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# ESS $\nu$ SB status

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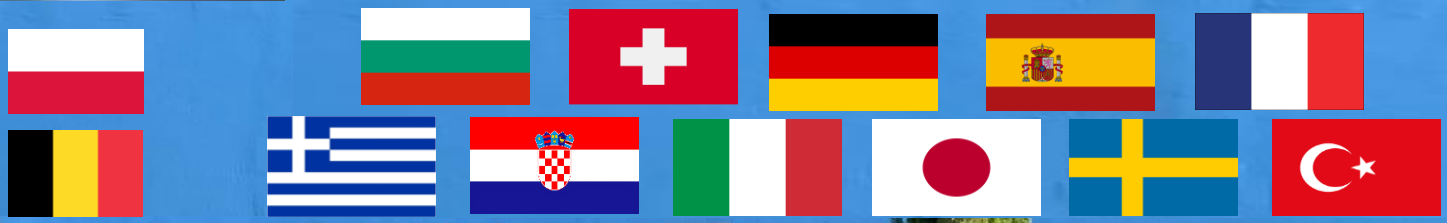
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ESS neutrino Super Beam plus

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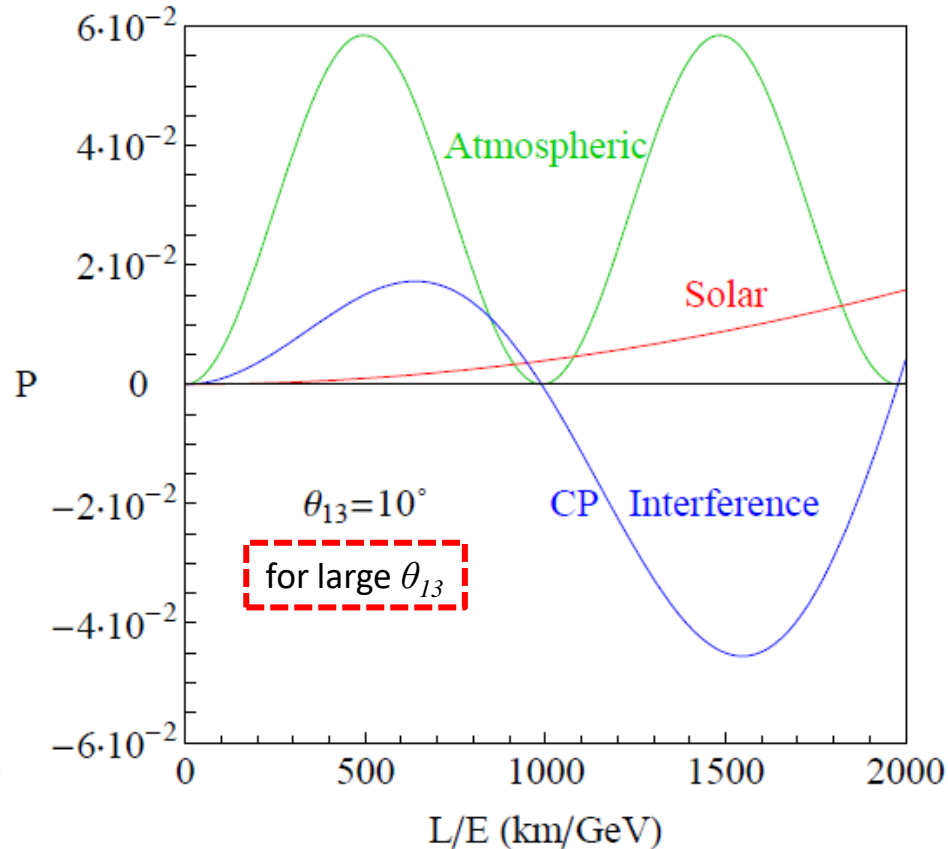
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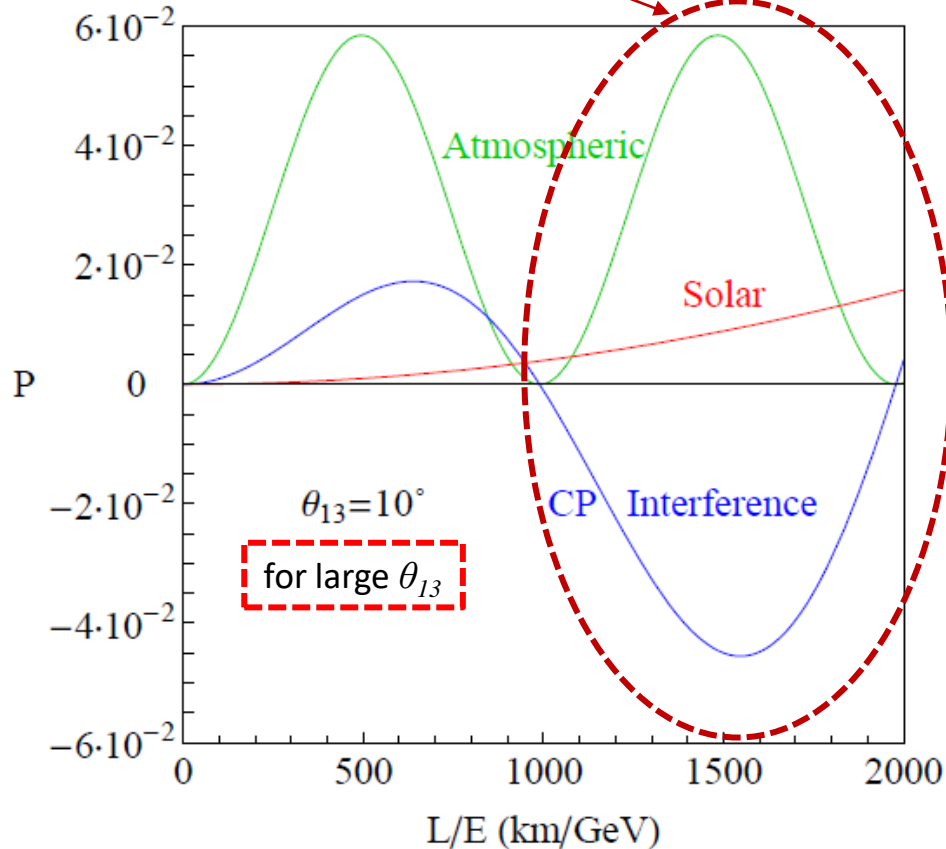
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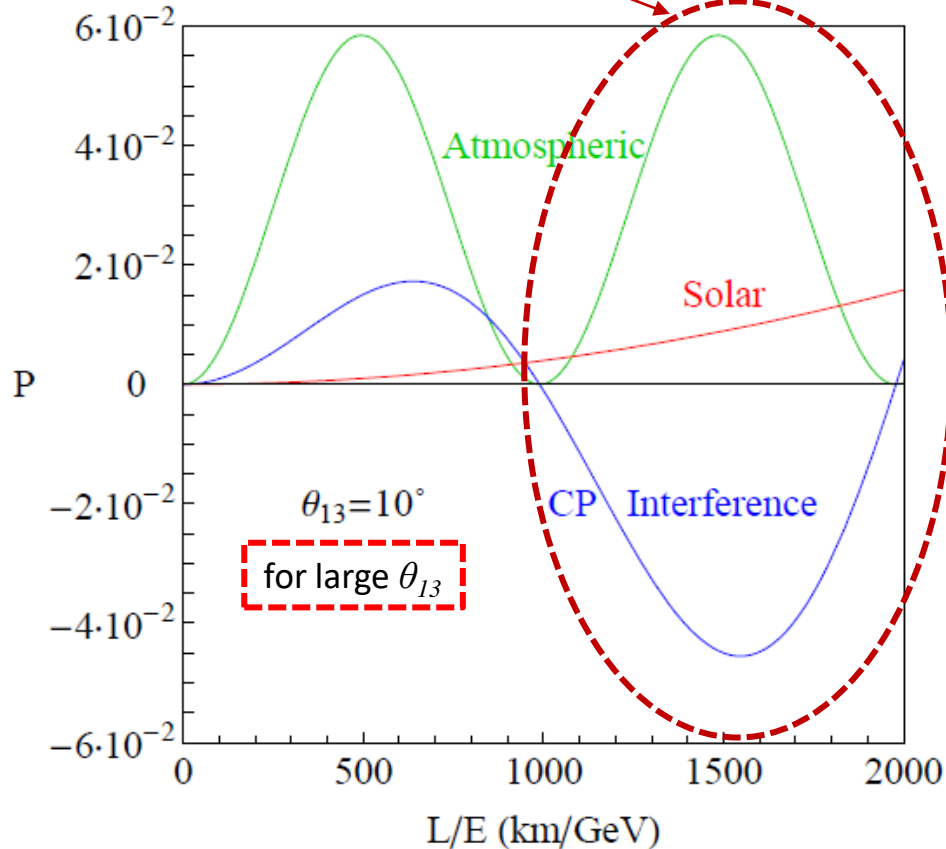
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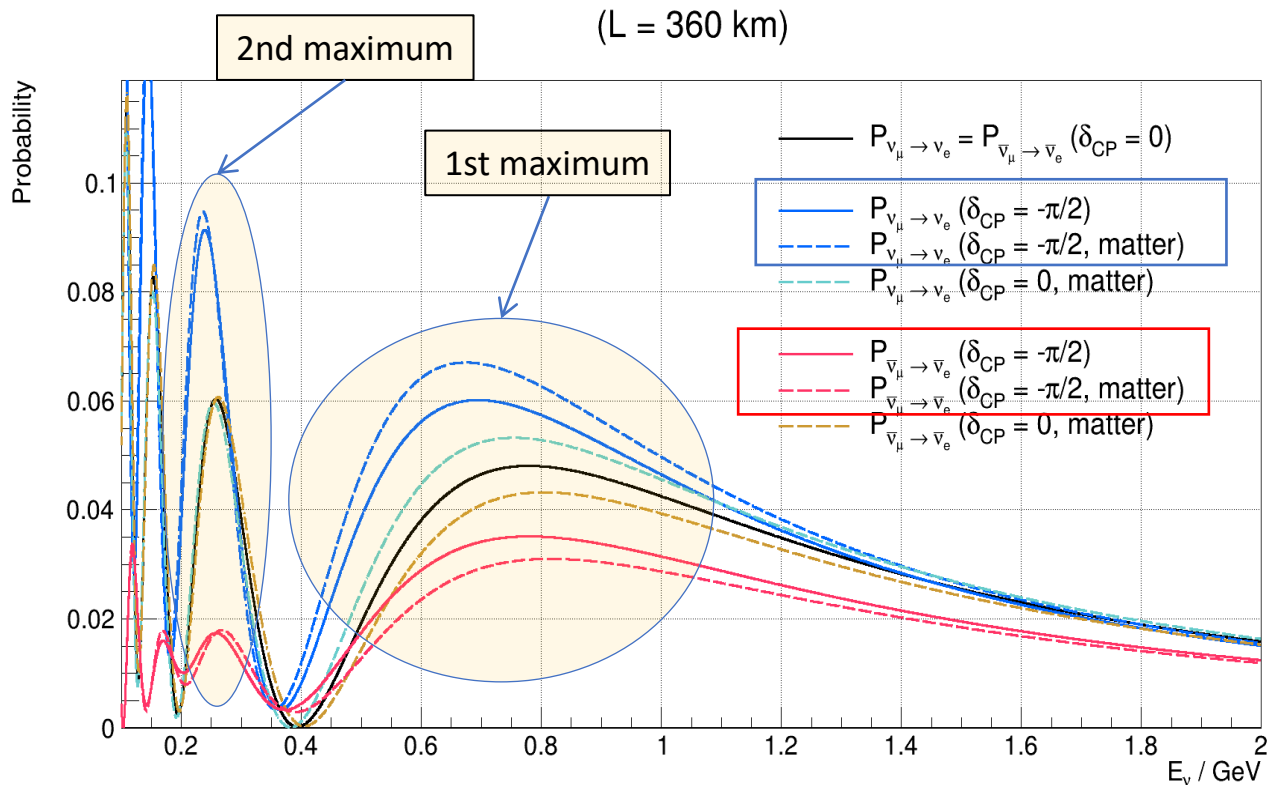
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The larger L/E also makes the CP discovery potential more stable against systematic uncertainties for large  $\theta_{13}$ , since the CP interference term will become a leading part of the oscillation probability and hence harder to hide behind systematic errors.

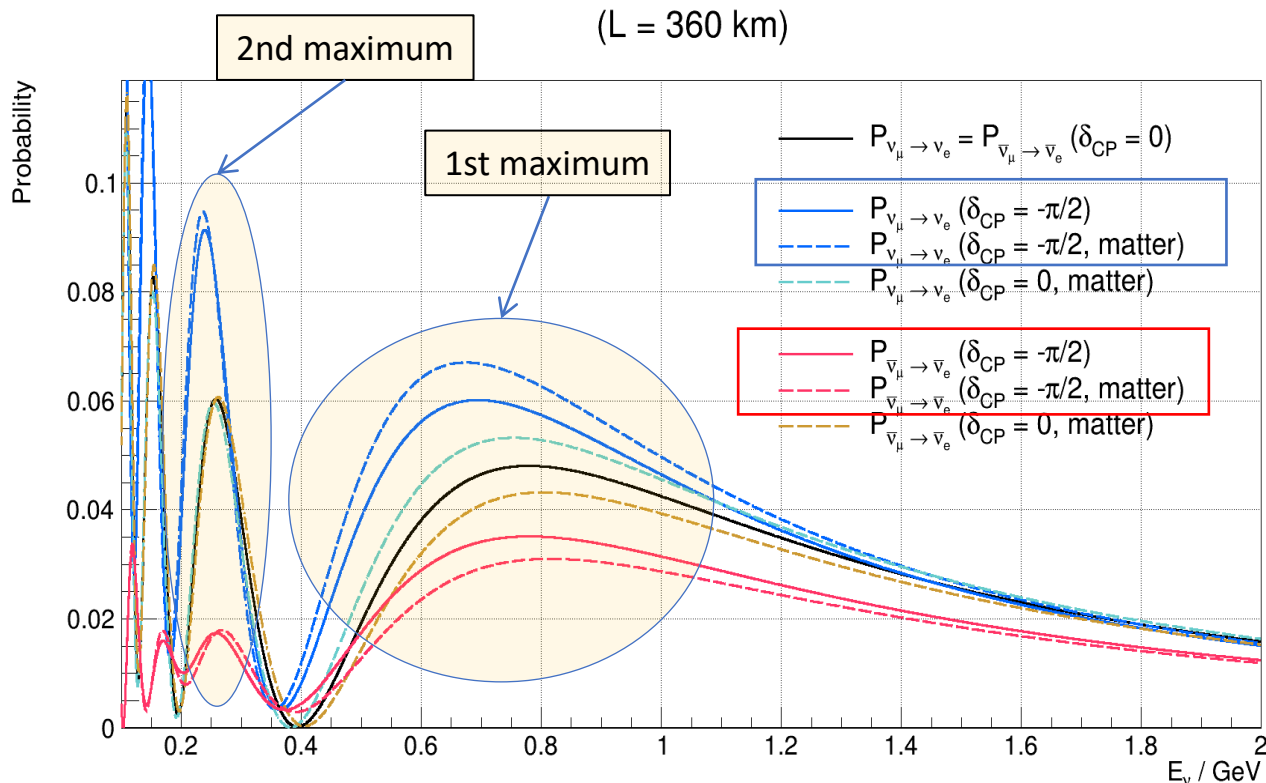
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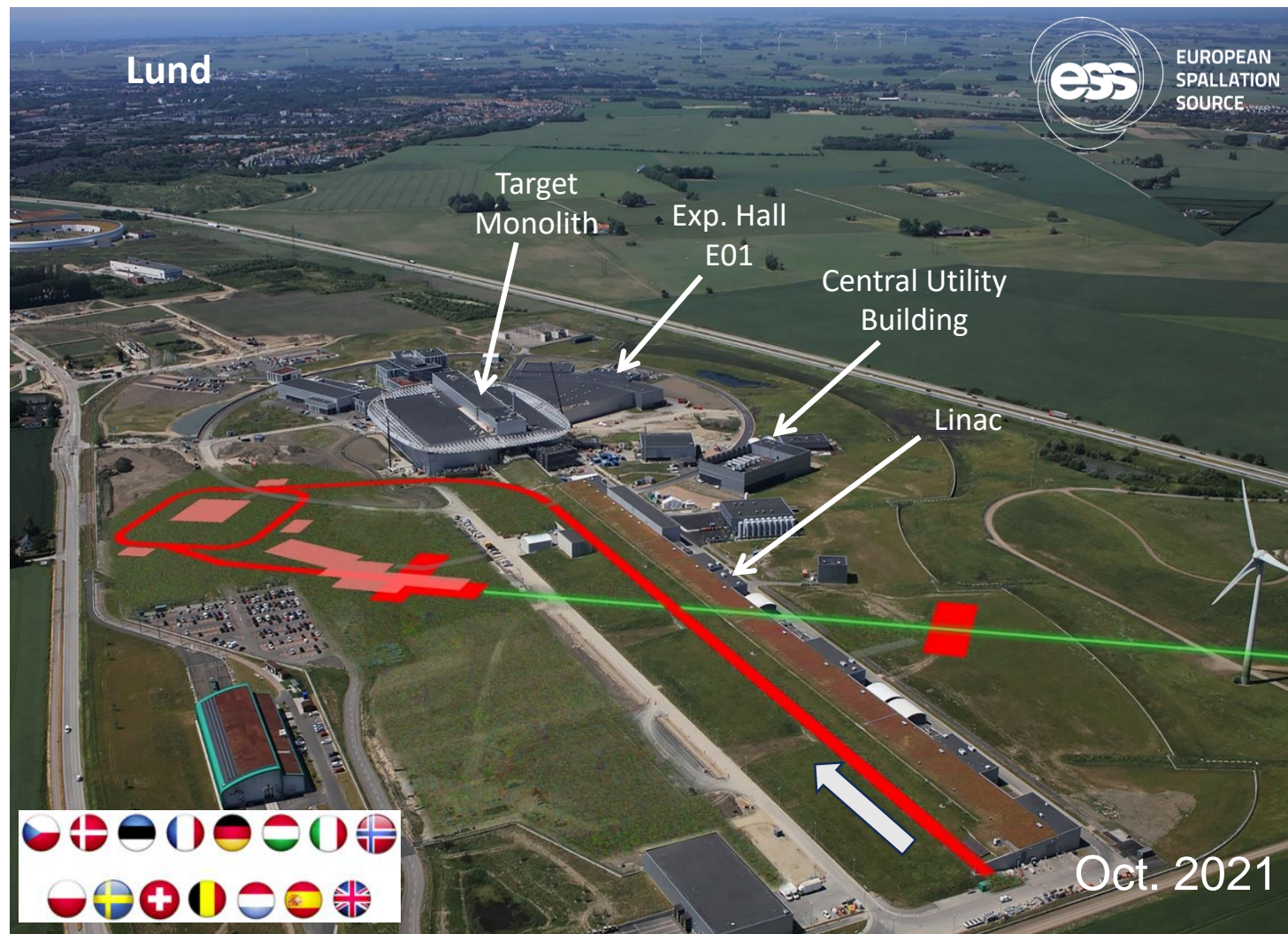


At 1st maximum:  
 - smaller sensitivity to  $\delta_{CP}$   
 - matter can mimic CP violation

At 2nd maximum:  
 - larger sensitivity to  $\delta_{CP}$   
 - matter doesn't matter

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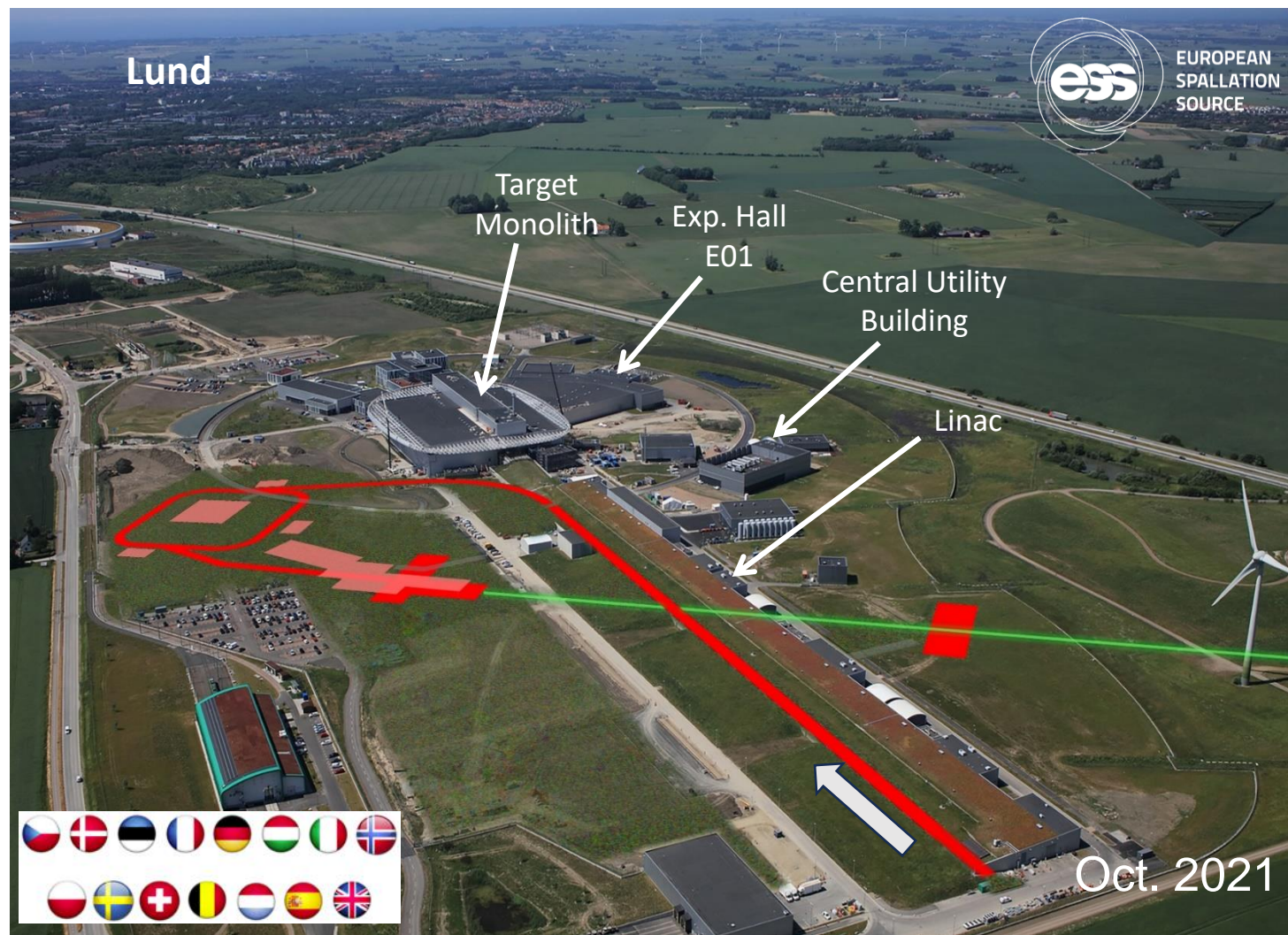
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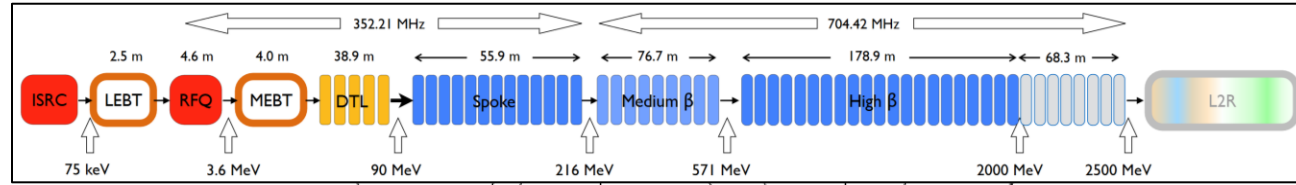
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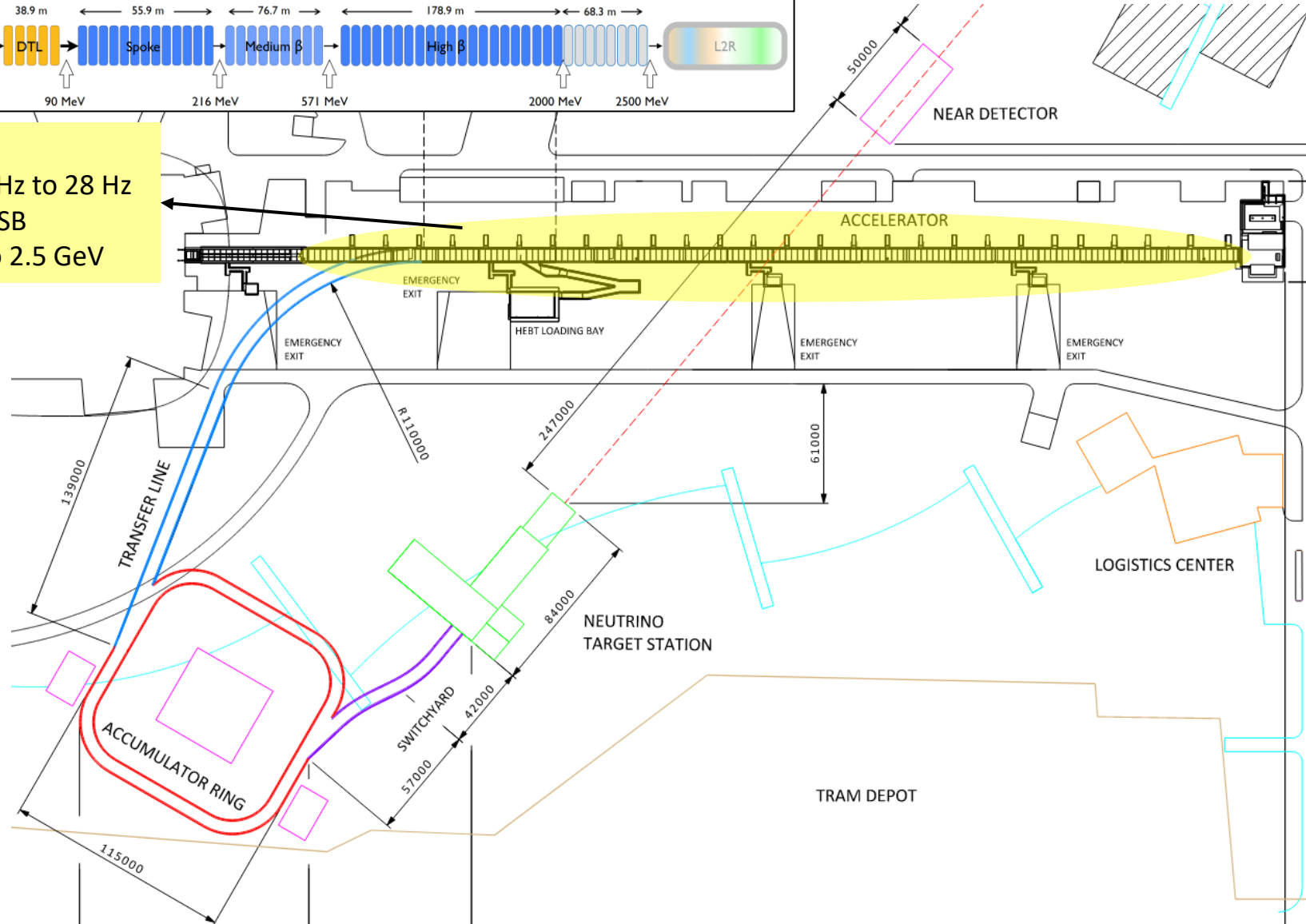
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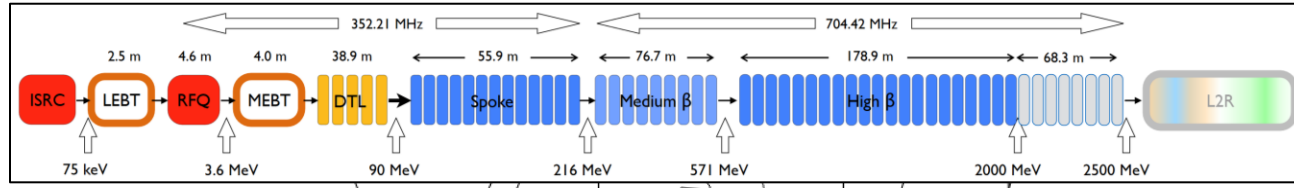
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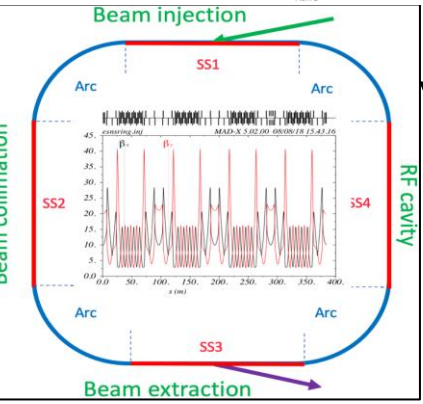
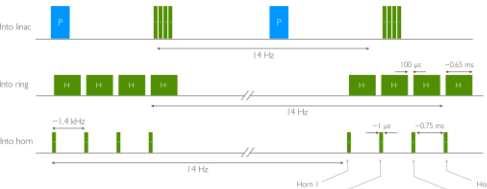
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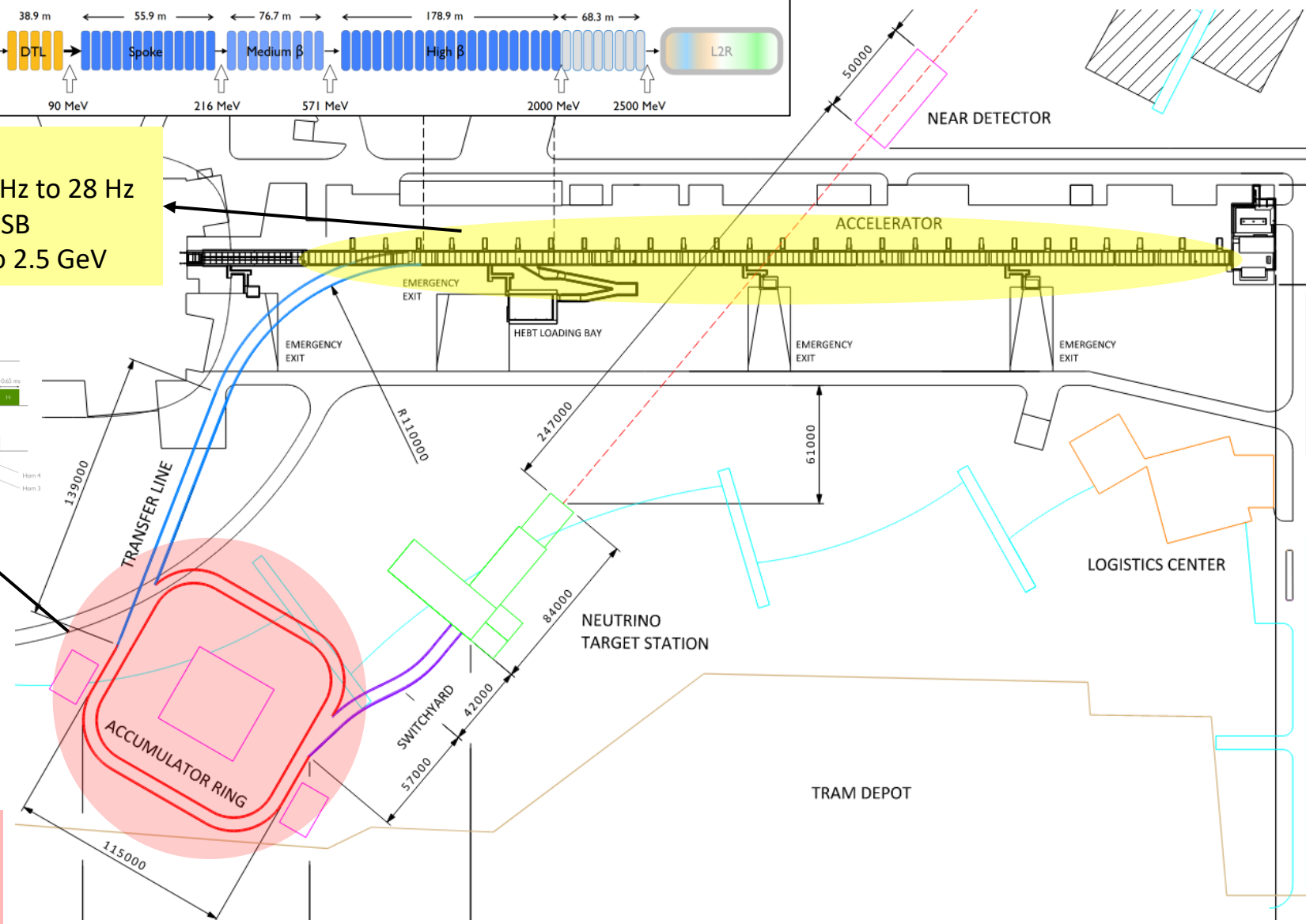
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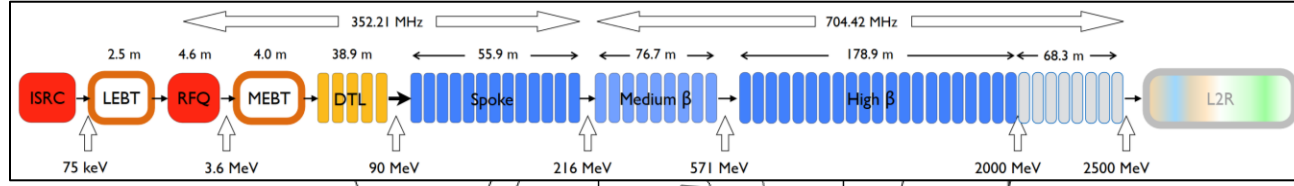
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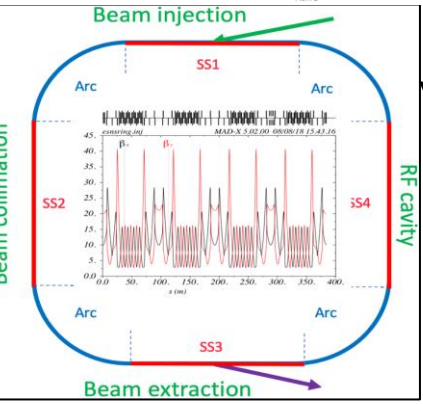
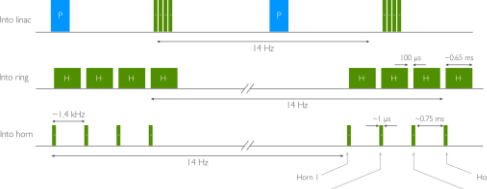
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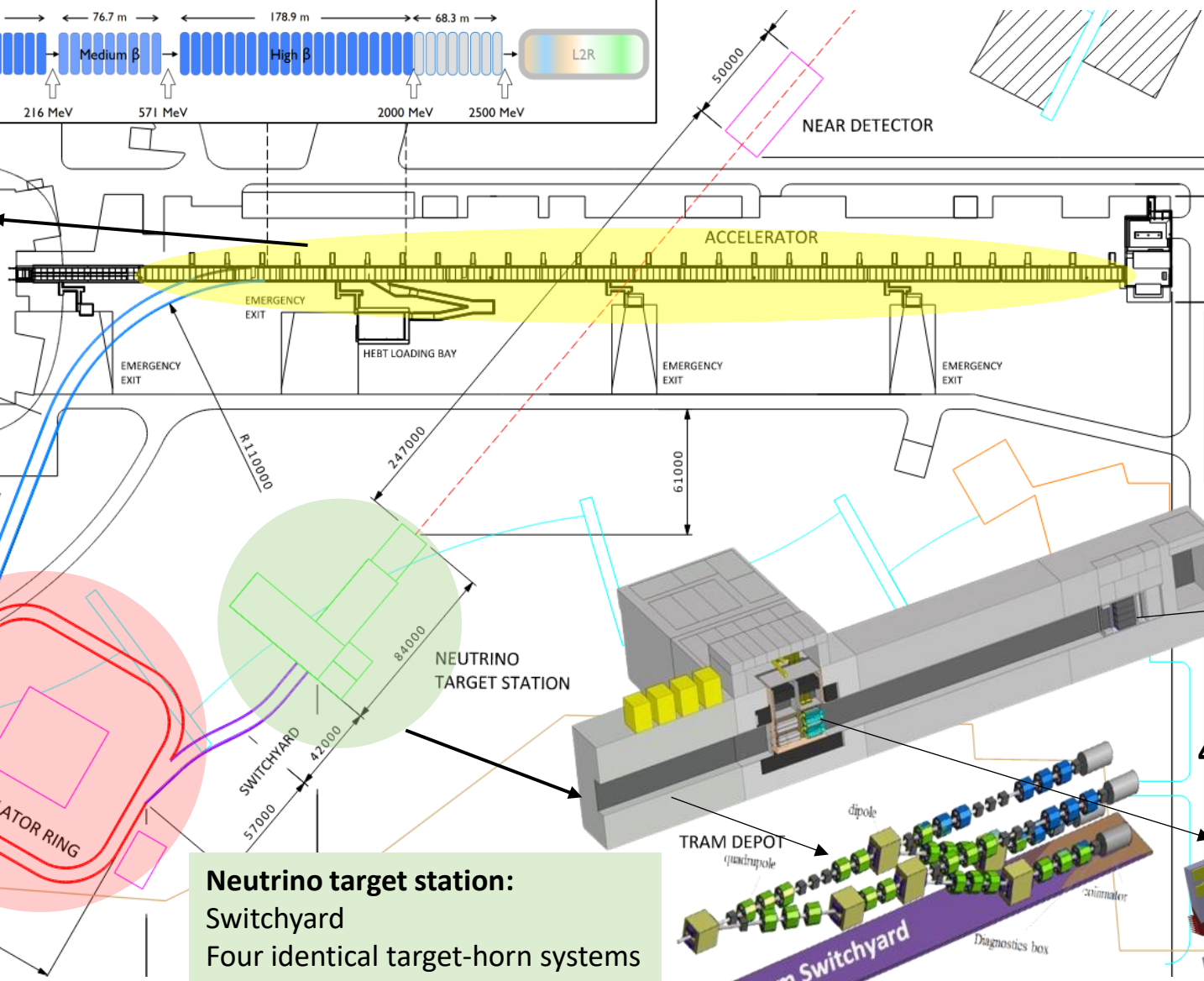
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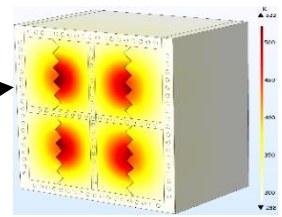
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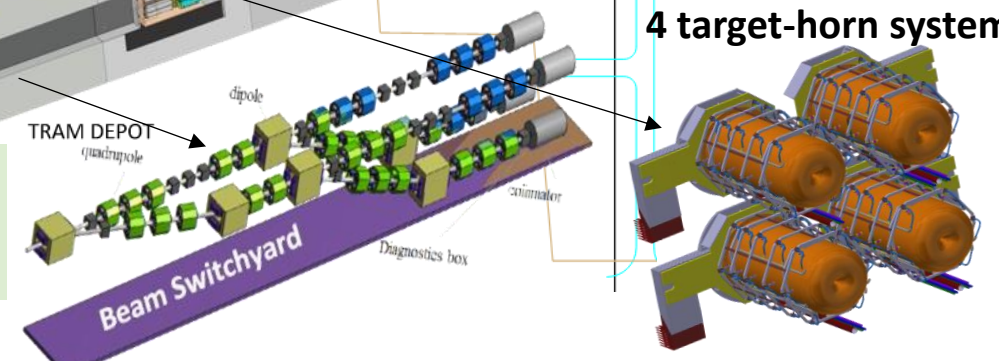
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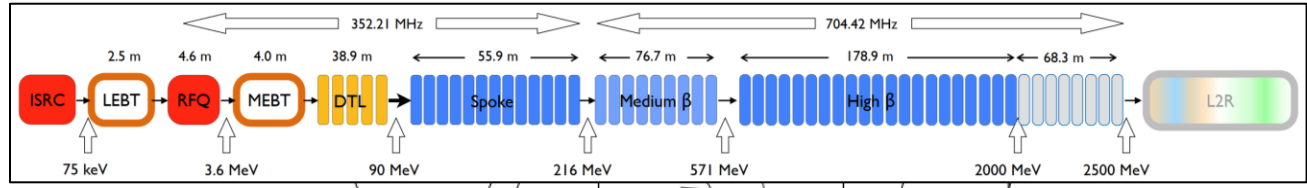
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 Switchyard  
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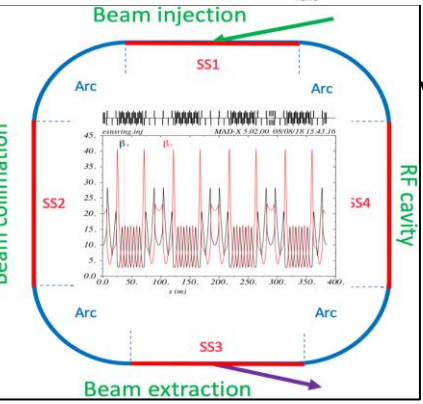
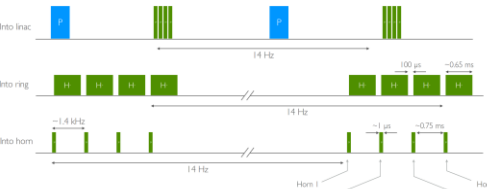
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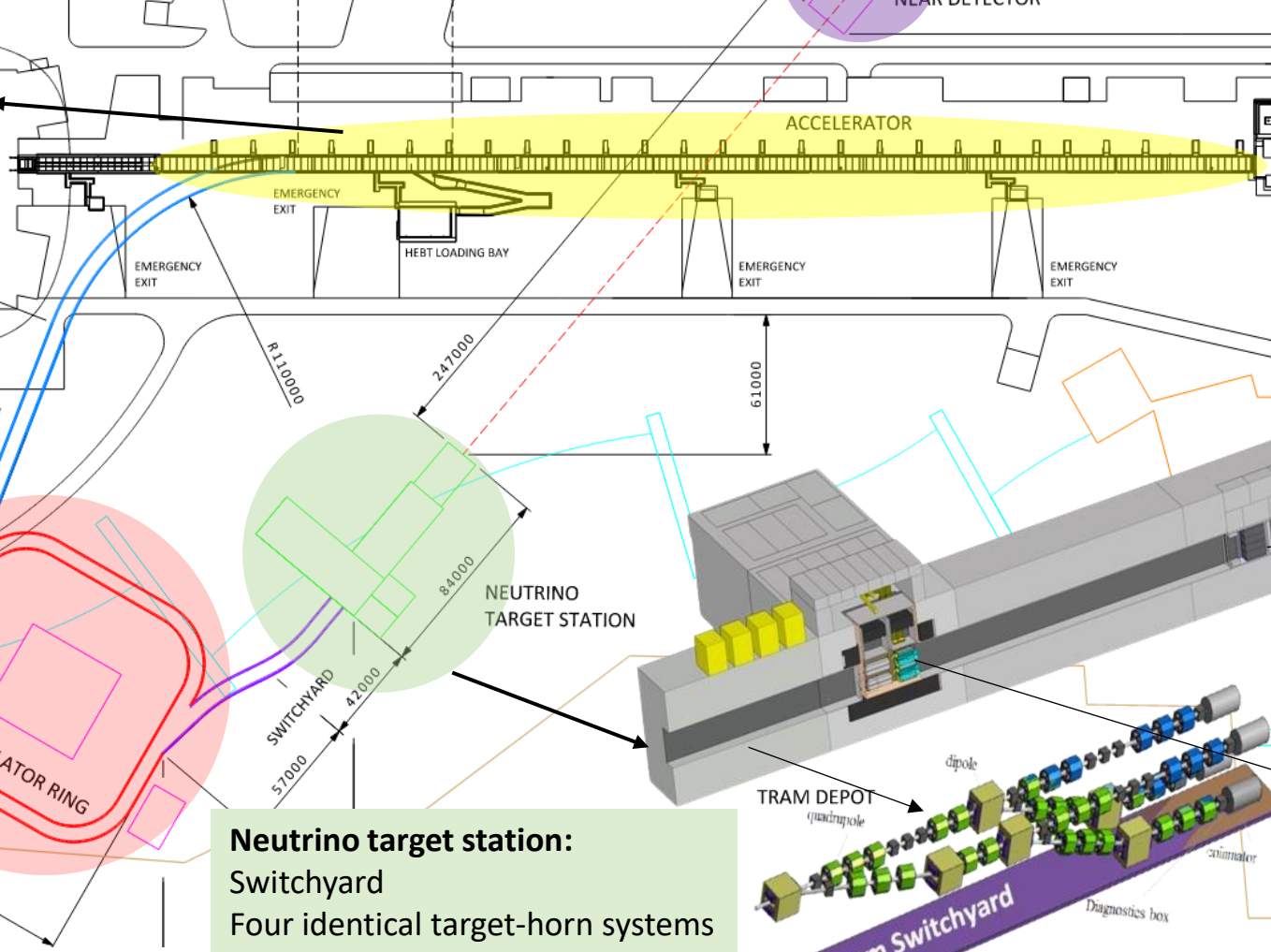
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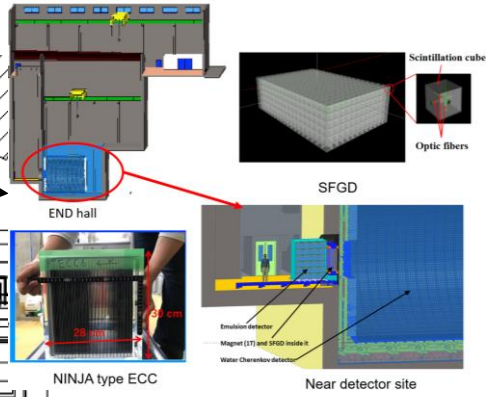
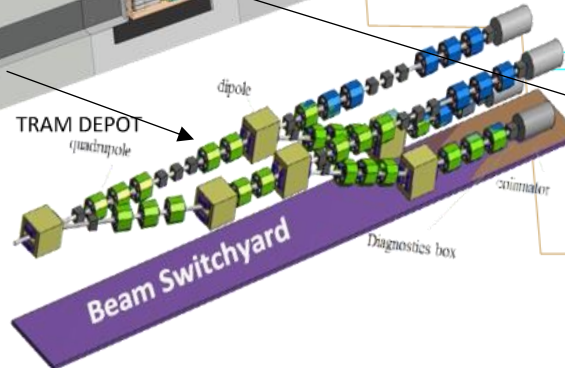
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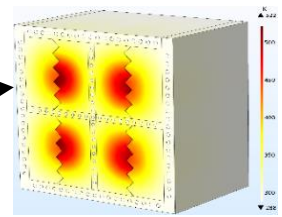
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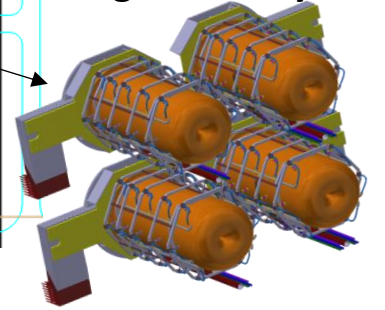
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**Near detector:**  
 Water Cherenkov detector  
 Fine grained scintillator  
 Emulsion detector



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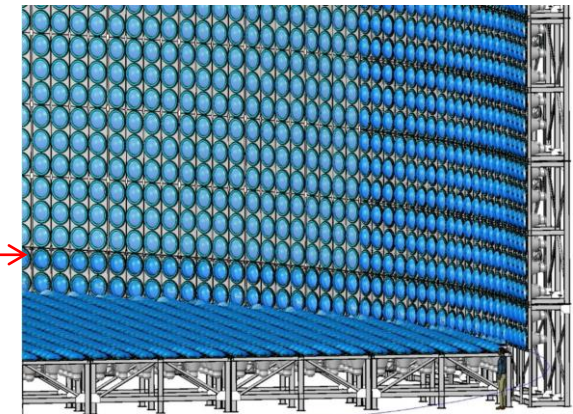
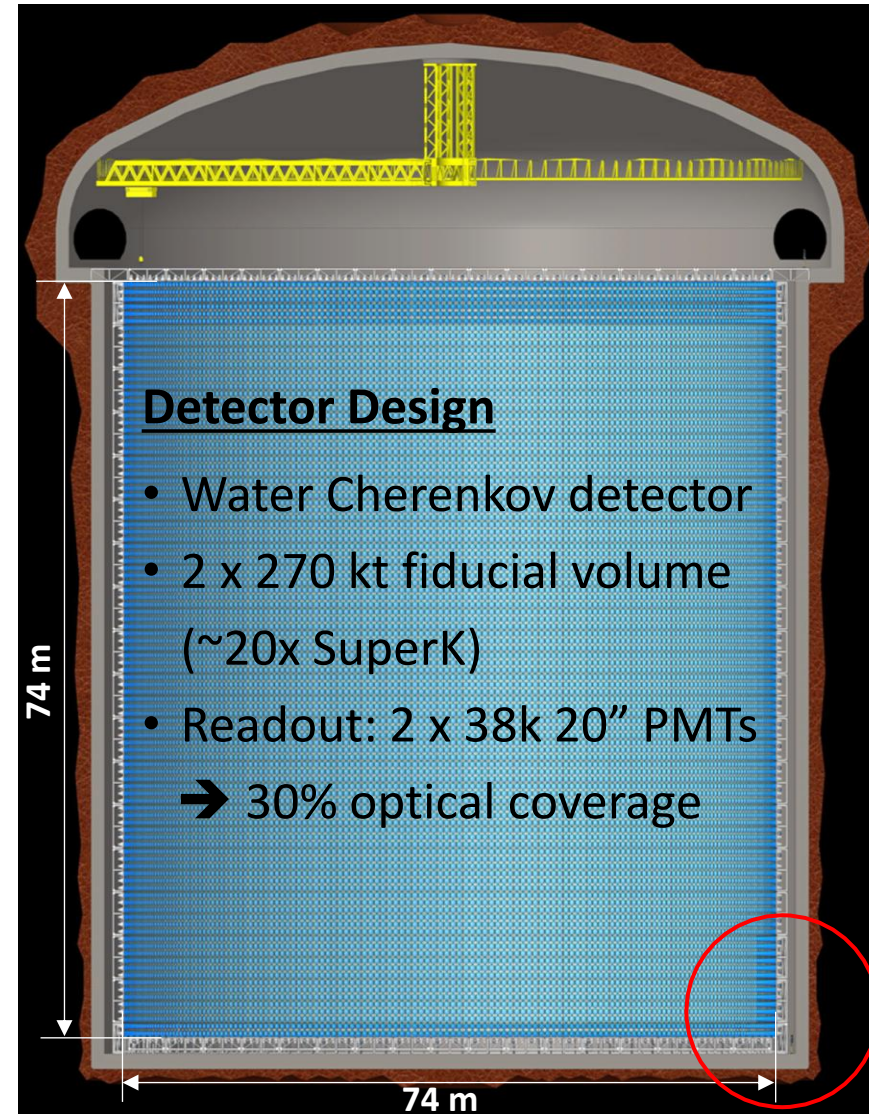
# ESSnuSB far Detector

## Detector Specifications

- Baseline 360 km
- Detector diameter 74.0 m (Internal)
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- Depth (w.r.t.) ground level : 1000 m

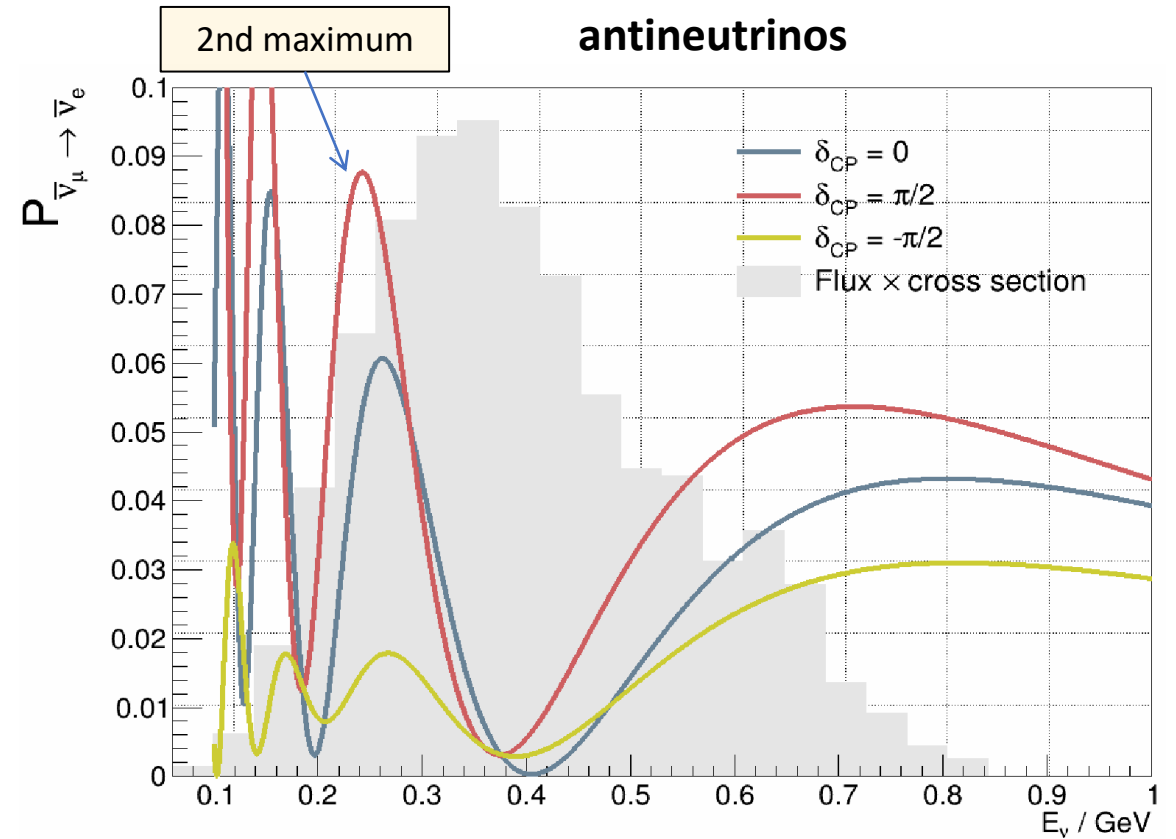
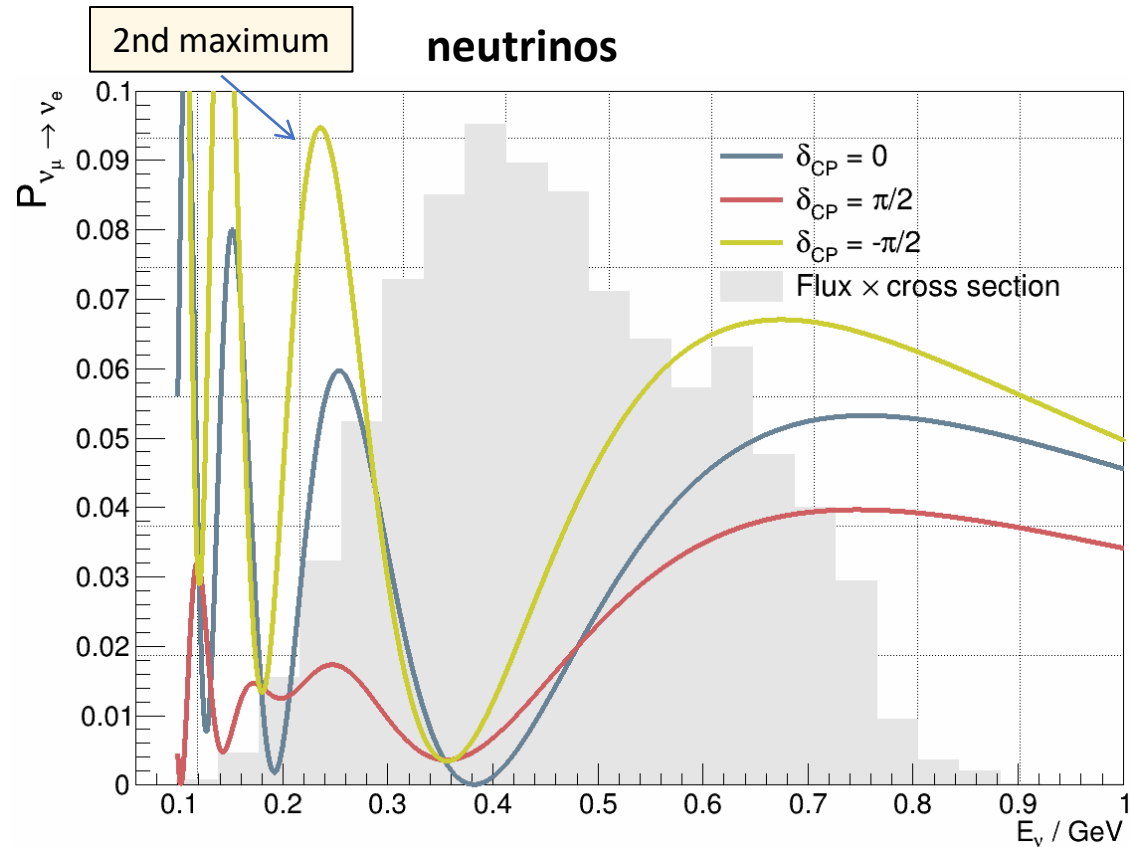
## Detector Performance

- Detector efficiency for correctly identifying neutrinos > 85%.
- Flavour misidentification probability < 1%.



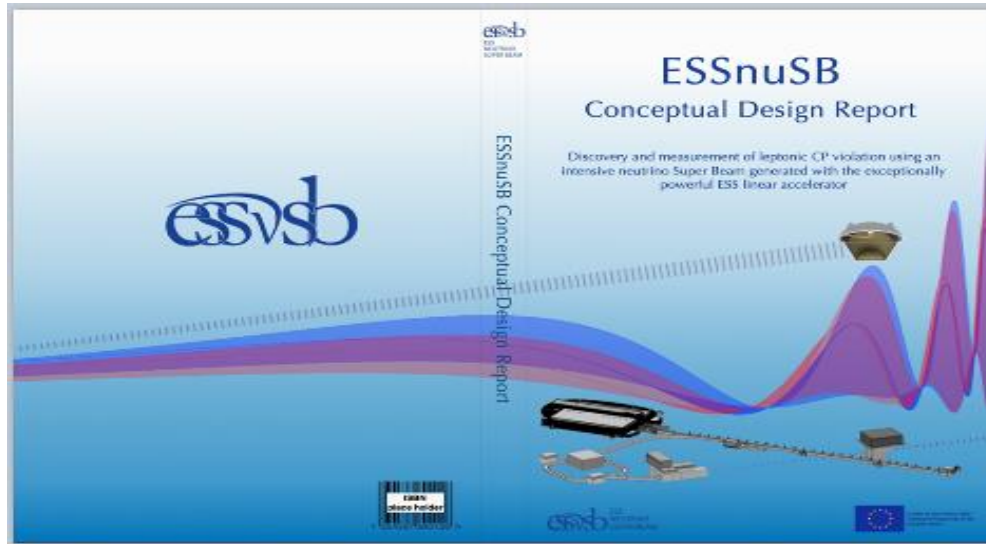
# ESSvSB Energy coverage

Baseline = 360 km (Zinkgruvan mine)



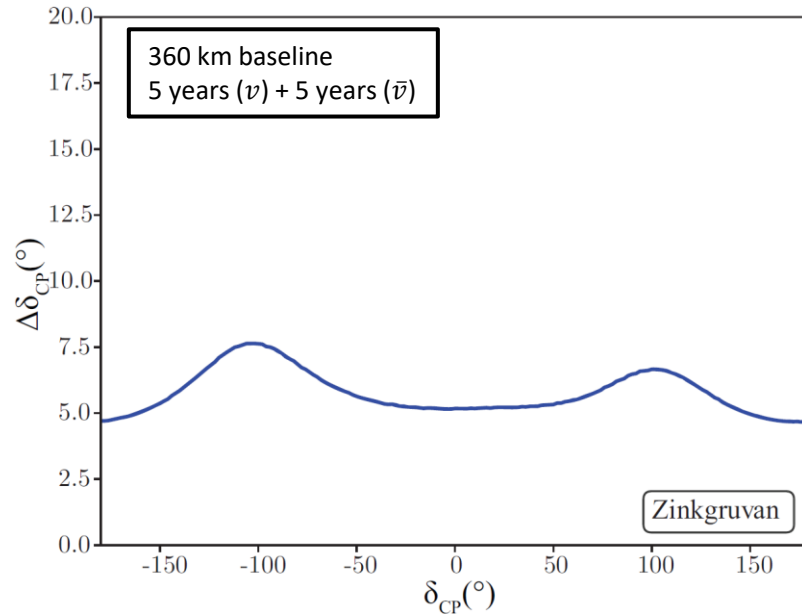
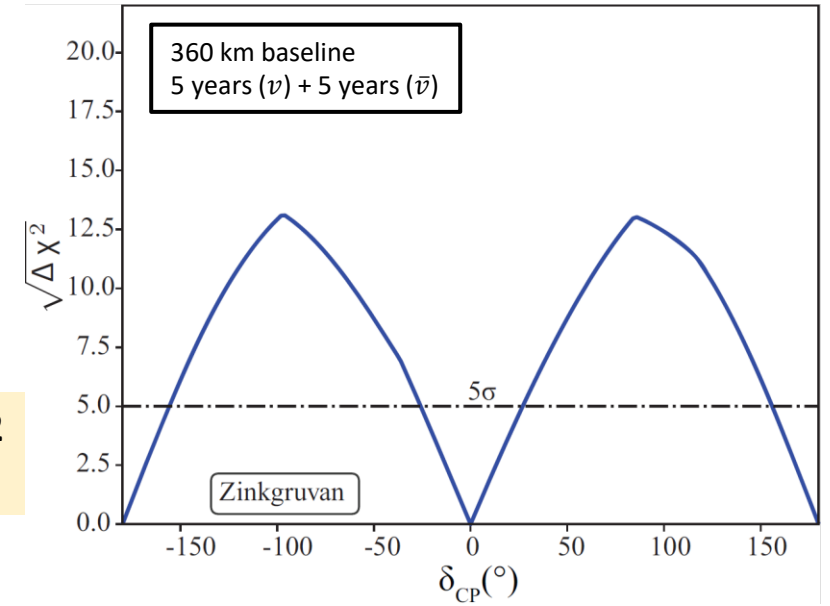
**First and Second Oscillation maxima covered at 360 km baseline!**

# ESSvSB main Physics reach



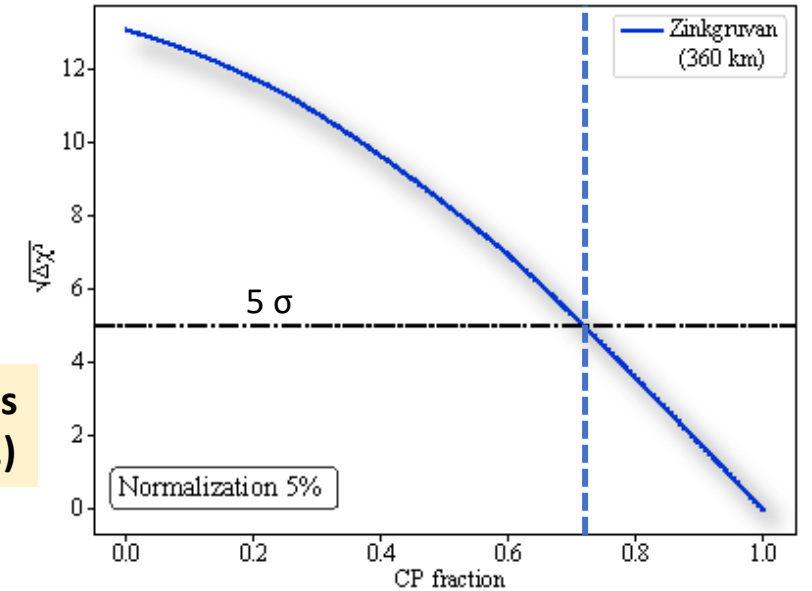
[Eur. Phys. J. ST. 231 \(21\), \(2022\) 3779](#)

Sensitivity for  $\delta_{CP} = \pm \pi/2$   
 $\sim 12 \sigma$



$\Delta \delta_{CP} < 8^\circ$   
 for all  $\delta_{CP}$  values

Covers 72% of  $\delta_{CP}$  values  
 in  $\sim 10$  years (@  $5 \sigma$  C.L.)





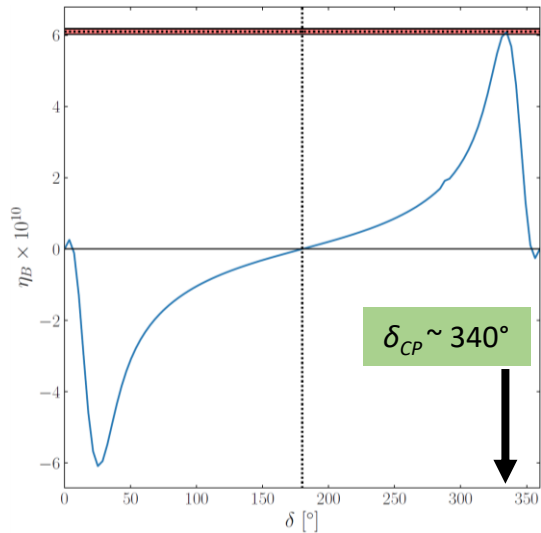
# Why the need to measure the CP violating phase so precisely?

In the precision era for the neutrino oscillation measurements, precision is mandatory to probe theories which might explain the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the Universe (leptogenesis) and the flavor structure of the SM.

Leptogenesis Theories [K. Moffat et al., arXiv:1809.08251 \(2019\)](#)

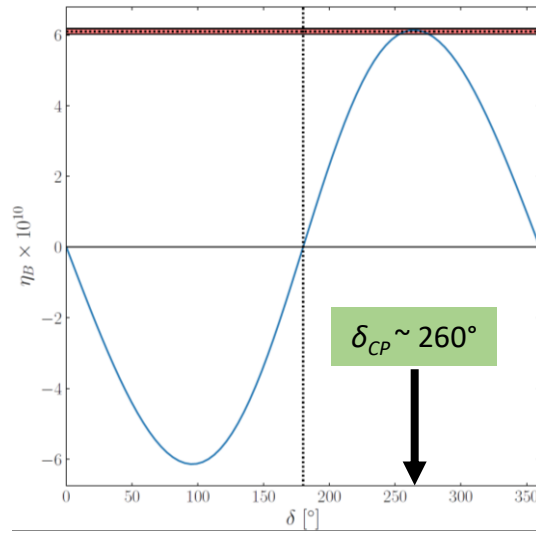
Low mass flavor regime

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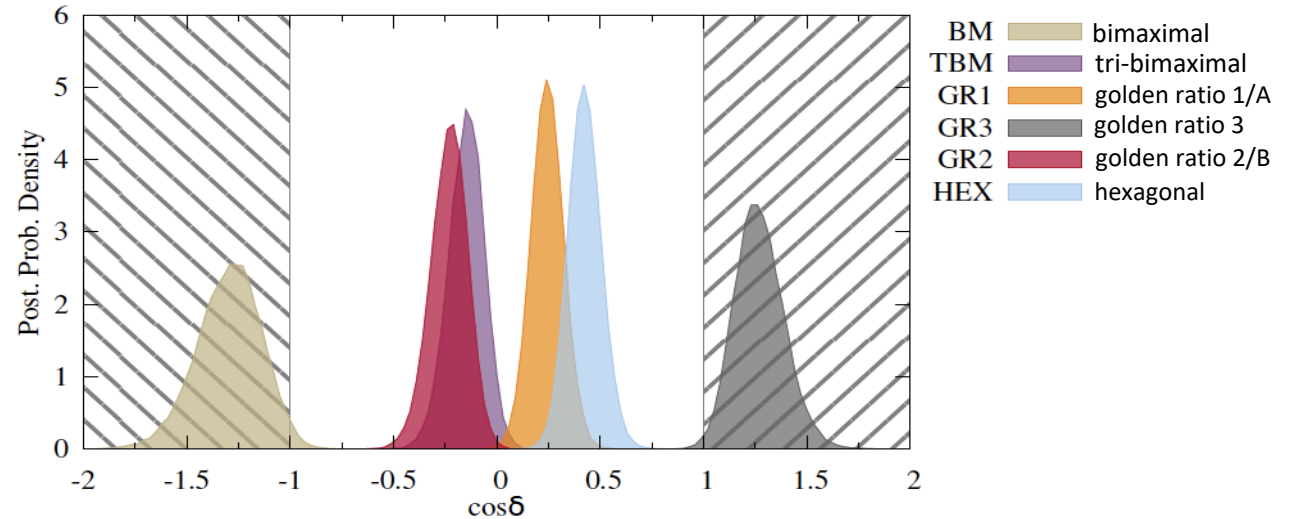
Intermediate mass flavor regime

$10^9 < M_1$  (GeV)  $< 10^{12}$



Flavour Theories [P. Ballett et al., JHEP12 \(2014\) 122](#)

four different symmetry forms of the neutrino mixing matrix



❖ Prospective (useful / requested) precision for  $\delta_{CP}$ :

$$\delta(\delta) \leq 12^\circ \text{ at } \delta = 3\pi/2$$

(S.T. Petcov, NPB 2024, IAS, HKUST, Hong Kong 20/02/2024)

**Only ESSnuSB can reach such precision!**

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HORIZON-INFRA-2022-DEV-01

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**Acronym of Proposal:** ESSvSB+

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6	Lunds Universitet	ULUND	Sweden
7	<b>European Spallation Source ERIC</b>	ESS	Sweden
8	Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan	KTH	Sweden
9	Universität Hamburg	UHH	Germany
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17	Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca	UNIMIB	Italy
18	Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare	INFN	Italy
19	Università degli Studi di Padova	UNIPD <sup>1</sup>	Italy
20	Consorcio para la construcción, equipamiento y explotación de la sede española de la fuente Europea de neutrones por espalación	ESSB	Spain

20 Institutions  
11 countries  
(in the proposal)

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**Call: HORIZON-INFRA-2022-DEV-01**  
**Project: 101094628 — ESSnuSBplus**  
**GAP invitation letter**

Dear Applicant,

I am writing in connection with your proposal for the above-mentioned call.

Having completed the evaluation, we are pleased to inform you that your proposal has passed this phase and that we would now like to start grant preparation.

Please find enclosed the evaluation summary report (ESR) for your proposal.

**Invitation to grant preparation**

**Approved! 26/07/2022**

**3 M €, 4 YEARS**

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# ESSnuSB+

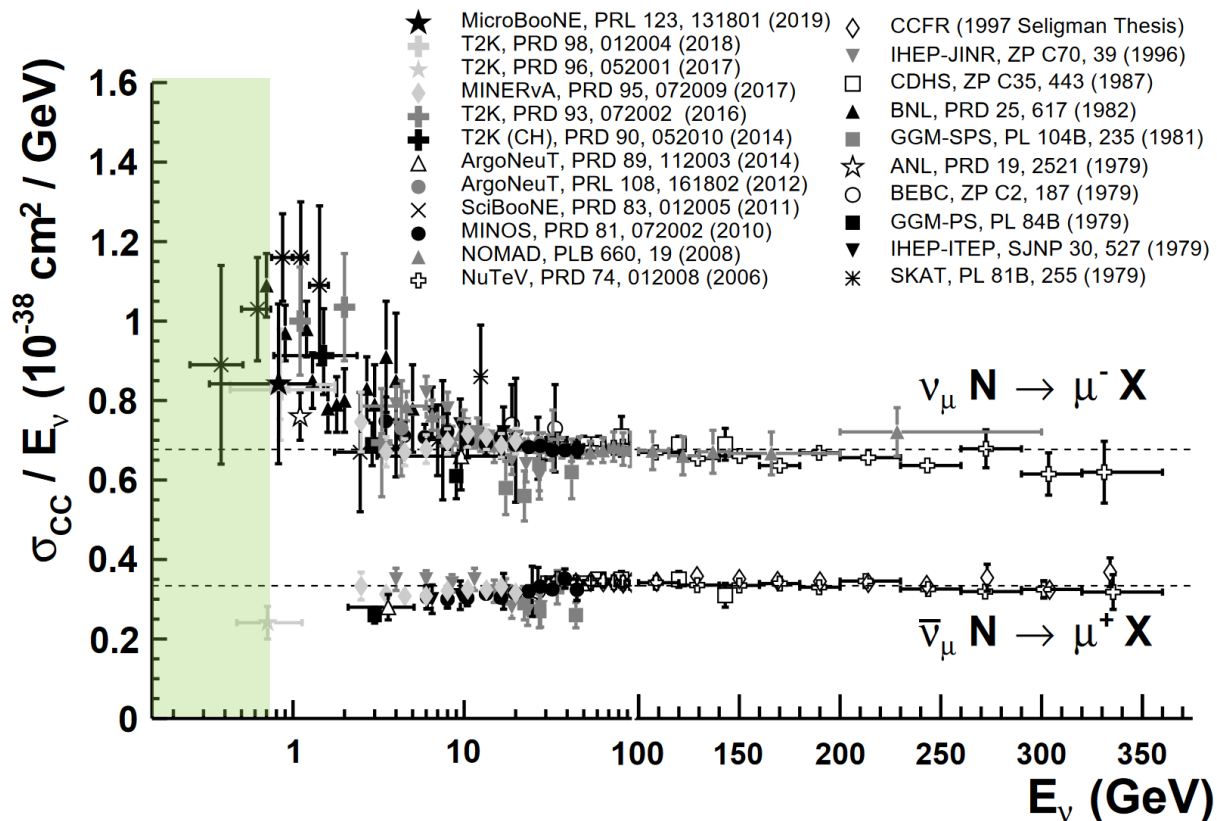
## (European Spallation Source neutrino Super Beam plus)

The uncertainty in the neutrino-nucleus cross section below 600 MeV is the dominant term of the systematic uncertainty in ESSnuSB.

Even though the effect of systematics for the CP violation measurement is much less in ESSnuSB it is crucial to obtain new precise results in this direction

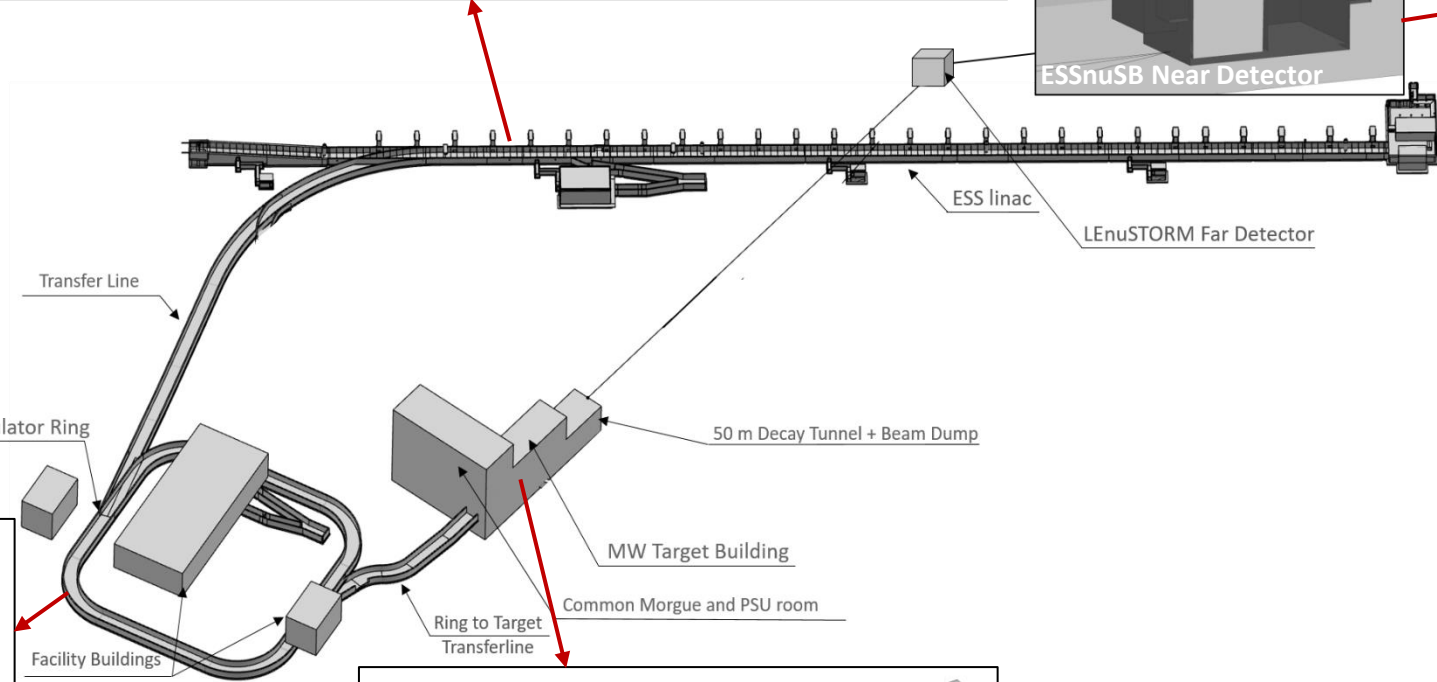
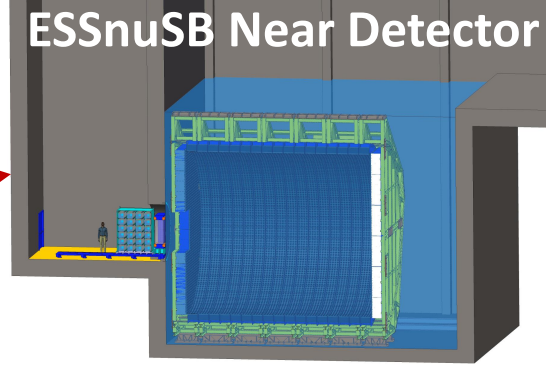
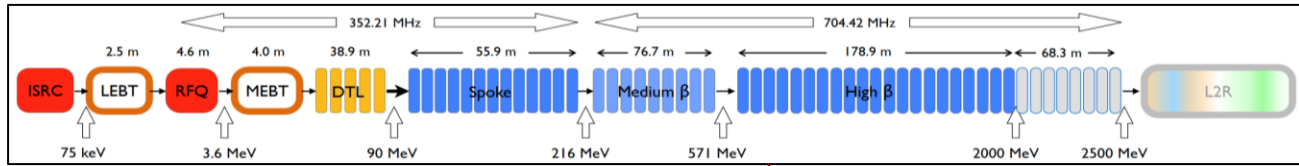
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missing measurements at the ESSnuSB region: below 600 MeV

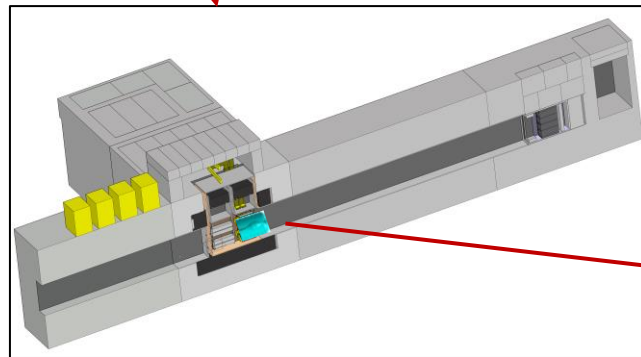
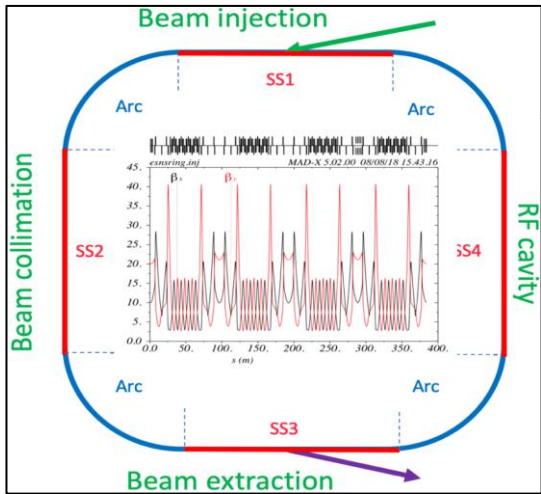


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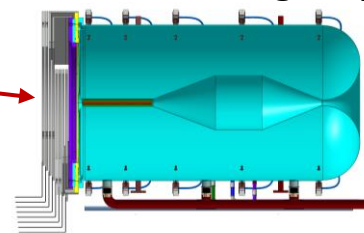
## ESS linac



## Accumulator Ring

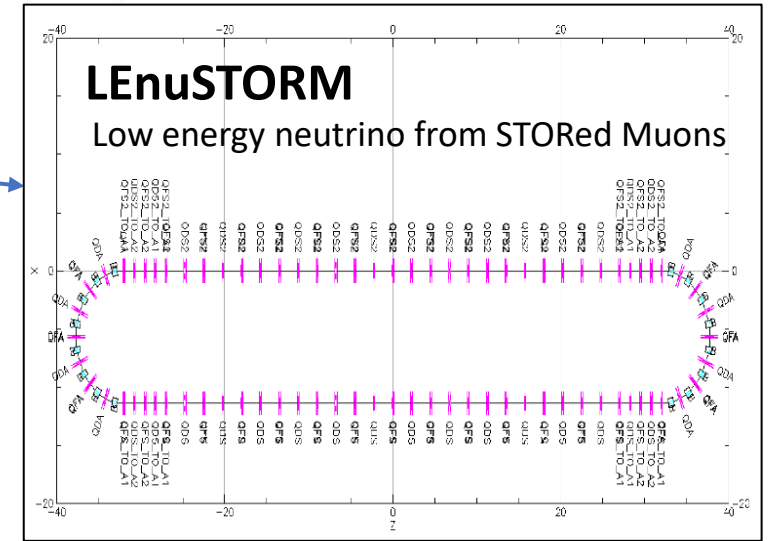
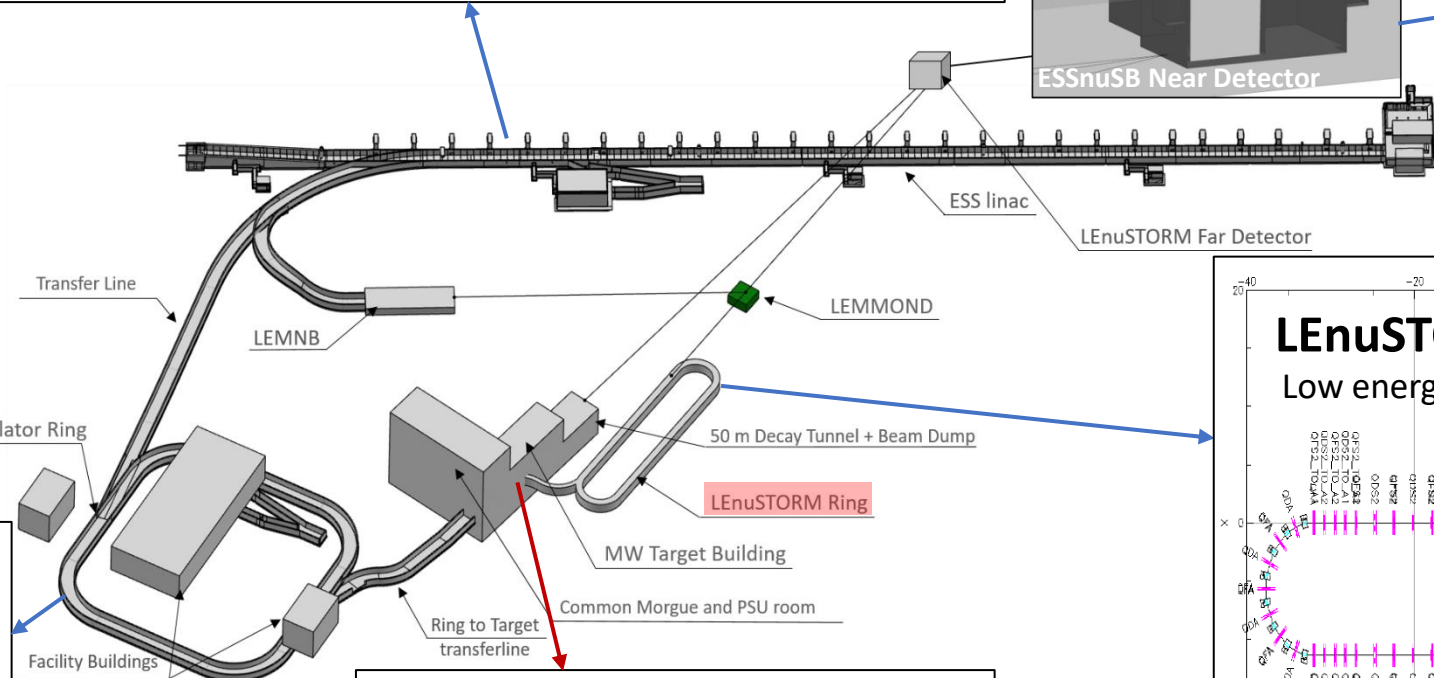
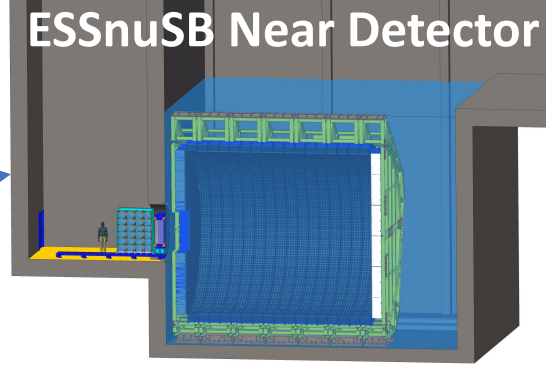
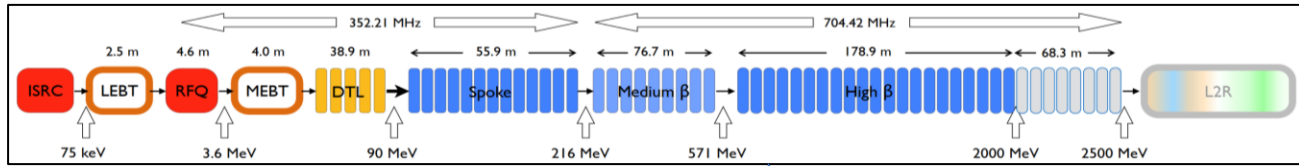


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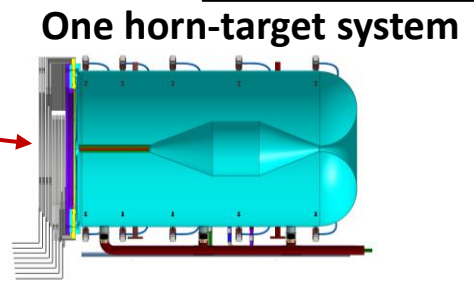
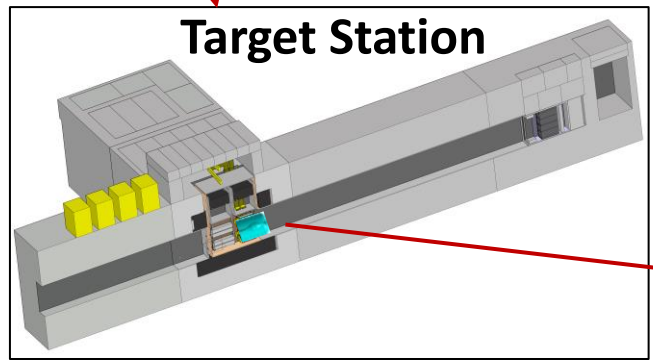
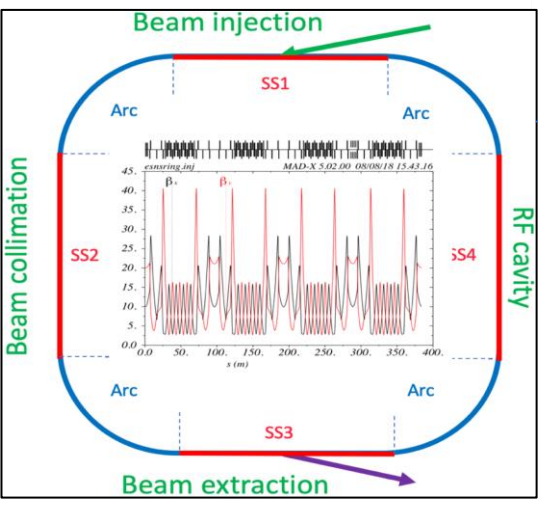


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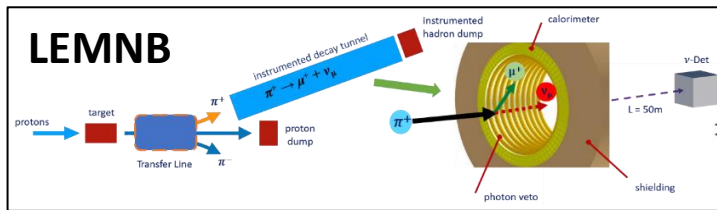
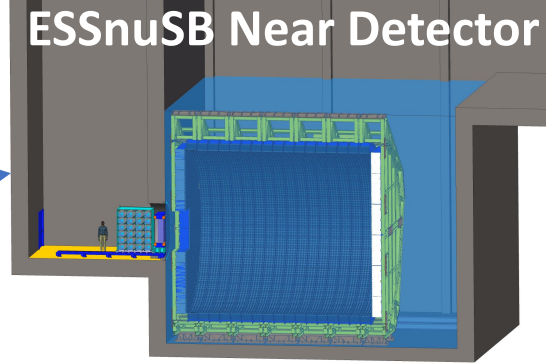
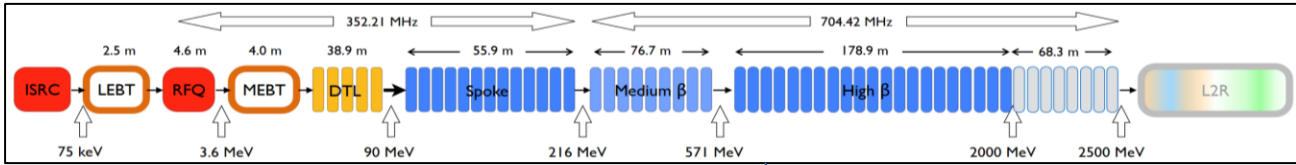
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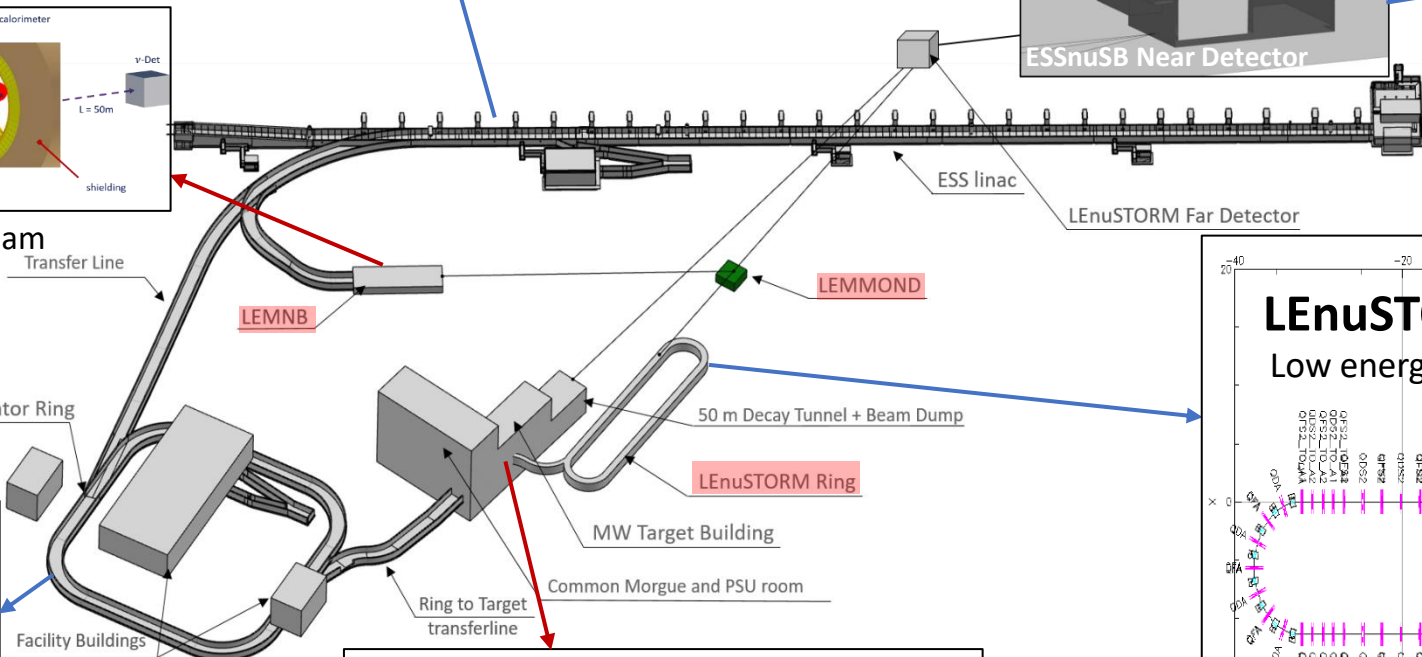


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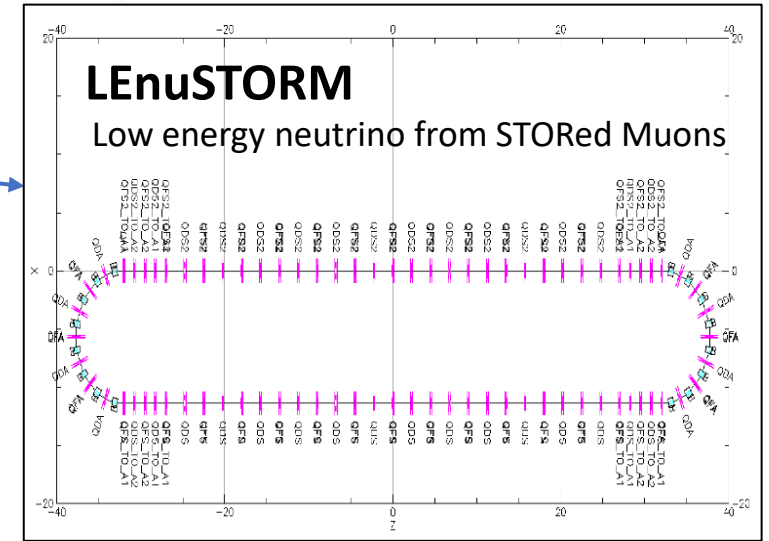
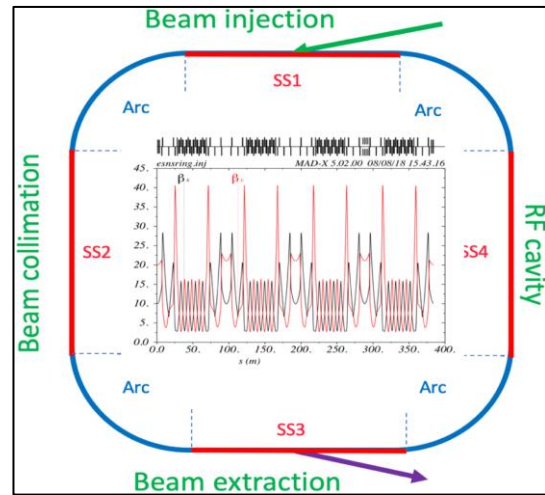
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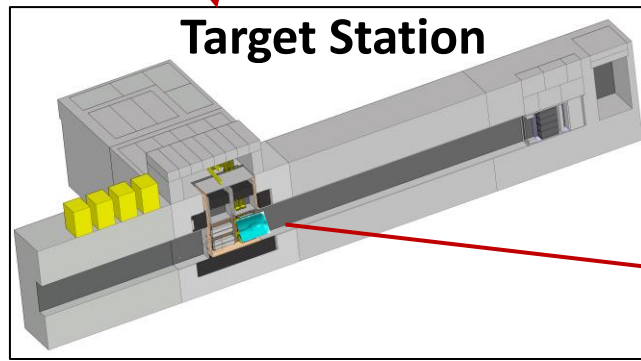
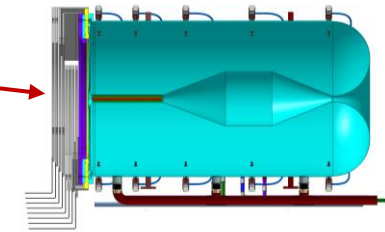
Low Energy Monitored neutrino Beam



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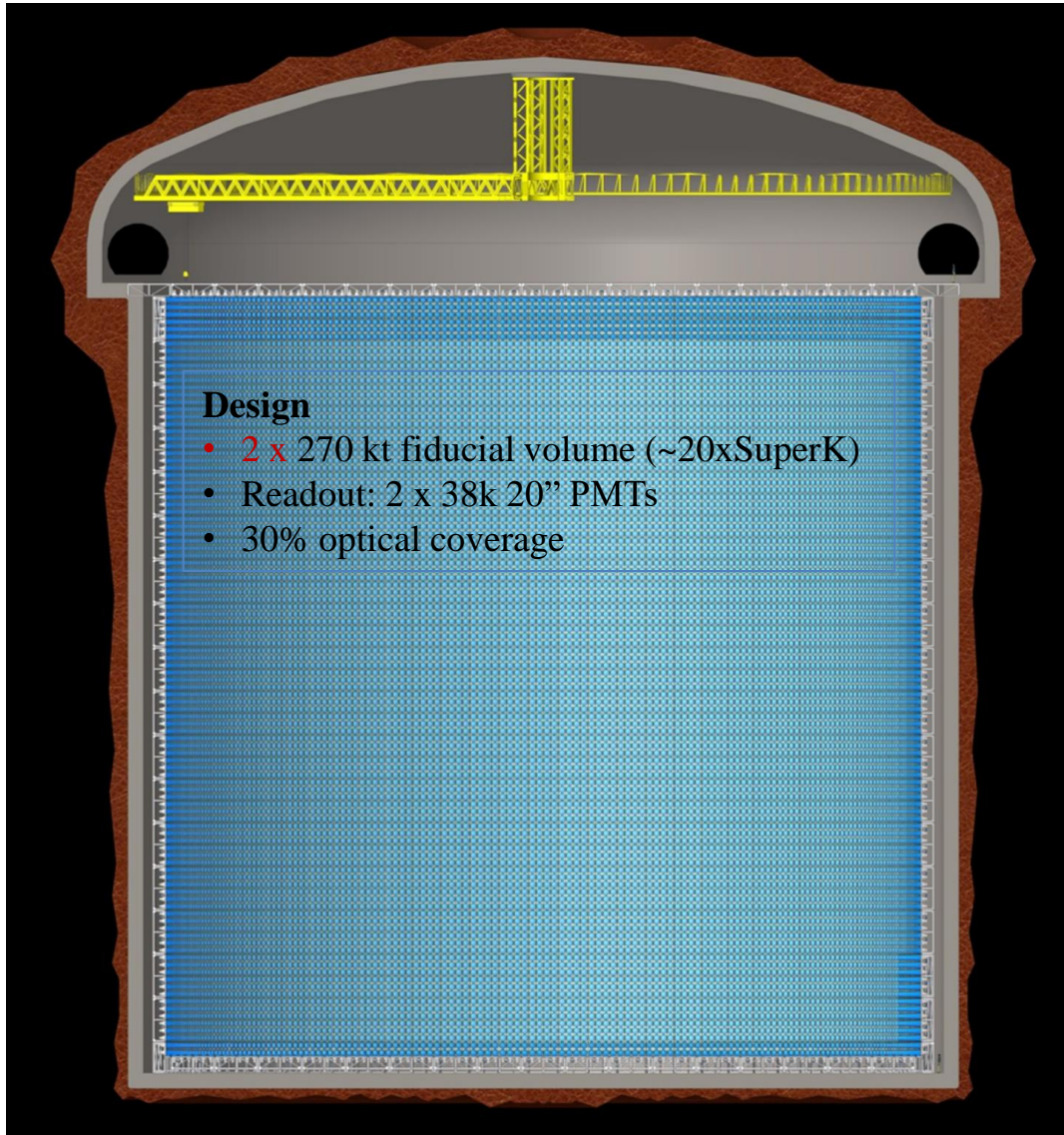


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# More Physics with the two Water Cherenkov Far detectors

At 360 Km, to measure rate and energy distributions of muon and electron neutrinos and antineutrinos

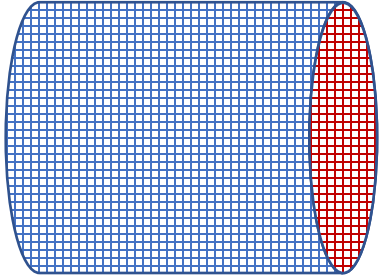


## Additional Physics (with the addition of Gadolinium):

- Atmospheric Neutrinos ( $\sim 0.1-100$  GeV)
- Atmospheric muons (muon bundles, mine tomography)
- Astroparticle Physics
  - Galactic SN  $\nu$  ( $5 \times 10^4$  events in 10 years,  $\sim 0.5-100$  MeV)
  - Diffuse Supernova Neutrino background
  - Solar Neutrinos ( $\sim 0-20$  MeV)
- Proton decay ( $p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+$ : proton lifetime limit  $> 10^{35}$  years)
- Geoneutrinos ( $\sim 1.8-3$  MeV)
- Reactor Neutrinos ( $\sim 1.8-8$  MeV)

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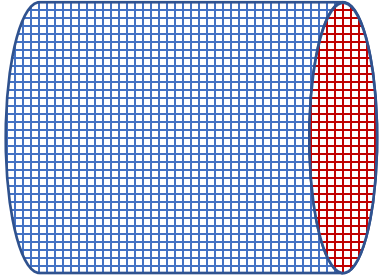
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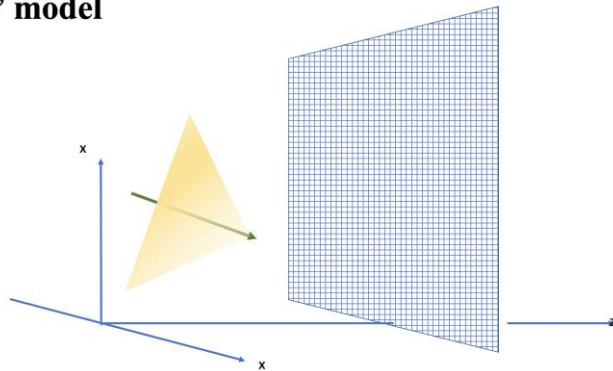


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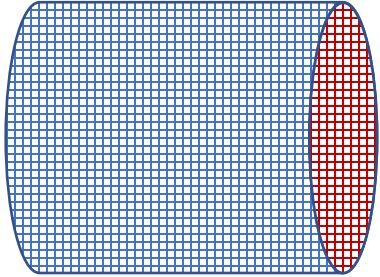


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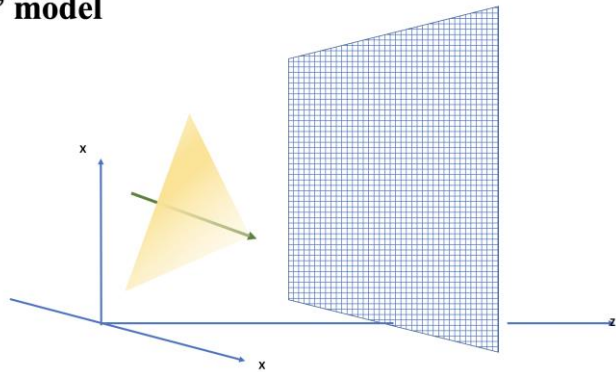


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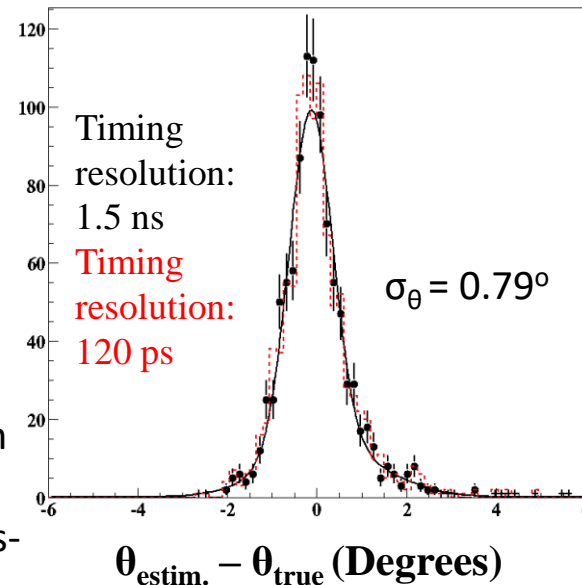
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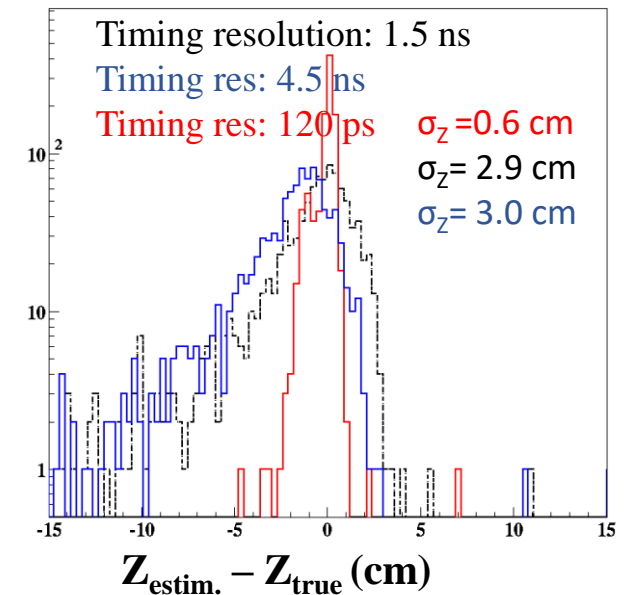
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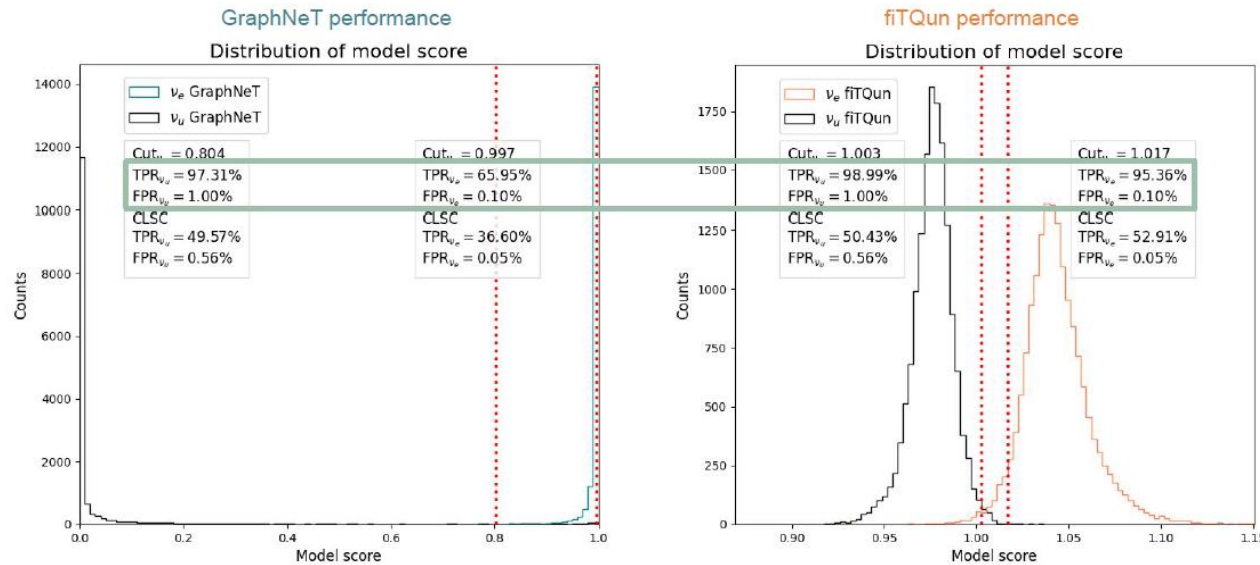
# Improving event selection via Graph Neural Networks (GNN)

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Lund University  
Talk in HAMLET2024

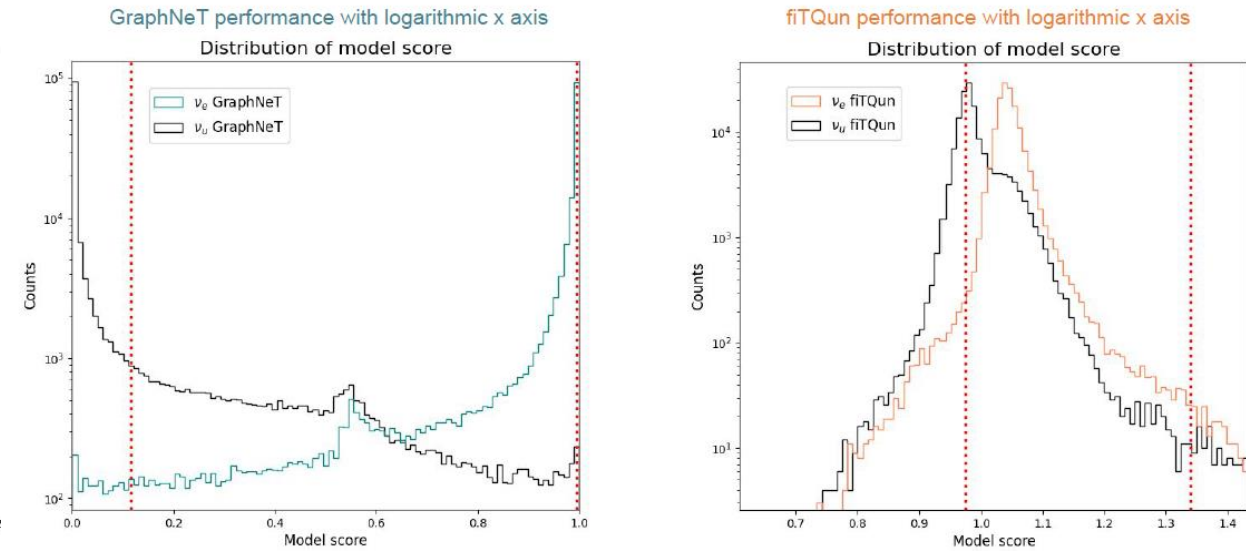
## Why the need to use GNN?

- **Fast and reliable** event reconstruction enables testing of different detector layouts
- Log Likelihood (LLH)-based methods are accurate, but reconstruction is **slow (1 min/event)**
- ML methods are **fast once trained**, GNNs are well suited for sparse events with irregular geometry
- Multiple reconstruction methods provides a way to **cross check and find systematic errors**

## Charged lepton simulations - with cuts



## Neutrino event simulations - without data cut



For pure charged lepton simulations with filtering of difficult events, the GNN is on par with the fitQun LLH method. However:

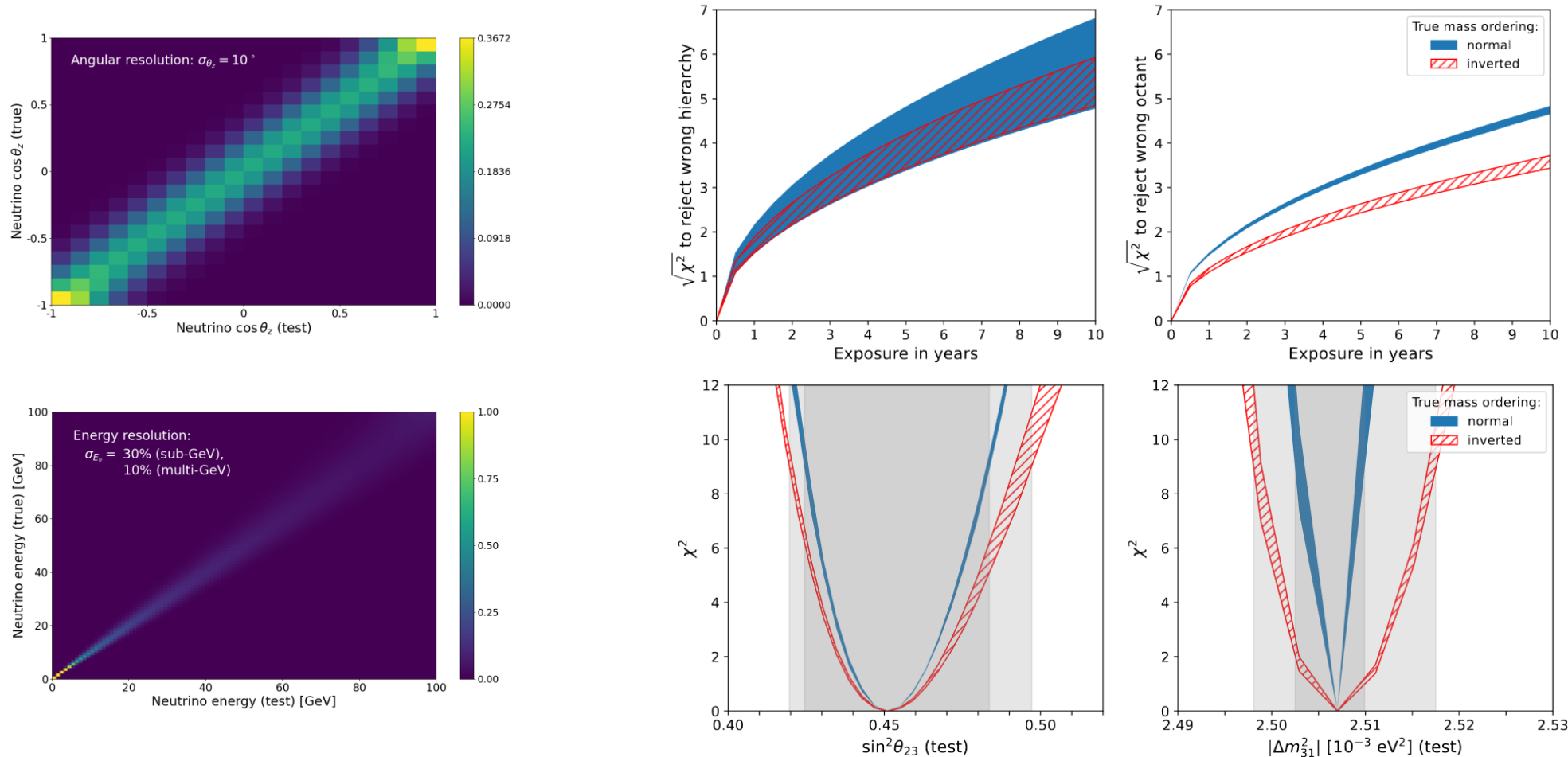
- Event filter relies on fitQun reconstructed variables
- Full neutrino events can contain more than single charged leptons (pions, double-decays etc.)

- The GNN has acceptable performance even on the full neutrino events
- Using the GNN, the data cuts can be made obsolete
- Perhaps employ two stage analysis: a fast with GNN and a slow classic for selected events.

# Exploring atmospheric neutrino oscillations at ESSnuSB

<http://arxiv.org/abs/2407.21663>

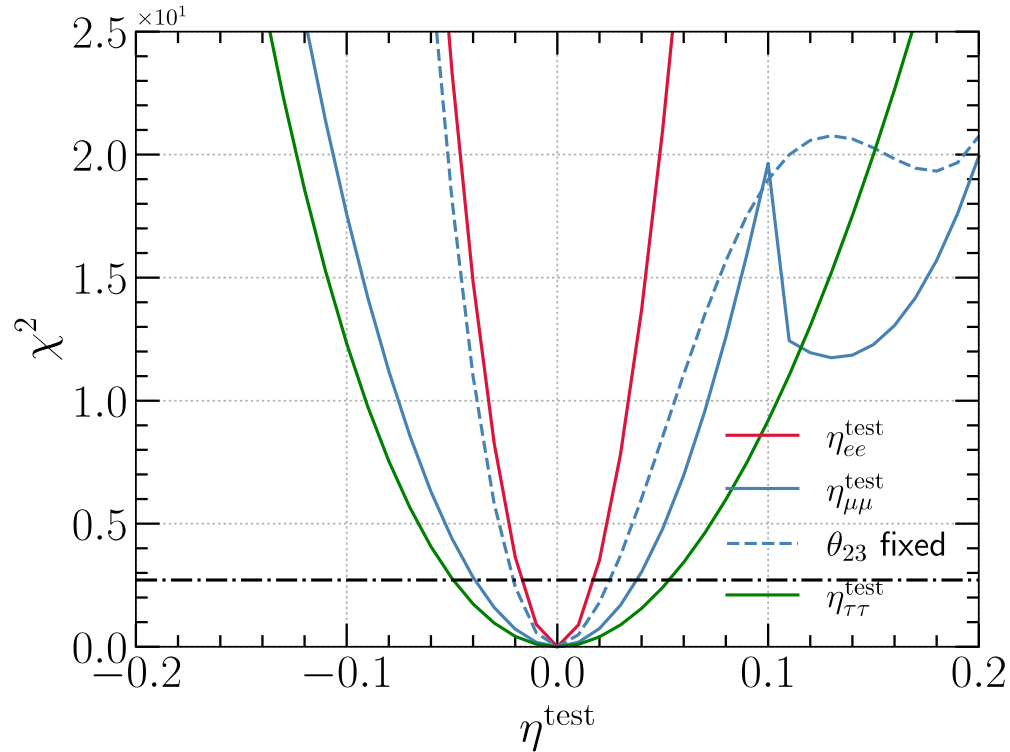
A Monte Carlo study has been conducted assuming two 70mX70m cylindrical vessels and 10 years exposure.



ESSnuSB could determine the correct neutrino mass ordering at  $3\sigma$  CL after 4 years, regardless of the mass ordering. It could determine the  $\theta_{23}$  octant at  $3\sigma$  in 4 (7) years for normal (inverted) ordering and provide constraints on  $\theta_{23}$  and  $\Delta m_{31}^2$  (shaded areas indicate the allowed values for normal-dark and inverted-light ordering).

# ESSvSB sensitivity to BSM physics - I

Constraints on scalar NSI parameters

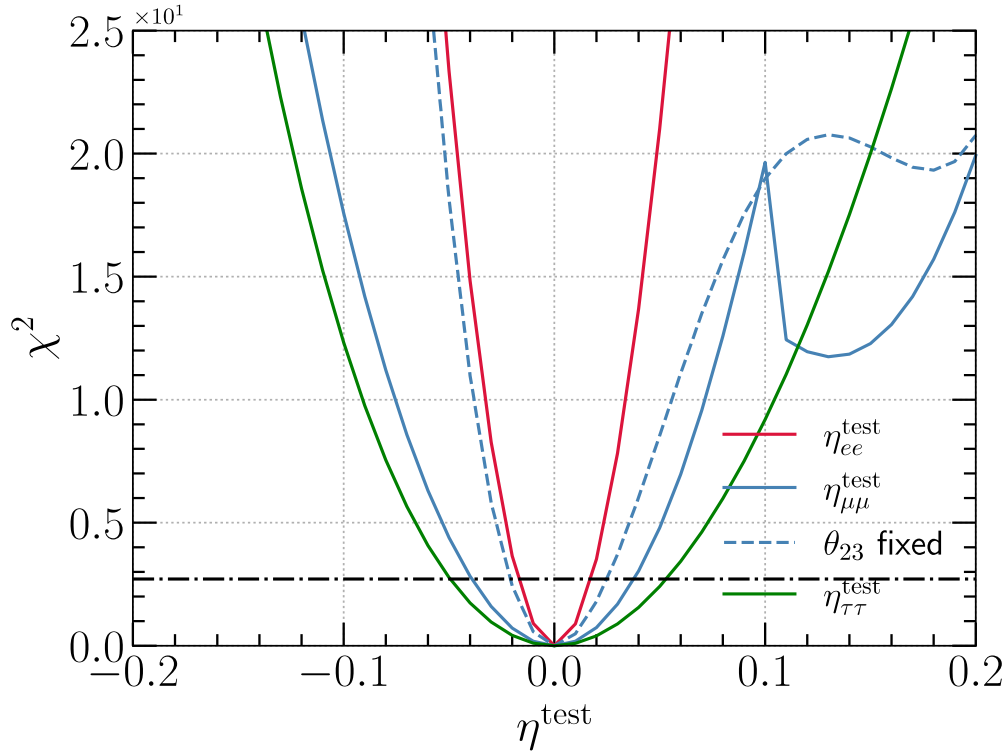


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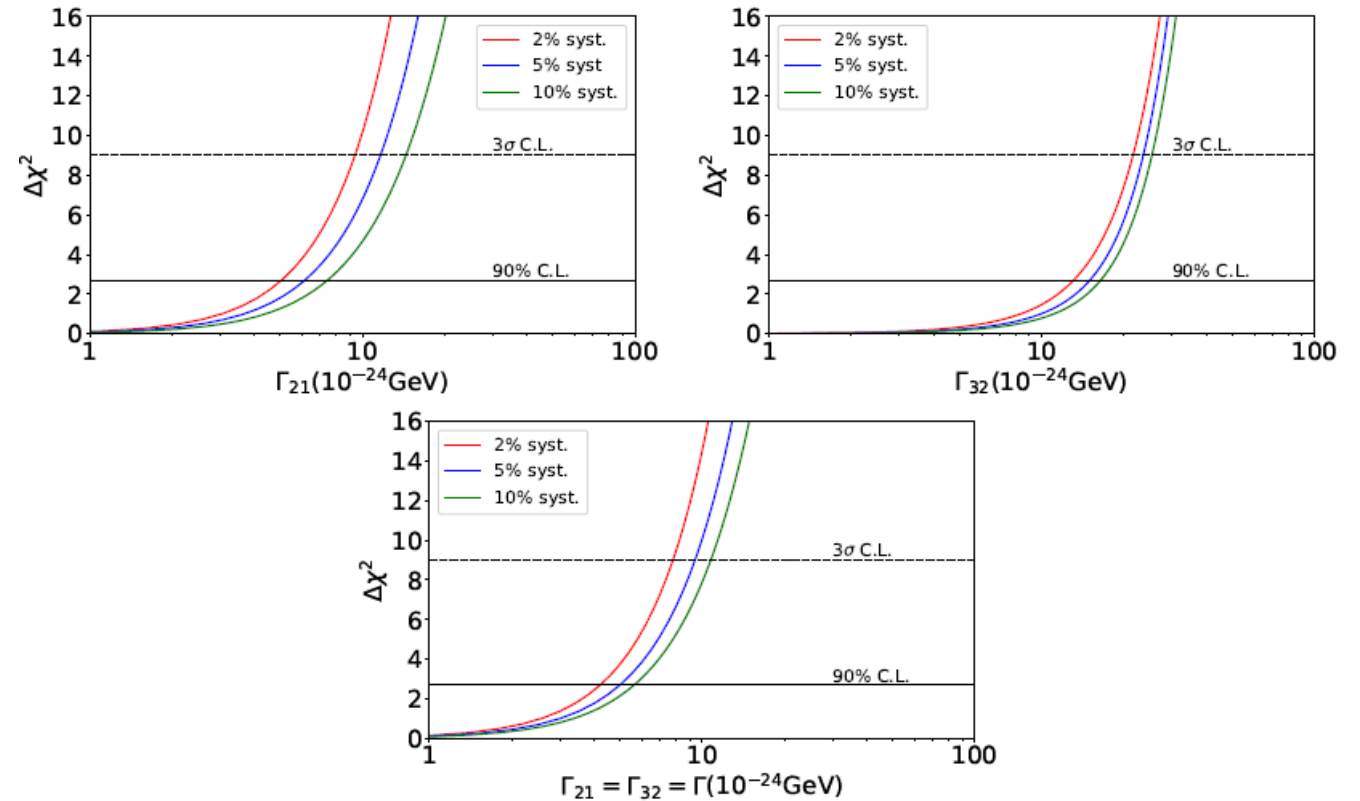
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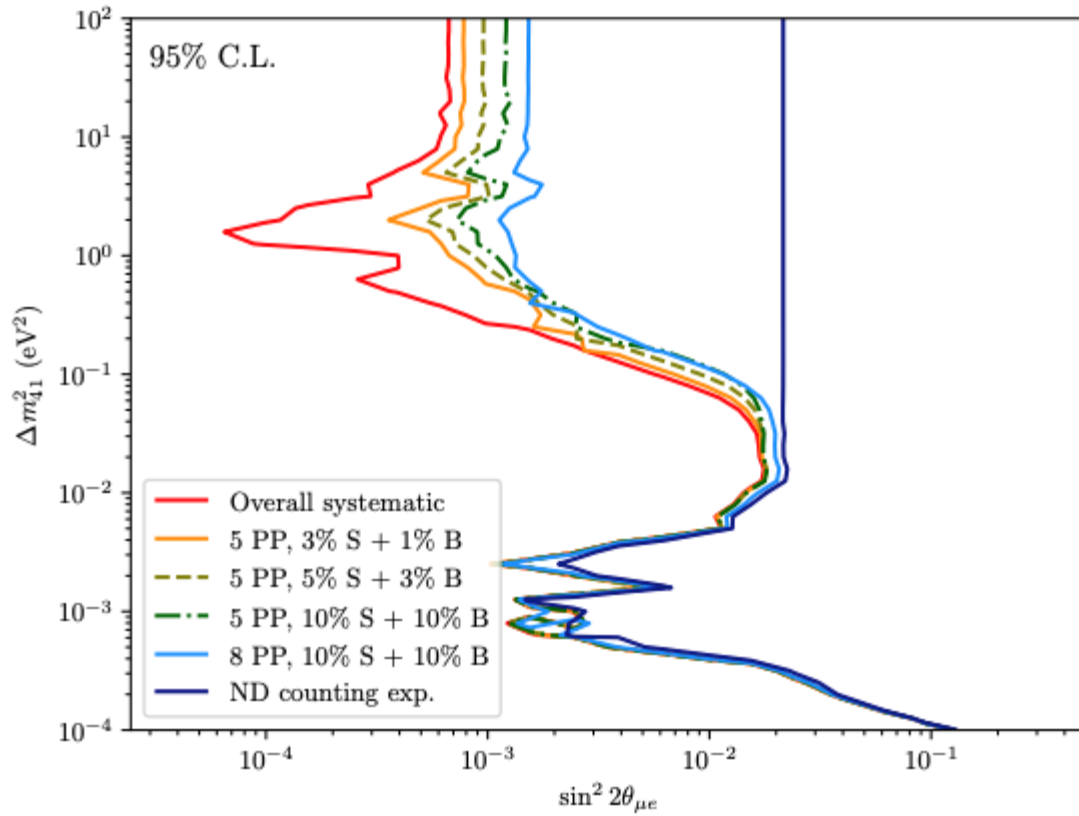
Constraints on Decoherence parameters



Decoherence in Neutrino Oscillation at the ESSnuSB Experiment  
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# ESSvSB sensitivity to BSM physics - II

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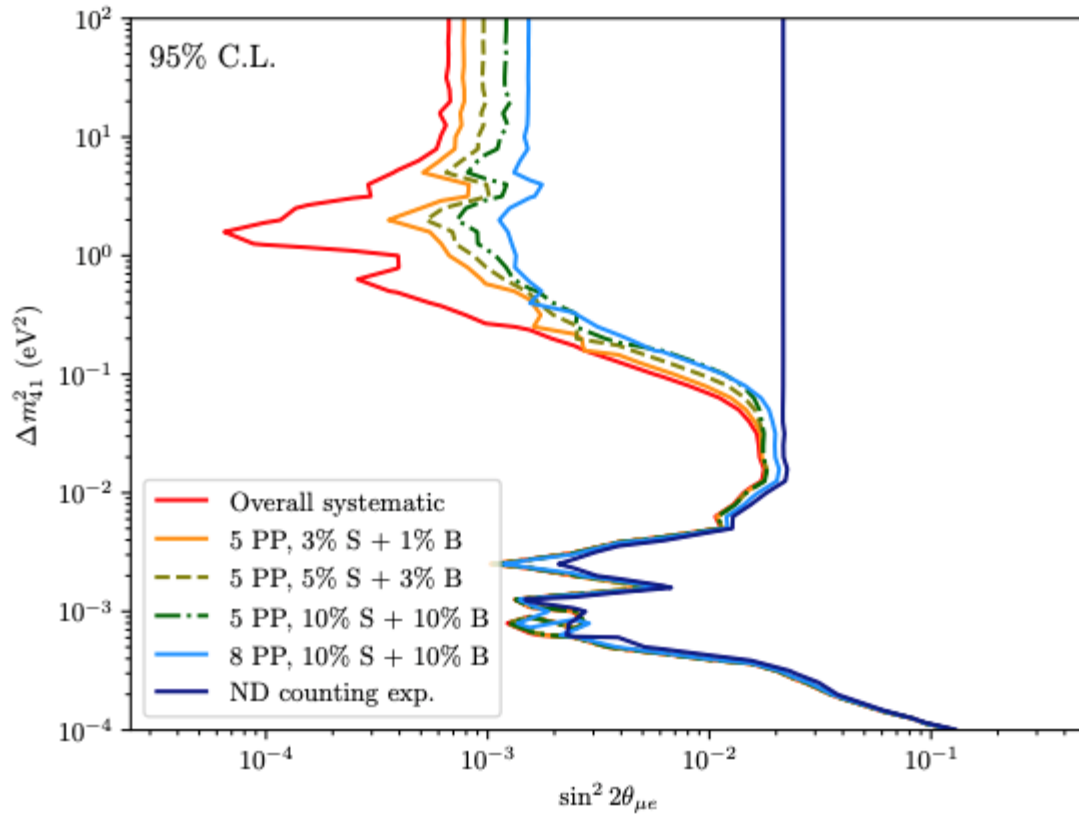


Sensitivity to light sterile neutrinos at ESSnuSB

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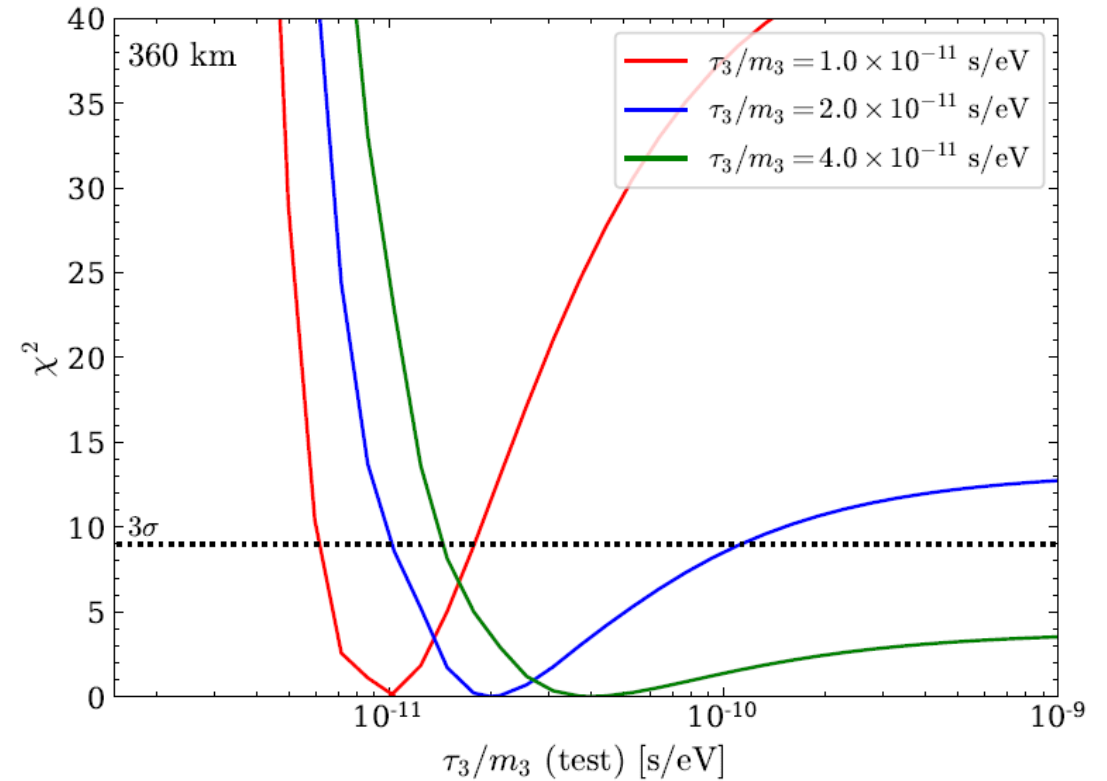
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Invisible neutrino decays



Precision  $\chi^2$  as a function of  $\tau_3/m_3$  (test) for three different values of  $\tau_3/m_3$  (true).

Exploring invisible neutrino decay at ESSnuSB

[JHEP 05 \(2021\), 133](#)

# Summary

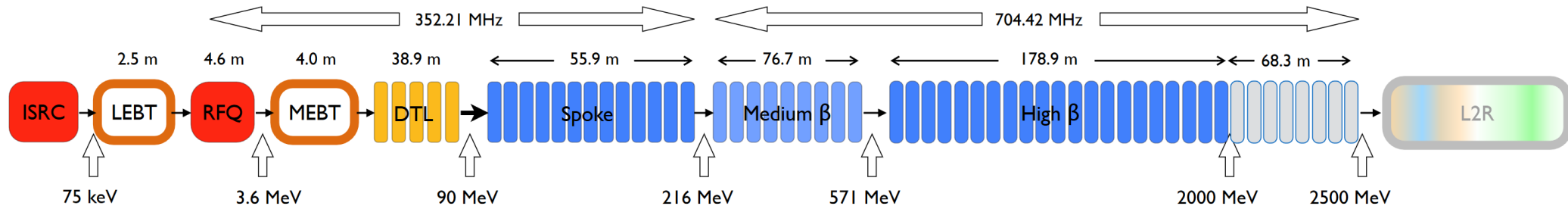
- **ESSnuSB** aims to observe CP violation in neutrino oscillations at the 2<sup>nd</sup> oscillation maximum using a 538 kt WC Far detector, a complex of Near detectors, and a near-near Detector (LEMMOND) to form an SBL exp.
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> maximum** makes the measurement resilient to systematic errors and matter effects
  - **Recent optimizations** predict that in 10 years of data taking ESSnuSB will be able to:
    - reach 5  $\sigma$  over 72% of  $\delta_{CP}$  range
    - reach  $\delta_{CP}$  resolution of less than 8°
- **ESSnuSB+** proposes additions which will allow for additional physics opportunities
  - A Low Energy nuSTORM (LEnuSTORM)
  - Low Energy Monitored Neutrino Beam (LEMNB-an Instrumented beam line a la ENUBET)
  - proposed modifications would allow for:
    - precise neutrino flux, neutrino cross sections, muon physics, SBL for sterile neutrinos search, etc...
  - **Large far detectors** enriched with Gadolinium allow for an even richer physics program:
    - Astroparticle physics
    - Atmospheric neutrinos
    - Solar neutrinos
    - Proton decay

ESSnuSB has been included in the [ESFRI landscape analysis 2024](#) in the Gaps and Needs in the Domain “Physical Sciences and Engineering ” section

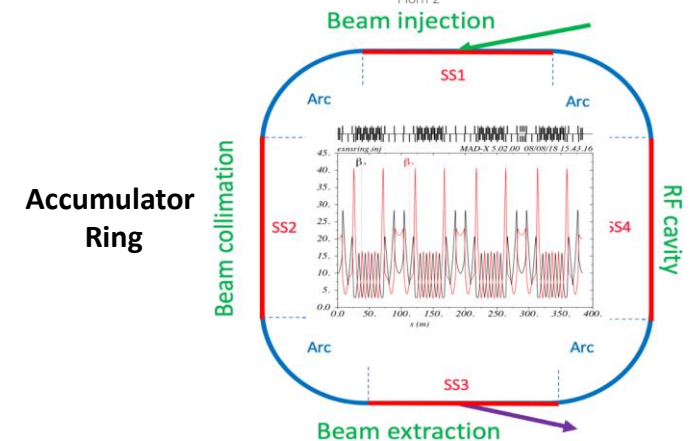
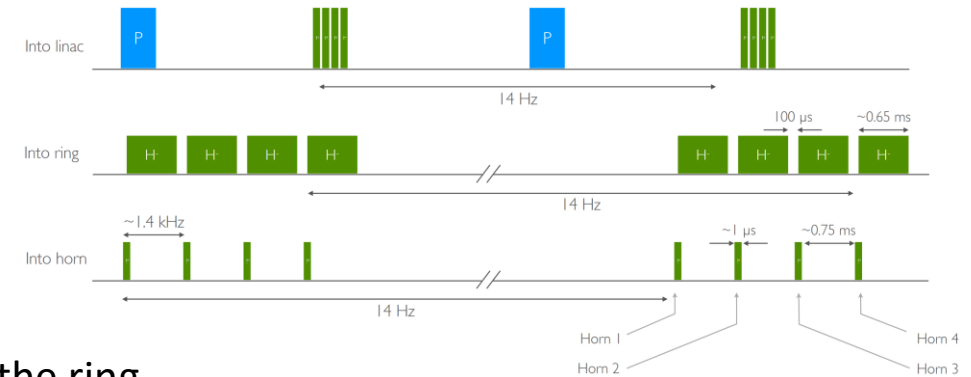
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# Backup slides

# ESS Proton Linac Upgrade and the Accumulator Ring



Pulsing scheme

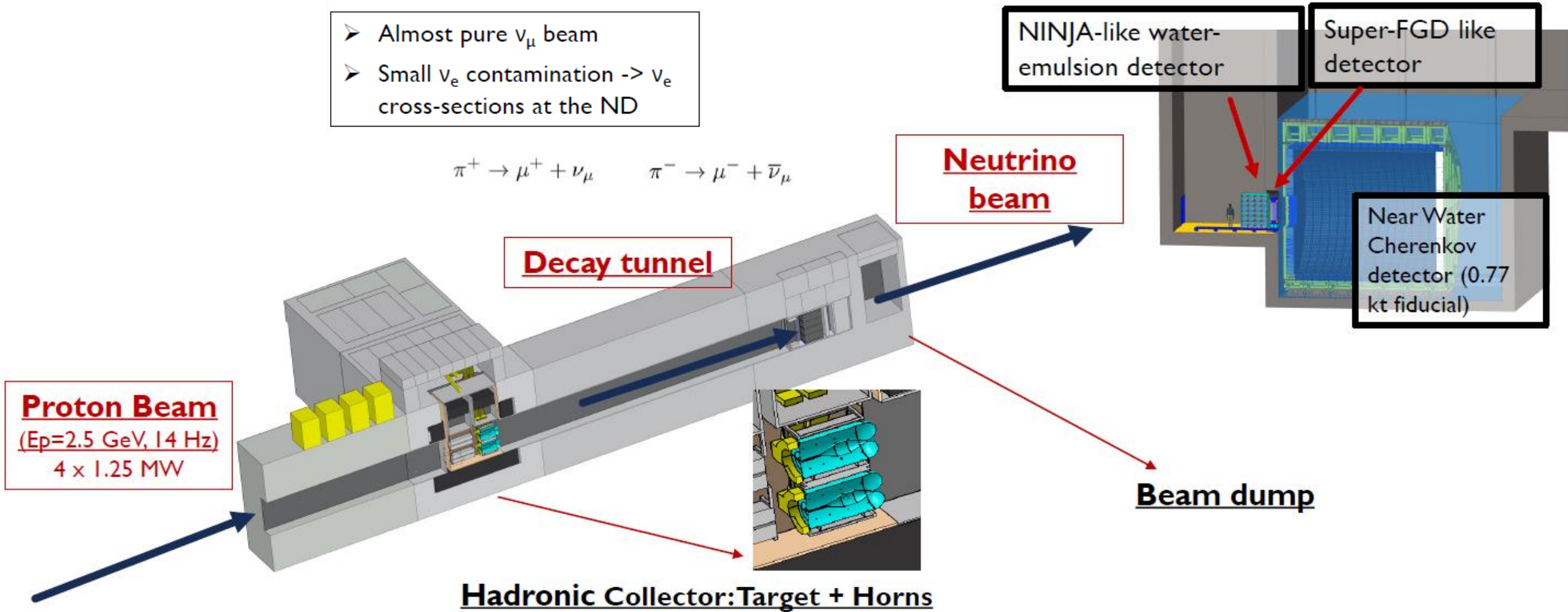


- Accumulation and storage, no acceleration.
- 384 m circumference, 1.33  $\mu$ s revolution period

- ESSvSB proposes to increase the ESS LINAC power from 5 MW to 10 MW.
- The dedicated proton beam will be shortened to 1.3  $\mu$ s:
  - With the help of the accumulator ring.
  - Will be split in four (batches) already in the LINAC.
  - Each batch is accumulated and then extracted before the next batch enters the ring.
  - Each batch hits a different target thanks to the switching in the switchyard.
- To avoid excessive injection losses,  $H^-$  ions are injected into the LINAC and stripped by a foil before entering the accumulator.
- Ring-to-switchyard, L2R, transfer-line extract the proton pulses from the ring to the beam switchyard and distribute the resulting four beam batches over four targets.

# ESSnuSB neutrino beam and near Detector

- Almost pure  $\nu_\mu$  beam
- Small  $\nu_e$  contamination  $\rightarrow \nu_e$  cross-sections at the ND

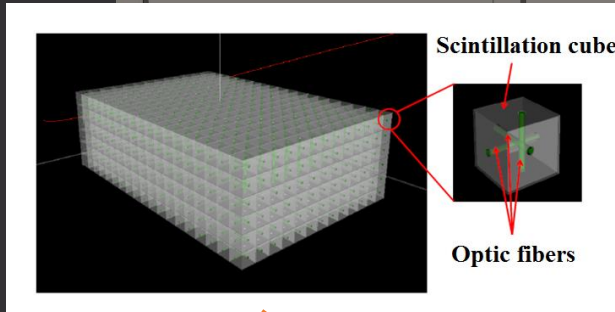
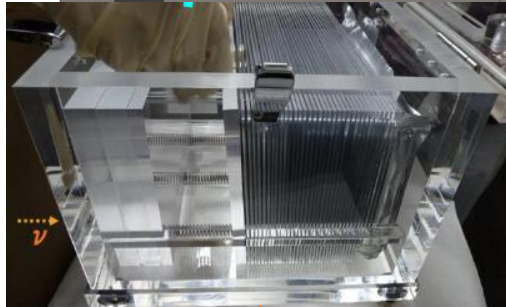




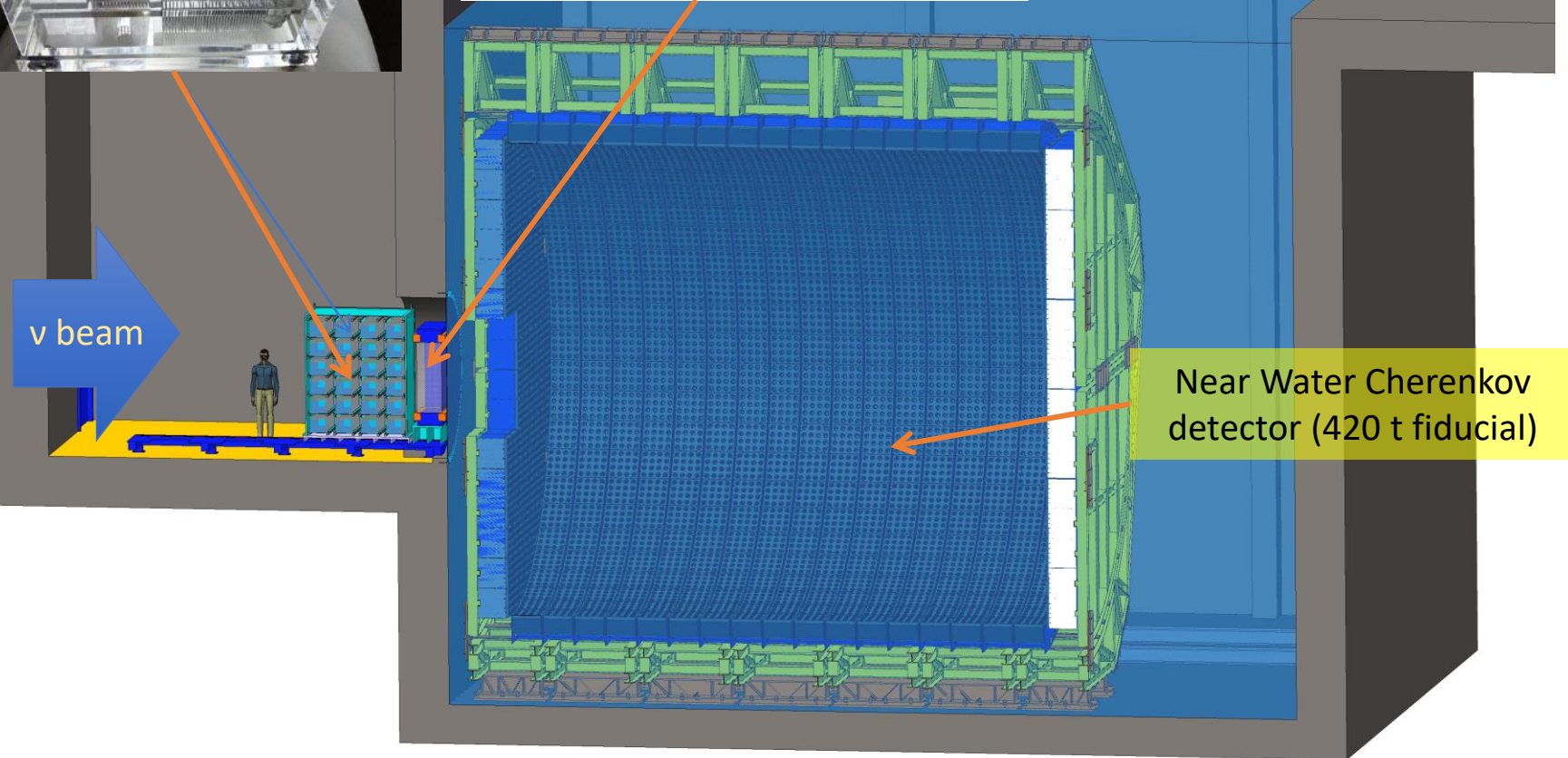
# ESSnuSB Near Detectors (END)

At 0.25 Km, to monitor neutrino beam intensity and measure muon and electron neutrino and antineutrino cross sections

Viking, a NINJA-like water-emulsion detector (1 t fiducial)



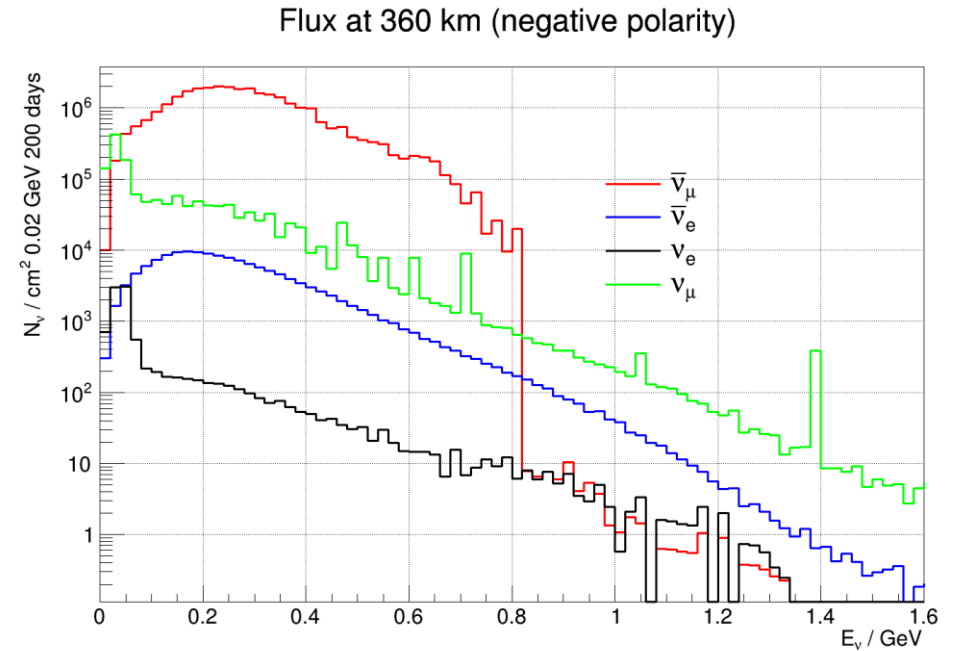
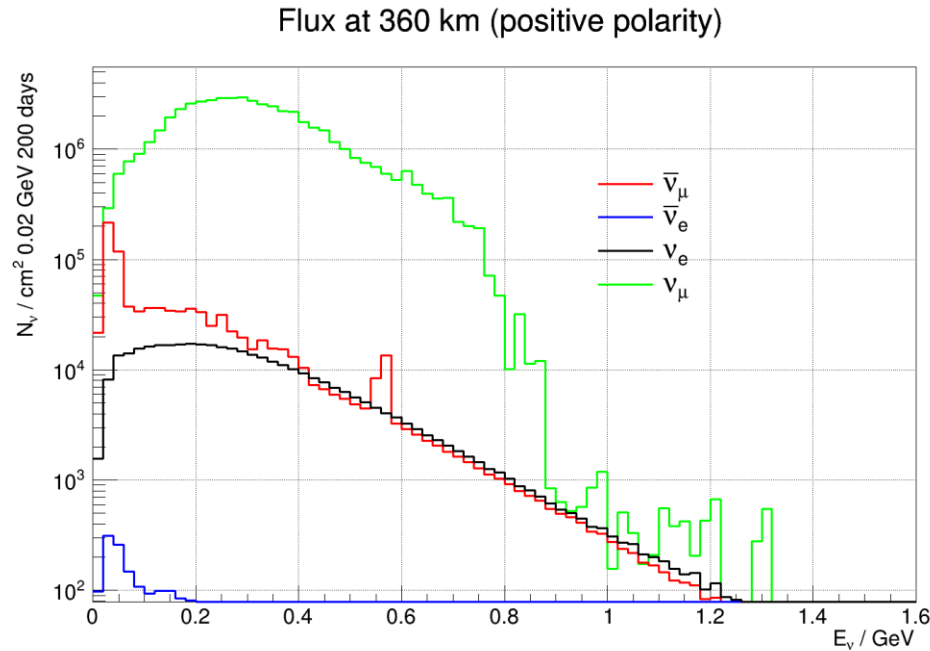
Super-FGD like detector (1 t fiducial)



Near Water Cherenkov detector (420 t fiducial)

# The expected neutrino and antineutrino flux for ESSnuSB

At 360 Km from the target, for 200 days, in absence of neutrino oscillations

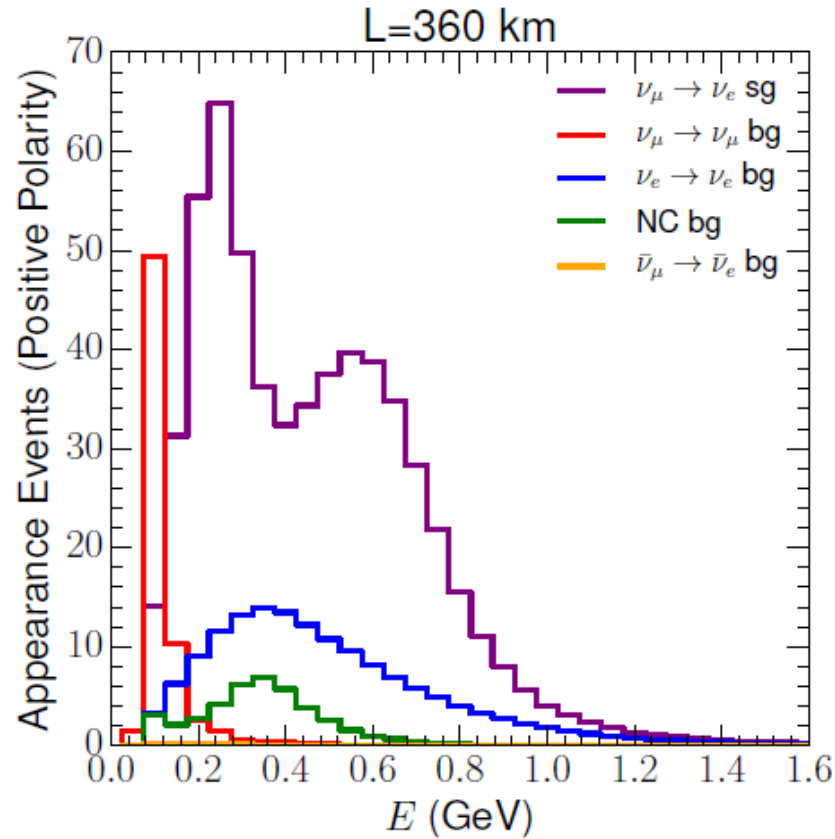


- almost pure  $\nu_\mu$  beam
- small  $\nu_e$  contamination which will be used to measure  $\nu_e$  cross-sections in a near detector

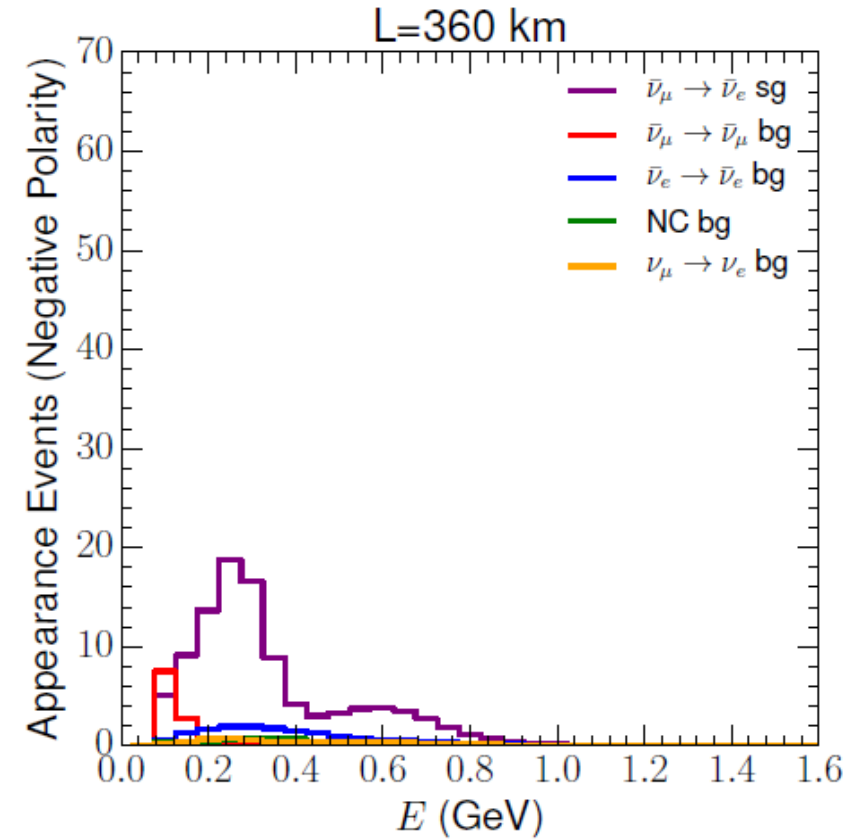
**Neutrino flux at 360 km from the target per year (in absence of  $\nu$  oscillations)**

Flavour	$\nu$ Mode		$\bar{\nu}$ Mode	
	$N_\nu$ ( $10^5 / \text{cm}^2$ )	%	$N_\nu$ ( $10^5 / \text{cm}^2$ )	%
$\nu_\mu$	<b>520.06</b>	<b>97.6</b>	15.43	4.7
$\nu_e$	<b>3.67</b>	<b>0.67</b>	0.10	0.03
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	9.10	1.7	<b>305.55</b>	<b>94.8</b>
$\bar{\nu}_e$	0.023	0.03	<b>1.43</b>	<b>0.43</b>

# The expected number of observed events in FD in a running year (200 days)



(a) Neutrino mode



(b) Antineutrino mode

The expected number of observed neutrino events as a function of reconstructed neutrino energy in the far detectors, shown for the signal channel and the most significant background channels. Each plot corresponds to 200 days (effective year) of data taking.

# Expected Number of Events in ESSnuSB

**Table 40** Expected number of neutrino interactions in the 538kt FD fiducial volume at a distance of 360 km (Zinkgruvan mine) in 200 days (one effective year). Shown for positive (negative) horn polarity

Channel	Non oscillated		Oscillated						
			$\delta_{CP} = 0$	$\delta_{CP} = \pi/2$		$\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$			
CC	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$	22,630.4	(231.0)	10,508.7	(101.6)	10,430.6	(5.8)	10,430.6	(100.9)
	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$	0	(0)	768.3	(8.6)	543.8	(5.8)	1 159.9	(12.8)
	$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e$	190.2	(1.2)	177.9	(1.1)	177.9	(1.1)	177.9	(1.1)
	$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$	0	(0)	5.3	$(3.3 \times 10^{-2})$	7.3	$(4.5 \times 10^{-2})$	3.9	$(2.4 \times 10^{-2})$
	$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$	62.4	(3640.3)	26.0	(1896.8)	26.0	(1898.9)	26.0	(1898.9)
	$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$	0	(0)	2.6	(116.1)	3.5	(164.0)	1.4	(56.8)
	$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$	$1.3 \times 10^{-1}$	(18.5)	$1.3 \times 10^{-1}$	(17.5)	$1.3 \times 10^{-1}$	(17.5)	$1.2 \times 10^{-1}$	(17.5)
	$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$	0	(0)	$3.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$(4.0 \times 10^{-1})$	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$(2.1 \times 10^{-1})$	$4.1 \times 10^{-3}$	$(5.6 \times 10^{-1})$
NC	$\nu_\mu$	16,015.1 (179.3)							
	$\nu_e$	103.7 (0.7)							
	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	55.2 (3265.5)							
	$\bar{\nu}_e$	$1 \times 10^{-1}$ (13.6)							

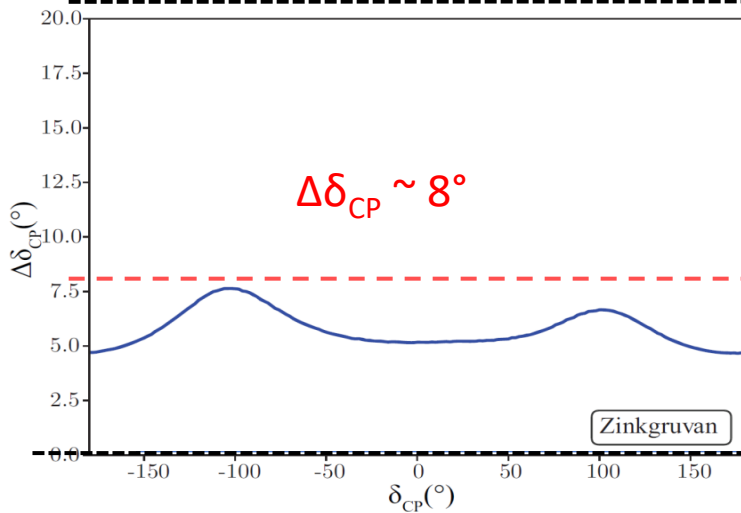
**Table 45** Signal and major background events for the appearance channel corresponding to positive (negative) polarity per year for  $\delta = 0^\circ$

	Channel	$L = 540$ km	$L = 360$ km
Signal	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ ( $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ )	272.22 (63.75)	578.62 (101.18)
Background	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ ( $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$ )	31.01 (3.73)	67.23 (11.51)
	$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e$ ( $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ )	67.49 (7.31)	151.12 (16.66)
	$\nu_\mu$ NC ( $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ NC)	18.57 (2.10)	41.78 (4.73)
	$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ ( $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ )	1.08 (3.08)	1.94 (6.47)

# ESSnuSB in the international context – CPV resolution

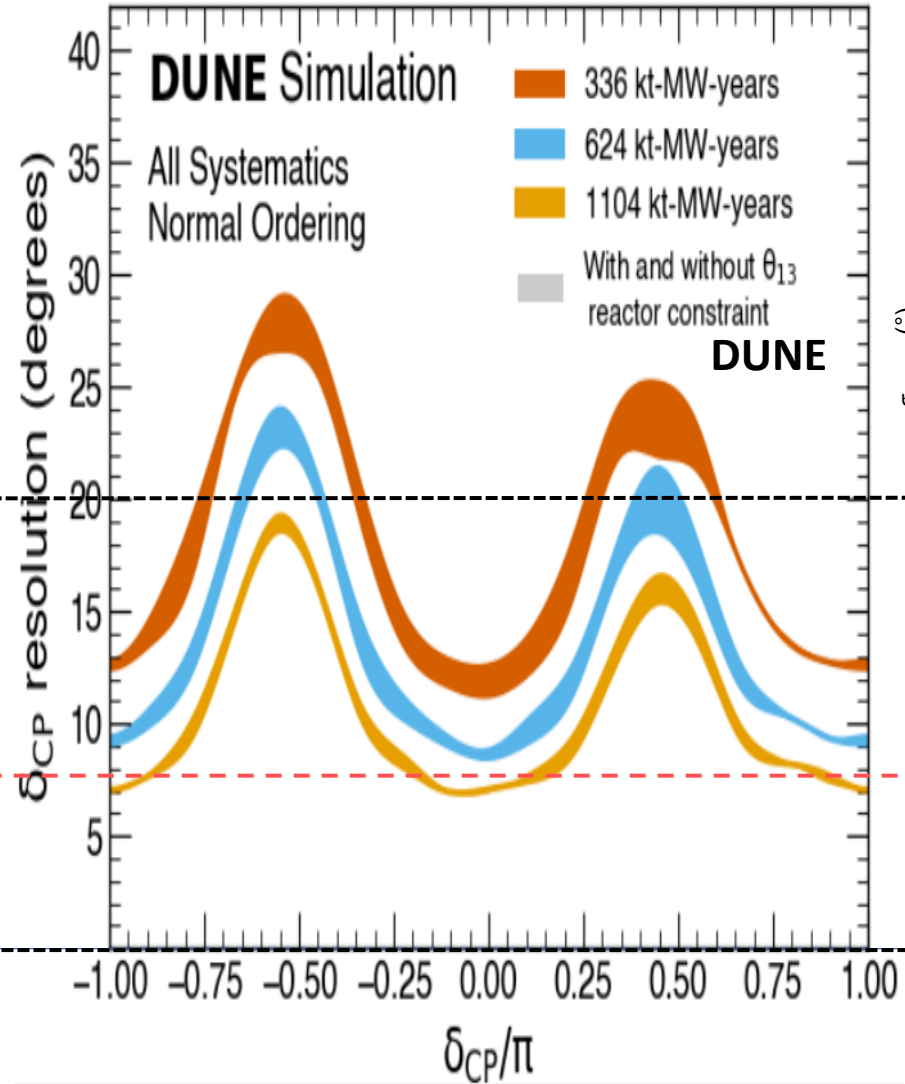
precision of the  $\delta_{CP}$  measurement

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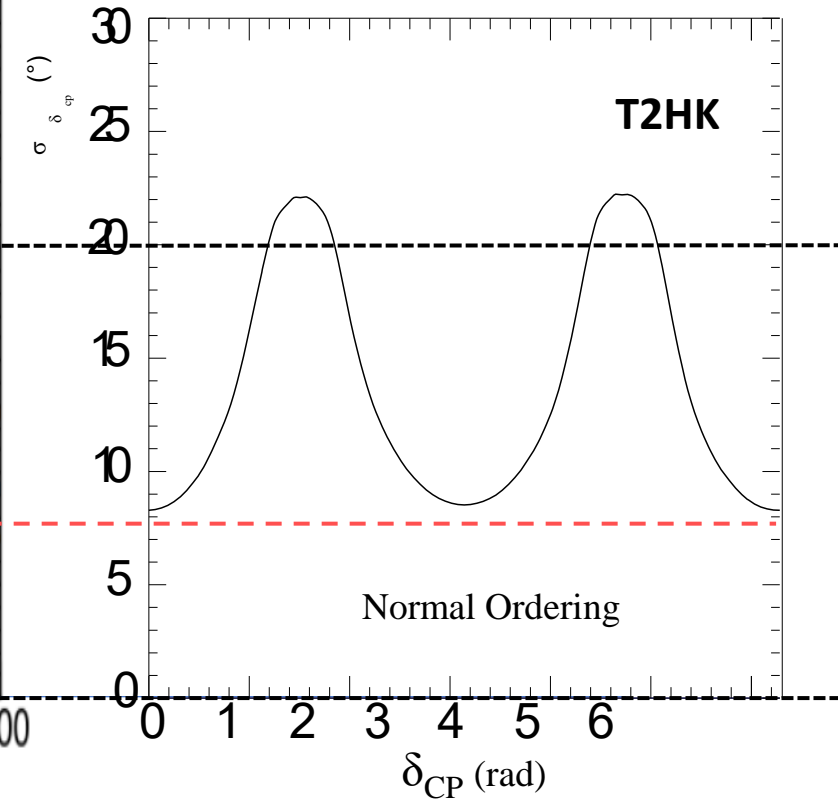
ESSnuSB 10 years

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.01208> p. 205



DUNE 10 years, yellow curve

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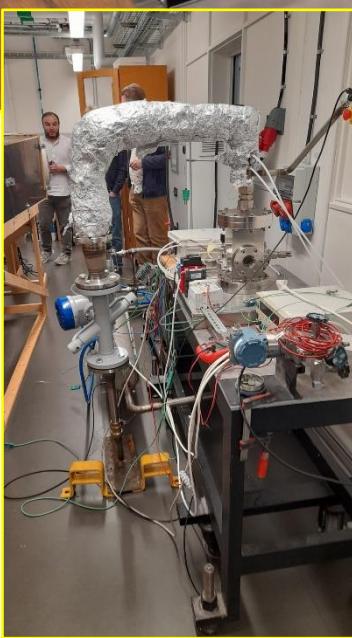
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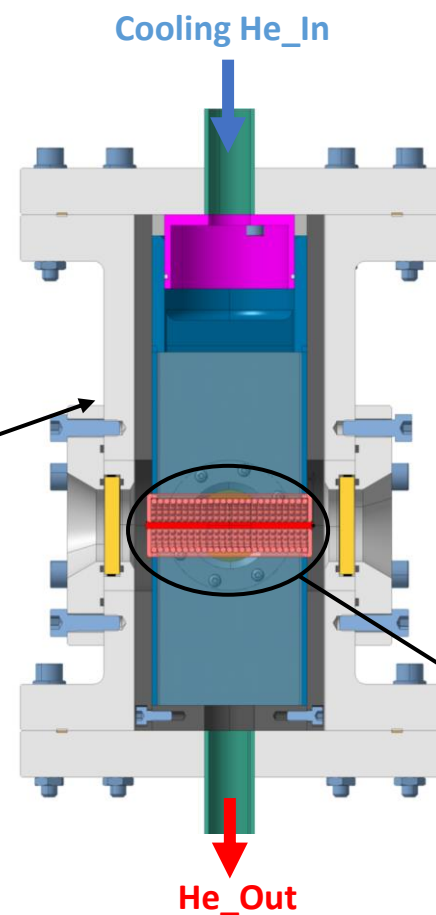
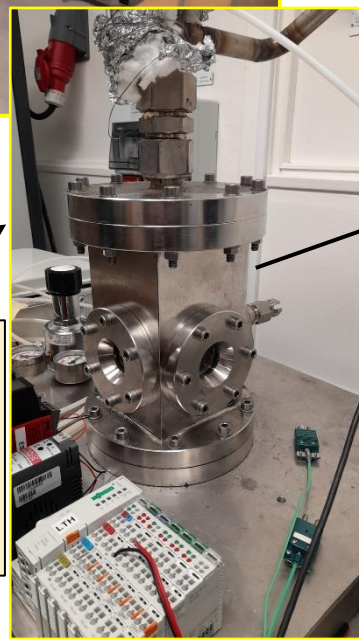
# ESSnuSB R&D Program (Target Prototyping)

Mechanical Measurements Lab (MML) @ESS

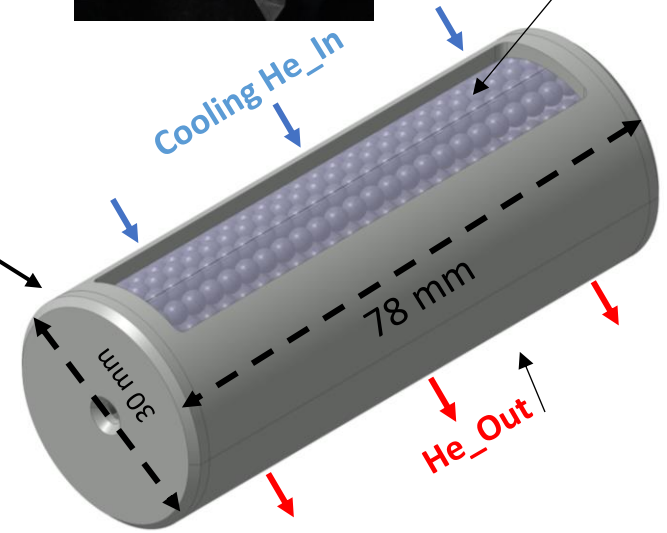
- ESSnuSB adopts a granular target concept of 3 mm titanium spheres in 78 cm Ti Canister, cooled by transverse helium gas.
- A Prototype of 7.8 cm length and a 3 cm diameter will be tested in the ETHEL test facility in ESS.



ESS Target Helium Experiments at LTH (ETHEL) @LTH  
[https://indico.ess.eu/event/648/attachments/5153/7015/essDocumentDownload\\_002.pdf](https://indico.ess.eu/event/648/attachments/5153/7015/essDocumentDownload_002.pdf)



Ti pellets  
(4000 pellets  
 $D_{\text{pellet}} = 3 \text{ mm}$ )

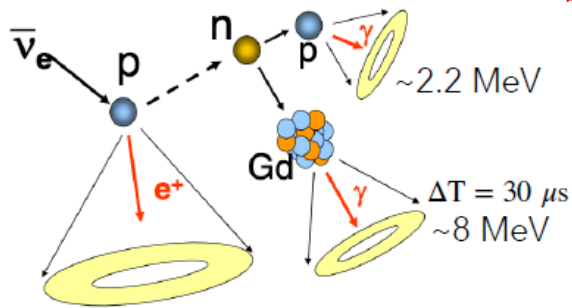


# Neutron tagging by Gadolinium

The charge identification issue can be addressed, in the simple **quasi-elastic scattering** process where no additional particles are produced, by identifying the final-state nucleon as either a proton (implying the reaction  $\bar{\nu}_\mu + n \rightarrow \mu^- + p$ , or the equivalent for other flavors) or a neutron (implying  $\bar{\nu}_\mu + p \rightarrow \mu^+ + n$ ).

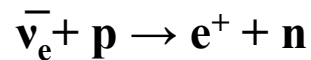
Proton momentum is below Cherenkov threshold but doping the water with 0.2% gadolinium (by dissolving  $\text{Gd}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ ) could provide a way to distinguish neutrino from antineutrino interactions. Neutrons are captured by Gd with a 90% efficiency emitting a cascade of  $\sim 8$  MeV gammas whose Cherenkov light is detected  $\sim 30 \mu\text{s}$  later. Since in T2K (similarly in ESSnuSB) the detection of such photons is 90% efficient, it is estimated that the expected overall tagging neutron efficiency is 80%.

## Neutron tagging by Gd



$\bar{\nu}_e$  can be identified by delayed coincidence

A promising plan to detect **Supernova Neutrinos** and **Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background** (or **Supernova Relic Neutrinos**) !



From:

J.F. Beamon, M.R. Vagins, Phys. Rev. Lett. 93 (2004) 171101

The energy spectra expected in Super-K for the main reactions producing a positron and a neutron in coincidence.

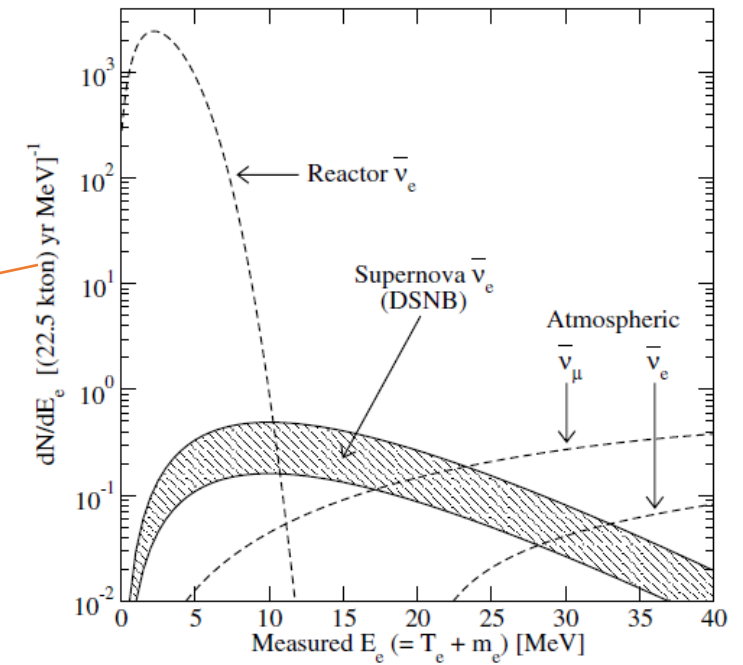
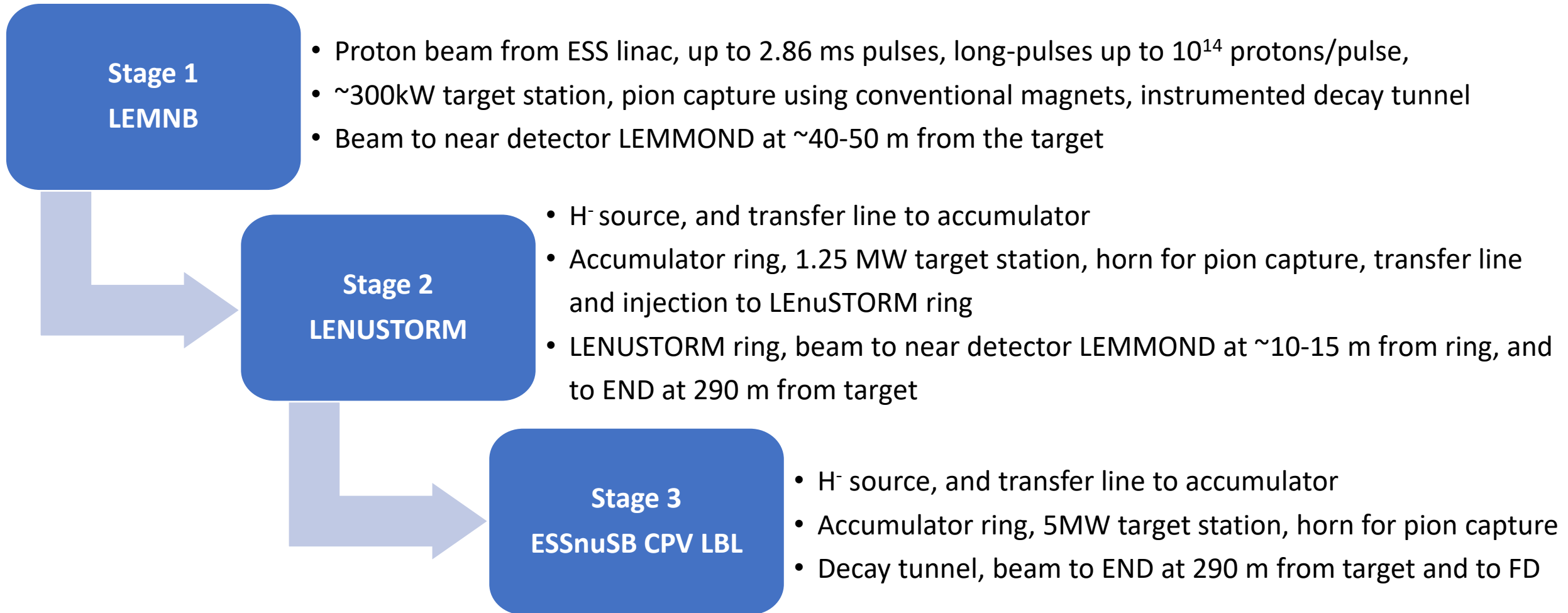


Figure 2: Spectra of low energy  $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$  coincident signals in Super-K. From [12].

# ESSnuSB Implementation Approach

## Staged Implementation





# ESSnuSB Project Time Evolution

