

# Current and Future Long Baseline Neutrino Experiments

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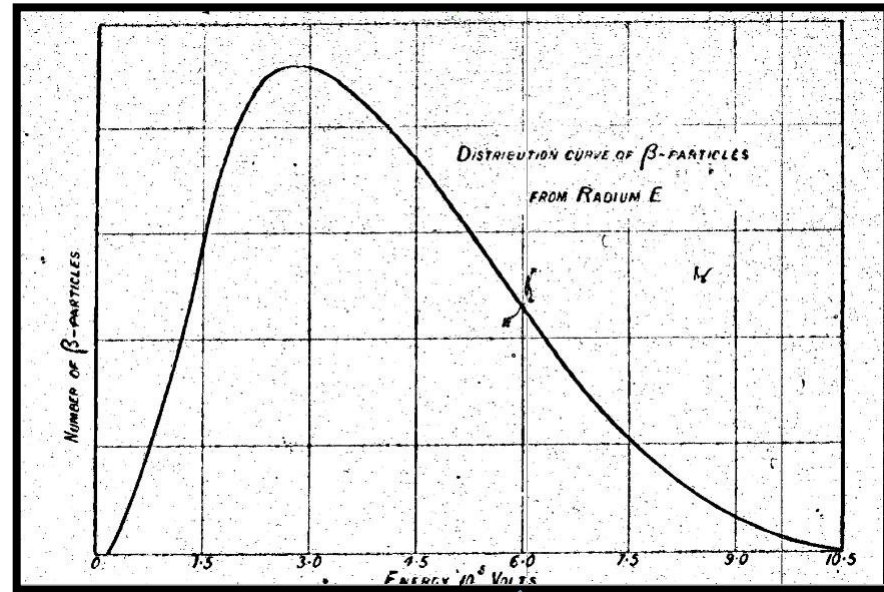
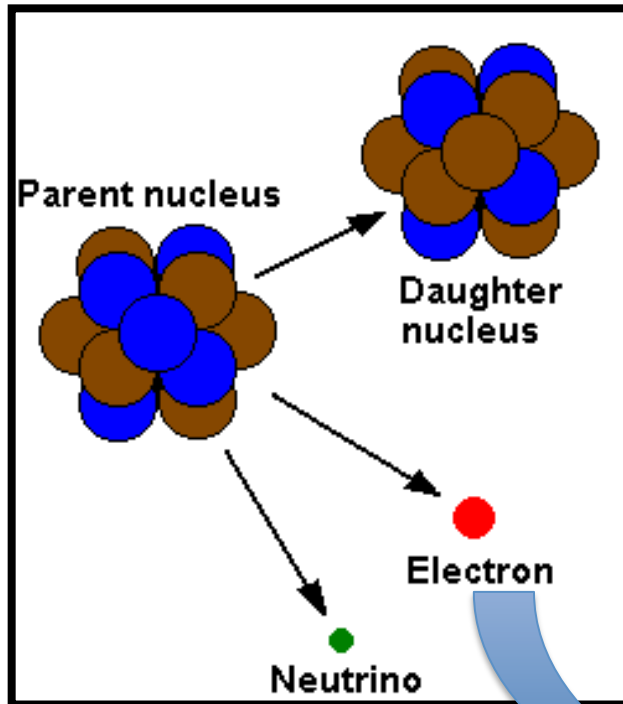
# I ragazzi di Via Panisperna (The birth of the neutrino)

Edoardo Amaldi, Emilio Segrè, Franco Rasetti, Ettore Majorana,  
Enrico Fermi, Bruno Pontecorvo

- ★ Fermi: 1939 Nobel Prize for Physics:  
"for his demonstrations of the  
existence of new radioactive  
elements produced by neutron  
irradiation, and for his related  
discovery of nuclear reactions  
brought about by slow neutrons"
- ★ Segrè: 1959 Nobel Prize for Physics:  
discovery of the anti-proton



# The birth of the neutrino



$$E = \Delta mc^2$$

- ✦ Pauli: postulated the existence of the neutrino in 1930 to explain the conservation of energy and momentum in beta decay a third particle must be produced, electrically neutral and with very low mass, so not observed
- ✦ Fermi: named the particle 'neutrino' in 1933
- ✦ Pauli: "I have done something very bad today by proposing a particle that cannot be detected. It is something that no theorist should ever do."


# Can we see them?

- 1934: Pauli predicts

$$\sigma(\nu p) \sim 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ for } 2\text{MeV } \nu$$

- 1934: Bethe and Peiels calculate

$$\lambda_{\text{lead}} \sim \frac{1}{N_A \rho \sigma} = \frac{1}{6.10^{23} (\text{nuc/g}) \times 7.9 (\text{g/cm}^2) \times 10^{-44} (\text{cm}^2)}$$

 at these neutrino energies the interaction length in Lead is  $\sim 22$  light years

tiny cross-sections means huge detectors

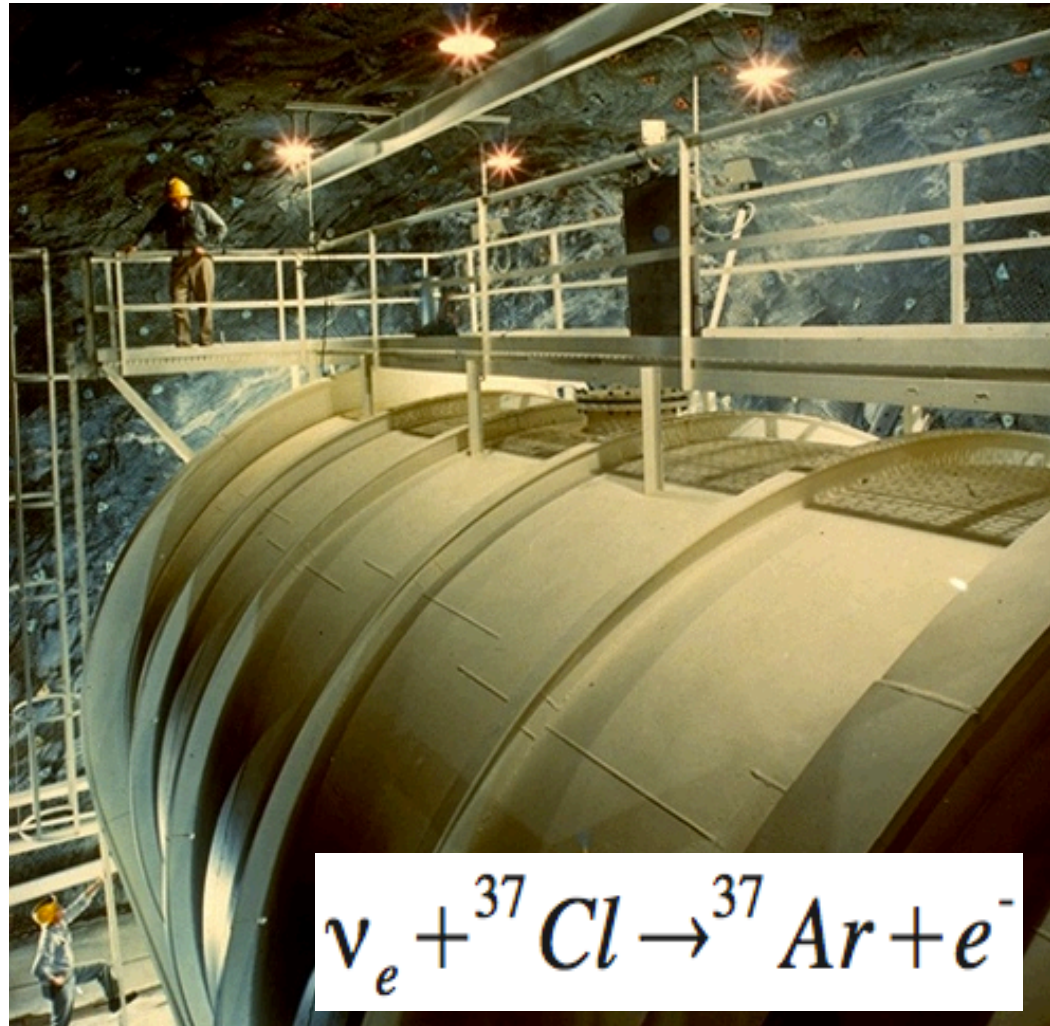


# Experimental Discovery

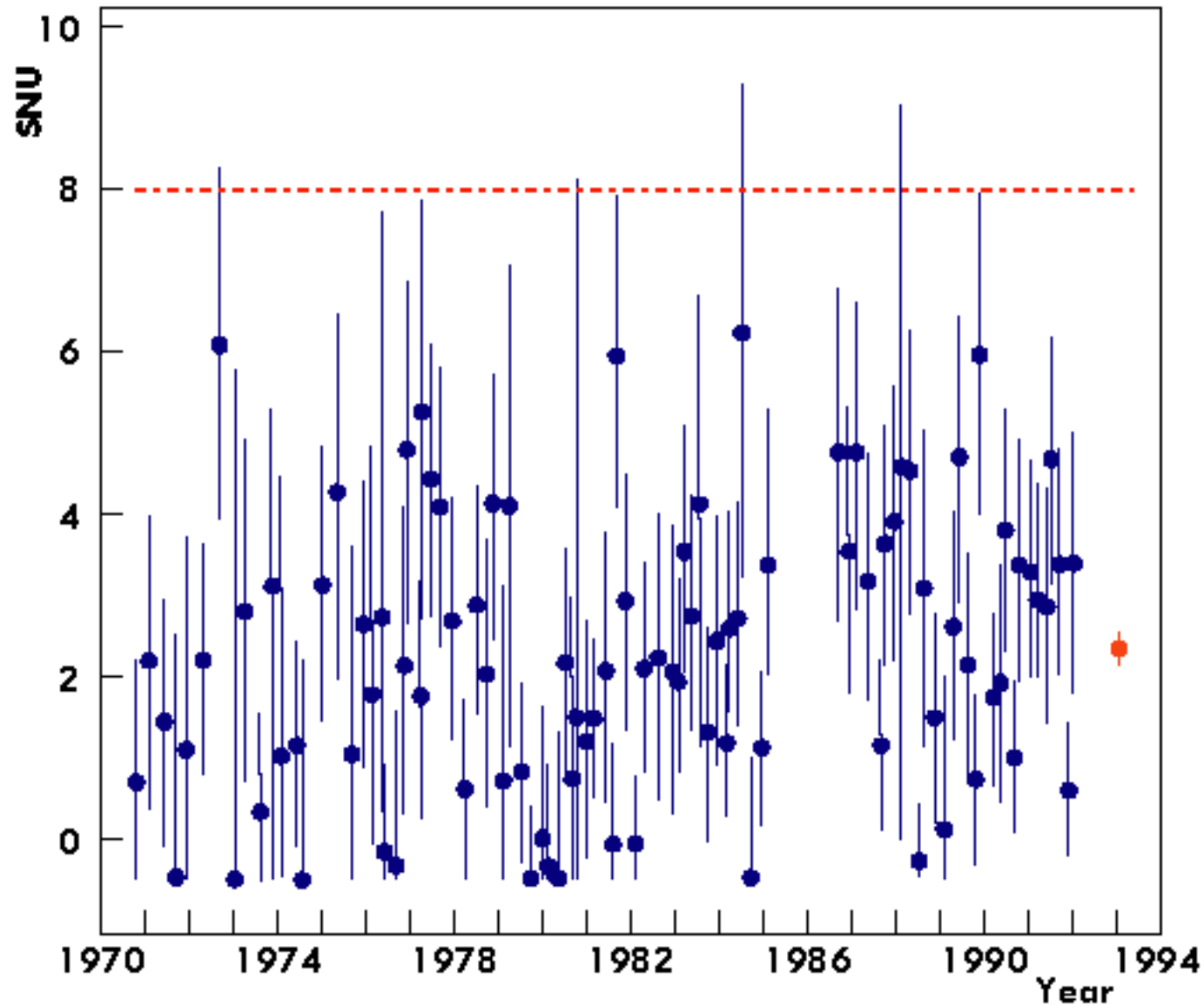
- Use a huge flux (of order  $10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) of (anti-)neutrinos from a nuclear reactor
- Observe the reaction  $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$  in 200l water tanks loaded with  $\sim 40\text{kg}$  of  $\text{CdCl}_3$   
 $^{108}\text{Cd} + n \rightarrow ^{109\text{m}}\text{Cd} \rightarrow ^{109}\text{Cd} + \gamma$
- Unique co-incidence of 2 gamma rays from the  $e^+e^-$  annihilation and neutron capture and subsequent photon signal  $5\mu\text{s}$  later. Gammas observed in liquid scintillator
- Devised by Cowan and Reines in 1956/9 (latter Nobel Prize in 1995)

# Solar neutrino experiments

- Either radiochemical (Cl or Ga) or Cerenkov radiation
- Homestake neutrino experiment
- 100,000 gal of dry cleaning fluid
- Neutrino threshold 800 keV
- Number of  $^{37}\text{Ar}$  atoms counted



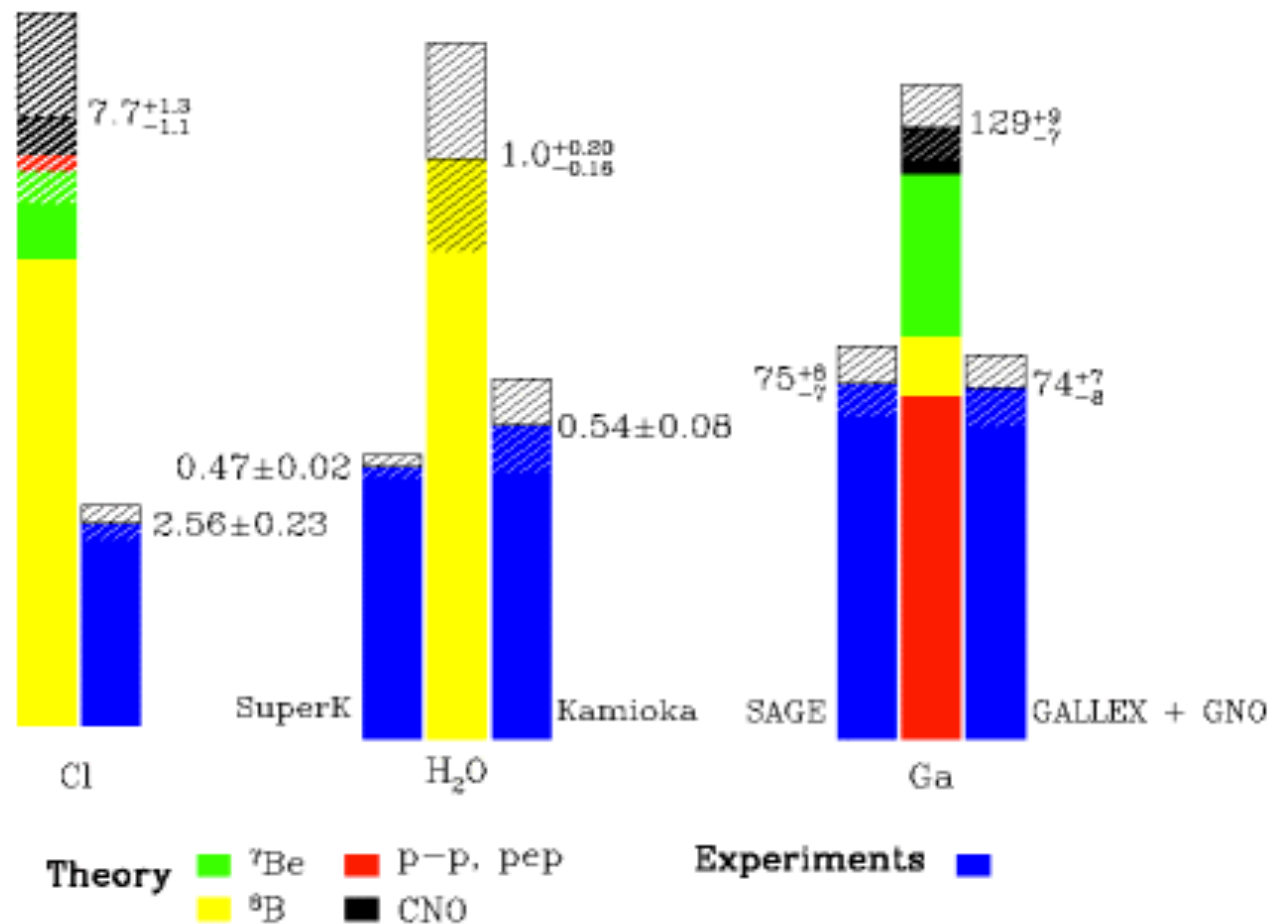
# Homestake results



1 SNU =  
 $10^{-36}$  captures  
/atom/second

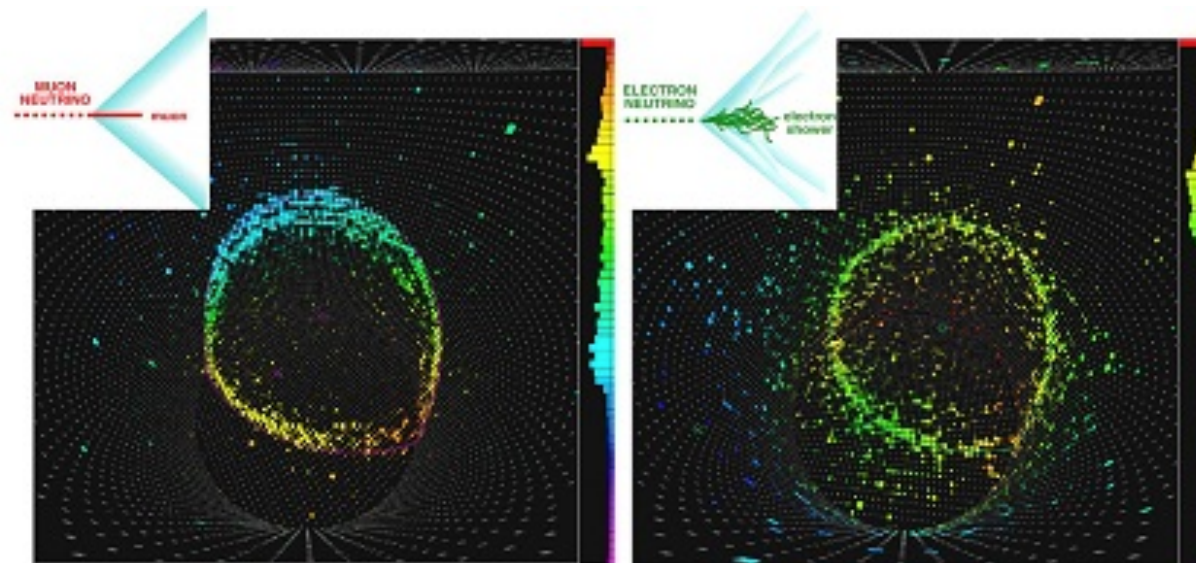
# Solar neutrino results

Total Rates: Standard Model vs. Experiment  
Bahcall-Pinsonneault 2000



# Atmospheric Neutrino Experiment

- “SuperK”
- A water Cerenkov detector
- 50,000 tons of water under a mountain in Japan
- Higher neutrino thresholds ( $\sim 5$  MeV)

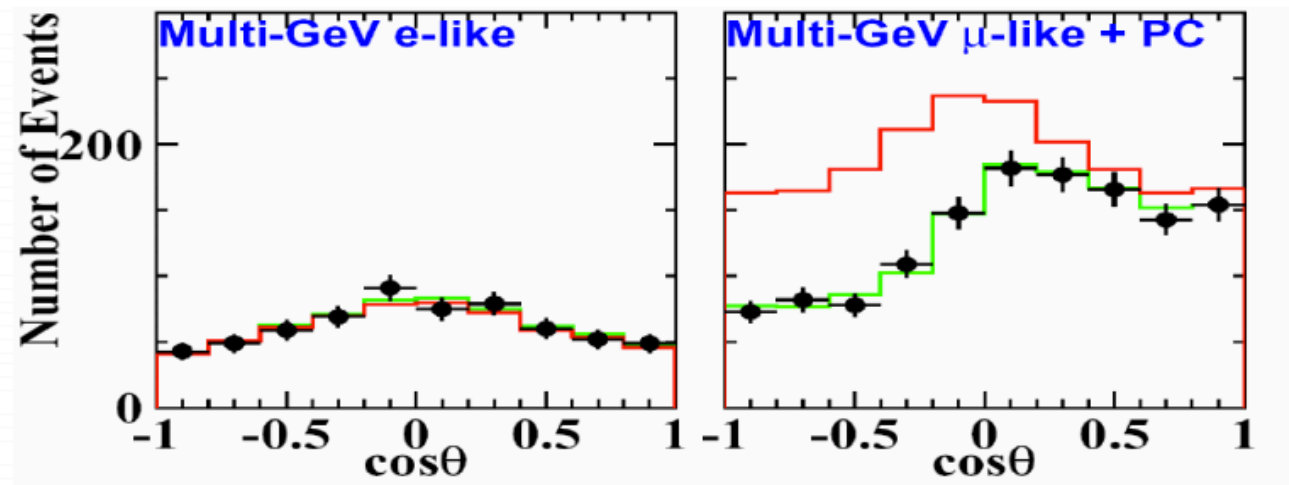
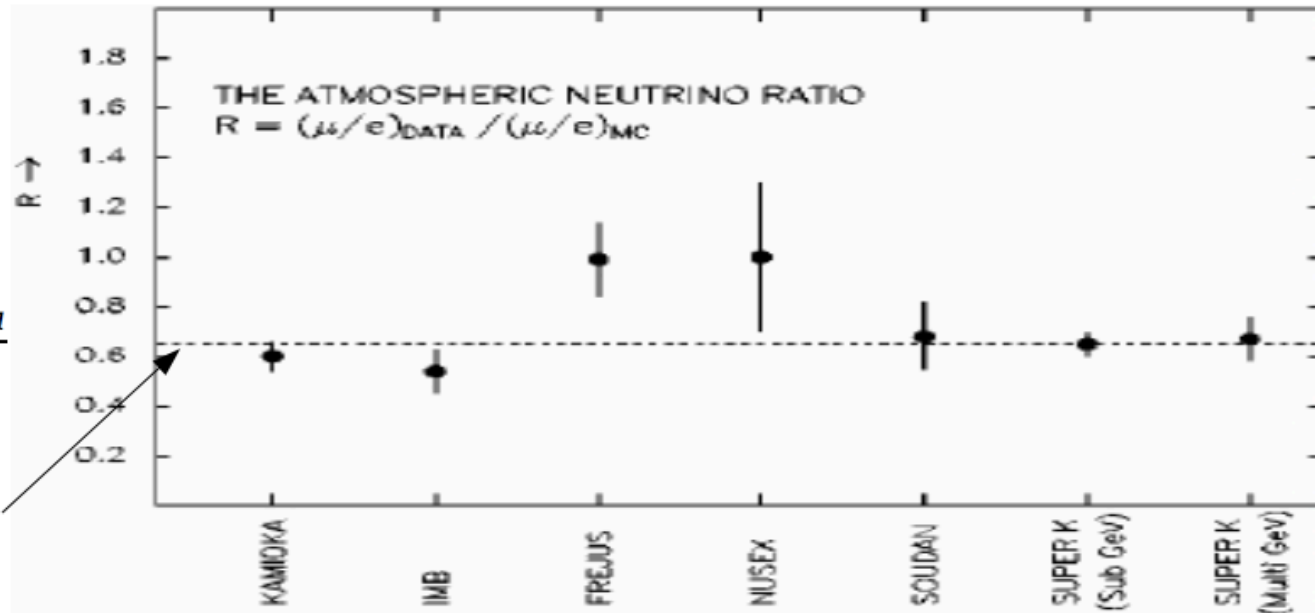




# SuperKamiokande Results

$$R = \frac{(\mu/e)_{Data}}{(\mu/e)_{MC}}$$

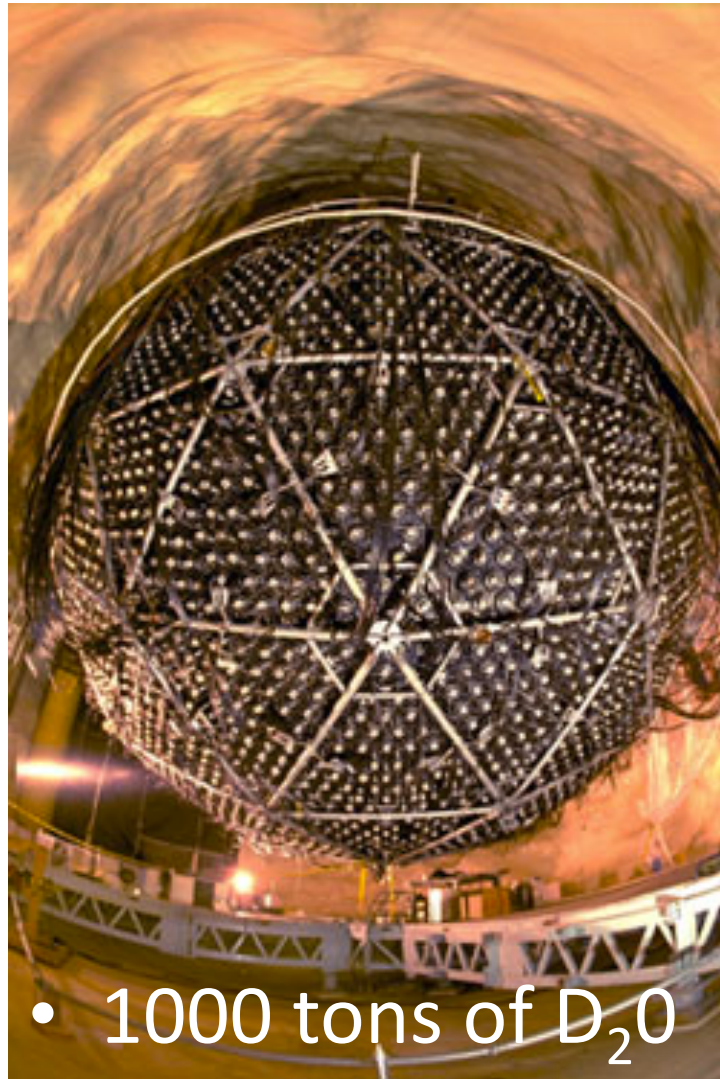
$R \sim 0.6 - 0.7$



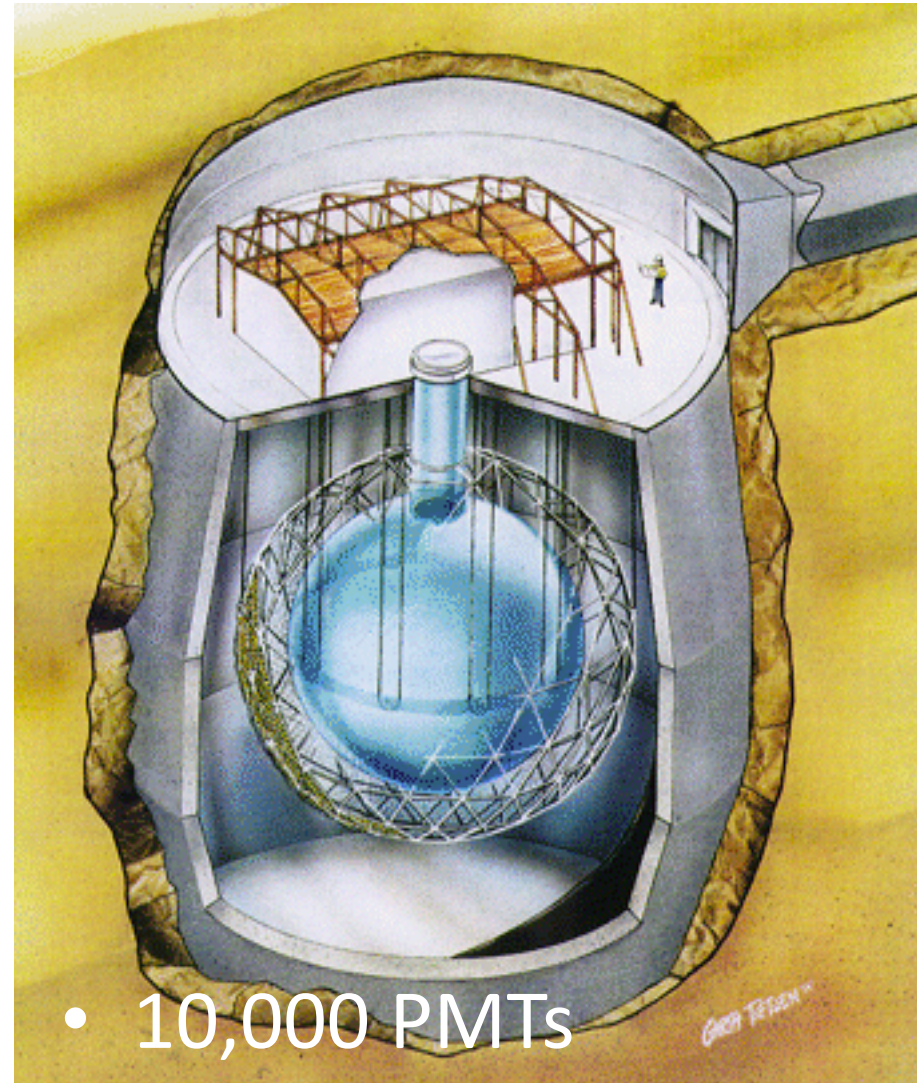
# A possible explanation

- Solar neutrino anomaly
  - Solar neutrino experiments are sensitive to electron neutrino charged current interactions
  - Experiments are OK, theory is OK
  - What if the neutrinos change to a different neutrino flavour as they propagate from the source to the detector?
  - So, e.g. if some of the  $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$  or  $\nu_\tau$  then the observed  $\nu_e$  flux would be less than expected
  - Can we devise an experiment that is sensitive to neutral current interactions instead?
  - Time for the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO)

# The SNO experiment



- 1000 tons of  $D_2O$
- 6500 tons of  $H_2O$

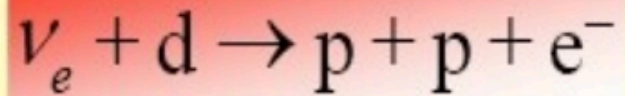


- 10,000 PMTs
- 2km underground



# The SNO experiment

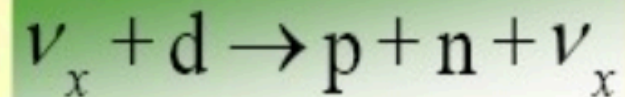
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- $Q = 1.445 \text{ MeV}$
- good measurement of  $\nu_e$  energy spectrum
- some directional info  $\propto (1 - 1/3 \cos\theta)$
- $\nu_e$  only

Produces Cherenkov  
Light Cone in  $D_2O$

NC



- $Q = 2.22 \text{ MeV}$
- measures total  $^8B$   $\nu$  flux from the Sun
- equal cross section for all  $\nu$  types

n captures on deuteron  
 $^2H(n, \gamma)^3H$   
Observe 6.25 MeV  $\gamma$

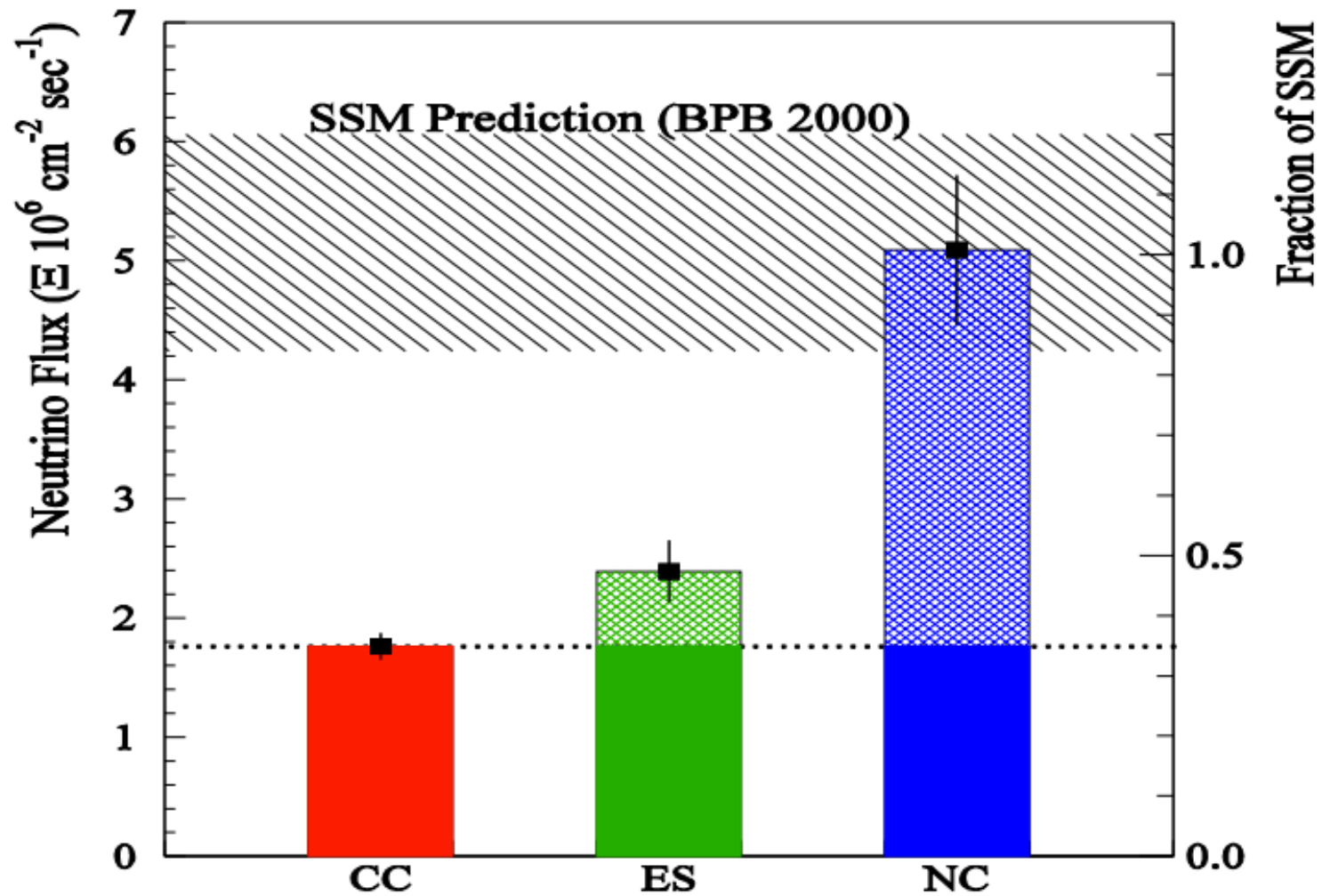
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- low statistics
- mainly sensitive to  $\nu_e$ , some  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_\tau$
- strong directional sensitivity

Produces Cherenkov  
Light Cone in  $D_2O$

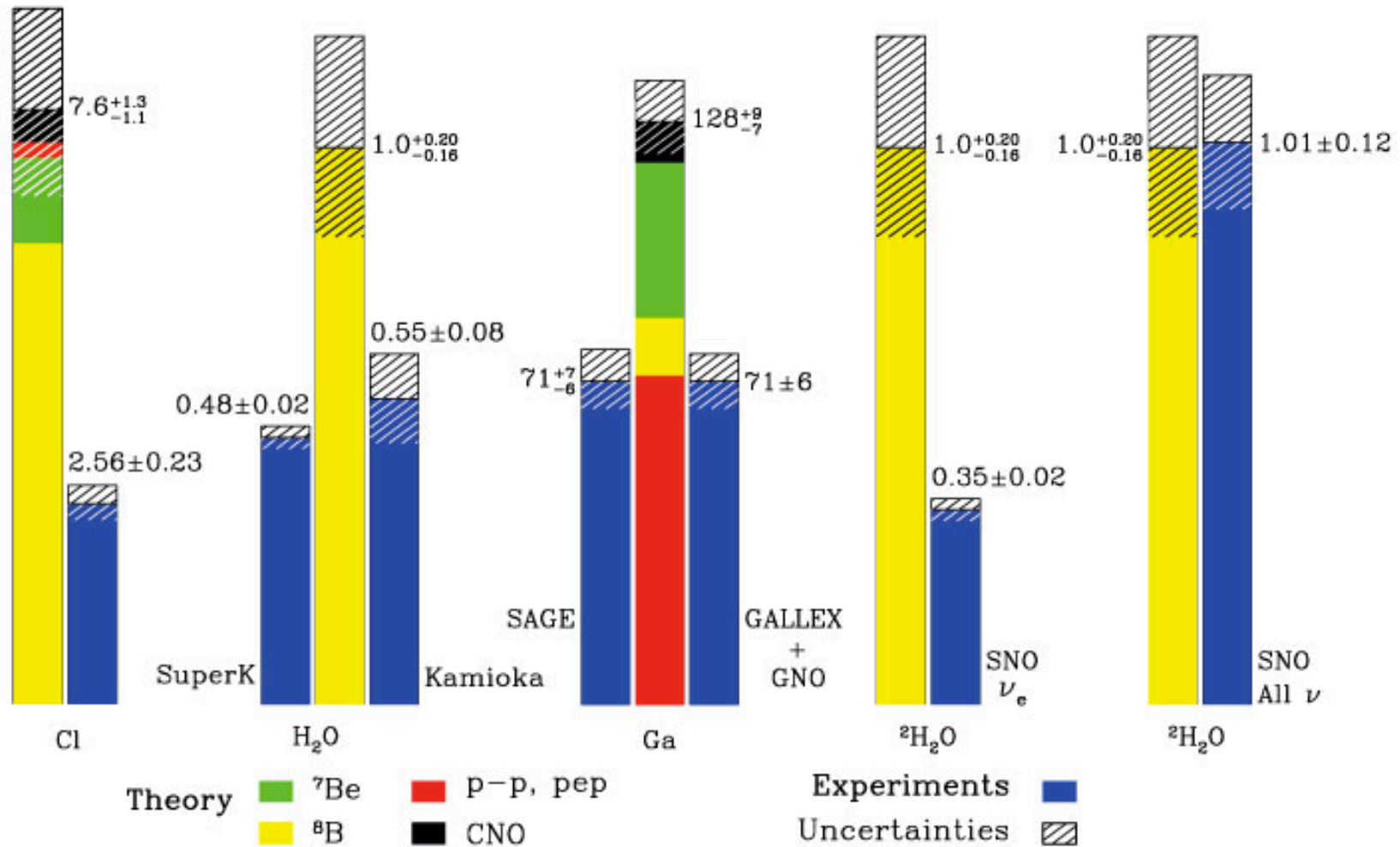
# SNO results



- $\nu_e$  to  $\nu_{\mu\tau}$  oscillations confirmed!

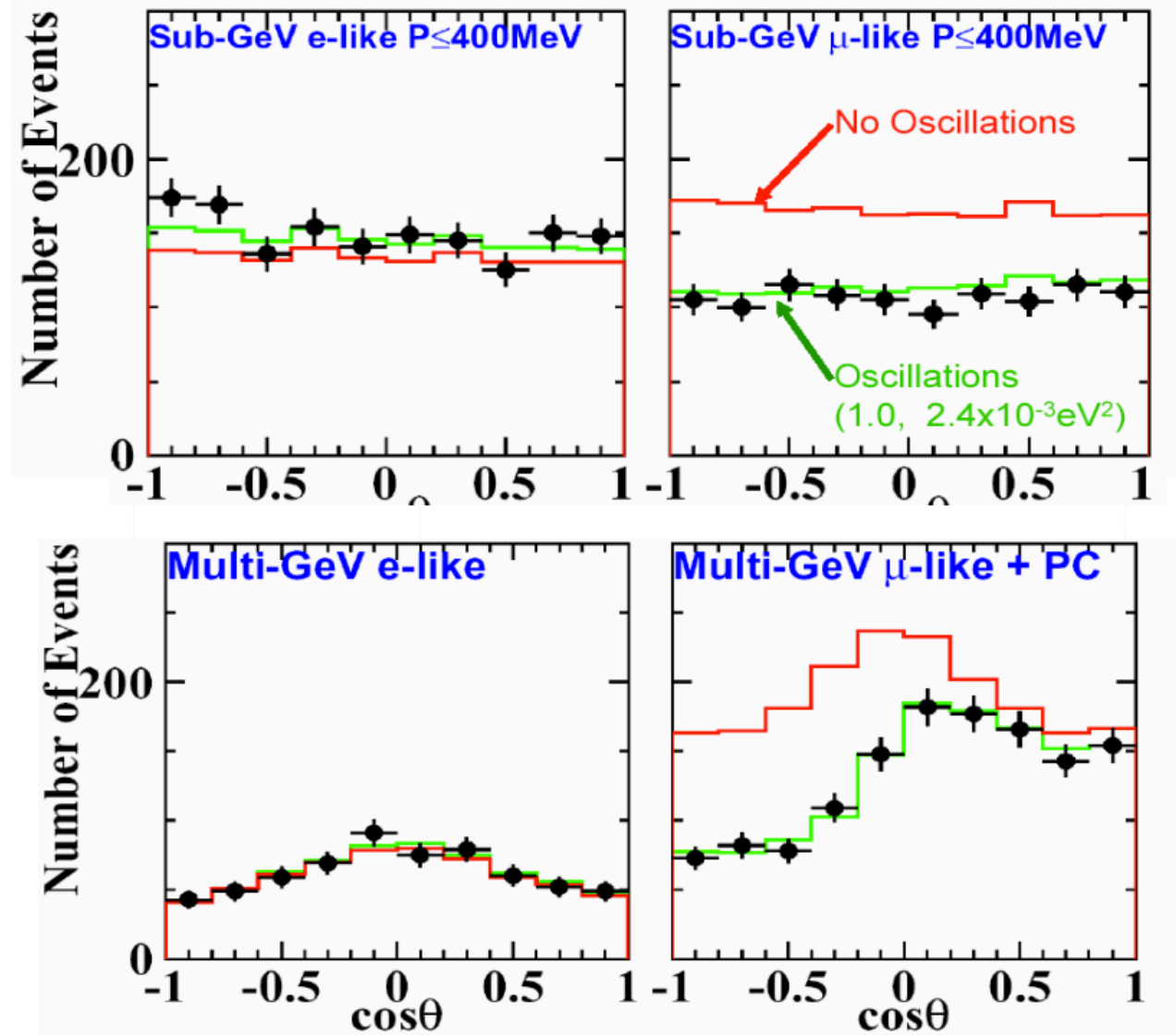
# Combined Results

Total Rates: Standard Model vs. Experiment  
Bahcall-Pinsonneault 2000



# SuperK results (assuming oscillations)

- Re-interpretation of SK results assuming that some fraction of the CR  $\nu_\mu$  have oscillated to  $\nu_\tau$  (that SK is not sensitive to)



# Interpretation

- As a neutrino propagates from source to detection point then the neutrino flavour at the source and at the detection point some time/distance later are not the same
- This is known as neutrino oscillation or mixing
- Neutrino oscillation is a quantum mechanical effect
- The neutrino weak eigenstates and mass eigenstates are not the same (are not 'aligned')
- The neutrino propagates in the mass eigenstate but interacts in the weak eigenstate
- NB this can only happen if neutrinos have mass
- "Beyond Standard Model" physics

# 3 neutrino mixing

- Neutrino oscillations have now been unequivocally observed using atmospheric, solar, reactor and accelerator neutrinos
- The weak and mass neutrino eigenstates are related via the Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata (PMNS) mixing matrix:

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{-i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$s_{ij}=\sin\theta_{ij}, c_{ij}=\cos\theta_{ij}, \delta=\text{CP violating phase}$

- Known knowns: neutrinos have mass and oscillate between flavours;  $\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \Delta m_{21}^2, |\Delta m_{32}^2|$  all measured
- Known unknowns: absolute masses, order of mass states (mass hierarchy), Dirac or Majorana, value of  $\delta_{\text{CP}}$ , is  $\theta_{23}$  maximal / which octant, number of neutrinos

# 3 flavour mixing

- In the above the different matrices relate to different measurements:

$$U_{PMNS} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Atmospheric sector

$$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$$

$$\theta_{e\mu} = 45.0^{\circ} \pm 2.4^{\circ}$$

$$\Delta m_{23}^2 = |2.8 \times 10^{-3}| eV^2$$

## 13 Sector

$$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}$$

$$\theta_{13} = 9.7^{\circ} \pm 2.0^{\circ}$$

$$\Delta m_{23}^2 = |2.8 \times 10^{-3}| eV^2$$

## Solar sector

$$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}$$

$$\theta_{e\mu} = 32.5^{\circ} \pm 2.4^{\circ}$$

$$\Delta m_{12}^2 = +7.1 \times 10^{-5} eV^2$$



# Oscillation Probabilities

- In general:

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta)_{(\alpha \neq \beta)} = -4 \left[ \underbrace{U_{\alpha 1} U_{\beta 1} U_{\alpha 2} U_{\beta 2}}_{c_{12}} \sin^2 \left( 1.27 \frac{\Delta m_{12}^2 L}{E} \right) + \underbrace{U_{\alpha 1} U_{\beta 1} U_{\alpha 2} U_{\beta 3}}_{c_{13}} \sin^2 \left( 1.27 \frac{\Delta m_{13}^2 L}{E} \right) + \underbrace{U_{\alpha 2} U_{\beta 2} U_{\alpha 2} U_{\beta 3}}_{c_{23}} \sin^2 \left( 1.27 \frac{\Delta m_{23}^2 L}{E} \right) \right]$$

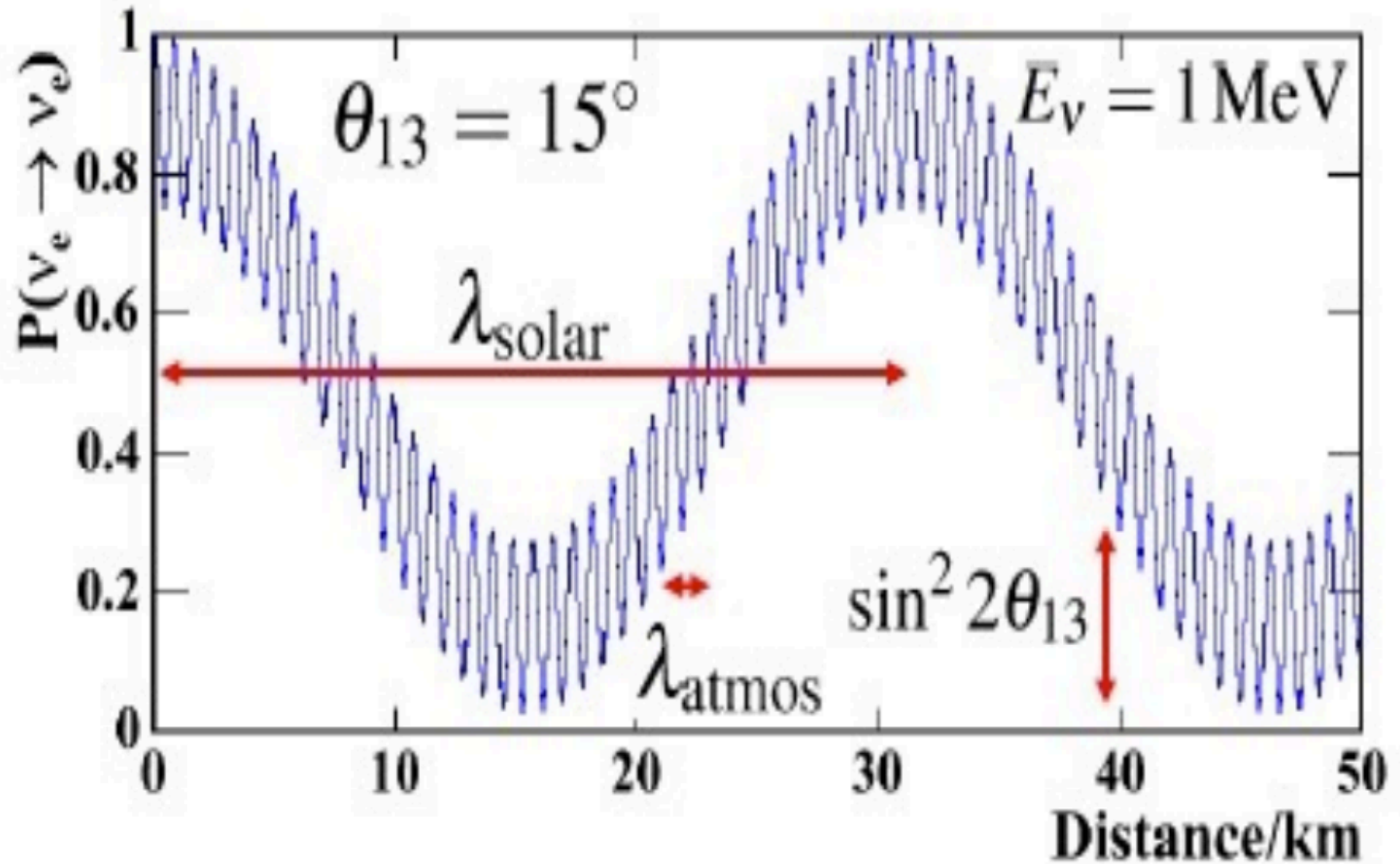
$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta)_{(\alpha \neq \beta)} = -4 \left[ c_{12} \sin^2 (1.27 \delta m^2 L / E) + c_{13} \sin^2 (1.27 \Delta m^2 L / E) + c_{23} \sin^2 (1.27 \Delta m^2 L / E) \right]$$

$\Delta m^2 = \Delta m_{13}^2 \sim \Delta m_{23}^2$  (solar, large)

$\delta m^2 = \Delta m_{12}^2$  (atmos, small)



# Oscillation vs L/E



# Long baseline accelerator neutrino physics

- Uses  $\nu_\mu$  ( $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ ) beams derived from proton-induced pion decay
- $\nu_\mu$  disappearance is sensitive to  $\theta_{23}$  and (subleading) to the octant

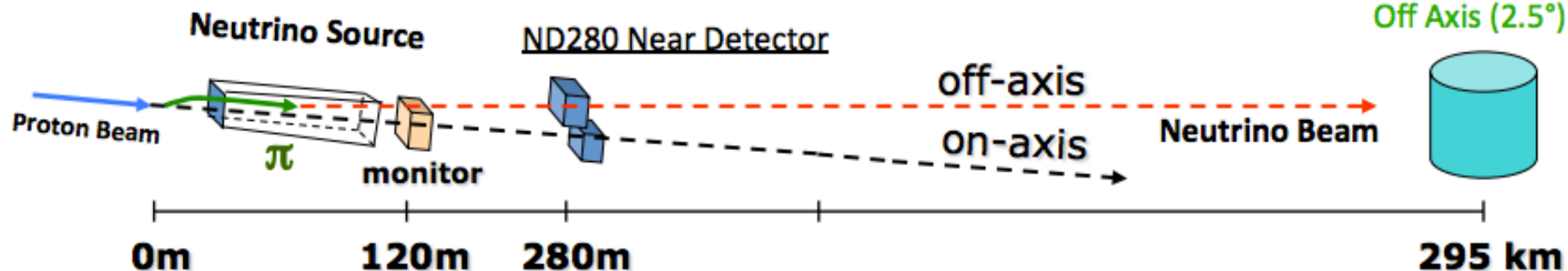
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \simeq 1 - 4 \cos^2(\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\theta_{23}) [1 - \cos^2(\theta_{13}) \times \sin^2(\theta_{23})] \sin^2(1.267 \Delta m^2 L / E_\nu)$$

- $\nu_e$  appearance is sensitive to  $\theta_{13}$  and (subleading) to the CP phase  $\delta$

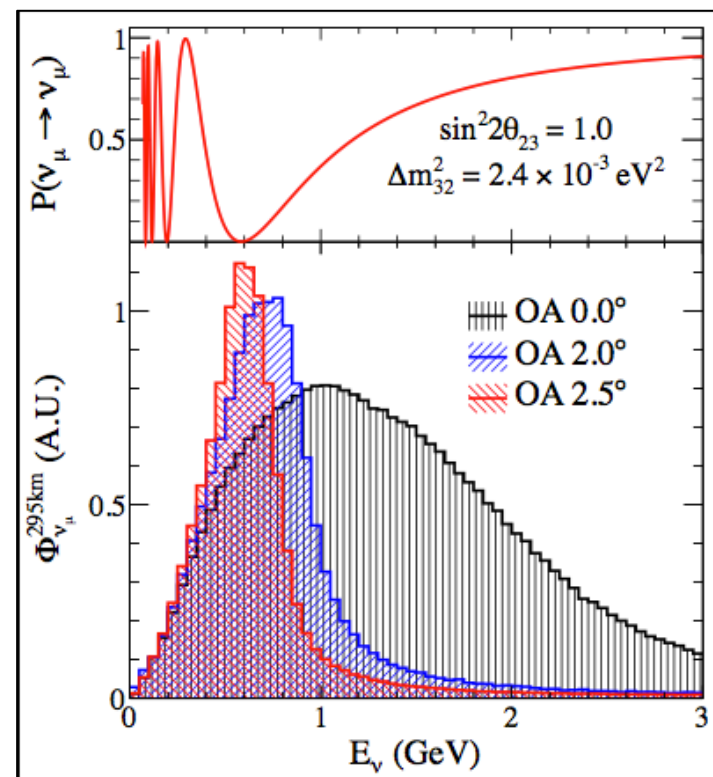
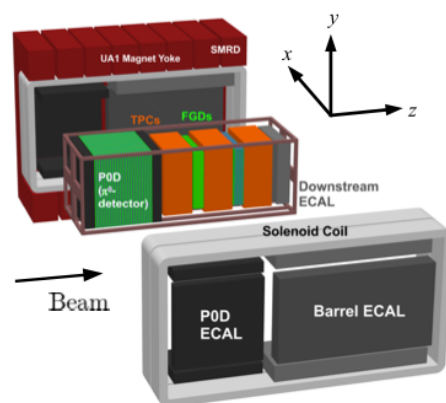
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \simeq \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} - \frac{\sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23}}{2 \sin \theta_{13}} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \sin \delta_{\text{CP}}$$

# T2K (Tokai to Kamioka)

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Super-Kamiokande

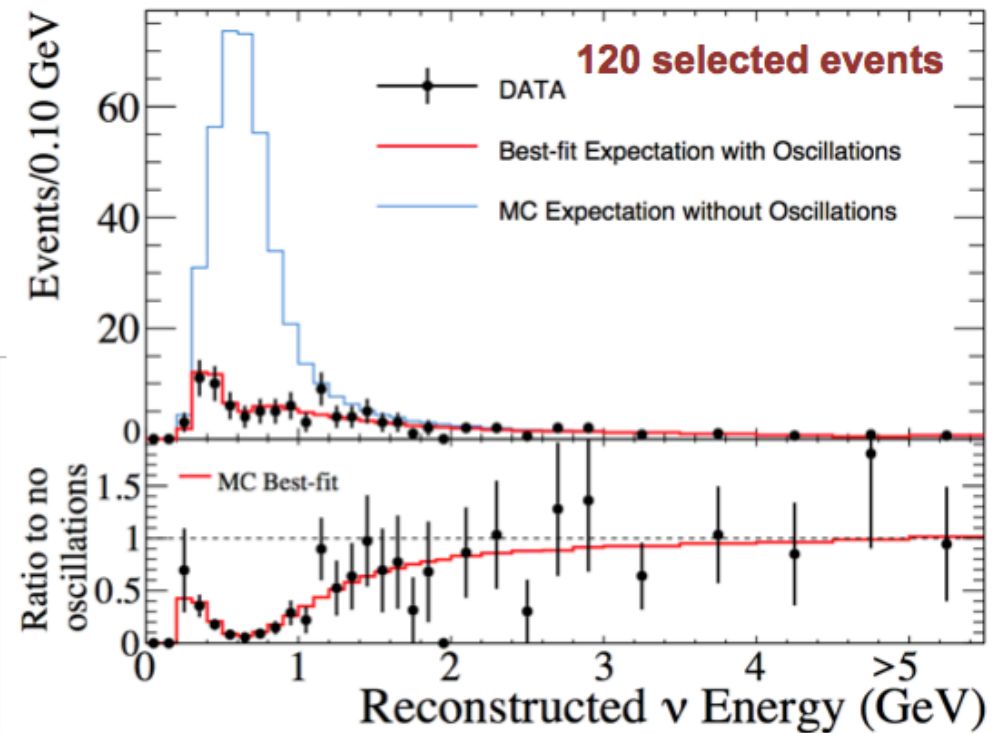
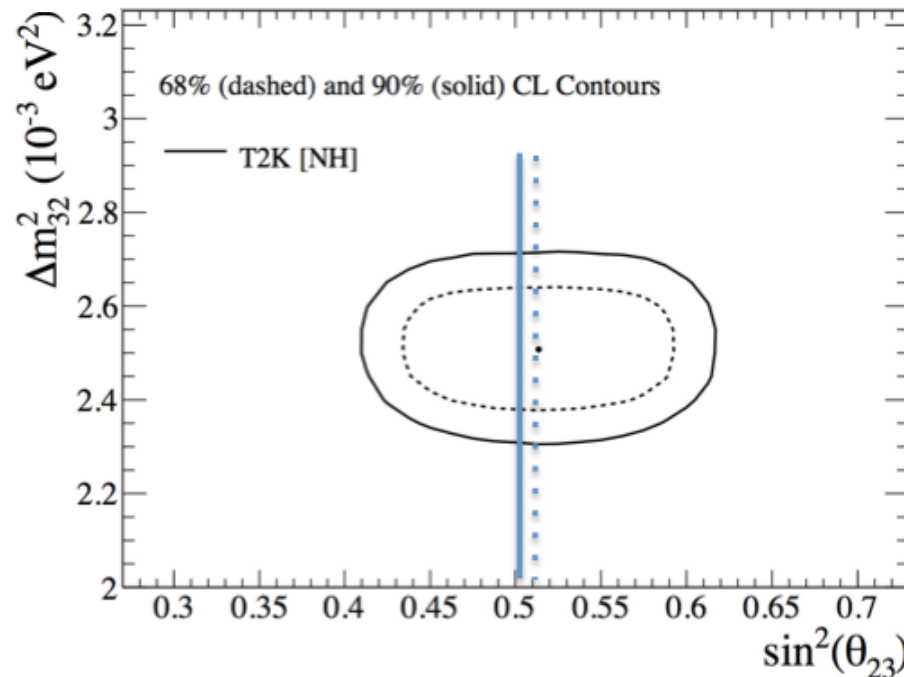


- 295km long baseline experiment
- Uses 2.5° off-axis  $\nu_\mu$  ( $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ ) beam
- Data-taking started in 2009
- UK contribution to near detector (ND280) includes:
  - Electronics
  - DAQ
  - ECAL
- SK far detector



# T2K $\nu_\mu$ disappearance results

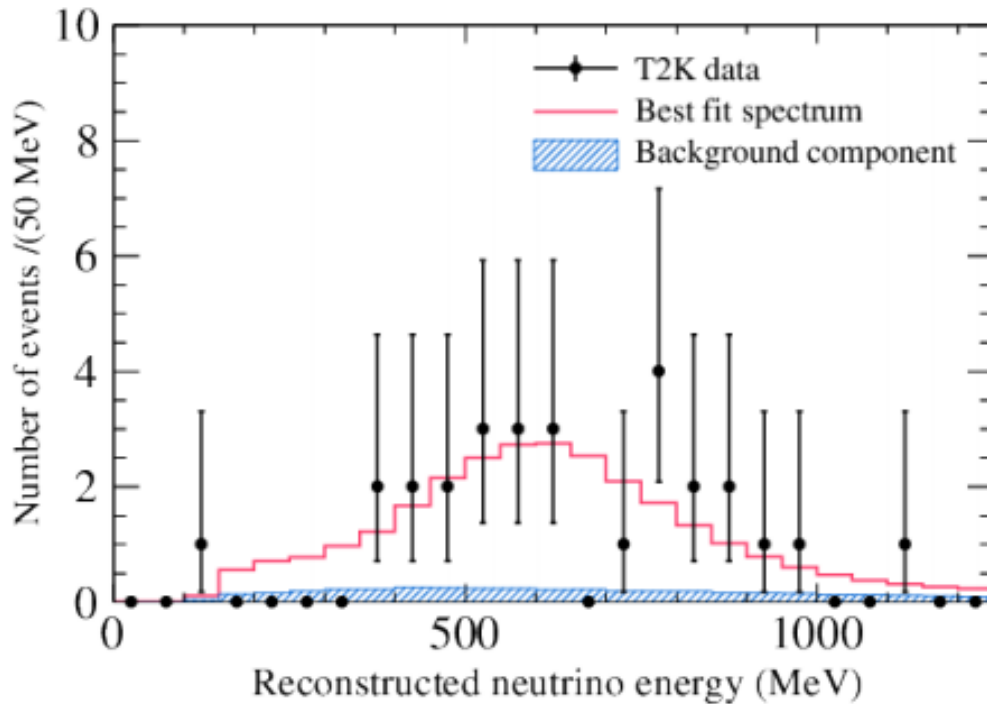
- Observation of a deficit of  $\nu_\mu$  events in SK



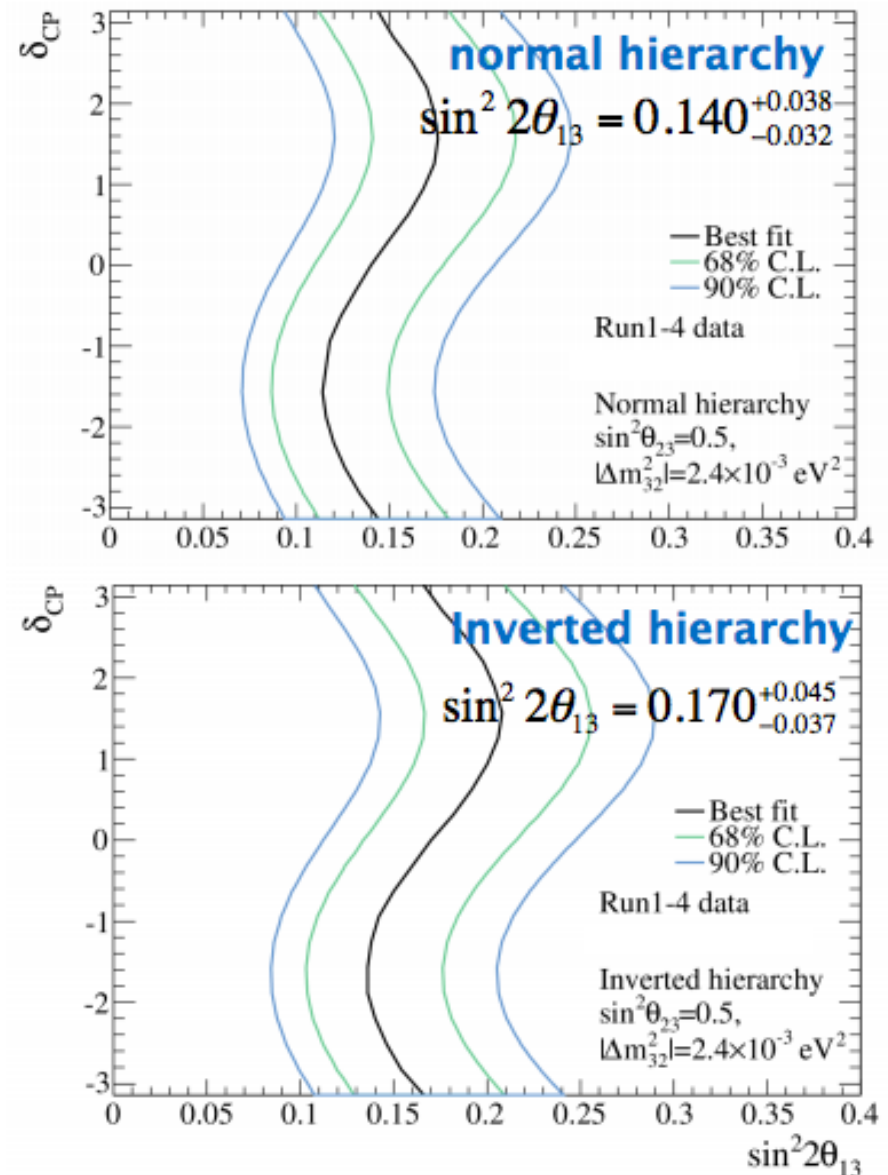
- Best fit values:
  - $\sin^2\theta_{23}$  (NH) = 0.514
  - $\Delta m_{32}^2$  (NH) =  $2.51 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

Analysis published in Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 181801 (2014)

# T2K $\nu_e$ appearance results



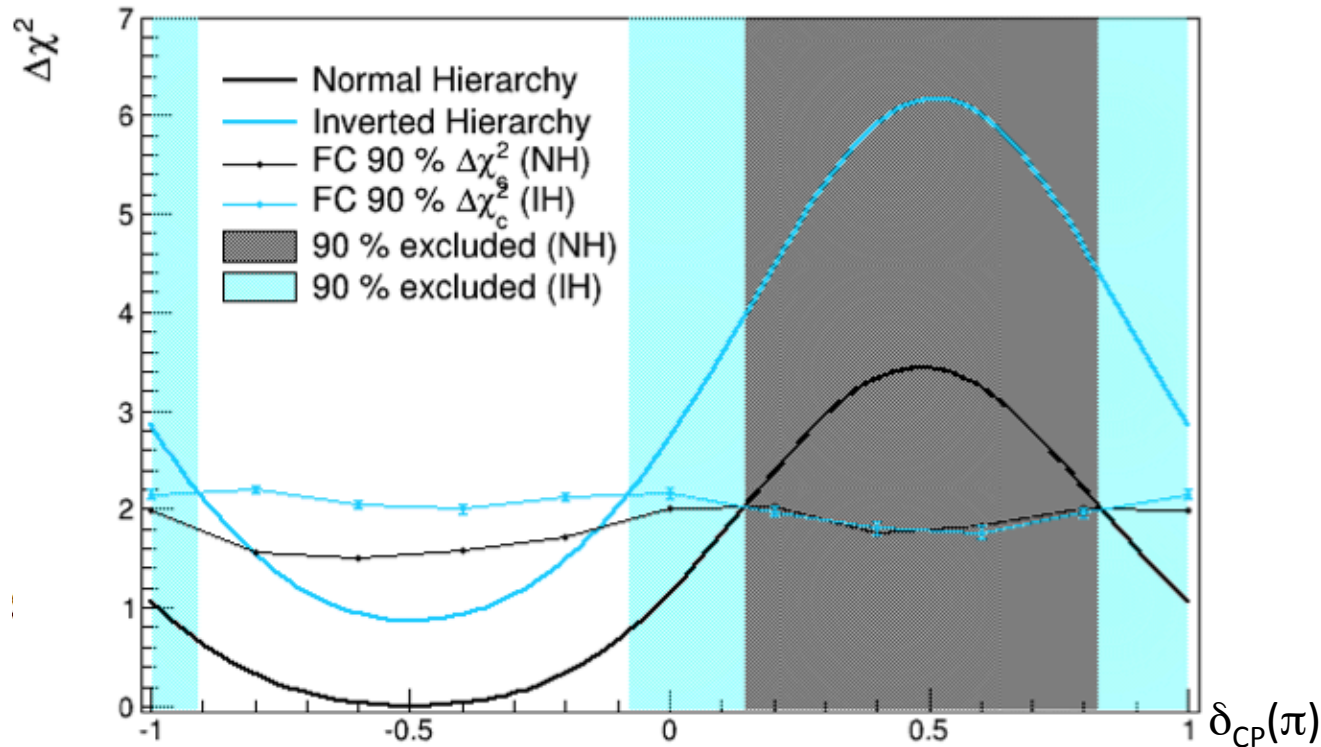
- $4.92 \pm 0.55$  background events expected (no oscillations)
- 28 events observed
- $7.3\sigma$  significance for non-zero  $\theta_{13}$
- First observation ( $> 5\sigma$ ) of an appearance channel signal



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# T2K $\delta_{CP}$ constraints

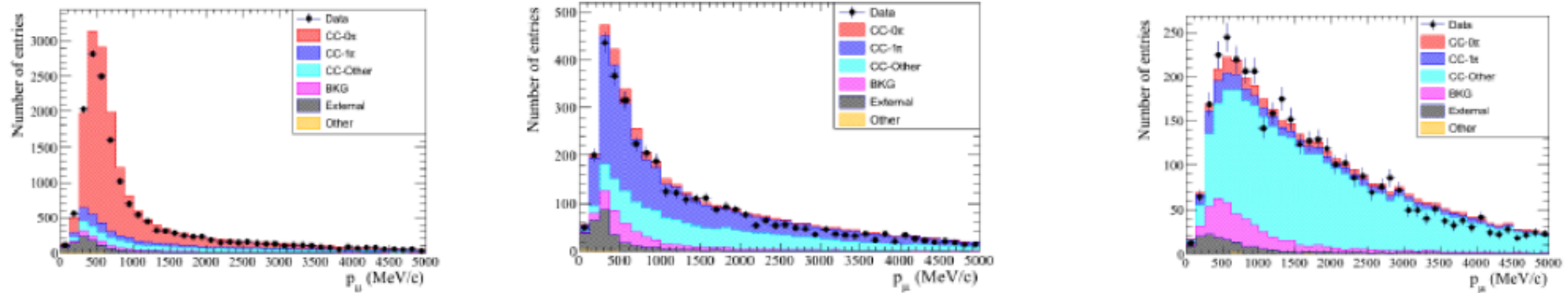
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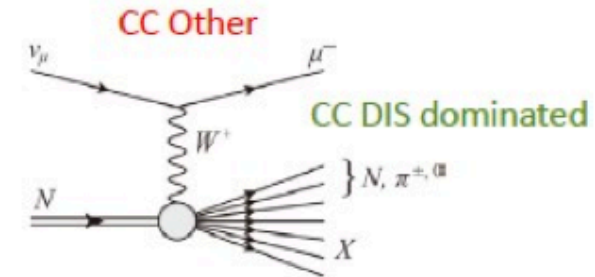
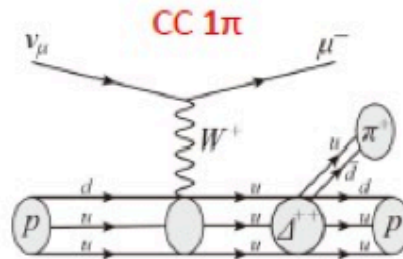
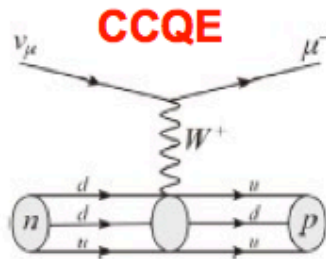
- Results from a combined likelihood ratio fit to the T2K  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_e$  CCQE samples
- Using the PDG 2013 value for  $\theta_{13}$  there is a preference for  $\delta_{CP} \approx -\pi/2$  and normal mass hierarchy
- Very similar results from an independent analysis based on Markov chain MC



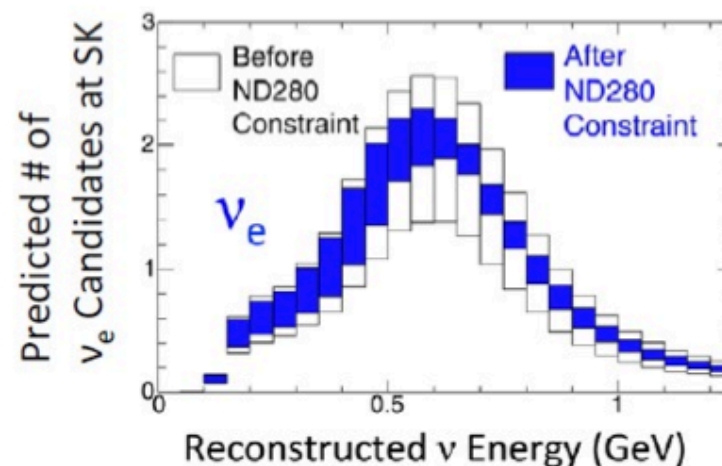
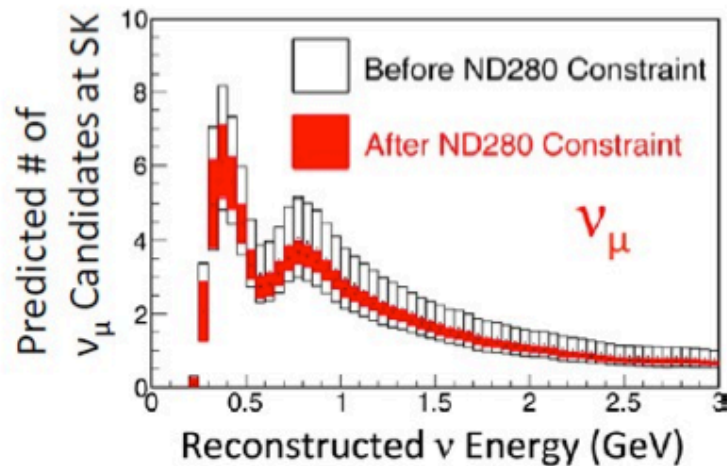
# T2K ND280 and systematic errors



Signal channel for oscillation analysis



Flux and cross-section systematic uncertainty on  $N_{SK}$  significantly reduced to  $\sim 7\%$



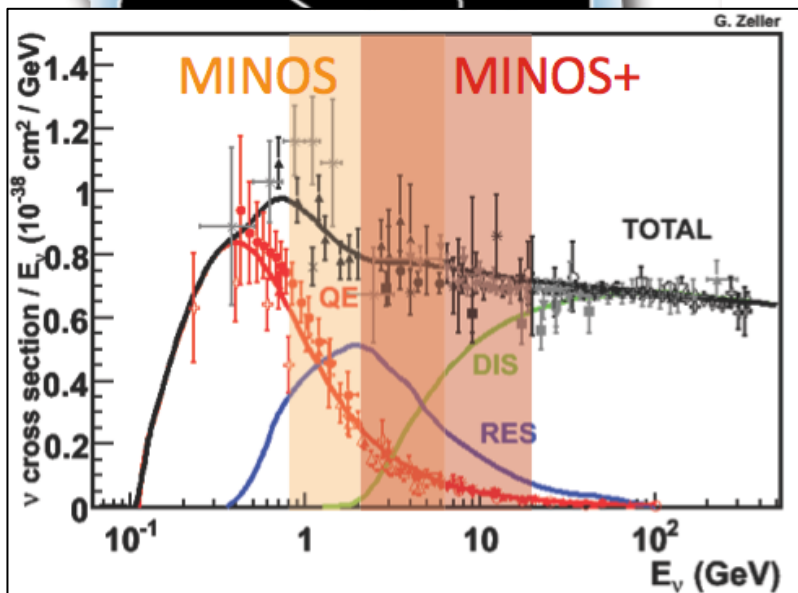
# MINOS / MINOS+

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- **MINOS**

- 735km baseline, FNAL to Soudan
- 1kt near detector 1km from source
- 5.4kt far detector
- Both ND and FD are steel-plastic scintillator calorimeters
- UK contributions
  - DAQ, electronics, PMT testing, light injection

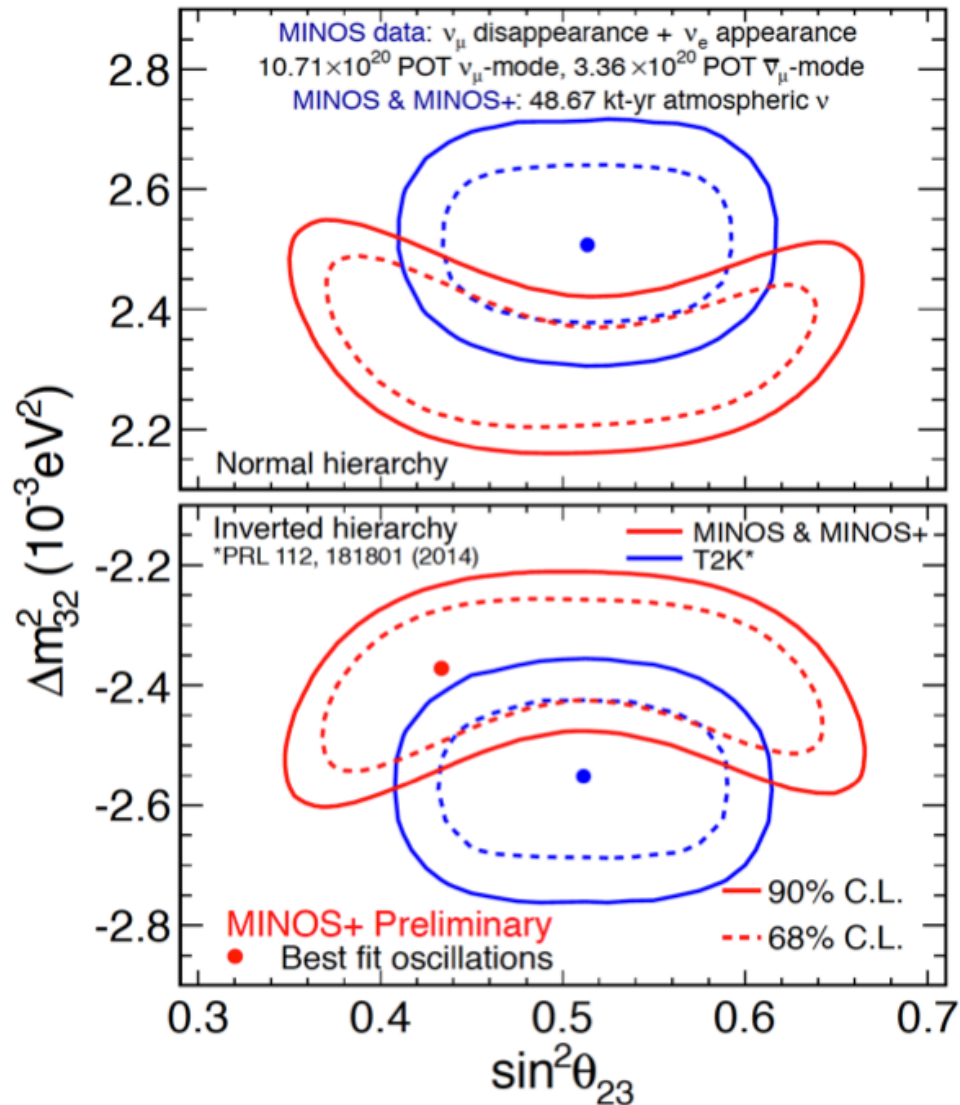


## MINOS+

- Uses updated NUMI beamline
- Higher energy (cross-checks with different beam and cross-section systematics)
- More statistics (4000  $\nu_\mu$  CC events/year in far detector)



# MINOS/MINOS+ combined fit



## Three-Flavor Oscillations Best Fit

Inverted Hierarchy

$$|\Delta m_{32}^2| = 2.37_{-0.07}^{+0.11} \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.43_{-0.05}^{+0.19}$$

$$0.36 < \sin^2 \theta_{23} < 0.65 \text{ (90\% C.L.)}$$

Normal Hierarchy

$$|\Delta m_{32}^2| = 2.34_{-0.09}^{+0.09} \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.43_{-0.04}^{+0.16}$$

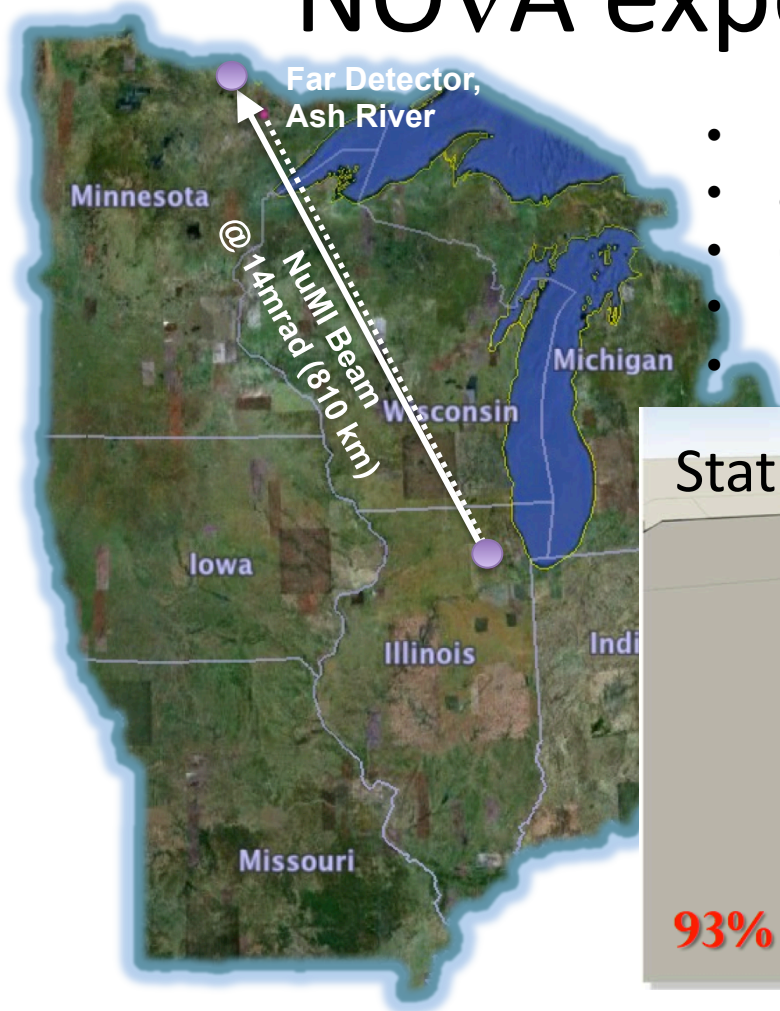
$$0.37 < \sin^2 \theta_{23} < 0.64 \text{ (90\% C.L.)}$$

- ▶ **Most precise measurement of  $|\Delta m_{32}^2|$**
- ▶ **Consistent with maximal mixing**

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- Other interesting results on sterile neutrinos, etc.

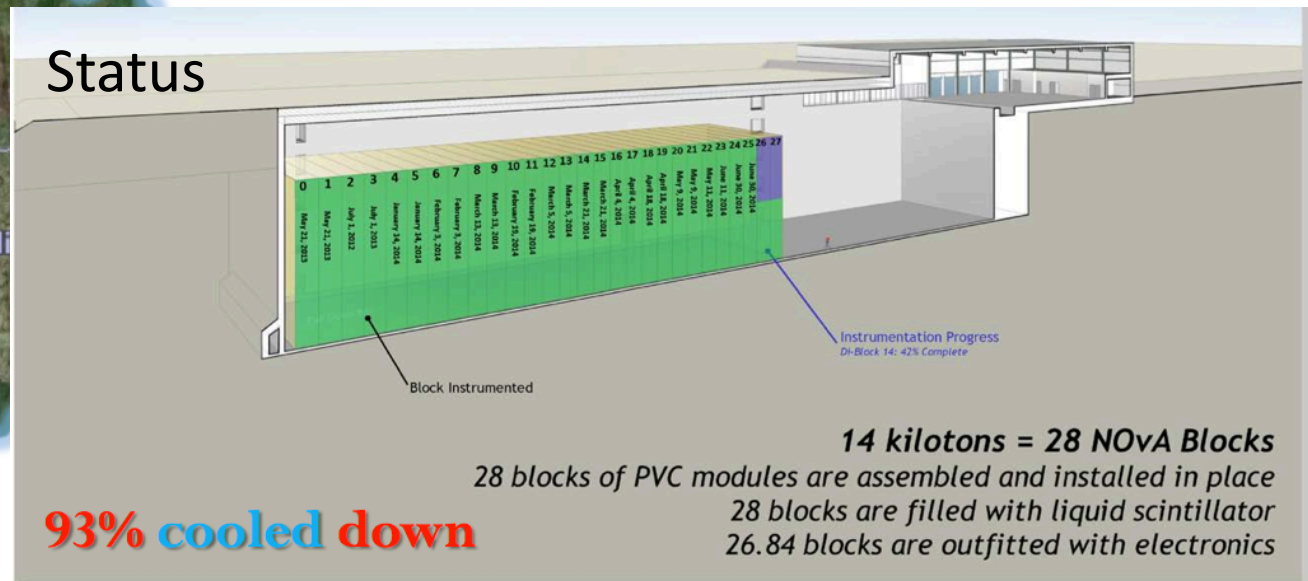
# NO $\nu$ A experiment and status



## Sussex

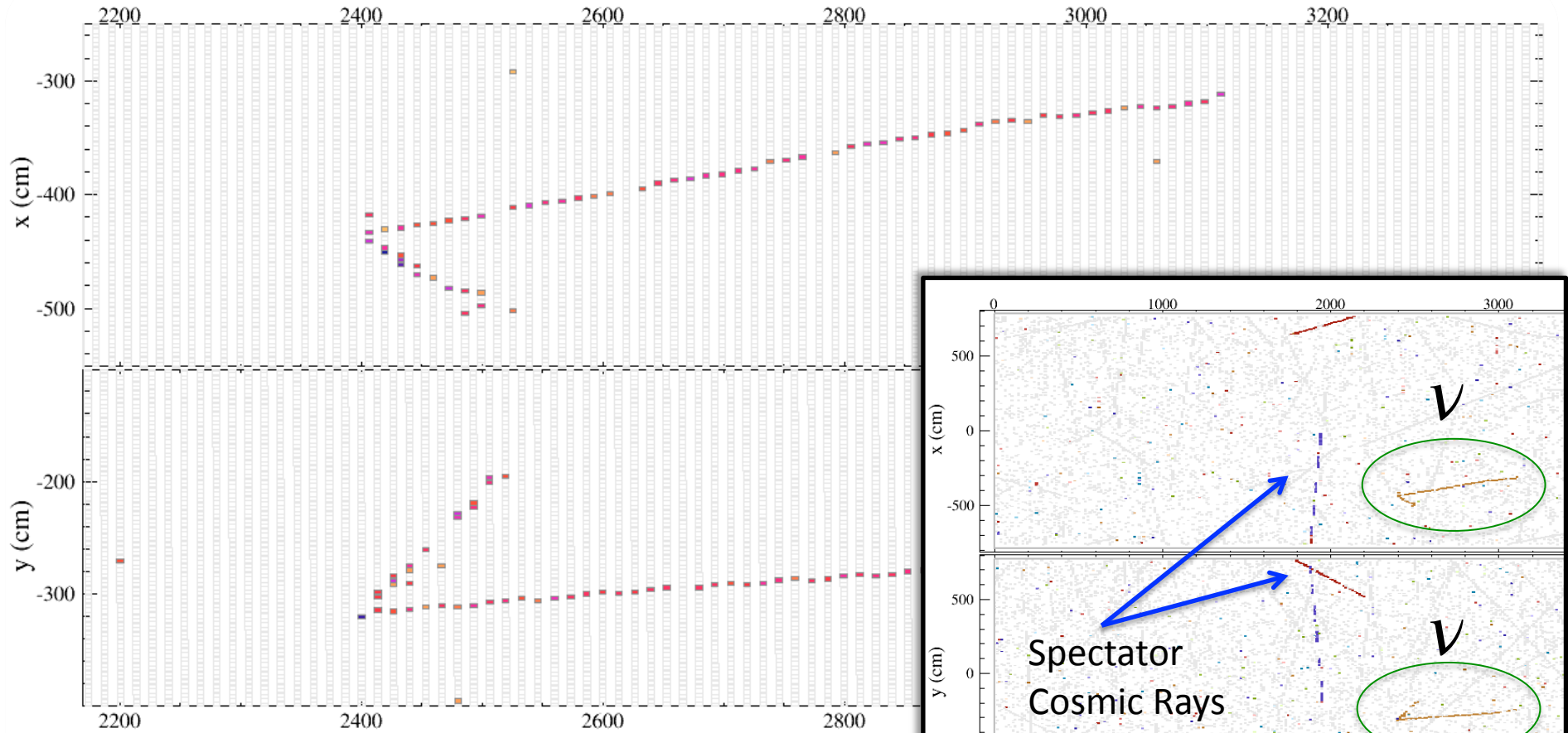
- Precision appearance/disappearance  $\nu_{\mu}$  ( $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$ ) measurements
- 810km long baseline experiment
- Off-axis narrow band FNAL NUMI neutrino beam
- 209t near detector and muon catcher
- Far detector 14kt totally active liquid scintillator

## Status



- 93% of APDs cooled down to -15C
- Now fully instrumented
- 1-2 month accelerator shutdown now, 500kW beam expected afterwards
- UK contribution: data driven trigger, stopping muon calibration,  $\nu_{\mu}$  analysis

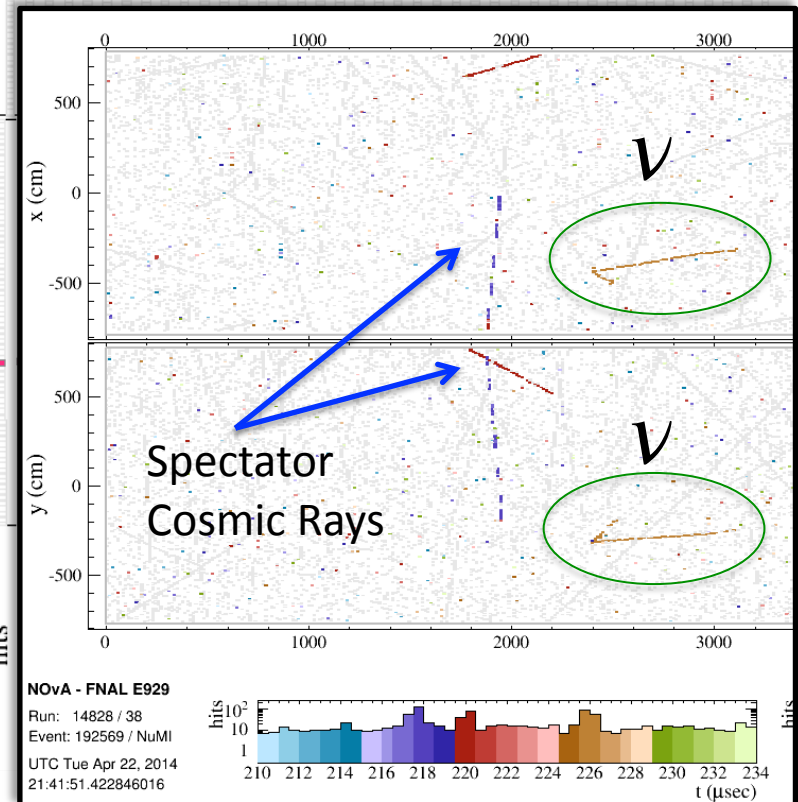
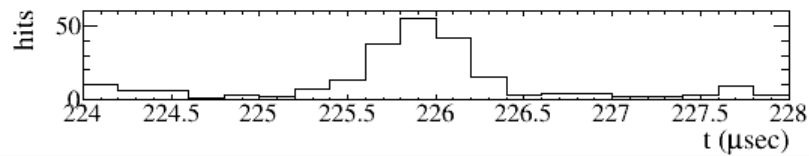
# NOvA CC candidate event



**NOvA - FNAL E929**

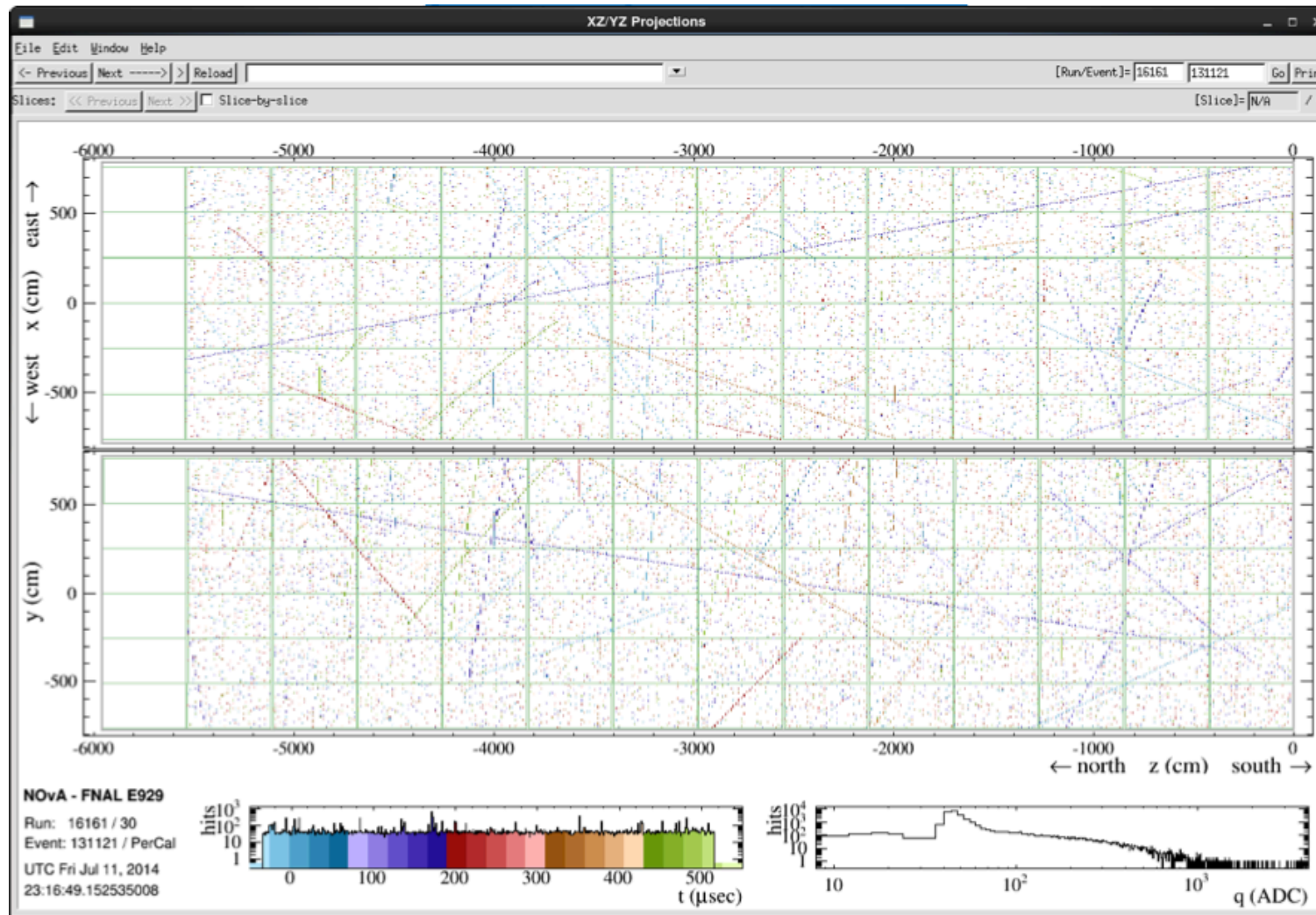
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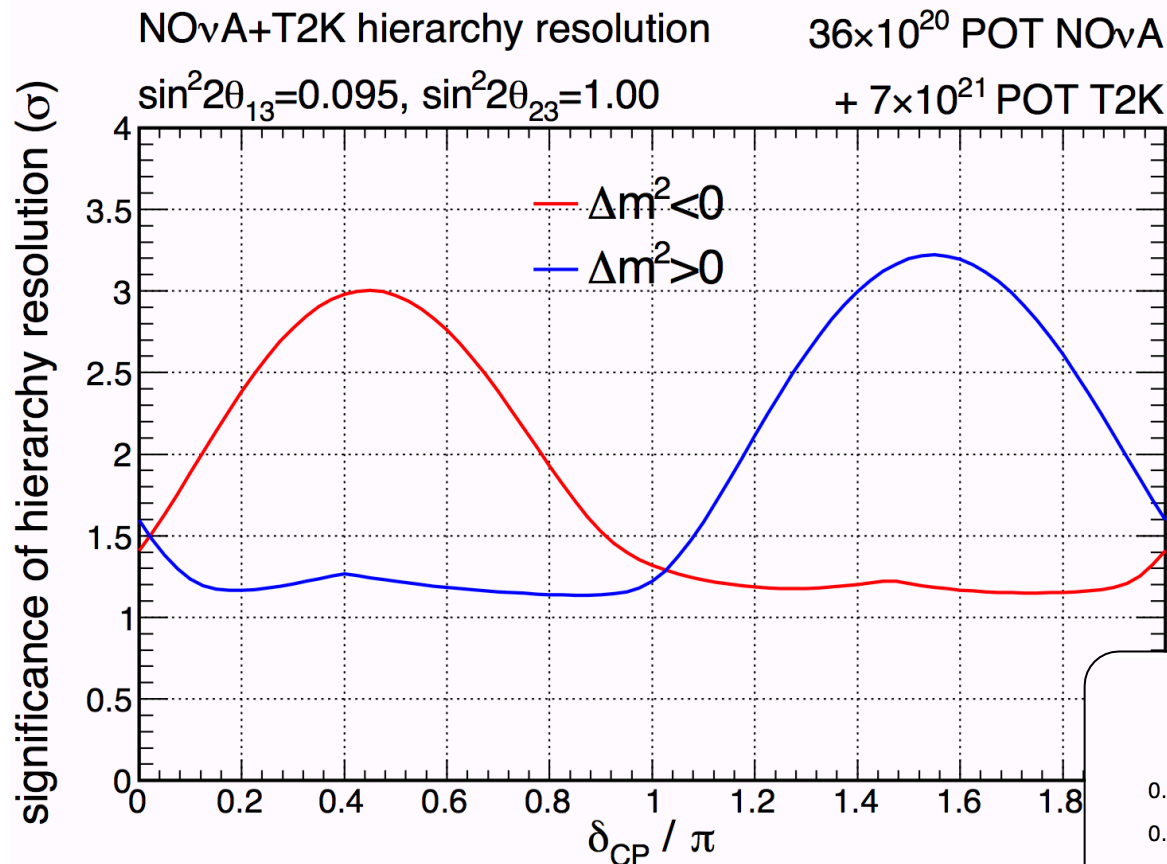


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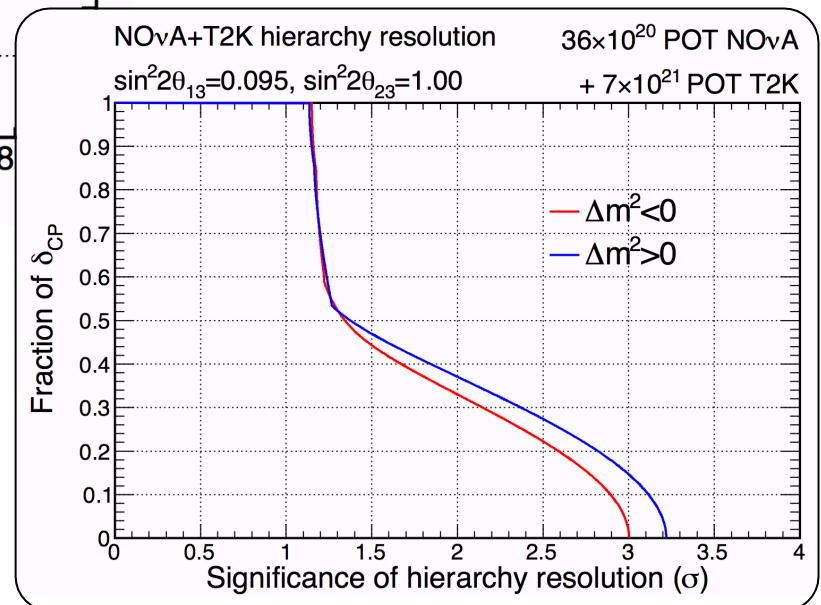


- 55m long cosmic ray muon passing through the 13 di-block detector configuration

# NO $\nu$ A and T2K complementarity

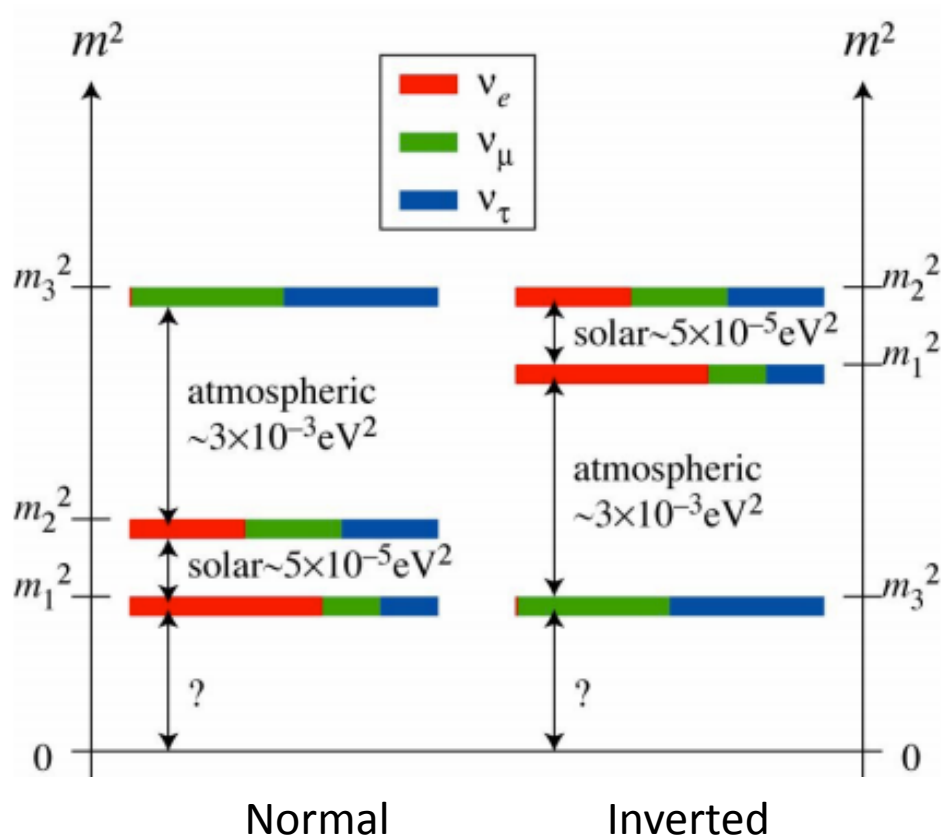


- Combining NO $\nu$ A and T2K data helps break degeneracies and improves coverage in the overlap regions

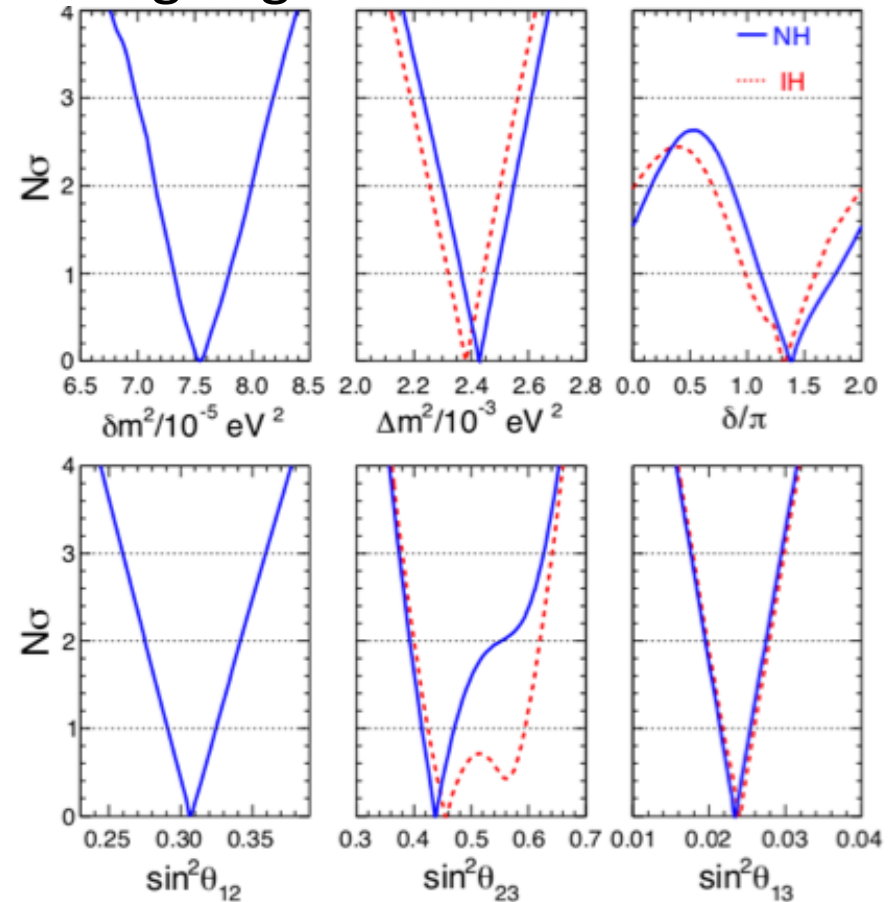


# Current understanding

## Mass hierarchy

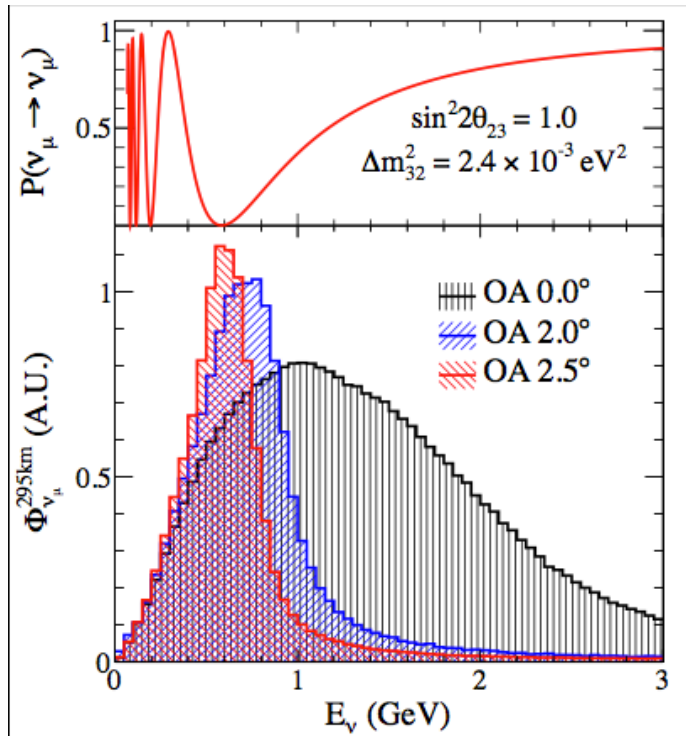


## Mixing angles and mass differences



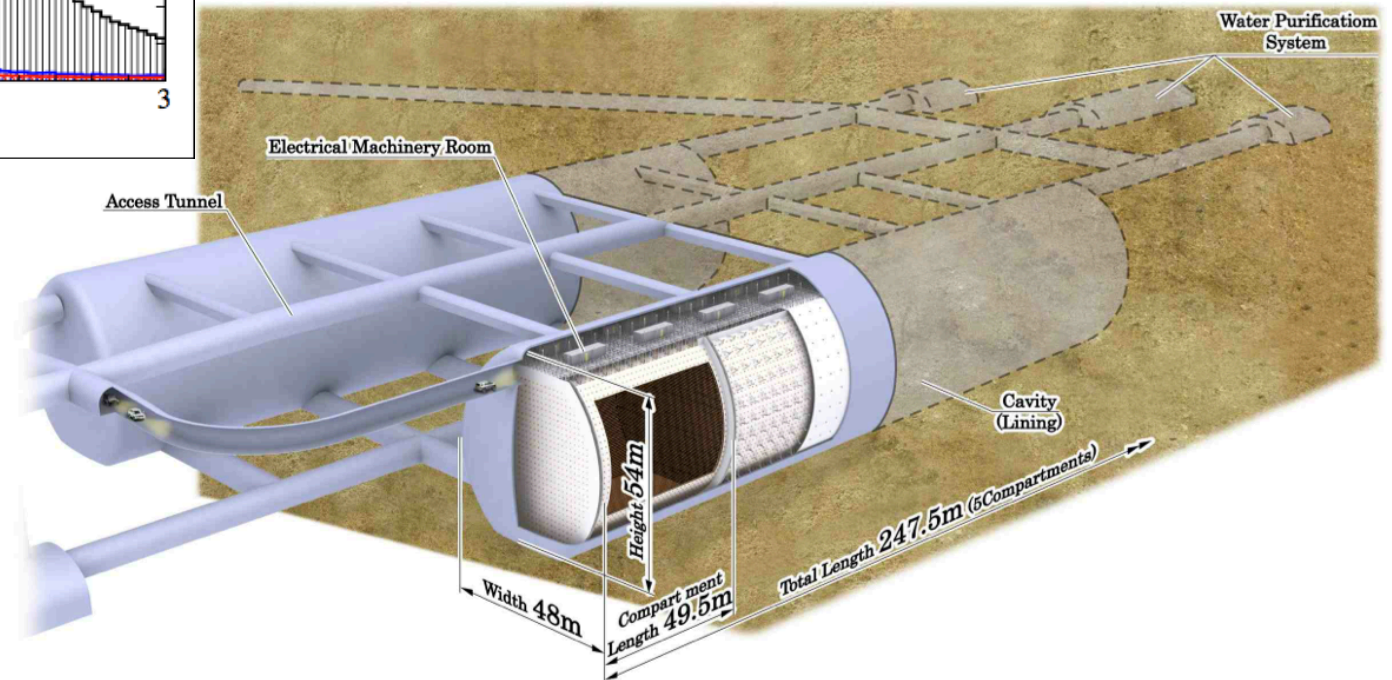
- Global fit data as of June 2014
- Uses LBL, SBL, reactor, solar, atm data
- Uses technique in Capozzi et al. PRD 89 (2014) 093018)

# HyperK beam and detector



- 295km baseline
- Large volume water Cerenkov
- 990kT total volume
- 560kT fiducial volume
- 99,000 PMTs (20% coverage)
- 10 optically isolated compartments each x2 SK

- J-PARC  $\nu_\mu$  ( $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ ) beam upgraded to  $\geq 0.75\text{MW}$
- $2.5^\circ$  off-axis, narrow band 600MeV beam



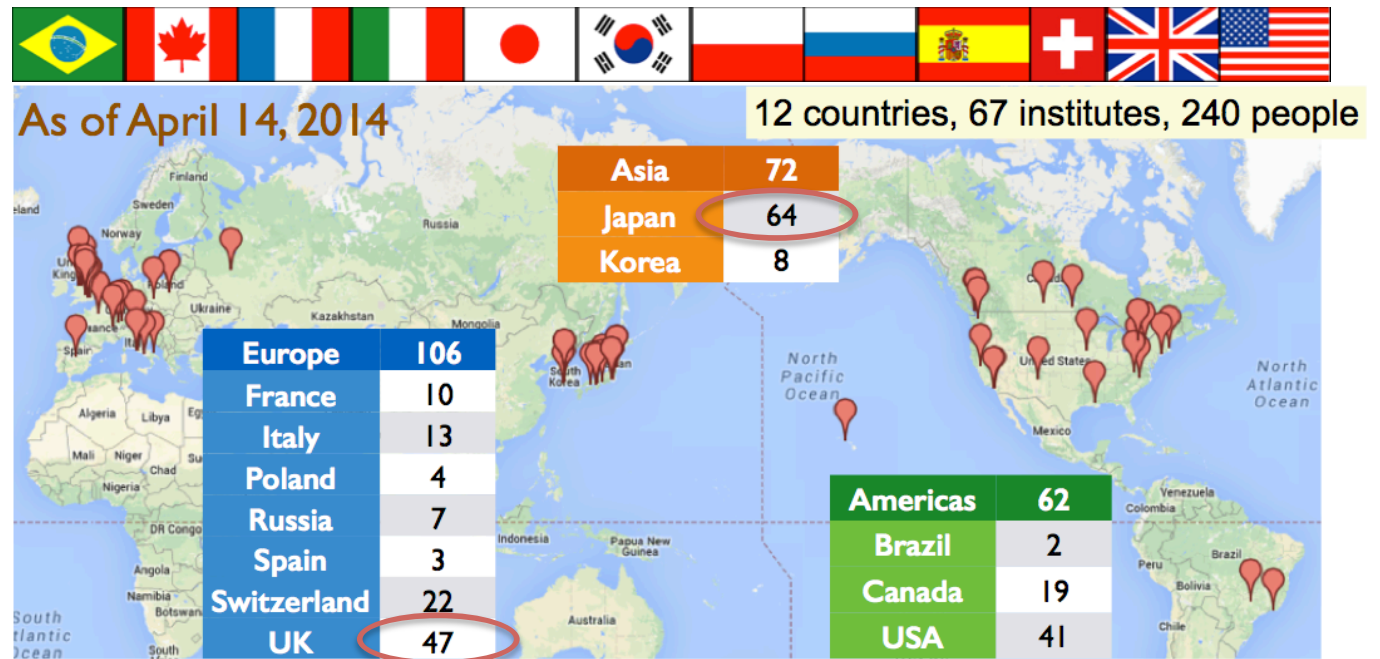


# HyperK status

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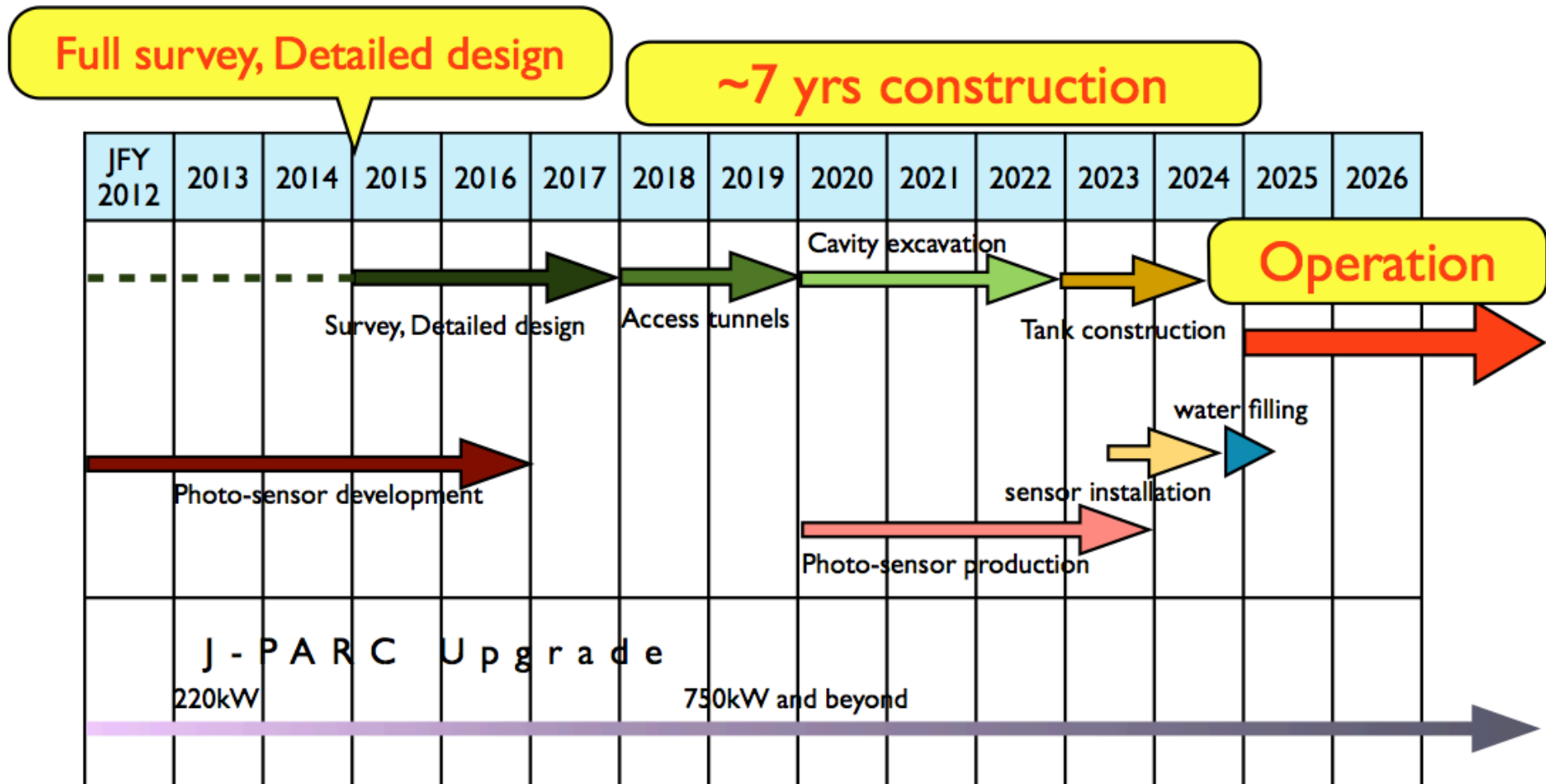
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- In 2013 Japan granted a 5 year £2.3M R&D grant which includes provision for a prototype detector (+\$1.2M)
- In early 2014 the Science Council of Japan selected HyperK as one of its top 27 scientific projects in its 2014 Master Plan
- Discussions with Japanese funding agency, MEXT, in progress for long-term funding
- Current International Working Group >240 people
- Funding requests submitted in UK, EU, Canada and Switzerland
- UK represents the second largest group of scientists after Japan



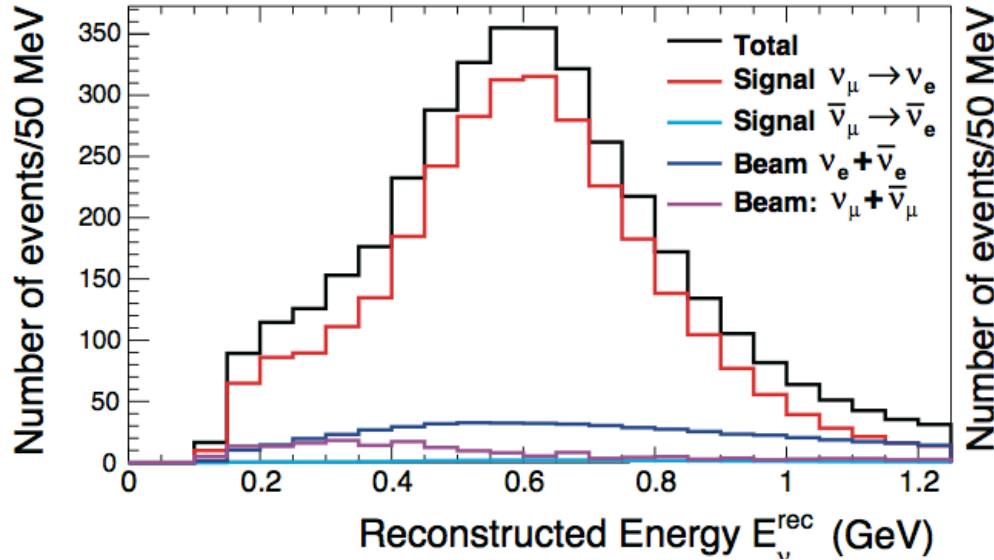
# HyperK timeline



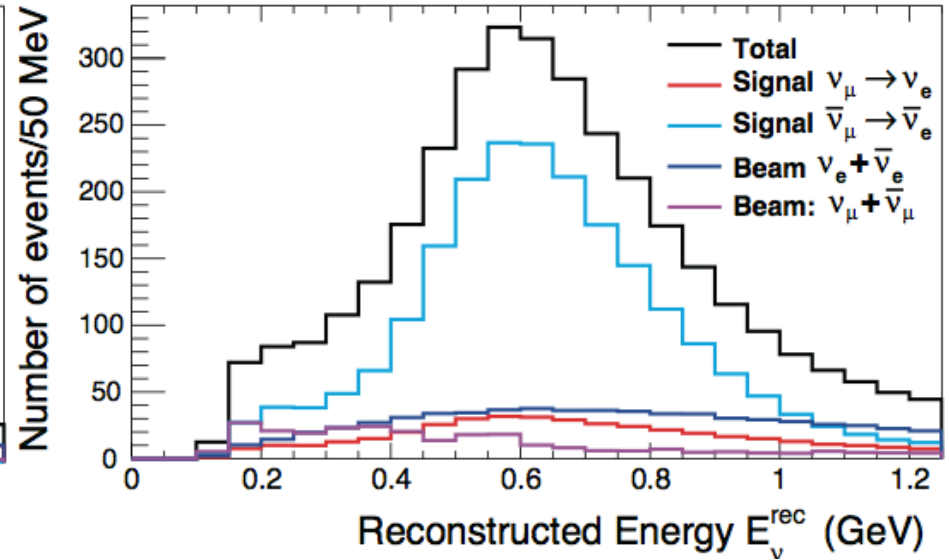
- 2015 Full survey, Detailed design (3 years)
- 2018 Excavation start (7 years)
- 2025 Start operation

# HyperK appearance and disappearance events

Appearance  $\nu_e$  events



Appearance  $\bar{\nu}_e$  events

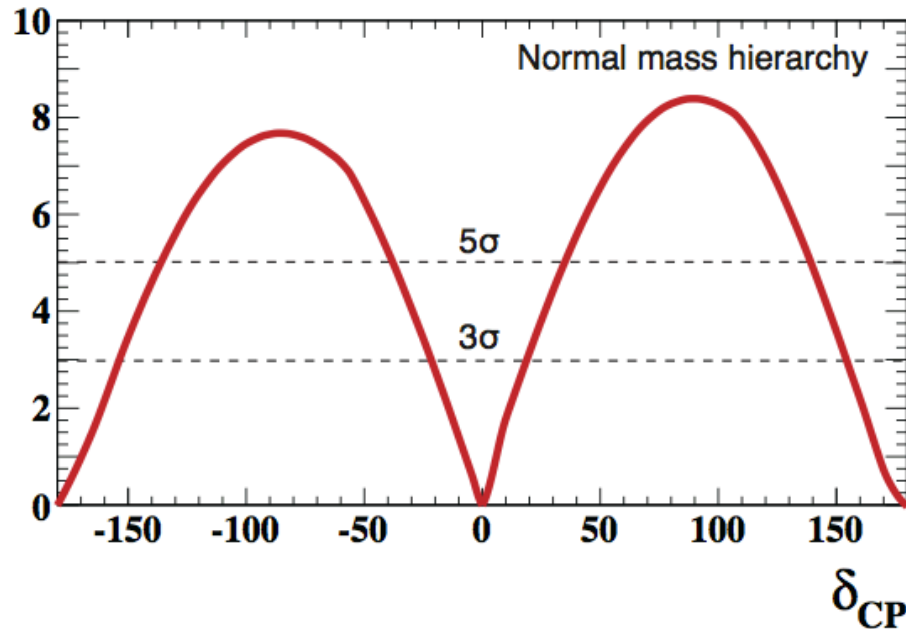


Appearance	Signal		Background				Total
	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$	$\nu_\mu$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\nu_e$	$\bar{\nu}_e$	
$\nu$ mode	3016	28	168	9	508	21	3750
$\bar{\nu}$ mode	396	2110	86	179	226	400	3397

Disappearance	$\nu_\mu$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$	Total
$\nu$ mode	18142	1136	94	19372
$\bar{\nu}$ mode	10640	16255	69	26964

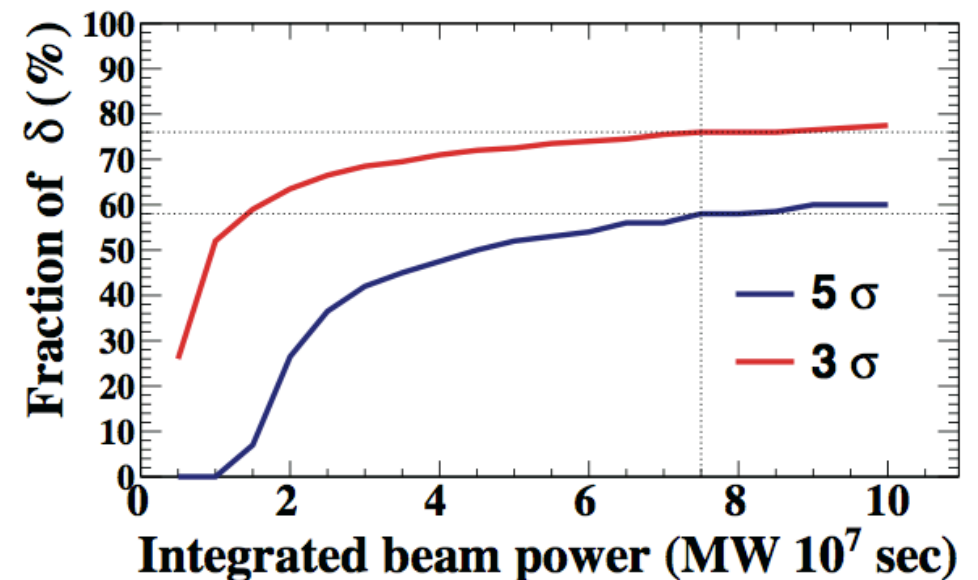
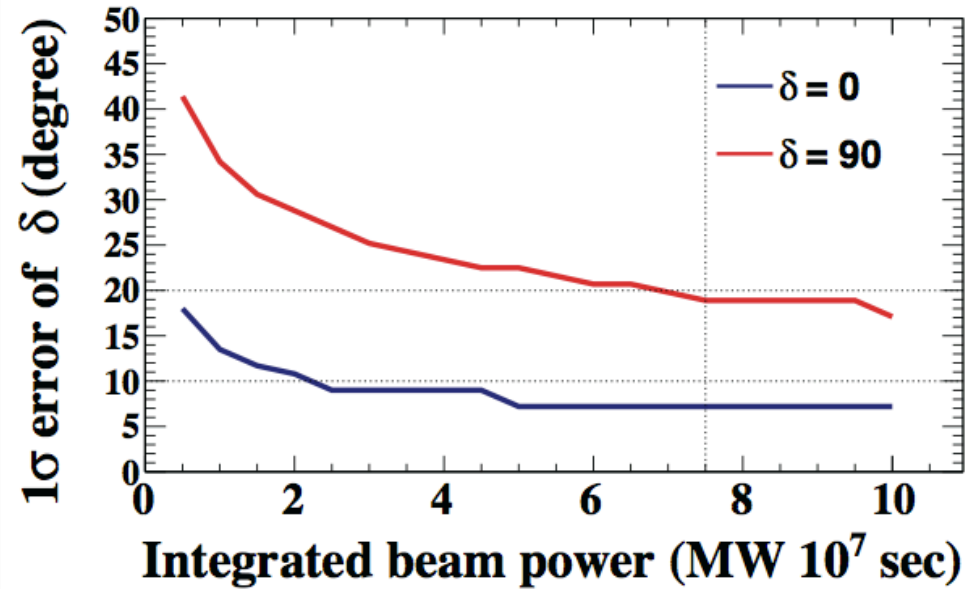
$7.5 \times 10^7$  MW sec,  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$ ,  $\delta_{CP} = 0$ , normal MH,  $\nu:\bar{\nu} = 1:3$

# HyperK sensitivity to CP



Assuming  $7.5 \times 10^7$  MW sec:

- CP violation can be observed at
  - $3\sigma$  for **76%** values of  $\delta$
  - $5\sigma$  for **58%** values of  $\delta$
- $\delta$  can be measured with
  - $8^\circ$  precision for  $\delta = 0$
  - $19^\circ$  precision for  $\delta = \pi/2$



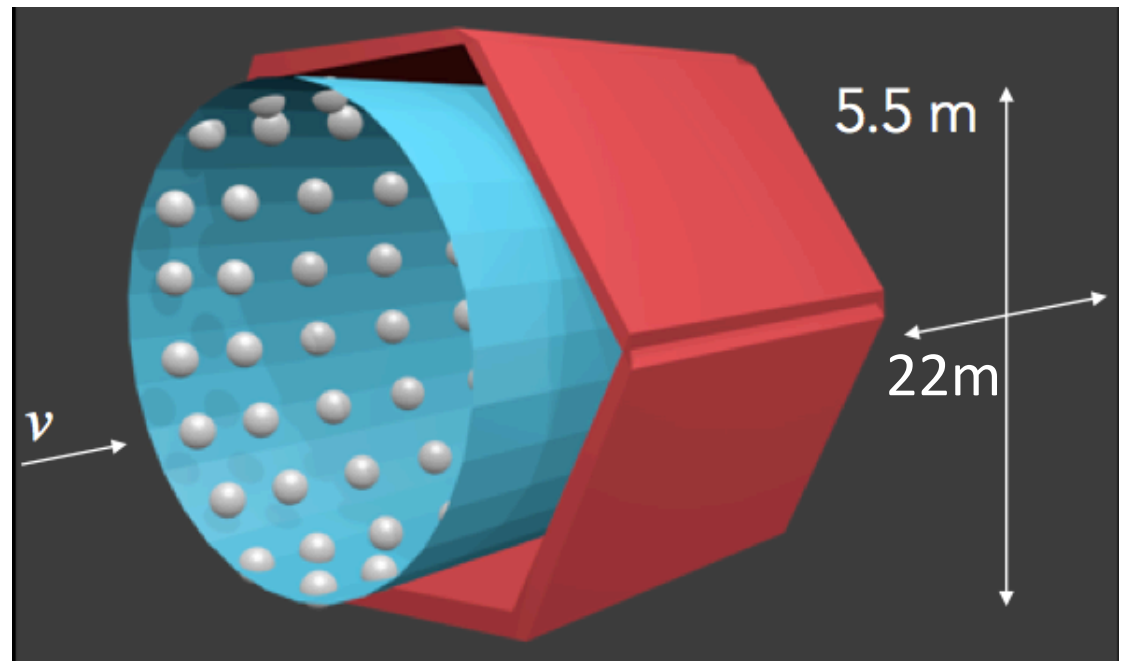
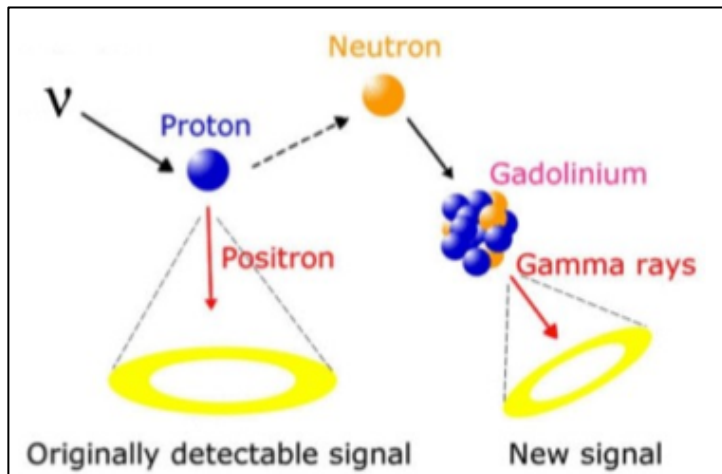
# HyperK UK involvement

Edinburgh • Imperial • Lancaster • Liverpool • Oxford  
QMUL • RHUL • Sheffield • STFC/RAL • Warwick

Work Package	Deliverables
WP1: Physics, Software and Computing	interface GENIE neutrino interaction generator with Hyper-K; software release and data distribution
WP2: Detector R&D	design of TITUS, a water Cerenkov near detector TITUS; inform the decision on Gd-doping; selection of the photo-sensor technology for near and far detectors; conceptual design of HPTPC near detector.
WP3: DAQ	Design of a functional, flexible system that will meet the physics requirements of the experiment. A small-scale DAQ test system will be demonstrated using a prototype detector located in Japan.
WP4: Calibration	Delivery of a fibre-coupled pulsed light source; Fixed point diffuser; Pseudo-muon light source.
WP5: Beam	Identify critical materials issues for reliable beam window and target operation at multi-MW beam powers; specify materials test programs; select preferred target technology and plan the necessary research programme

# HyperK UK WP2 Detector R&D

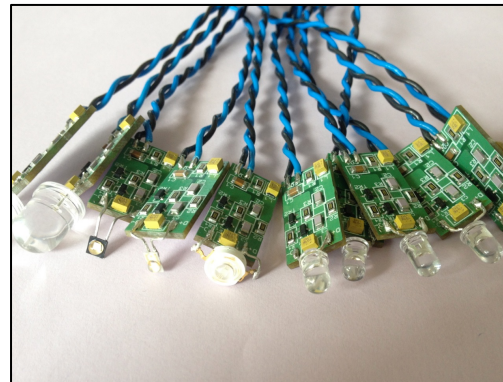
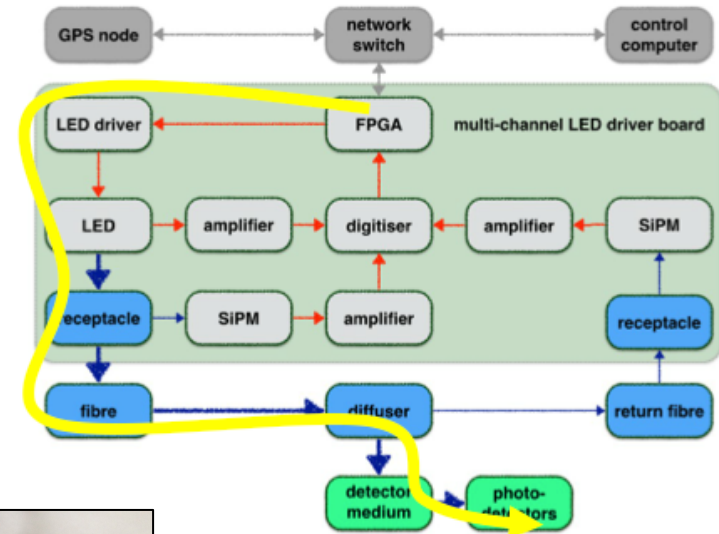
- TITUS
  - 2kt Water Cerenkov near detector instrumented with HPCs and LAPPDs situated at 2km from beam source
  - Possibly Gd doped to improve  $\nu/\bar{\nu}$  separation and background rejection
- Design of HPTPC to reduce cross-section systematics down to  $\sim 2\%$
- PMT/LAPPD studies



# HyperK UK WP4 Calibration

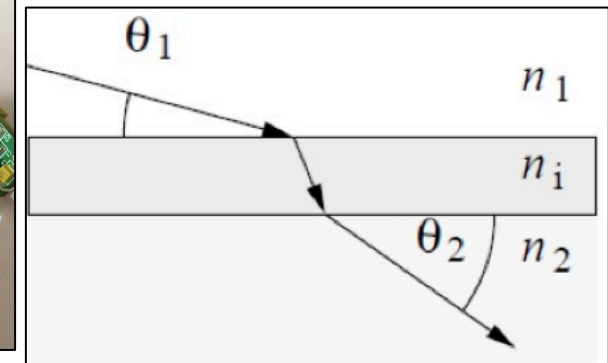
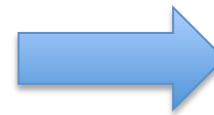
- Pseudo light-source:

- Short duration light pulses from LEDs
- Light coupled into optical fibres
- Fibre ends inject light directly into the detector
- Illuminate multiple PMTs on other side of a tank
- Continuous low pulse rate operation during data taking
- Electronics (which may require intervention) is easily accessible
- LED pulser circuit designs under consideration include modified Kapustinsky, 4 MOSFETs in H bridge



- Pseudo-muon light source:

- Objective is to inject a Cherenkov-like cone of light into the detector
- Can be achieved using a short, narrow transparent (acrylic) tube along with a light source which produces almost parallel light
- Different muon momenta can be simulated by using different lengths



$$n_1 \sin(\theta_1) = n_2 \sin(\theta_2)$$

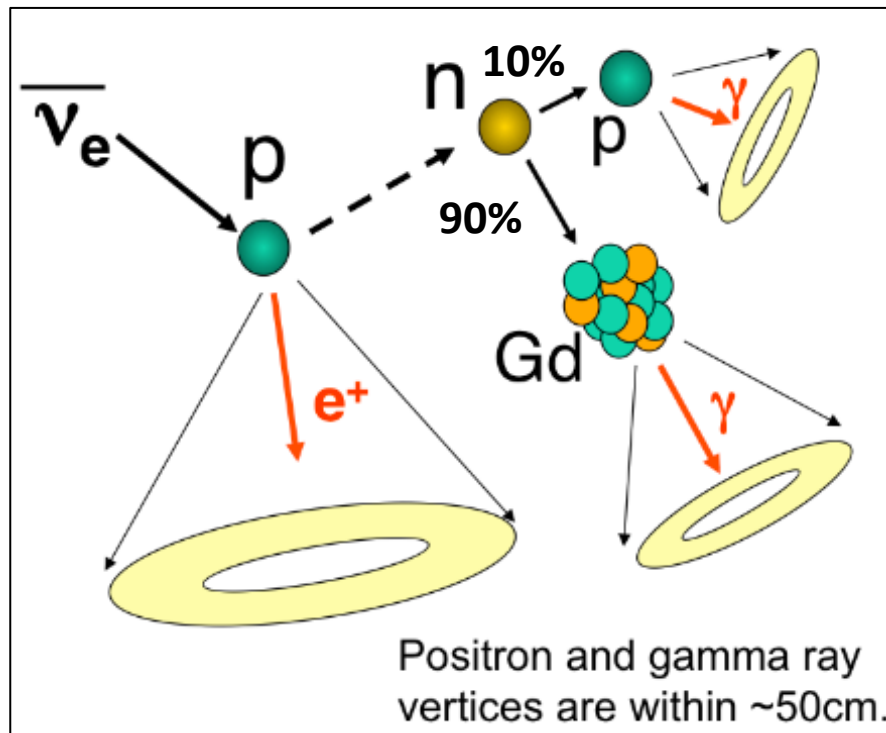
independent of  $n_i$

$$\text{As } \theta_1 \rightarrow 90^\circ \quad \sin(\theta_2) \rightarrow 1/n_c$$

Light emitted at Cherenkov angle.

# Water Č: Gd loading

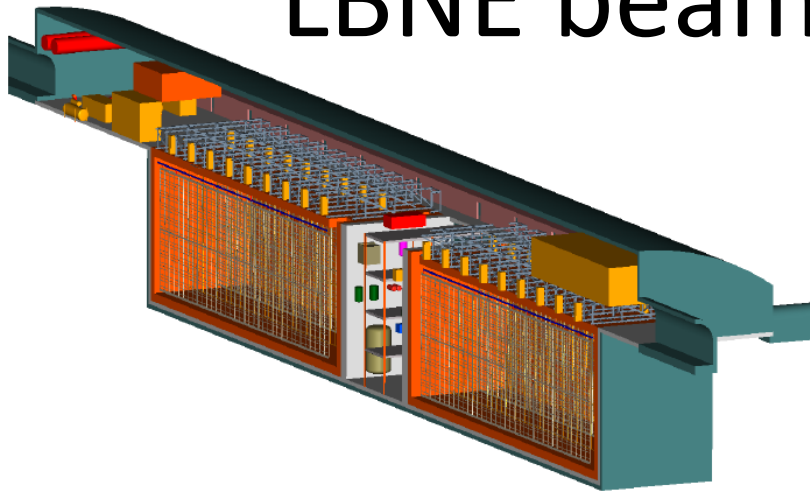
- ✦ Turn a standard Water Cherenkov detector into a anti-neutrino detector by loading with  $\sim 0.2\%$  water soluble Gd
- ✦ Use delayed ( $\sim 30\mu\text{s}$ ) coincidence of  $\gamma$  and  $e^+$



- ✦ The problem is that you need to completely remove the Gadolinium Sulphate when necessary  $\rightarrow$  need a selective GD filtration system
- ✦ New system based on nano-filtration. Molecular band-pass filter analogous to electrical equivalent
- ✦ EGADS: 200ton Gd demonstrator close to Super-K
- ✦ Initial results show 66% Č light left at 20m with Gd c.f. 71% to 79% without



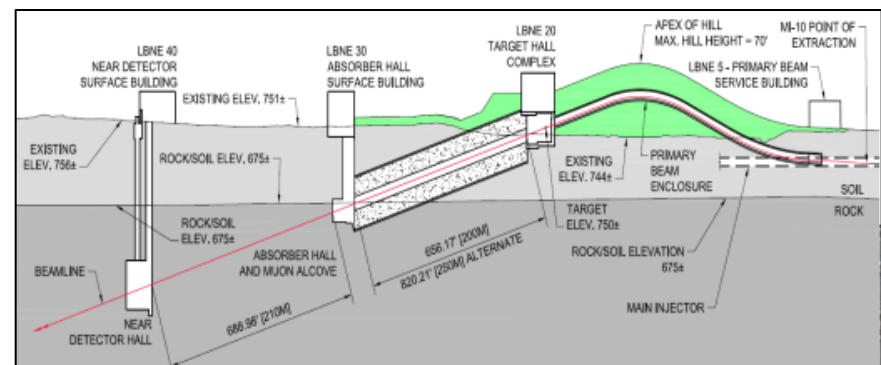
# LBNE beam and far detector



- Wide band FNAL neutrino beam
- 1.2MW upgradeable to 2.3MW
- 0.5 – 5.0 GeV sign-selected  $\nu$
- Near detector design in progress



- Far detector
  - 10kt/34kt fiducial volume at 4850ft
  - 2 TPC modules each  $\sim 14\text{m} \times 22\text{m} \times 45\text{m}$  in the same cavern
  - Cosmic backgrounds  $\sim 0.1\text{Hz}$



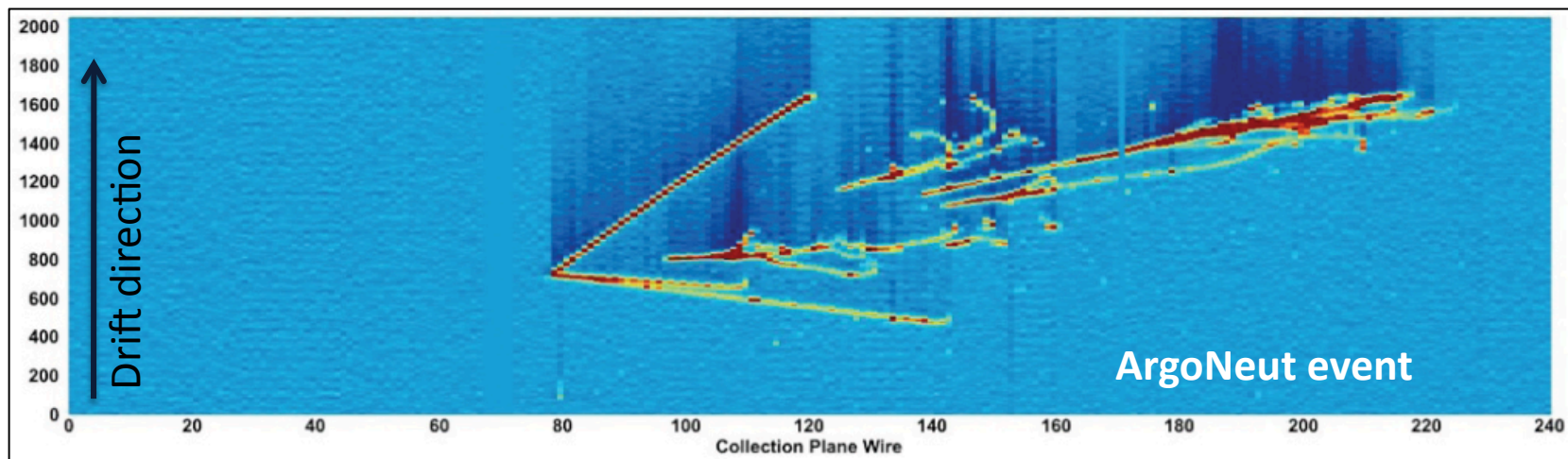
# Liquid Argon TPCs

## ★ Why Liquid Argon?

- ★ High density, cheap
- ★ Dense → good target
- ★ Excellent dielectric properties support large voltages
- ★ Free electrons from ionizing track can be drifted in long distances in LAr
- ★ Electron cloud diffusion is small
- ★ High scintillation light yield (at 128nm) can be used for triggering

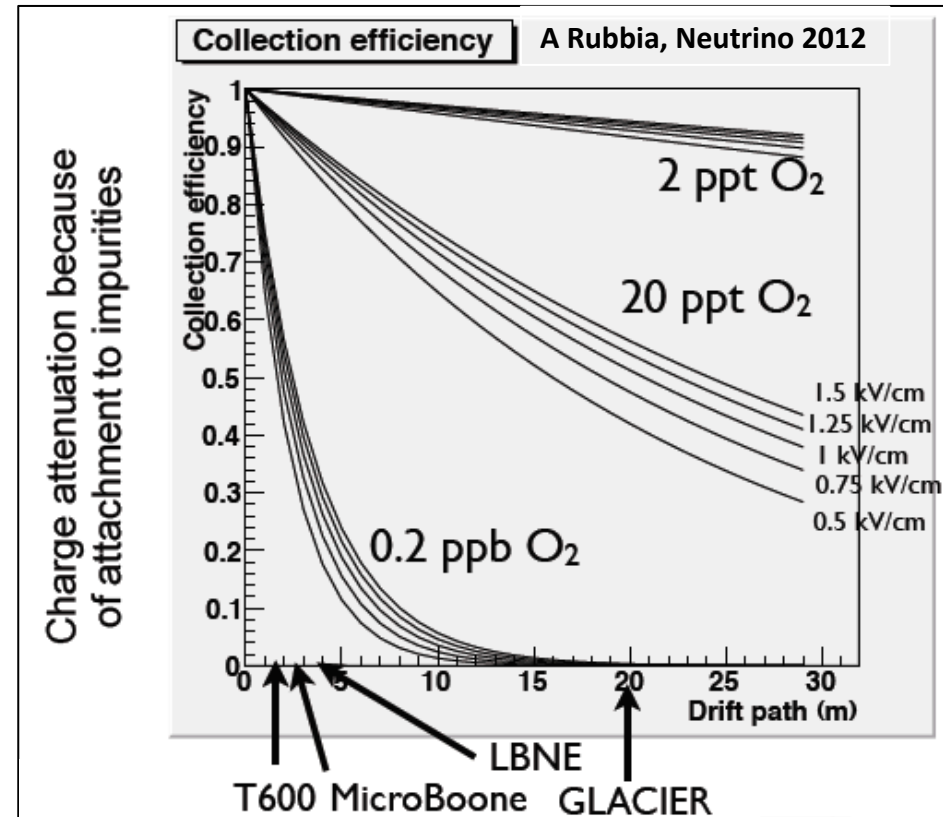
## ★ Why a Liquid Argon TPC?

- ★ Combines the principles of a gaseous TPC with a LAr calorimeter
- ★ Fine grained tracking
- ★ High granularity  $dE/dX$
- ★ True 3D imaging with mm-scale spatial resolution
- ★ Excellent PID
- ★ Constantly sensitive



# Liquid Argon TPCs: Challenges

- ★ Technical challenges:
  - ★ to achieve long drift distances ultra-high purities (better than 100 ppt  $O_2$  equivalent) are required
  - ★ Drift field requires HV on the cathode
  - ★ Operation of large wire chambers at cryogenic temps
  - ★ No charge amplification in liquid → fC charges requiring sensitive preamps
  - ★ Large number of R/O channels
  - ★ Large cryogenic systems

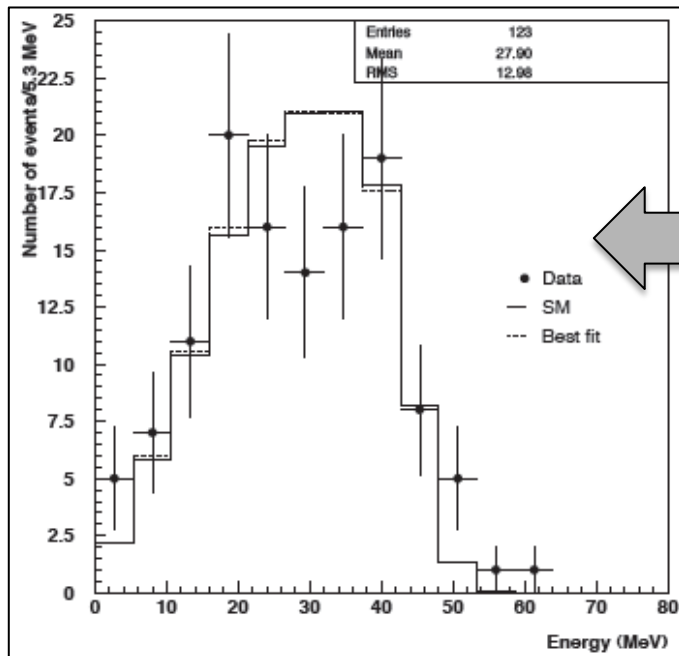
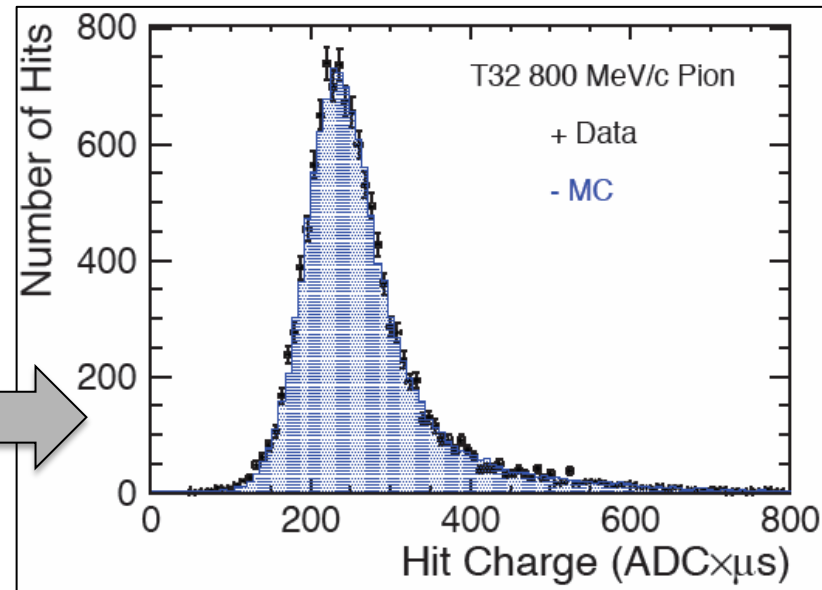


# Liquid Argon TPCs: performance

## Tracking Performance:

- Data taken in test beams with prototypes (e.g. 250l T32 experiment at J-PARC)
- Hit charge distribution fitted well with Birks Law

$$Q = A \frac{Q_0}{1 + (k/\epsilon) \times (dE/dx) \times (1/p)}$$



## Calorimetric Performance:

- ICARUS data (2004) with Michel electrons from stopping muon decay

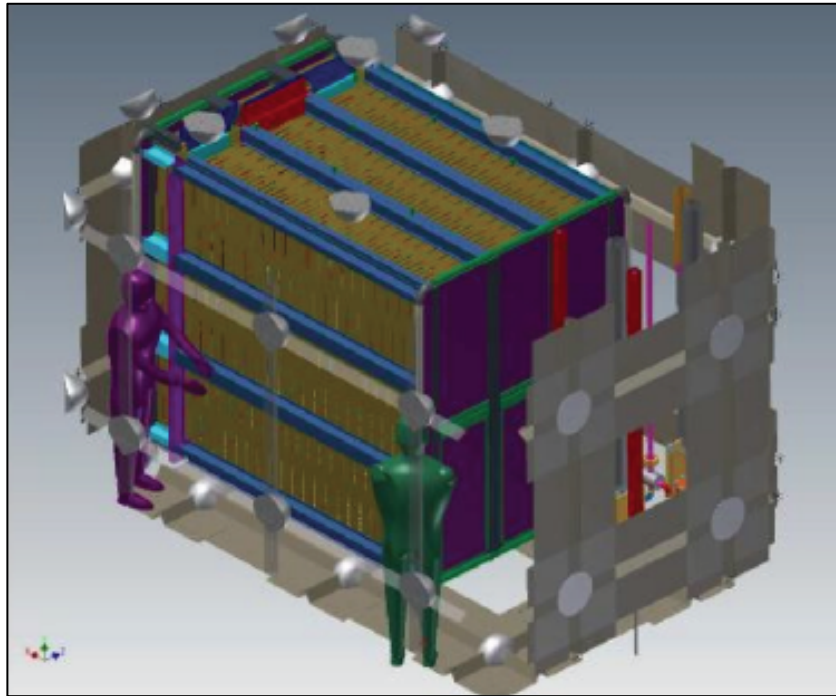
$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \approx \frac{11\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 4\%$$

- MC expectations (higher E):

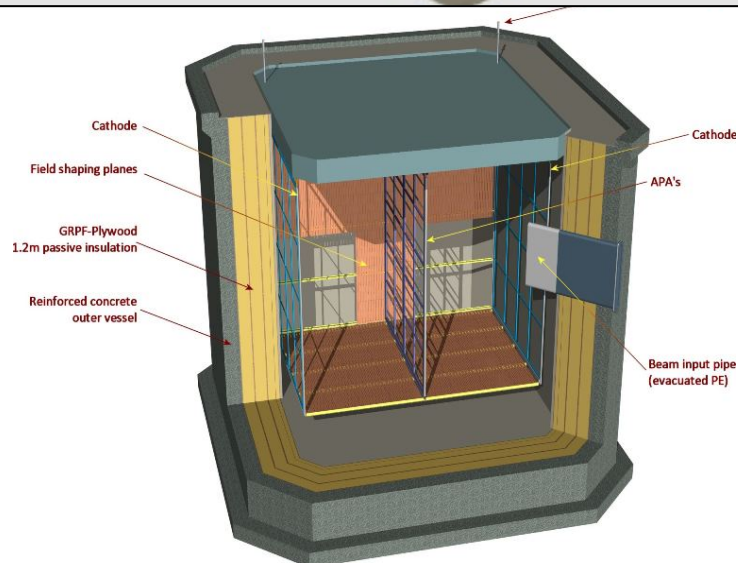
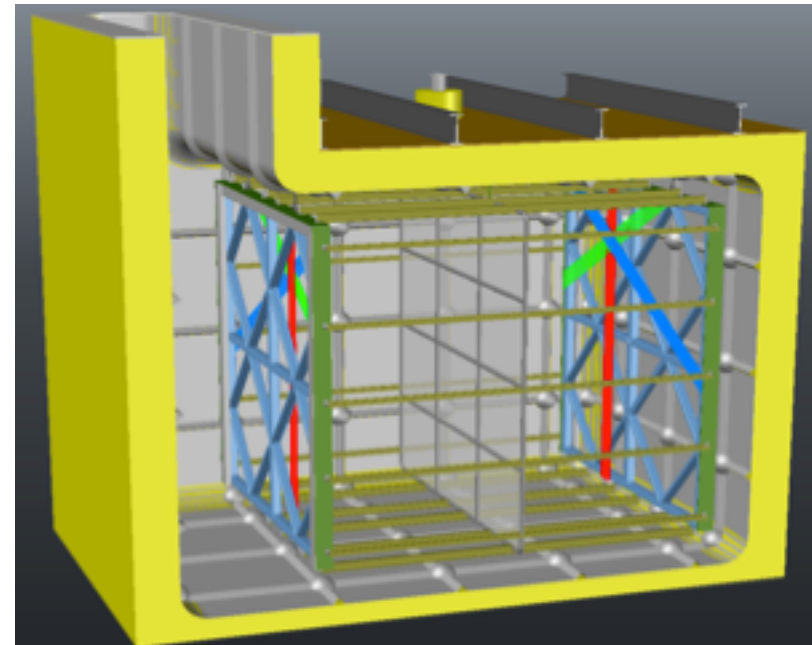
$$\frac{\sigma_{EM}^{MC}}{E} \approx \frac{3\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 1\% \quad \frac{\sigma_{HAD}^{MC}}{E} \approx \frac{15\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 10\%$$



# LAr prototyping activities



- LBNE 35 ton prototype due to take data at FNAL in early 2015
- LAr1-ND, 82t TPC for MicroBoone (2017)
- Other activities ArgoNeut, LARIAT etc.



- Plans to test full scale LBNE drift cells in 8m x 8m x 8m cryostat at CERN (WA105)
- Programmes provide short term physics and analysis opportunities




# LBNE status

Building for Discovery: Strategic Plan for U.S. Particle Physics in the Global Context

Report of the Particle Physics Project Prioritization Panel (P5)

HEPAP  
22 May 2014

S. Ritz



P5 Report May 2014



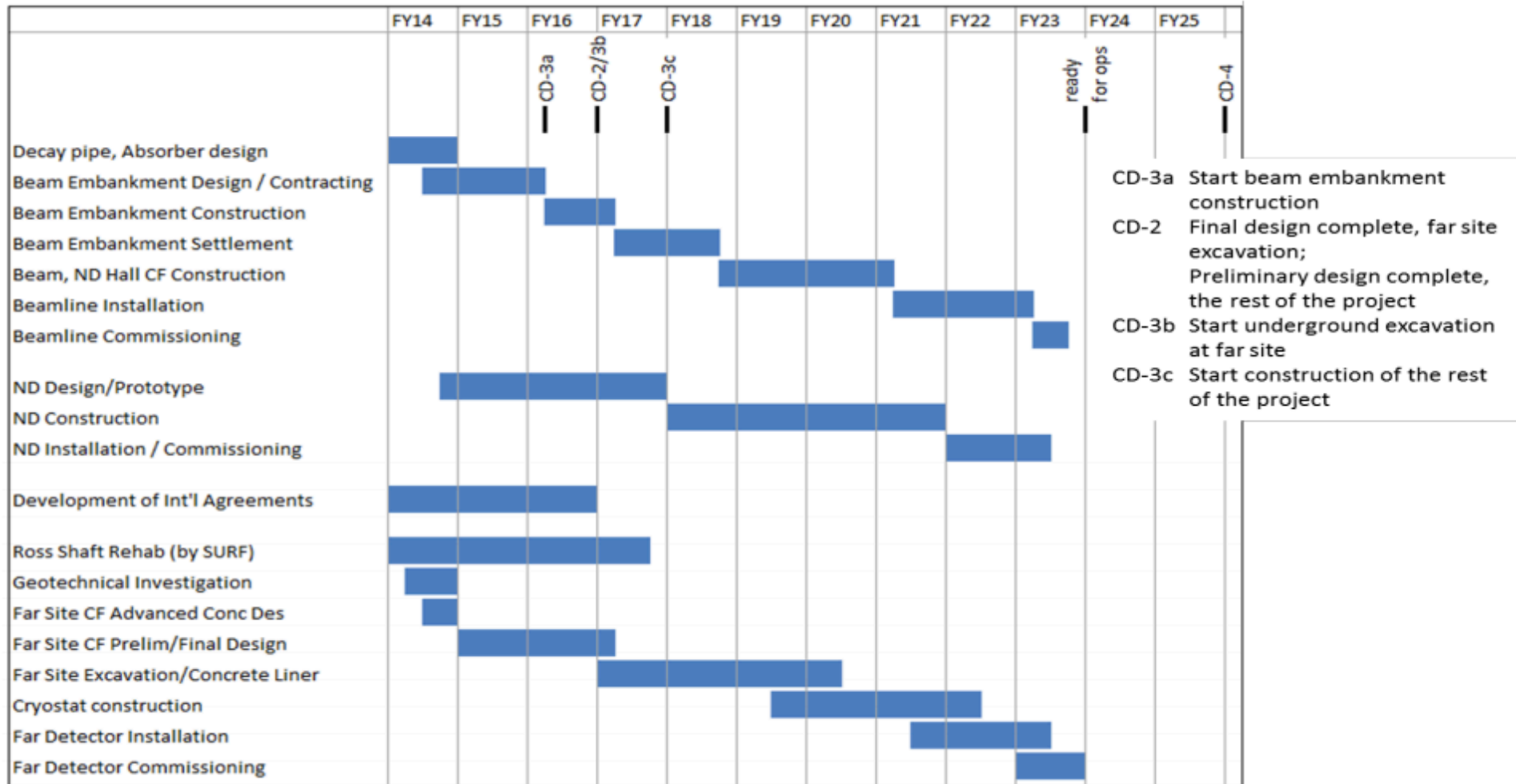
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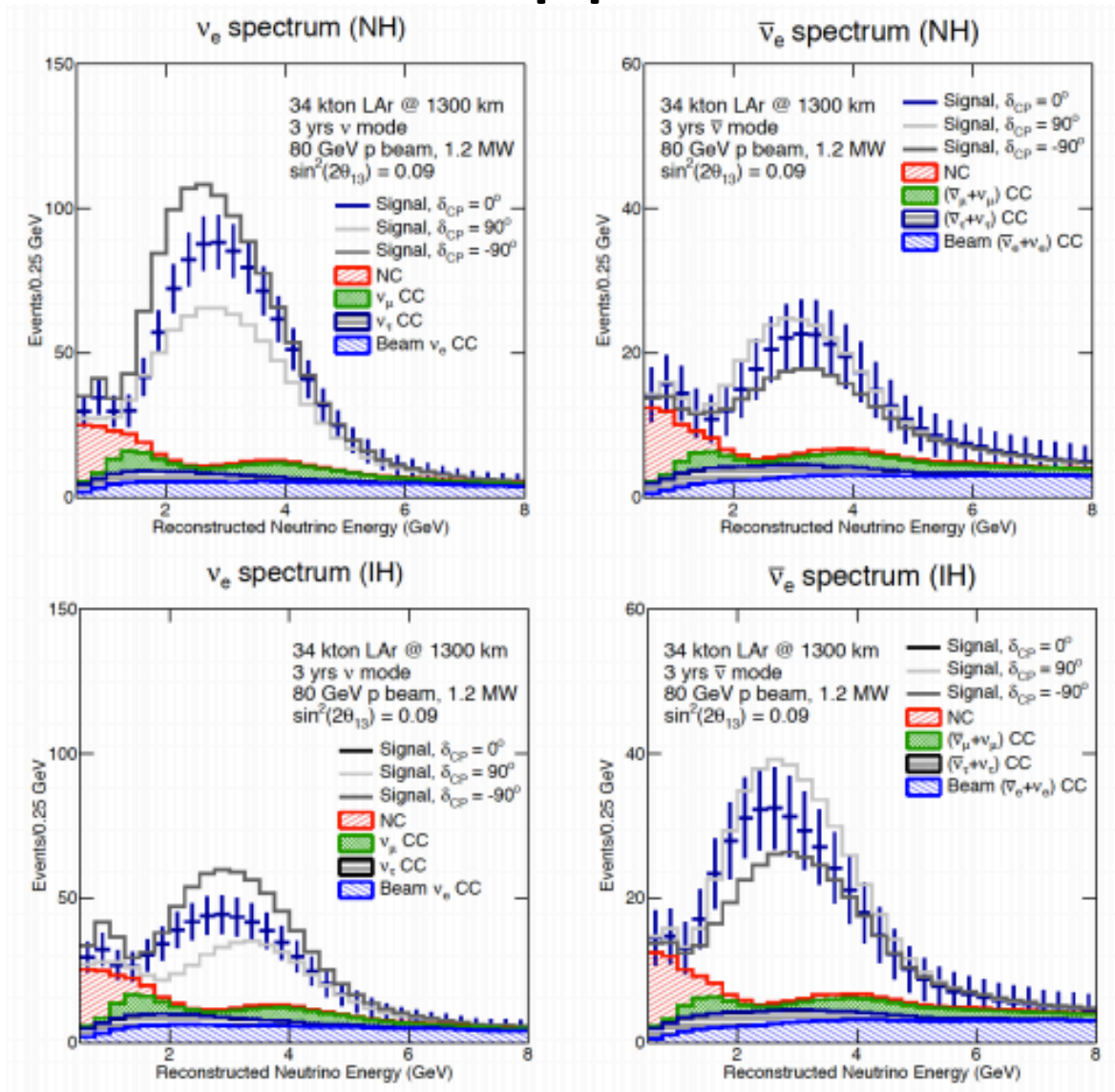
- DOE CD-1 preliminary baseline approval in December 2012
  - DOE commitment of \$867M to LBNE
  - Plus PIP-II for 1.2MW beam – total of \$1.5B
- Funding bids in process/successful in UK, India, Brazil, Italy
- External resources needed to support fully-scoped project
- UK is largest non-US group represented ~10% of collaboration

# LBNE Timeline



- Schedule is strongly dependant on involvement of new international partners

# LBNE far detector appearance event rates

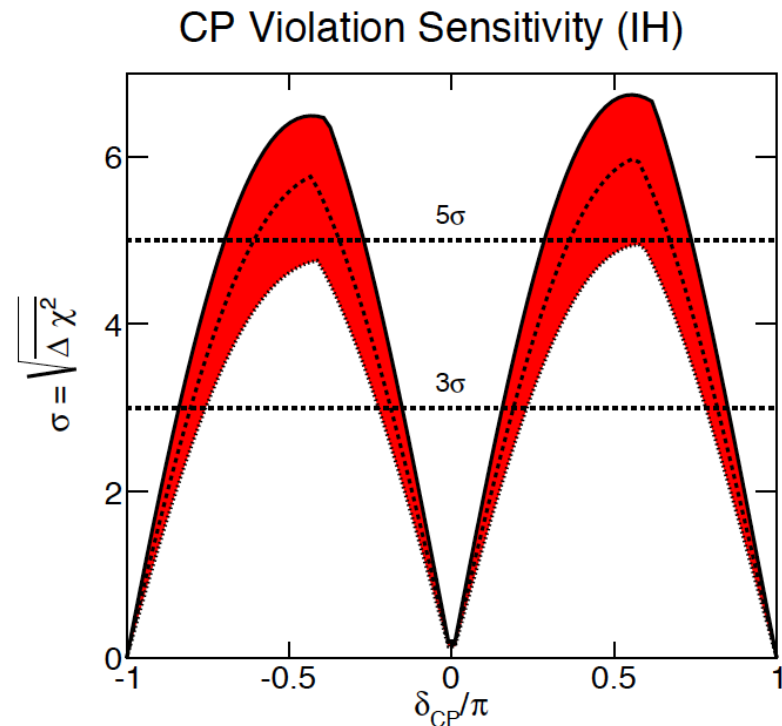
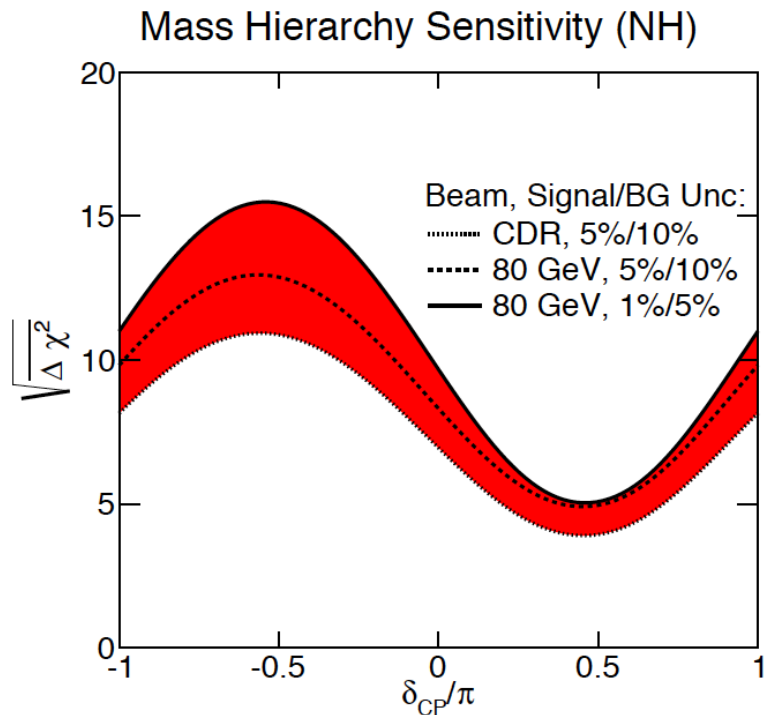


Normal hierarchy

Inverted hierarchy

- Based on 3 years  $\nu$  and 3 years  $\bar{\nu}$  running
- GLOBES simulation with global smearing and efficiencies based on ICARUS
- Typically 1000 events in neutrino run and 300 events in anti-neutrino run for  $\nu_e$  appearance channel

# LBNE CP and MH sensitivity



- Mass hierarchy is well determined over most of  $\delta_{CP}$  range
- CPV  $> 3\sigma$  over most of range and  $> 5\sigma$  for maximal CPV
- Atmospheric neutrinos in LBNE provide
  - an independent  $\sim \Delta\chi^2=4$  cross-check on MH
  - $\sim 1\sigma$  increased CPV sensitivity if combined with beam

Exposure 245 kt.MW.yr 34 kt x 1.2 MW x (3 $\nu$ +3 $\bar{\nu}$ ) yr

# LBNE UK involvement

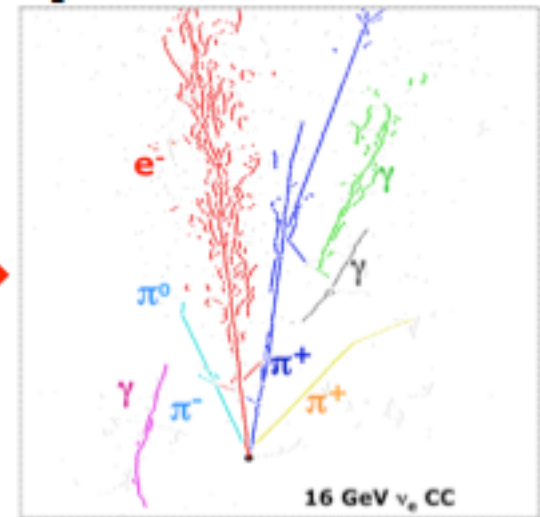
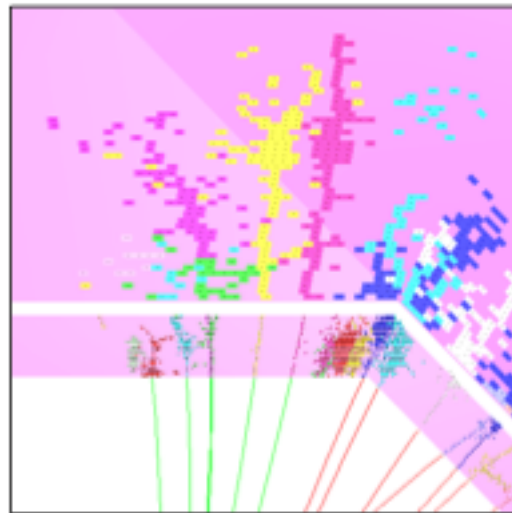
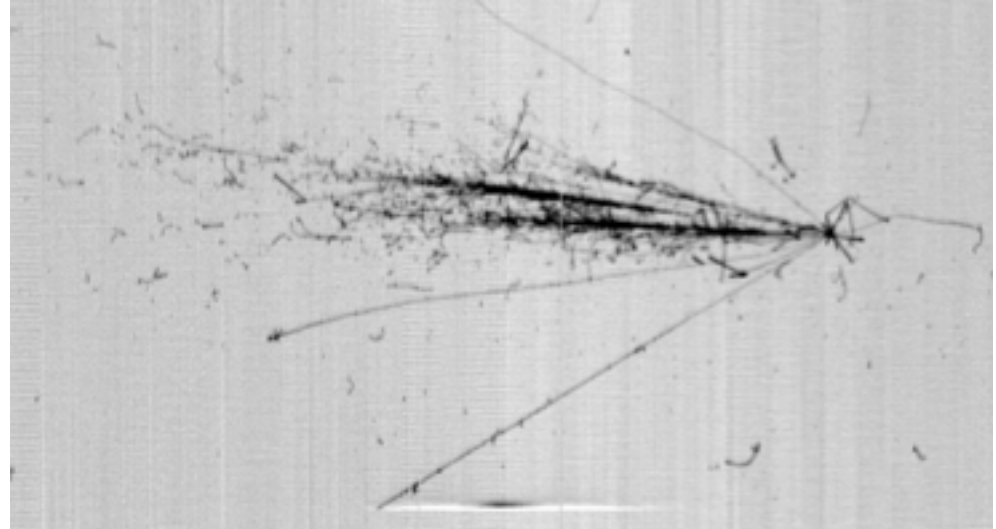
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Sheffield • STFC/RAL • Sussex • UCL • Warwick

Work Package	Deliverables
WP1: Physics Simulation and Experiment Design	Oscillation physics simulation; GENIE-LArSoft interface; Near detector design studies; Target and beam design; Beam systematics study;
WP2: Neutrino Event Reconstruction	Pattern recognition software (PANDORA) and interface to LArSoft; neutrino event reconstruction;
WP3: DAQ	DAQ for 35t prototype; data compression and event triggering; DAQ architecture design and prototyping.
WP4: 35t Prototype	HV monitoring cameras; operation and commissioning; simulation and data analysis; rejection of cosmic-induced backgrounds.
WP5: TPC Design and Construction	LAr1-ND APA and CPA frame design, wiring, cold-testing, construction and installation; LBNE APA and CPA design.

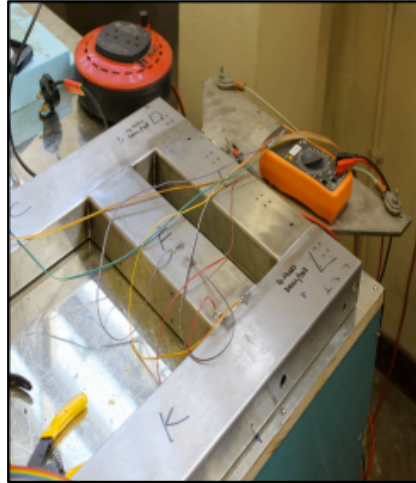


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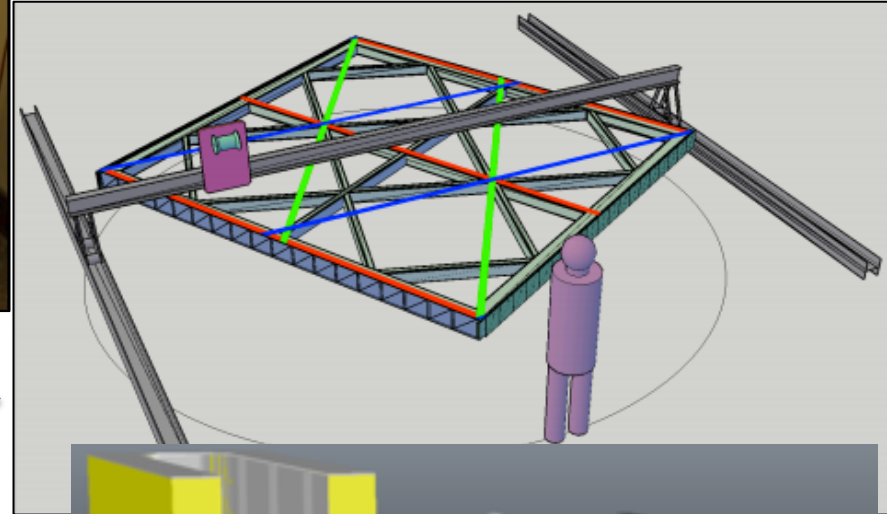
- Neutrino events in a LAr TPC give high resolution, bubble-chamber like images
- The challenge is to go from this to reconstructed physics quantities
- PANDORA-based event reconstruction and LAr pattern recognition tools being developed



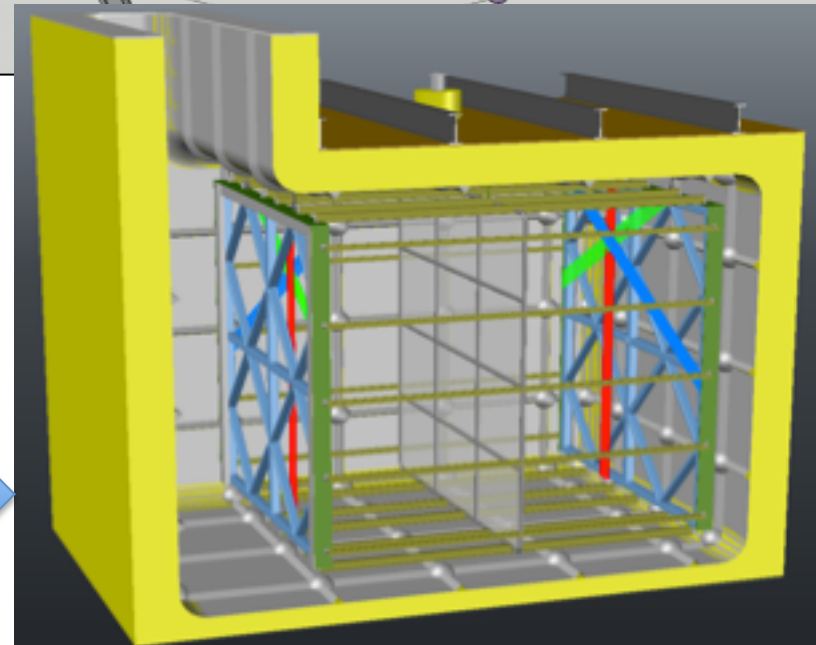
# LBNE UK WP5 APA design



- UK-built 35t APA undergoing LN<sub>2</sub> cool down tests



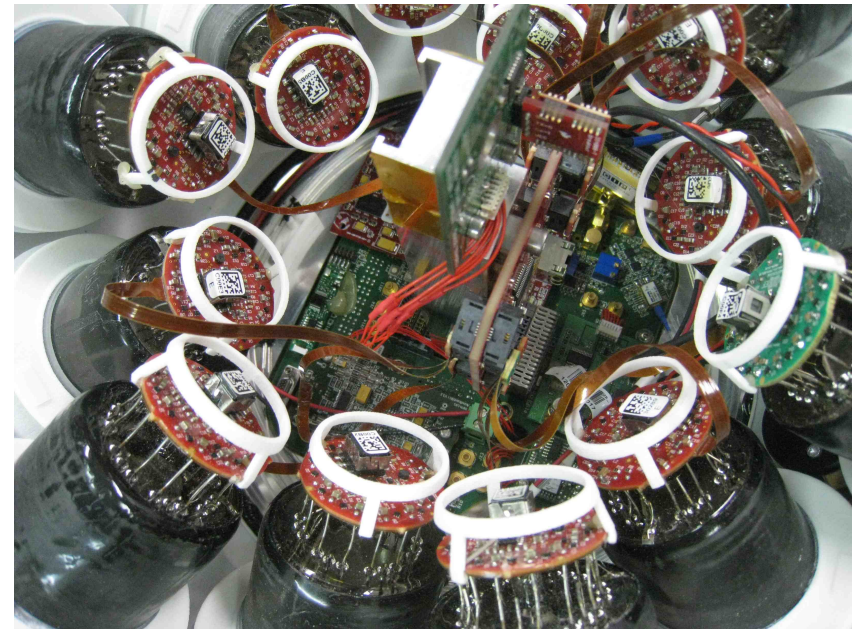
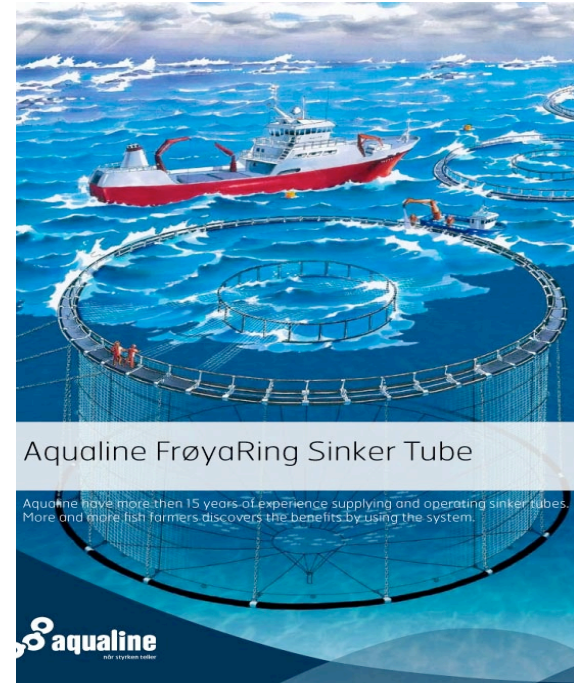
- APA wiring frame concept design
- LAr1-ND: UK proposes to build
  - One of the two APAs
  - The CPA and HV feedthrough



# CHIPS concept

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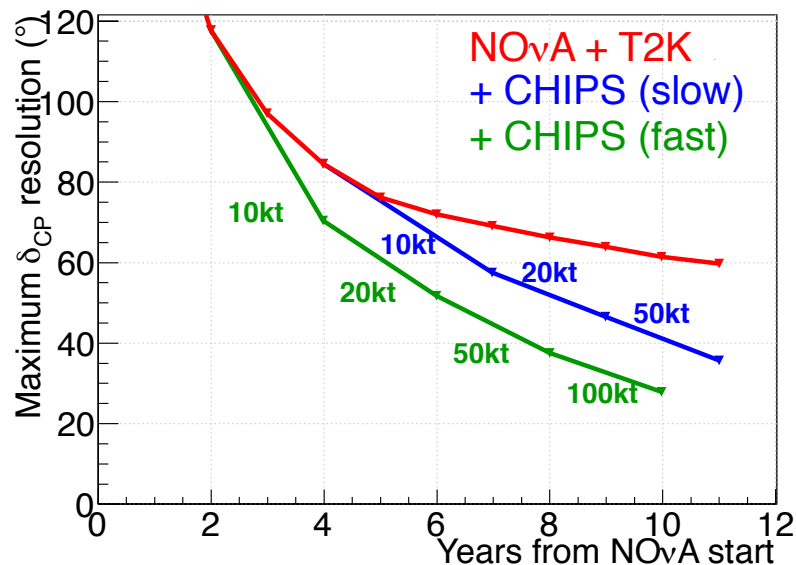
- CHIPS is a water Cherenkov detector which will be sunk in a flooded mine pit in the path of the NuMI beam
- Water will provide mechanical support
- Its main development goal is to chart a new path towards cost effective Megaton neutrino detectors, hoping to get to \$200k/kt (presently \$1M/kt)
- Complements NOvA (being more on-axis) and LBNE (more off-axis) when redeployed in the LBNE beam
- Consists of a series of prototypes which will deliver physics results and demonstrate real costs for (O)100kt
- Proposed site is the Wentworth pit in Minnesota
- UK-led work packages include
  - Simulation and reconstruction
  - DAQ
  - In-situ calibration





# CHIPS Physics Goals

- Short term:
  - Contribute to the measurement of  $\delta_{CP}$  using neutrinos from the NuMI beam by measuring the sub-dominant  $\nu_e$  appearance and rejecting the NC background
  - Building and instrument a 10kt prototype
- Medium term:
  - ~25kt (TBD) vessel to follow)
  - Yearly increase of instrumented mass depending on funding
    - Deployment seasonal
    - Large up-front funding not necessary
    - Staging of detector(s) natural
- Long term:
  - Re-deploy CHIPS in LBNE beam off axis
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> oscillation maximum located around 0.8 GeV
    - Large quasi-elastic x-section
    - Suitable for water Cerenkov detector
      - High efficiency for QE events



# Conclusions

- Neutrino oscillations are now well-established and we are in a phase of accurately measuring the parameters of the PMNS mixing matrix
- In recent years we have definitively measured a non-zero  $\theta_{13}$  mixing angle opening the door to a search for CP violation
- Current and proposed projects have excellent prospects for measuring  $\delta_{CP}$  and determining the neutrino mass hierarchy
- There is a well-defined global programme of long baseline experiments reaching well into the 2020s