physics goal I

- Investigate the nature of the  $\nu_e$ -like excess previously observed by MiniBooNE (Cherenkov detector)

MiniBooNE unexplained "low energy excess"  
[PRL 102, 101802 (2009)]



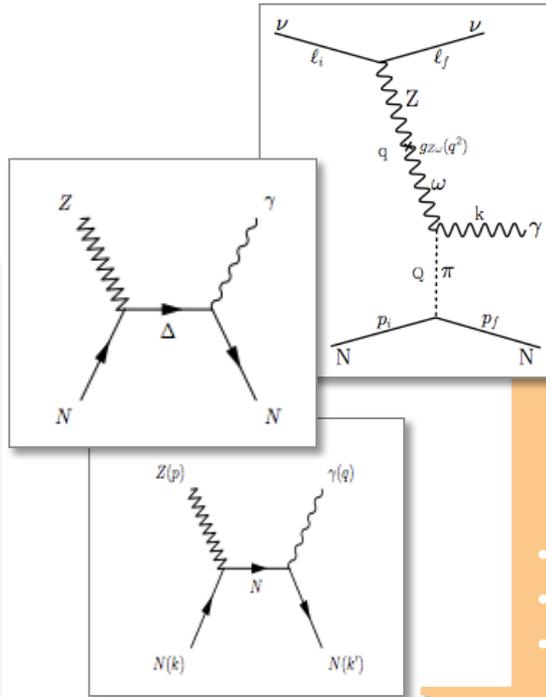
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# + MicroBooNE

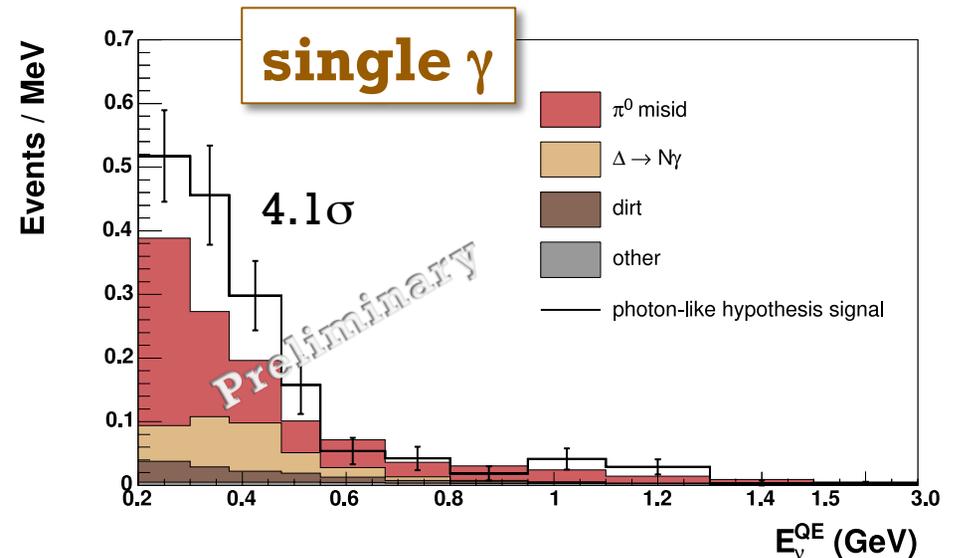
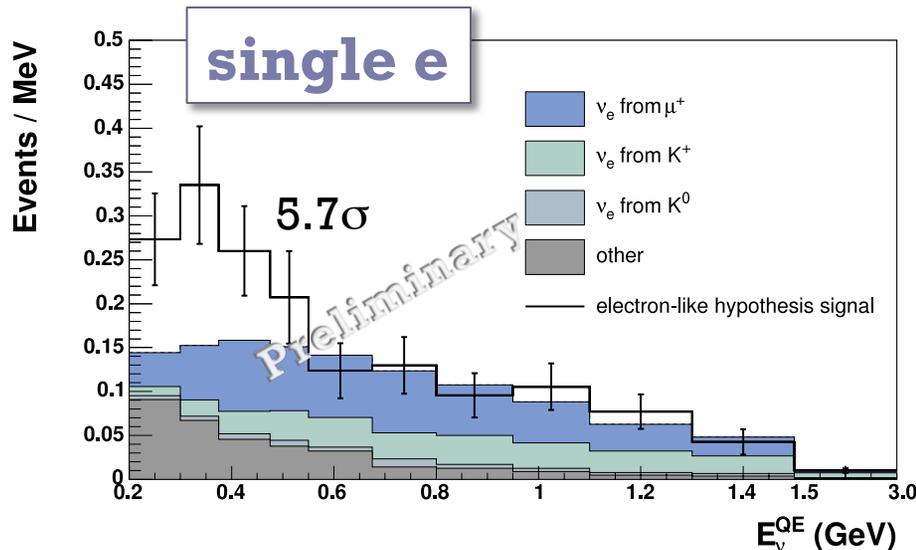
Possible explanation:  
 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  nonstandard  
 oscillations  
 (sterile neutrinos, extra  
 dimensions, NSI,...)



Possible explanation:  
 background  $\gamma$  or  $\pi^0$  or  
 “new” single photon  
 production  
 e.g.

- R. Hill arXiv: 0905.0291
- Jenkins et al arXiv:0906.0984
- Serot et al arXiv: 1011.5913

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## Primary physics goal II

- First large-statistics neutrino exclusive final states in 1 GeV range and cross section measurements

**Expected rates from upgraded NuMI beam (700kW, 6E20POT/yr) 1 yr, 60 ton fiducial volume**

Higher energy beam  
+ increased  $\nu_e$  content

**Preliminary**

40k  $\nu_\mu$  CC  
8k anti- $\nu_\mu$  CC  
2k  $\nu_e$  CC  
400 anti- $\nu_e$  CC

few 100's of  $\Lambda$ 's

MicroBooNE Collaboration

## Expected event rate for BNB $6.6 \times 10^{20}$ POT 60 ton fiducial volume

production mode	# events
CC QE ( $\nu_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^- p$ )	60,161
NC elastic ( $\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \nu_\mu N$ )	19,409
CC resonant $\pi^+$ ( $\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \mu^- N \pi^+$ )	25,149
CC resonant $\pi^0$ ( $\nu_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^- p \pi^0$ )	6,994
NC resonant $\pi^0$ ( $\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \nu_\mu N \pi^0$ )	7,388
NC resonant $\pi^\pm$ ( $\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \nu_\mu N' \pi^\pm$ )	4,796
CC DIS ( $\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \mu^- X, W > 2$ GeV)	1,229
NC DIS ( $\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \nu_\mu X, W > 2$ GeV)	456
NC coherent $\pi^0$ ( $\nu_\mu A \rightarrow \nu_\mu A \pi^0$ )	1,694
CC coherent $\pi^+$ ( $\nu_\mu A \rightarrow \mu^- A \pi^+$ )	2,626
NC kaon ( $\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \nu_\mu K X$ )	39
CC kaon ( $\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \mu^- K X$ )	117
other $\nu_\mu$	3,678
total $\nu_\mu$ CC	98,849
total $\nu_\mu$ NC+CC	133,580
$\nu_e$ QE	326
$\nu_e$ CC	657

Nuance-generated events on LAr, MicroBooNE Collaboration

**Preliminary**

# + MicroBooNE

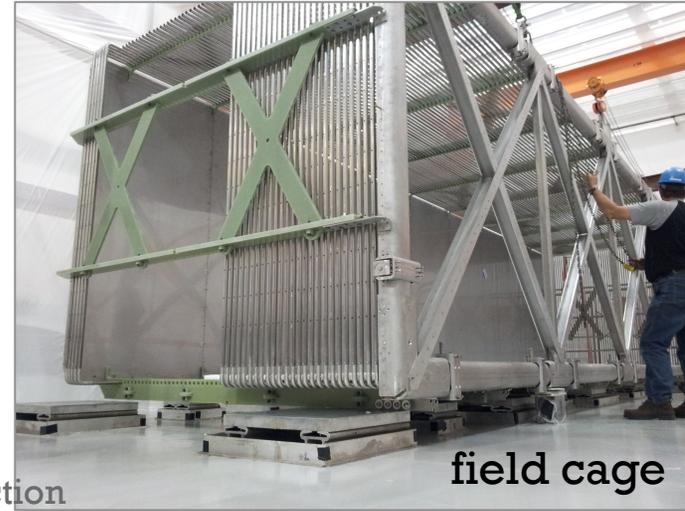
## Secondary goals

- Physics goals:
  - Backgrounds to  $p$  decay for larger (underground) detectors
  - Supernova neutrinos
- R&D goals:
  - Purity without evacuation
  - Foam insulation
  - Cold (in liquid) electronics
  - LArTPC operation on surface
  - Continuous readout for supernova searches
  - Event reconstruction software

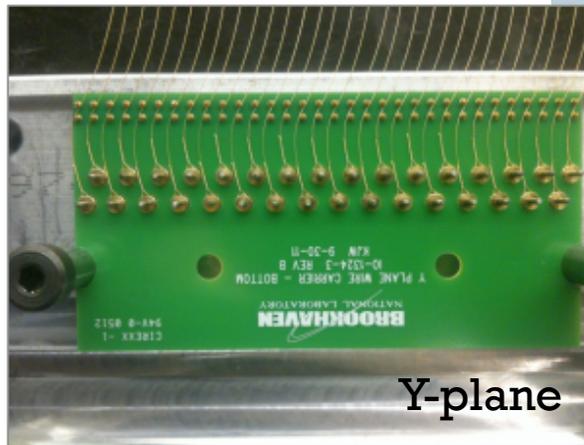
# + MicroBooNE

## Current status

- Experiment is well under construction
  - TPC field cage constructed
  - Wire planes constructed
  - Electronics (front end and readout) in production
  - Cryostat to be delivered to Fermilab by March 2013
  - LArTF building nearing completion



field cage

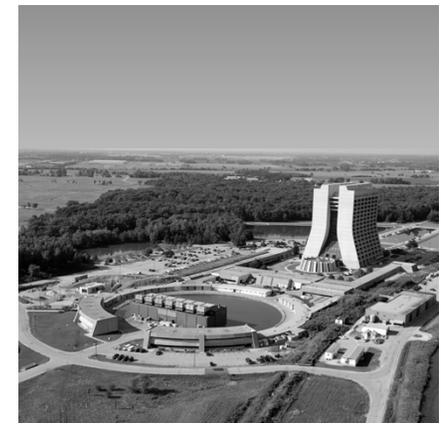
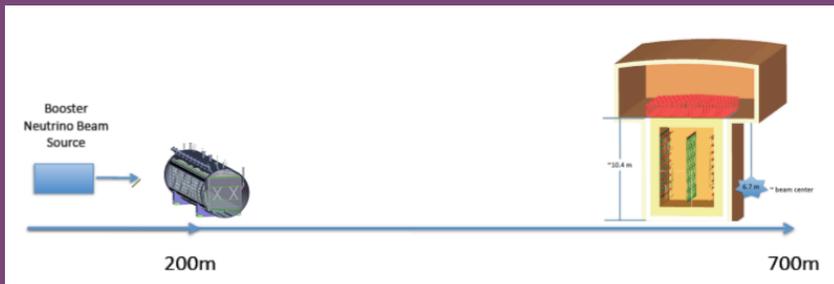
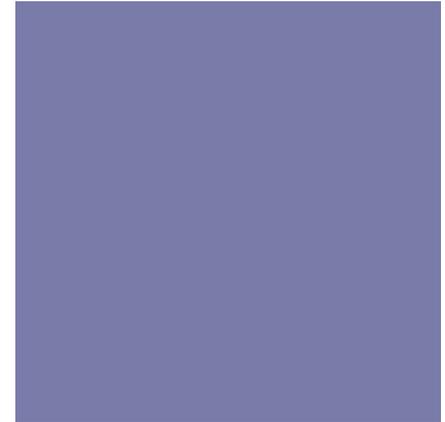
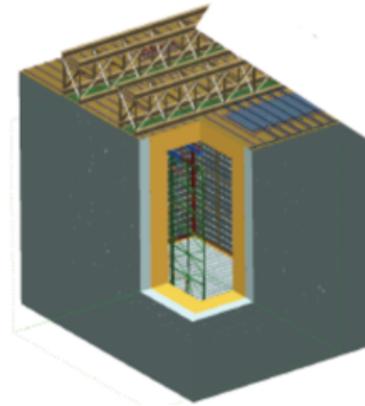


Y-plane



LArTF (Oct. 2012)

- Expected start of data taking: early(?) 2014
- Current MicroBooNE run plan: neutrino mode running,  $6.6e20$  POT (2-3 years to complete)



### 3. Future experiments: LAr1

[proposal]

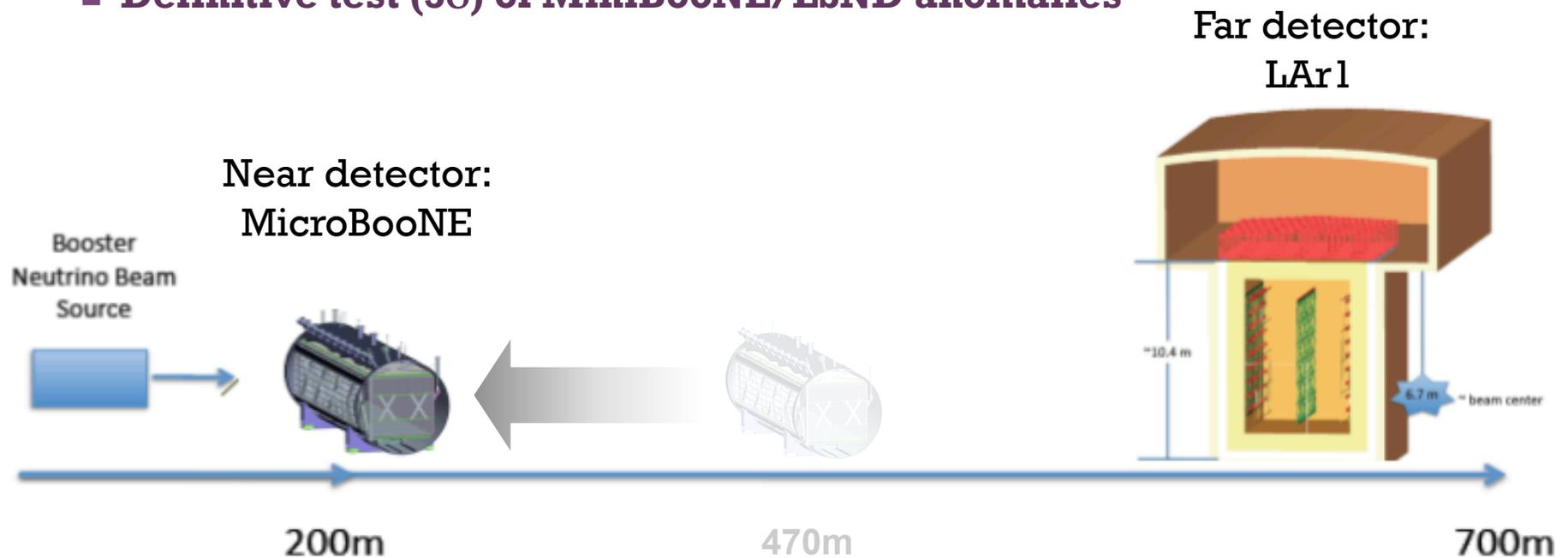
US collaboration:

13 institutions

~50 physicists & engineers

# + LAr1

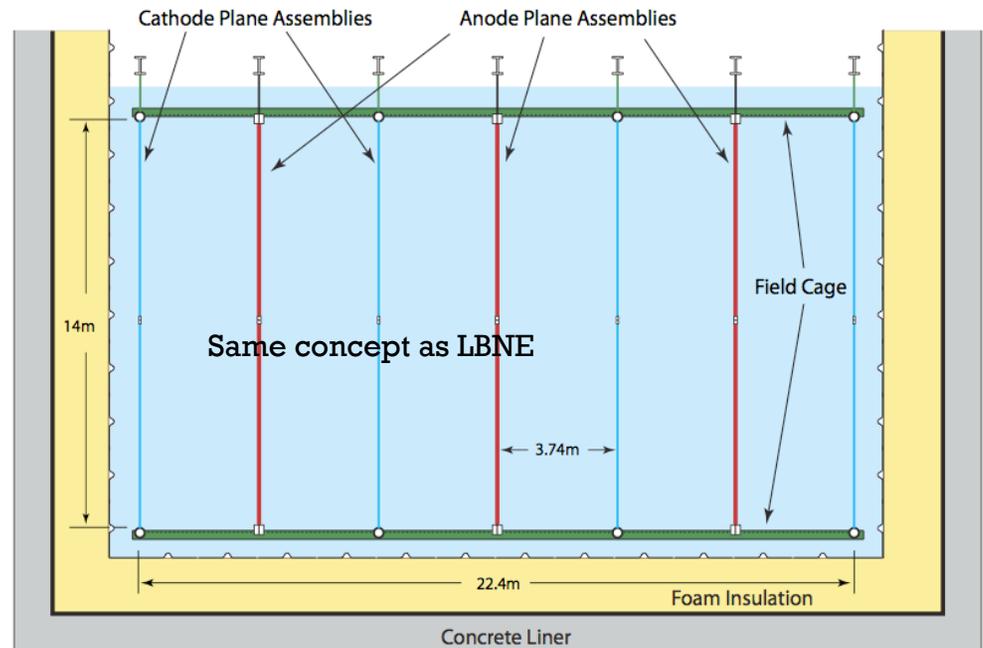
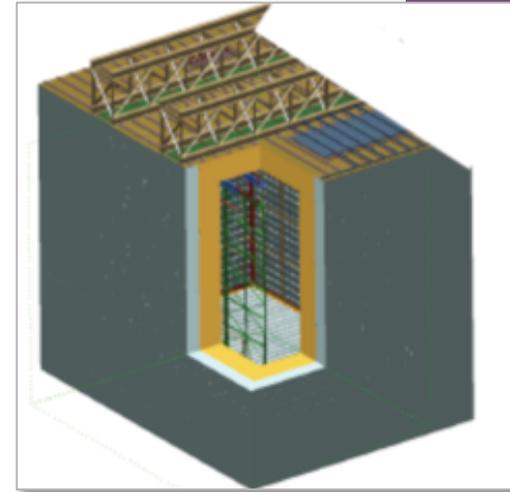
- LAr1 concept: developed from 1kton-scale LAr engineering prototype for LBNE
- A second LArTPC placed in the Booster Neutrino Beam at Fermilab, in line with MicroBooNE
- Near/far comparison for short-baseline oscillation search
- **Definitive test ( $5\sigma$ ) of MiniBooNE/LSND anomalies**



# + LAr1

## Far detector parameters

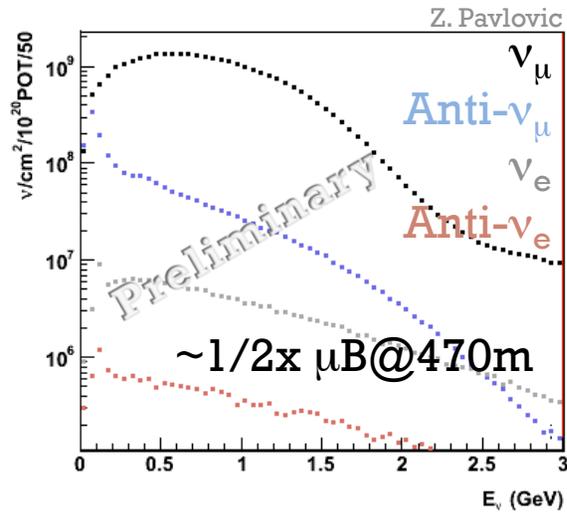
- Conceptual design: same as engineering prototype for LBNE: Membrane cryostat
- Larger mass (1kton fiducial volume) and fully instrumented
- TPC constructed as an array of modular units
  - Anode plane assemblies (2.7m x 7m x 0.10m)
  - Cathode plane assemblies (2.5m x 7m)



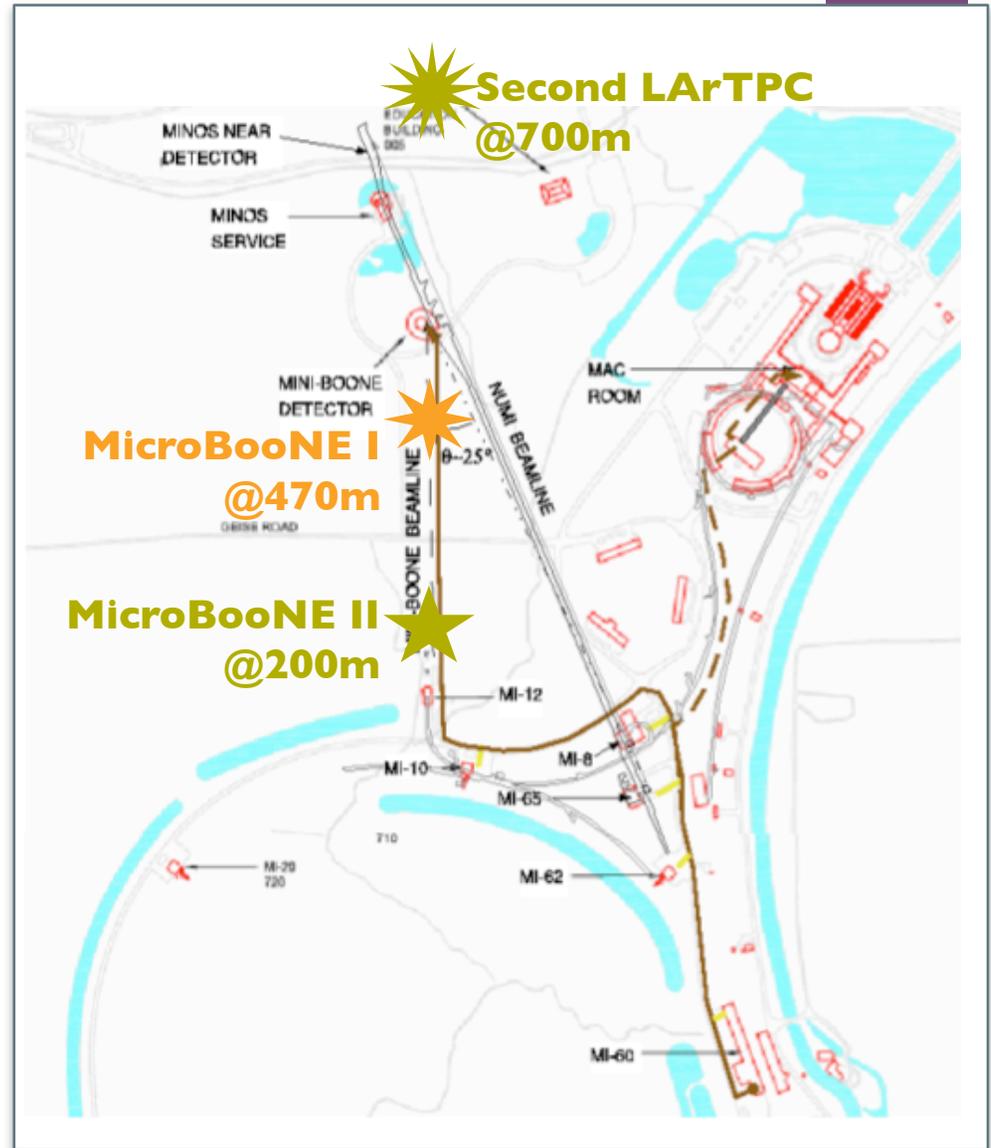
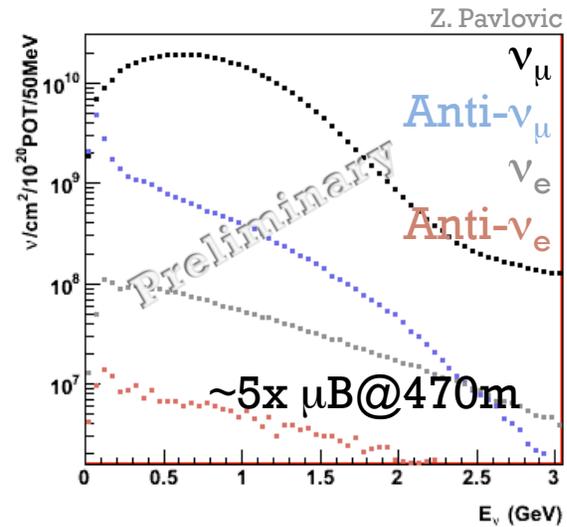
# + LAr1

## Neutrino flux predictions

LAr1 @ 700m



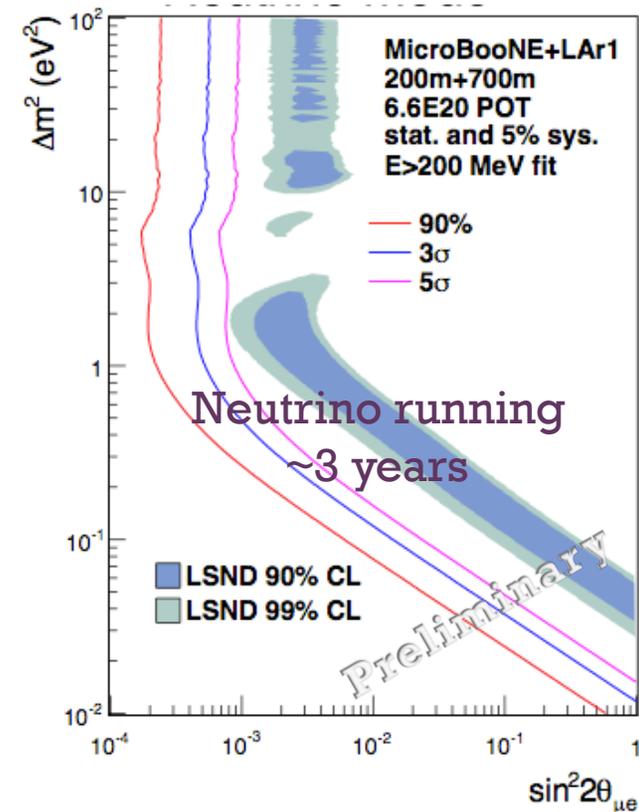
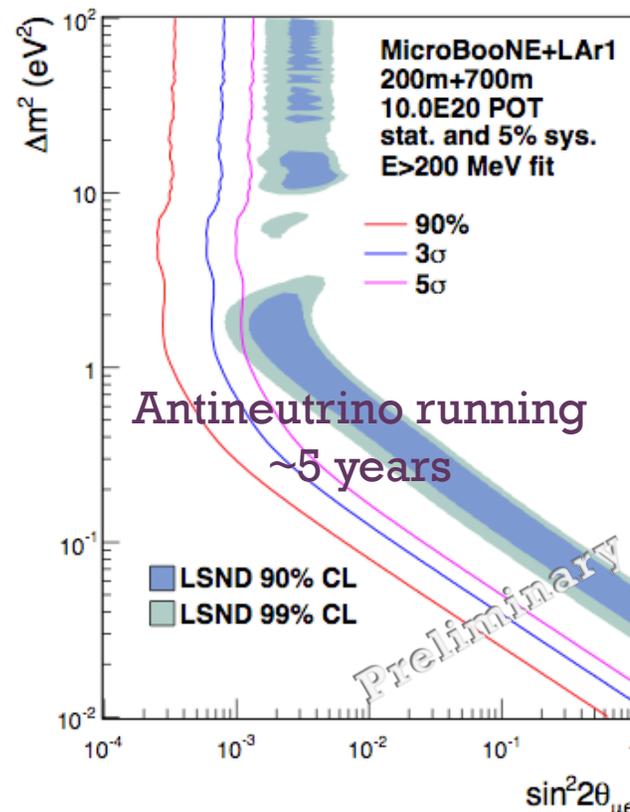
MicroBooNE @ 200m



# + LAr1

Physics reach: Definitive test of LSND and MiniBooNE in both neutrino and antineutrino modes

- Assumptions:
- Neutrino events were generated with GENIE from BNB fluxes at 200m, 700m
  - Two-neutrino oscillations
    - 80% reconstruction efficiency flat in E
  - Fiducial volume: 61.4t for MicroBooNE and 1kt for LAr1



- Also  $\bar{\nu}_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance!

# + LAr1

## Status

- Letter of Intent submitted to Fermilab Directorate
  - [http://www.fnal.gov/directorate/program\\_planning/June2012Public/Bonnie\\_LAr1\\_PAC\\_2012\\_Fleming.pdf](http://www.fnal.gov/directorate/program_planning/June2012Public/Bonnie_LAr1_PAC_2012_Fleming.pdf)
- Strong ongoing effort to develop this into a proposal by summer 2013
- Projected start of construction: 2016(?)

A Letter of Intent for a Neutrino Oscillation Experiment on the  
Booster Neutrino Beamline: LAr1

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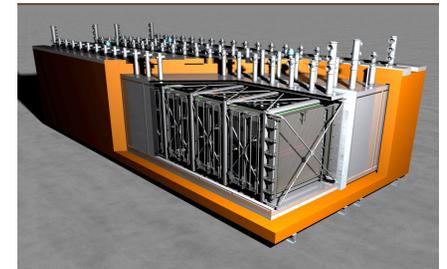
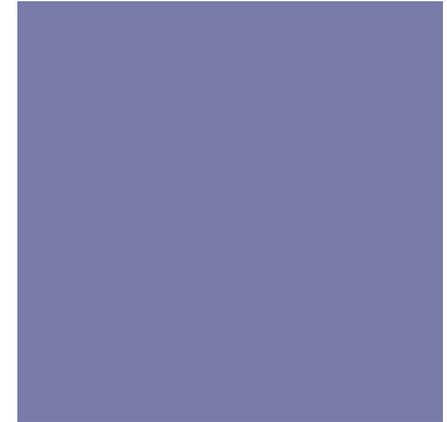
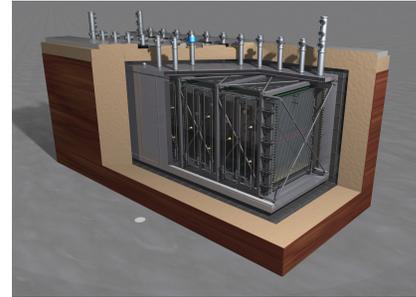
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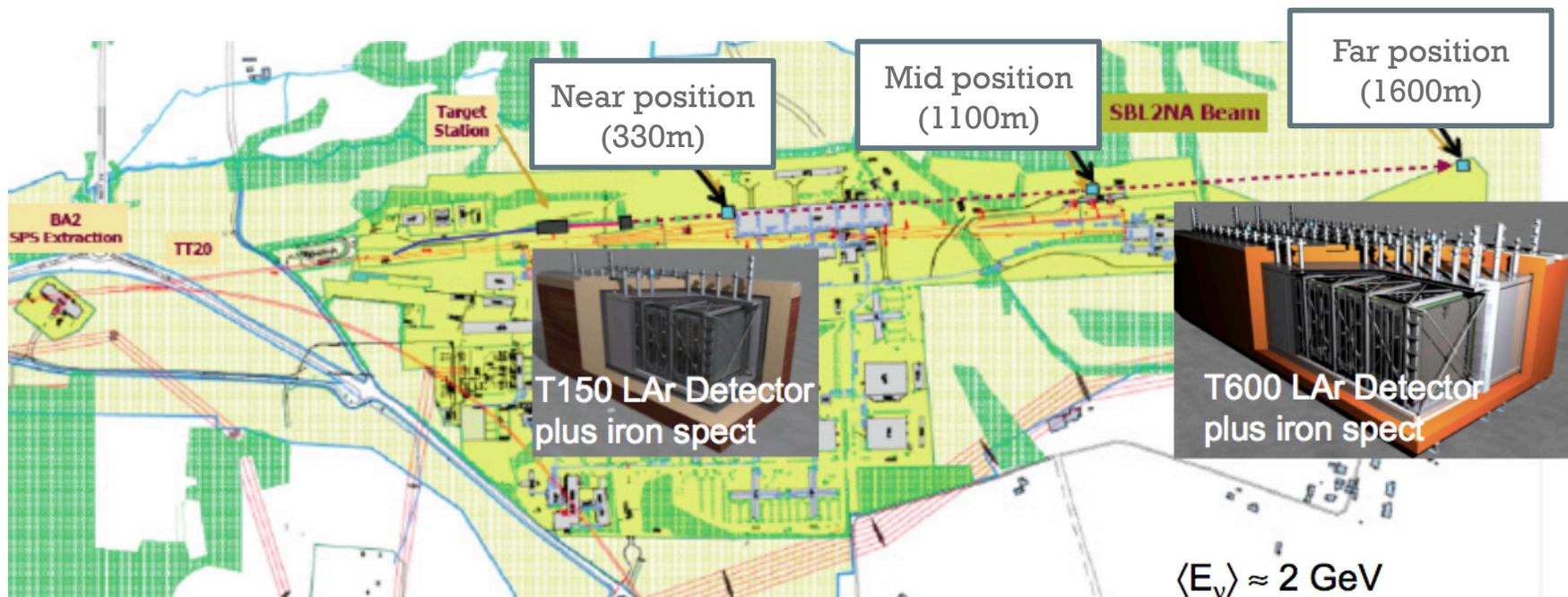
### 3. Future experiments: 2-LAr @ CERN-SPS

[proposal]

ICARUS+NESSiE collaborations

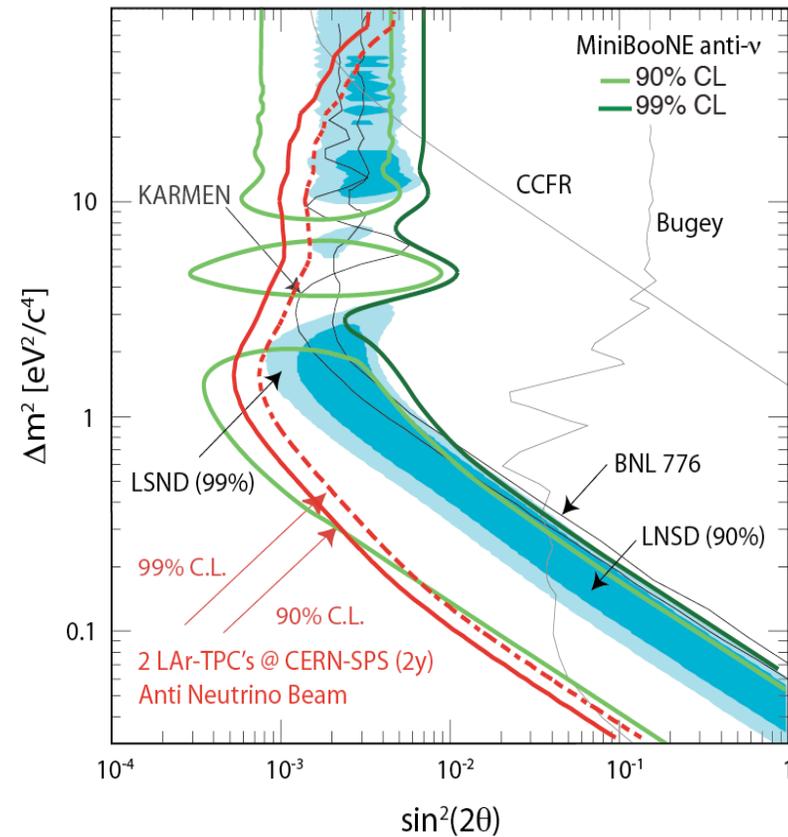
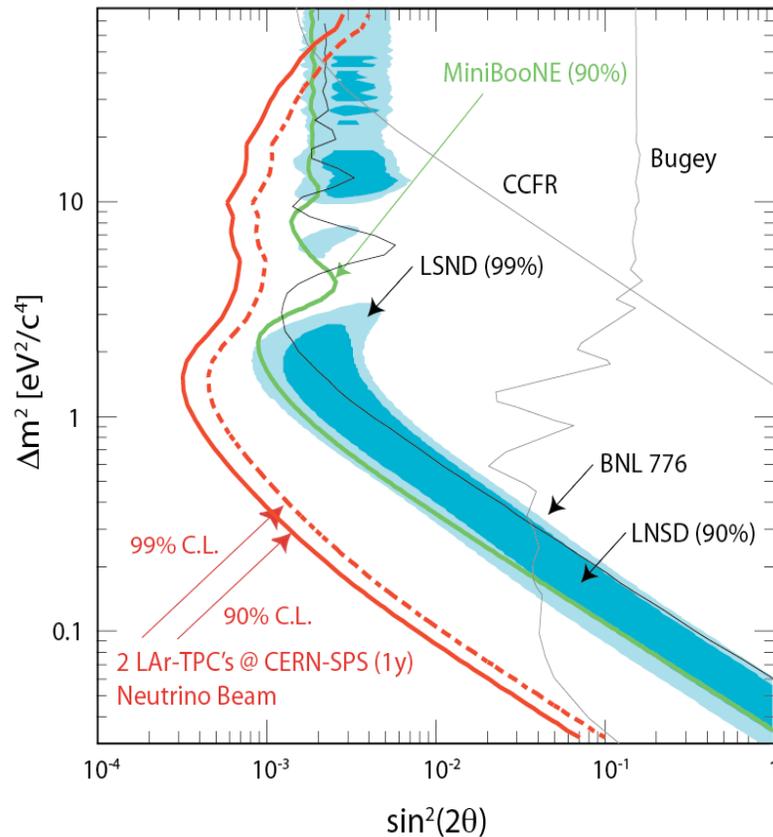
# + 2-LAr @ CERN-SPS

- New neutrino facility in the CERN North Area
- New short-baseline neutrino beam:  $E_\nu \sim 2$  GeV
- Two (or three) LArTPC's & Iron Spectrometers
  - ICARUS-T600 transported to CERN and exposed to new neutrino beam from SPS at 1600 m from neutrino production
  - Second 150ton LArTPC to serve as a near detector at 330 m



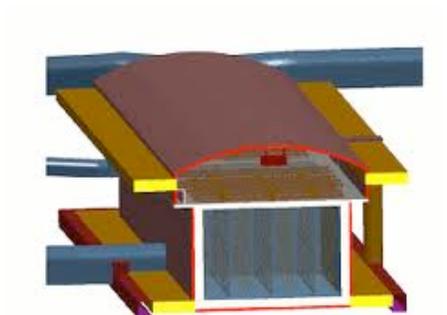
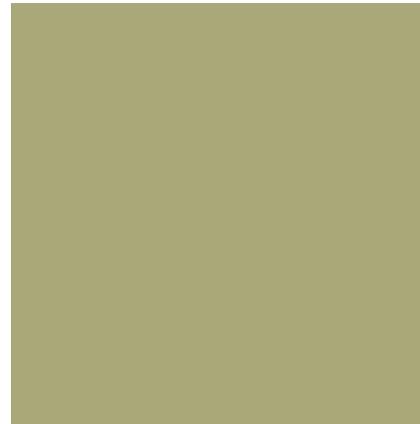
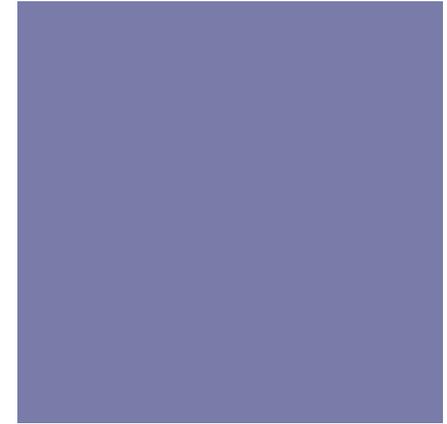
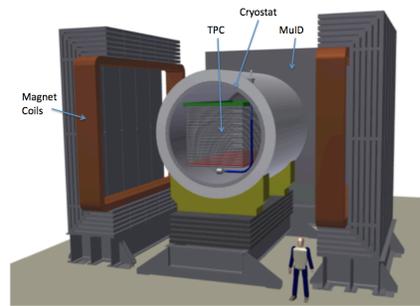
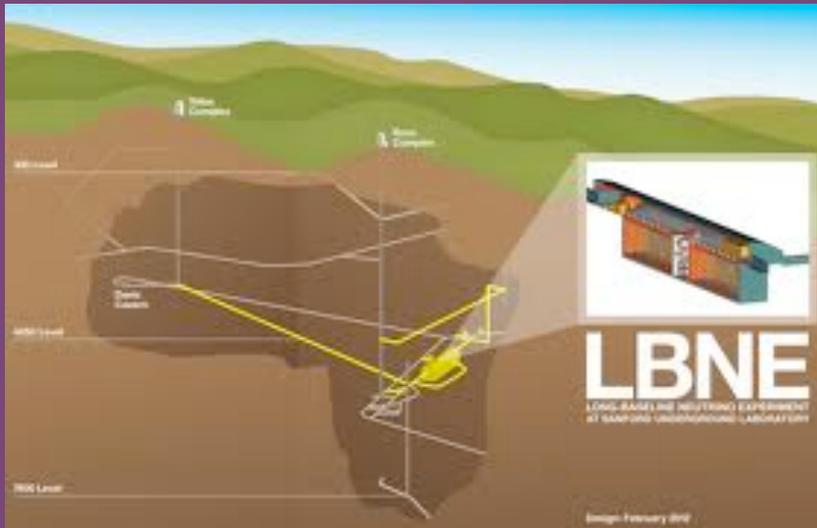
# + 2-LAr @ CERN-SPS

- Expected sensitivity for the proposed experiment:  $\nu_\mu$  beam (left) and anti- $\nu_\mu$  (right) for  $4.5 \times 10^{19}$  pot (1 year) and  $9.0 \times 10^{19}$  pot (2 years) respectively. LSND allowed region is fully explored in both cases.



ICARUS/NESSIE collaborations

- Also  $(\bar{\nu}_e)$  and  $(\bar{\nu}_\mu)$  disappearance!



### 3. Future experiments: LBNE

[planned]

US collaboration

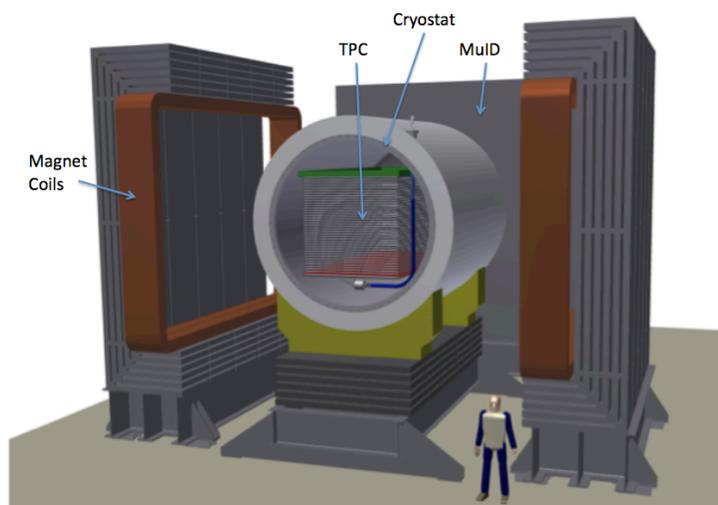
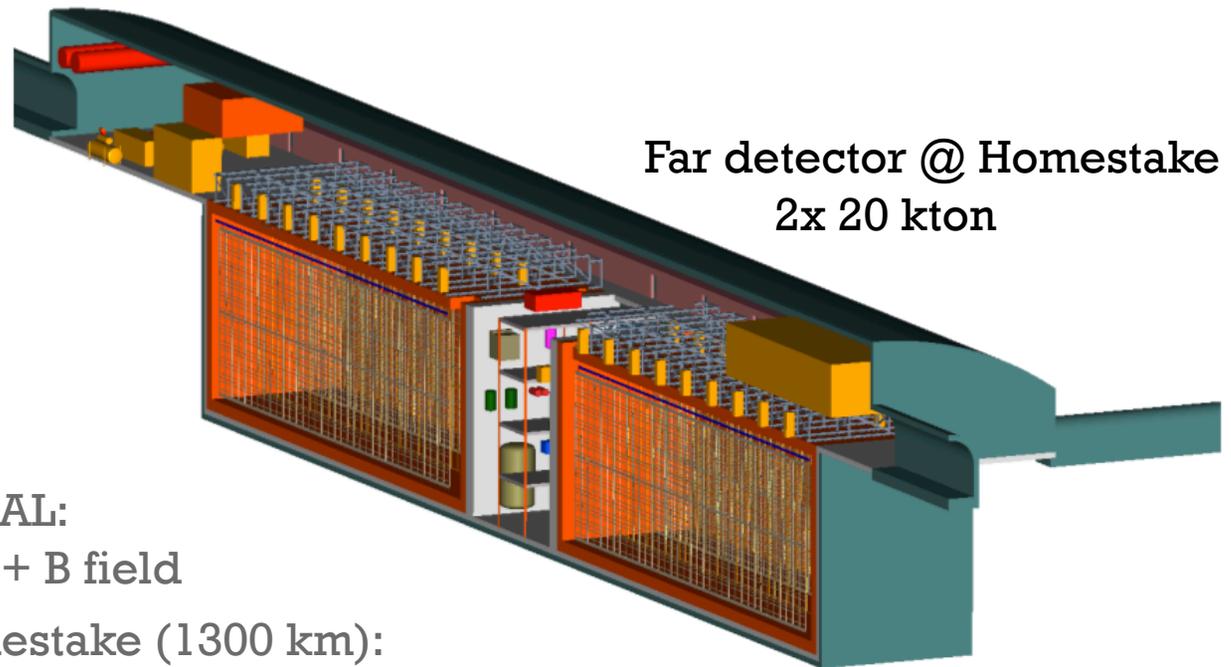
500+ physicists and engineers

# + LBNE

Now a LArTPC  
experiment!

## ■ Proposed plan:

- Near detector at FNAL:  
18 tons active mass + B field
- Far detector at Homestake (1300 km):  
40 ktons active mass, 1.5km underground
- New high-intensity neutrino beam:  $6.5E20POT/yr$ ,  $E_\nu = 0.5-5 GeV$



## Physics goals

- Long baseline oscillation physics through  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  and  $\text{anti-}\nu_\mu \rightarrow \text{anti-}\nu_e$
- Non-accelerator neutrino measurements (atmospheric, SN) and proton decay

Near detector @ FNAL

# + LBNE

- LBNE technology decision: January 2012 (LArTPC over water Cherenkov)
- March 2012: **staged approach** to LBNE in order to maximize scientific output given projected US funding situation
  - “**Reconfiguration**” study
  - Stage I: on-surface operation of 10 kton far detector + new low energy beam from Fermilab
  - [http://www.fnal.gov/directorate/lbne\\_reconfiguration/index.shtml](http://www.fnal.gov/directorate/lbne_reconfiguration/index.shtml)
  - Workshop to establish viability of on-surface operation
- Current stage: CD1 review
- Construction expected to begin in 2020(?)

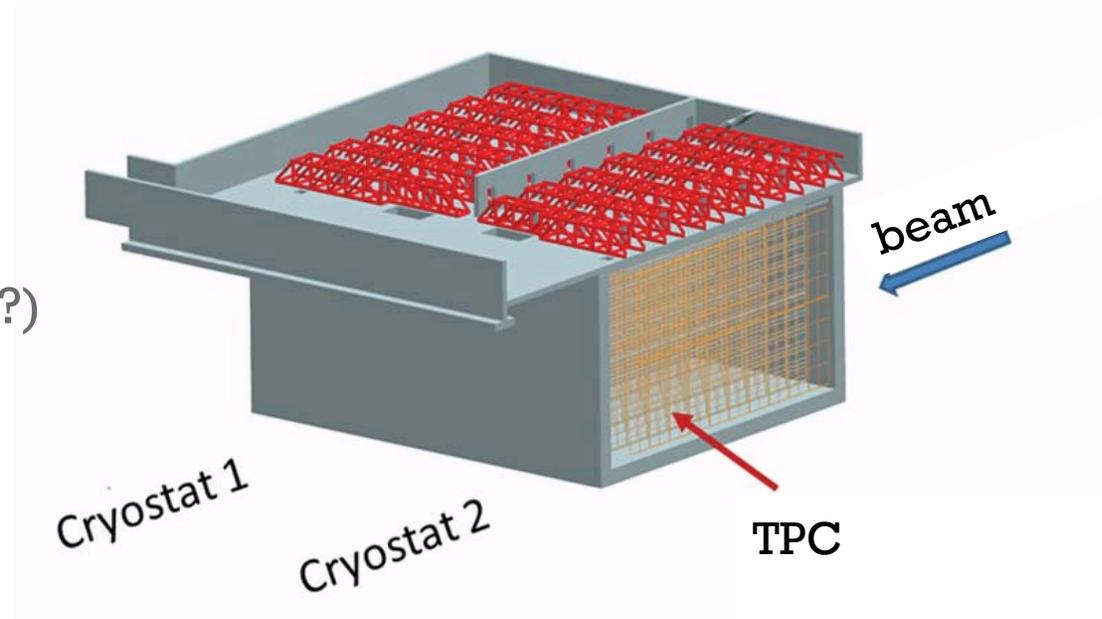
# + LBNE

## LBNE Stage I

- Far Detector Stage I conceptual design (as of Sep. 2012)
  - 10 kton LArTPC in an excavated pit near surface at Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF)
  - 3m overburden for cosmic ray shielding

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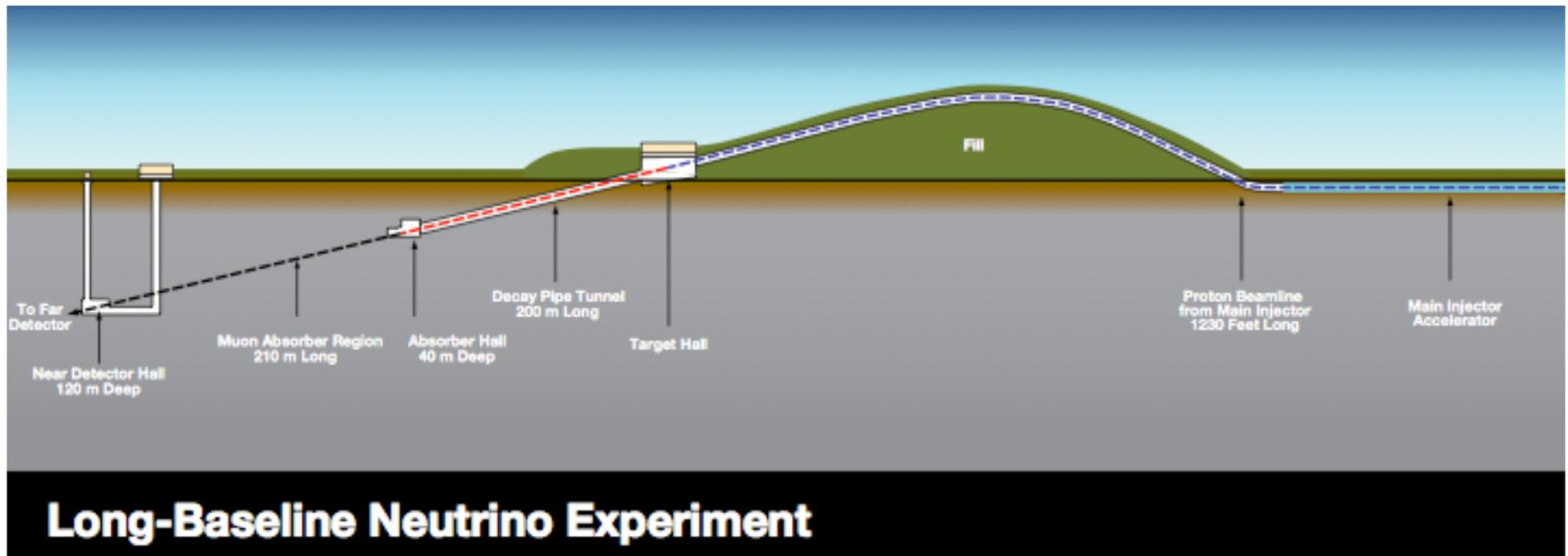
- Low intensity beam
- Realizable in 2015-2020(?)

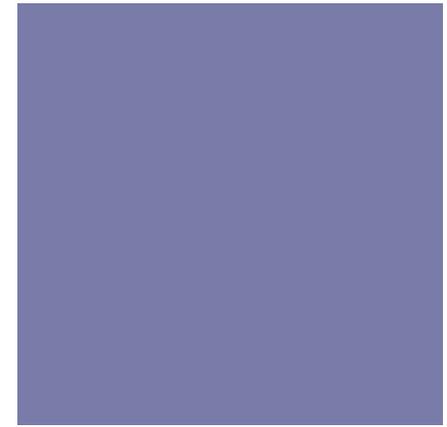
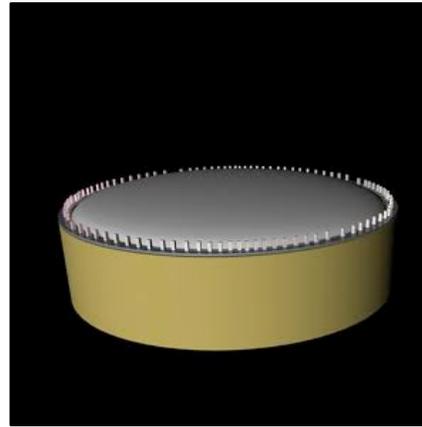


# + LBNE

## ■ Beam plan:

- Begin operations with new, low-energy, lower-intensity-than-final beam (LBNE Stage 1); 700kW,  $6e20$  POT/yr
- Upgradable in the future to 2 MW (Project X)





### 3. Future experiments: 100kton @ Okinoshima

[proposal]

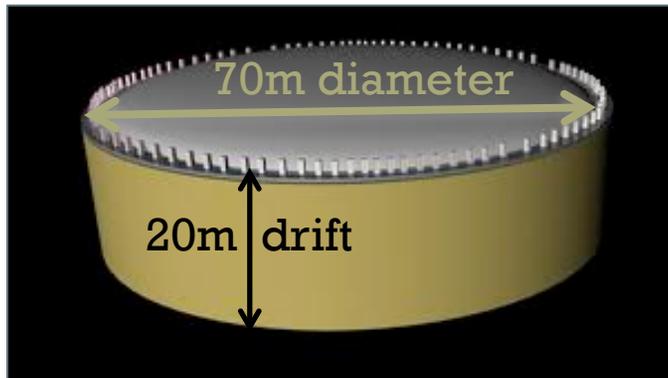
International collaboration:

ETH & KEK

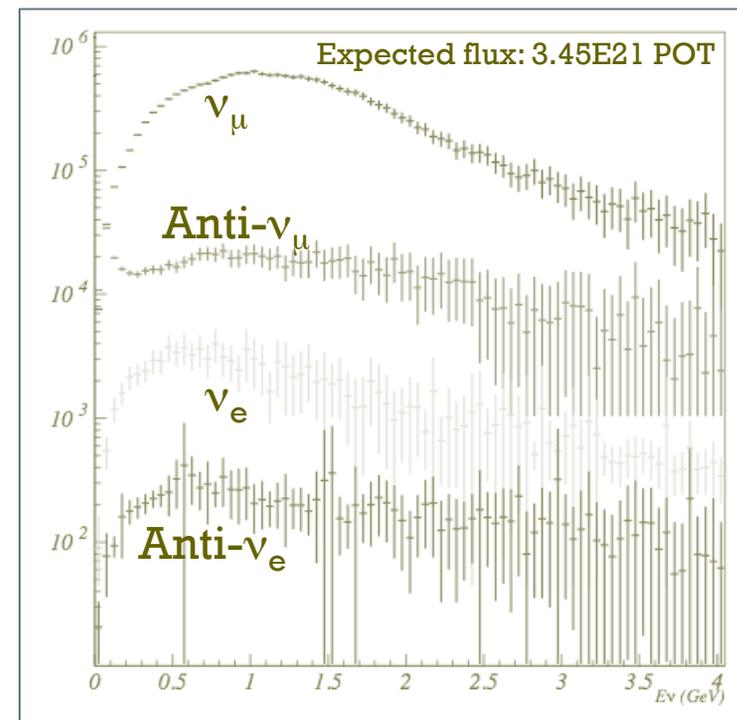
20+ collaborators

# + 100kton @ Okinoshima

- 100kton detector + new (higher intensity) neutrino beam from JPARC ( $E \sim 1\text{GeV}$ )



- $L=660\text{km}$ ,  $0.76\text{ deg}$  off-axis
- Upgrade of the J-PARC 30 GeV Main Ring operation from 750 kW to 1.66 MW
- 5 year neutrino running, possibly extended with additional 5 year antineutrino running
- Physics goals:
  - Long-baseline oscillation parameters through (anti-) $\nu_e$  appearance and (anti-) $\nu_\mu$  disappearance
  - Non-accelerator neutrino measurements (supernova, atmospheric) & proton decay

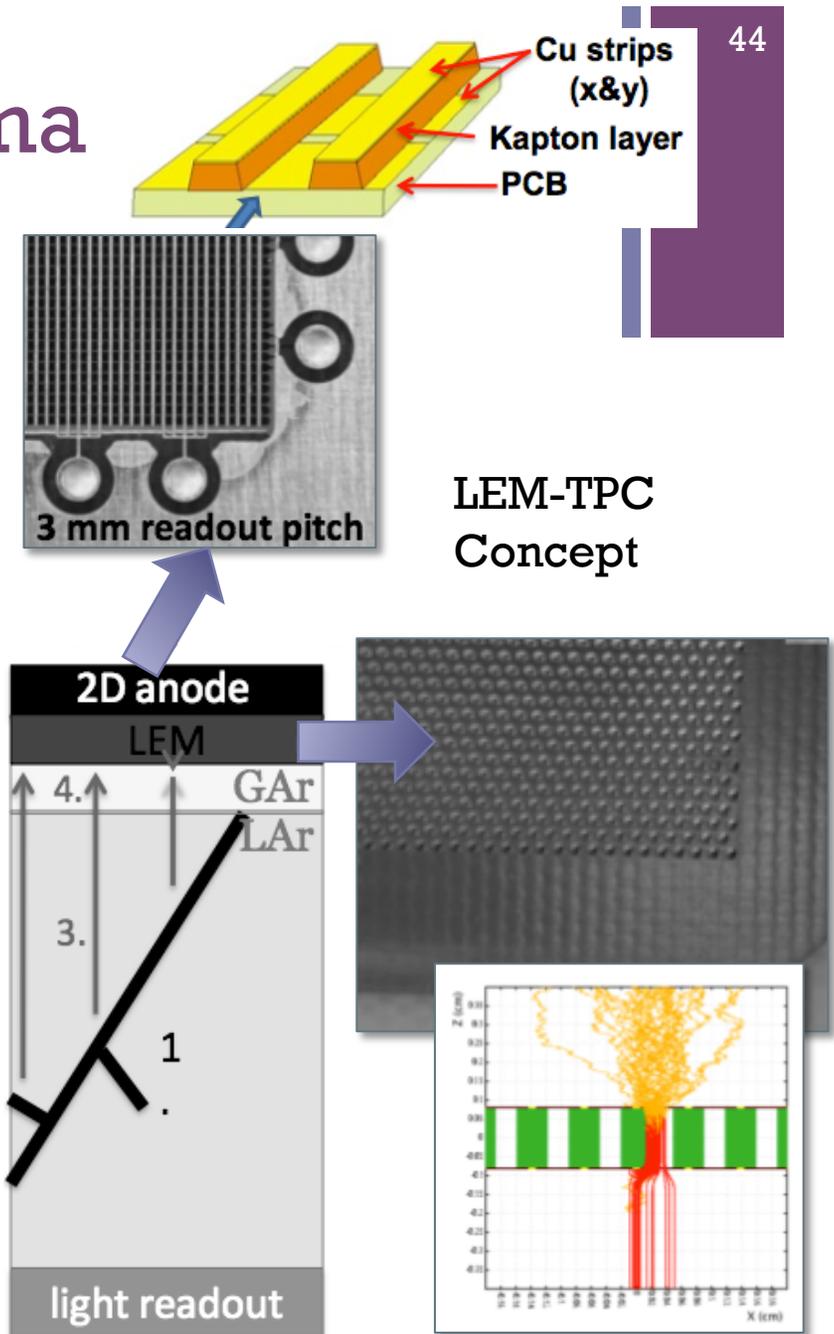
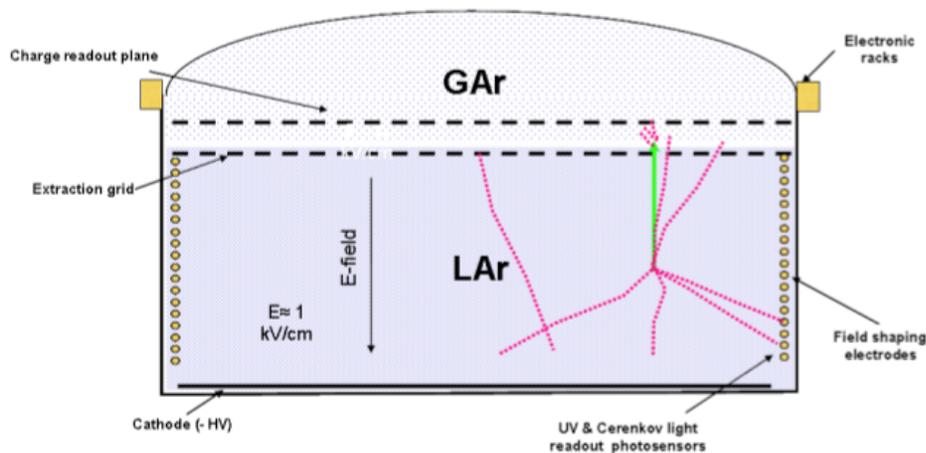


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# + 100kton @ Okinoshima

- GLACIER design concept (1x100k, 3x40k, or 4x30k)
  - Much improved S/N (>100) compared to single-phase LArTPC operation (S/N~15-30)

- LEM-TPC  
Double phase: liquid to gas for charge amplification and extraction in gas phase



# + 100kton @ Okinoshima

## Status

- R&D proposal at J-PARC: EK\_J-PARC-PAC2009-1
- ETHZ/KEK MoU for collaboration on LAr R&D

SUBMITTED TO J-PARC PAC

**Towards a Long Baseline Neutrino and Nucleon Decay Experiment with a next-generation 100 kton Liquid Argon TPC detector at Okinoshima and an intensity upgraded J-PARC Neutrino beam**

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December 18, 2009

# + Conclusions

- **LAr technology is maturing and it is becoming a credible alternative to water cherenkov detectors**
  - The LArTPC can offer **truly unique and superior imaging performance**, in physics measurements where excellent energy resolution and good background rejection power are required
  - Ideal instrument for studying and constraining FSI and nuclear effects in neutrino-nucleus interactions
  - Low-energy neutrino measurements: opportunity for high-statistics SN neutrino data set
  
- Prepare for a “fun ride”:
  - ArgoNeuT and ICARUS results should continue over next 2-3 years
  - MicroBooNE begins data taking in ~1.5 yrs
  - Experiments which may begin construction over the next 5-10 years (if approved): LAr1, 2-LAr@CERN-SPS, GLADE, MODULAR
  - Experiments on a 10+ year timescale: LBNE, LAGUNA/LBNO, 100kton@Okinoshima



Thank you!

Experiment	LAr mass (tons)	Physics goal	Baseline (km)	$E_\nu$ (GeV)	Where	Status	Online
ICARUS	600	R&D, Long baseline (single detector)	732	~5-25	Gran Sasso (CNGS beam)	Running	Fully operational in 2010
ArgoNeuT	175L	R&D, Cross sections	1	~0.1-10	NuMI near	Completed	N/A
MicroBooNE	170 (60 fiducial)	R&D, Short baseline (single detector)	0.47	~0.1-3	FNAL (BNB)	Under construction	2014
LArI	60 + 1000 (fiducial)	Short baseline (2 detectors)	0.2 + 0.7	~0.1-3	FNAL (BNB)	LOI	~5 yrs
2-LAr @ CERN-SPS	150 + 478 (fiducial)	Short baseline (2 detectors)	0.3 + 1.6	~2	CERN (new beam from SPS)	Proposal	~5 yrs
MODULAr	5,000	Long baseline (shallow depth)	730	~5-25	Gran Sasso	Planned	~5-10 yrs
GLADE	5,000	Long baseline (surface)	810	~0.5-2	NuMI off-axis	LOI	~5-10 yrs
LBNE	Start with 10,000	Long baseline (surface FD initially)	1300	~0.5-5	Homestake (new FNAL beam)	Planned (CD-1)	10+ yrs
LAGUNA/LBNO	Start with 20,000	Long baseline (underground FD)	2300	~few	Finland (new CERN beam)	EOI in preparation	10+ yrs
100kton @ Okinoshima	Up to 100,000	Long baseline (underground FD)	665	~0.5-2	Okinoshima island (new J-PARC beam)	R&D Proposal at J-PARC	10+ yrs

### + various R&D and test experiments:

US: Materials Test Stand, LAPD, LARiAT, Los Alamos LDRD LArTPC  
Europe: 50-liter @ CERN, 10m<sup>3</sup>, LArTPC in B-field, ArgonTube, UV Laser  
Japan: Test-beam T32 @ J-PARC

# + Future experiments: GLADE

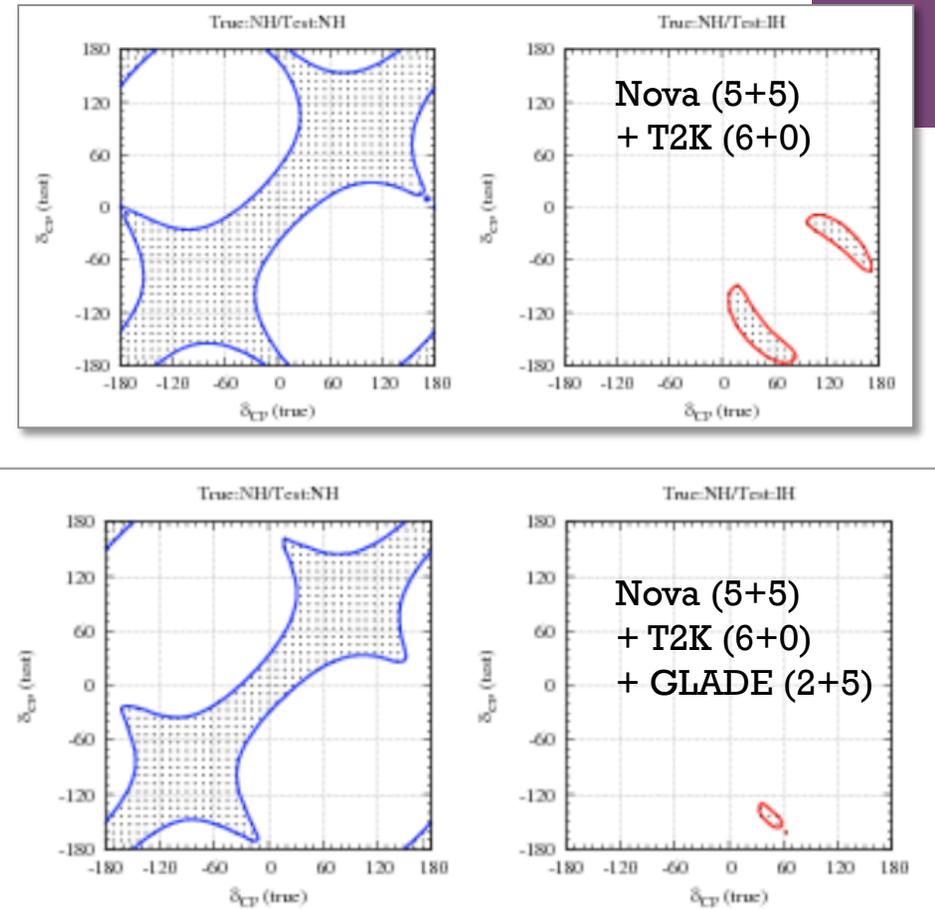
Global Liquid Argon Detector Experiment  
[US & European Collaboration]

- 5kton LArTPC
- GEM (Gas Electron Multipliers) rather than wire planes, developed at ETH
- Existing (soon-to-be-updated) NuMI beam at Fermilab
- Off-axis, on-surface, at Ash River (Nova far detector site): 810km from neutrino source
- 5-7 years of data taking

# + Future experiments: GLADE

Primary physics goals:

- CP violation and mass hierarchy  
(in combination with Nova and T2K near-future results)



The incorrect mass hierarchy hypothesis  
can be ruled out  $\sim 90\%$

# + Future experiments: GLADE

## Current status:

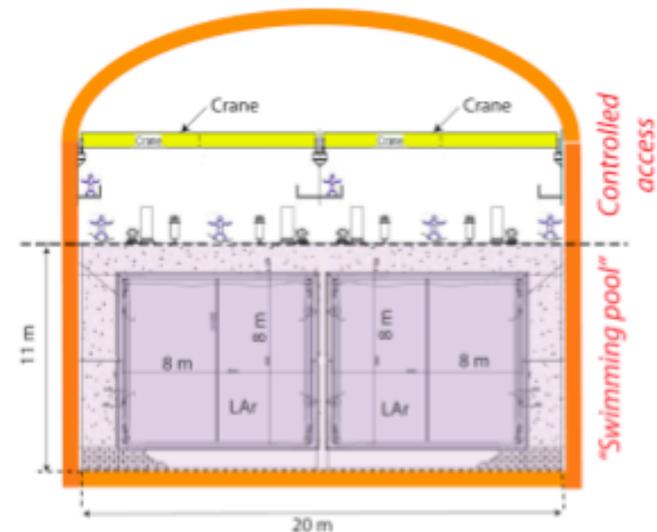
- Support for further studies is being considered by CERN management (rolling CERN R&D program)
- LOI has been submitted to the Fermilab Directorate (May 2012):
  - [www.fnal.gov/directorate/program\\_planning/June2012Public/P-1029\\_GLADE\\_LOI.pdf](http://www.fnal.gov/directorate/program_planning/June2012Public/P-1029_GLADE_LOI.pdf)

# + Future experiments: MODULAR

## MODULAR 5kton near LNGS

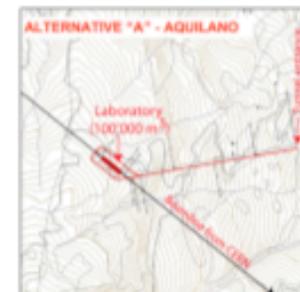
- ★ Single phase LAr TPC about 10 kt fiducial mass, realised with a modular set of two identical, but independent units, each of about 5 kt, "cloning" the basic design of T600
- ★ Parameters of unit
  - 5370 ton active LAr mass
  - 4 meter drift length
  - 6 mm wire pitch, three wire planes,  $\approx 50$ kchannels
  - Warm electronics
- ★ Physics goals:
  - off-axis of existing CNGS
  - long baseline neutrino oscillations, cf. Preliminary physics studies by A. Longhin, NUTURN12 workshop, LNGS May 2012
  - proton decay and neutrino astrophysics if underground
- ★ Technology challenges:
  - Linear extrapolation of ICARUS T600 design by factor  $\times 2.66$  in each dimension for a total unit volume of  $8 \times 8 \text{m}^2$  and 60m long
  - New passive thermal insulation (perlite)
  - Ultra-pure liquid argon without evacuation (R&D needed and proposed with SLICE  $8 \times 8 \times 4 \text{m}^3$ )
  - Cavern stability

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● LNGS B

- New site (shallow depth 1.2km m.w.e)
- 10 km off-axis present LNGS



Courtesy: A. Rubbia

# + Future test experiments: LARiAT

LArTPC + controlled testbeam for calibration studies

- Primary goal: study particle interactions in LAr
  - Energy reconstruction, particle identification, detector response, hadronic cross section studies
  
- (Decommissioned) ArgoNeuT detector placed in a controlled testbeam @ Fermilab:  $p, \pi, e, \mu$  Upgrade to larger LArTPC in the future (hadronic shower containment).
  
- Planned start of data taking: 2013

