

SHORT-BASELINE NEUTRINO PROGRAM

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P5-2014 AND THE SHORT-BASELINE NEUTRINO PROGRAM

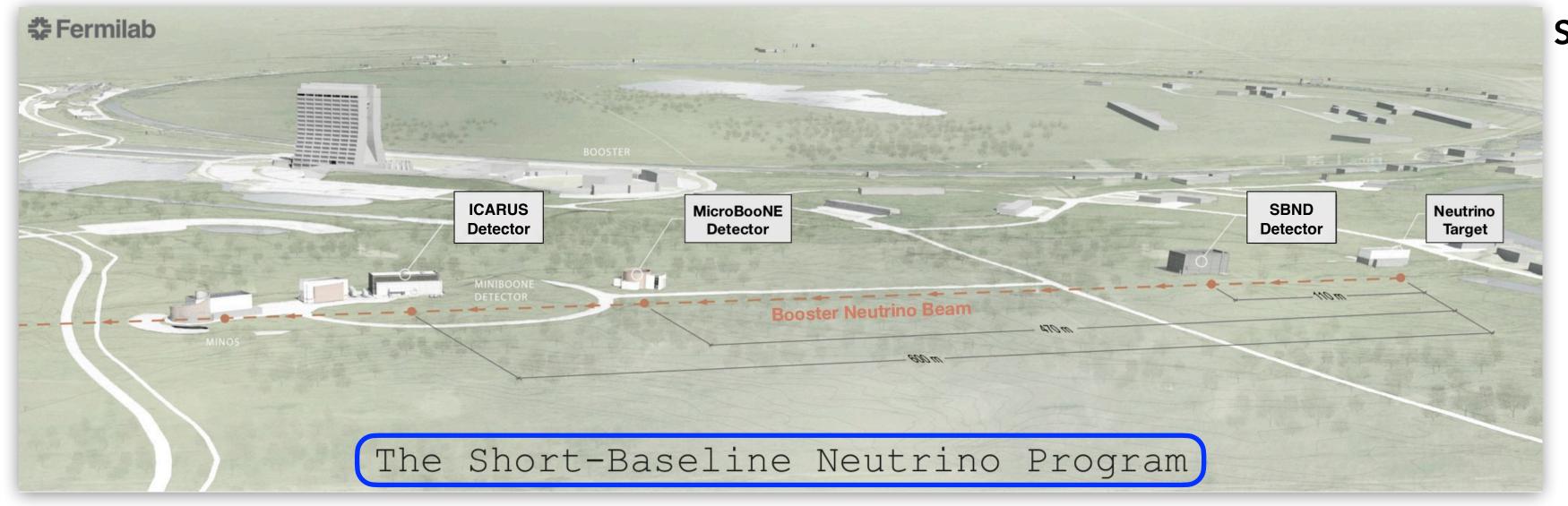
One of the recommendations of the **2014 P5** report "Building for Discovery" was to realize a **world leading short-baseline experimental neutrino program*** with **strong participation by the domestic and international neutrino physics communities working toward LBNF [DUNE]**:

- Recommendation 12: In collaboration with international partners, develop a coherent short- and long-baseline neutrino program hosted at Fermilab.
- Recommendation 15: Select and perform in the short term a set of small-scale short-baseline experiments that can conclusively address experimental hints of physics beyond the three-neutrino paradigm. Some of these experiments should use liquid argon to advance the technology and build the international community for LBNF at Fermilab.



P5 Report, May 2014

The Short-Baseline Neutrino (SBN) program at Fermilab is well matched to these recommendations



SBN Proposal, January 2015 arXiv:1503.01520

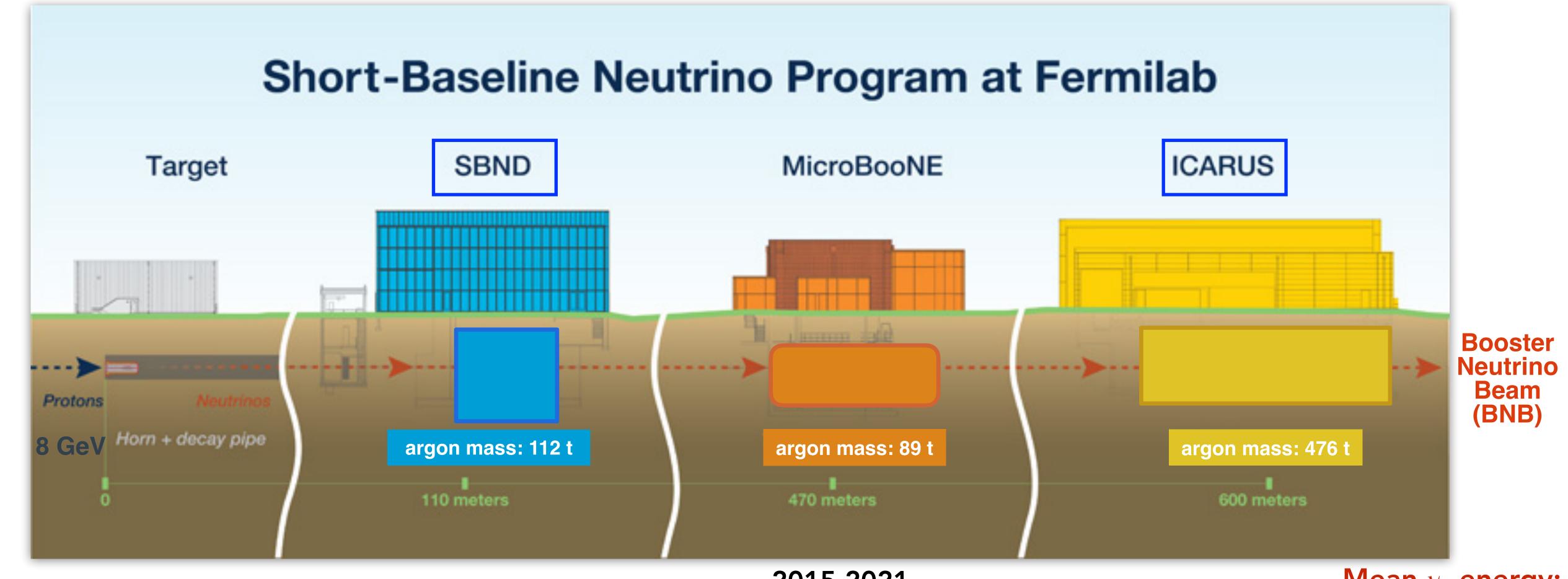
SBN detectors design/construction/installation, 2016-2023

Physics in the forthcoming P5 cycle



Short-Baseline: L~100-1000 m, Δm²~1eV² cfr.: Long-Baseline: L~100-1000 km, Δm²~10-3eV²

SHORT-BASELINE NEUTRINO PROGRAM



2015-2021
Large production of scientific results

Beam composition: $\nu_{\mu} \text{ (93.6\%)}$ $\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \text{ (5.9\%)}$ $\nu_{e} + \bar{\nu}_{e} \text{ (0.5\%)}$

Mean v_{μ} energy: ~0.8 GeV

BNB + LAR ENABLES A RICH SCIENCE PROGRAM

MicroBooNE Papers



2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

MicroBooNE
has published
55 papers so far

Multi-Differential Cross Section Measurements of Muon-Neutrino-Argon Quasielastic-like Reactions with the MicroBooNE Detector First double-differential measurement of kinematic imbalance in neutrino interactions with the MicroBooNE detector First measurement of quasi-elastic Λ baryon production in muon anti-neutrino interactions in the MicroBooNE detector First Measurement of Differential Cross Sections for Muon Neutrino Charged Current Interactions on Argon with a Two-proton Final State in the MicroBooNE Detector First constraints on light sterile neutrino oscillations from combined appearance and disappearance searches with the MicroBooNE detector Differential cross section measurements of charged current v_e interactions without final-state pions in MicroBooNE Search for long-lived heavy neutral leptons and Higgs portal scalars decaying in the MicroBooNE detector Measurement of neutral current single π^0 production on argon with the MicroBooNE detector Observation of radon mitigation in MicroBooNE by a liquid argon filtration system
Cosmic ray muon clustering for the MicroBooNE liquid argon time projection chamber using sMask-RCNN Novel approach for evaluating detector-related uncertainties in a LArTPC using MicroBooNE data First measurement of energy-dependent inclusive muon neutrino charged-current cross sections on argon with the MicroBooNE detector Search for an anomalous excess of inclusive charged-current ve interactions without pions in the final state with the MicroBooNE experiment Search for an anomalous excess of charged-current quasi-elastic ve interactions with the MicroBooNE experiment using deep-learning-based reconstruction New theory-driven GENIE tune for MicroBooNE Search for an anomalous excess of inclusive charged-current ve interactions in the MicroBooNE experiment using Wire-Cell reconstruction Search for an excess of electron neutrino interactions in MicroBooNE using multiple final state topologies Wire-Cell 3D pattern recognition techniques for neutrino event reconstruction in large LArTPCs Electromagnetic shower reconstruction and energy validation with Michel electrons and π⁰ samples for the deep-learning-based analyses in MicroBooNE Search for neutrino-induced NC Δ radiative decay in MicroBooNE and a first test of the MiniBooNE low-energy excess under a single-photon hypothesis First measurement of inclusive electron-neutrino and antineutrino charged current differential cross sections in charged lepton energy on argon in MicroBooNE Calorimetric classification of track-like signatures in liquid argon TPCs using MicroBooNE data Search for a Higgs Portal Scalar Decaying to Electron-Positron Pairs in the MicroBooNE Detector Measurement of the Longitudinal Diffusion of Ionization Electrons in the Detector
Cosmic Ray Background Rejection with Wire-Cell LAr TPC Event Reconstruction in the MicroBooNE Detector
Measurement of the Flux-Averaged Inclusive Charged Current Electron Neutrino and Antineutrino Cross Section on Argon using the NuMI Beam in MicroBooNE Measurement of the Atmospheric Muon Rate with the MicroBooNE Liquid Argon TPC Semantic Segmentation with a Sparse Convolutional Neural Network for Event Reconstruction in MicroBooNE High-performance Generic Neutrino Detection in a LAr TPC near the Earth's Surface with the MicroBooNE Detector Neutrino Event Selection in the MicroBooNE LAr TPC using Wire-Cell 3D Imaging, Clustering, and Charge-Light Matching A Convolutional Neural Network for Multiple Particle Identification in the MicroBooNE Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber Vertex-Finding and Reconstruction of Contained Two-track Neutrino Events in the MicroBooNE Detector The Continuous Readout Stream of the MicroBooNE Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber for Detection of Supernova Burst Neutrinos Measurement of Differential Cross Sections for Muon Neutrino CC Interactions on Argon with Protons and No Pions in the Final State

Measurement of Space Charge Effects in the MicroBooNE LAr TPC Using Cosmic Muons

First Measurement of Differential Charged Current Quasi-Elastic-Like Muon Neutrino Argon Scattering Cross Sections with the MicroBooNE Detector Search for heavy neutral leptons decaying into muon-pion pairs in the MicroBooNE detector

Reconstruction and Measurement of O(100) MeV Electromagnetic Activity from Neutral Pion to Gamma Gamma Decays in the MicroBooNE LArTPC

A Method to Determine the Electric Field of Liquid Argon Time Projection Chambers Using a UV Laser System and its Application in MicroBooNE Calibration of the Charge and Energy Response of the MicroBooNE Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber Using Muons and Protons First Measurement of Inclusive Muon Neutrino Charged Current Differential Cross Sections on Argon at Enu ~0.8 GeV with the MicroBooNE Detector Design and Construction of the MicroBooNE Cosmic Ray Tagger System Rejecting Cosmic Background for Exclusive Neutrino Interaction Studies with Liquid Argon TPCs: A Case Study with the MicroBooNE Detector First Measurement of Muon Neutrino Charged Current Neutral Pion Production on Argon with the MicroBooNE detector A Deep Neural Network for Pixel-Level Electromagnetic Particle Identification in the MicroBooNE Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber Comparison of Muon-Neutrino-Argon Multiplicity Distributions Observed by MicroBooNE to GENIE Model Predictions Ionization Electron Signal Processing in Single Phase LArTPCs II: Data/Simulation Comparison and Performance in MicroBooNE

Noise Characterization and Filtering in the MicroBooNE Liquid Argon TPC
Michel Electron Reconstruction Using Cosmic Ray Data from the MicroBooNE LAr TPC
Determination of Muon Momentum in the MicroBooNE LAr TPC Using an Improved Model of Multiple Coulomb Scattering
Convolutional Neural Networks Applied to Neutrino Events in a Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber
Design and Construction of the MicroBooNE Detector

Ionization Electron Signal Processing in Single Phase LArTPCs I: Algorithm Description and Quantitative Evaluation with MicroBooNE Simulation

The Pandora Multi-Algorithm Approach to Automated Pattern Recognition of Cosmic Ray Muon and Neutrino Events in the MicroBooNE Detector Measurement of Cosmic Ray Reconstruction Efficiencies in the MicroBooNE LAr TPC Using a Small External Cosmic Ray Counter

FAR DETECTOR - ICARUS

Cosmic AND ROBOTON DE SIGNALS

From Gran Sasso Laboratory to Fermilab via CERN



Transport from CERN to Fermilab

Installation of ICARUS cryostats



Four Time Projection Chambers in two modules

August 2018

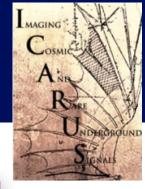
Each module dimension:

 $3m \times 4m \times 18m$

Start of ICARUS detector operation

Steady data taking since March 2021, in parallel with commissioning activities

FAR DETECTOR - ICARUS





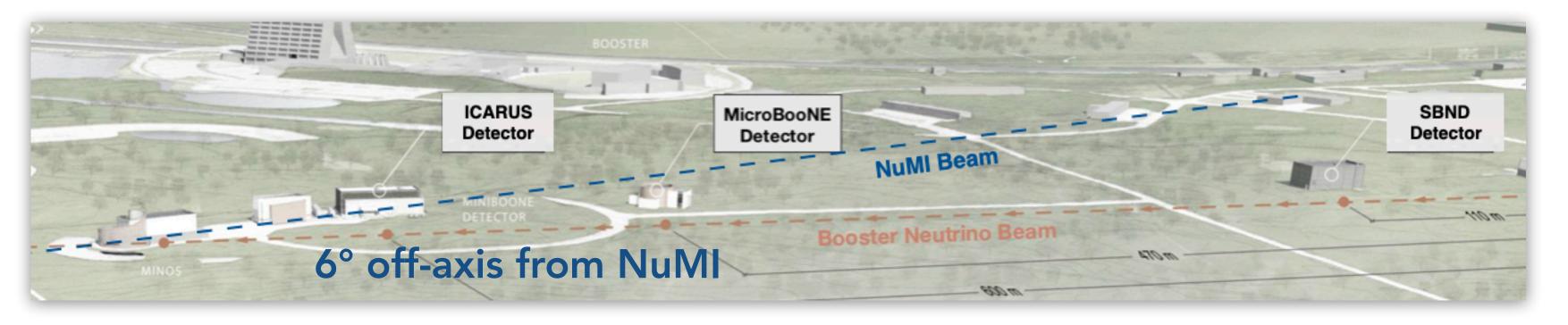
Completion of Cosmic Ray tagger

Completion of concrete overburden



Collecting data in final configuration since June 2022

ICARUS receives two neutrino beams: it also sits 6° off-axis from the NuMI beam



Detector components: INFN (Italy)

Side/bottom CRT: FNAL (DOE) and US institutions

Detector refurbishment infrastructure and shipping:

CERN

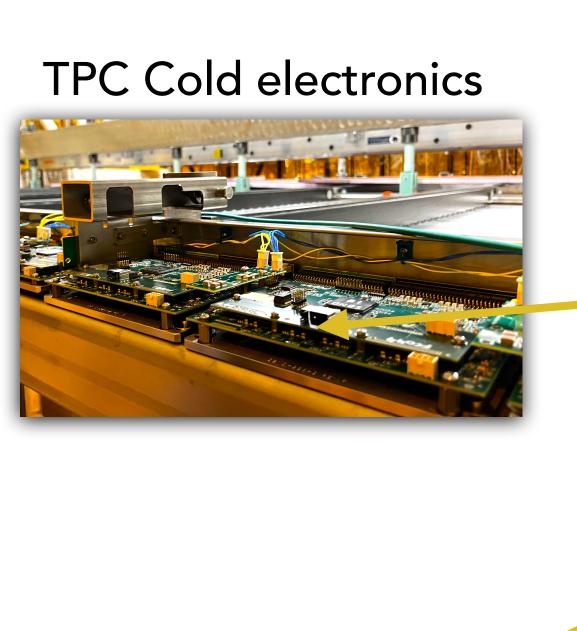
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Building and Infrastructures: FNAL (DOE) **Assembly and Installation**: FNAL (DOE) and

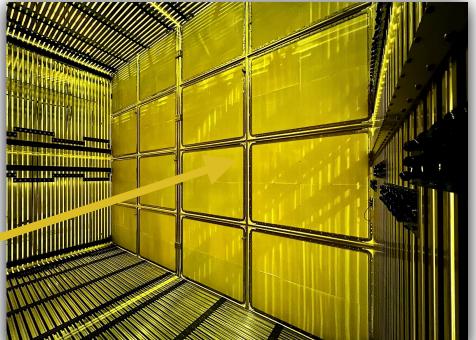
Collaboration Institutions

NEAR DETECTOR - SBND OVERVIEW

The design of the SBND TPC is largely based on the design of the TPC for the DUNE Far Detector 1 (FD1) 🕏



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



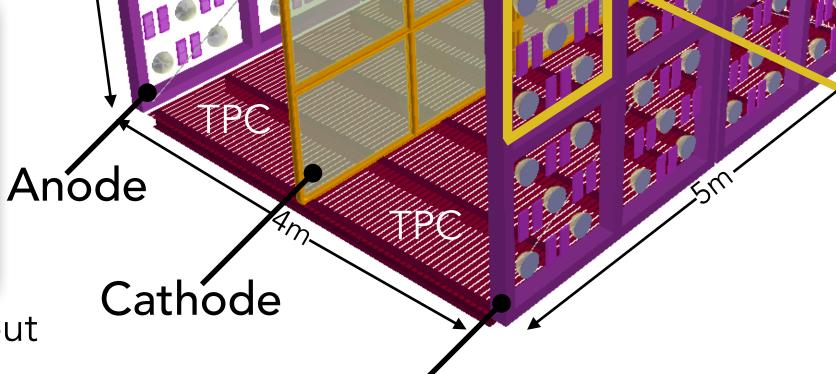
CPA Cathode
covered with TPB
coated reflectors

Field Cage





APA - wire planes - 3 readout planes, ~11000 wires



Anode

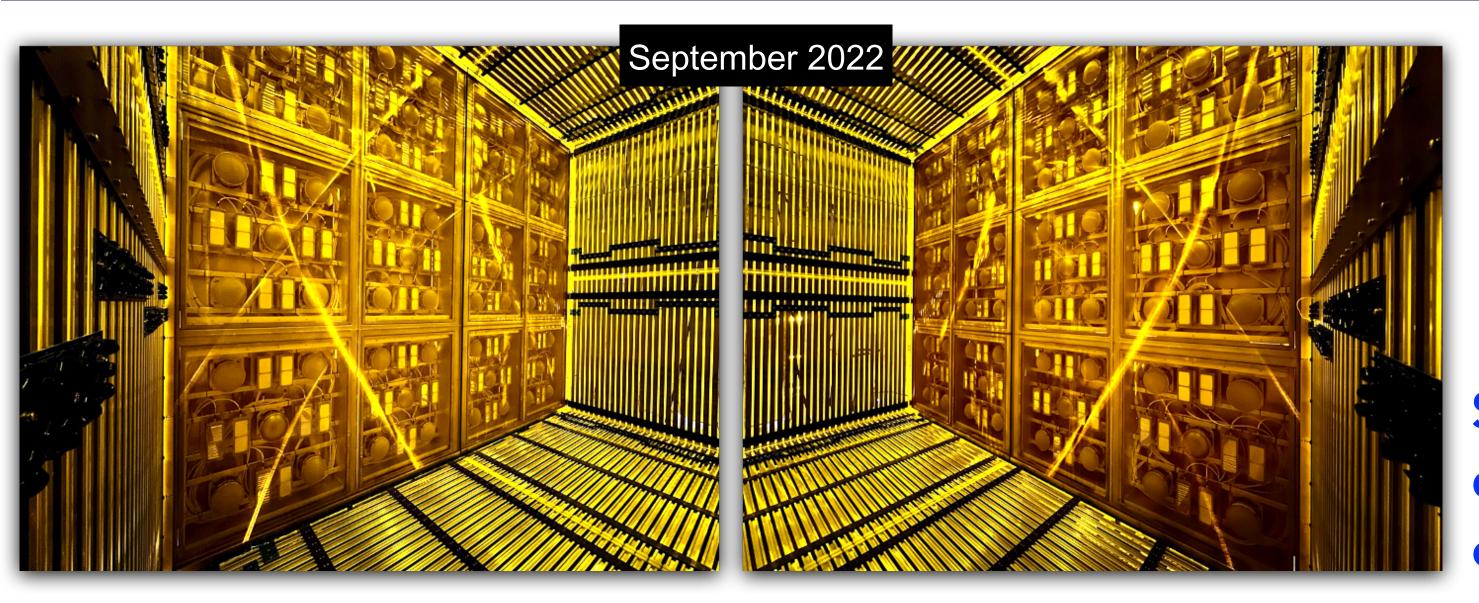
Photon Detection Systems: 120 PMTs, 192 X-Arapucas **Detector components**: Brazil, UK, Switzerland and US (NSF and DOE) Institutions

Cryostat and Cryogenics: CERN and FNAL (DOE)

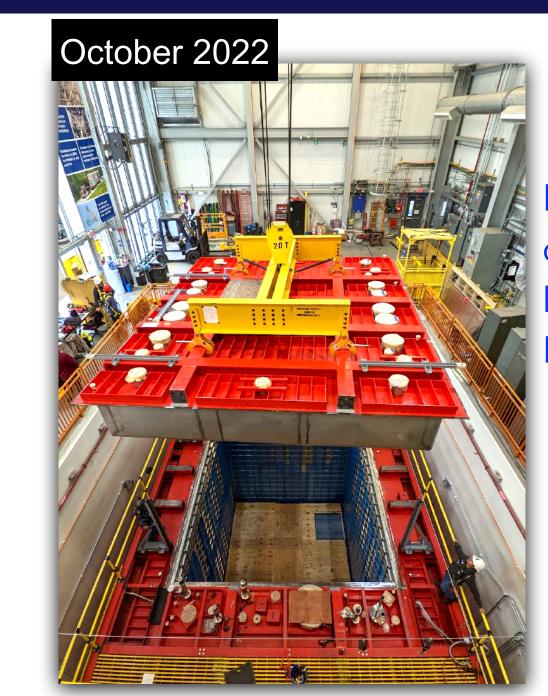
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SBND STATUS



SBND detector completed



Membrane cryostat as in DUNE FD1 and FD2

SBND cryostat completed

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



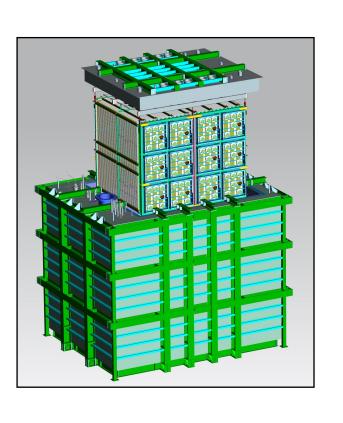
A newsworthy day

SBND detector move





SBND - TIMELINE TO OPERATIONS





Rigging detector into cryostat April, 2023



Ready for Cryogenic Commissioning

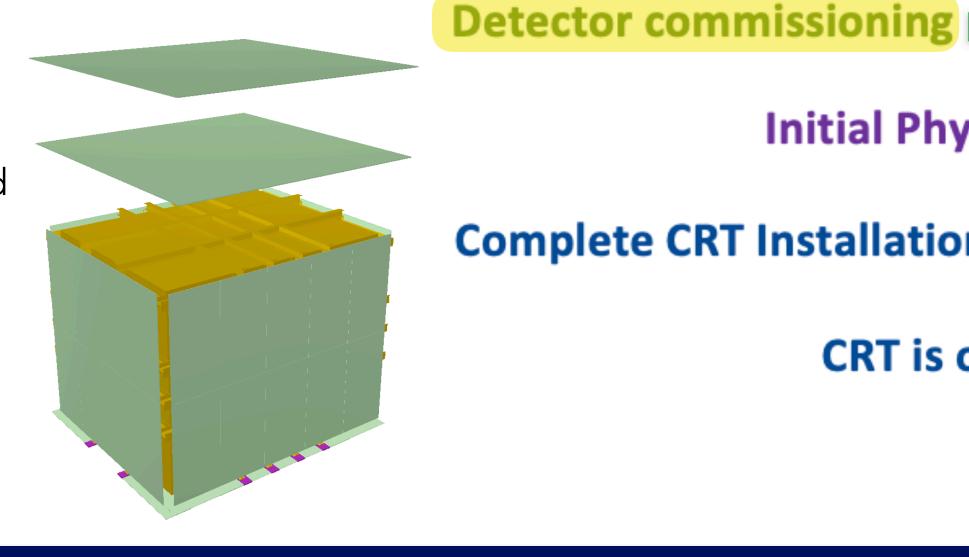


Purge, Cooldown, Fill





Cryostat surrounded by a Cosmic Ray Tagger system. Panels made of scintillator strips



Initial Physics Run

Complete CRT Installation



summer shutdown 2024

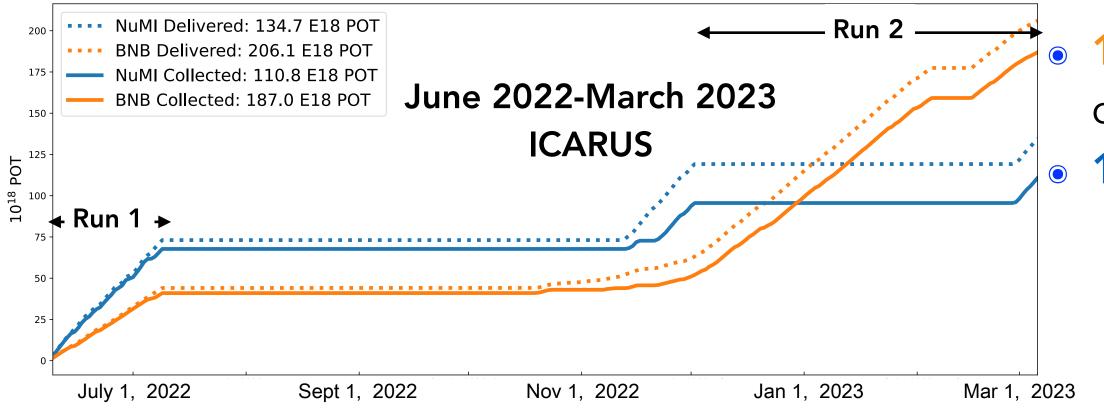
SBN RUN PLAN

O ICARUS is collecting physics data since June 2022:

Run 1, first ICARUS physics run: June 9th – July 10th, 2022 (average collection efficiency ~93% for both BNB and NuMI)

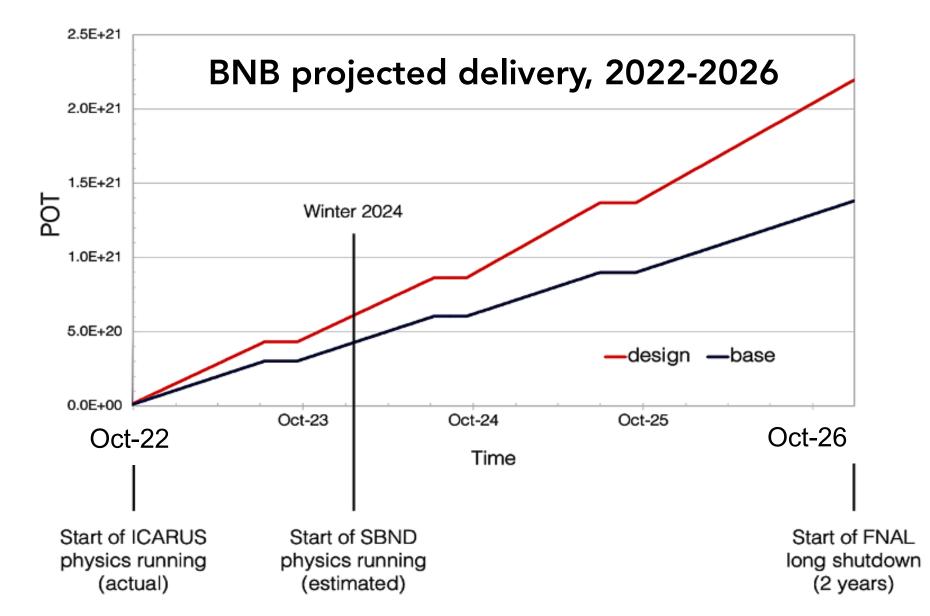
Run 2:

December 5th, 2022 – (average collection efficiency ~95%)



- 1.9 x 10²⁰ protons on target (POT)
 collected from BNB
- 1.1 × 10²⁰ POT collected from NuMI

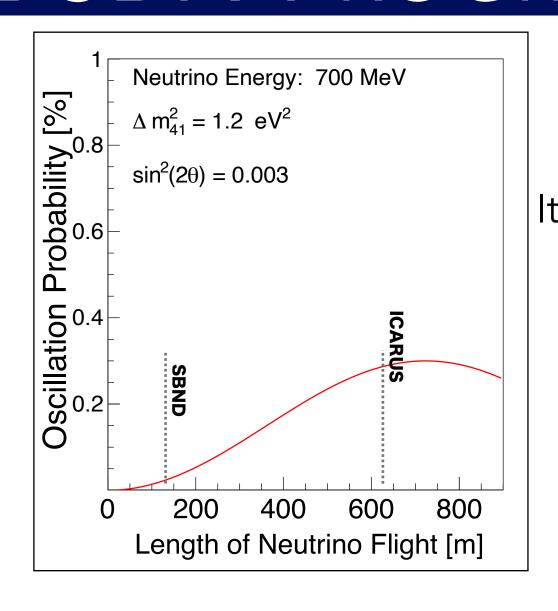
- Running until the Fermilab accelerator long-shutdown in 2027:
 - ICARUS is expected to collect 15-22 × 10²⁰ POT from BNB
 - SBND is expected to collect 10-13 × 10²⁰ POT from BNB
 - This is x2 the assumed exposure in the SBN proposal (6.6 \times 10²⁰ POT)
- We have started considering the physics potential of extending the run after the long-shutdown (2029+). Possible scenarios:
 - Continue to run in neutrino mode
 - Run in anti-neutrino mode
 - Run in beam-dump mode



WHAT MAKES THE SBN PROGRAM UNIQUE?

LAr Technology

Event imaging
Fine granularity calorimetry
and particle identification
Electron-γ separation
Good timing resolution
Low energy threshold



Near detector SBND

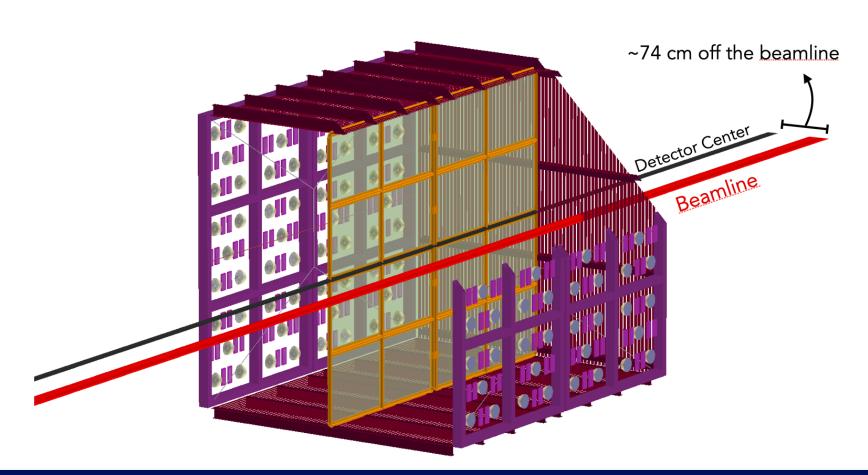
Crucial for oscillation searches.

Sitting close to the neutrino source, SBND plays a **unique role.**It sits before oscillations turn on @eV-scale → it characterizes the beam and **addresses the dominant systematic uncertainties**

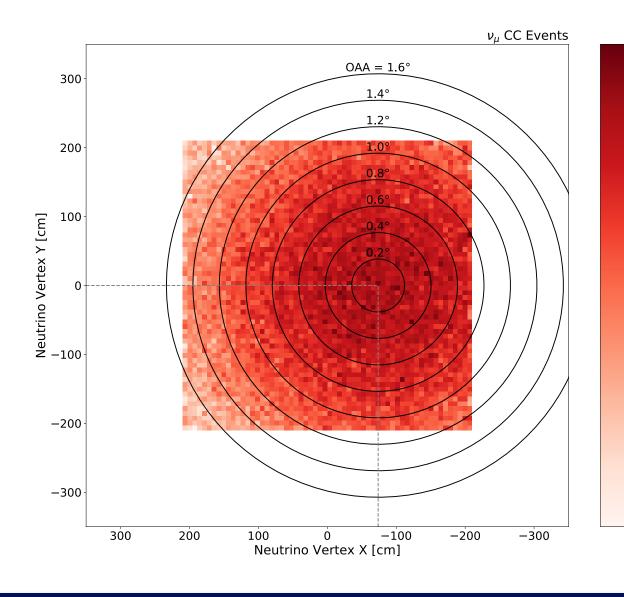
Far detector ICARUS

Given its far location and large mass provides big exposure to oscillated neutrinos, allowing for a **high sensitivity oscillation search**

SBND is close (110 m) to the neutrino source and intentionally positioned offset relative to the beam center.



SBND-PRISM



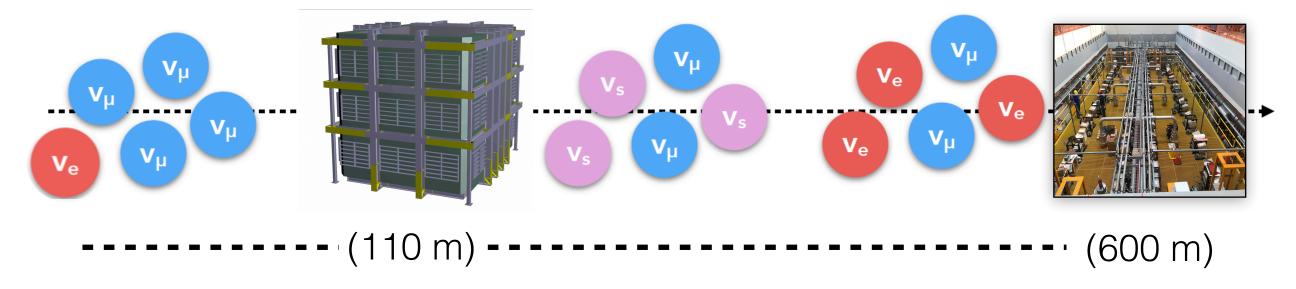
This "PRISM"* feature of SBND allows sampling multiple neutrino fluxes in the detector

SBND-PRISM provides unique constraints of systematic uncertainties, helps mitigate backgrounds and expands the SBN(D) physics potentials

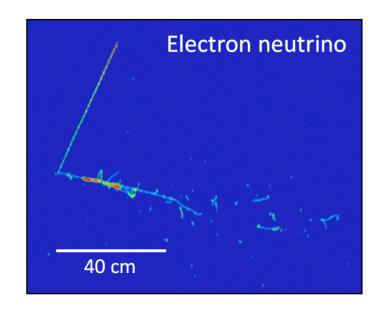
^{*}Similar to the nu-PRISM and DUNE-PRISM concepts, but with a fixed detector.

SBN - A BROAD PHYSICS PROGRAM

eV-scale sterile neutrinos: searches for physics beyond the threeneutrino mixing with multiple-detectors at different baselines.



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

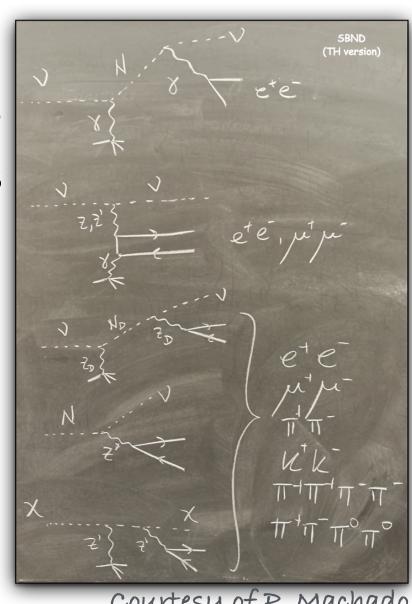


We have expanded the physics program!

New physics scenarios: study alternative explanations of the short-baseline anomalies and other Beyond Standard Model scenarios.

Many ideas for new searches emerging from collaboration with theory colleagues.

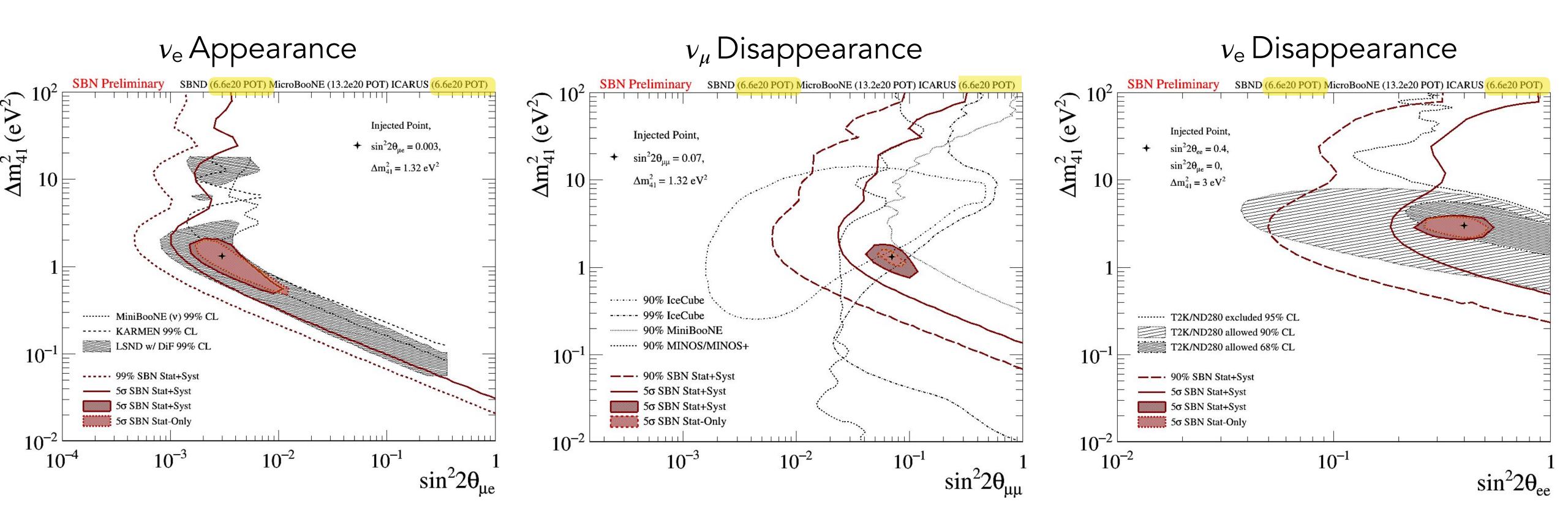
Large volumes of LAr data will enable further developments of powerful reconstruction and analysis techniques.



Courtesy of P. Machado

P.Machado, O.P., D. Schmitz, Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 69 363-387 (2019)

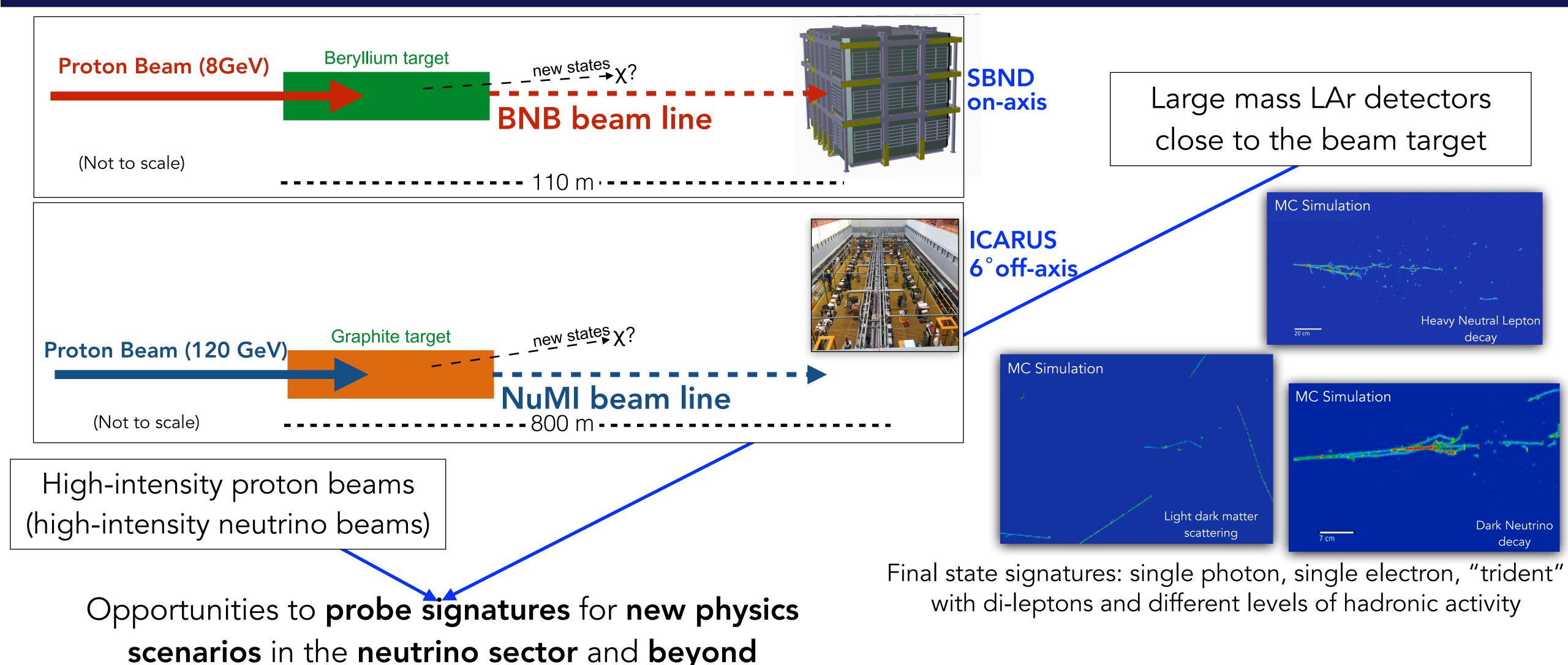
SBN STERILE NEUTRINO SENSITIVITIES



The SBN program tests the sterile neutrino hypothesis by covering the parameter regions allowed by past anomalies at 5σ significance.

Complementary measurements in different modes: important for interpretation in terms of sterile neutrino oscillation.

SIGNATURES FOR NEW PHYSICS IN SBN

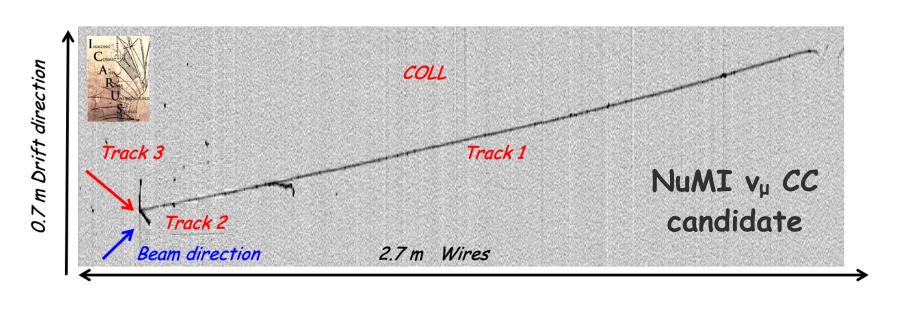


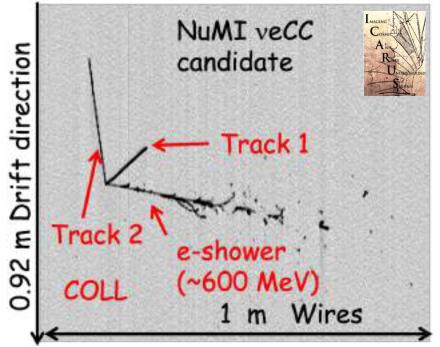
Ability of LAr experiments to perform BSM searches have been demonstrated by recent measurements from ArgoNeuT and MicroBooNE.

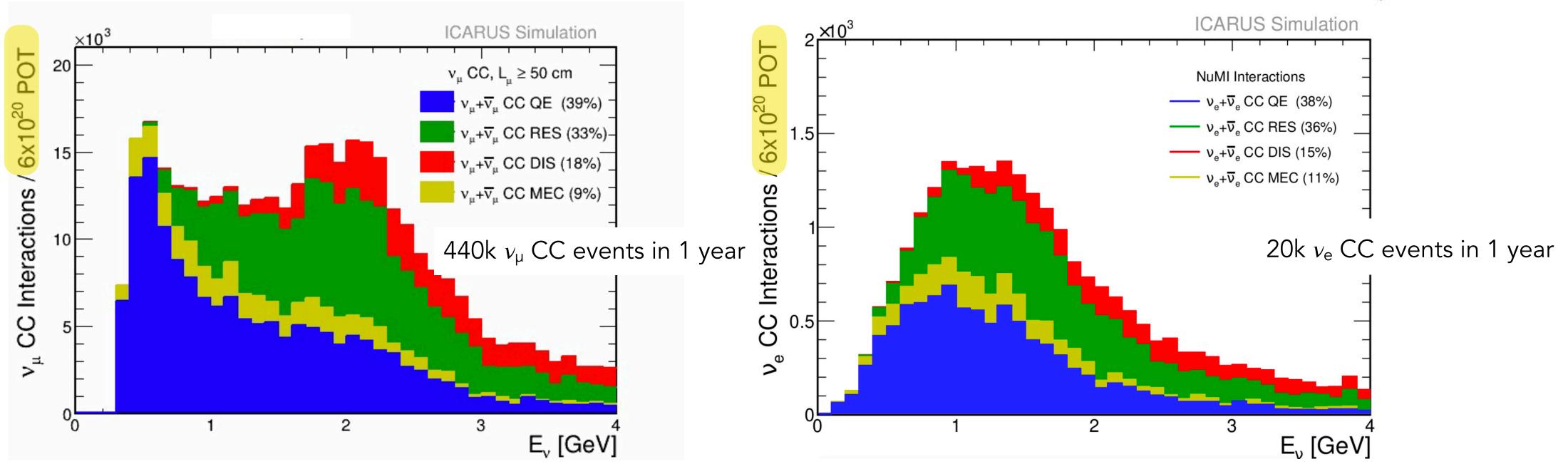
PRECISION STUDIES OF NEUTRINO-ARGON INTERACTIONS IN SBN

Neutrino cross sections measurements are crucial for understanding neutrino interaction with matter and informing oscillation measurements. Also, neutrinos are background for BSM searches!

ICARUS collects high statistics of neutrino-argon interactions in its off-axis location on NuMI.



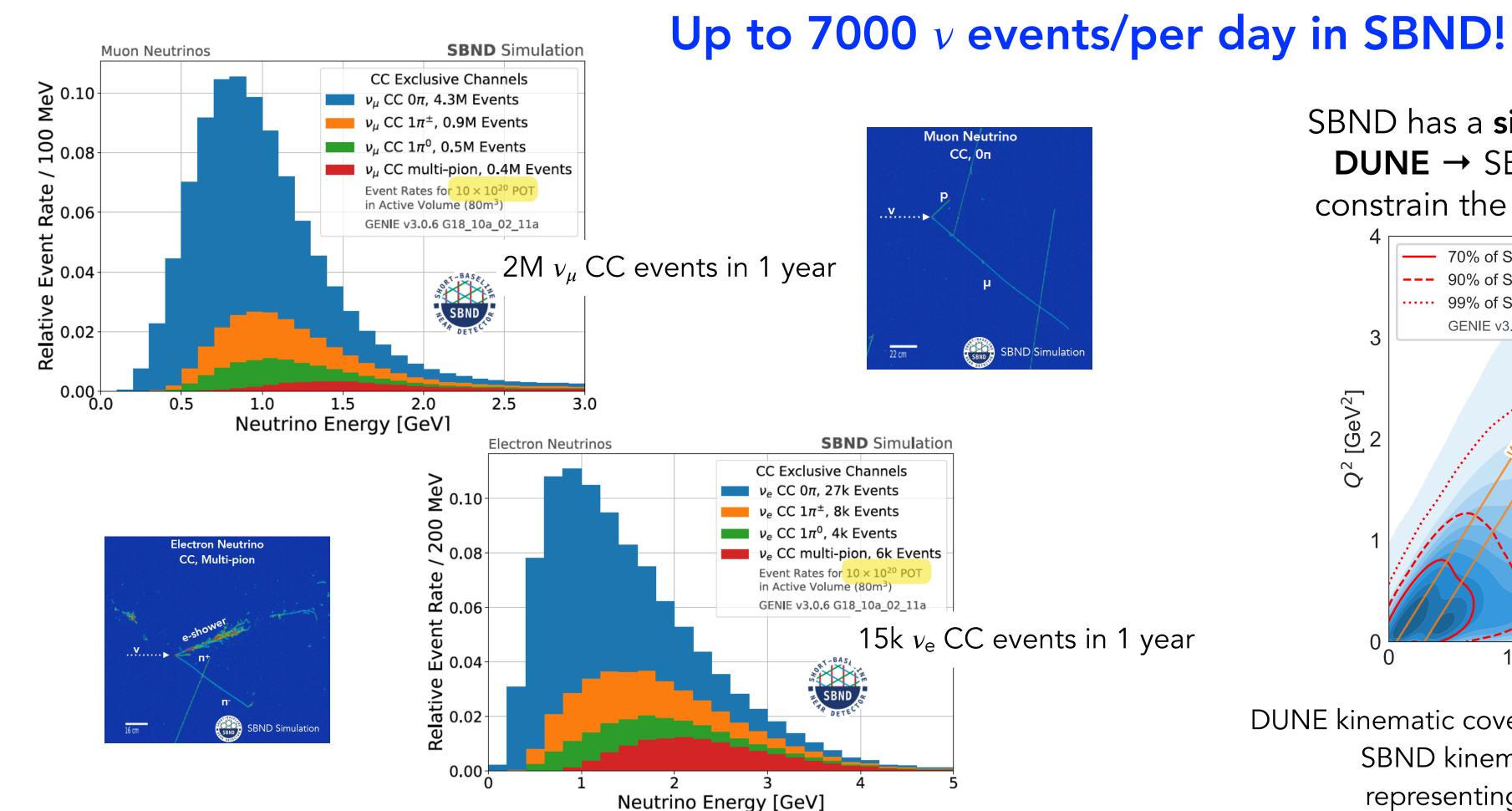




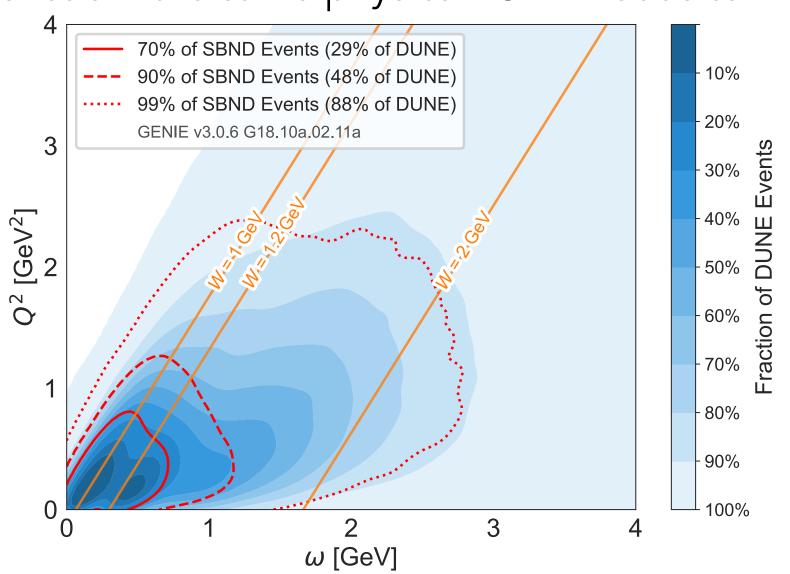
Electron and muon neutrino spectra from NuMI at ICARUS includes a substantial event rate at the DUNE first oscillation peak

PRECISION STUDIES OF NEUTRINO-ARGON INTERACTIONS IN SBN

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.



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



DUNE kinematic coverage is represented with the blue 2D histogram. SBND kinematic coverage is shown with 3 contours, representing 70%, 90%, and 99% of all SBND data.

SBND will record 20-30x more neutrino-argon interactions than is currently available

(10 million total events (CC+NC), including around 50,000 ν_{μ} CC events above 2 GeV, and 50,000 ν_{e} CC events).

SBN IN NUMBERS

A large, International team to produce the SBN physics!





150 Scientific Collaborators

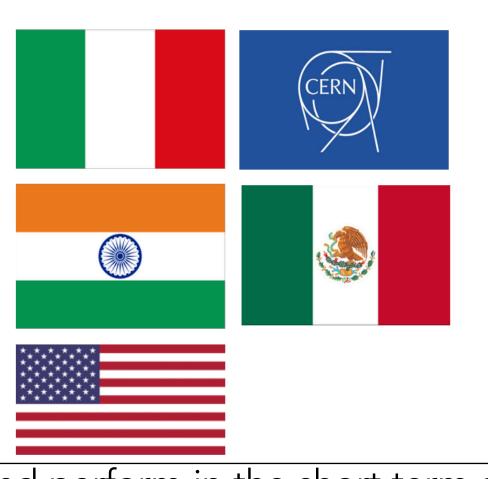
(faculty/scientists, postdocs, PhD students)

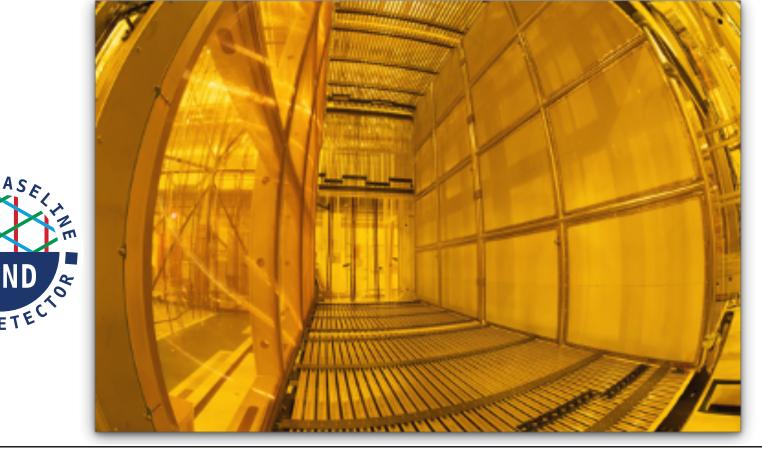
25 Institutions

12 INFN Sections (Italy)

CERN

- 1 Indian Laboratory
- 1 Mexico University
- 7 US Universities, 3 National Laboratories





253 Total Collaborators

206 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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SBN IN PICTURES



SHORT-BASELINE NEUTRINO PROGRAM

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SBN IN SUMMARY

Construction of the SBN program realized several recommendations from the last P5. SBN operations and physics program will be mostly realized in the forthcoming P5 period.



Exciting times are ahead for the

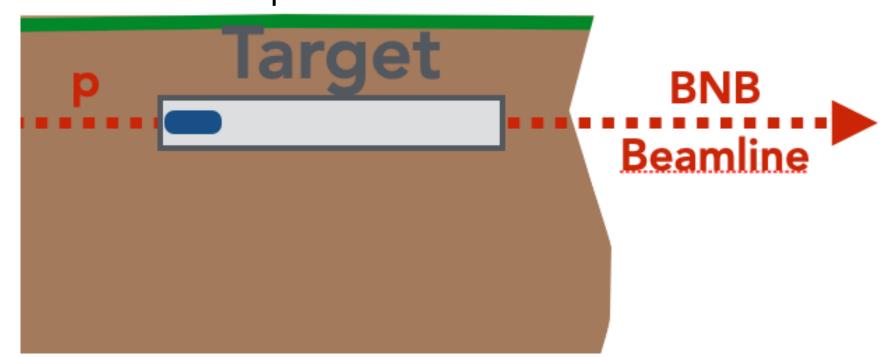
Short-Baseline Neutrino Program!

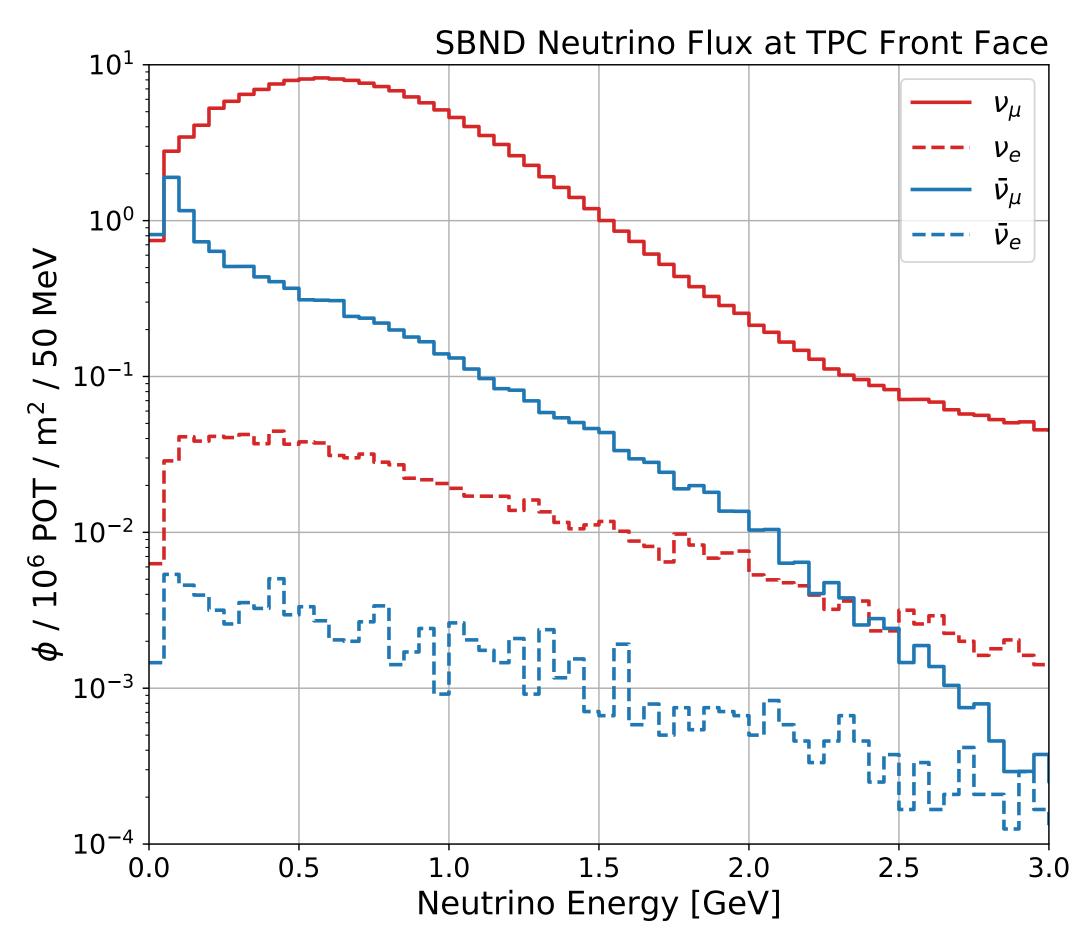
EXTRAS

BOOSTER NEUTRINO BEAM

High-intensity neutrino beam

from 8 GeV proton beam.





Neutrino flux at the SBND front face.

Mean muon-neutrino energy: ~0.8 GeV

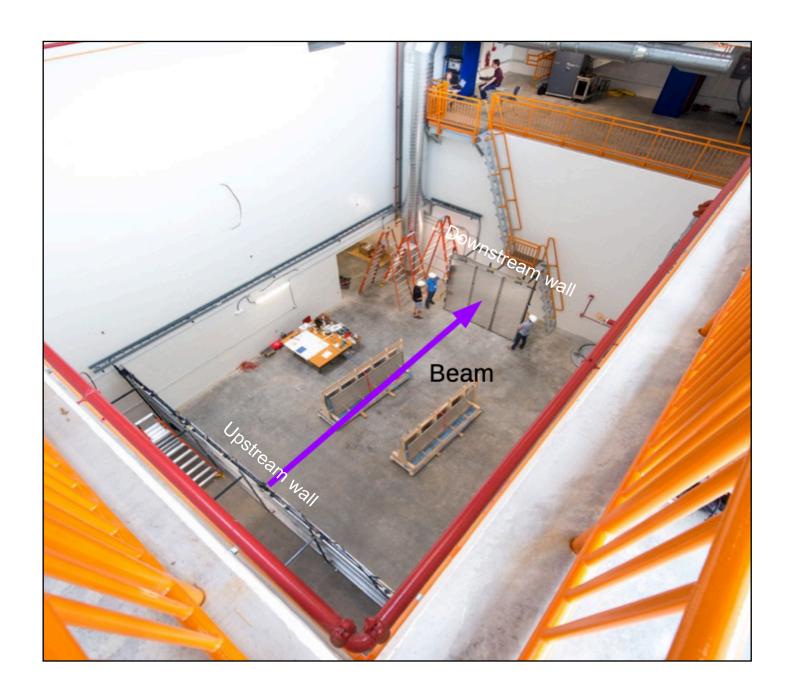
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 (93.6%)

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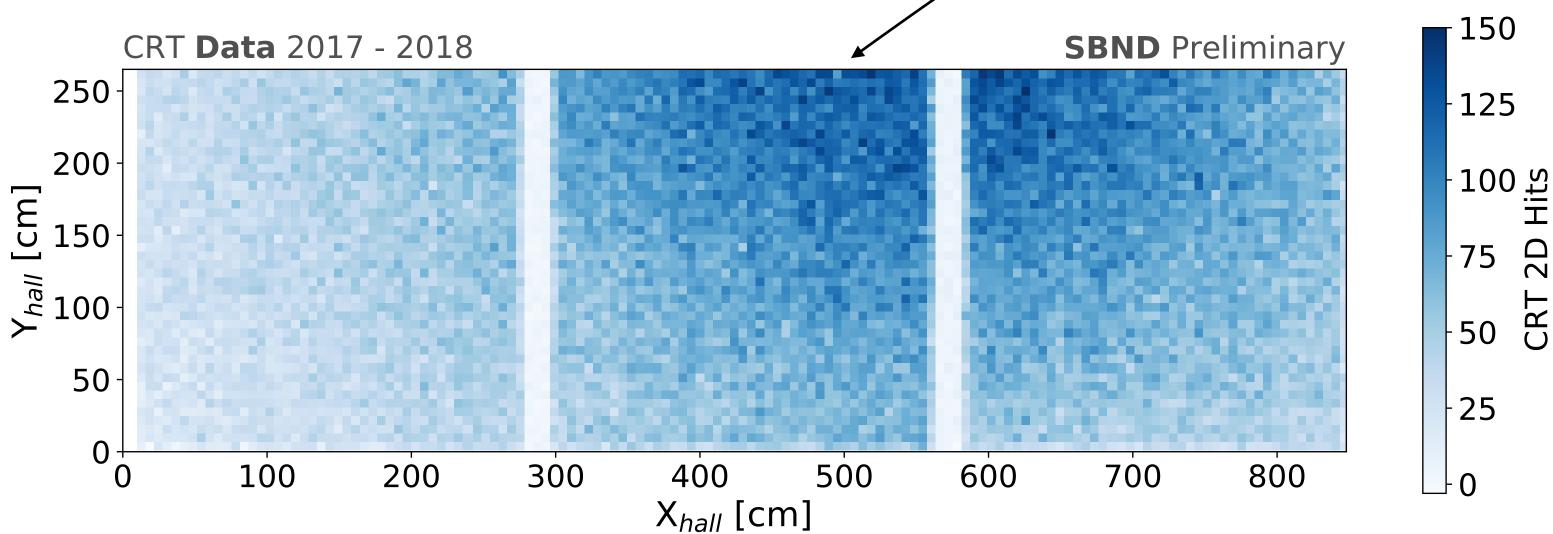
$$\nu_e$$
+ $\bar{\nu}_e$ (0.5%)

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.



SBND-PRISM - NEUTRINO FLUXES

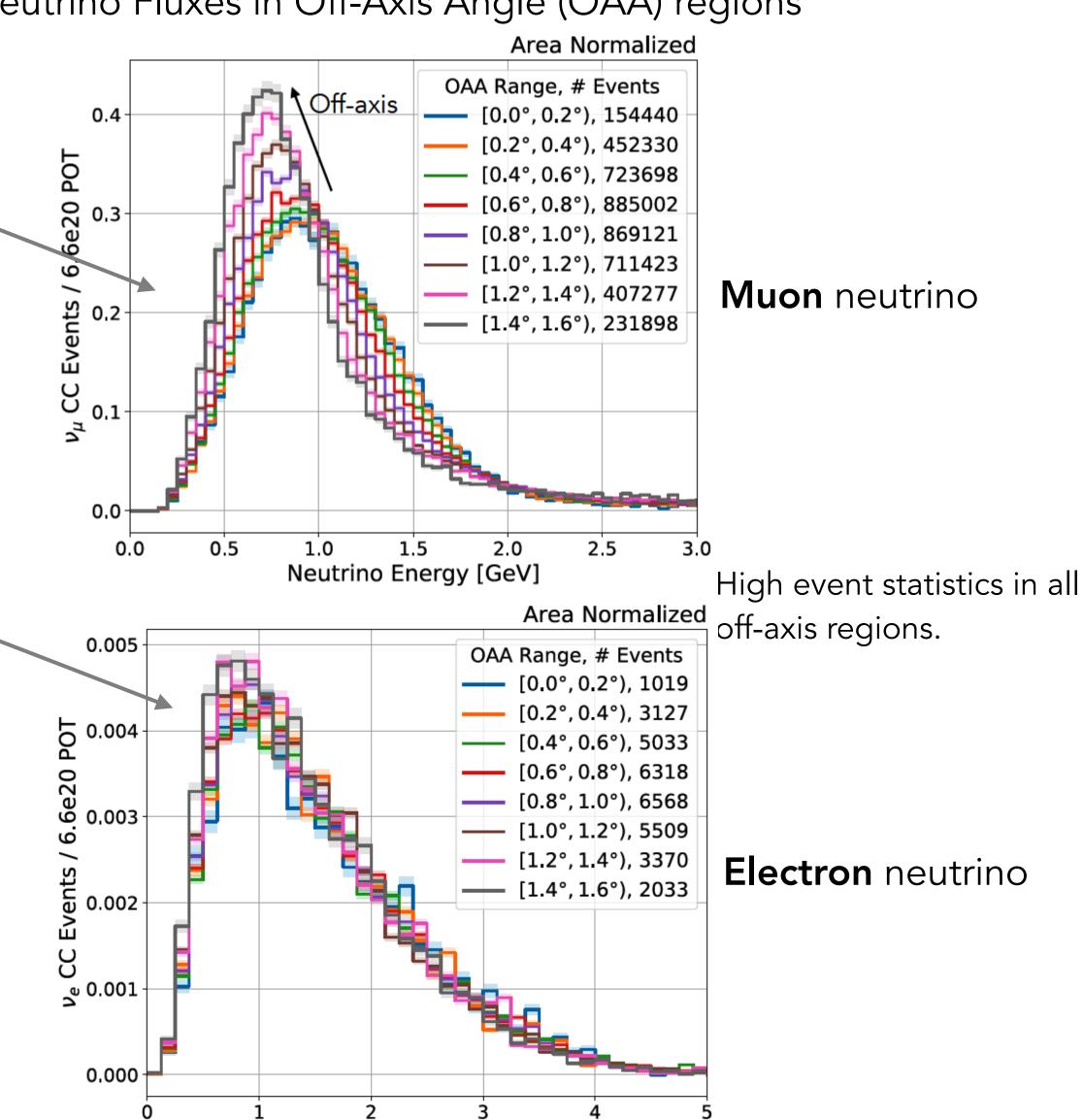
The **Muon** neutrino energy distributions are affected by the off-axis position $[v_{\mu}]$ come predominantly from two-body decay]. Larger off-axis angle → lower mean energy.

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

Muon and electron neutrino spectra change in a different way!

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

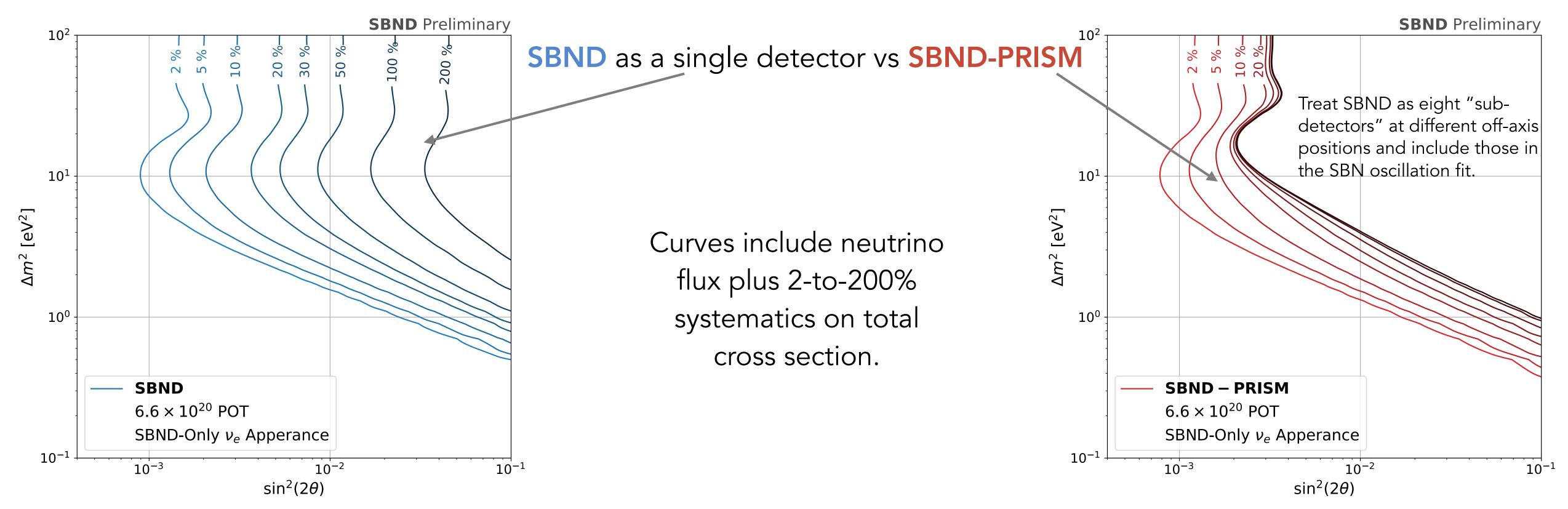
Neutrino Fluxes in Off-Axis Angle (OAA) regions



Neutrino Energy [GeV]

EFFECT OF SBND-PRISM ON OSCILLATION ANALYSES

SBND-only - simplified Oscillation Analysis (v_e Appearance)



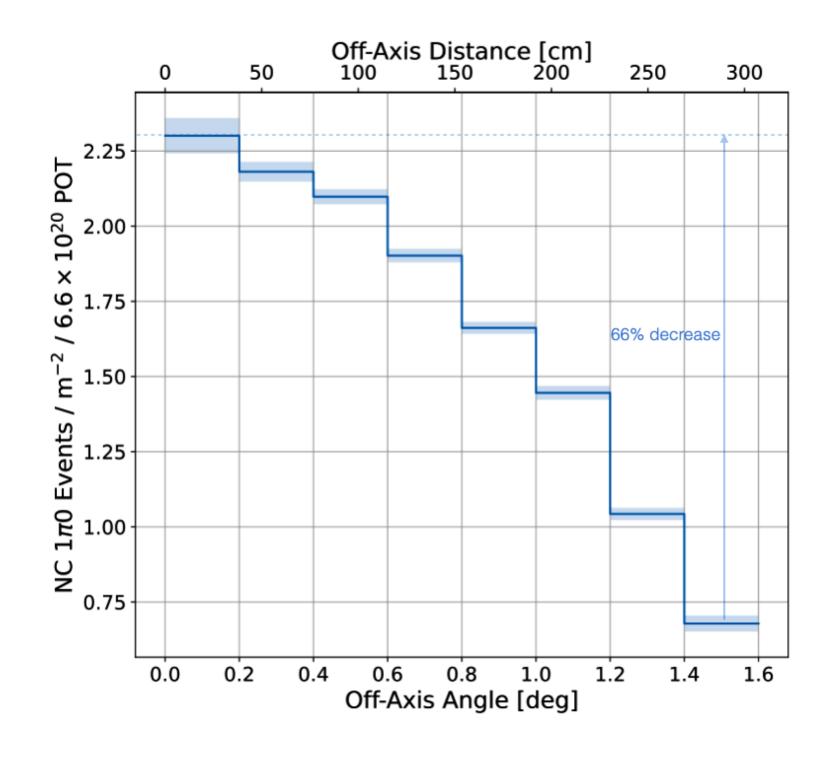
- Improvement in sensitivity by exploiting SBND-PRISM.
- Using the PRISM technique the neutrino interaction model is over-constrained, becoming ~ insensitive to cross section model uncertainties above 20%. Robust against large cross-section uncertainties.

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

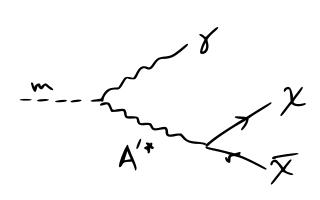
SBND-PRISM TO MITIGATE BACKGROUNDS

An example: electron neutrino measurements

Main background for electron neutrino: NC 1 π^0 events.

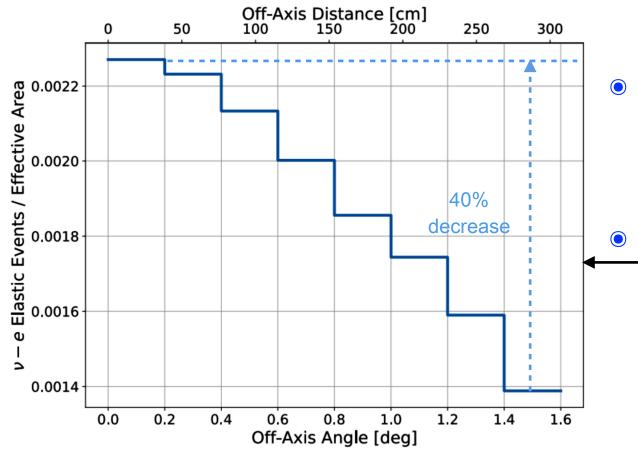


Another example: search for Light (sub-GeV) Dark Matter

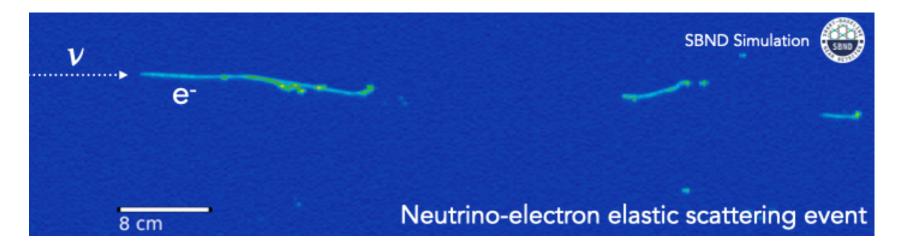


Dark photons, produced by the decay of neutral meson (pions, etas) in the target and decay into dark matter.

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



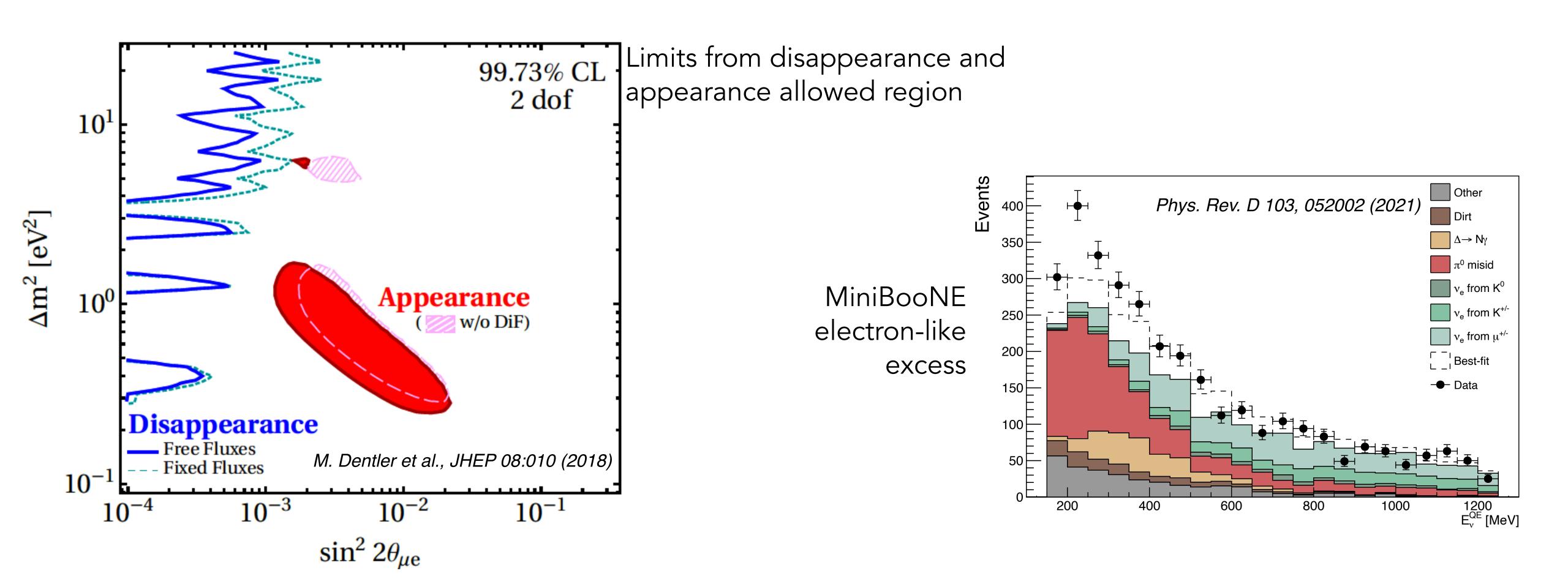
- **Signal**: DM elastic scattering electron events. DM comes from neutral (unfocused) mesons.
- Background: neutrino-electron elastic scattering. Neutrinos come from two-body decays of charged (focused) mesons.



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

LIGHT STERILE NEUTRINO - EXPERIMENTAL LANDSCAPE

A 4.7 σ tension arises when combining v_e appearance and v_μ disappearance data sets.

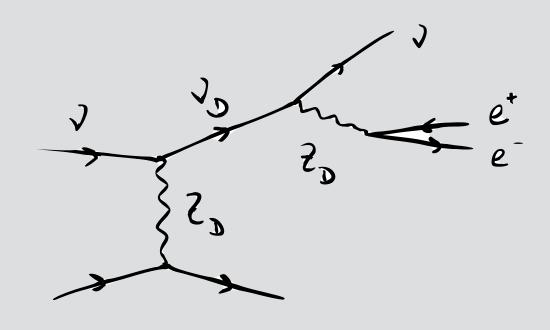


Alternative (Beyond Standard Model) explanations exist that could explain the MiniBooNE (and LSND) anomalies.

EVOLVING LANDSCAPE...

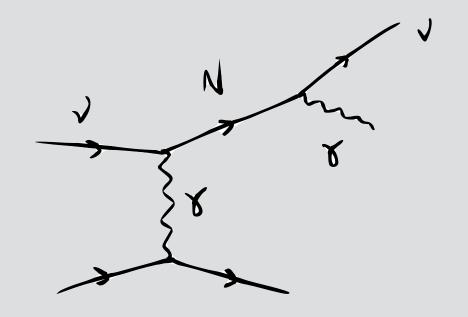
Alternative explanations
of the MiniBooNE excess
and other Beyond
Standard Model scenarios.

Dark Neutrinos



Bertuzzo Jana Machado Zukanovich PRL 2018, PLB 2019 Arguelles Hostert Tsai PRL 2019 Ballett Pascoli Ross-Lonergan PRD 2019 Ballett Hostert Pascoli PRD 2020

Transition Magnetic Moment



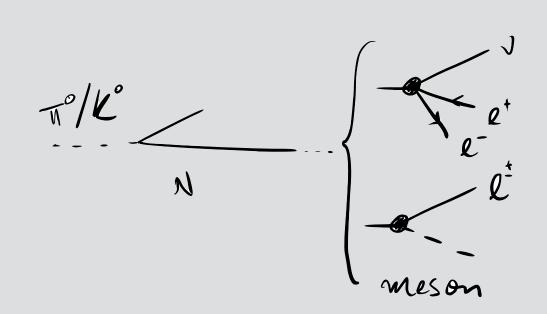
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Axion-like Particles



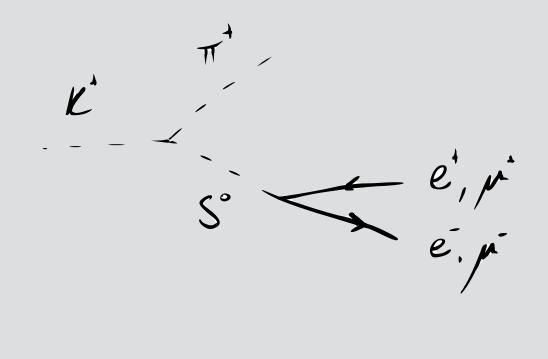
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Heavy Neutral Leptons



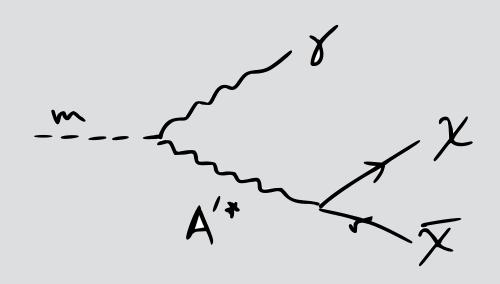
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Higgs Portal Scalar



Pat Wilczek 2006 Batell Berger Ismail PRD 2019 MicroBooNE 2021

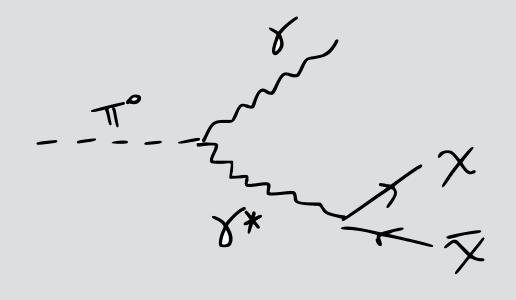
Light Dark Matter



Romeri Kelly Machado PRD 2019

Note: not an exhaustive list!

Millicharged Particles



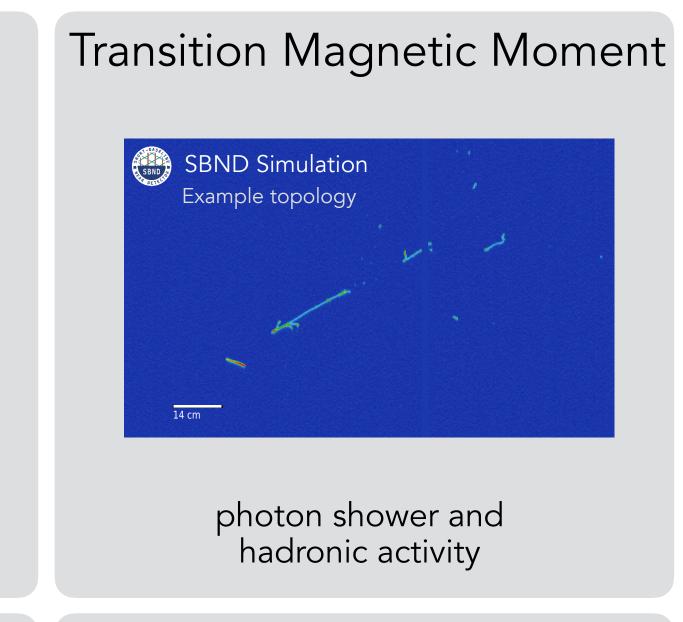
Magill, Plestid, Pospelov, Tsai, PRL 2019 Harnik Liu Palamara, JHEP 2019

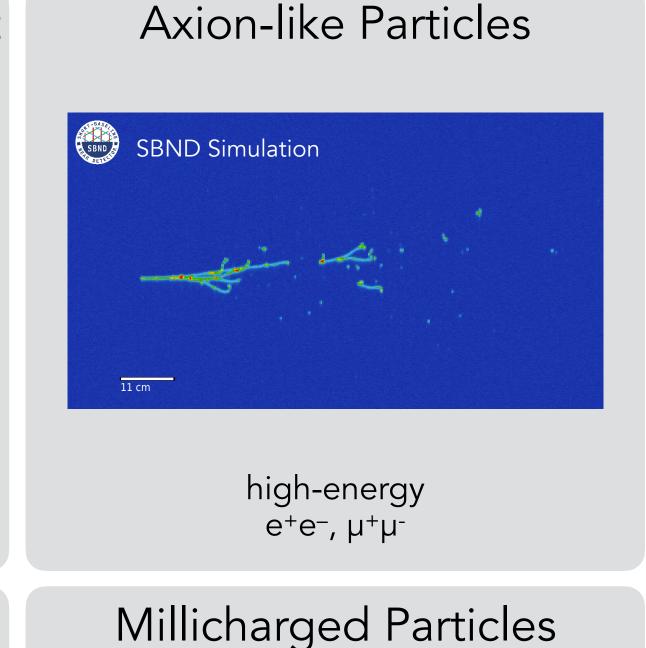
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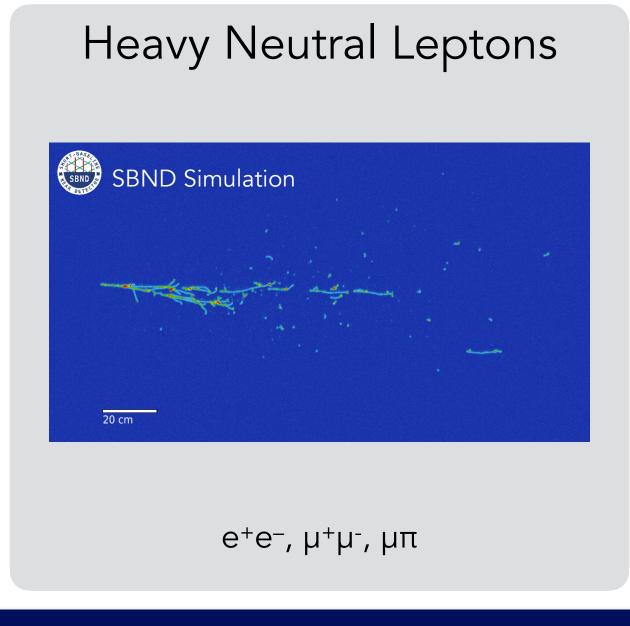
SIGNATURES FOR NEW PHYSICS IN SBN

Collaboration between experimentalists and theorists is crucial for these searches.

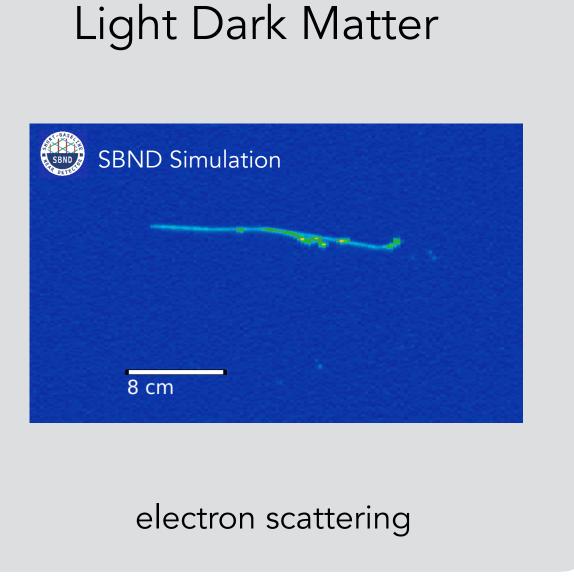
Dark Neutrinos SBND Simulation e+e- pair w/ or w/o hadronic activity

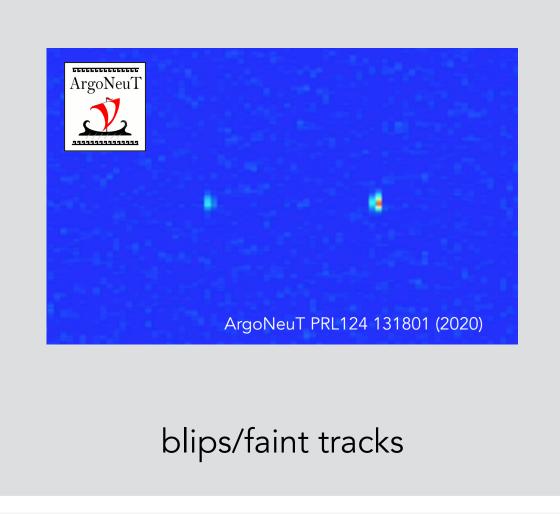






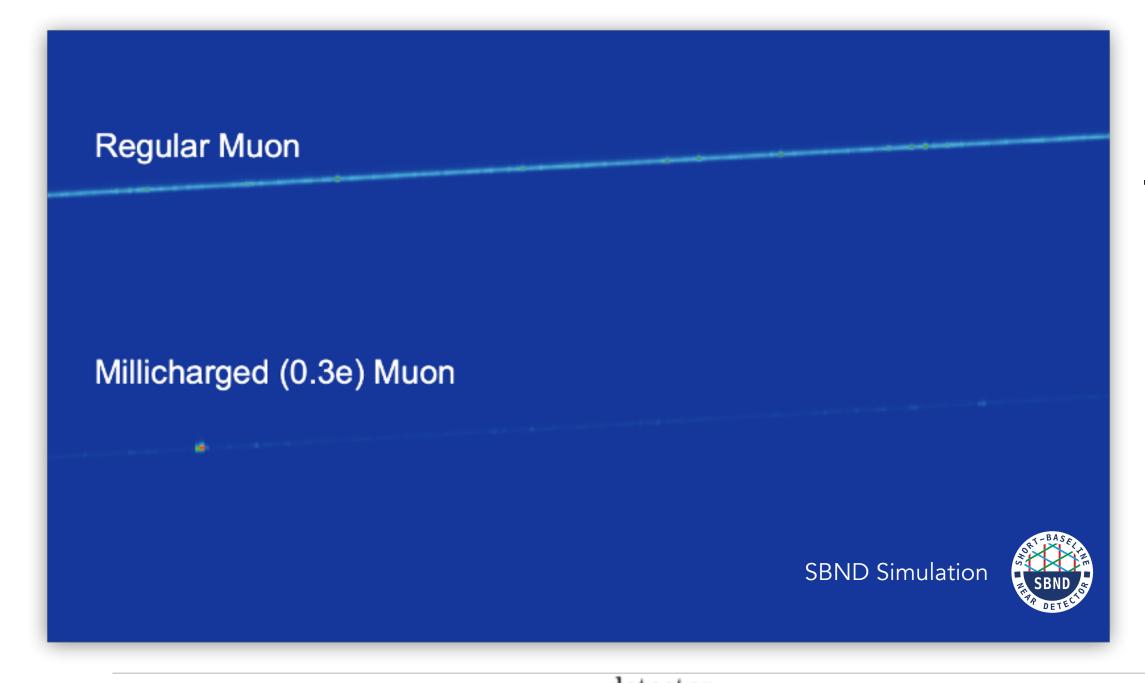


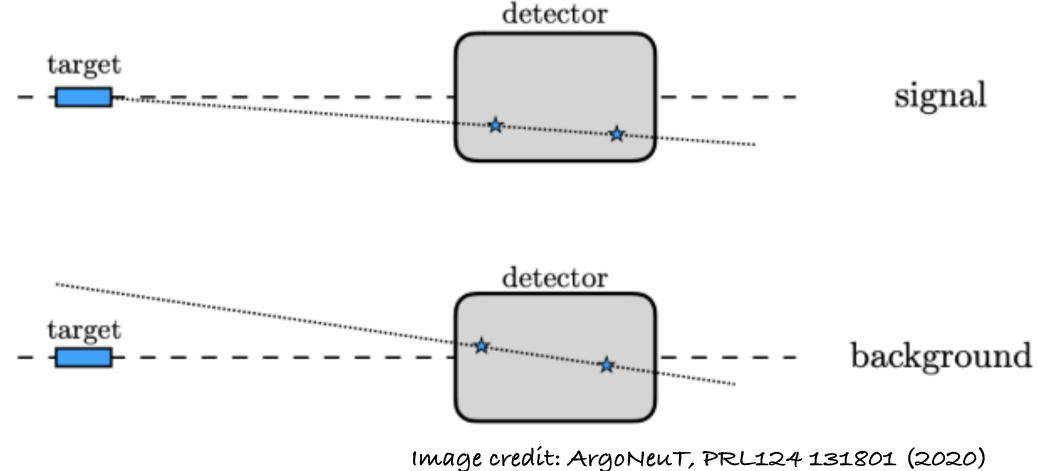




SEARCH FOR MILLICHARGED PARTICLES IN SBND

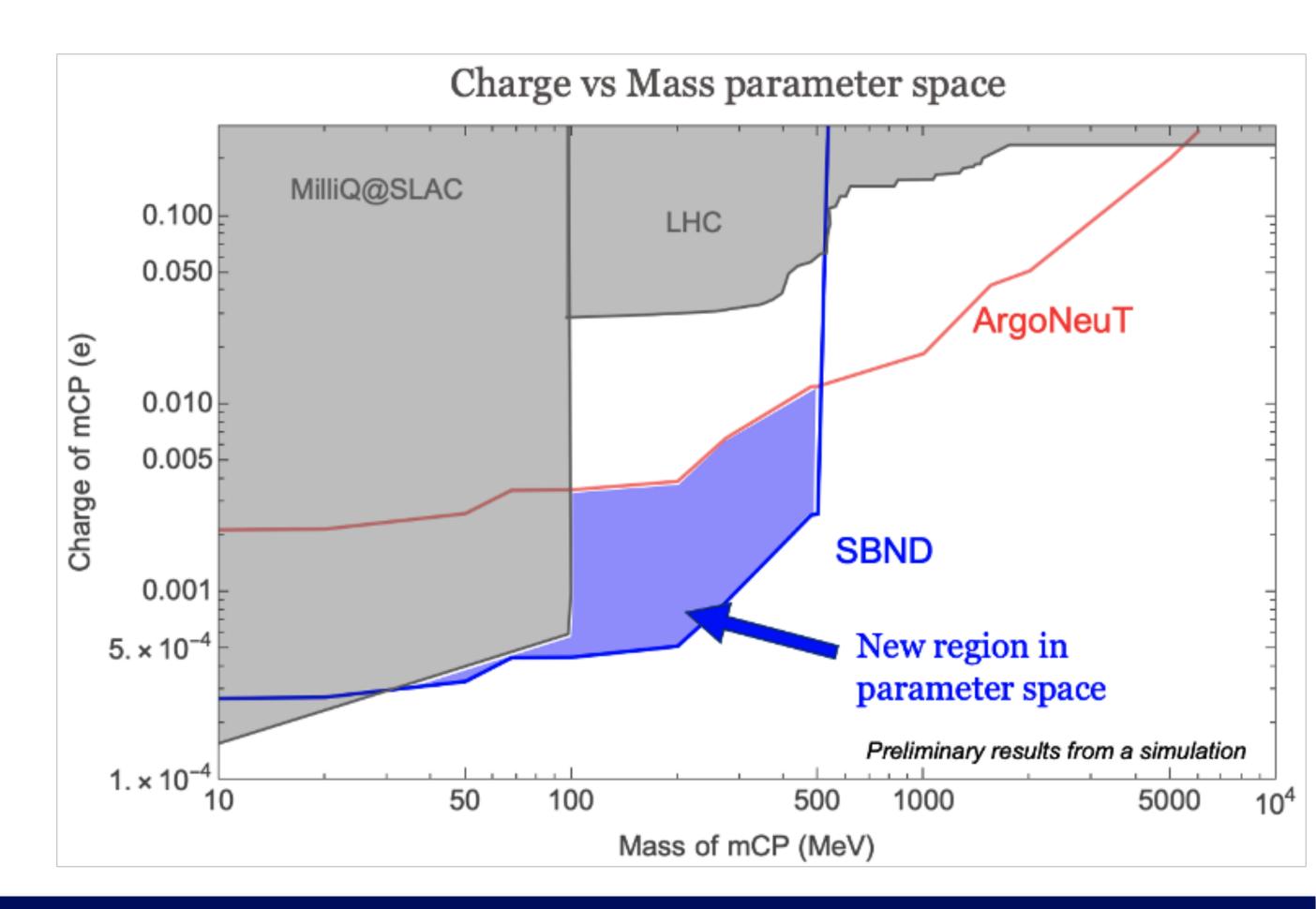






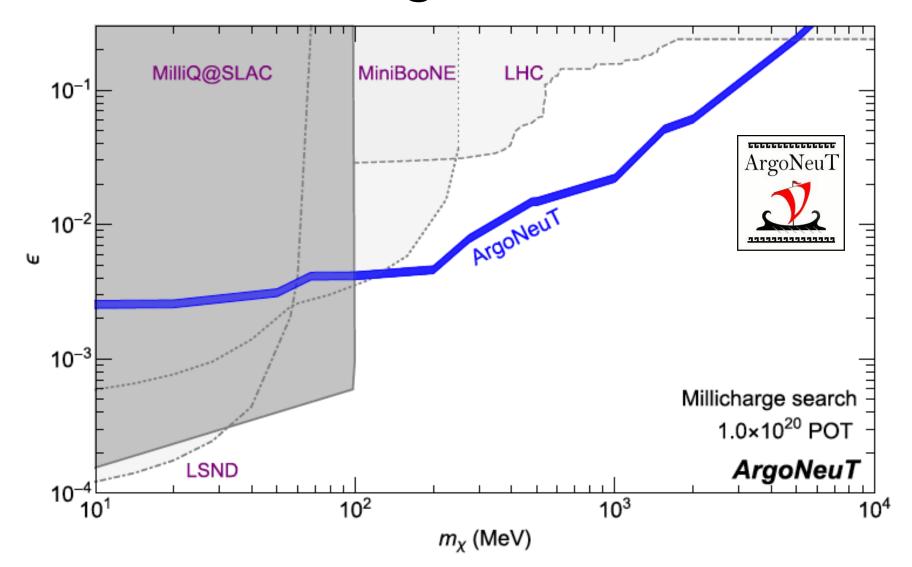
Millicharged particles would appear in SBND as **blips** or **faint tracks** pointing back to the target.

Projected SBND threshold: 50 keV



SEARCH FOR NEW PHYSICS IN LAR DETECTORS

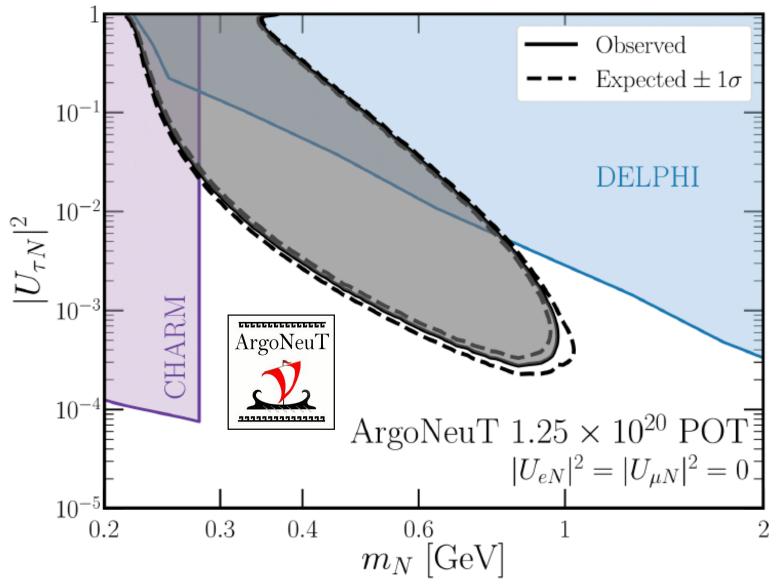
Millicharged Particles



R. Acciarri et al., PRL124 131801 (2020)

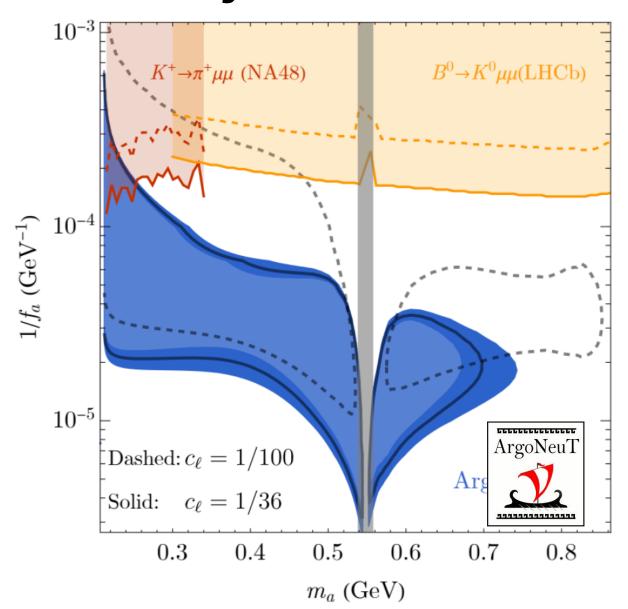
ArgoNeuT: small LAr TPC - 0.24 t - exposed to the NuMI beam at Fermilab for 5 months.

Heavy Neutral Leptons $N \rightarrow \nu \mu^+ \mu^-$



R. Acciarri et al., PRL 127 121801 (2021)

Heavy QCD Axions



R. Acciarri et al., https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.08448

MicroBooNE:

• Heavy Neutral leptons (N $\rightarrow \mu^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}$ decay channel in a delayed time window)

P. Abratenko et al., PRD 101 052001 (2020)

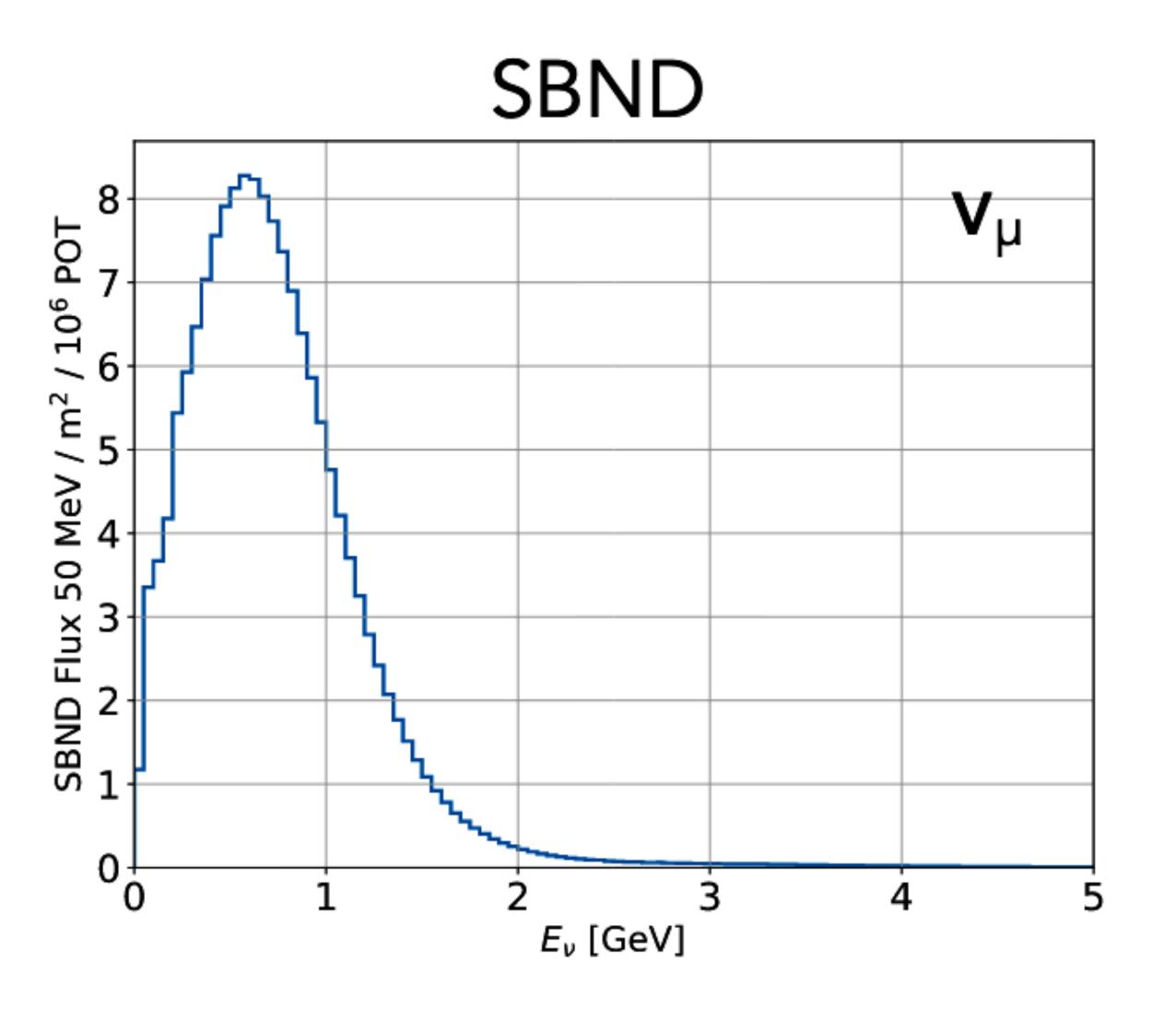
• Higgs scalar portal (e+e- final state from NuMi off-axis events)

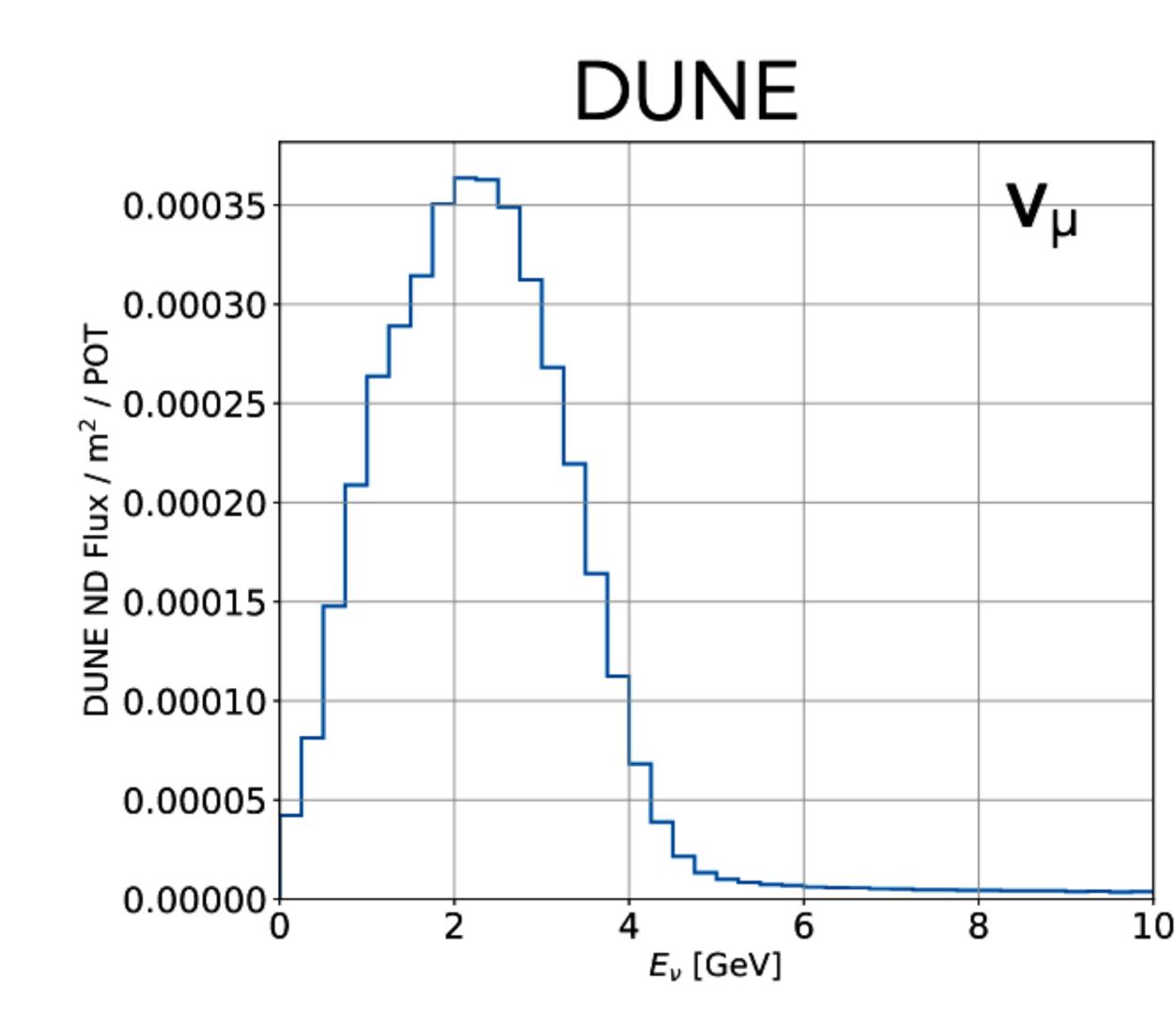
P. Abratenko et al., PRL 127 151803 (2021)

Results recasted to constraint Heavy Neutral Leptons

K. Kelly and P. Machado, arXiv:2106.06548

SBND/DUNE ENERGY SPECTRA

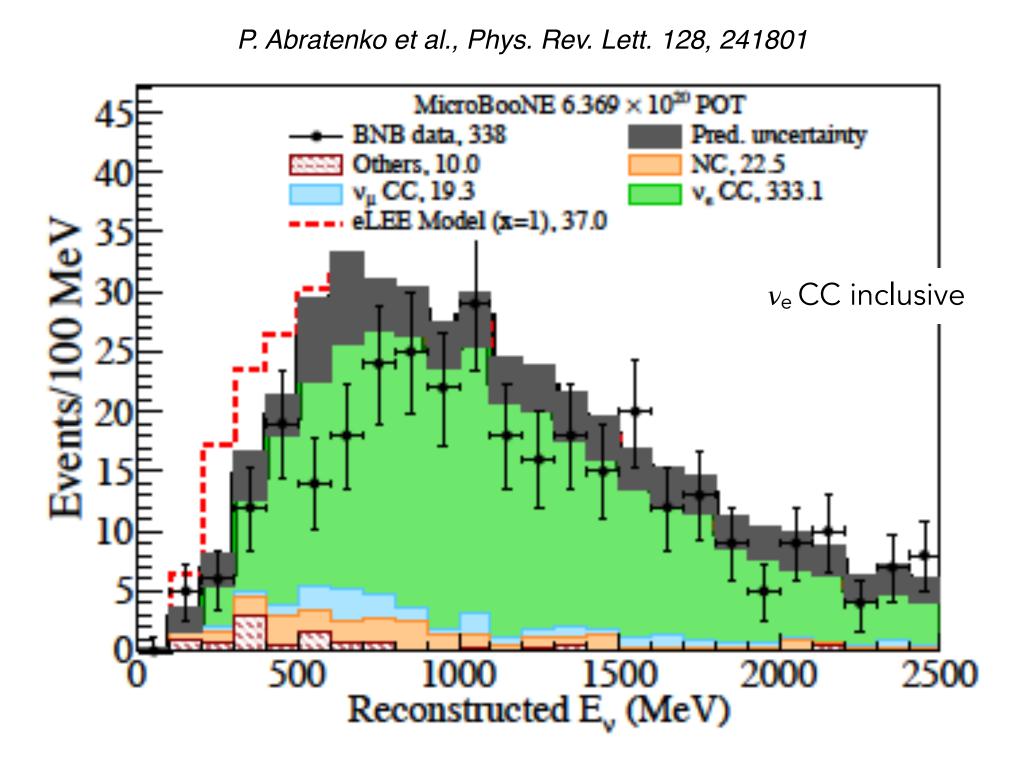


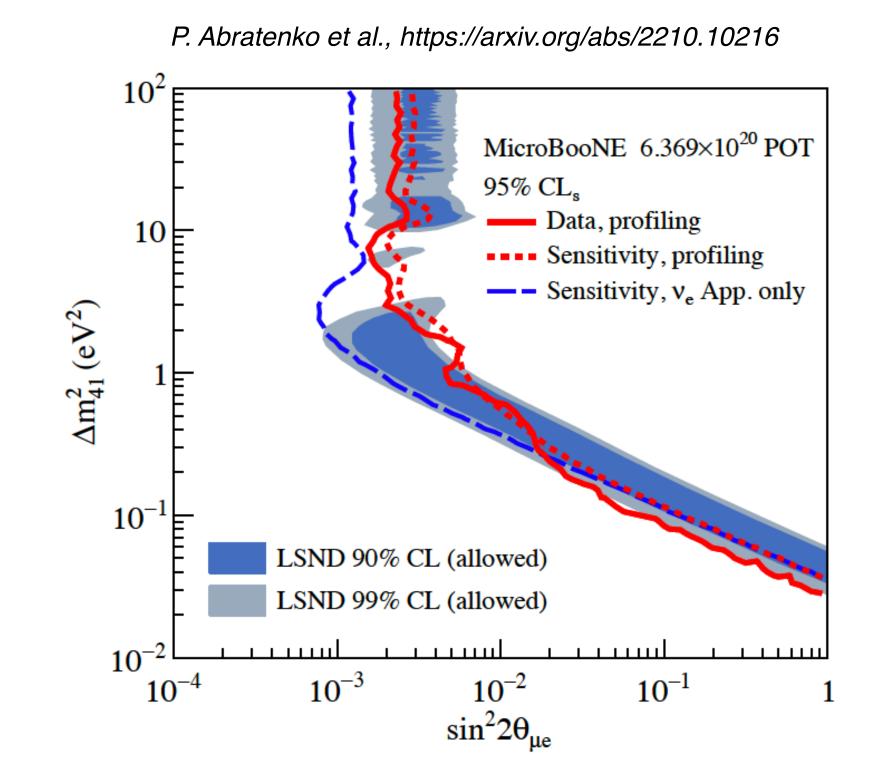


STERILE NEUTRINO SEARCHES BEYOND MICROBOONE

The MicroBooNE experiment presented very interesting 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.





Entering the next phase now, with a Near detector and a larger Far detector.