



# STATUS OF THE SHORT-BASELINE NEAR DETECTOR

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Sterile Neutrino Searches beyond MicroBooNE

Overview of the SBND Experiment

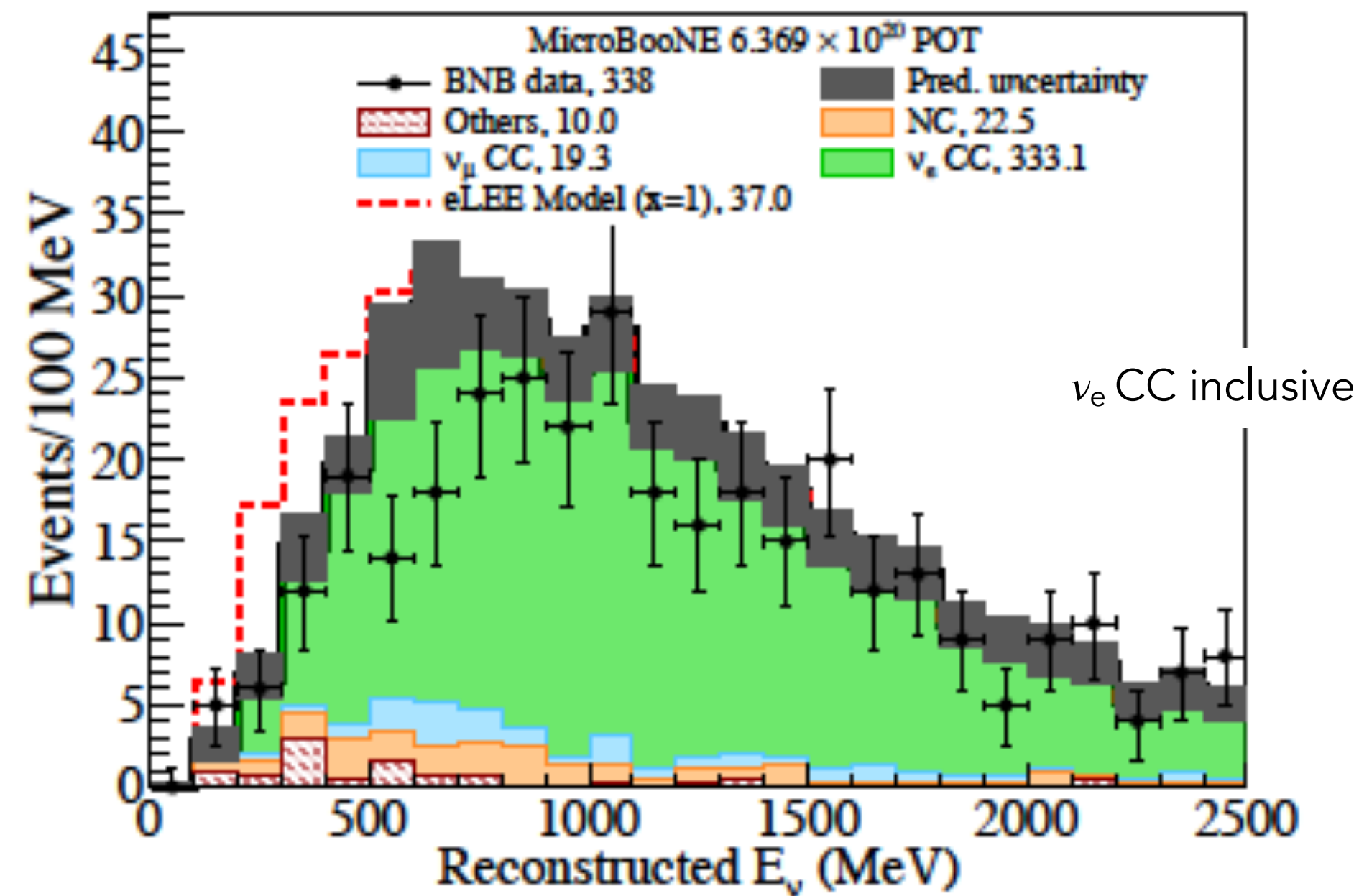
SBND Status & Timeline to Operation

SBND Physics Program

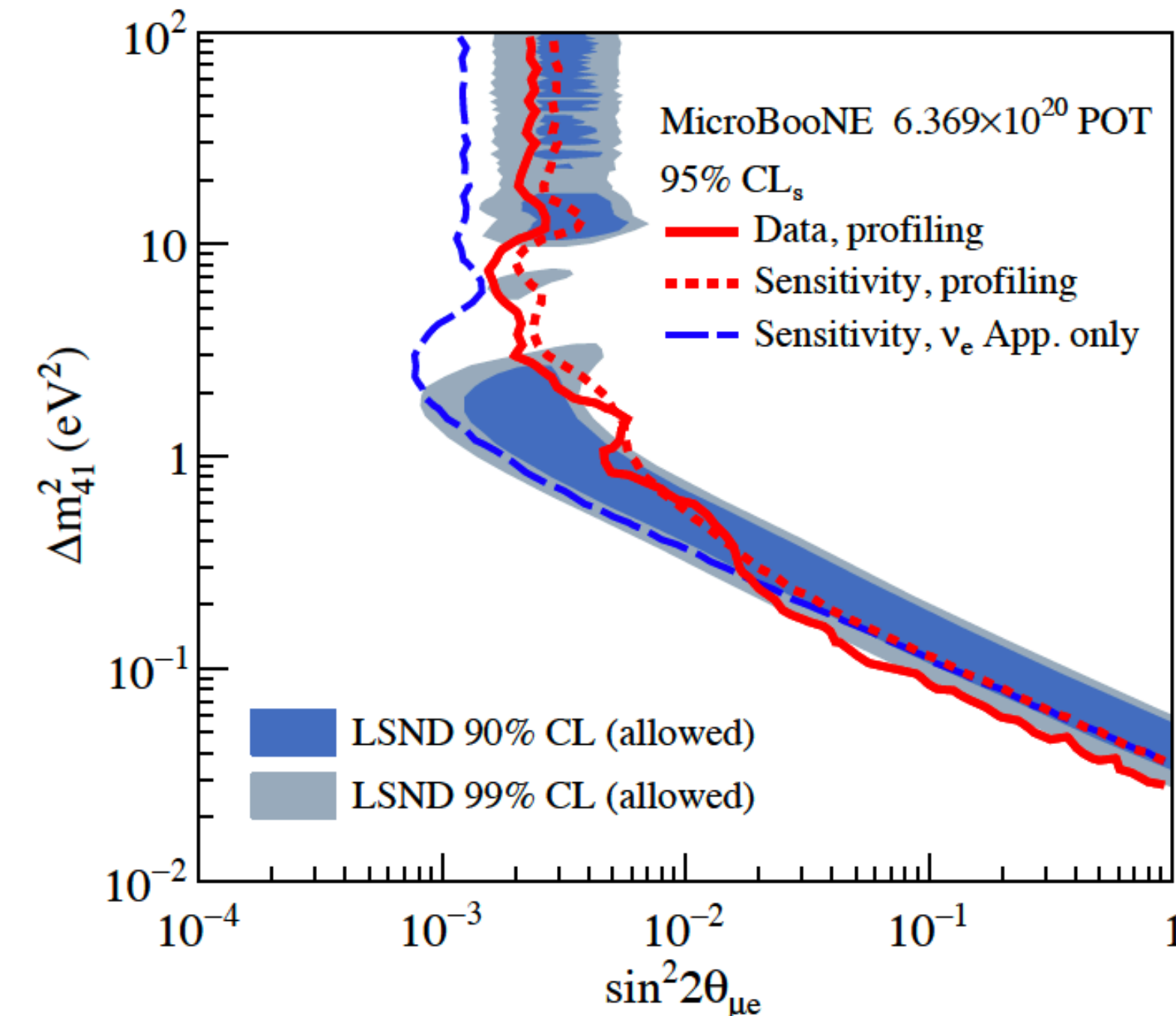
# STERILE NEUTRINO SEARCHES BEYOND MICROBOONE

The MicroBooNE experiment presented the results of first analyses searching for an excess of low-energy electromagnetic events:  
no hints of an electromagnetic event excess, but results do not rule out existence of sterile neutrinos.

*P. Abratenco et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 128, 241801*

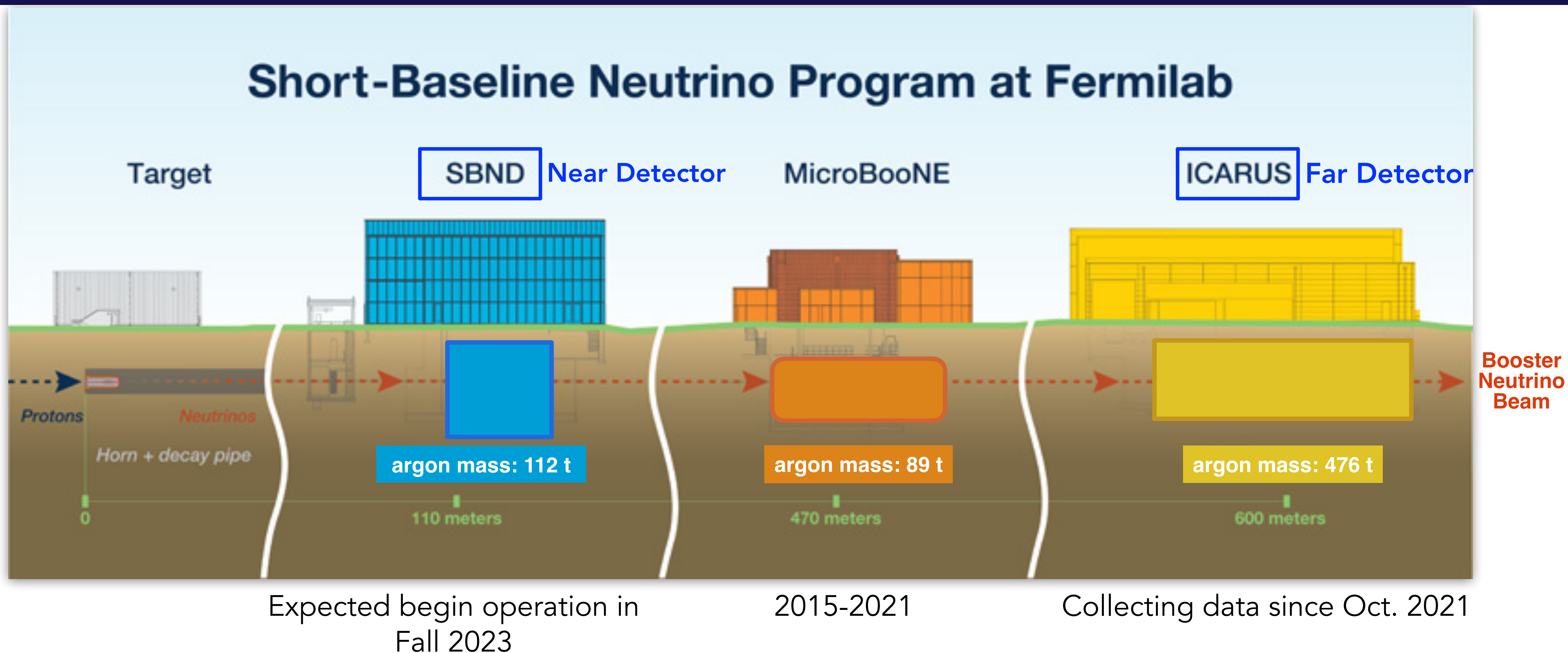


*P. Abratenco et al., <https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.10216>*



Entering the **next phase** of accelerator-based short baseline oscillation searches requires:  
increased exposure through a larger **far detector** and  
a **near detector** for systematics constraints.

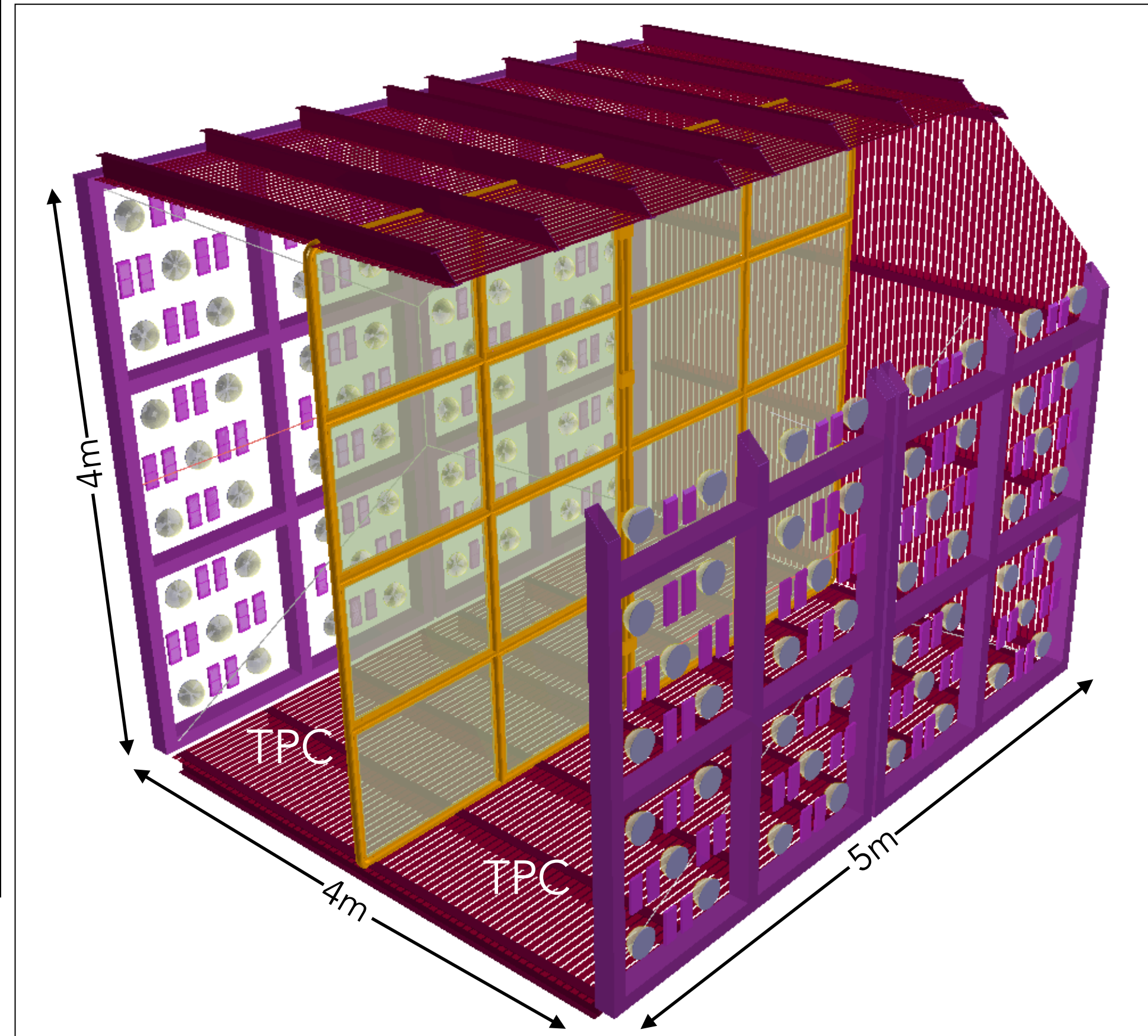
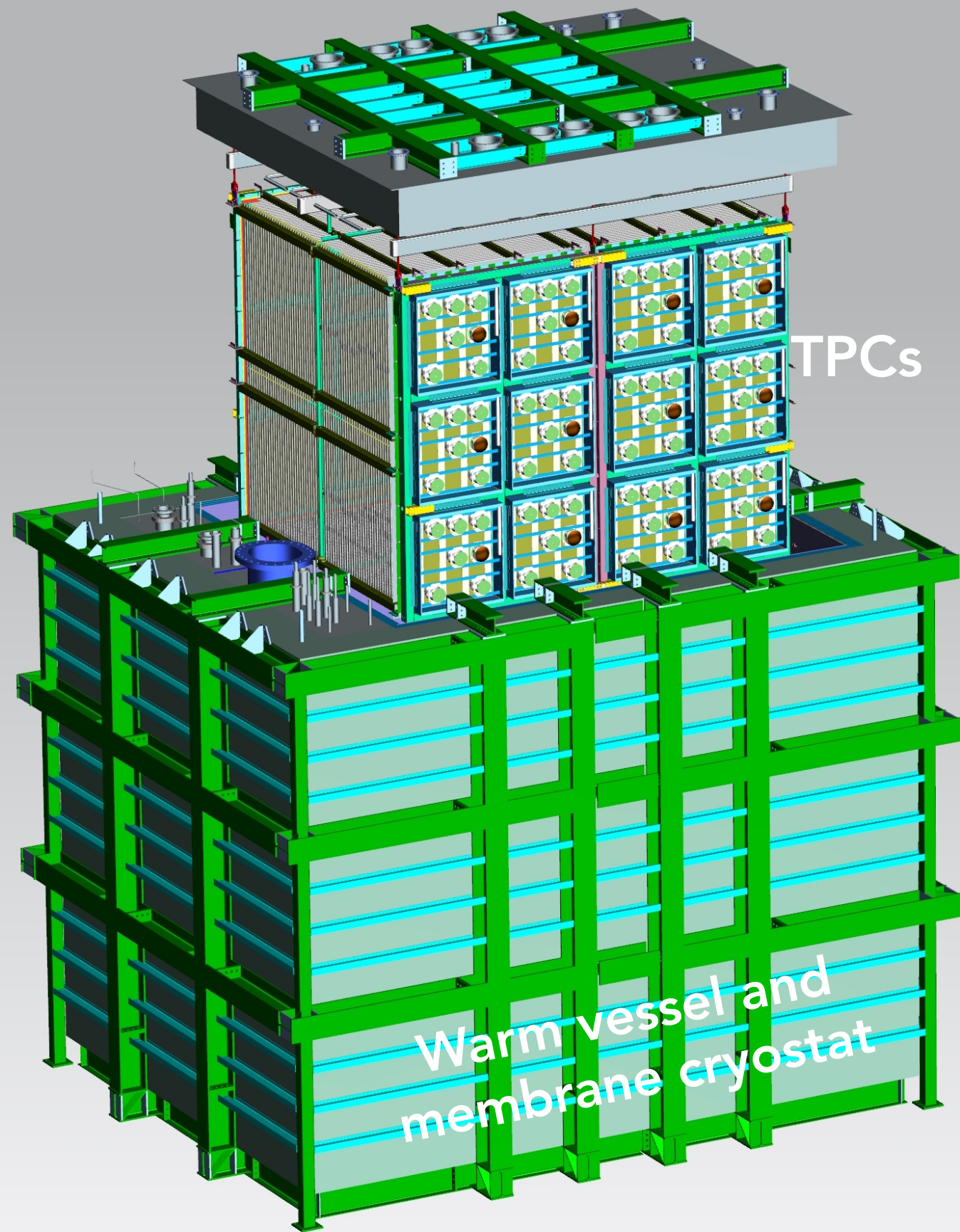
# THE SBN PROGRAM



A program designed for **Sterile Neutrino** searches: same **neutrino beam**, **nuclear target** and **detector technology** to reduce systematic uncertainties to the % level.

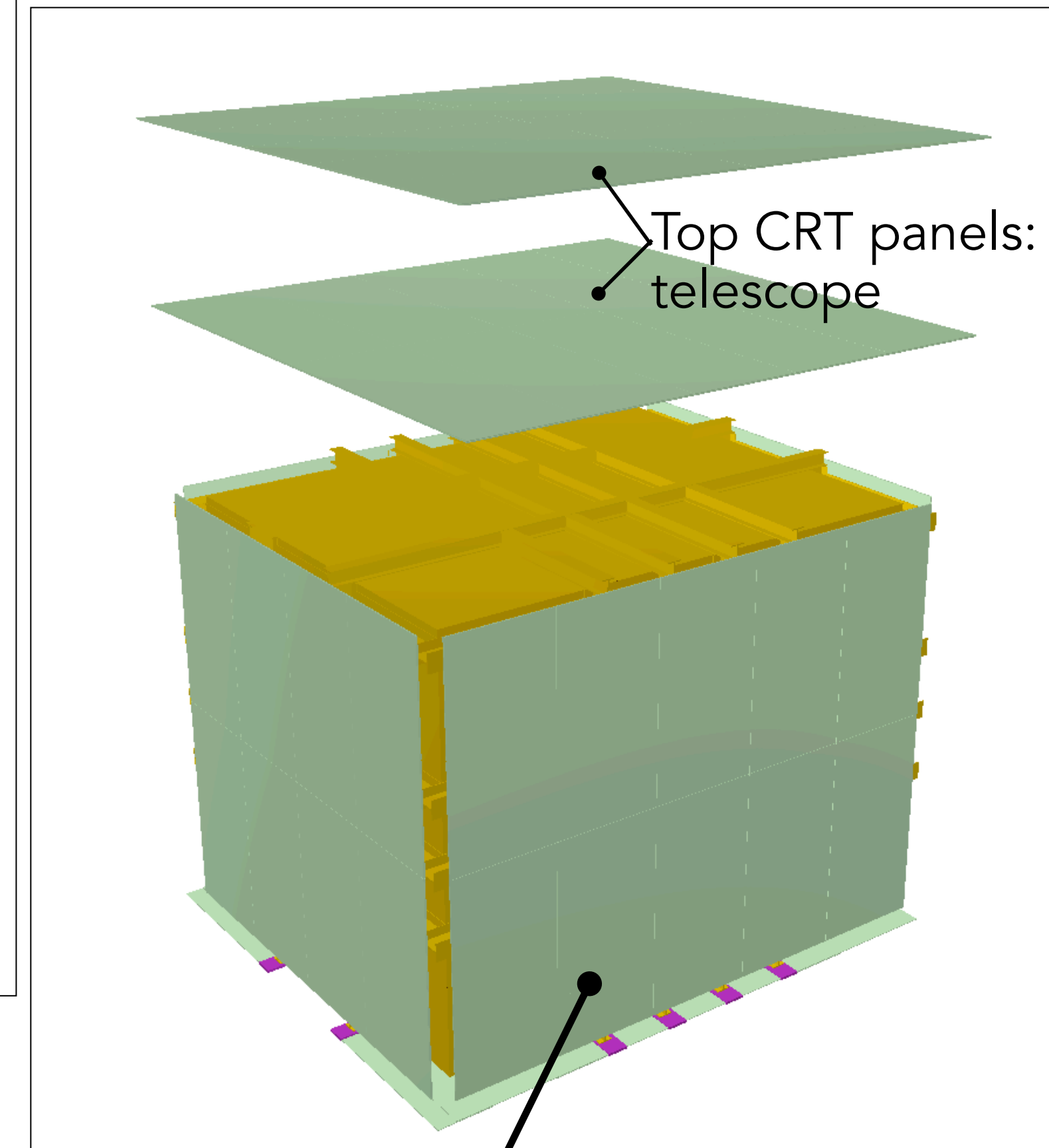
But large LAr TPC detector masses and proximity to intense beams enables a **broad physics program**.

# SBND DESIGN OVERVIEW



Two Time Projection Chambers

Cryostat surrounded by a Cosmic Ray Tagger system

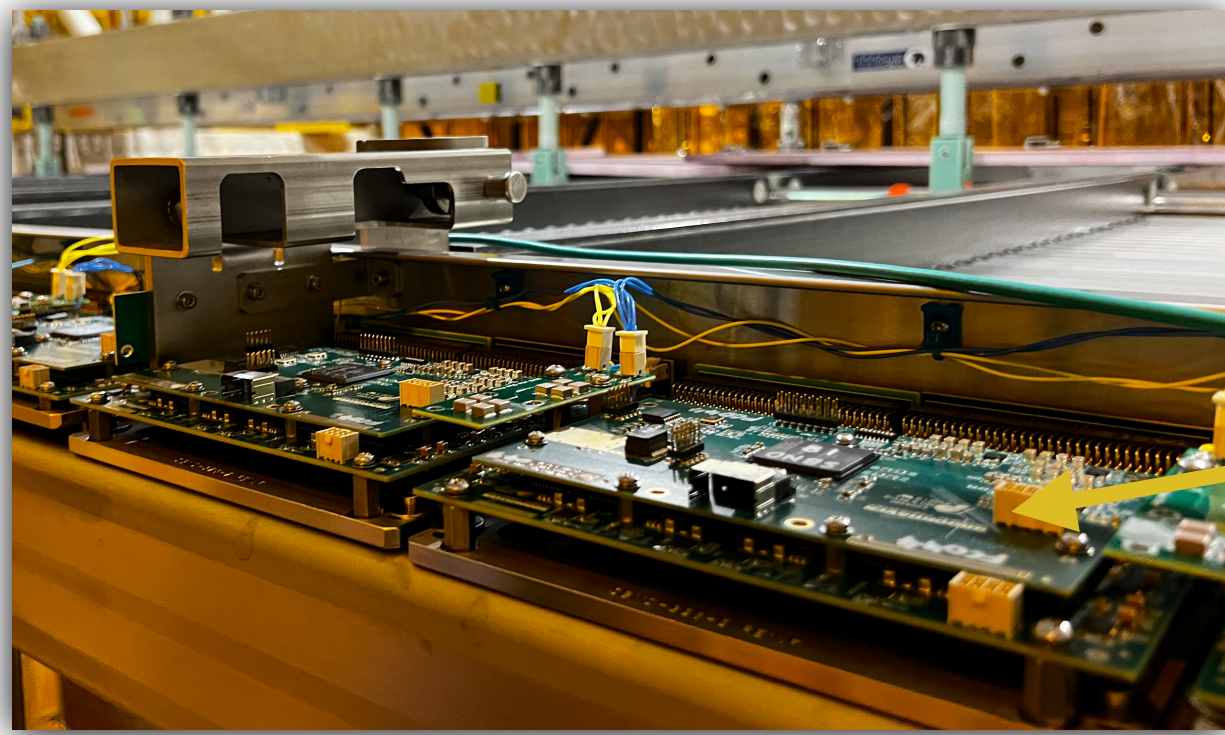


Panels made of scintillator strips

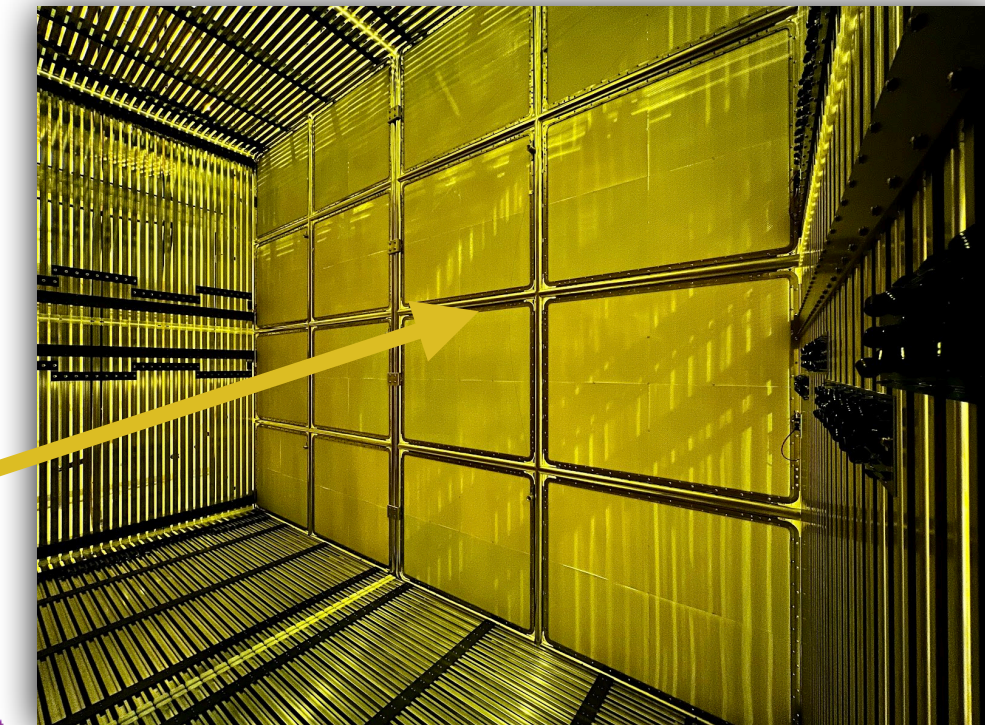
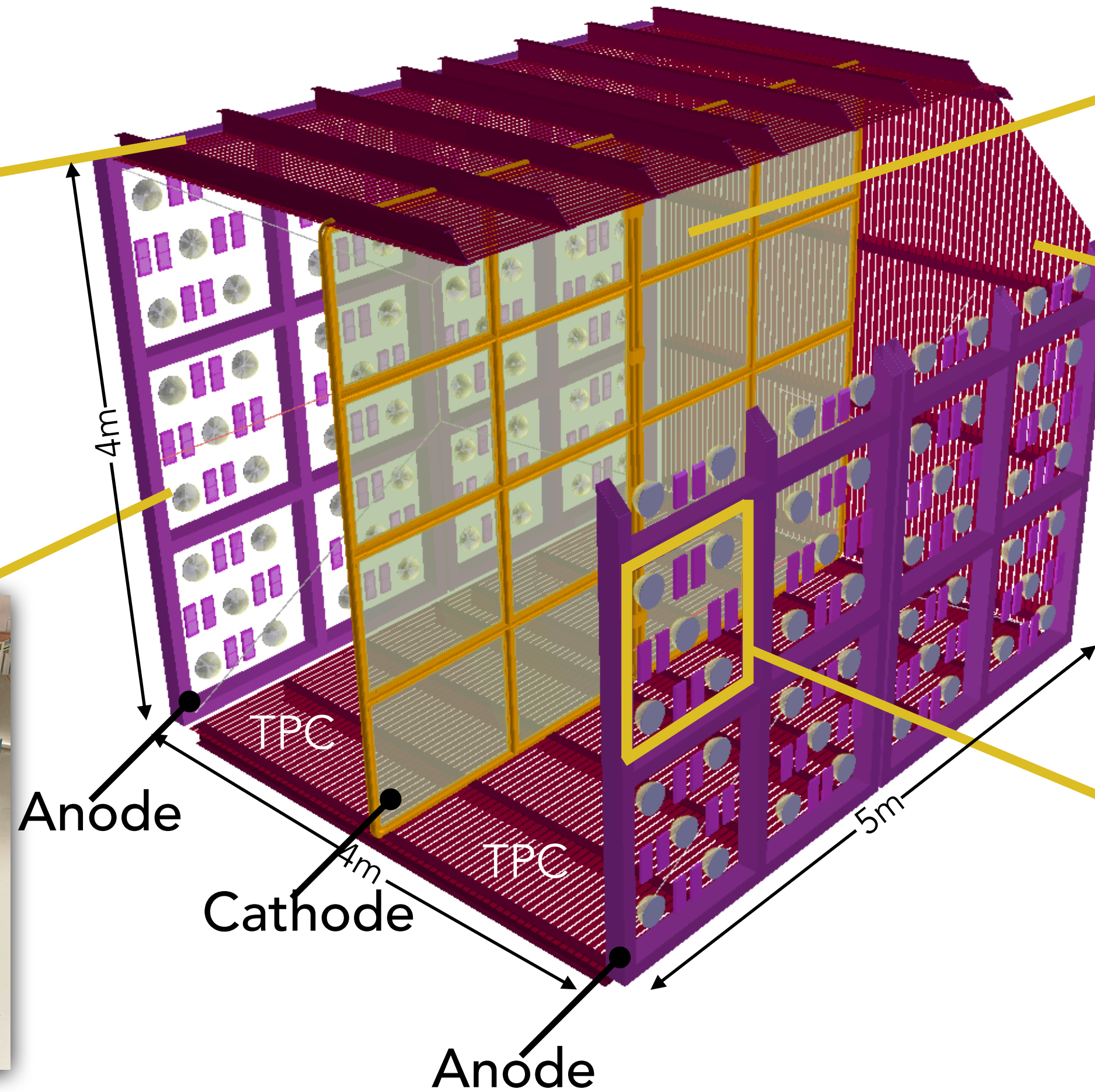
# SBND DESIGN OVERVIEW



TPC Cold electronics



Two Time Projection Chambers  
**Total dimension: 4m x 4m x 5m**



Cathode covered with TPB coated reflectors

Field Cage

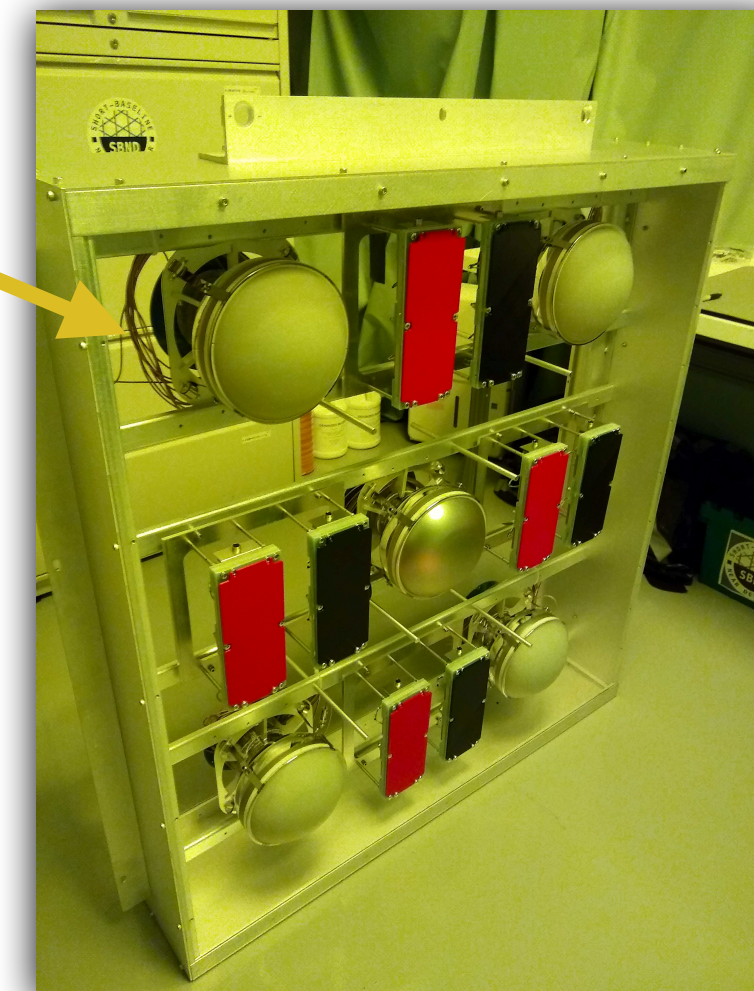
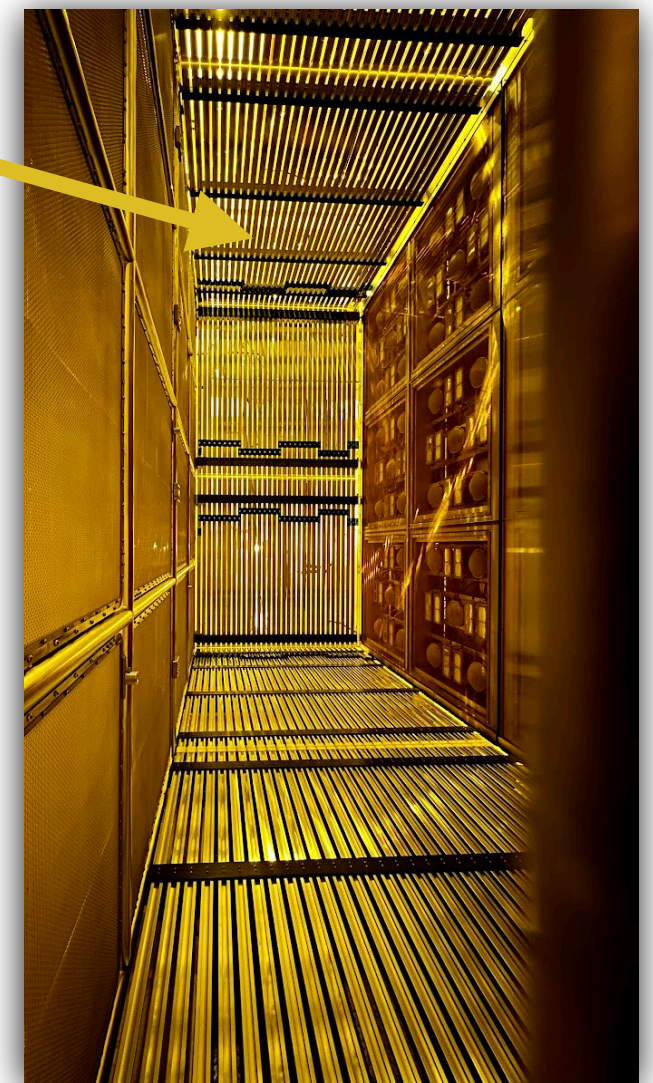
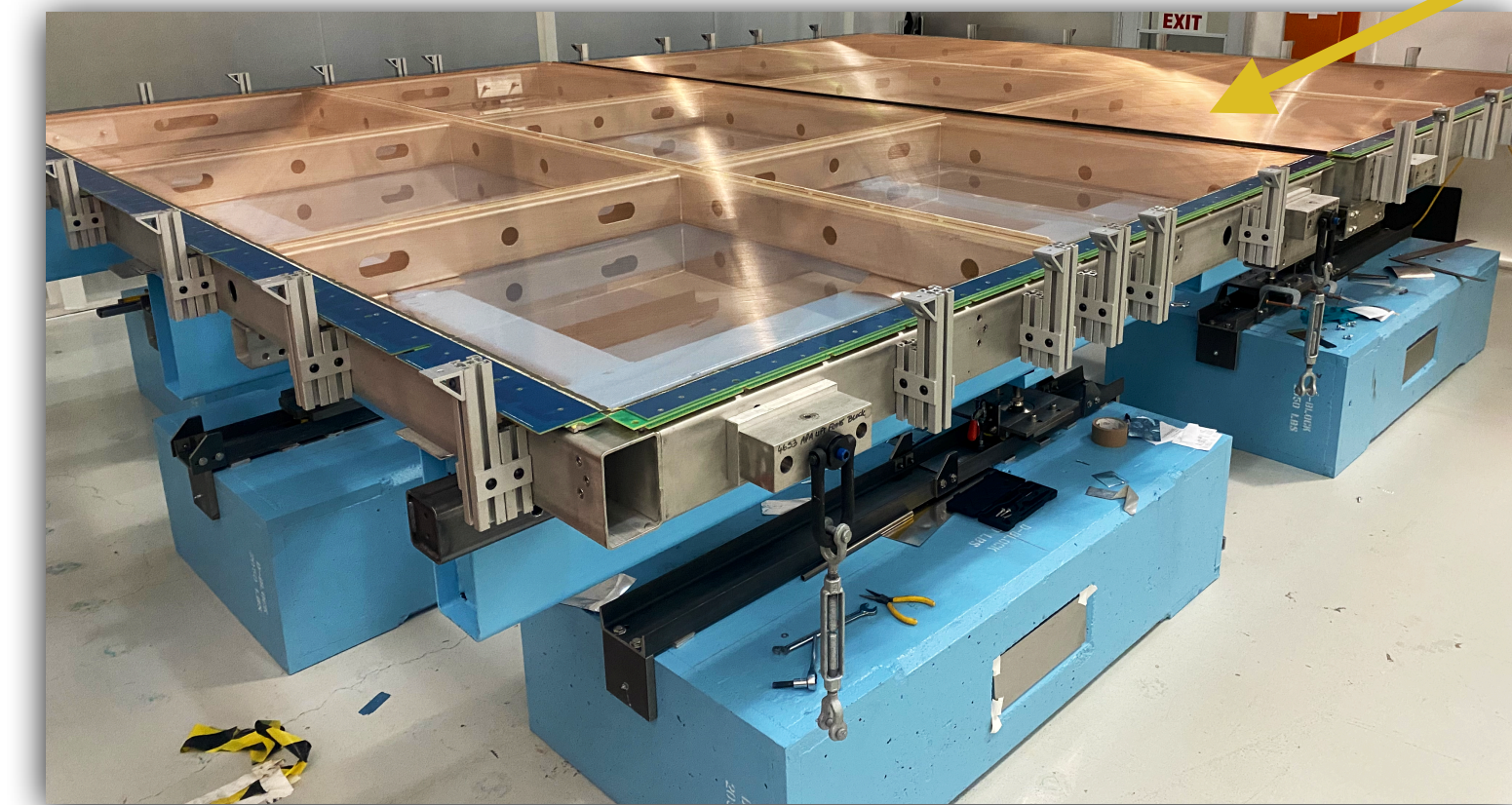


Photo Detection System: 120 PMTs, 192 X-Arapucas



Wire Plane - 3 readout planes, ~11000 wires

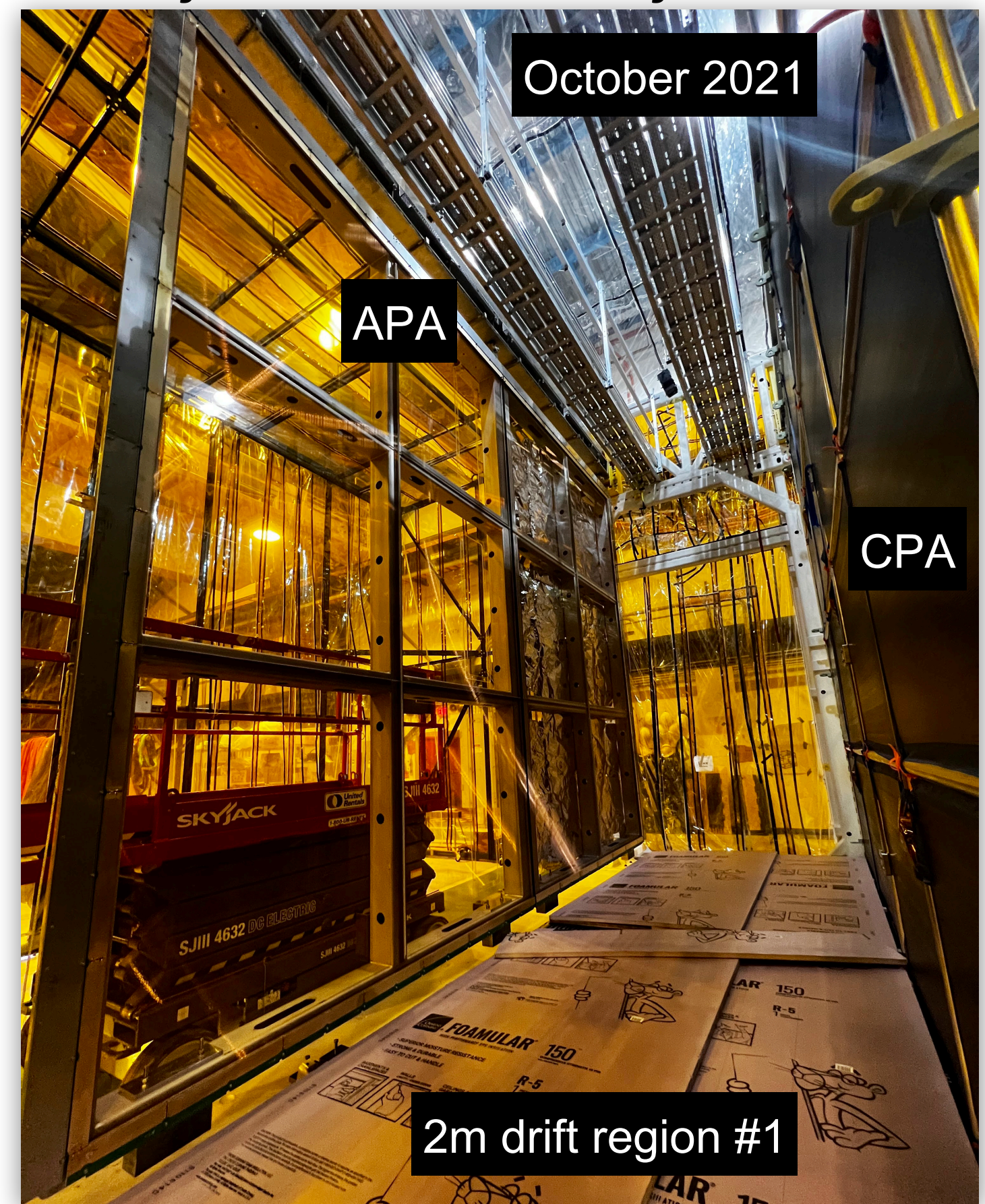
# TPC + PDS SYSTEM ASSEMBLY

- Components of the TPC and PDS (photon detection system) subsystems were built at collaborating institutions and delivered to Fermilab for assembly and integration.
- The TPC was assembled outside of the cryostat at DAB (D0 Assembly Building) into the **atf (assembly and transportation fixture)** and transported across site to the SBND Hall when the cryostat was ready.
- Assembly was a joint effort by Fermilab engineers, SBND assembly team and experts from collaborating institutions.



atf completed

First Anode plane (WEST) installed



# TPC + PDS SYSTEM ASSEMBLY - HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST YEAR



Installation of the EAST Anode plane



TPC Cold Electronics Installed and tested



Installation of field cage completed



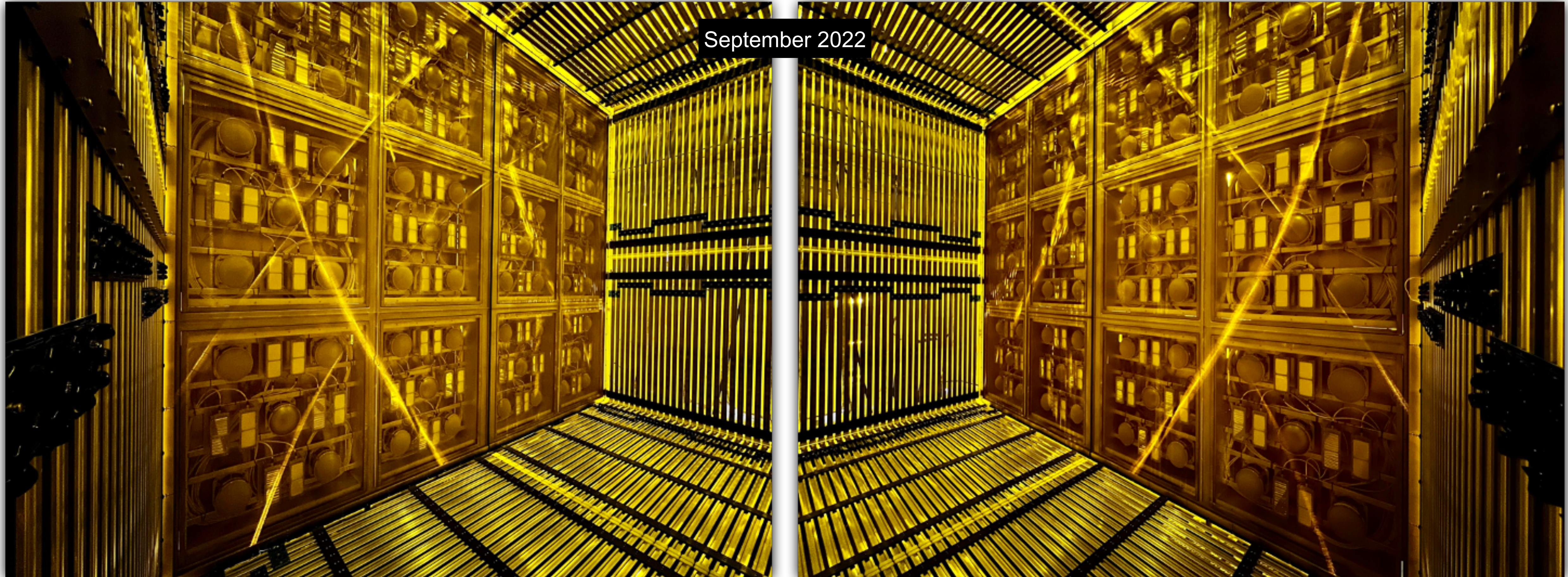
PDS boxes completed, PMT and X-Arapuca tested



# TPC + PDS SYSTEM ASSEMBLY - HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST YEAR



Installation of the PDS boxes completed.

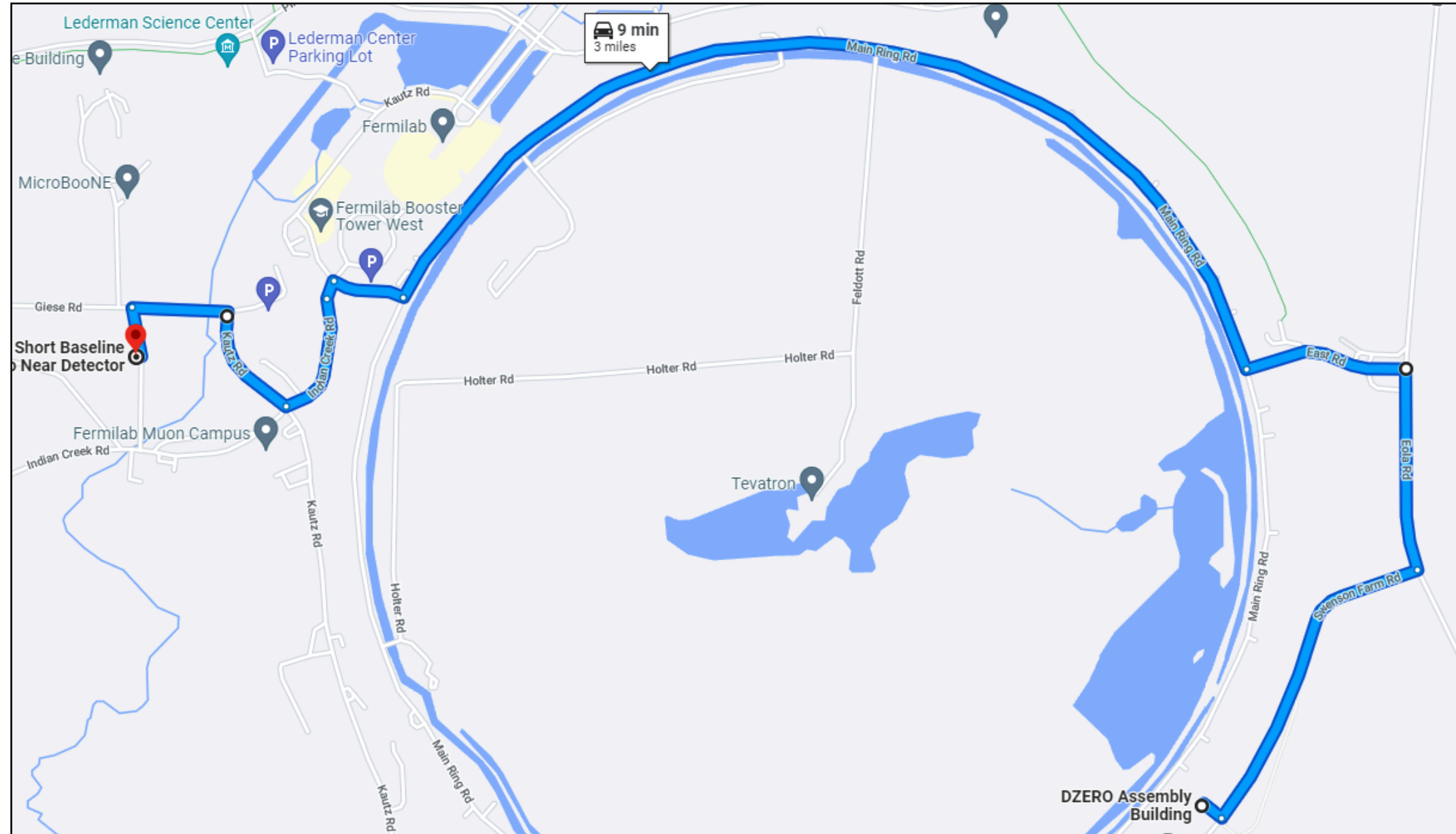


**SBND detector completed!**

# SBND DETECTOR MOVE

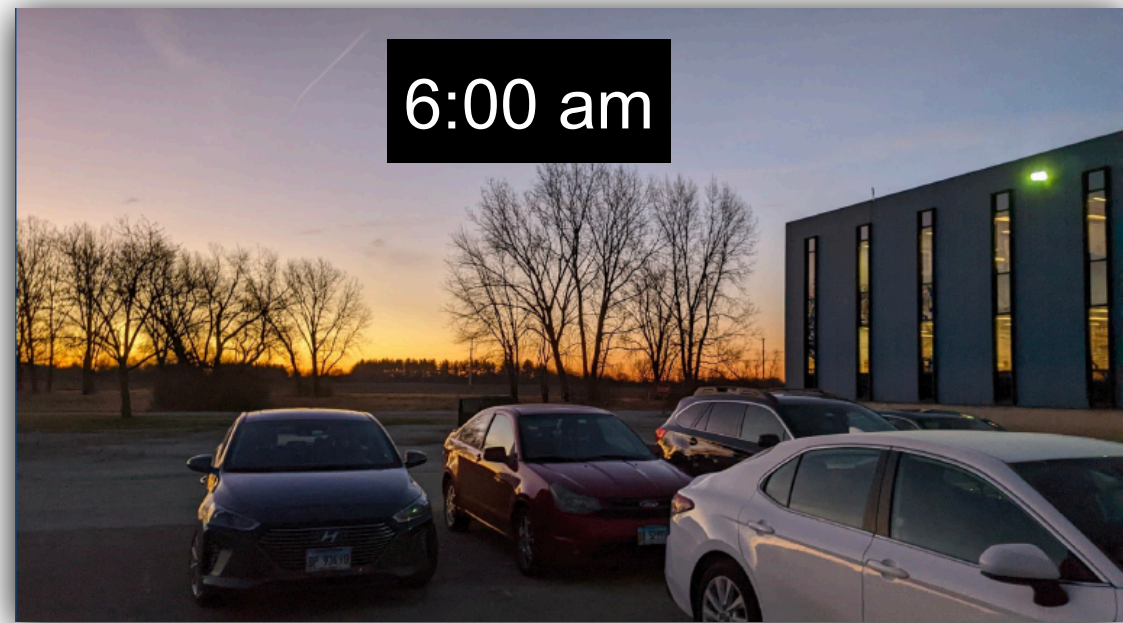


The assembled SBND TPC + photon detector systems was successfully moved across the Fermilab site from DAB to the SBND Detector hall on **December 1, 2022**.



Video - Fermilab creative service

# SBND DETECTOR MOVE



Happy collaborators escorted the detector across the site [from 6:00 am to 4:40 pm!].



And Fermilab supporters came out to watch us pass by the High Rise just after noon.



# SBND DETECTOR MOVE



An incredible team of engineers, technicians and physicists, with support from the Fermilab Infrastructure and Service Division (ISD), worked for years in preparation for the move and were on hand for a very long (and very cold) day to make the operation a huge success.



# SBND DETECTOR MOVE



A newsworthy day...



News

## Neutrino detector on the move

December 1, 2022 | Emily Ayshford

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*Editor's note: At 4:40 p.m. today, the neutrino detection system was placed inside the SBND detector hall after a successful move.*

After years of construction, testing and planning, an exciting move is currently underway at the U.S. Department of Energy's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory.

A neutrino detection system built for the Short-Baseline Near Detector will travel 3 miles today, Dec. 1, from the warehouse-like building in which it was constructed to its final home in the SBND detector hall. There scientists will use a beam of particles called neutrinos to examine the collisions of these particles with atoms. Their goal is to learn more about the mysterious properties of neutrinos.

Moving the system is no easy feat. As a nearly 20-foot cube, it's the size of a small house. It weighs 20,000 pounds and contains delicate sensors and wiring that, if rattled too much, could compromise the integrity of the system.

Fermilab office of communication



drone



helicopter

# CRYOSTAT AND CRYOGENICS



Membrane cryostat construction  
(Gabadi, GTT, Cern and Fermilab)

Membrane cryostat completed -  
(August 2022) and leak checked.



May 2022

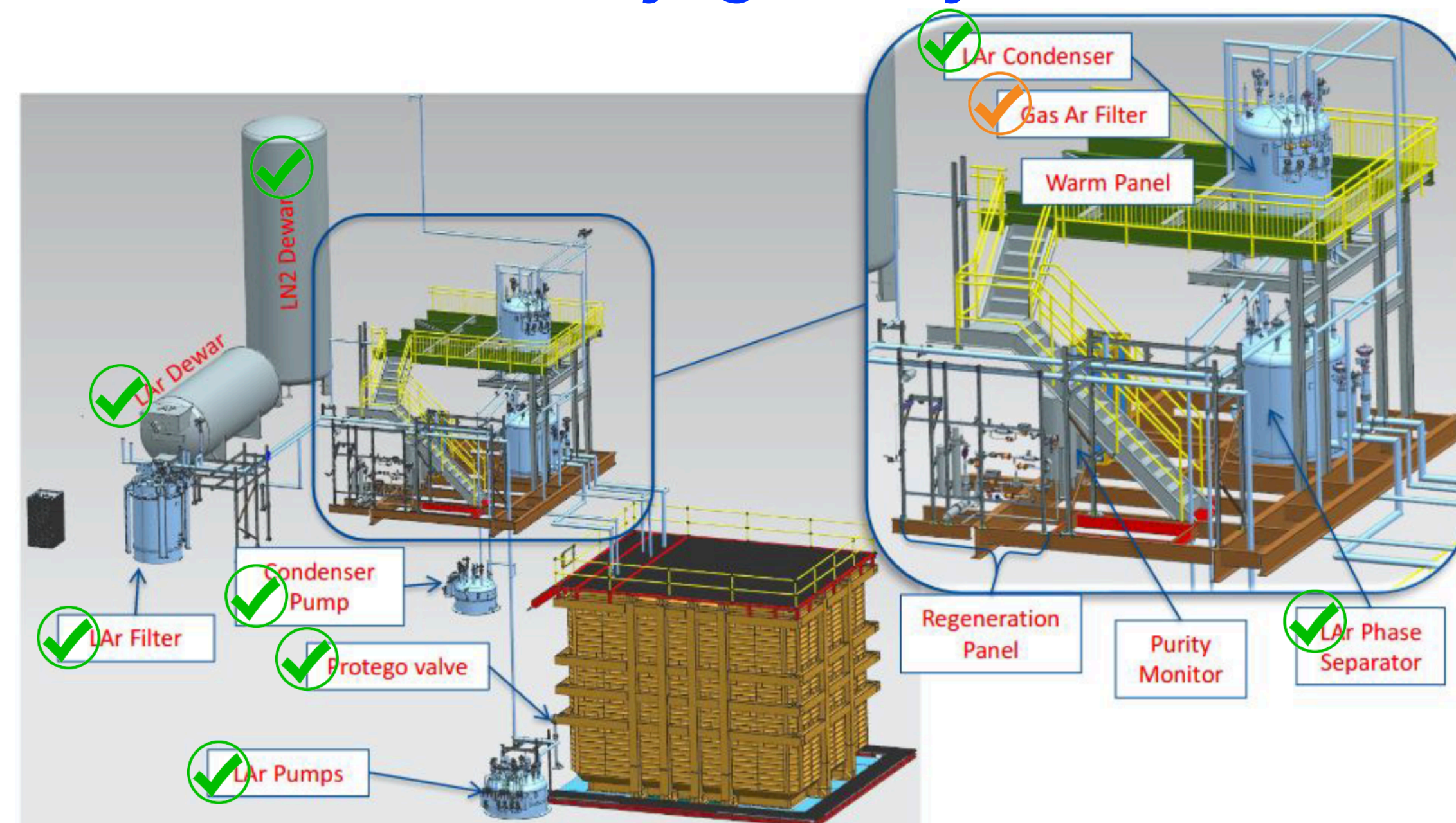


October 2022



June 2022

## SBND Cryogenic System



External cryogenics installation progressing well.

Installation of internal  
cryogenics completed  
(October 2022).

# SCHEDULE TO FILLING



CY 2023

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

QC of detector subsystems (almost completed)

Install instrumentation on detector & cryostat walls

★ Install detector top on the atf

Cryo Installation

Top cap cabling & subsystem QC

Detector rigged into cryostat ★

Cryo Transfer Line Installation

Readout Cabling

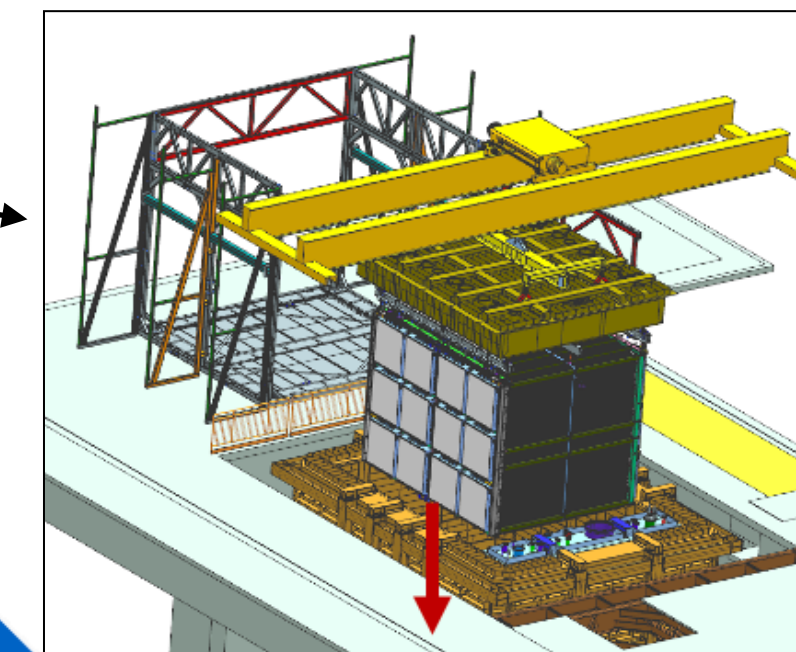
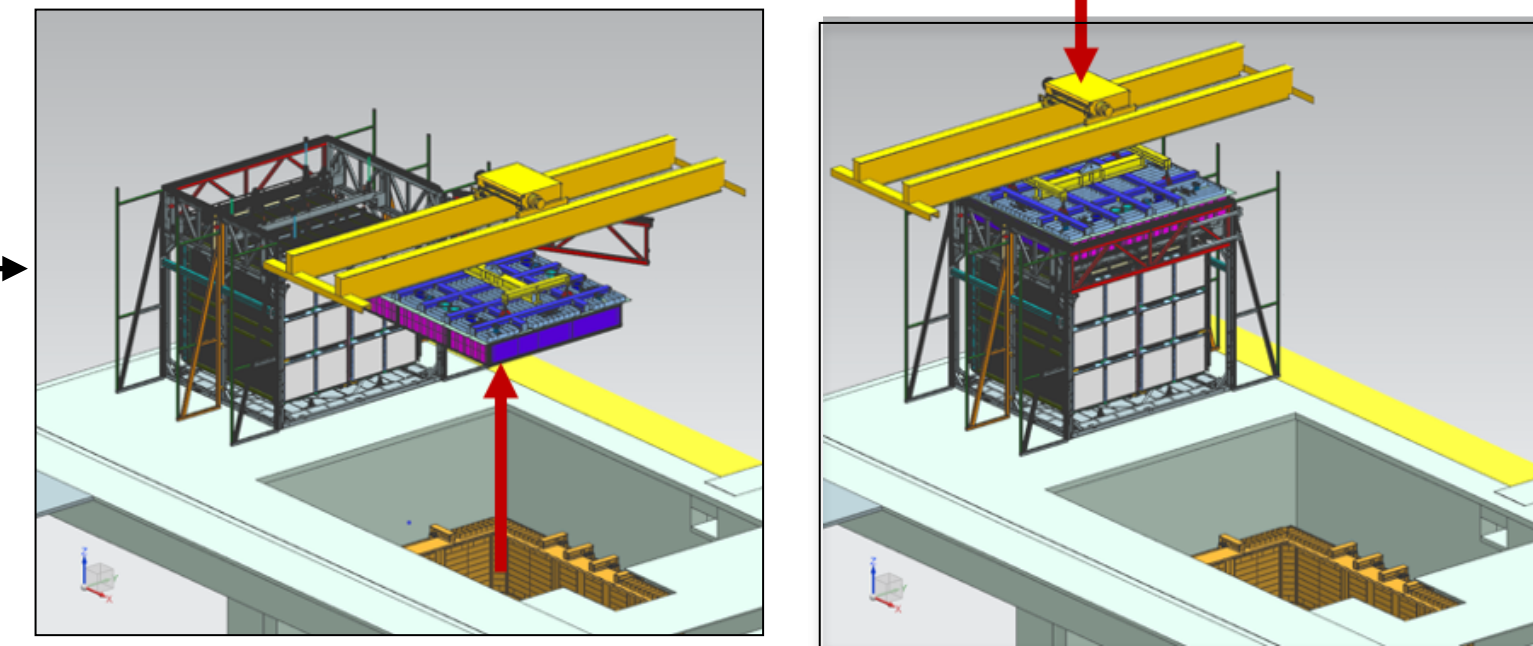
CRT North Wall Installation

Cryostat top welded ★

HV FT, TPC Laser, Purity Monitor Installation

Finalize cryo piping

S2: Ready for Cryogenic Operation ★



Quality Control tests will also be performed:

- After top cap installation
- After detector insertion in the cryostat
- After top cap welded in place
- After warm cables connected
- During cooldown → "Chilly detector Checkout"
- During and after LAr fill

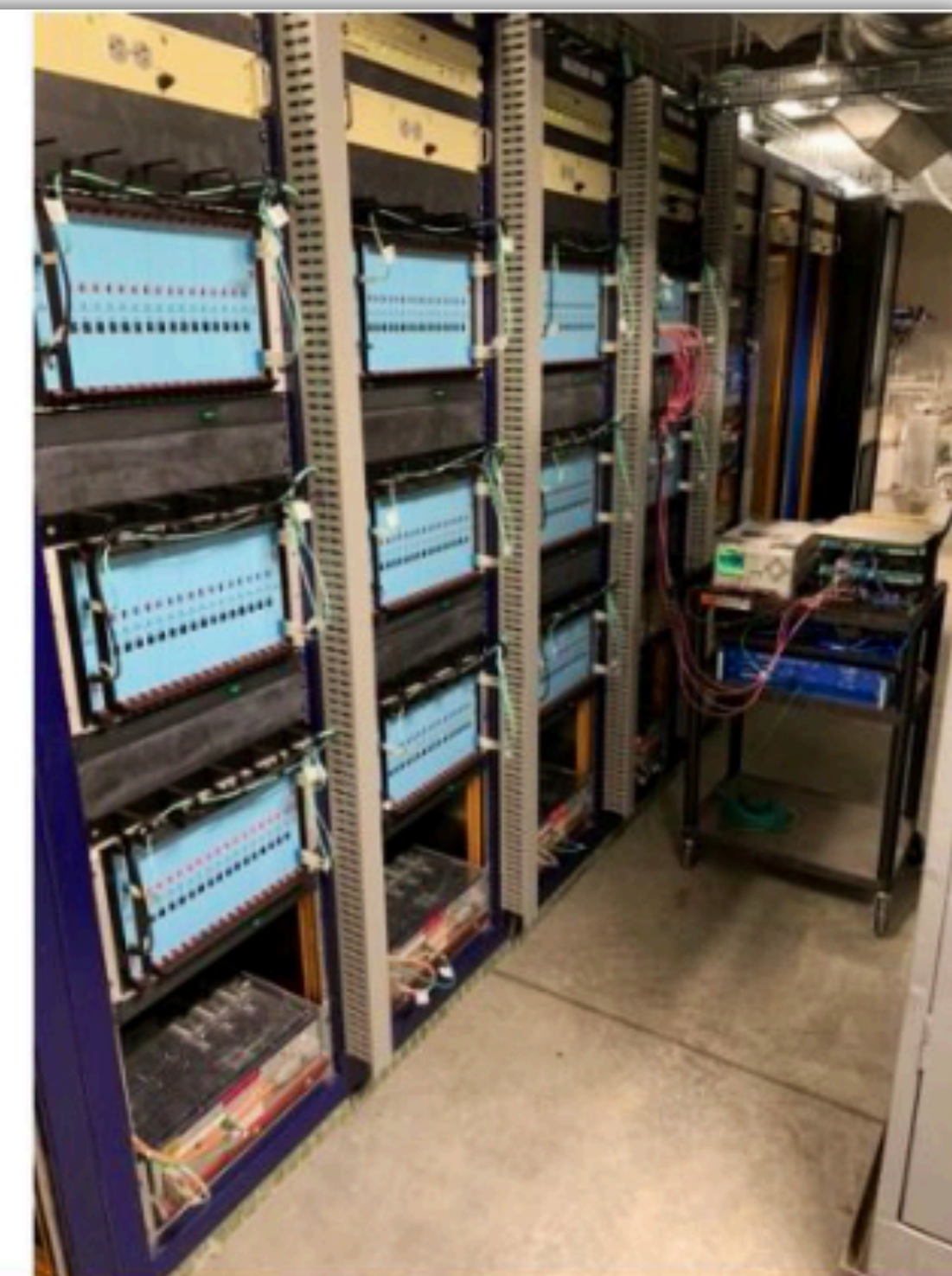
# DAQ, READOUT ELECTRONICS INSTALLATION



- The readout & server rack installation on the mezzanine level is progressing well
  - Readout racks and DAQ servers are already in active use
- We started installing ground floor racks, i.e. HV, Laser, CRT, Purity Monitor
- Integration and commissioning have already begun for the DAQ and the trigger.

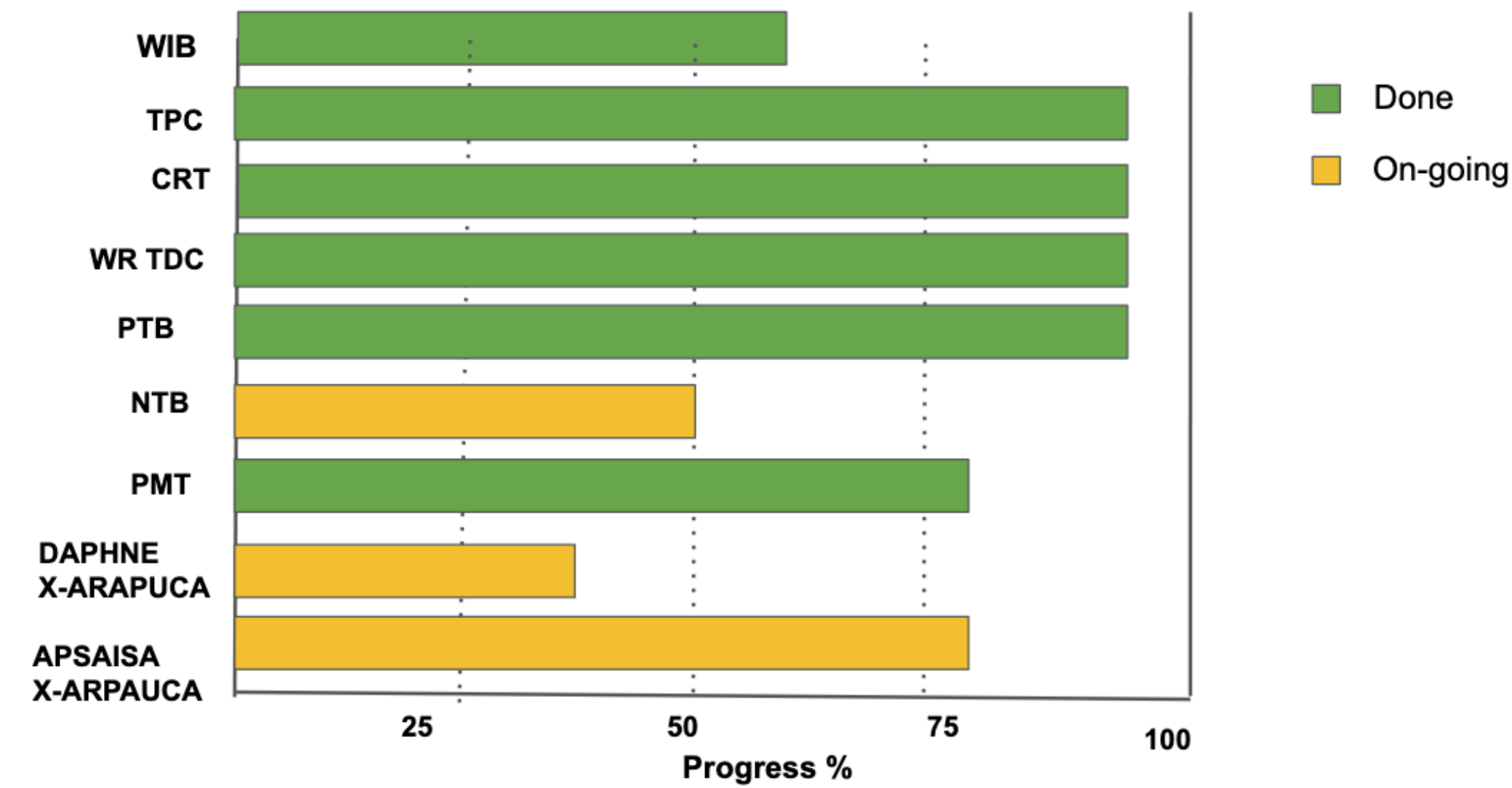


Online server racks



TPC readout racks

SBND-DAQ System Status



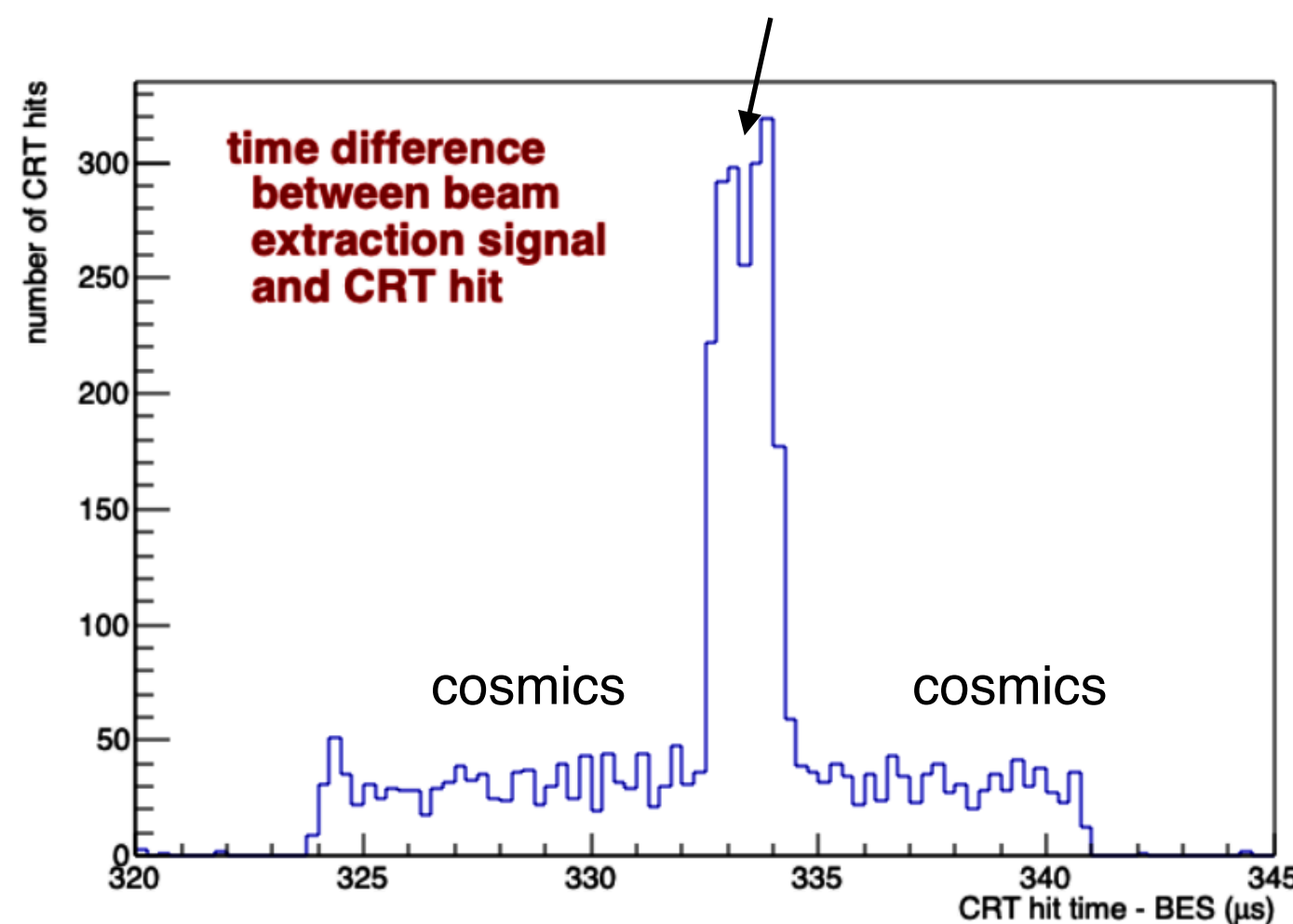


# DIRECTORS REVIEW AND PLANNING FOR OPERATION



- The next Directors Review will be held Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2023.
- The focus of the review will shift from Installation to **Commissioning & Transition to Operations** [getting from S2 -ready for cryogenics operation- to S4 -ready for physics data].
- We are developing cryogenics & detector commissioning plans [pre-LAr and post-LAr filling] and work is ongoing to complete as much of the DAQ and trigger commissioning as possible in the months before we fill with argon and to prepare analysis tools for commissioning.
- We aim to **start taking physics quality data in Fall 2023**.

muons from neutrino interactions ( $1.6 \mu\text{s}$ ) in the material upstream of the SBND detector hall



The “CRT## commissioning project” is front-loading a lot of work for the CRT and the timing, trigger/DAQ



# SBND PHYSICS PROGRAM AND EXPOSURE



## Physics Program:

**eV-scale sterile neutrinos:** searches with multiple-detectors at different baselines.

—> see the next presentation by G. Karagiorgi on SBN Analysis working group

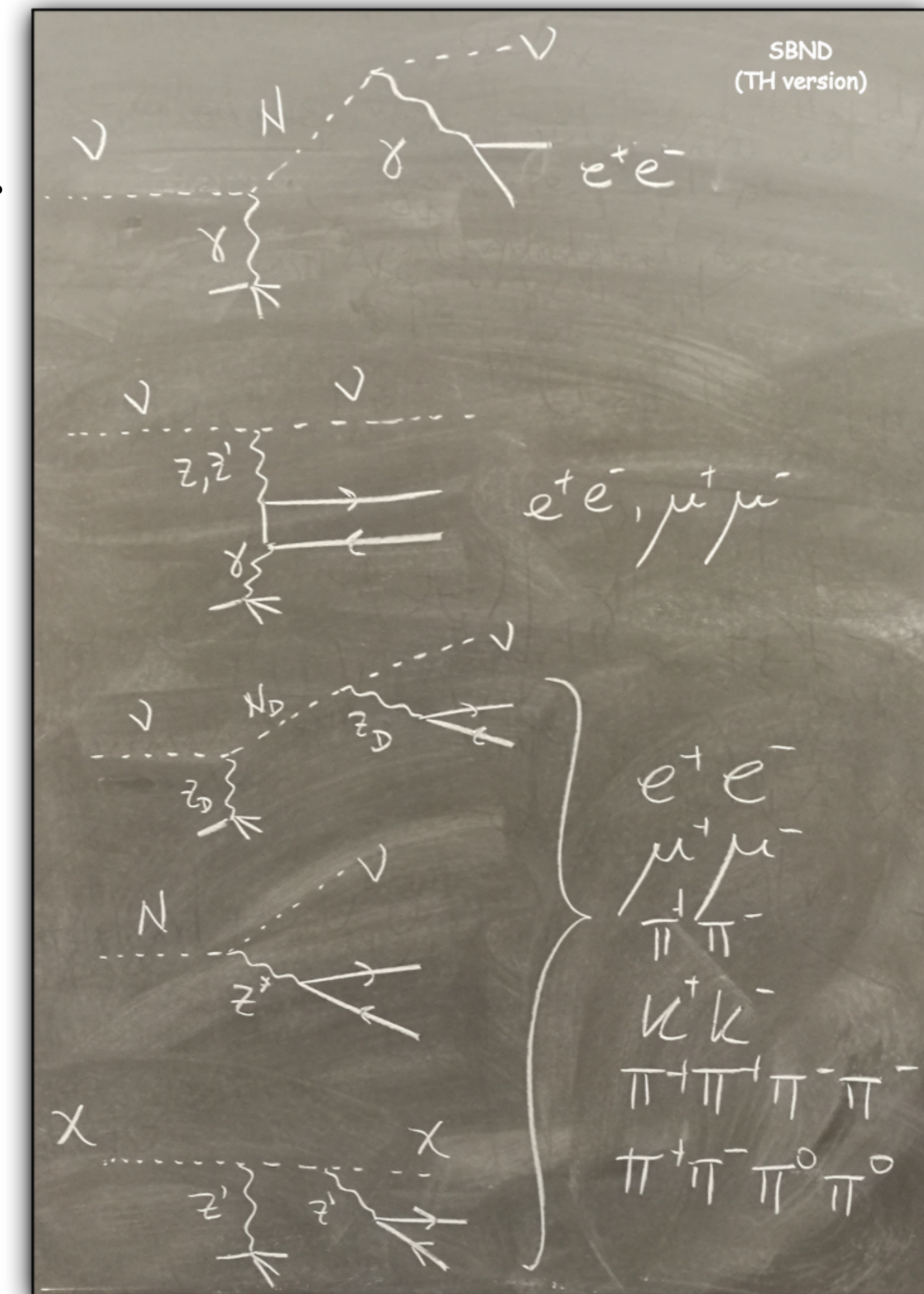
**New physics scenarios:** with many ideas for new searches emerging from collaboration with theory colleagues.

**Neutrino-argon interactions:** with an order of magnitude more data than is currently available.

## Exposure:

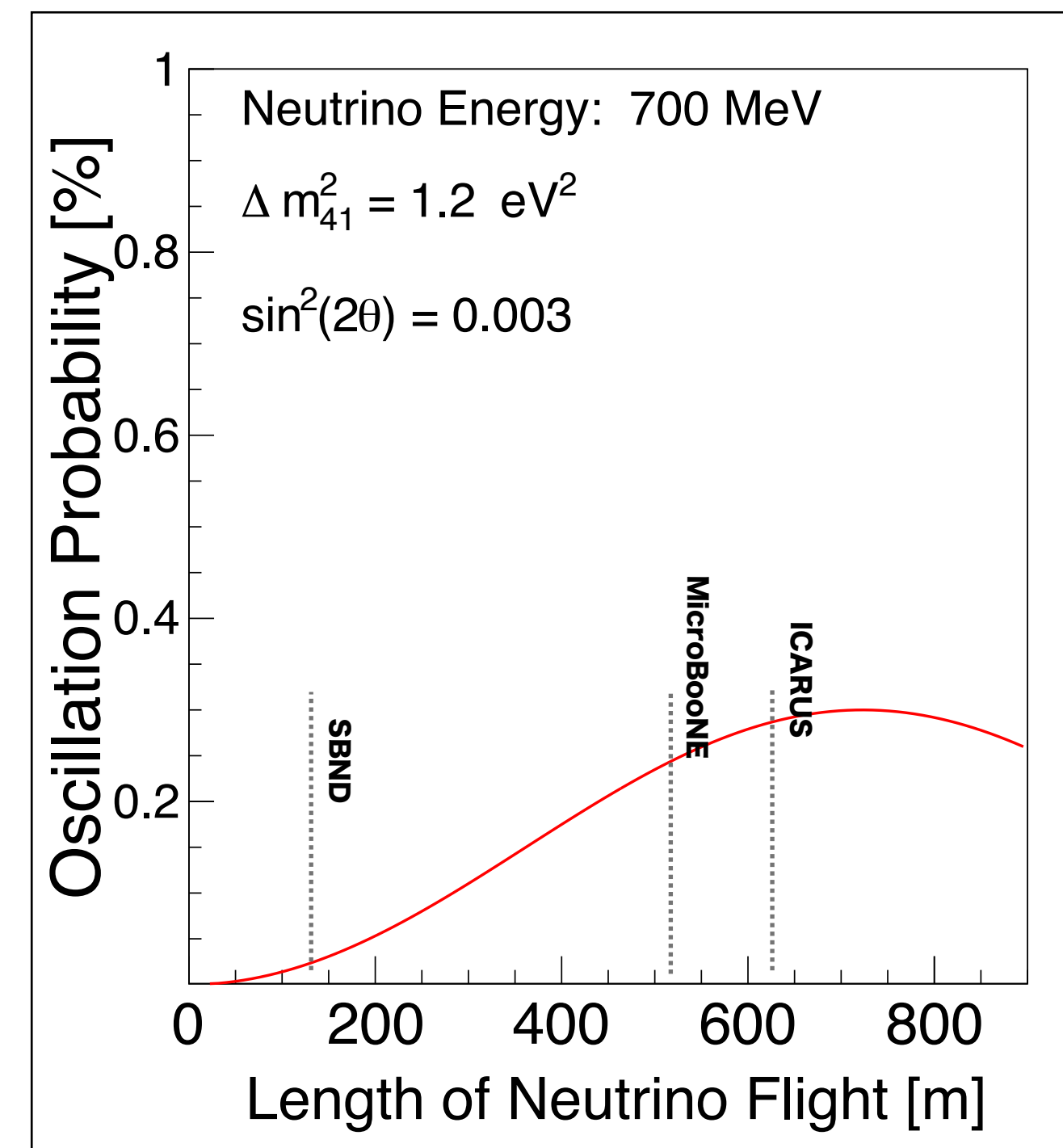
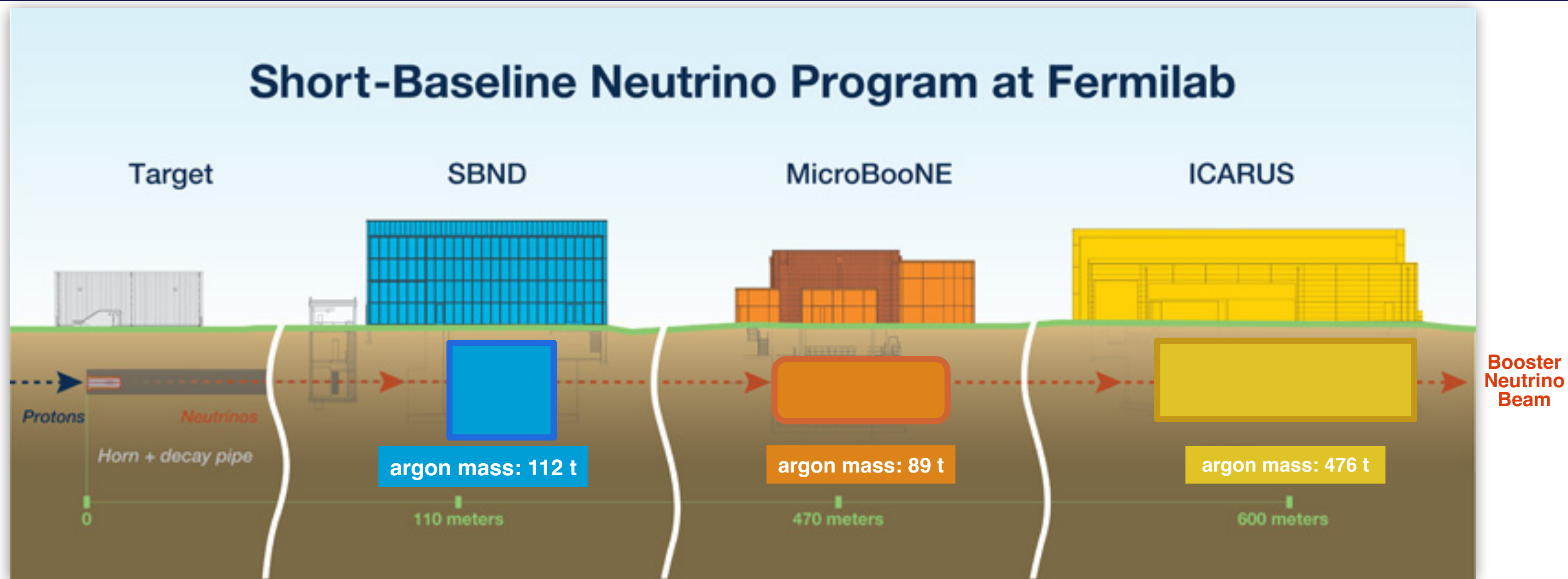
Assuming a start in Fall 2023 and running until the Fermilab accelerator long-shutdown in 2027, SBND is expected to collect  **$10-13 \times 10^{20}$  POT.**

The SBND Collaboration has started considering the physics potential of **extending the run** after the **long-shutdown.**



Courtesy of P. Machado

# SBND ROLE IN OSCILLATION SEARCHES



The near detector is crucial for oscillation searches.

Sitting close to the neutrino source, SBND plays a **unique role** in the chain of detectors.

It sits before oscillations turn on @eV-scale → it will **characterize the beam** and address the dominant systematic uncertainties.

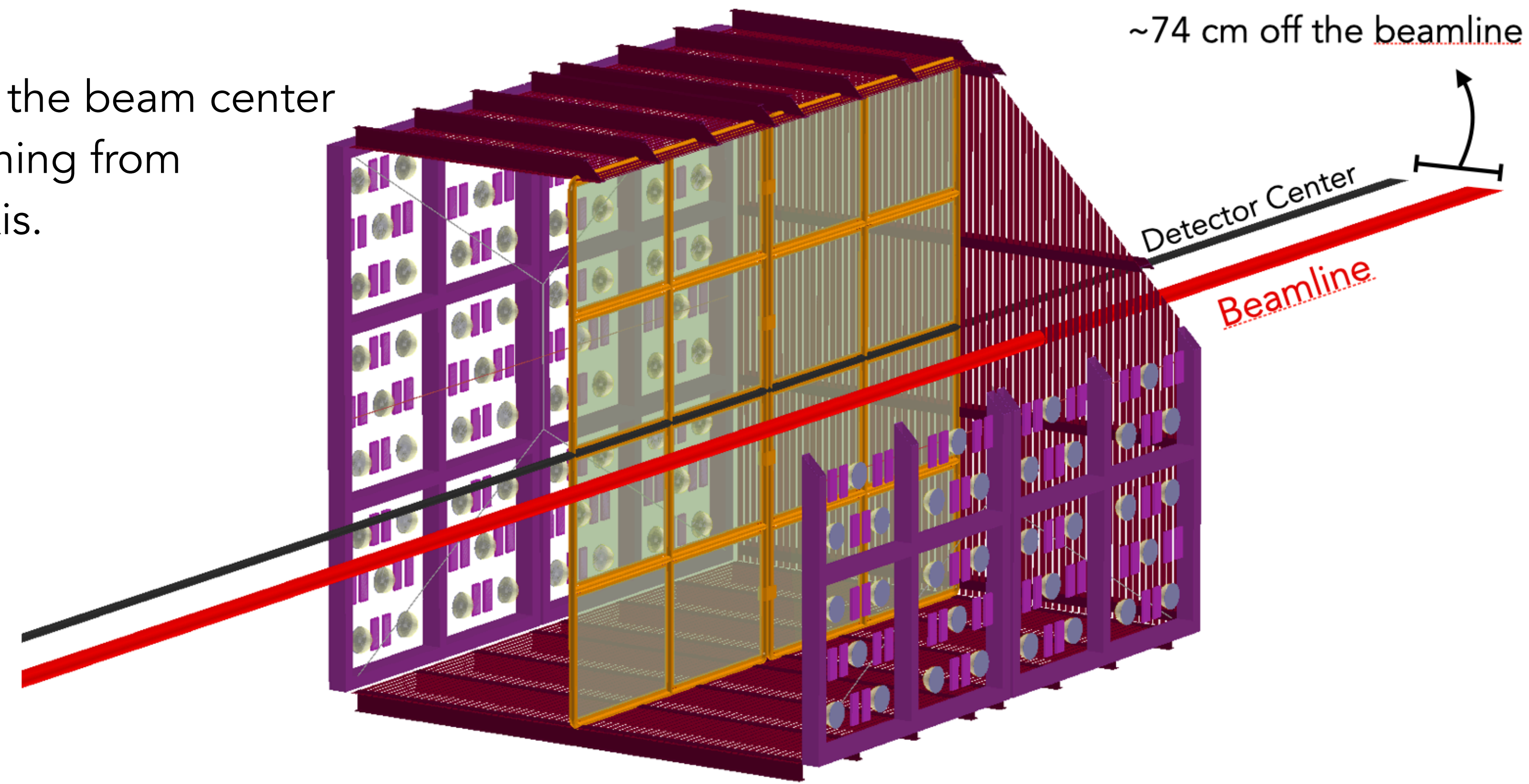
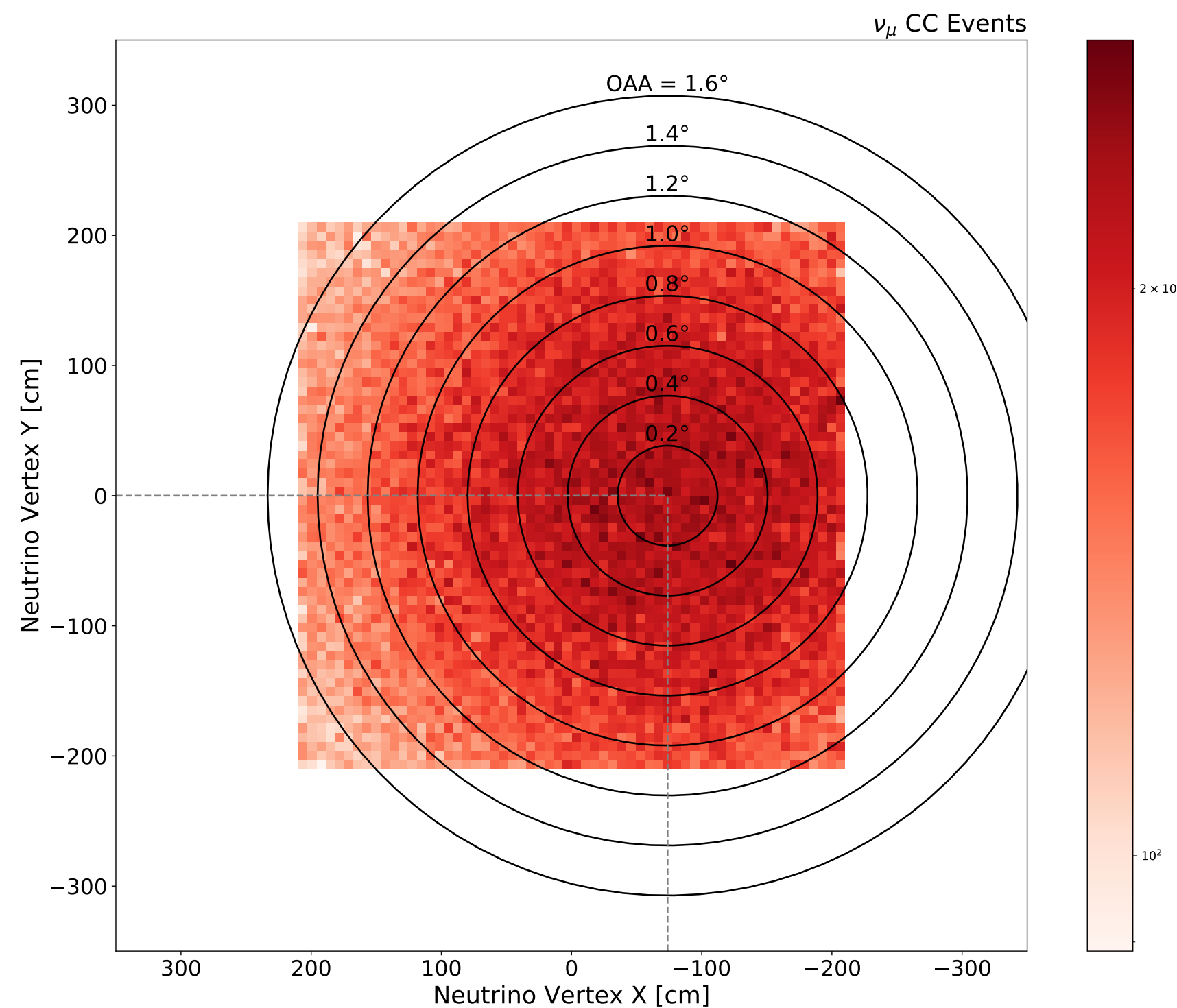
Beyond that, SBND can also extend oscillation sensitivities using the PRISM technique (see next).

# A SLIGHTLY OFF-AXIS DETECTOR

Being

- close (110 m) to the neutrino source
- intentionally positioned offset relative to the beam center

SBND detector is traversed by **neutrinos** coming from **different angles** with respect to the beam axis.



This "PRISM"\* feature of SBND allows **sampling multiple neutrino fluxes in the detector.**

**SBND-PRISM provides unique constraints of systematic uncertainties and expand the SBND physic potentials.**

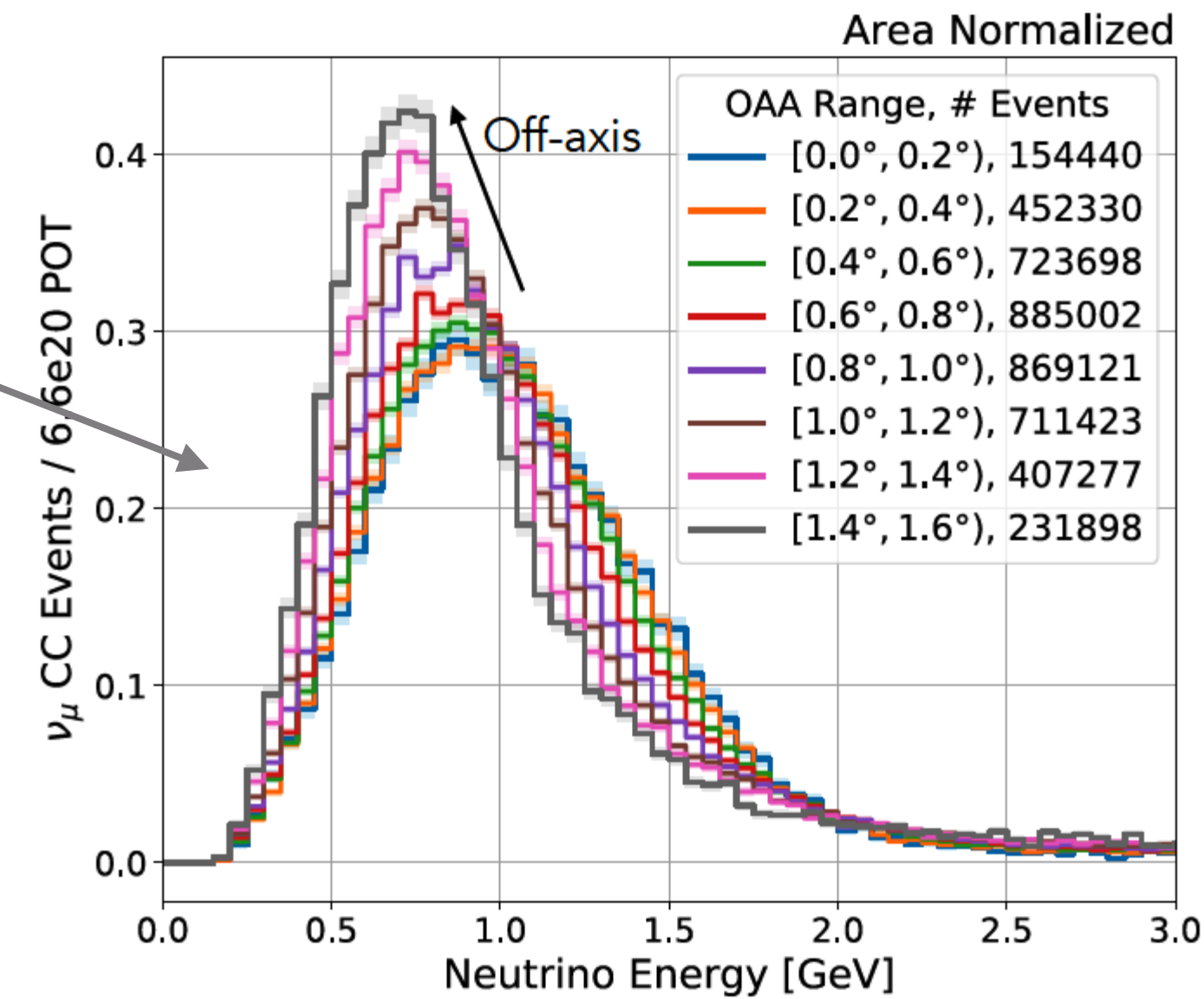
\*Similar to the nu-PRISM and DUNE-PRISM concepts, but with a fixed detector.

# SBND-PRISM - NEUTRINO FLUXES



## Neutrino Fluxes in Off-Axis Angle (OAA) regions

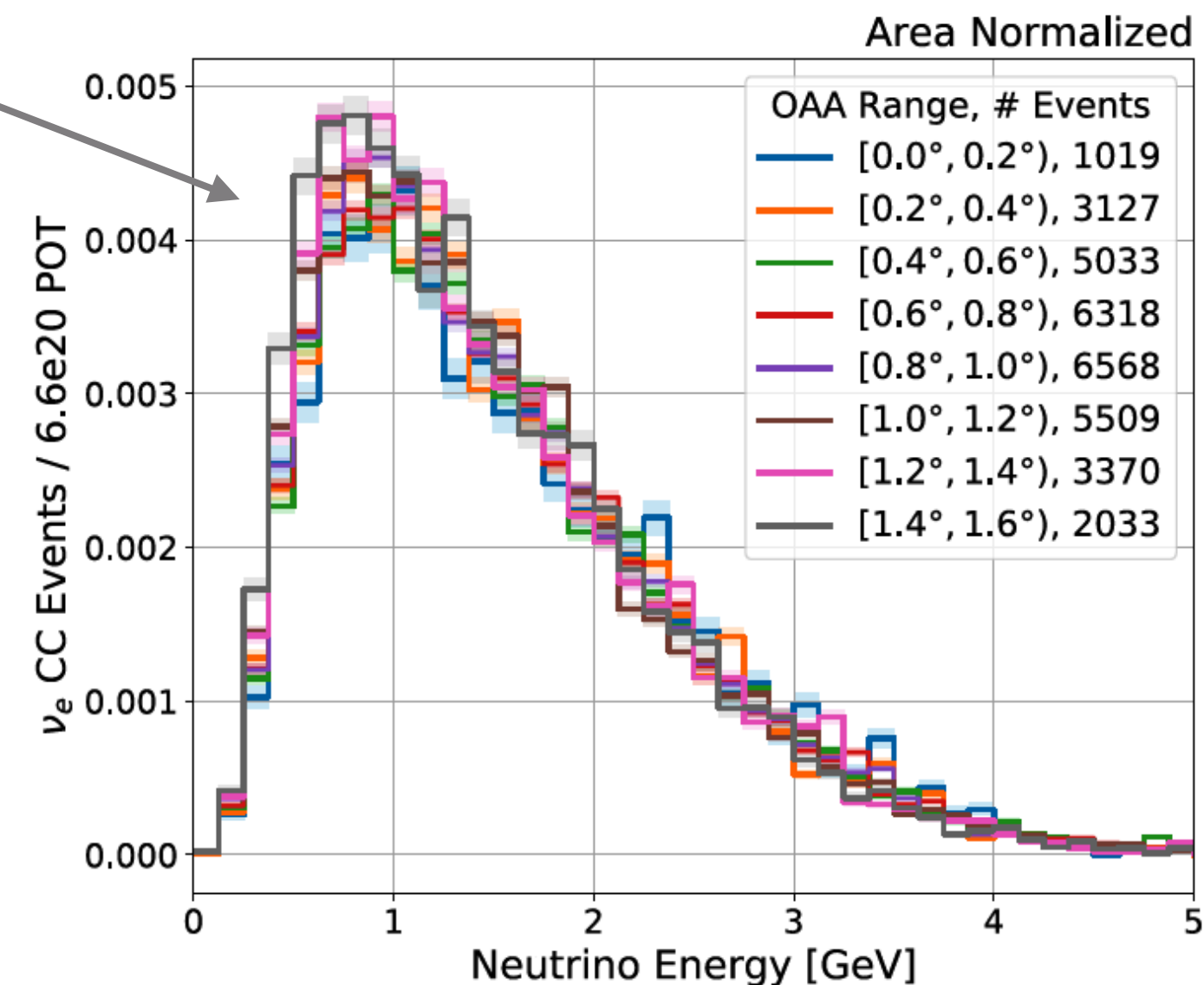
The **Muon** neutrino energy distributions are affected by the off-axis position [ $\nu_\mu$  come predominantly from two-body decay].  
Larger off-axis angle  $\rightarrow$  lower mean energy.



**Muon** neutrino

The **Electron** neutrino energy distributions also change, but they are less affected by off-axis position [ $\nu_e$  come from three-body decay].

**Muon and electron neutrino spectra change in a different way!**



High event statistics in all off-axis regions.

**Electron** neutrino

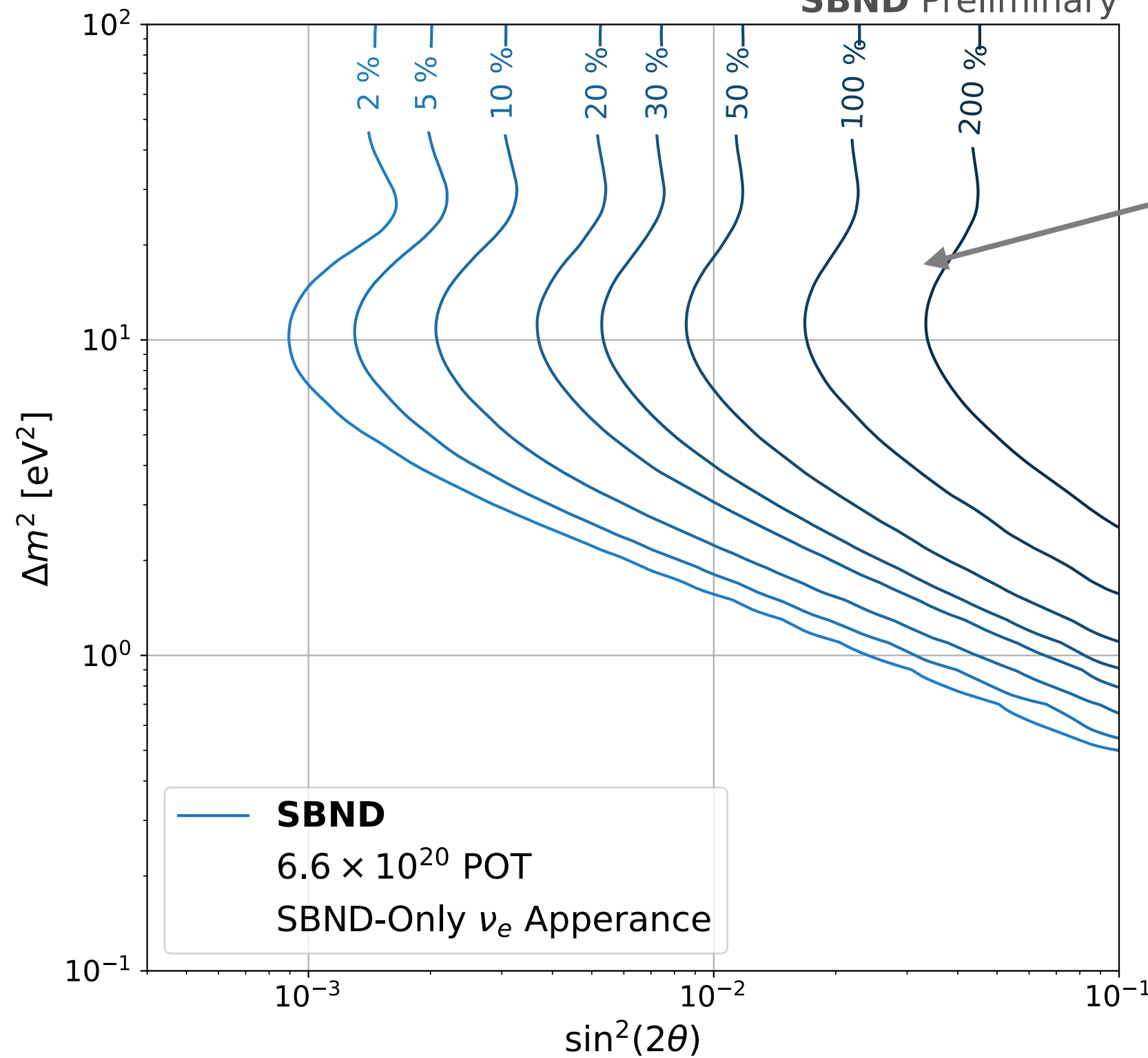
Leveraging the different behavior of muon and electron neutrinos in the OAA regions, we can improve sensitivity for sterile neutrino searches.

# EFFECT OF SBND-PRISM ON OSCILLATION ANALYSES



## SBND-only - simplified Oscillation Analysis ( $\nu_e$ Appearance)

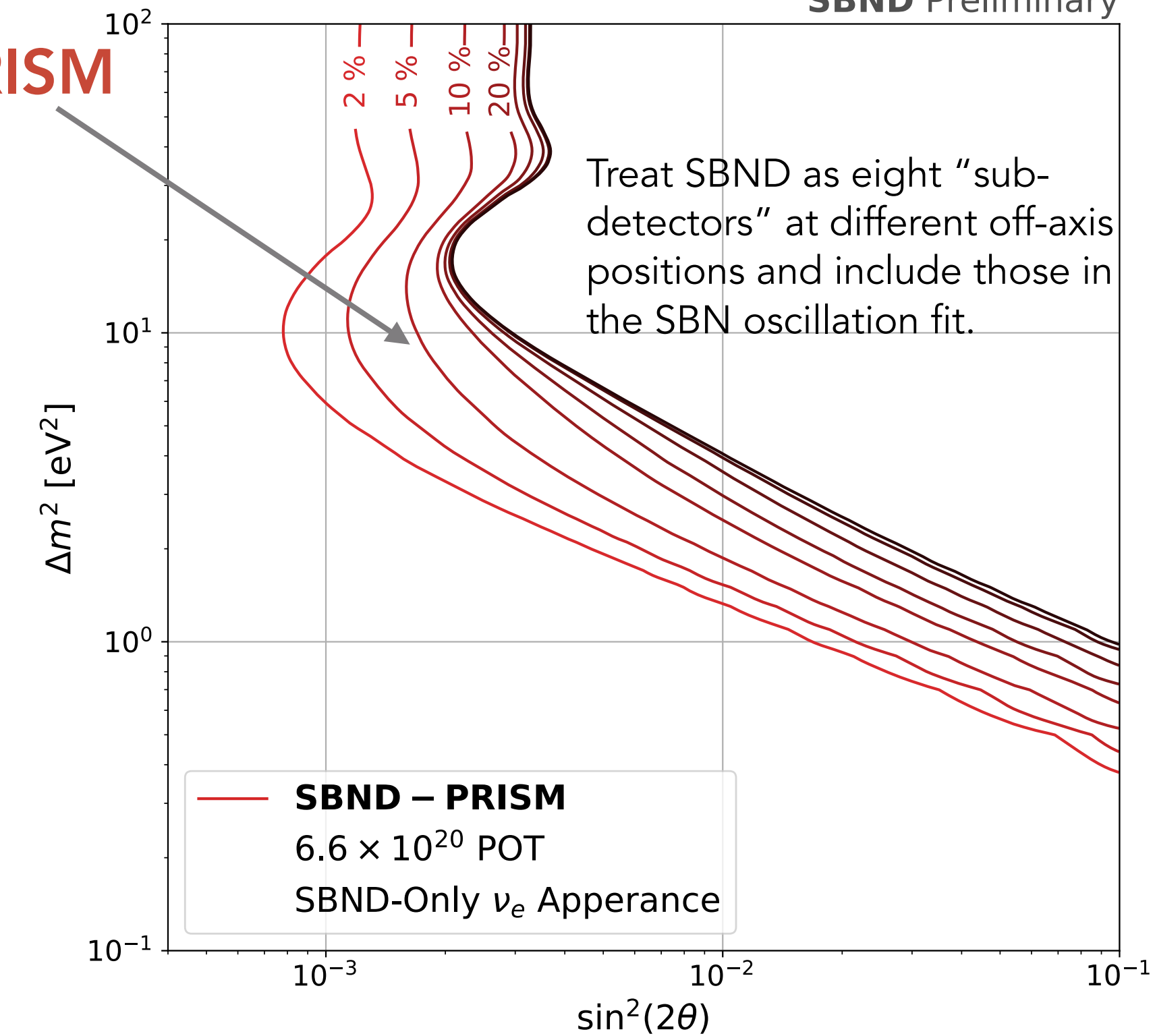
SBND Preliminary



SBND as a single detector vs SBND-PRISM

Curves include neutrino flux plus 2-to-200% systematics on total cross section.

SBND Preliminary

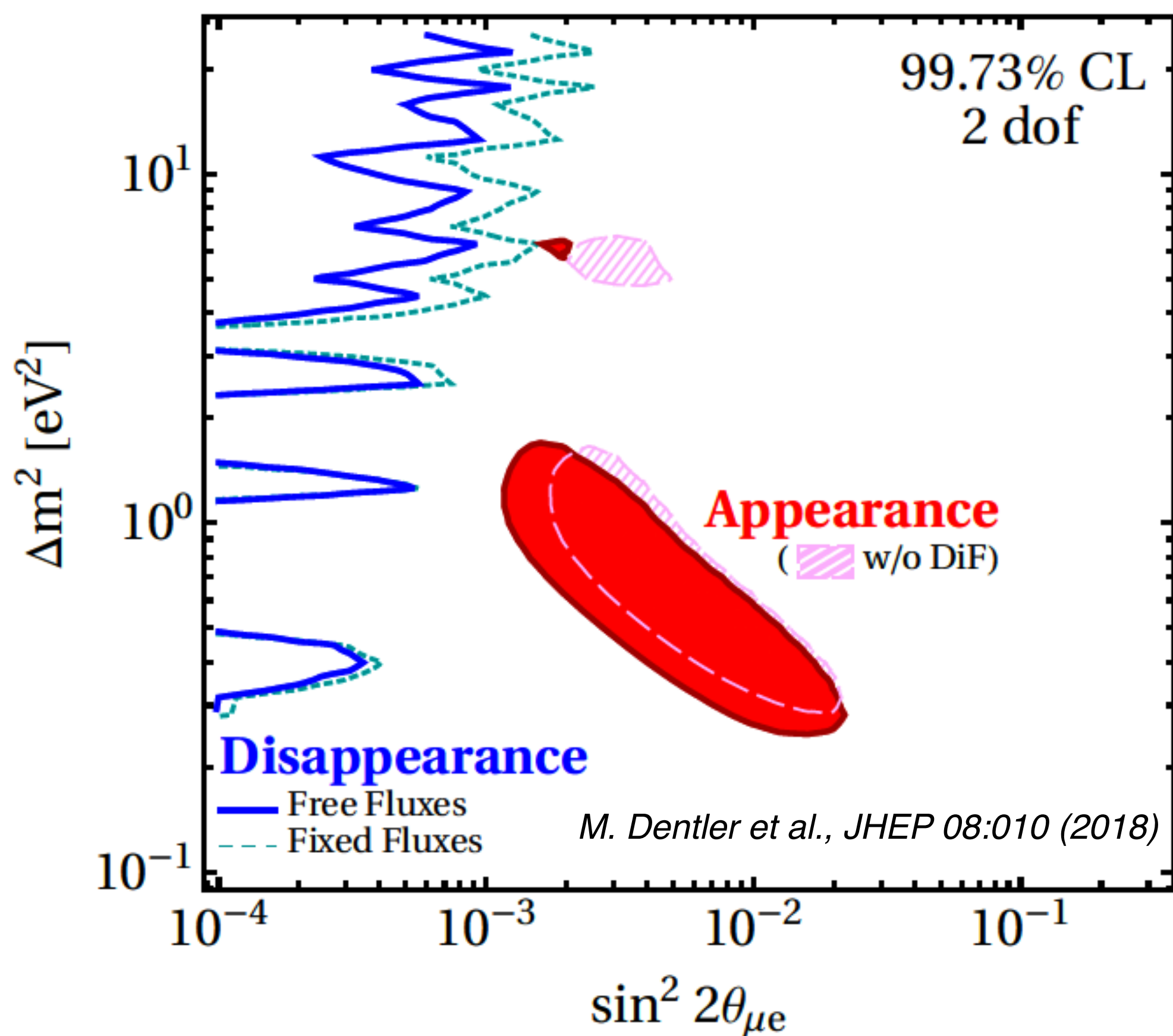


- Improvement in sensitivity by exploiting SBND-PRISM.
- Using the PRISM technique the neutrino interaction model is over-constrained, becoming  $\sim$  insensitive to cross section model uncertainties above 20%. Robust against large cross-section uncertainties.

Study of the effect of SBND-PRISM on SBN Sterile neutrino oscillation sensitivities is ongoing.

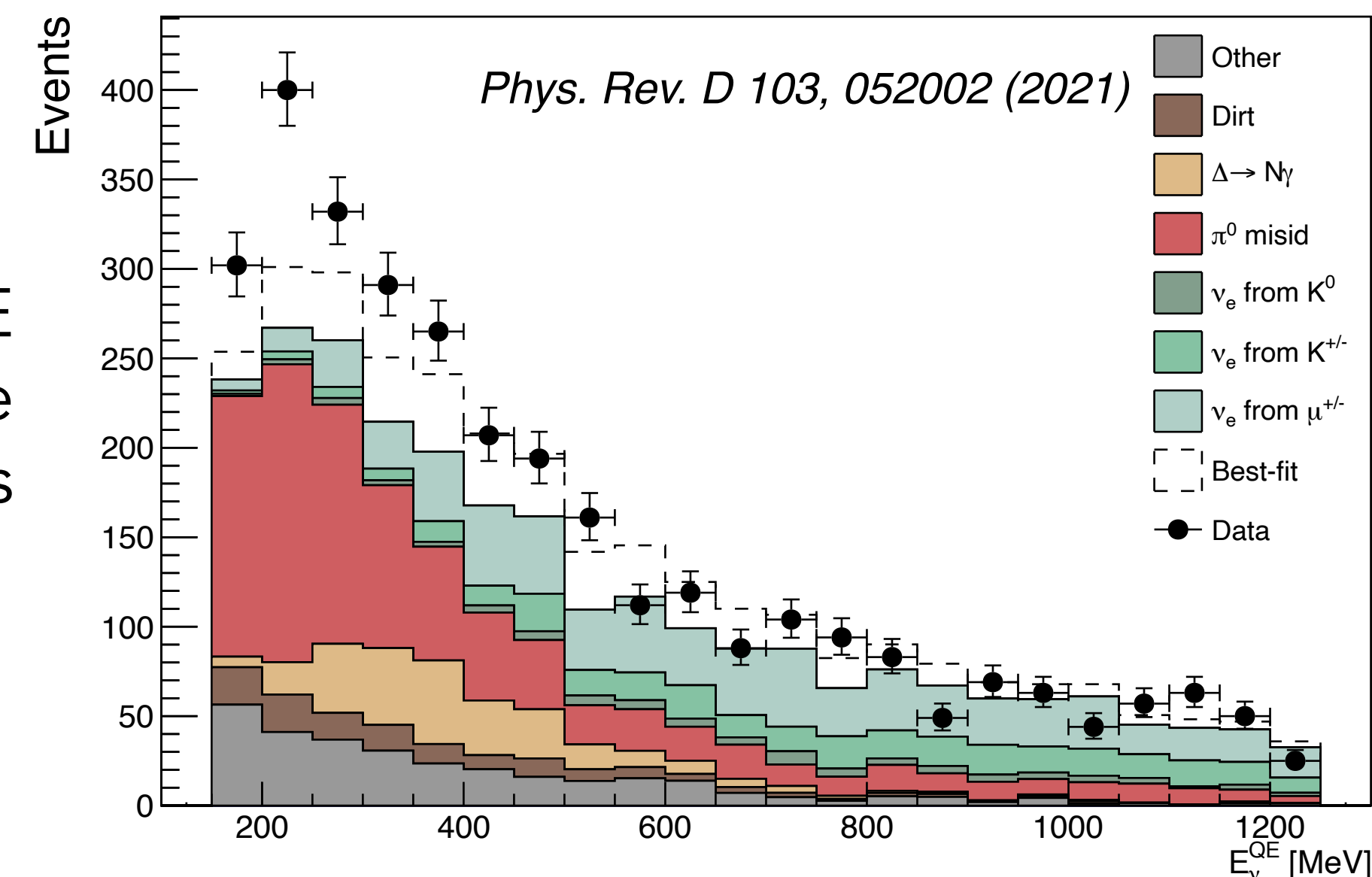
# LIGHT STERILE NEUTRINO - EXPERIMENTAL LANDSCAPE

A  $4.7 \sigma$  tension arises when combining  $\nu_e$  appearance and  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance data sets.



Limits from disappearance and appearance allowed region

MiniBooNE  
electron-like  
excess

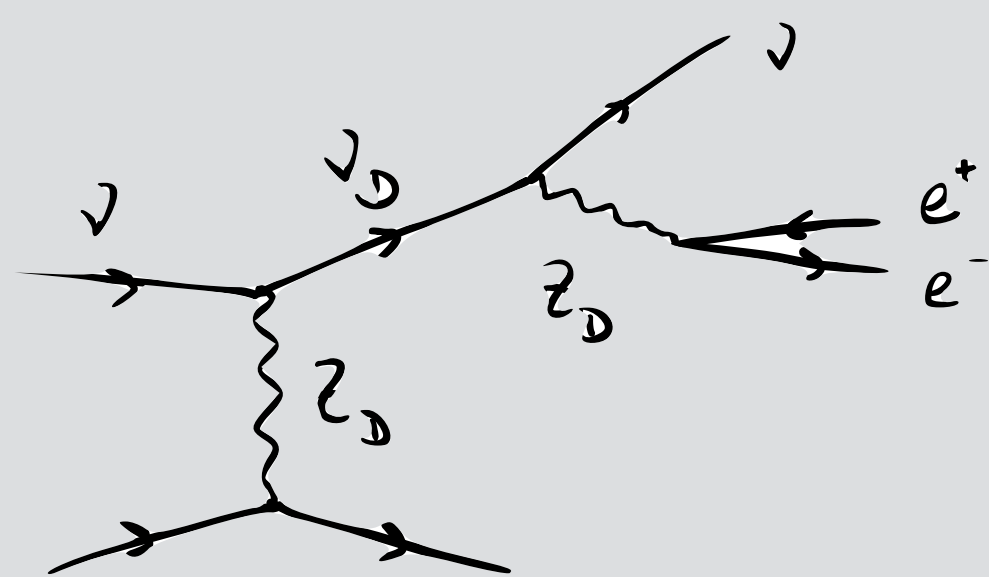


Alternative (Beyond Standard Model) explanations exist that could explain the MiniBooNE (and LSND) anomalies.

# EVOLVING LANDSCAPE...

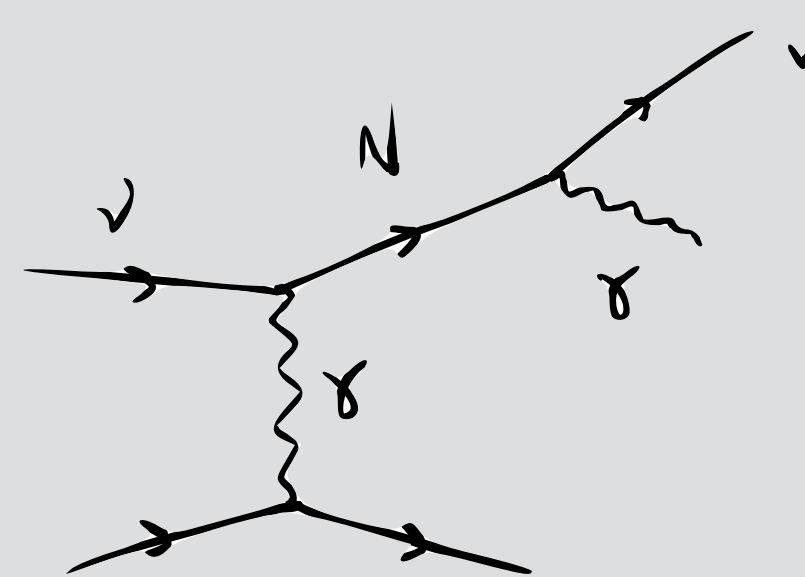
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## Dark Neutrinos



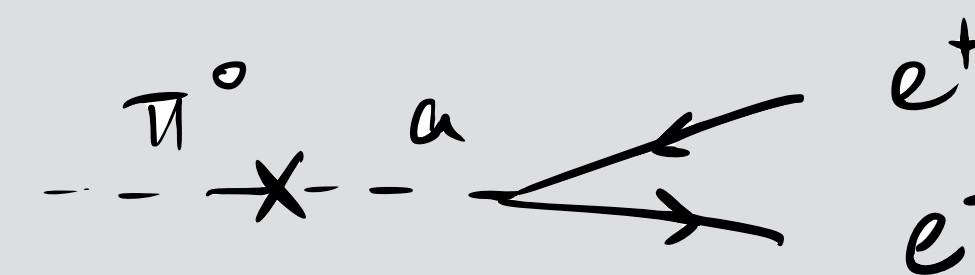
Bertuzzo Jana Machado Zukanovich PRL 2018, PLB 2019  
Arguelles Hostert Tsai PRL 2019  
Ballett Pascoli Ross-Lonergan PRD 2019  
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## Transition Magnetic Moment



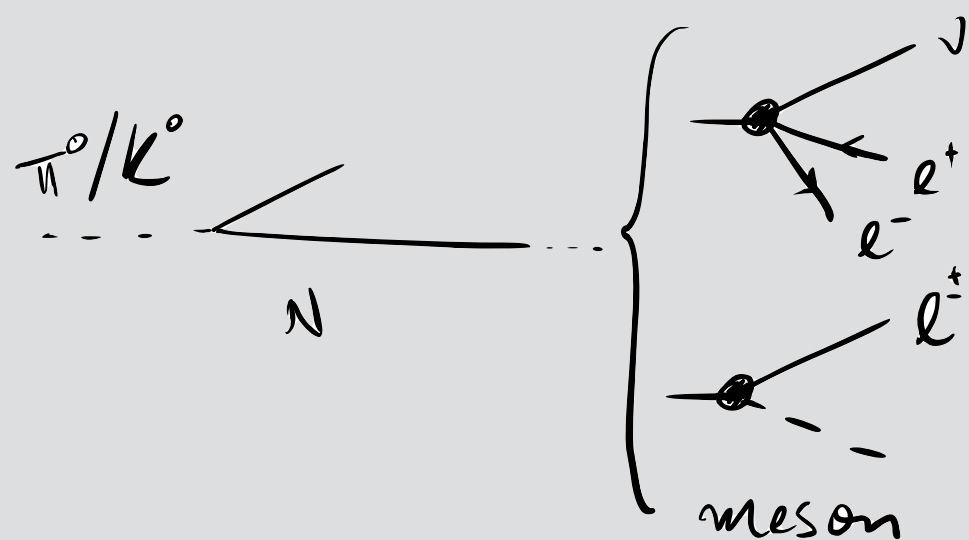
Gninenko PRL 2009  
Coloma Machado Soler Shoemaker PRL 2017  
Atkinson et al 2021 Vergani et al 2021

## Axion-like Particles



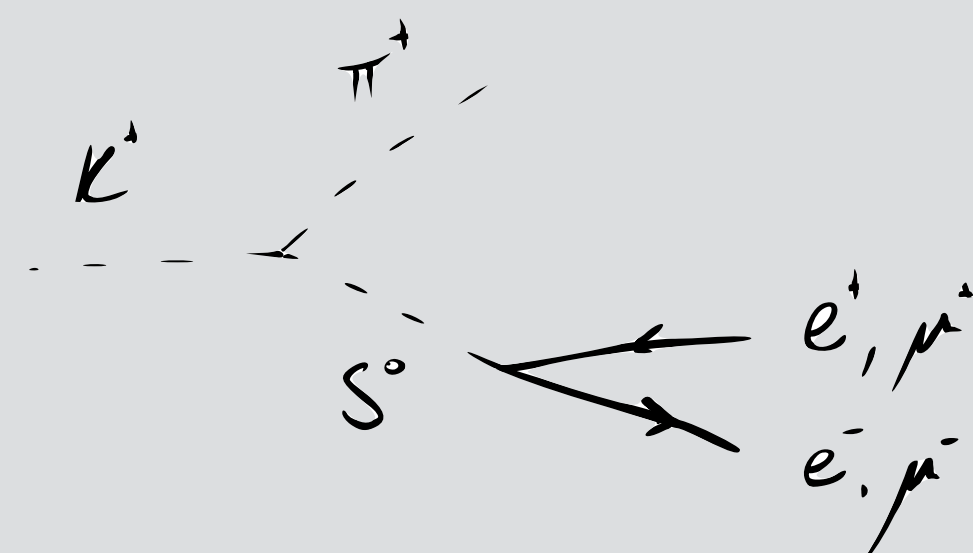
Kelly Kumar Liu PRD 2021  
Brdar et al PRL 2021

## Heavy Neutral Leptons



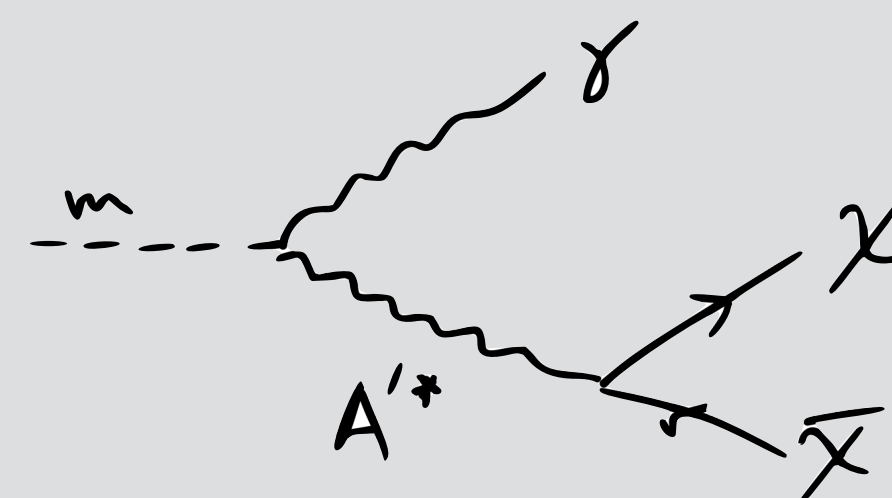
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## Higgs Portal Scalar



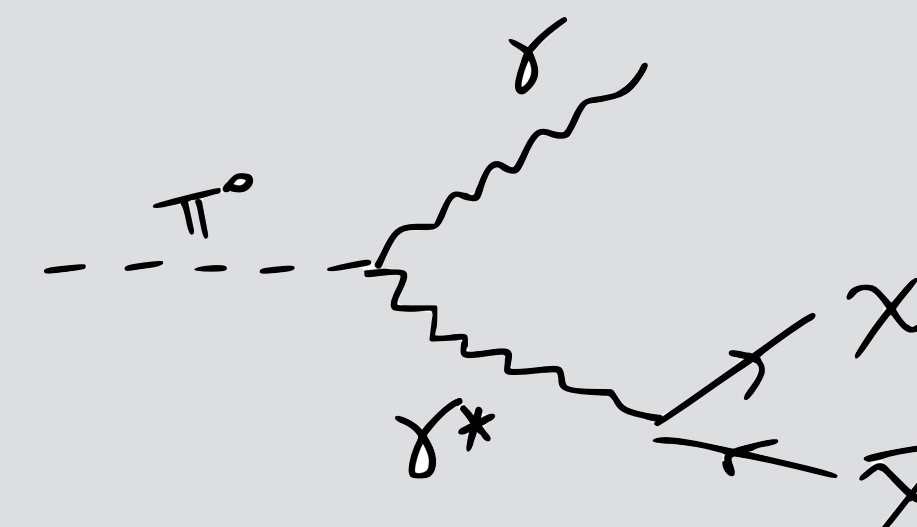
Pat Wilczek 2006  
Batell Berger Ismail PRD 2019  
MicroBooNE 2021

## Light Dark Matter



Romeri Kelly Machado PRD 2019

## Millicharged Particles



Magill, Plestid, Pospelov, Tsai, PRL 2019  
Harnik Liu Palamara, JHEP 2019

Note: not an exhaustive list!

Image credit P. Machado and M. Del Tutto

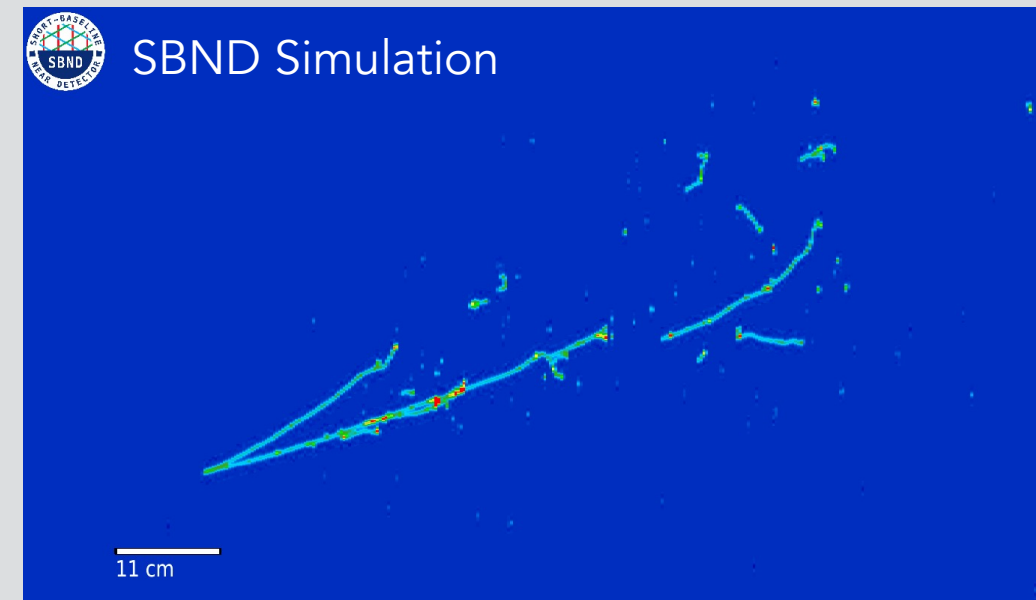


# SIGNATURES FOR NEW PHYSICS IN SBND



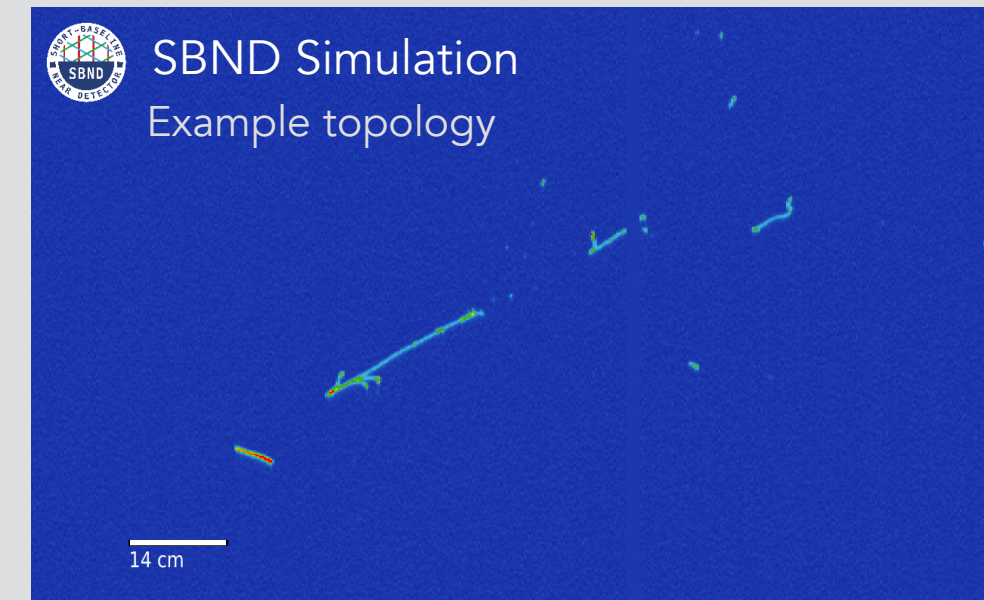
Collaboration between experimentalists and theorists is crucial for these searches.

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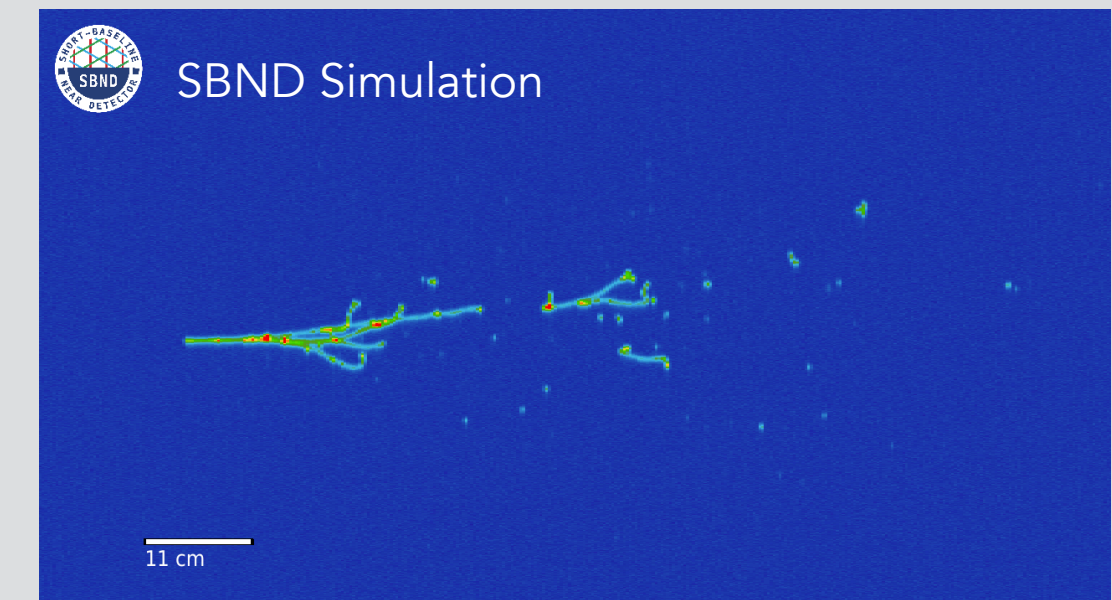
$e^+e^-$  pair w/ or w/o hadronic activity

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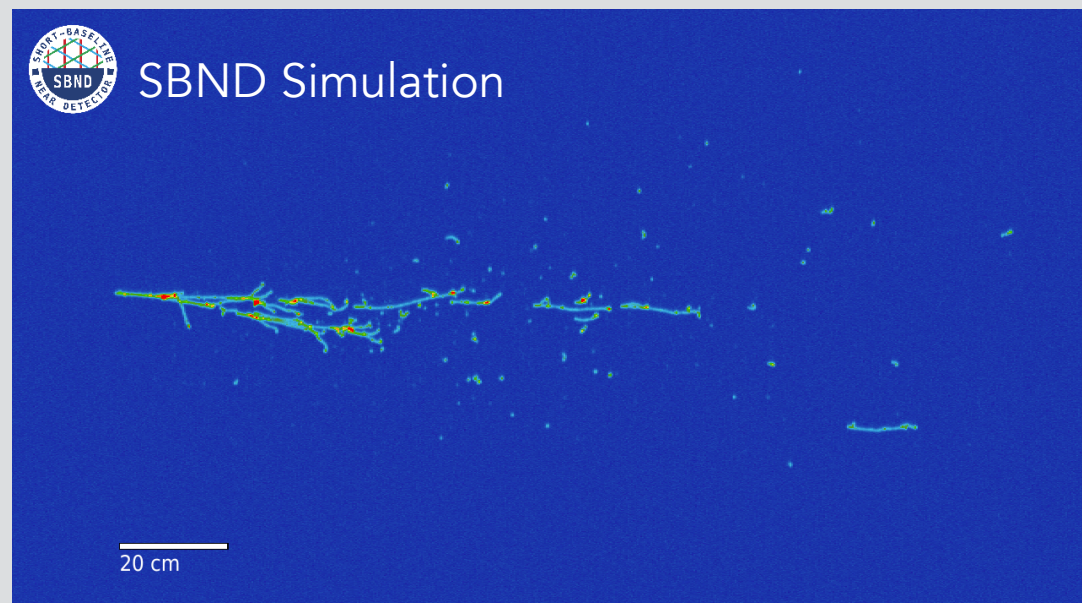
photon shower and hadronic activity

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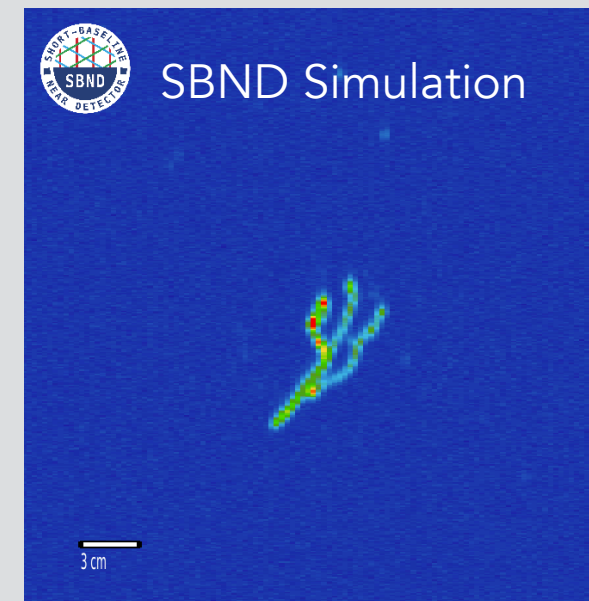
high-energy  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$

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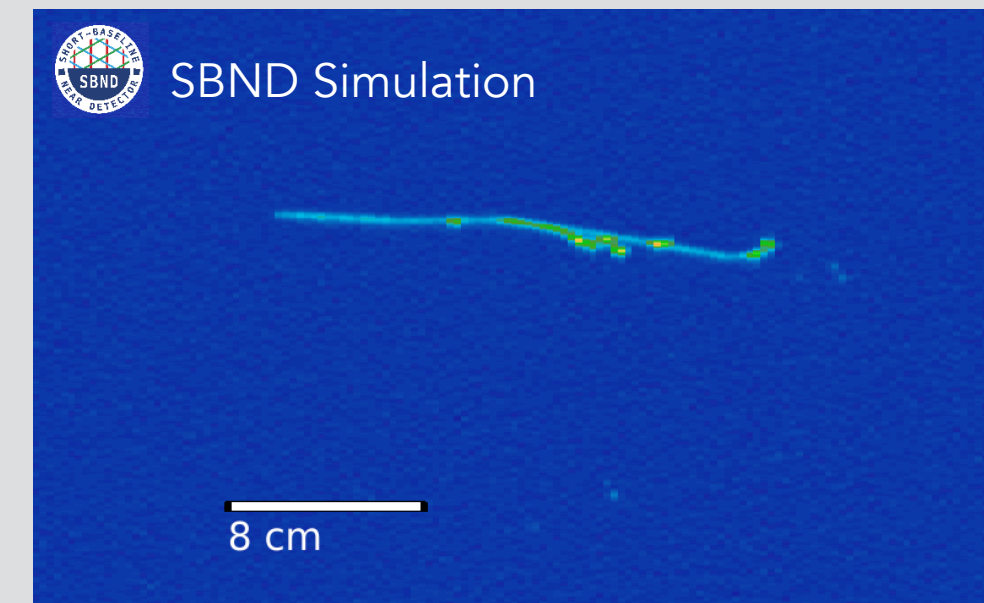
$e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $\mu\pi$

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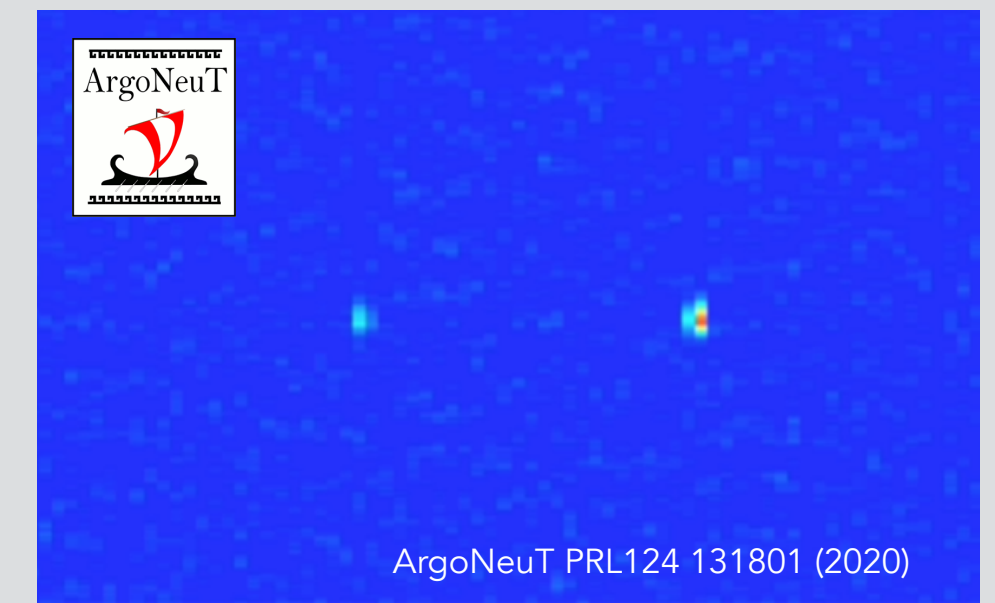
$e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ , no hadronic activity

## Light Dark Matter



electron scattering

## Millicharged Particles



blips/faint tracks

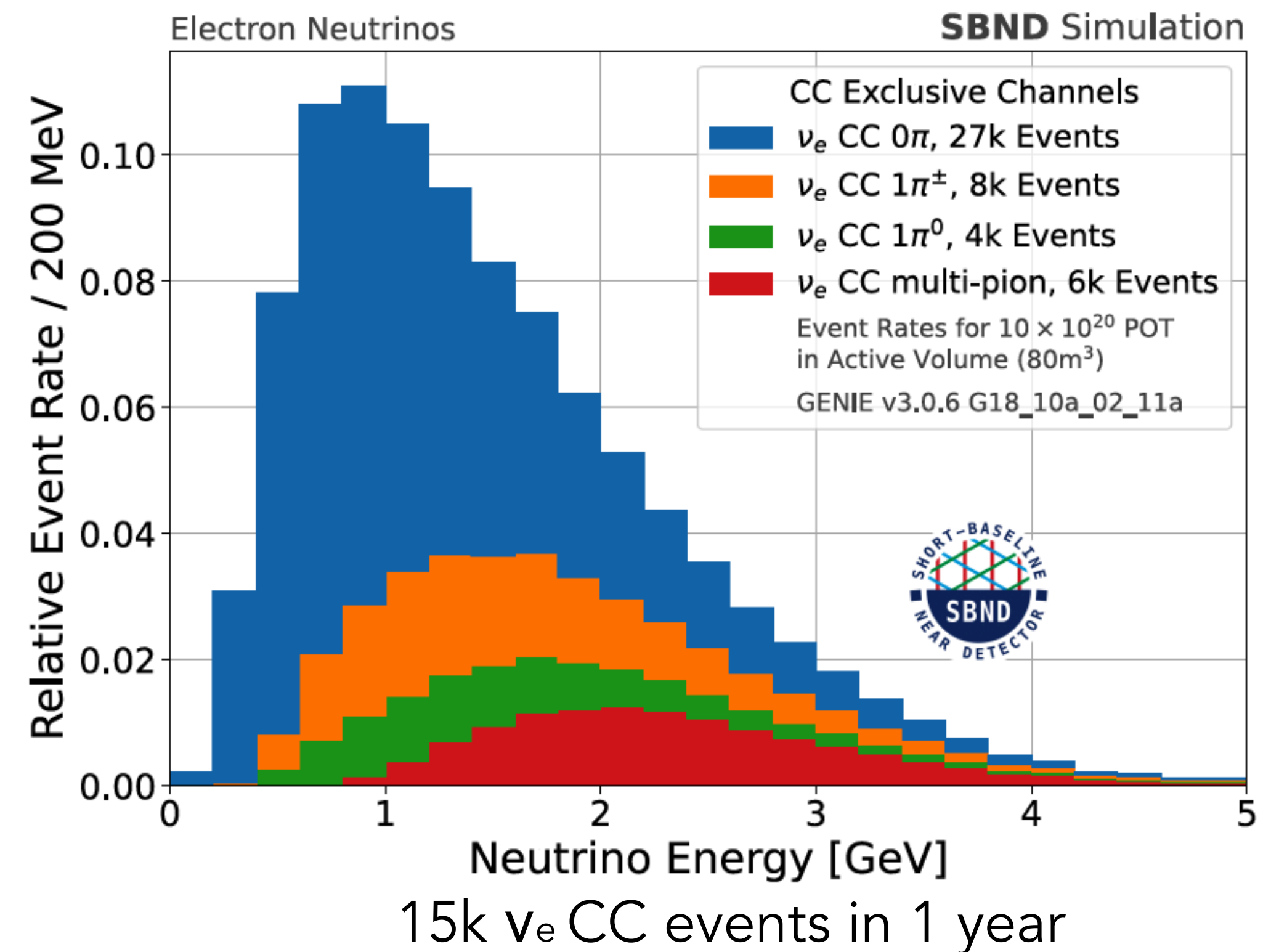
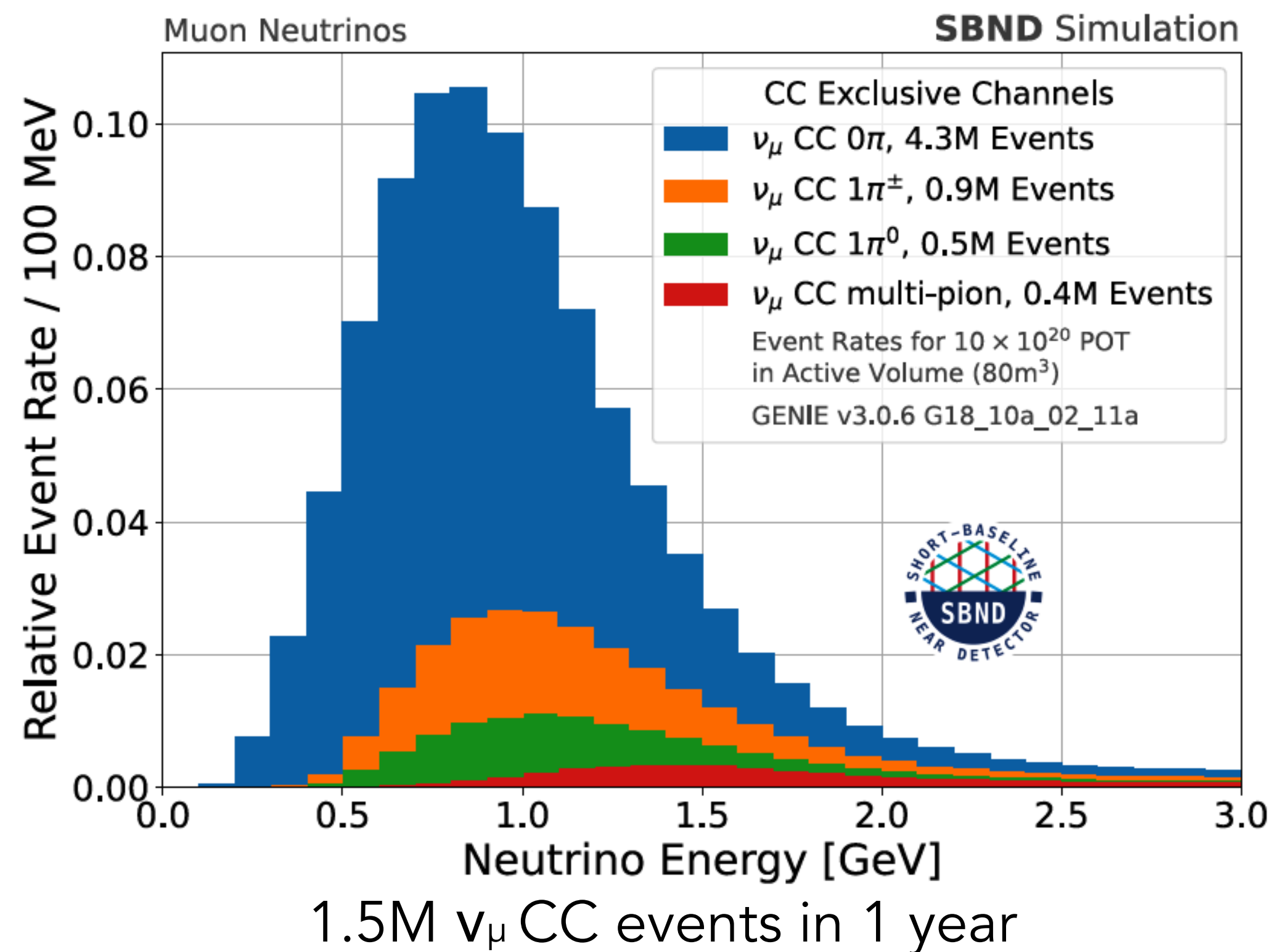
# PRECISION STUDIES OF NEUTRINO-ARGON INTERACTIONS IN SBND



With its proximity to the neutrino source, SBND will compile neutrino data with unprecedented high event rate and will enable a **generational advance** in the study of neutrino-argon interactions in the GeV energy range.

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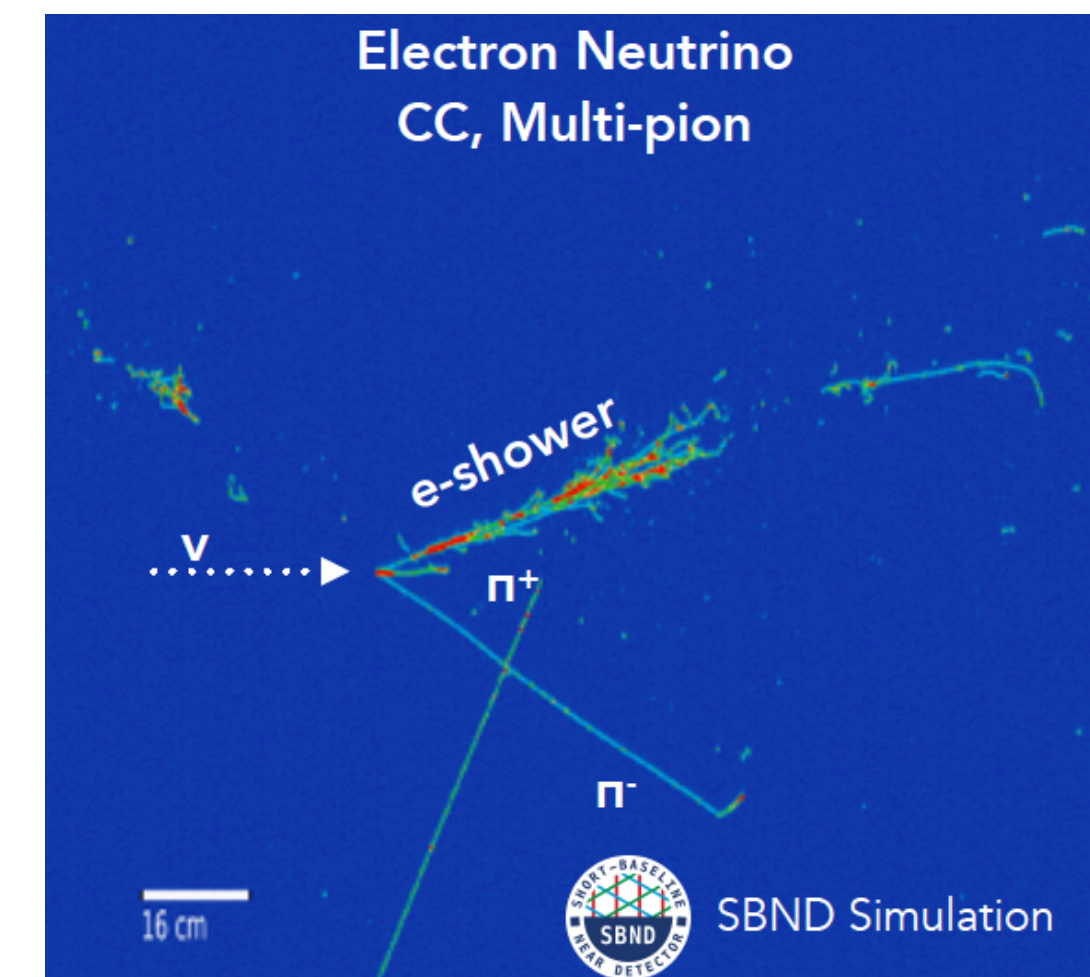
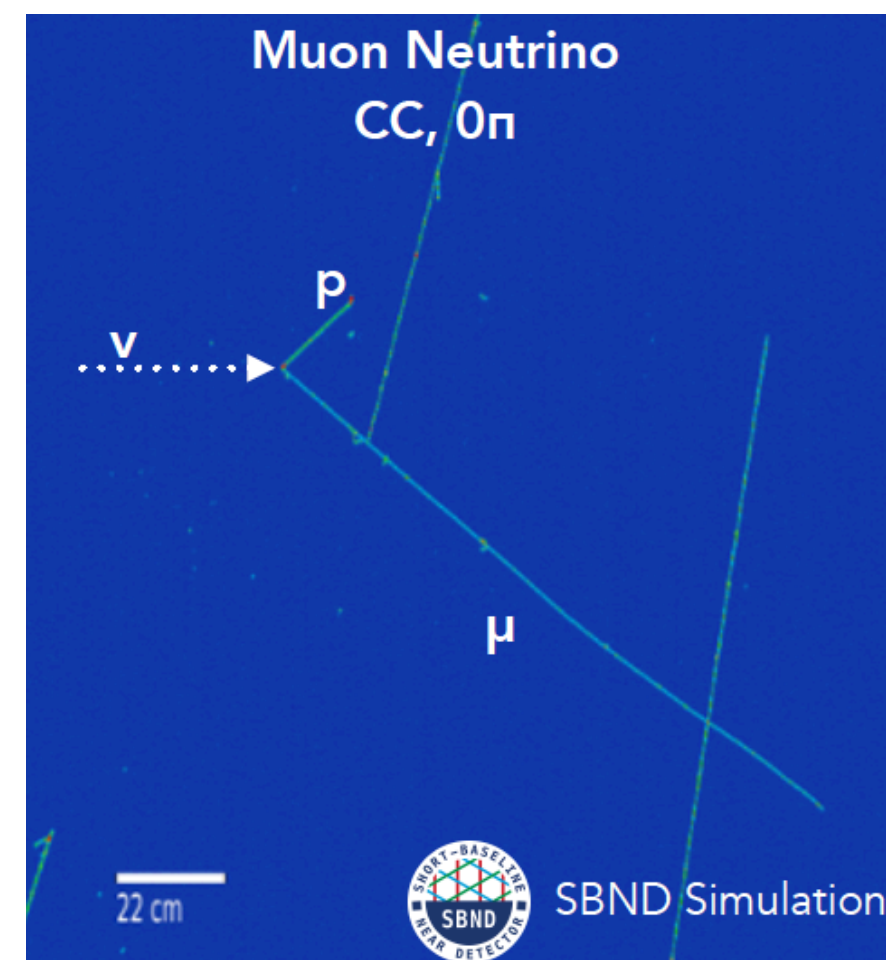
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SBND has a lot to offer! A **unique and rich neutrino interaction physics program**:

- Unprecedented statistics
- Unique detector capabilities (large photon detector coverage, low thresholds, ns timing, ...)
- Multiple correlated fluxes (PRISM)

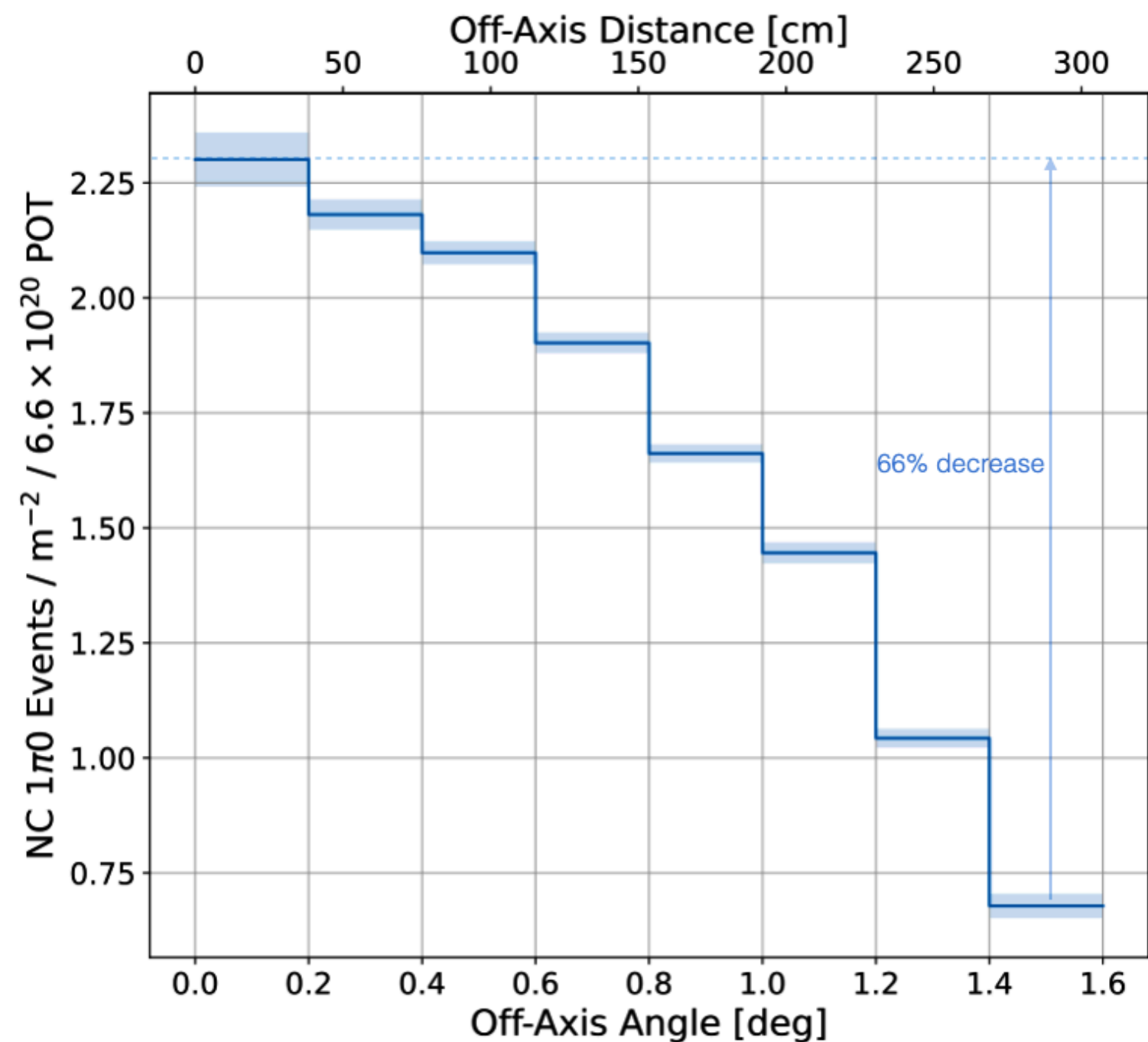


# SBND-PRISM TO MITIGATE BACKGROUNDS

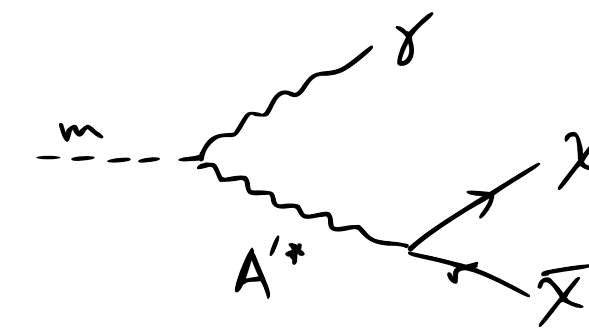


## An example: electron neutrino measurements

Main background for electron neutrino:  
NC  $1 \pi^0$  events.

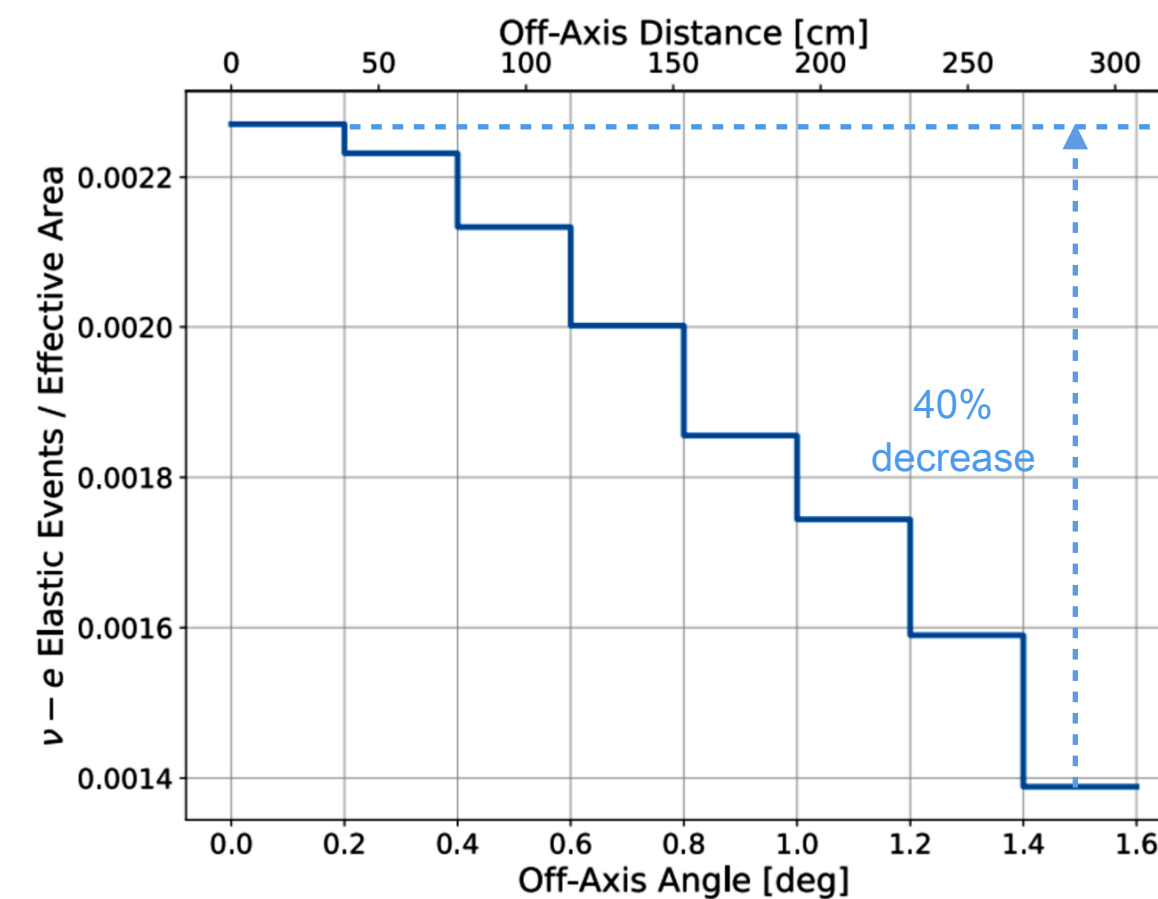


## Another example: search for Light (sub-GeV) Dark Matter

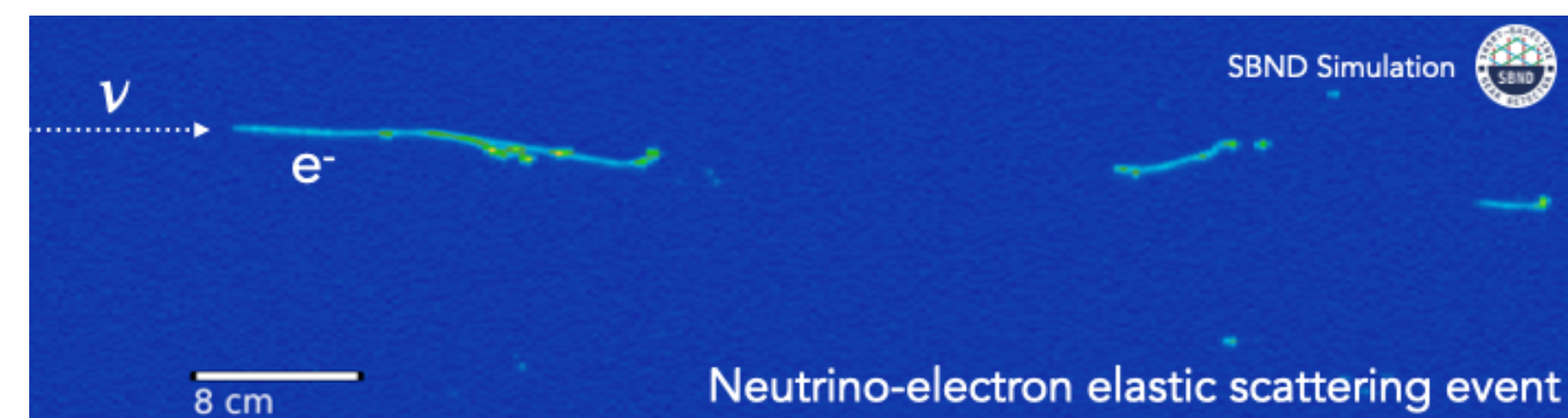


Dark photons, produced by the decay of neutral meson (pions, etas) in the target and decay into dark matter.

The dark matter, through the dark photon, **scatter off electrons in the detector.**



- **Signal:** DM elastic scattering electron events. DM comes from neutral (unfocused) mesons.
- **Background:** neutrino-electron elastic scattering. Neutrinos come from two-body decays of charged (focused) mesons.



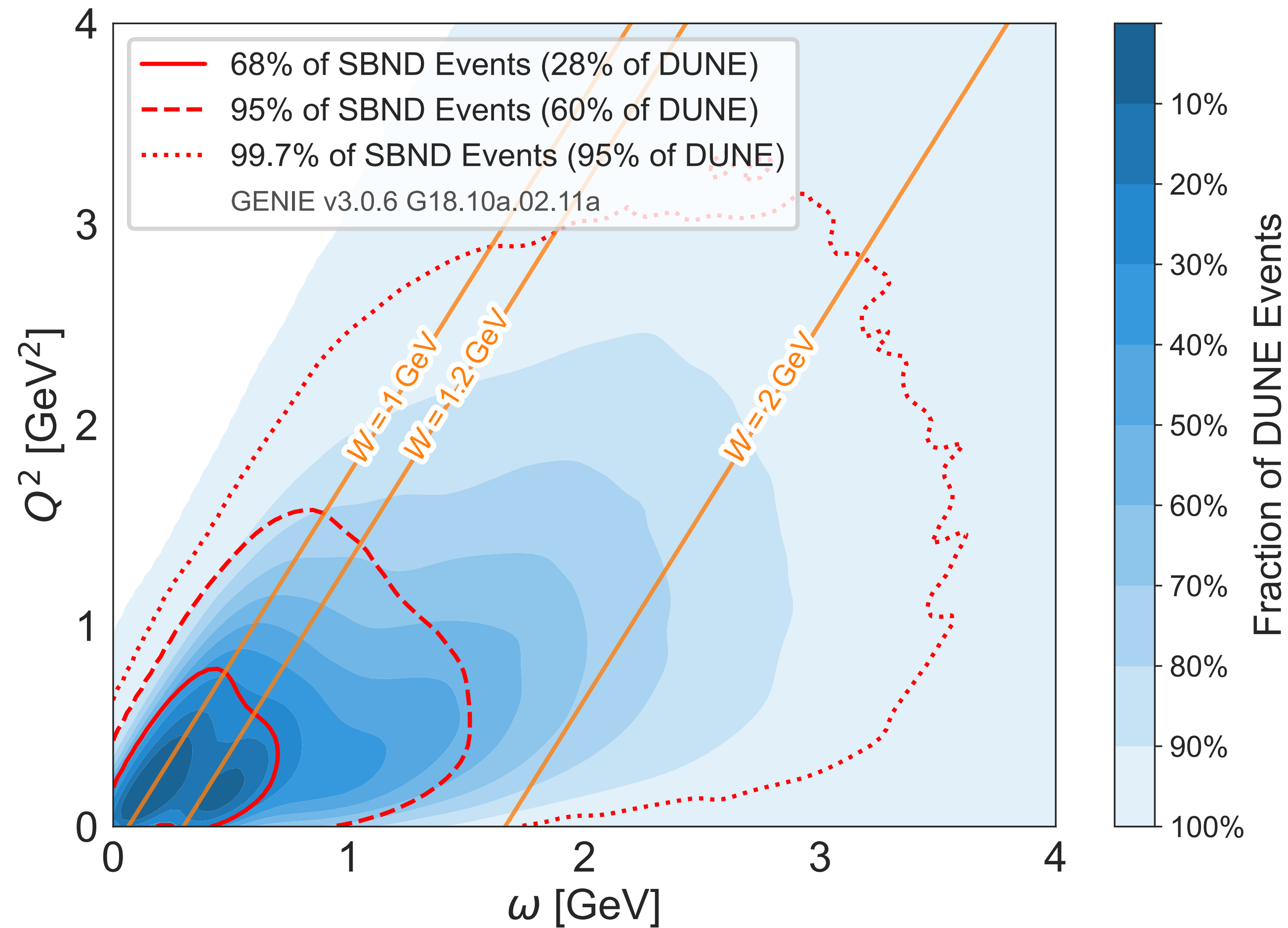
**SBND-PRISM** provides a natural way to **reduce backgrounds by looking off-axis.**

# SBND/DUNE PHASE SPACE



DUNE kinematic coverage is represented with the blue 2D histogram.

SBND kinematic coverage is shown with 3 contours, representing 68%, 95%, and 99.7% of all SBND data.



SBND has a **significant phase space overlap with DUNE** → SBND measurements can be used to constrain the same physics DUNE needs to know.

# SBND COLLABORATION



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**204 Scientific Collaborators**  
(faculty/scientists, postdocs, PhD students)

**39 Institutions**

5 Brazilian Universities

CERN

1 Spanish University, 1 National Laboratory

1 Swiss University

7 UK Universities, 1 National Laboratory

18 US Universities, 4 National Laboratories



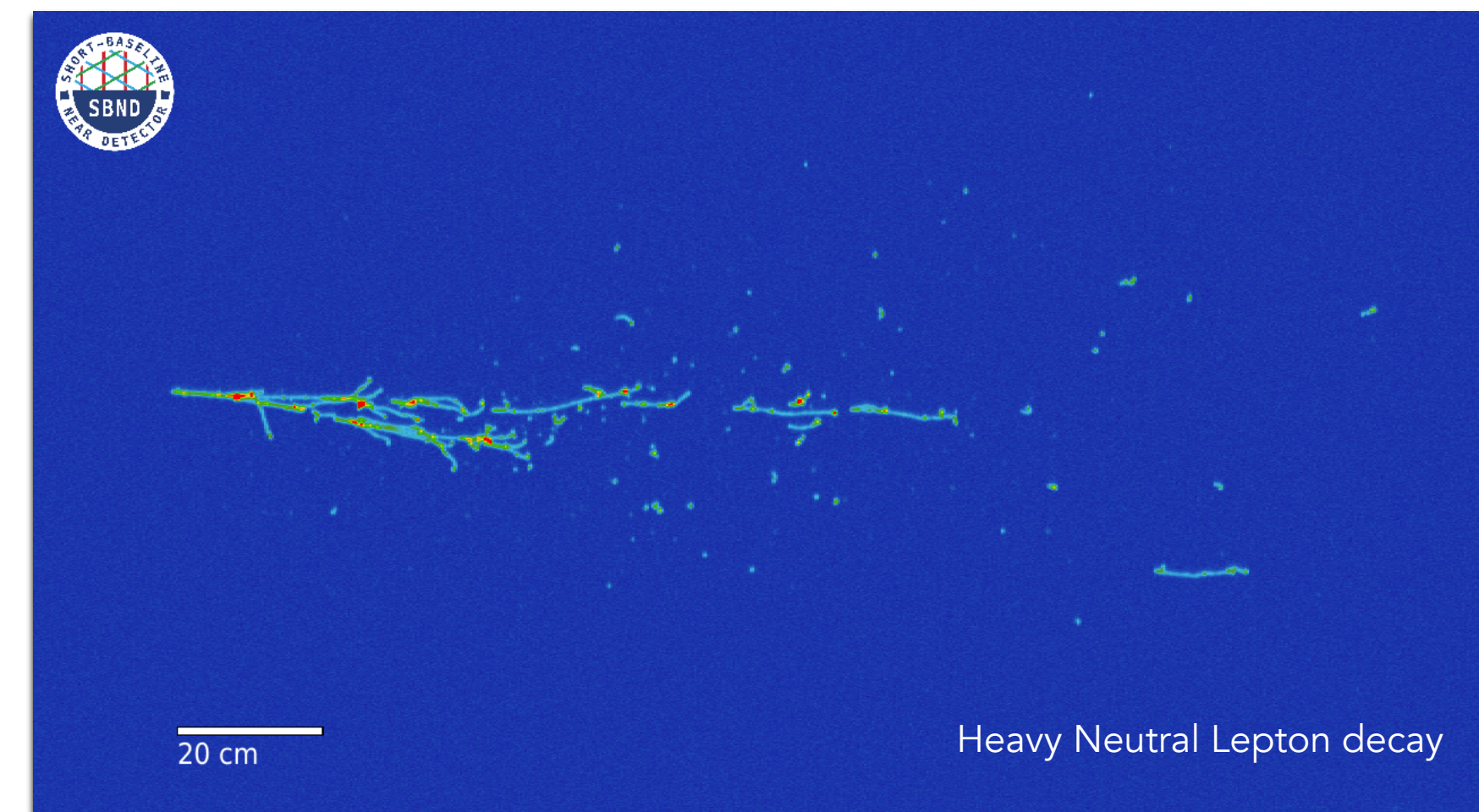
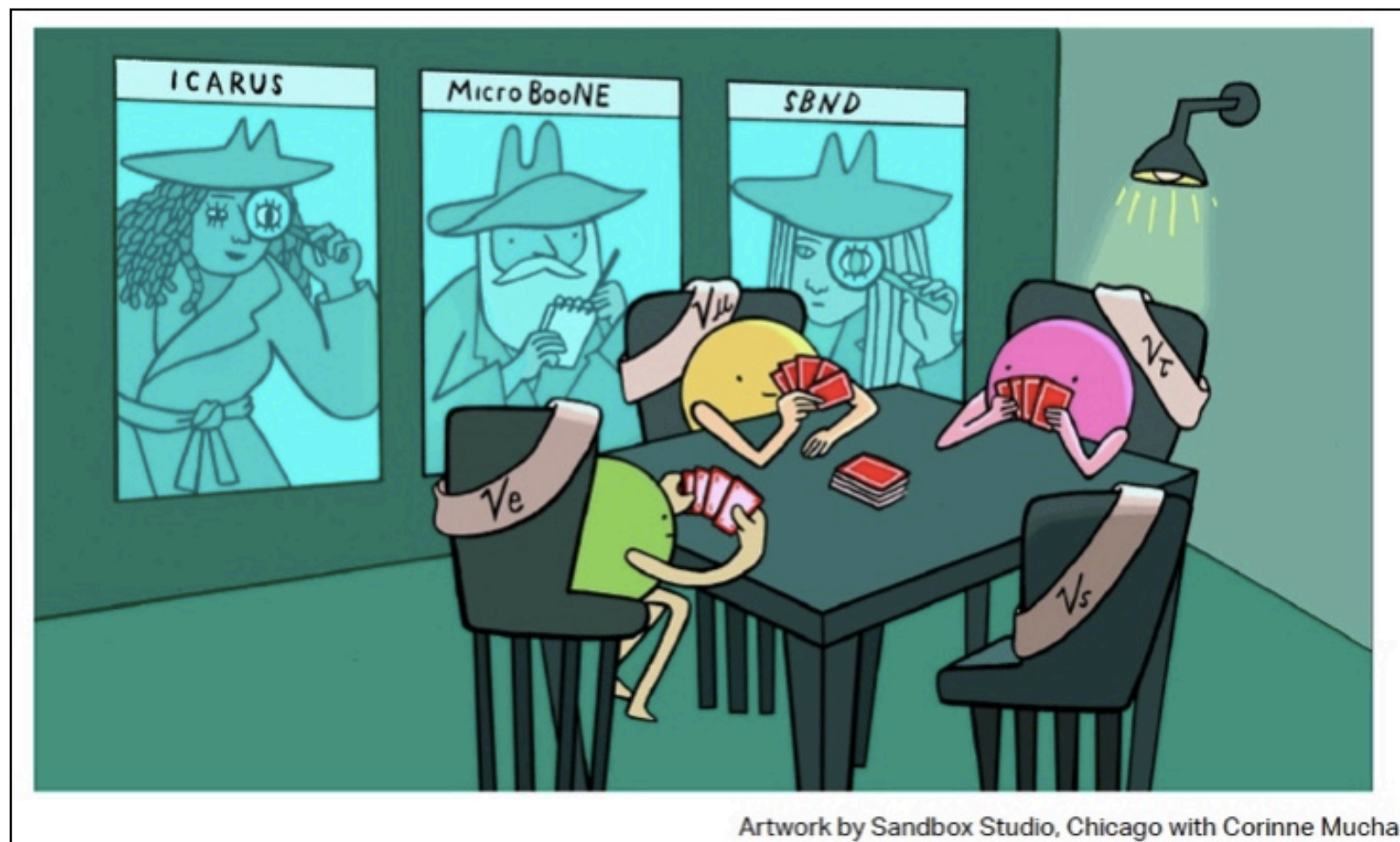
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Fantastic progress on SBND construction last year!

SBND will transform the physics we can do in the SBN program:

- Near detector data is essential for performing a broad, definitive test of the [light sterile neutrino hypothesis](#) - both appearance and disappearance.

Beyond oscillation searches, SBND has a broad science goal, which addresses alternative explanations of the Short-Baseline anomalies, includes other [Beyond Standard Model explorations](#) and [precision studies of neutrino-argon interactions](#) - with 20-30 times more data than we have now!



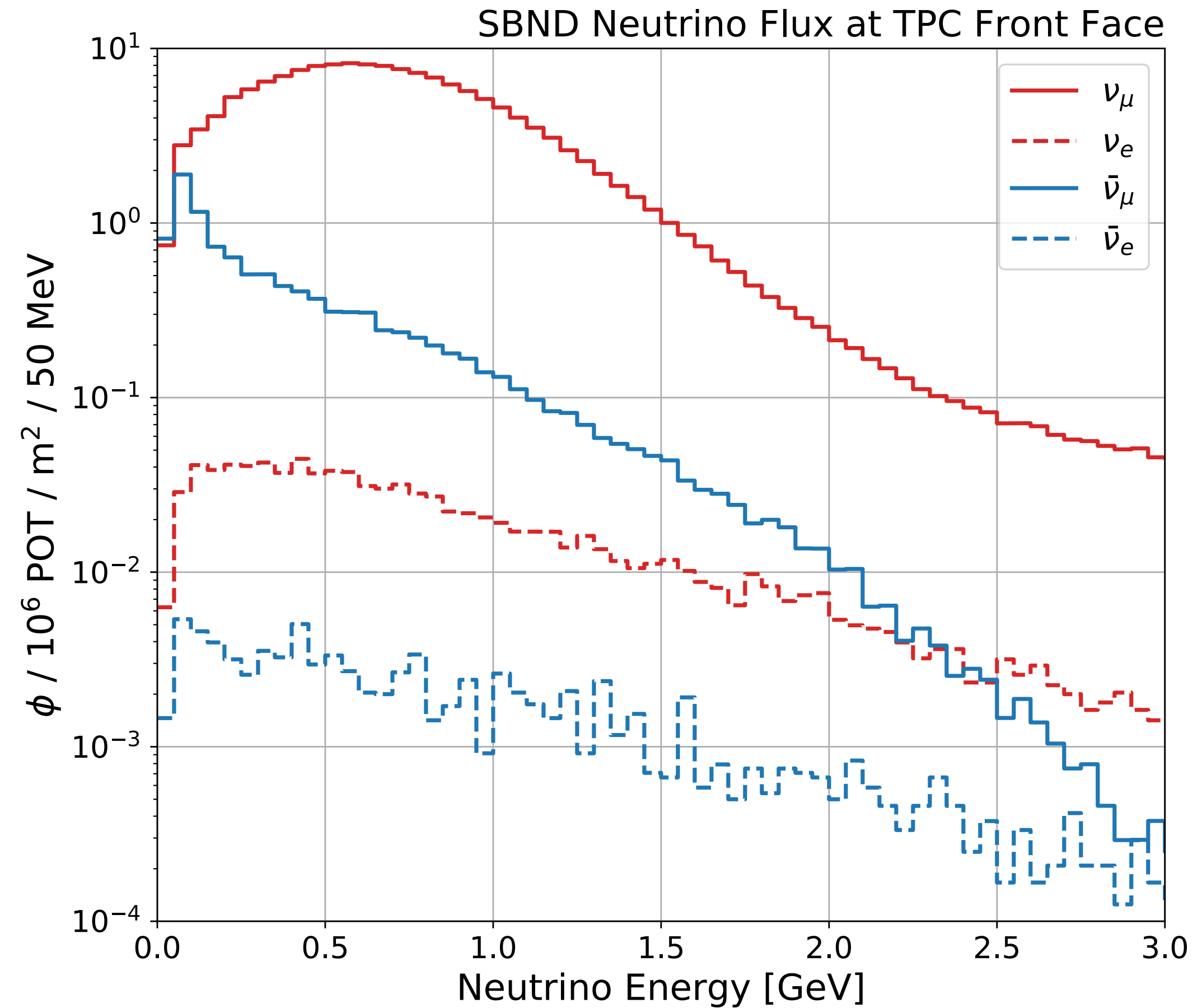
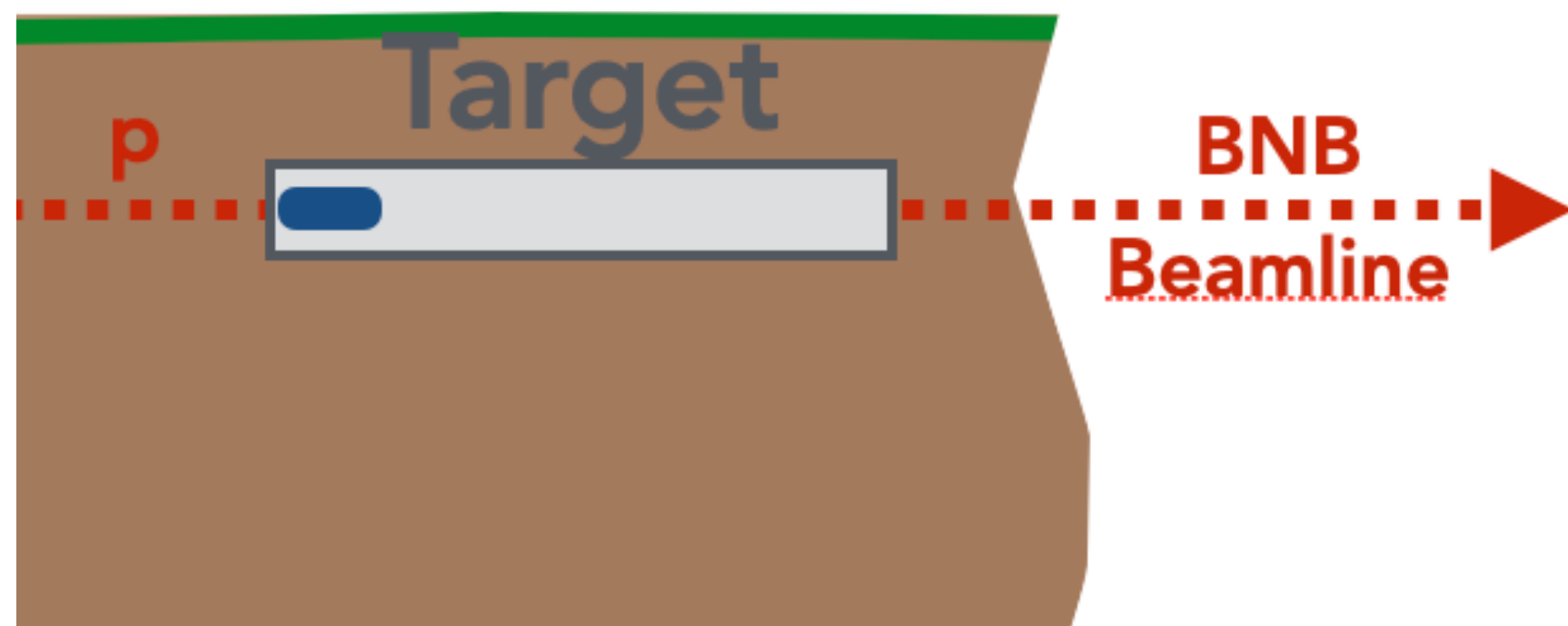
Exciting times are ahead for the Short-Baseline Neutrino Program. ICARUS is collecting data. SBND completed the construction of the detector and will begin operations in the Fall.





# BOOSTER NEUTRINO BEAM

High-intensity neutrino beam  
from 8 GeV proton beam.



Neutrino flux at the  
SBND front face.

Mean muon-neutrino  
energy:  $\sim 0.8 \text{ GeV}$

Beam composition:

$\nu_\mu$  (93.6%)

$\bar{\nu}_\mu$  (5.9%)

$\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$  (0.5%)

# DETECTOR QUALITY CONTROL PLAN



The SBND detector is at home



To get to this point, we tested each subsystem multiple times: during their assembly, before and after installation, and right before moving the detector.

After the move:

- Each subsystem is visually inspected and all the electrical tests are done to ensure that nothing was damaged during the transport.
- We already have all the procedures for this next step and all the reference values collected at DAB.

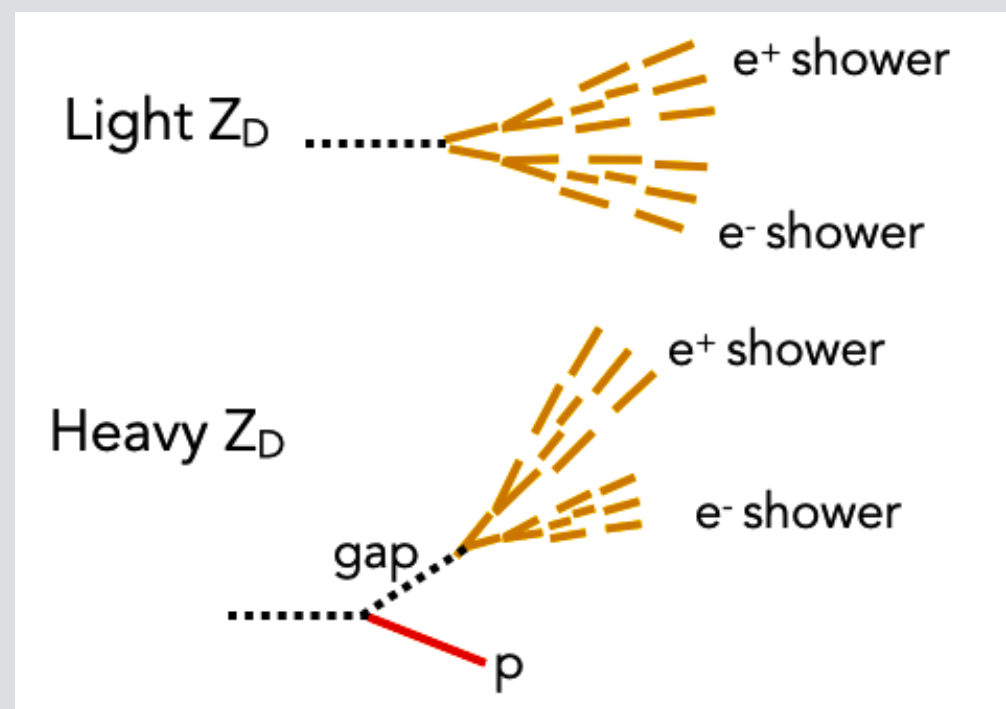
Tests will also be performed:

- After top cap installation
- After detector insertion in the cryostat
- After top cap welded in place
- After warm cables connected
- During cooldown → "Chilly detector Checkout"
- During and after LAr fill

# EVOLVING LANDSCAPE...

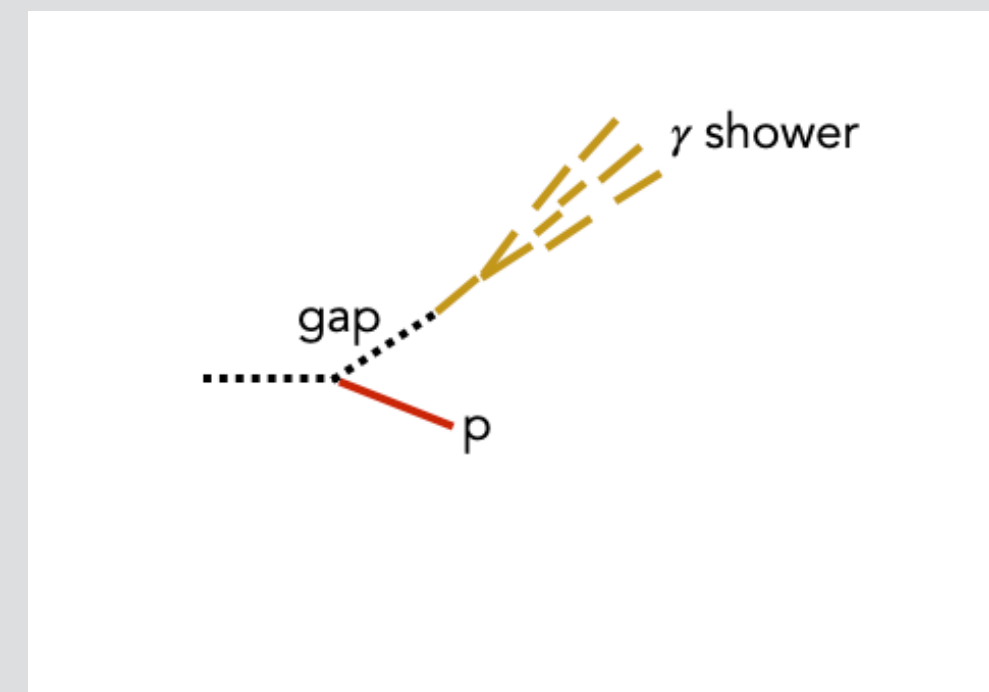
Final state experimental signature: single photon, single electron, "trident" with di-leptons - overlapping and/or highly asymmetric, with different levels of hadronic activity.

## Dark Neutrinos



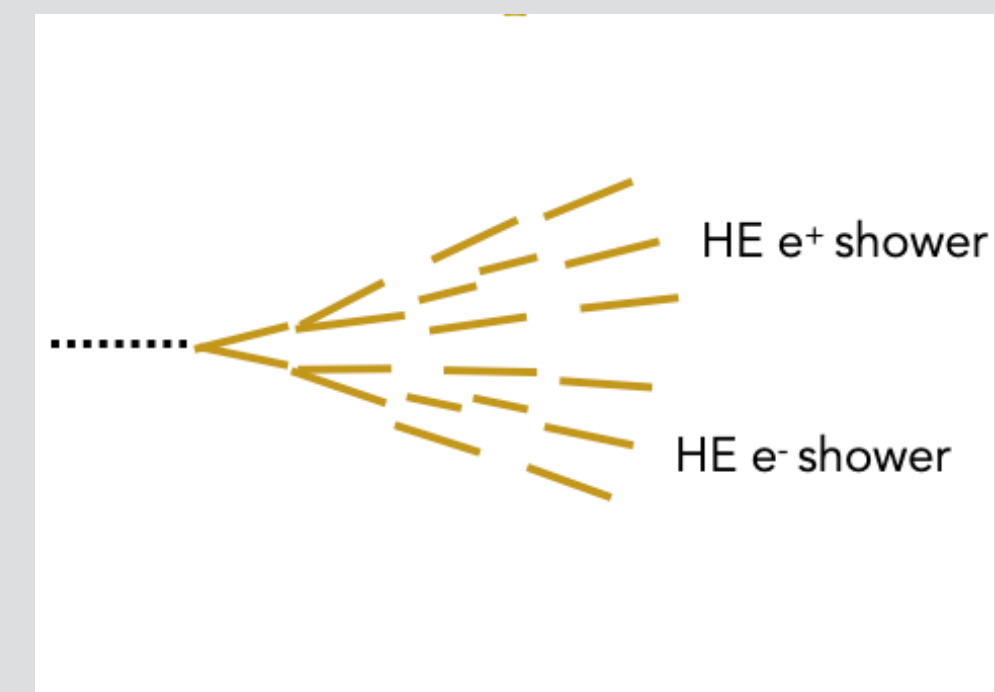
$e^+e^-$  pair with or without hadronic activity

## Transition Magnetic Moment



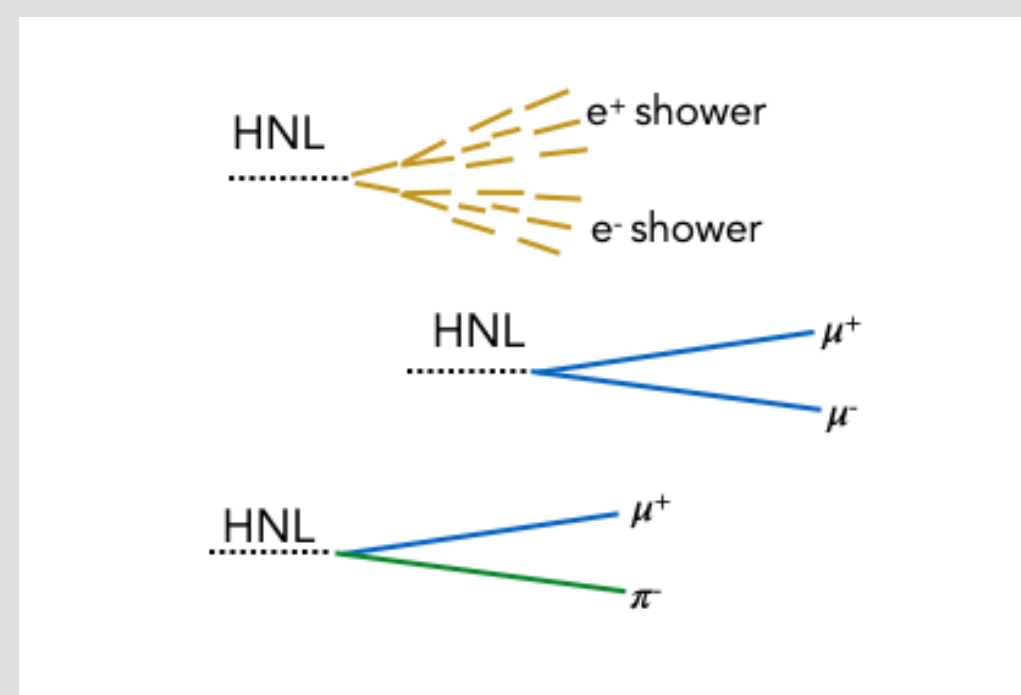
Photon and hadronic activity

## Axion-like Particles



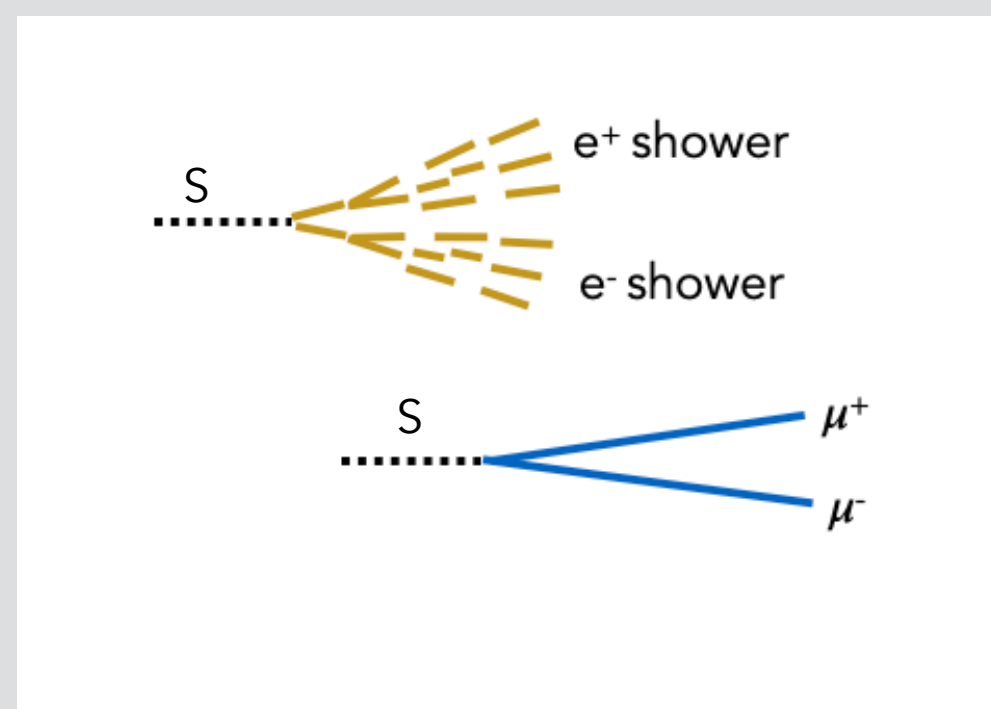
high-energy  $e^+e^-$  pair

## Heavy Neutral Leptons



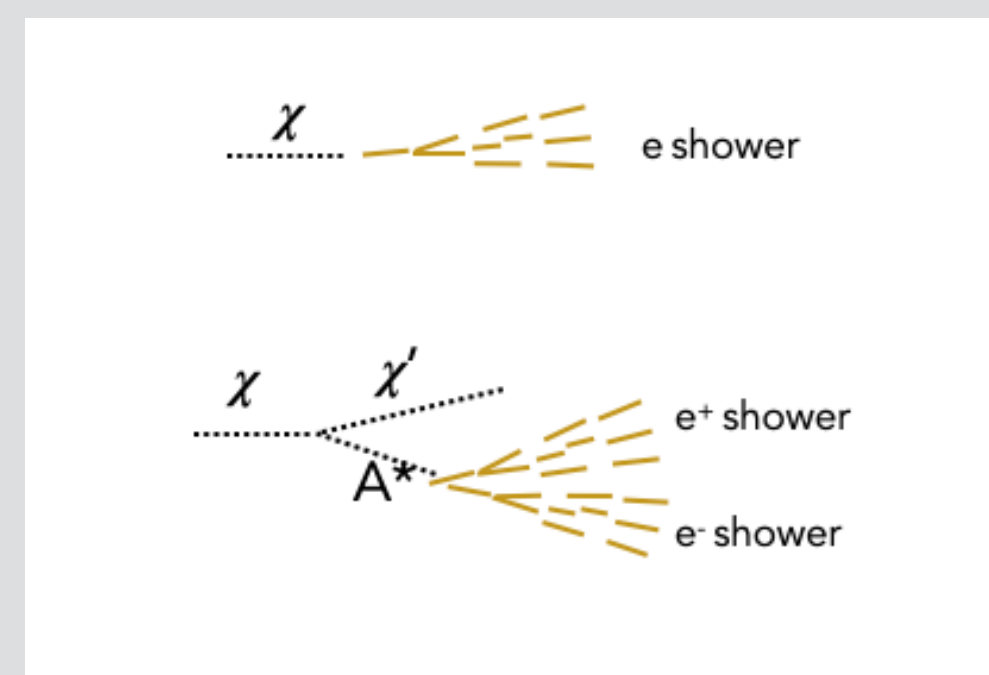
$e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ , or  $\mu^+\pi^-$  pair with no hadronic activity

## Higgs Portal Scalar



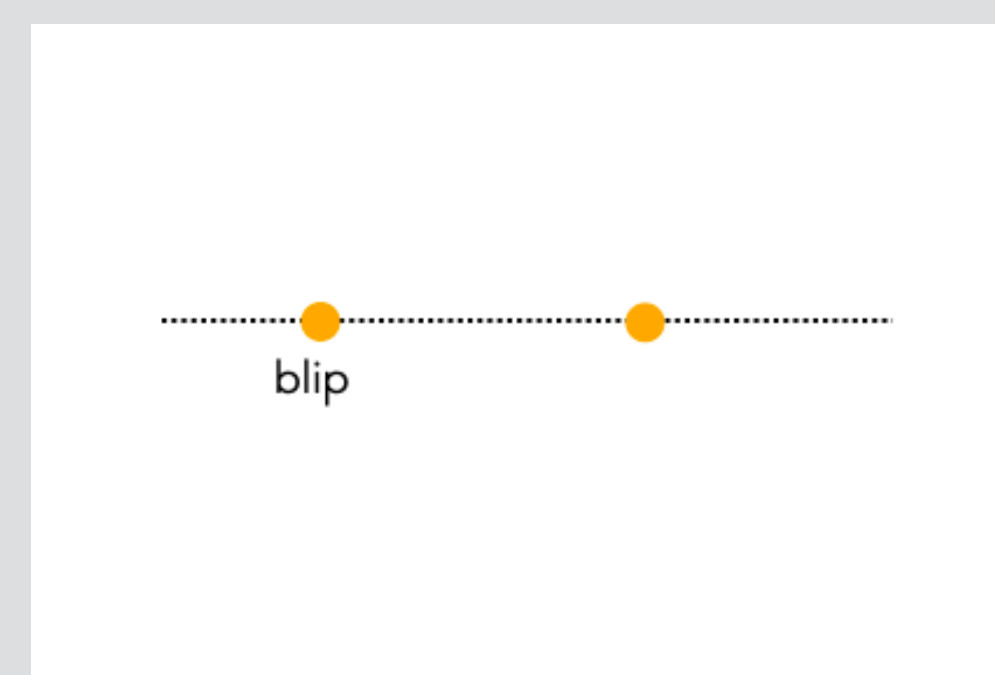
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## Light Dark Matter



single  $e^-$  scattering or  $e^+e^-$  pair with no hadronic activity

## Millicharged Particles



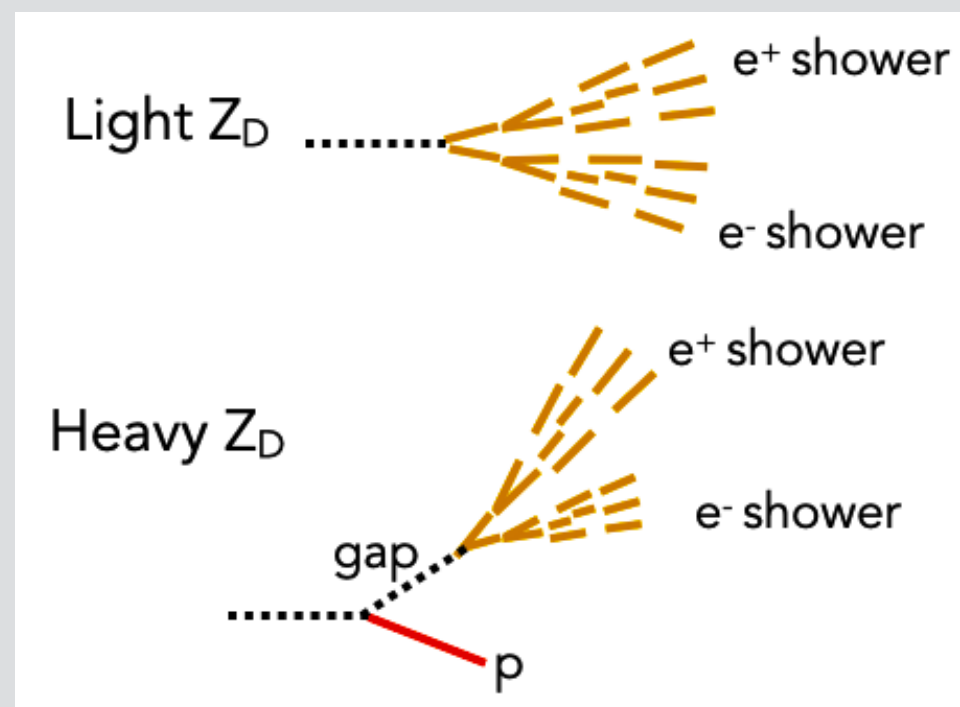
blips or faint tracks

# EVOLVING LANDSCAPE...

The unique capabilities of the LAr TPC technology open up more information than available in a Cherenkov detector (such as MiniBooNE)

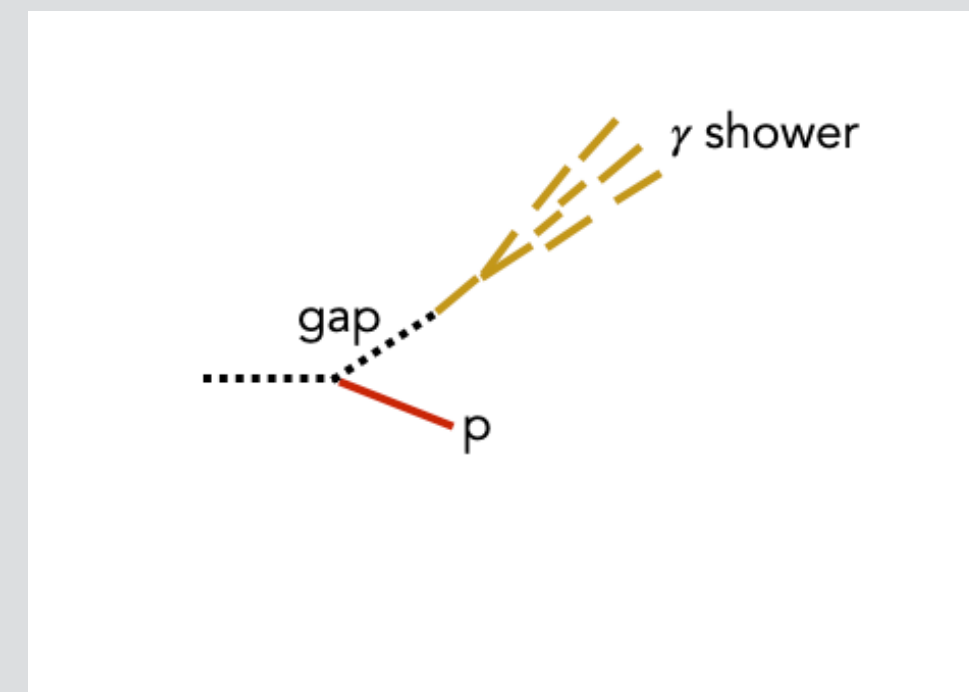
- Characterize events in term of final state particle content and kinematics.
- Recognize the presence hadronic activity.

## Dark Neutrinos



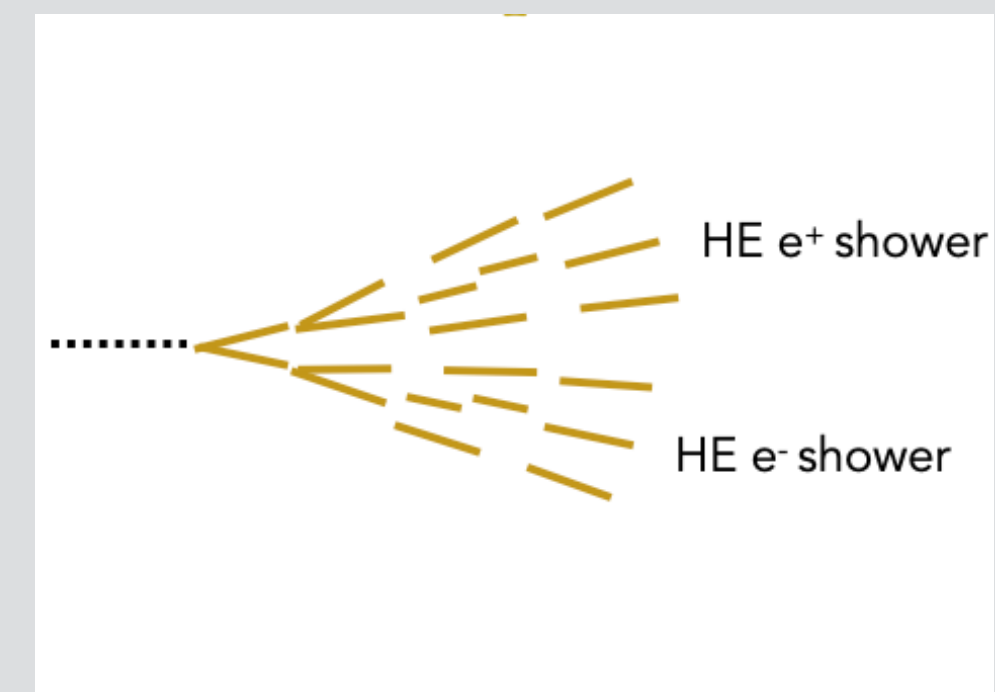
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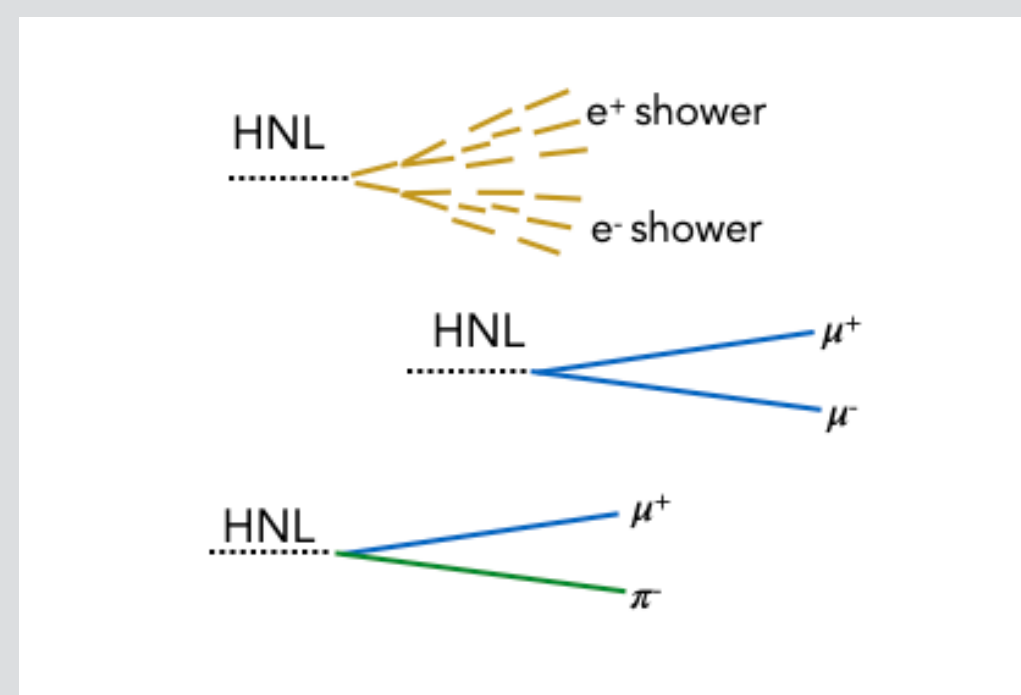
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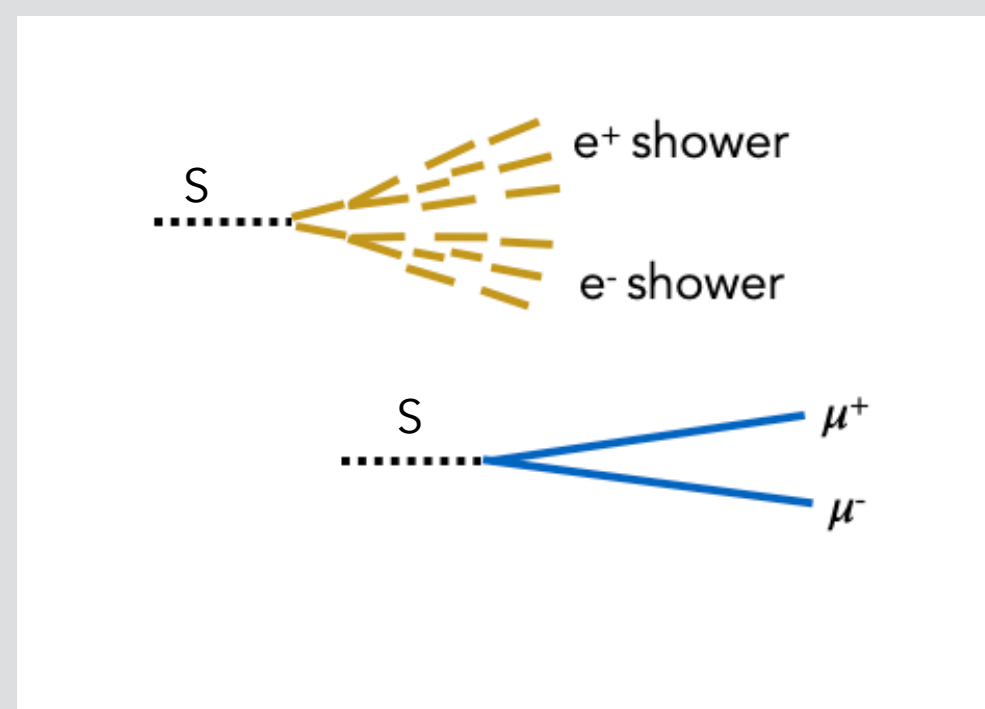
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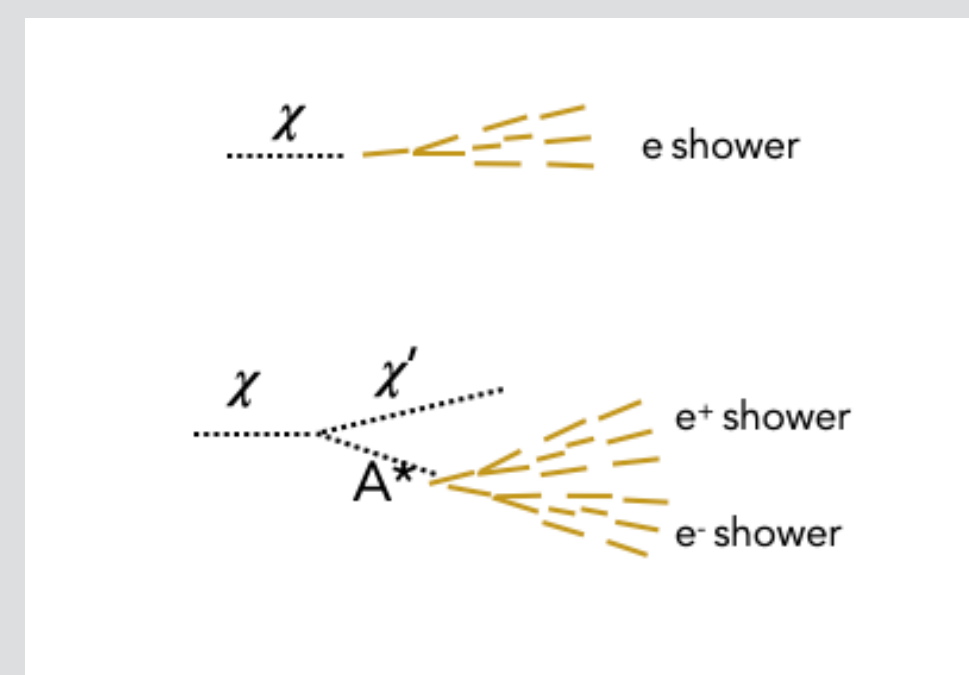
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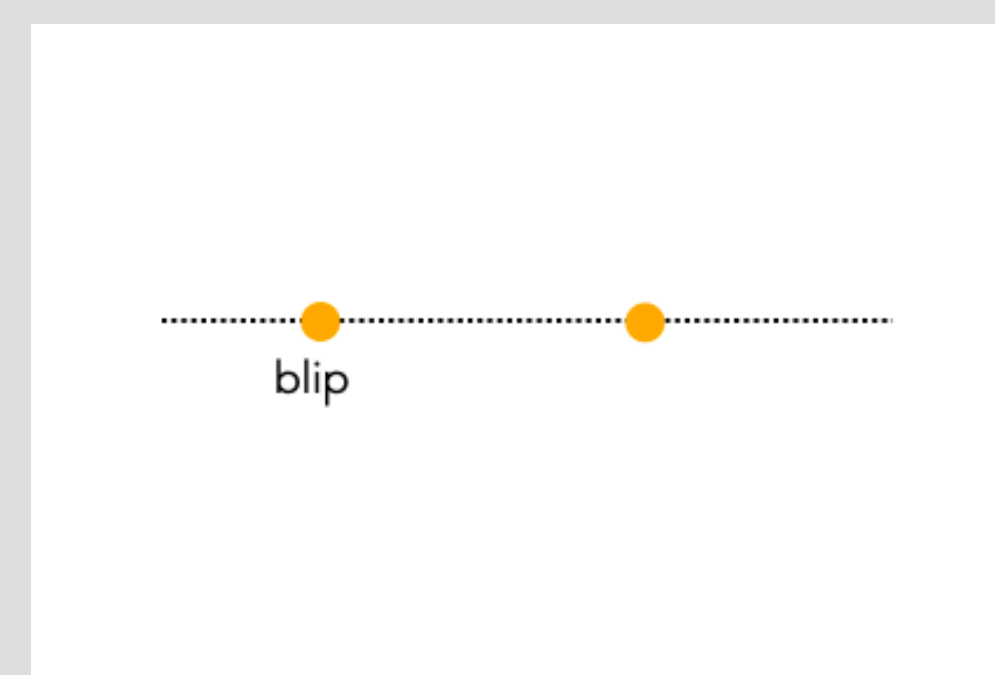
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## Millicharged Particles



blips or faint tracks

# SEARCH FOR MILLICHARGED PARTICLES IN SBND



Millicharged particles would appear in SBND as **blips** or **faint tracks** pointing back to the target.  
Projected SBND threshold: 50 keV

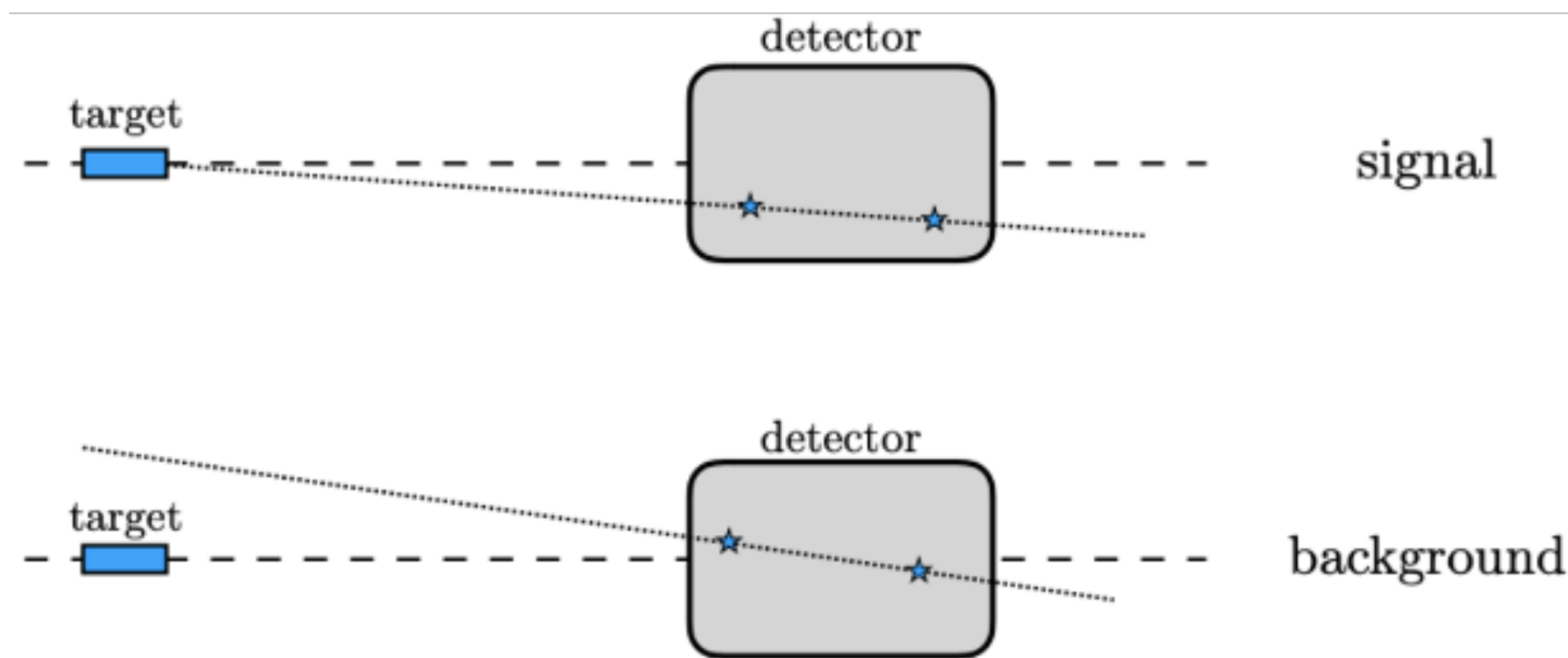
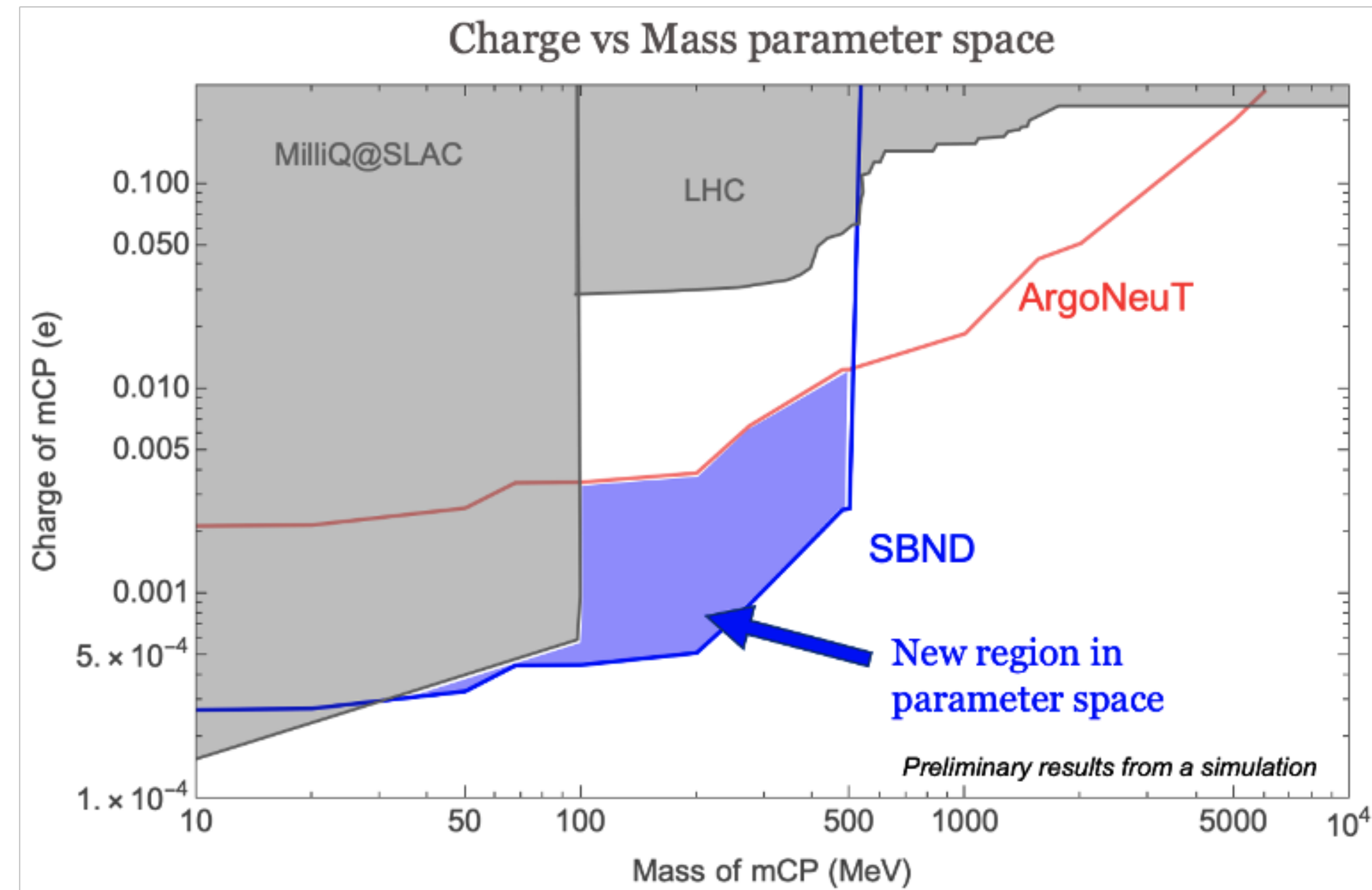
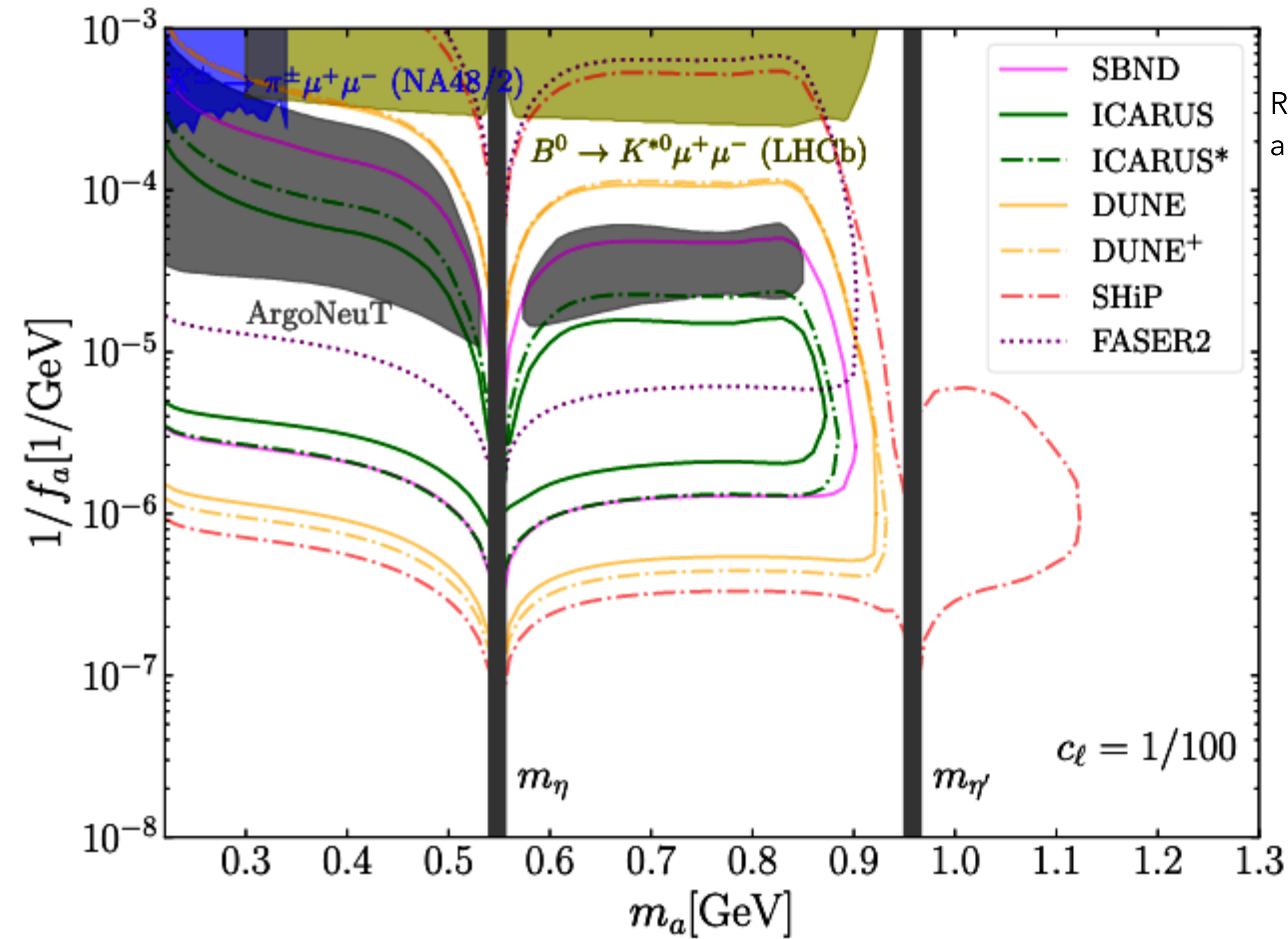


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# HEAVY QCD AXIONS VIA DIMUON FINAL STATES

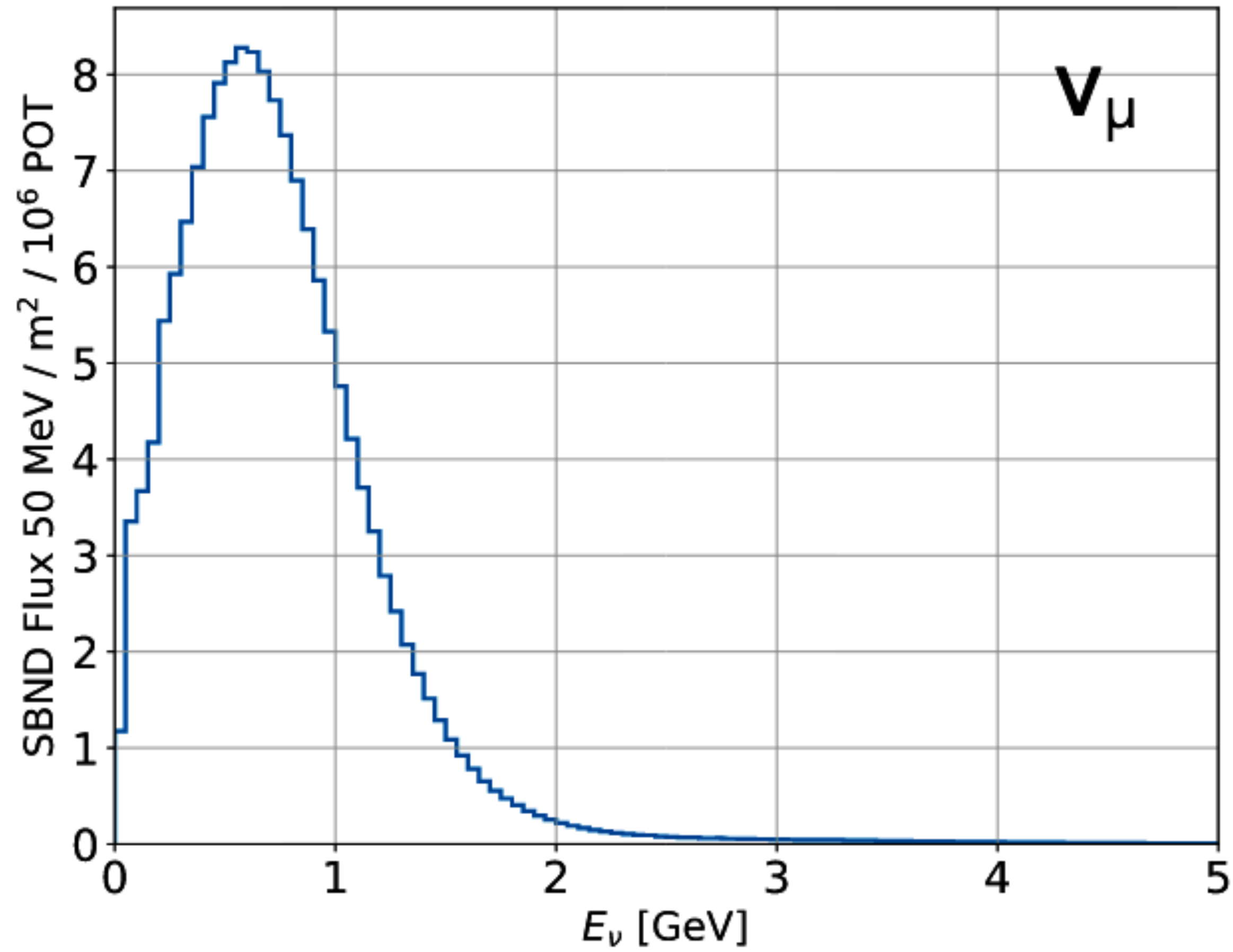


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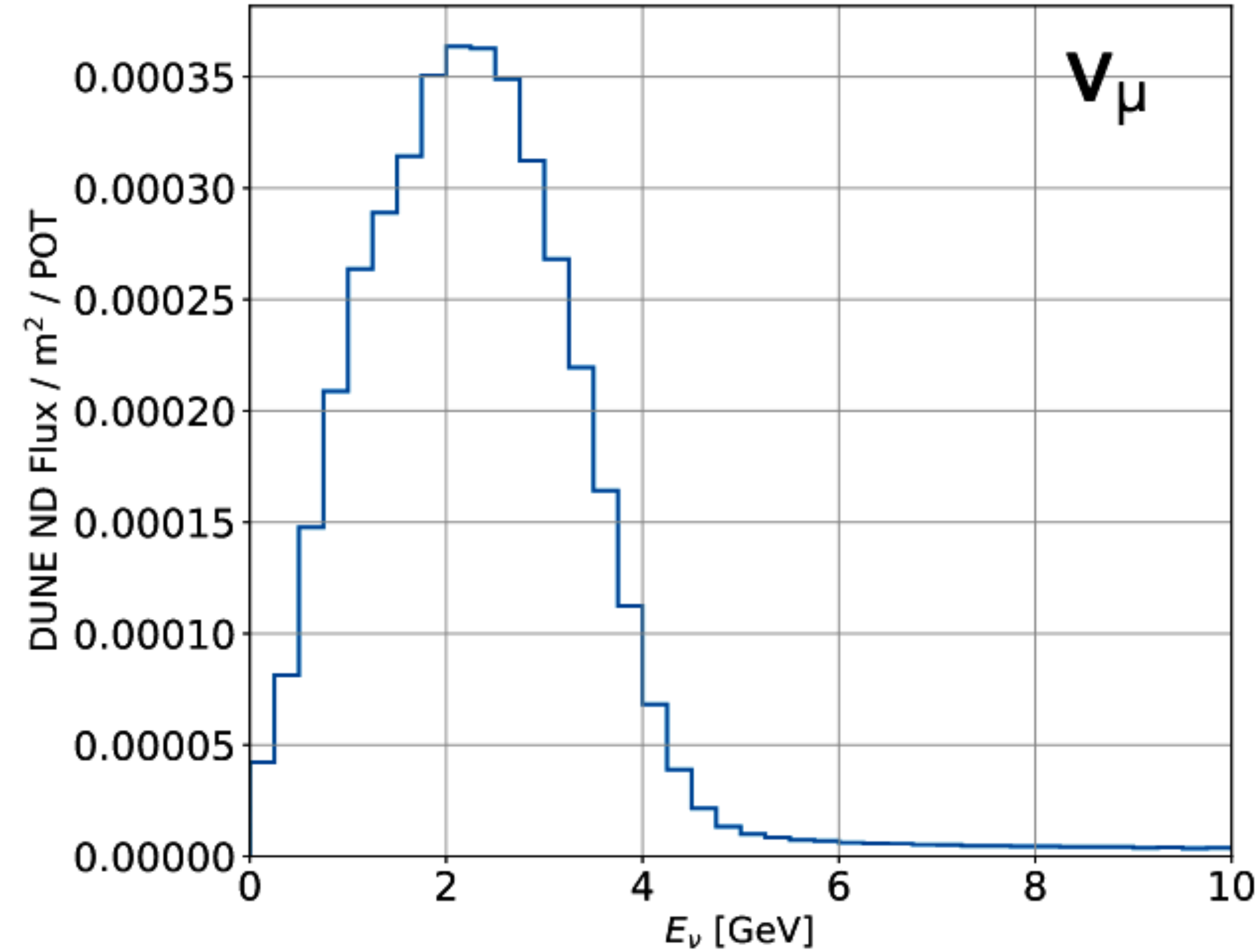
FIG. 6. Constraints (shaded-regions) and projections (curves) for  $c_\ell = 1/36$  (upper panel) and  $c_\ell = 1/100$  (lower panel). The curve labeled DUNE<sup>+</sup> denotes a scenario in which the axion can decay up to 30 m before the DUNE ND. The high-energy muons produced via these decays can still reach the detector. The curve labeled ICARUS\* is for the reach ICARUS would have through the off-axis NuMI beam. See text for more details.

# SBND/DUNE ENERGY SPECTRA

## SBND



## DUNE



# SBND PHYSICS ORGANIZATION



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Interface to SBN analysis



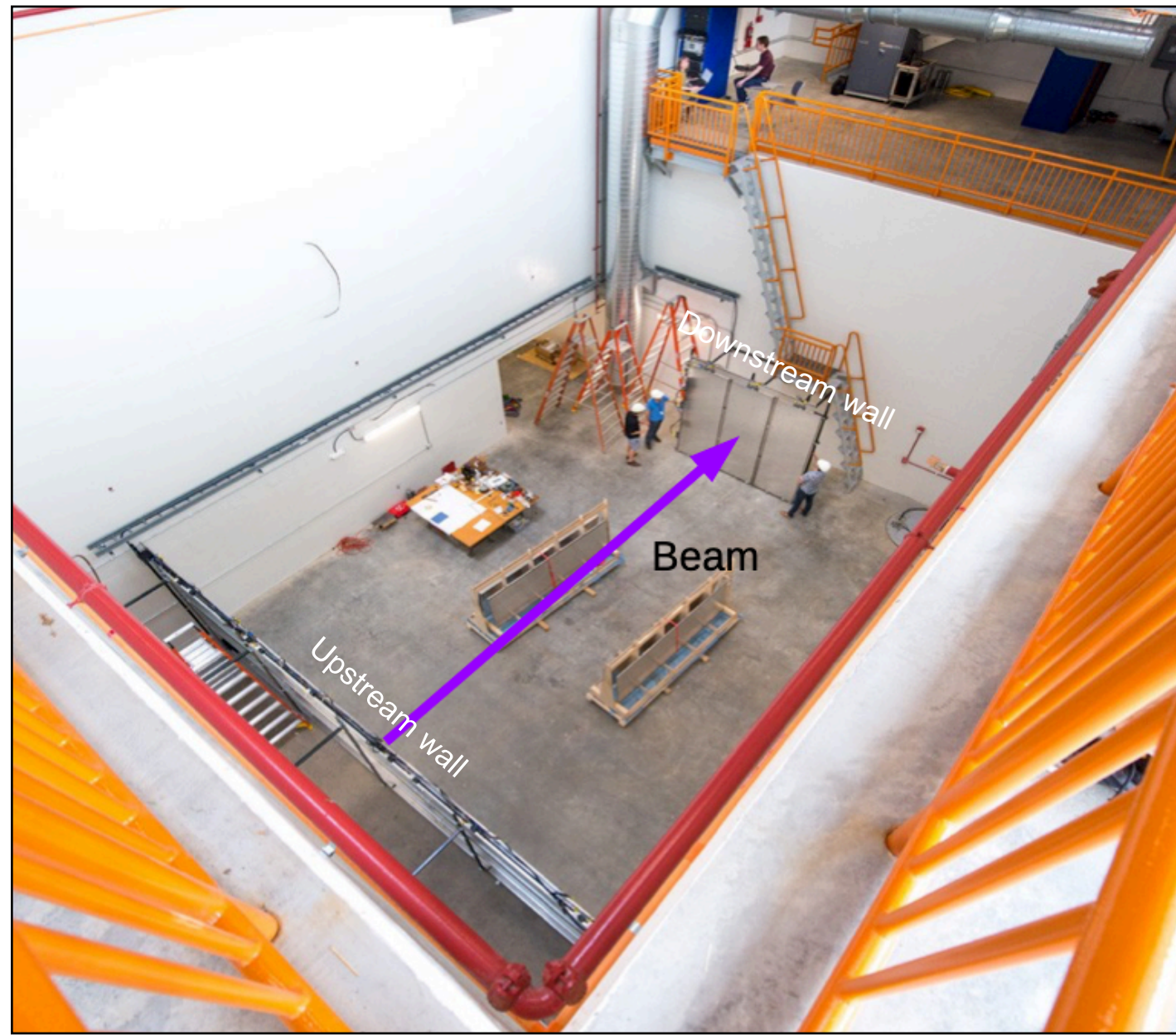
Focus on multi-detector (L-dependent) physics (oscillations)



**We expect that the structure will evolve further. This is only the current snapshot.**



# COSMIC RAY TAGGER (CRT) DATA



Part of the SBND CRT system was temporary installed in the detector hall and took BNB data in 2017-2018

CRT data: **muons from neutrinos** that interacted in the material upstream of the SBND detector hall. The beam intensity decreases moving away from the beam center.

