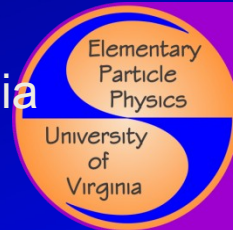


# Accelerator Based Neutrino Physics at Fermilab



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# The Past Decade Neutrino Physics Really Got Interesting

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## Mass Found in Elusive Particle; Universe May Never Be the Same

### Discovery on Neutrino Rattles Basic Theory About All Matter

By MALCOLM W. BROWNE

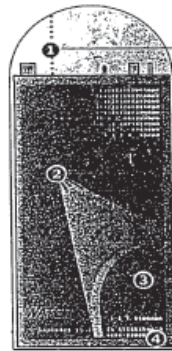
TAKAYAMA, Japan, Friday, June 5 — In what colleagues hailed as a historic landmark, 120 physicists from 23 research institutions in Japan and the United States announced today that they had found the existence of mass in a notoriously elusive subatomic particle called the neutrino.

The neutrino, a particle that carries no electric charge, is so light that it was assumed for many years to have no mass at all. After today's announcement, cosmologists will have to confront the possibility that a significant part of the mass of the universe might be in the form of neutrinos. The discovery will also compel scientists to revise a highly successful theory of the composition of matter, the Standard Model.

Word of the discovery had drawn some 300 physicists here to discuss neutrino research. Among other things, the finding of neutrino mass might affect theories about the formation and evolution of galaxies and the ultimate fate of the universe. If neutrinos have sufficient mass, their presence throughout the universe would increase the overall mass of the universe, possibly slowing its present expansion.

Others said the newly detected but as yet unmeasured mass of the neu-

#### Detecting Neutrinos

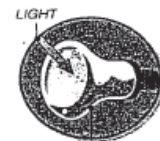


Neutrinos pass through the Earth's surface to a tank filled with 12.5 million gallons of ultra-pure water . . .

. . . and collide with other particles . . .

. . . producing a cone-shaped flash of light.

The light is recorded by 11,200 20-inch light amplifiers that cover the inside of the tank.



LIGHT AMPLIFIER

#### And Detecting Their Mass

By analyzing the cones of light, physicists determine that some neutrinos have changed form on their journey. If they can change form, they must have mass.

Source: University of Hawaii

The New York Times

## TRAINING ORDERED FOR CONTROLLERS AT U.S. AIRPORTS

### NEAR MISS PROMPTS MOVE

#### Two Passenger Planes Averted Collision Above La Guardia by 20 Feet, F.A.A. Says

By MATTHEW L. WALD

WASHINGTON, June 4 — A near-collision by two big passenger jets at La Guardia Airport in April has prompted the Federal Aviation Administration to order retraining for the 10,000 air traffic controllers working in airport towers nationwide.

A US Airways DC-9 arriving at La Guardia on April 3 flew under a departing Air Canada A-320, the two planes missing each other by as little as 20 feet, according to the F.A.A.

The near collision had not been previously disclosed, in part because information about it was not forwarded properly for investigation and agency officials therefore did not learn about it until several weeks later, the F.A.A. said. Agency officials said a controller at the La Guardia air traffic tower had promptly informed his supervisor, but the supervisor did not properly report it to his superiors.

The US Airways pilot did report the incident after he returned to his



Associated Press

Bajram Curri, in northern Albania, has received 4,500 refugees from Yugoslavia in three days. One group ate yesterday in a school building.

## Refugees From Kosovo Cite A Bitter Choice: Flee or Die

# A Brief neutrino primer



# A Great Reference for Neutrino Physics

[http://vms-db-srv.fnal.gov/fmi/xsl/search/r\\_nuss2009.xsl](http://vms-db-srv.fnal.gov/fmi/xsl/search/r_nuss2009.xsl)

Slides and video  
available!

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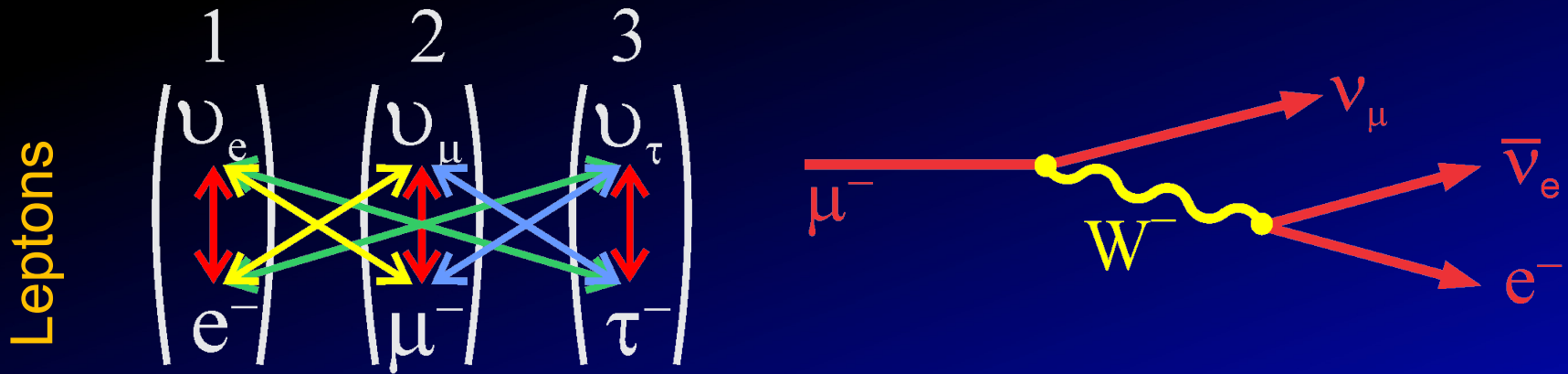
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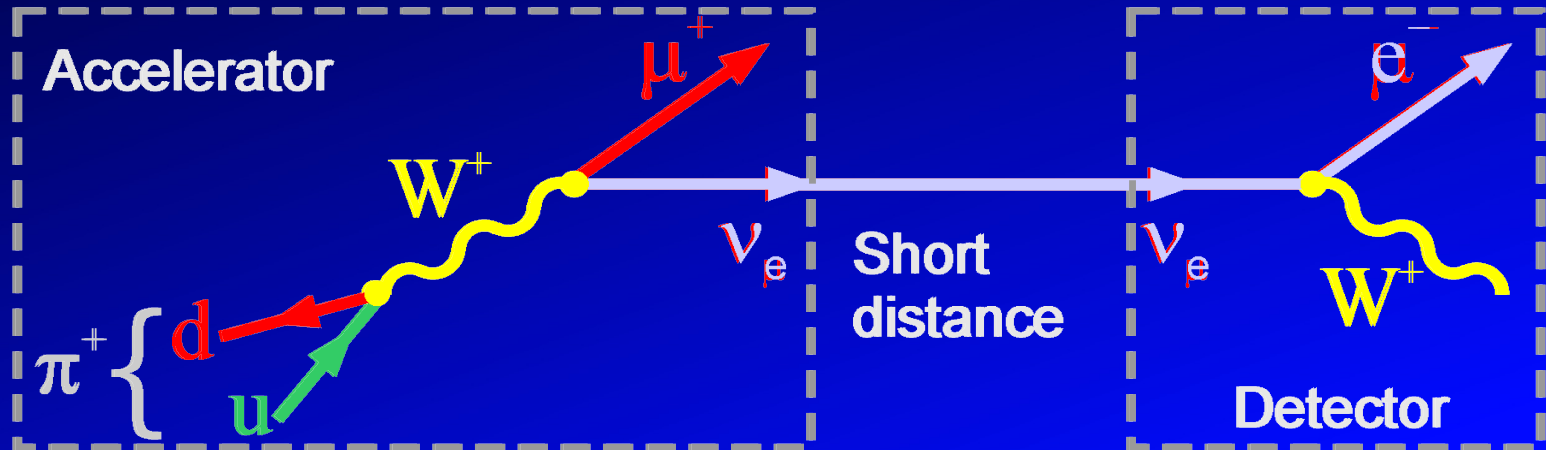
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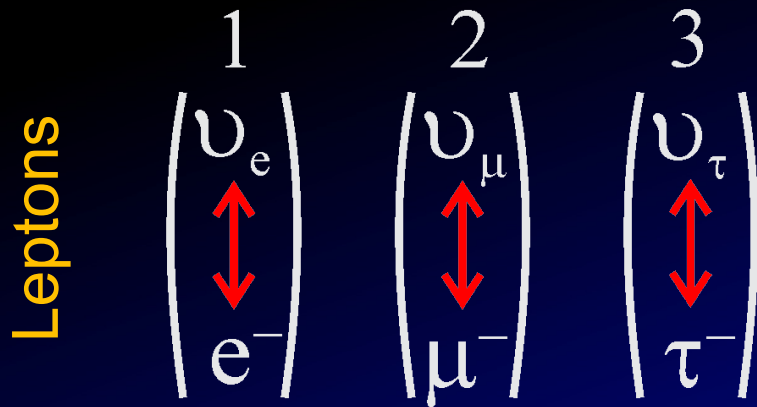
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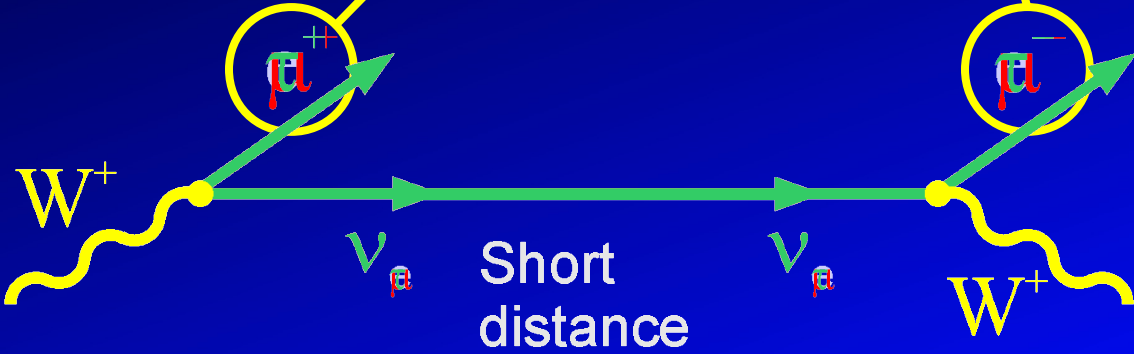
Cross generational transitions do not occur in the lepton sector!



# Production and Detection of Neutrinos

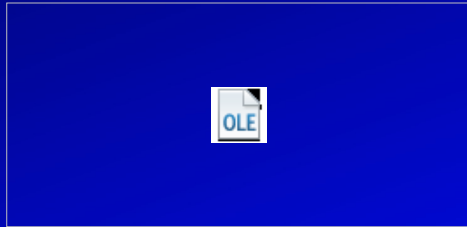
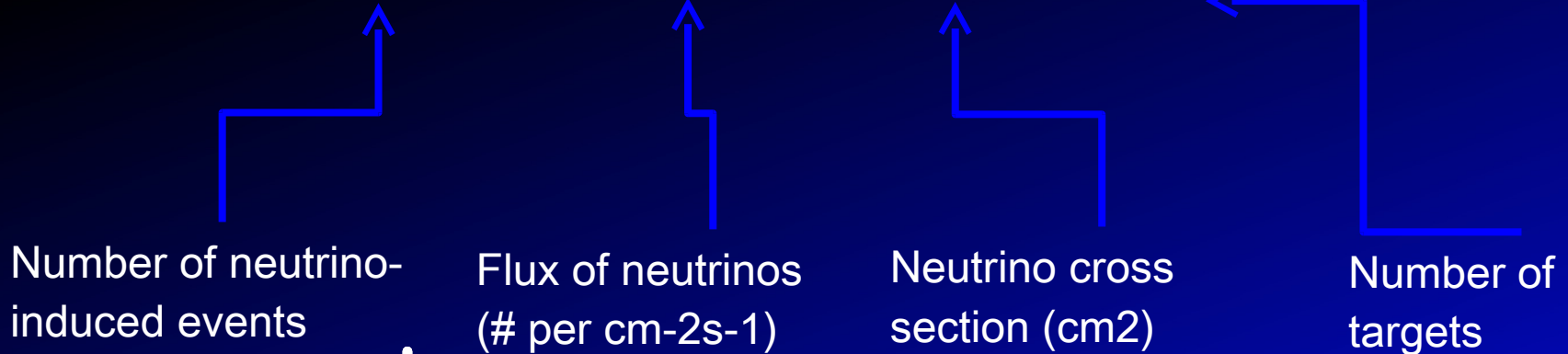


Note: Flavor of charged lepton gives neutrino flavor, charge tells you if it is a neutrino or anti-neutrino



# How Neutrinos Interact: Cross Sections

$$N(E)\text{events} = \Phi_\nu(E) \times \sigma_\nu(E) \times N_{\text{target}}$$



Cross section  $\sigma$  depends on:

- neutrino type
- interaction type: Z<sup>0</sup>, W<sup>±</sup>
- target type: p, n, e
- energy:  $\dot{\epsilon}$  Ev

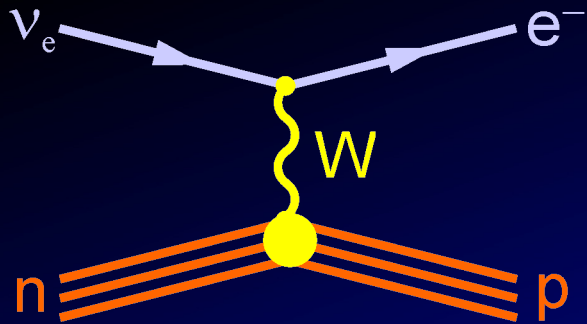
@1 GeV  
 $\nu p \sim 10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2$   
 $\nu p \sim 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^2$

Tiny due to large W,Z masses

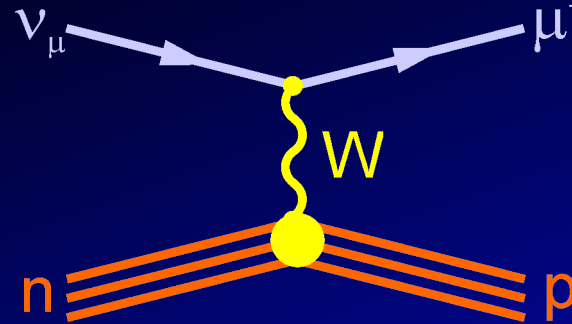


# Aside: How Neutrinos Interact

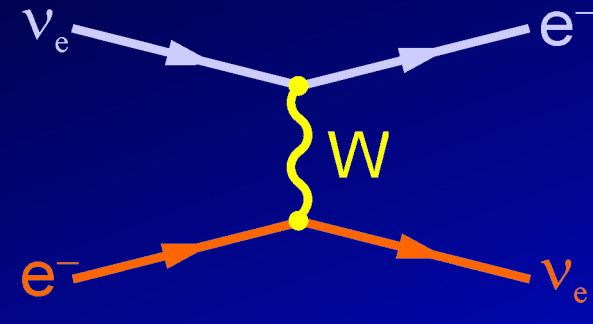
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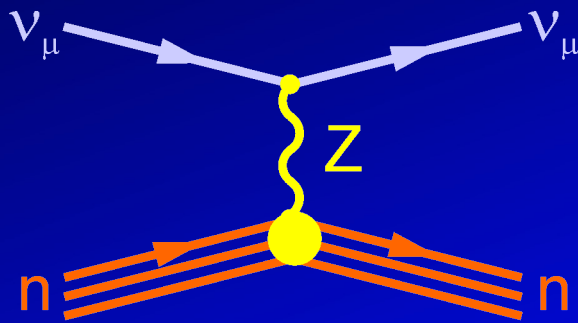


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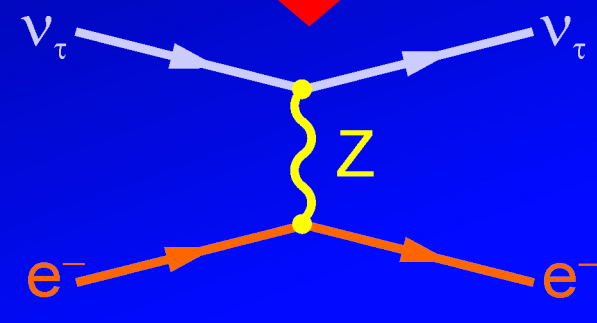
Neutral Current (NC) Interactions (mediated by  $Z^0$  boson)



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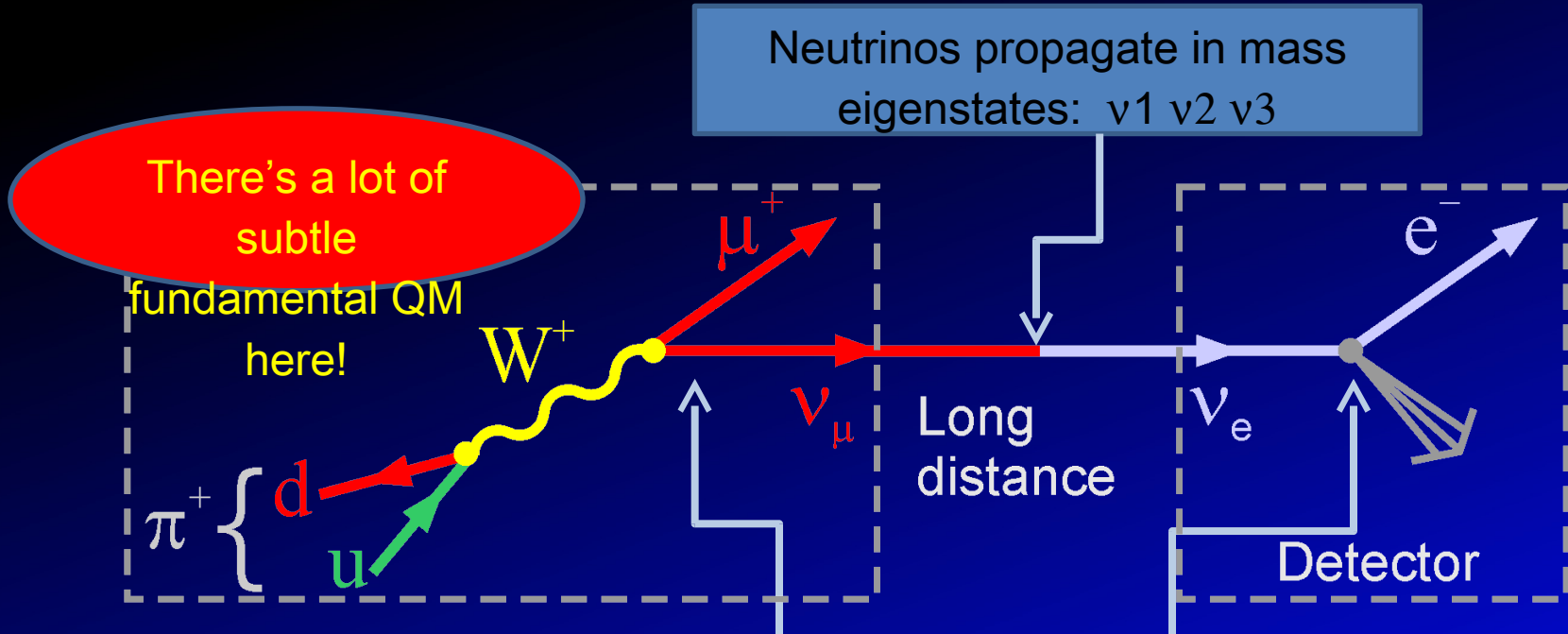
Inelastic



Elastic

Small for kinematic reasons

# Neutrinos Oscillate!



Neutrinos propagate in mass eigenstates:  $\nu_1 \nu_2 \nu_3$

Neutrinos produced and detected in flavor eigenstates:  $\nu_e \nu_\mu \nu_\tau$

Mass difference

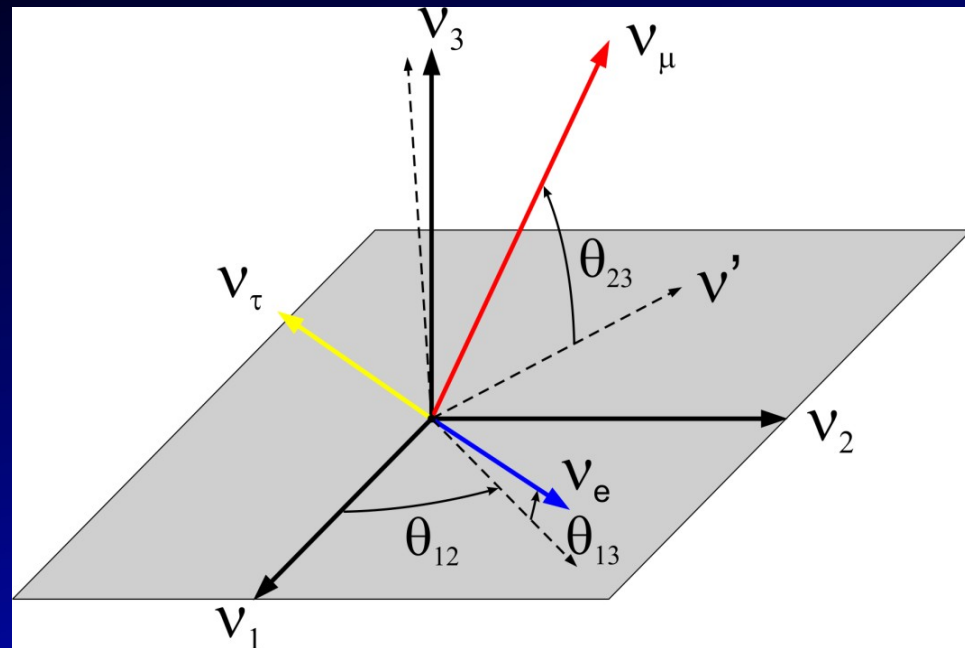
Two component mixing



Mixing Angle between mass and flavor

# Implications of Neutrino Oscillations

- Neutrinos have mass
- Neutrinos have non-zero mixing angles
- 3 Flavor states:  $\nu_e$   $\nu_\mu$   $\nu_\tau$
- 3 Mass states:  $\nu_1$   $\nu_2$   $\nu_3$
- Three mixing angles:  $\theta_1$   
 $\theta_2$   $\theta_3$
- One CP phase:  $\delta$



## PMNS Matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & \sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{13} e^{-i\delta} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$



# A Huge Amount has been Learned in the Past Decade

$\nu_\mu$

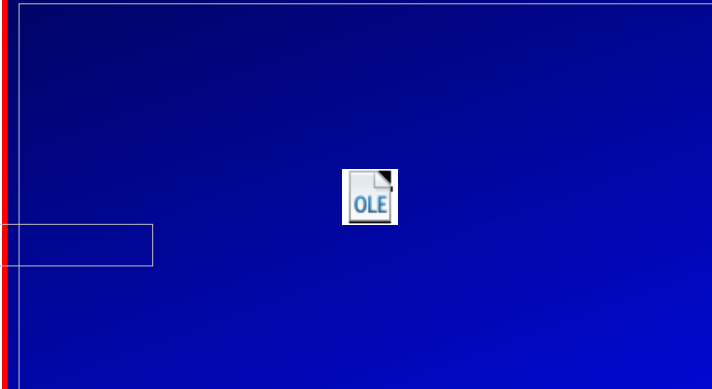
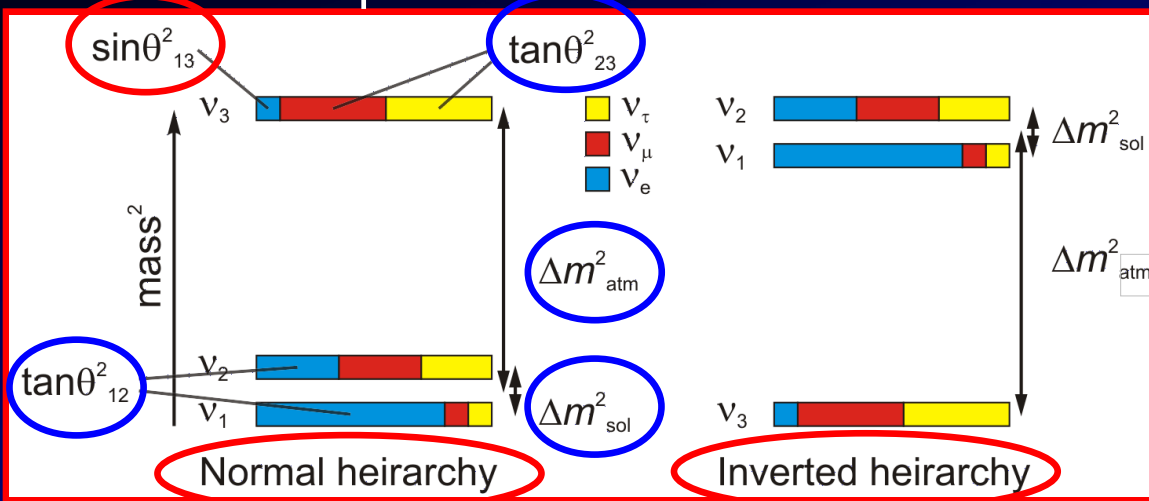
$\nu_e$

Appearance Experiments

Known

Unknown

Experiments



PMNS Matrix

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# Appearance Rate: $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$

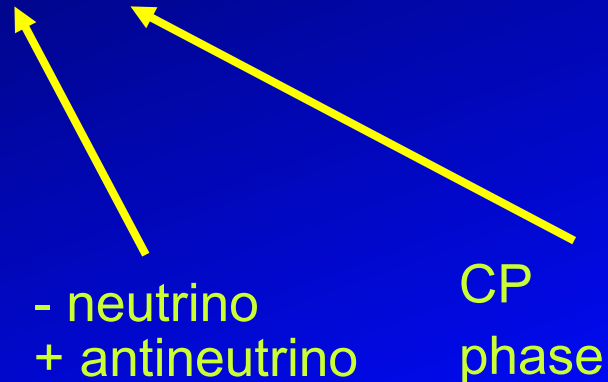
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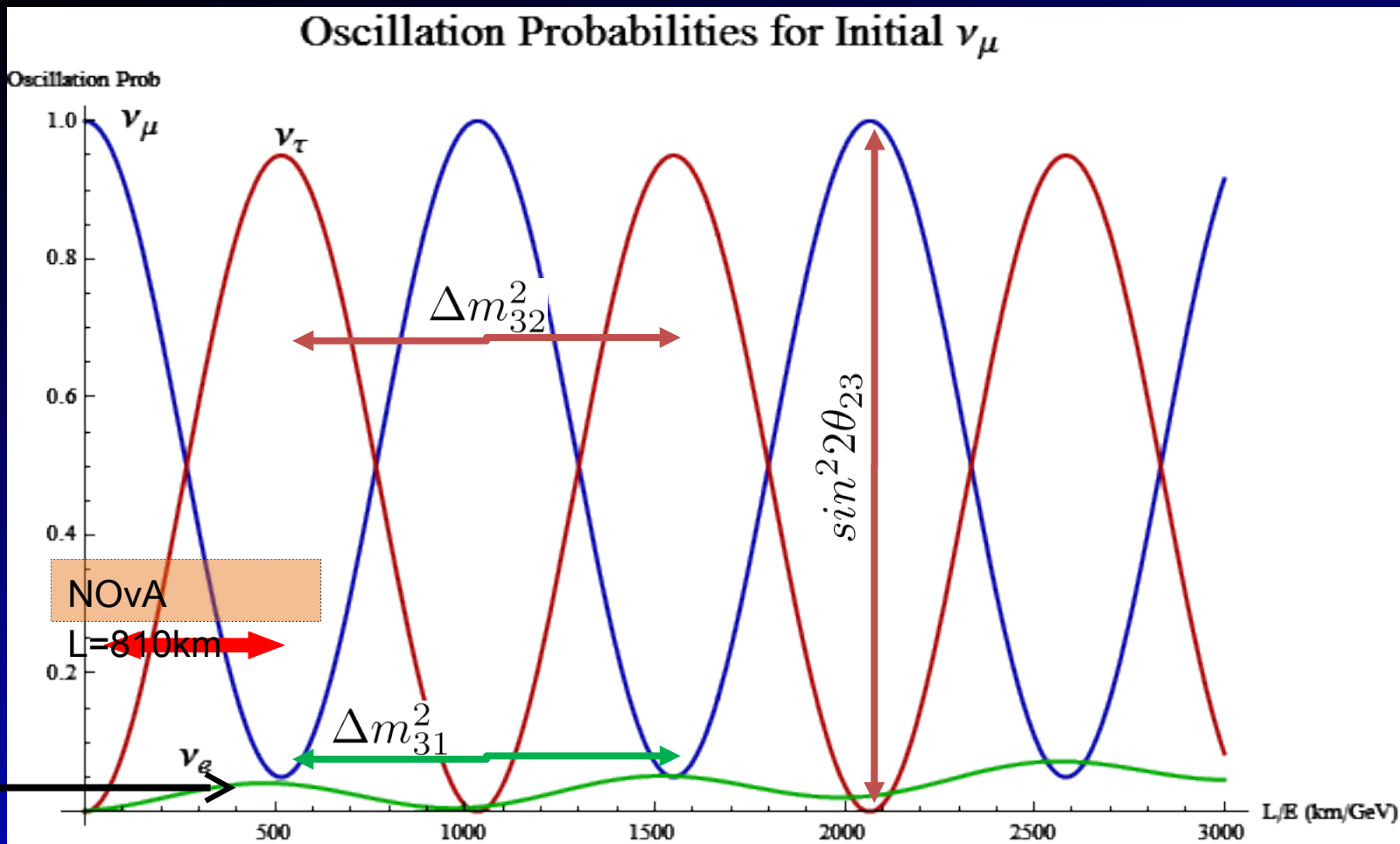
typically  
small

Pint depends  
on  $\theta_{13}$ , CP  
phase, and  
neutrino or  
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# Appearance Rates

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MINOS, NOvA, T2K,

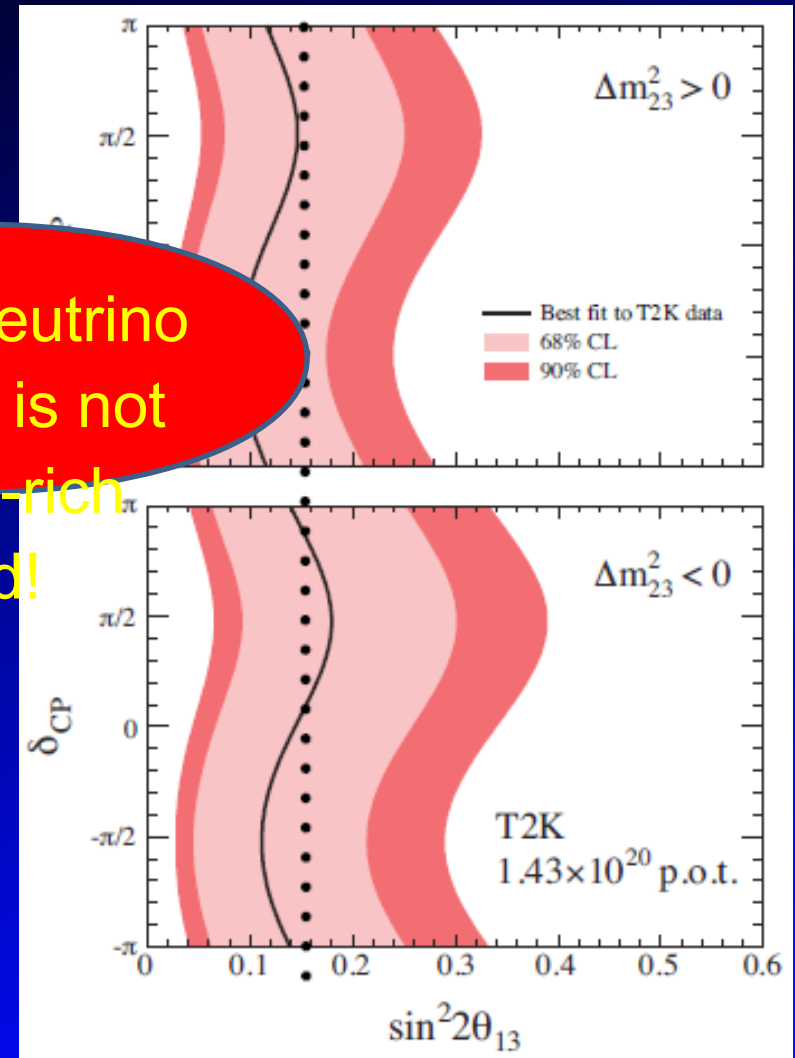
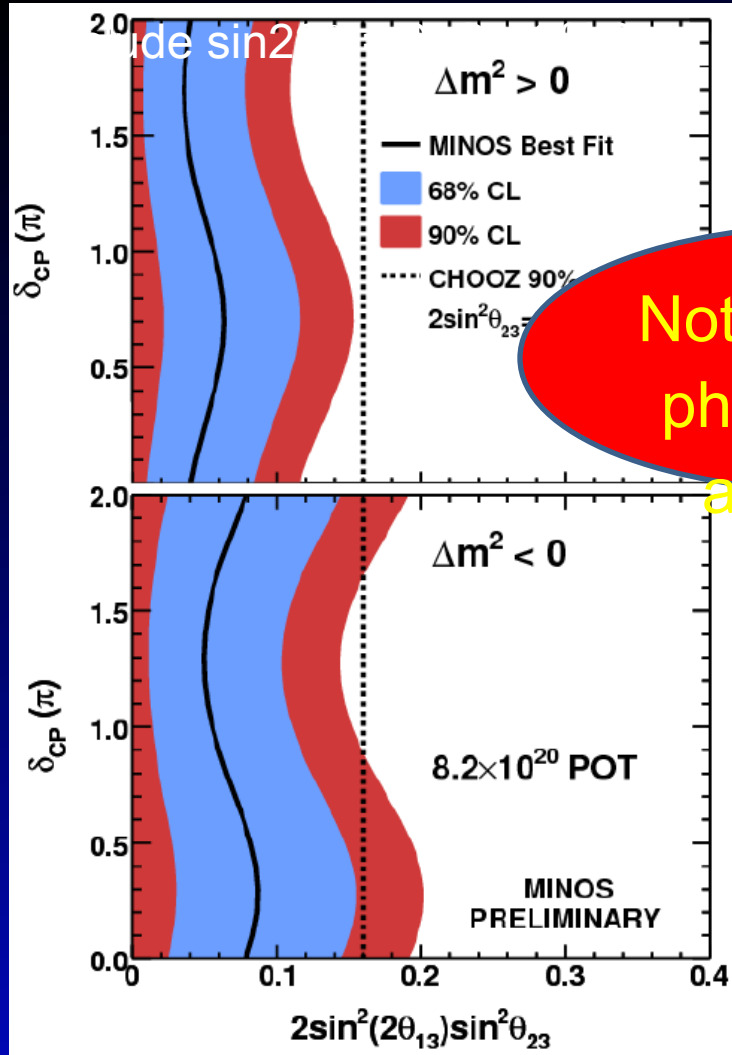
etc



# Hot Off the Press News on $\theta_{13}$ !

MINOS: observe 62, expect 50 evts

T2K: observe 6, expect 1.5 evts

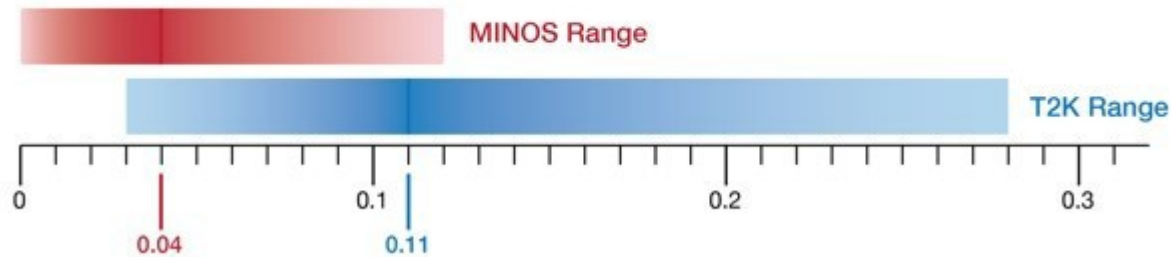


Note: Neutrino physics is not a data-rich field!

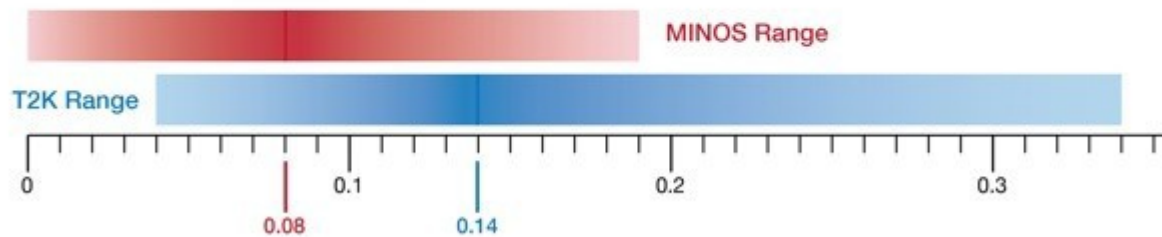
a data-rich field!

# Hot Off the Press News on $\theta_{13}$ !

## Neutrino Mixing Angle - $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ Normal Neutrino Mass Hierarchy



## Neutrino Mixing Angle - $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ Inverted Neutrino Mass Hierarchy



# What Remains to be Learned?

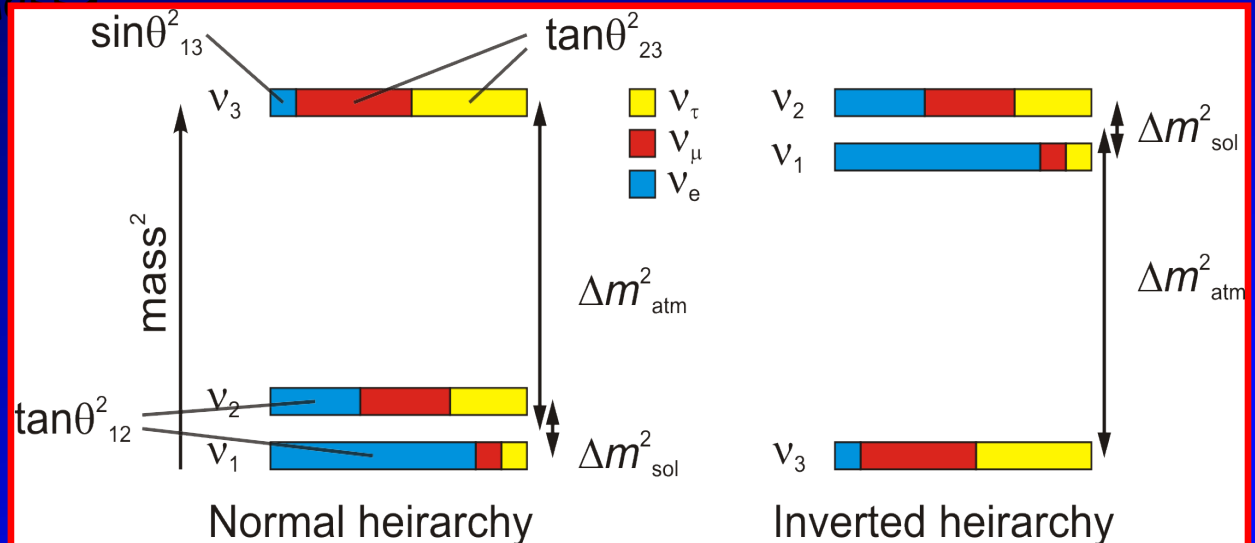
- What is the value of  $\theta_{13}$ , the amount of  $\nu_e$  in  $\nu_3$ ?
  - Impacts mass hierarchy measurement
  - Impacts CP-violation search
- Is the mass hierarchy normal or inverted?
- Is  $\theta_{23}$  maximal (45 degrees)? if so, why?
- Are neutrinos and anti-neutrinos different?
- Do neutrinos respect CP? If not, is CP violation in the neutrino sector responsible for the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the universe?
- What is the neutrino mass?



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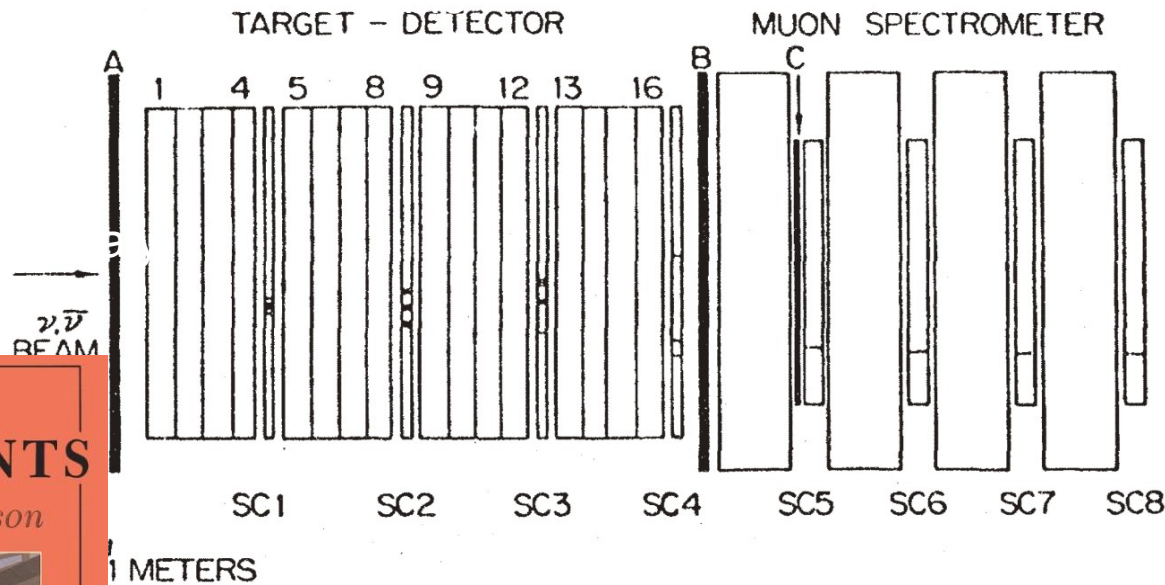
# The Past

# Fermilab has Long History of $\nu$ Physics

- Last fixed target neutrino experiments: DONUT
- DONUT:  $\nu\tau$  discovery
- NuTeV:  $\sin^2\theta_W$

## Fermilab E1

### FIRST HWPF DETECTOR



### DONUT



## How EXPERIMENTS END

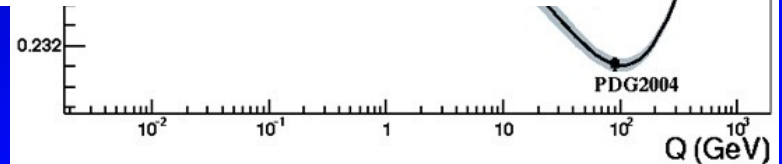
*Peter Galison*



### Observation of Muonless Neutrino-Induced Inelastic Interactions

Antoni, D. C. Cheng,\* D. Cline, W. T. Ford, R. Imlay, T. Y. Ling, A. K. Mann, F. Messing, R. L. Piccioni, J. Pilcher,† D. D. Reeder, C. Rubbia, R. Stefanski, and L. Sulak  
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 (Received 3 August 1973)

We report the observation of inelastic interactions induced by high-energy neutrinos and antineutrinos in which no muon is observed in the final state. A possible, but by no means unique, interpretation of this effect is the existence of a neutral weak current.



# The Present

# Fermilab has built two new Neutrino Beams

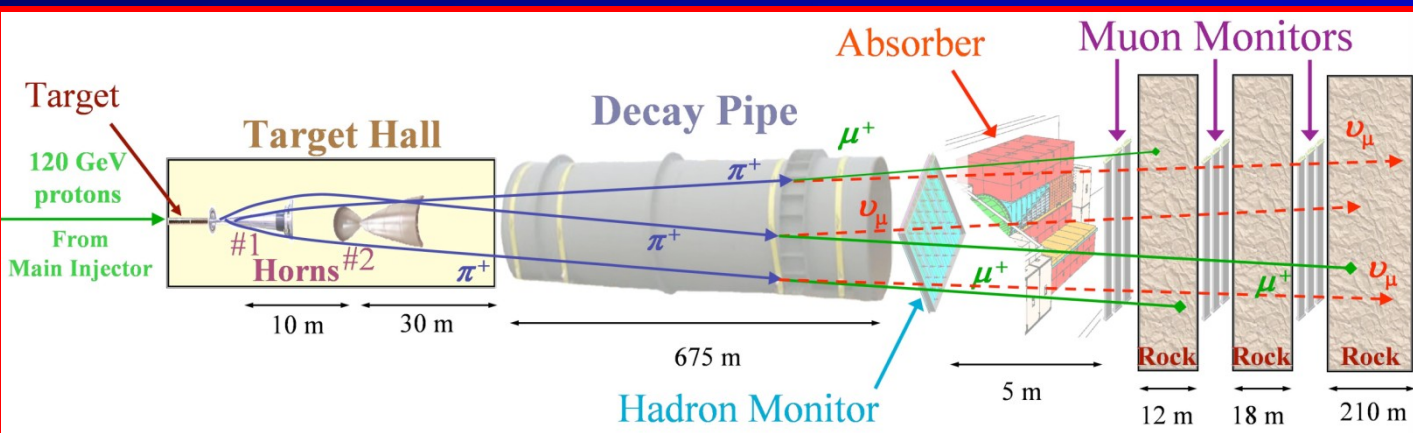
## Main Injector Beam (NUMI)

- Beam
  - 120 GeV protons
  - $4.5 \times 10^{13}$  p/2.2 s (0.320 MW)
- Experiments:
  - MINOS (running)
  - ArgoNeuT (running)
  - MINERvA (running)
  - NOvA (construction)

## Booster Beam

- Beam:
  - 8 GeV protons
  - $4 \times 10^{12}$  p/0.20 s
- Experiments:
  - MiniBooNE (running)
  - SciBooNE (just completed)

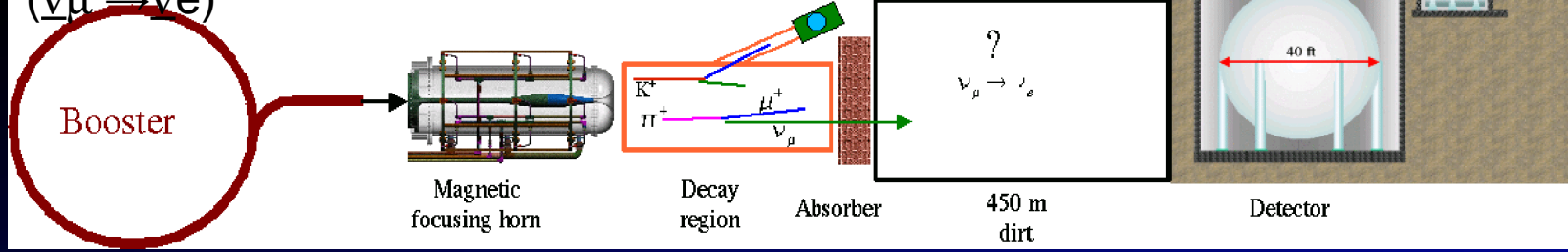
We use beam power because  $\sigma(\nu)$  is small



# MiniBooNE

Appearance Experiment:  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$

( $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ )



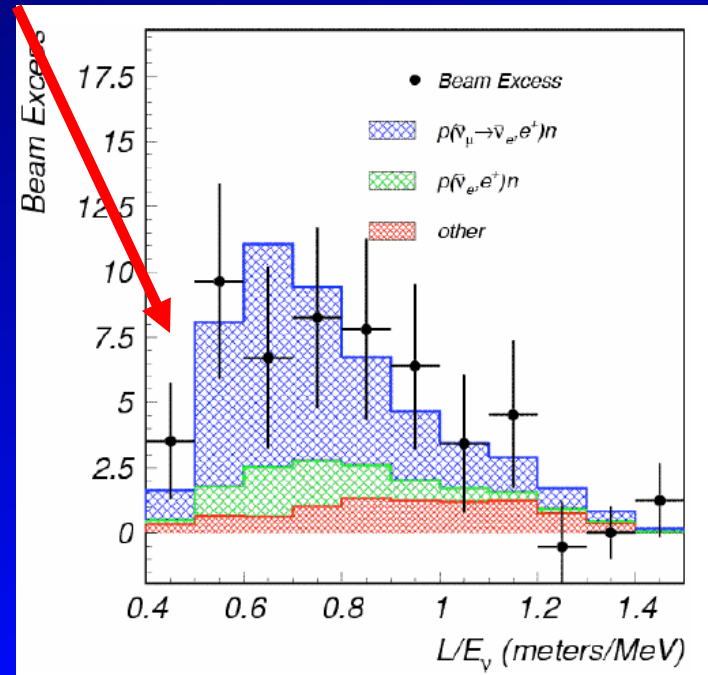
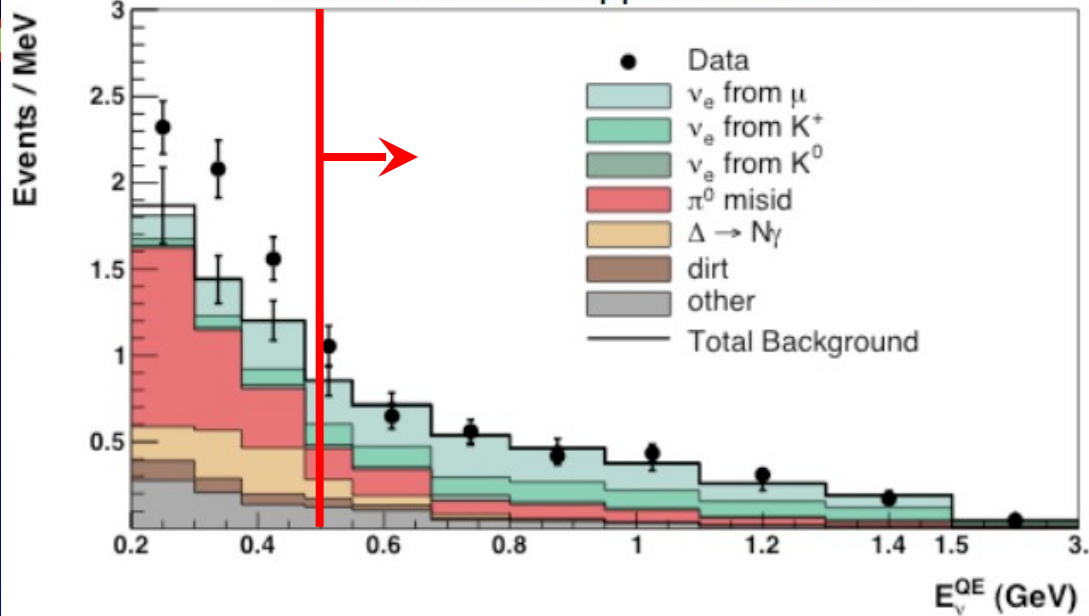
Running through 2011

Find low-energy excess

Oscillated

Rules out LSND result

MiniBooNE  $\nu_e$  Appearance Result





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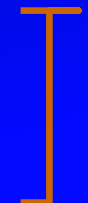
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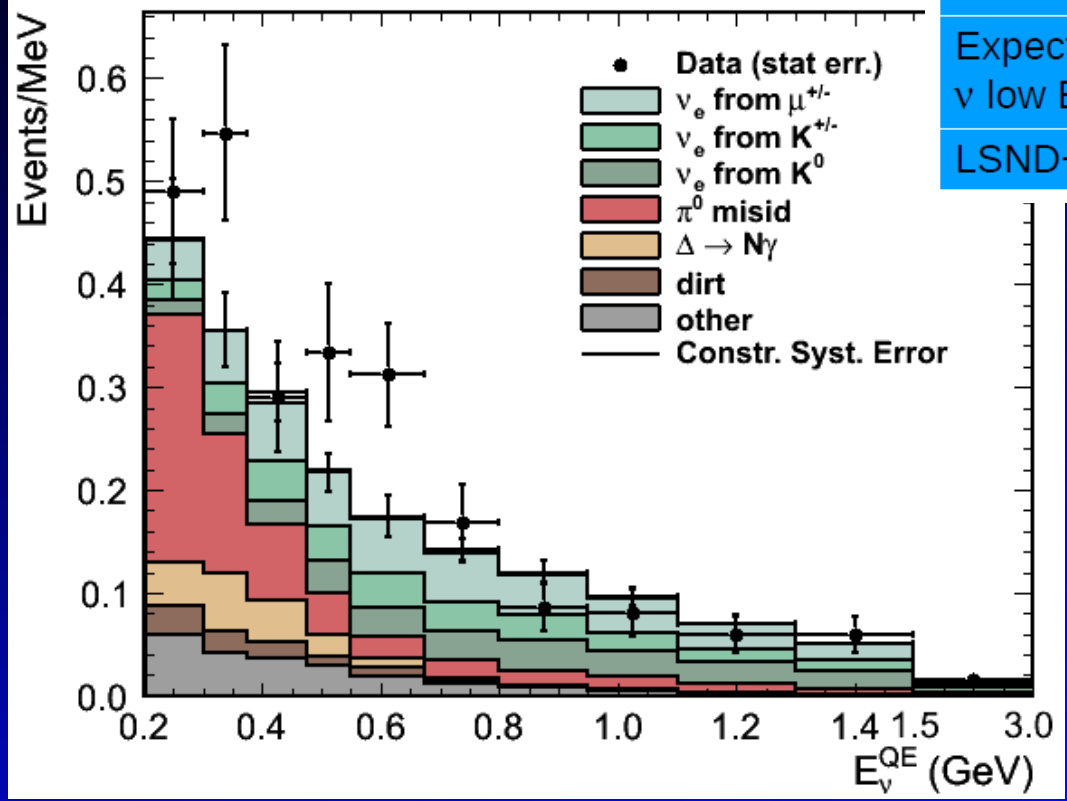
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# MiniBooNE: anti- $\nu_e$ Appearance

Both low and energy excess!

	200-475MeV	475-1250MeV
Data	119	120
MC	100.5±14.3	99.1±14.0
Excess	18.5±14.3	20.9±14.0
LSND Best Fit	7.6	22
Expectation from $\nu$ low E excess	11.6	0
LSND+Low E	19.2	22



Fluctuation?: 1.6%  
3.0%

No good explanation of excess has been given

# MINOS (Main Injector Neutrino Oscillation Search)

## Detector:

- NUMI beam
- Long baseline: 735 km
- 5.4 kt far detector, 1kt near
- Optimized for  $\nu_{\mu}$  disappearance
- Sampling 2.54 cm Fe / 1.0 cm scint.

## Goals:

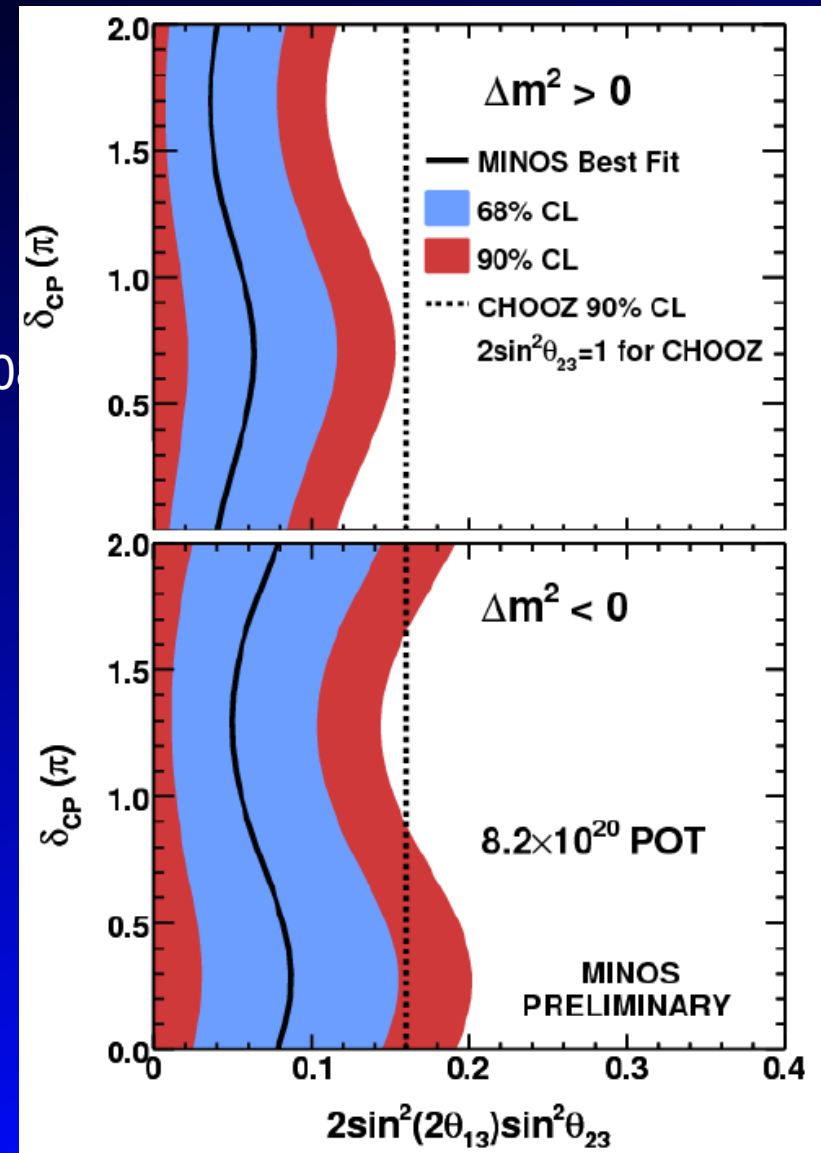
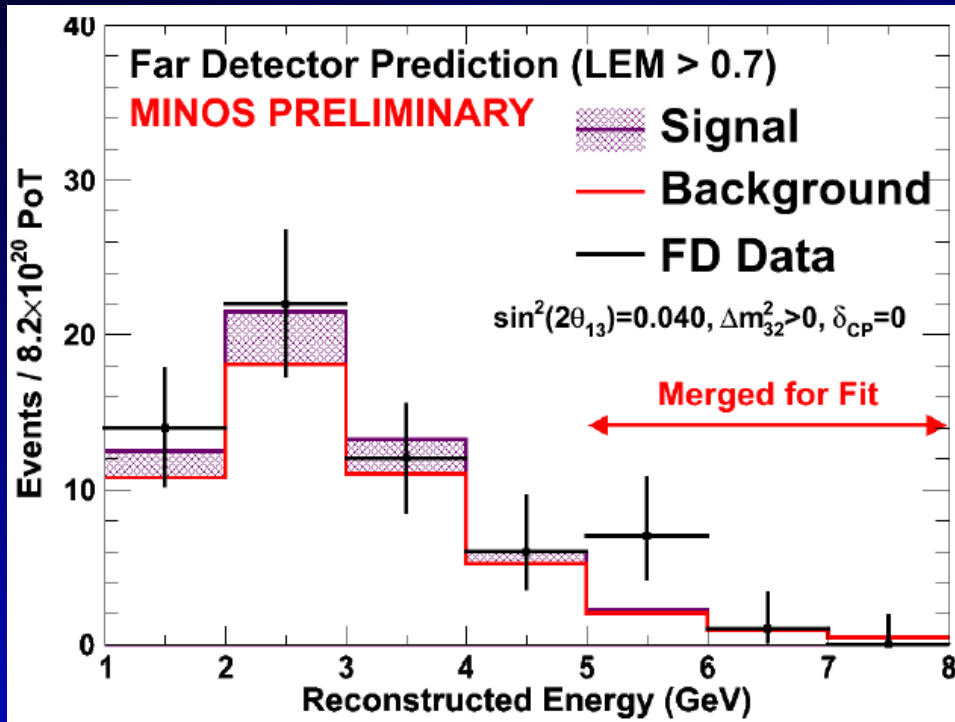
- Make precision measurements of  $\Delta m_{232}^2$  and  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$
- Confirm oscillations vs decay/decoherence
- Compare  $\nu$  vs anti- $\nu$  oscillations

Magnetic field: sign of charge



# MINOS: $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$

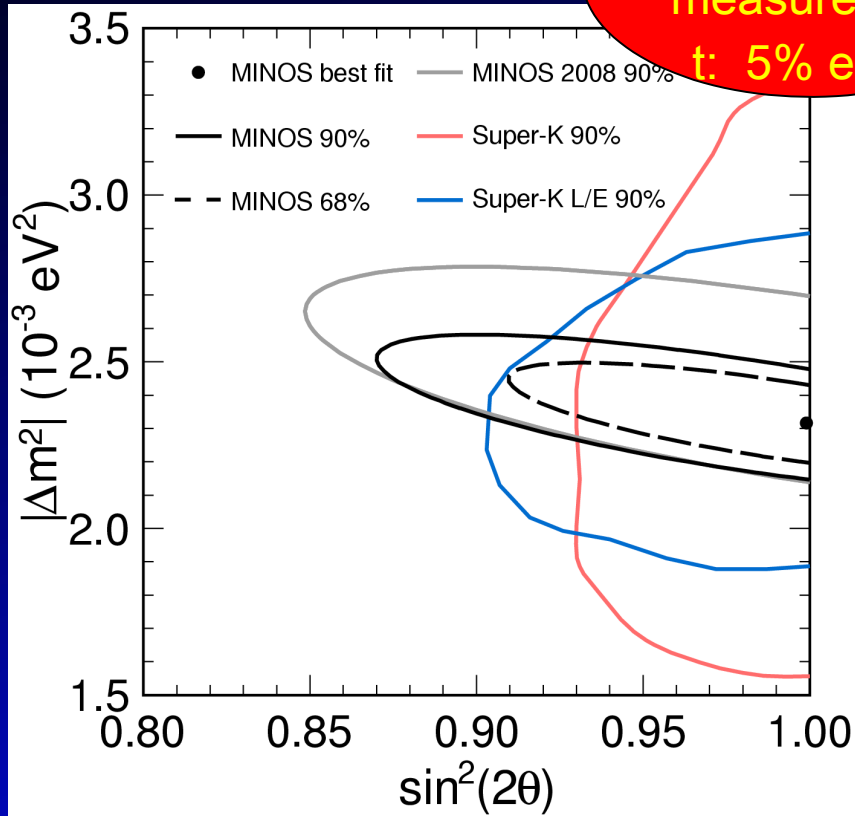
- $8.2 \times 10^{20}$  POT
- Observe 62 events after cuts
- Expect  $49.5 \pm 7(\text{stat}) \pm 2.8(\text{sys})$  background events
- $1.7\sigma$  excess
- Best fit normal (inverted):  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.04$  ( $0.0$ )



# MINOS: $\nu_\mu$ Disappearance



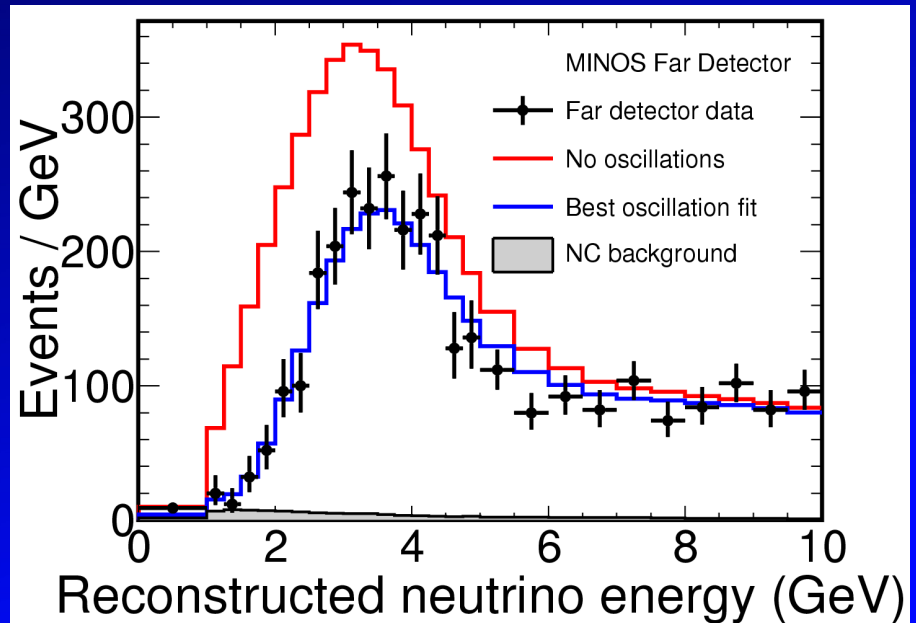
Most precise measurement: 5% error



Decoherence disfavored at  $8.8\sigma$



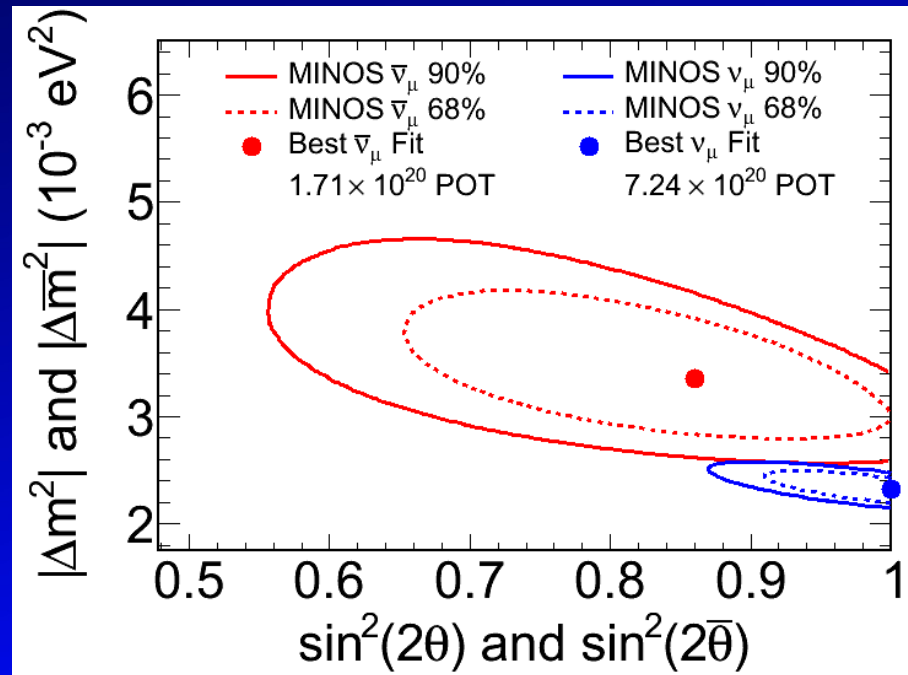
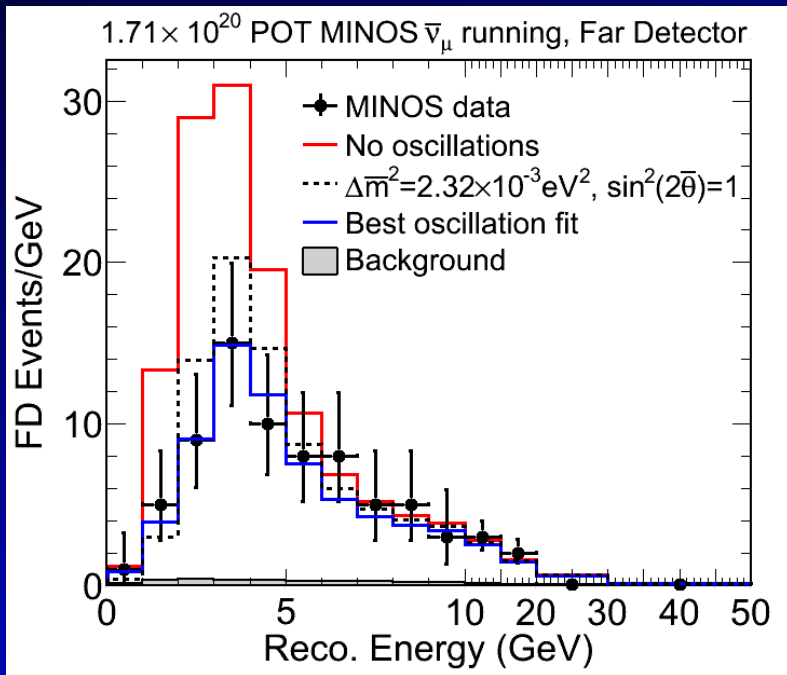
Decay disfavored at  $6.8\sigma$



# MINOS: anti- $\nu_\mu$ Disappearance



What is happening here!  
5% chance they are consistent!

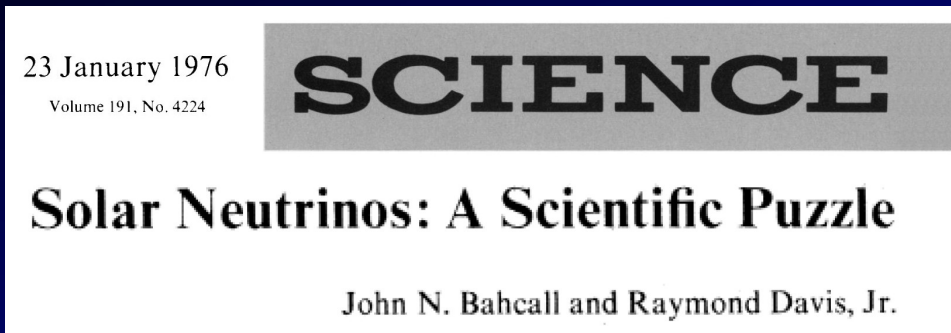




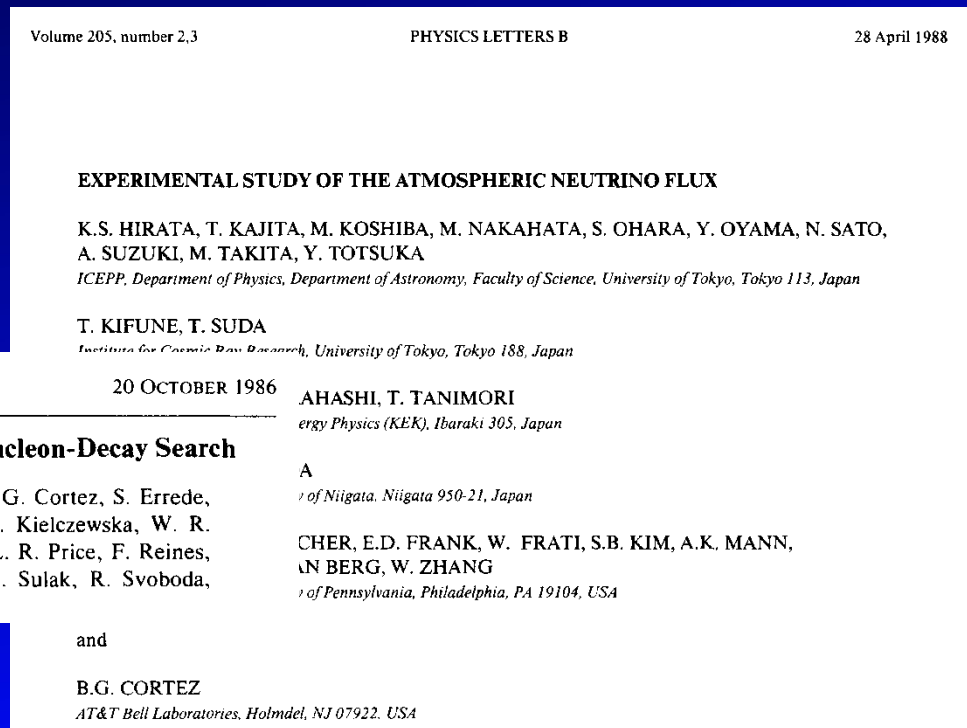
# Beware: Neutrino Anomalies can be Important!

Beta-decay anomaly J. Chadwick, *Verh. d. Deutsch. Phys. Ges.* 16, 383, 1914.

Solar neutrino anomaly



Atmospheric  $\nu_\mu/\nu_e$  anomaly in  
proton decay experiments



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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

### Calculation of Atmospheric Neutrino-Induced Backgrounds in a Nucleon-Decay Search

T. J. Haines, R. M. Bionta, G. Blewitt, C. B. Bratton, D. Casper, R. Claus, B. G. Cortez, S. Errede, G. W. Foster, W. Gajewski, K. S. Ganezer, M. Goldhaber, T. W. Jones, D. Kielczewska, W. R. Kropp, J. G. Learned, E. Lehmann, J. M. LoSecco, J. Matthews, H. S. Park, L. R. Price, F. Reines, J. Schultz, S. Seidel, E. Shumard, D. Sinclair, H. W. Sobel, J. L. Stone, L. Sulak, R. Svoboda, J. C. van der Velde, and C. Wuest



# The Immediate Future

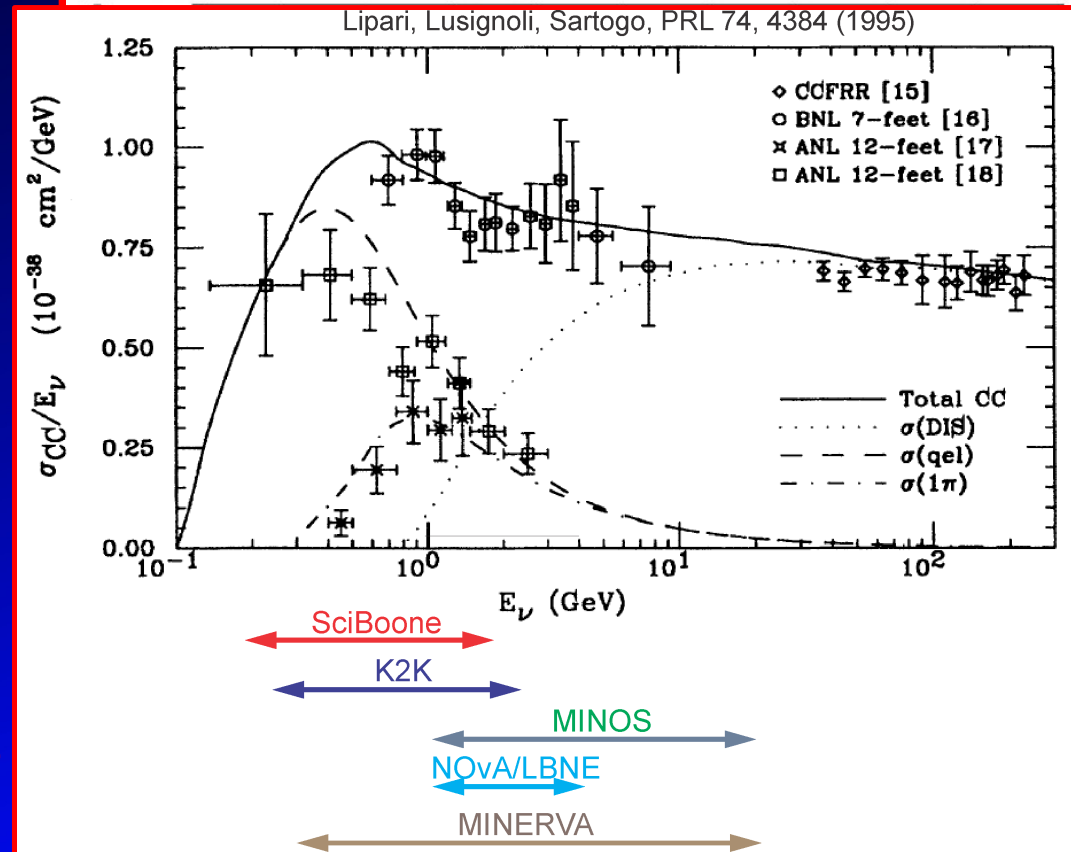
# MINERvA: Physics Goals

- All accelerator long-baseline experiments need energies from  $\sim 0.5$  GeV to several GeV
- Neutrino cross sections poorly known at low energies
  - mostly old bubble-chamber data
  - NC cross sections known to  $\sim 50\%$  at best
- Neutral current  $\pi^0$  is a major background to  $\nu_e$  appearance experiments
- MINERvA plans to measure neutrino nucleus cross sections with unprecedented statistics from 1 – 20 GeV
  - 5% on CC
  - 5% flux error not included

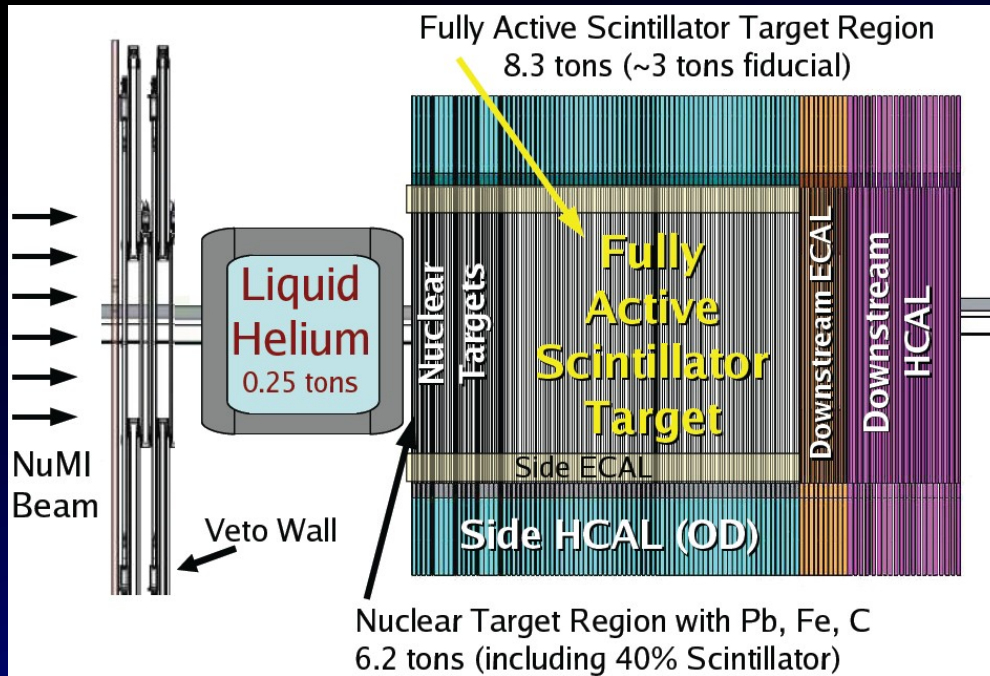
## Main Injector Experiment for

$\nu_e$

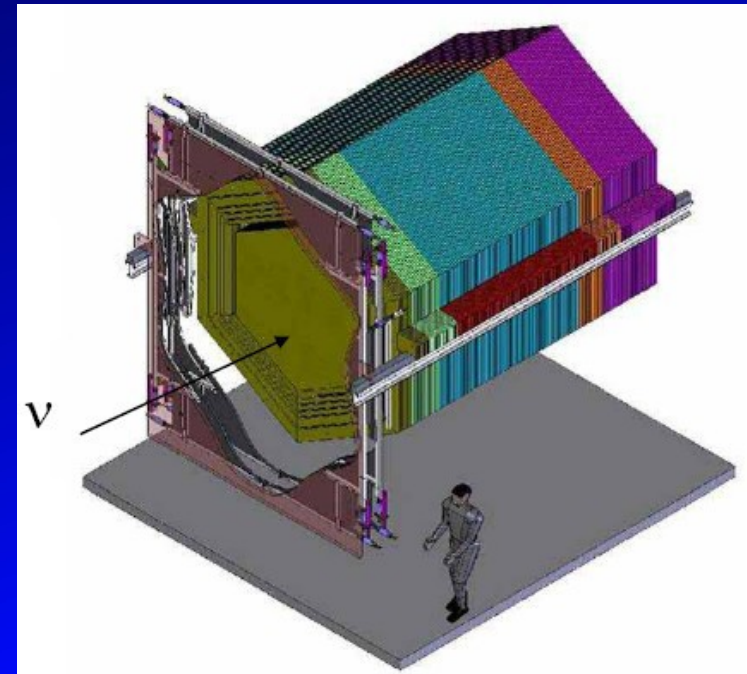
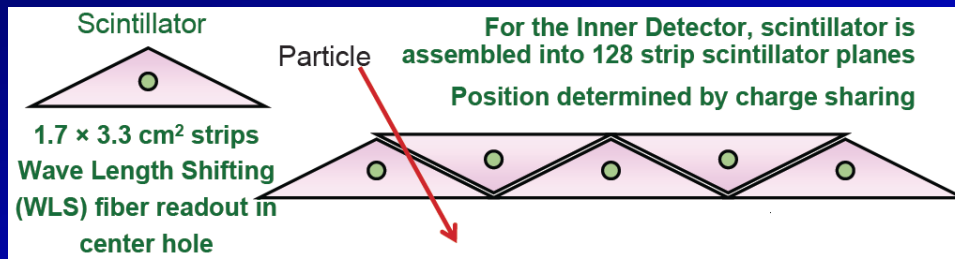
Note: MiniBooNE, SciBooNE (K2K, NOvA) making these measurements as well



# MINERvA: Detector



- Fully active segmented scintillator detector: 5.87 tons
- Nuclear targets: He, C, Fe and Pb
- MINOS Near Detector as muon catcher
- Installed and taking data!

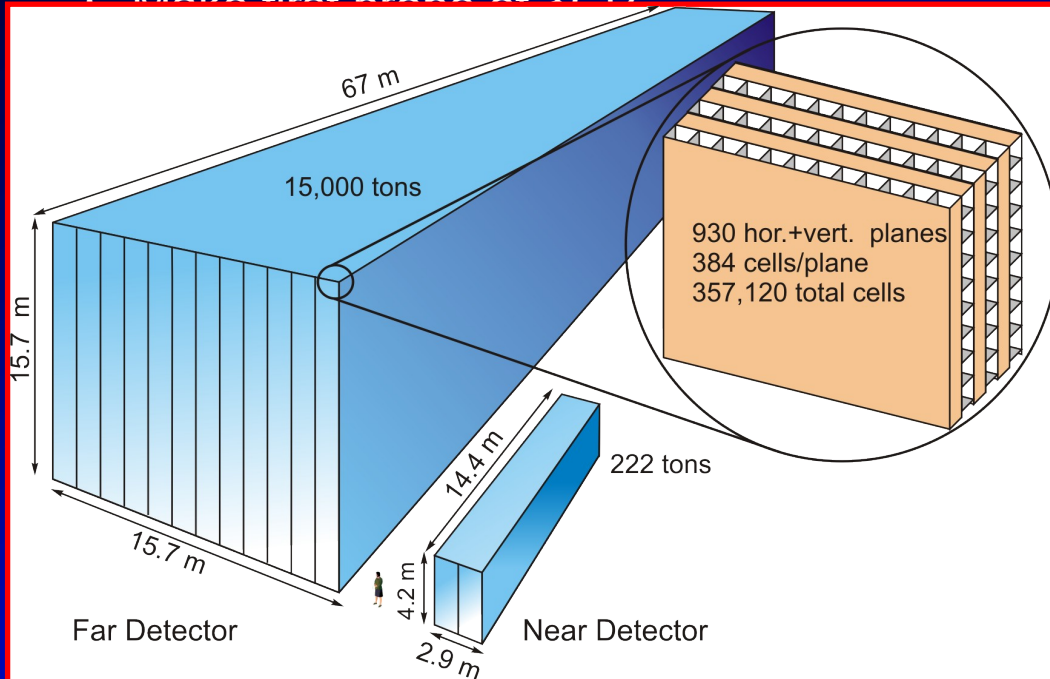


# NOvA

- Second generation experiment in the NUMI beamline
- Fully active detector optimized for detection of  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  oscillations
- Goals:



- Observe  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  oscillations
- Measure  $\theta_{13}$
- Measure  $\theta_{23}$
- Determine mass hierarchy
- Make first probe of SQR





# The NOvA Collaboration

180 Scientists & Engineers from  
26 Institutions

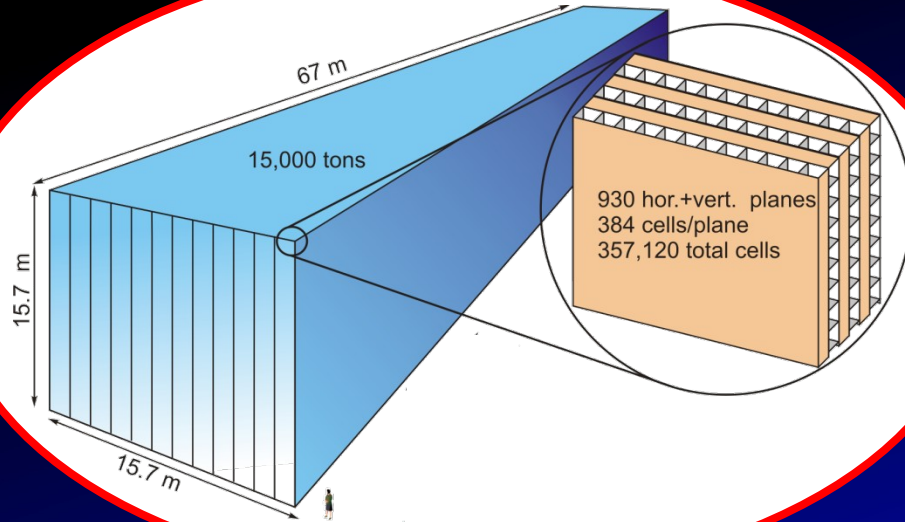
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University of Minnesota, Duluth  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis  
The Institute of Nuclear Research,  
Moscow  
Technische Universität München

State University of New York, Stony  
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Northwestern University  
University of South Carolina  
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Stanford University  
University of Tennessee  
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University of Virginia  
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Wichita State University



# Three Parts to NOvA

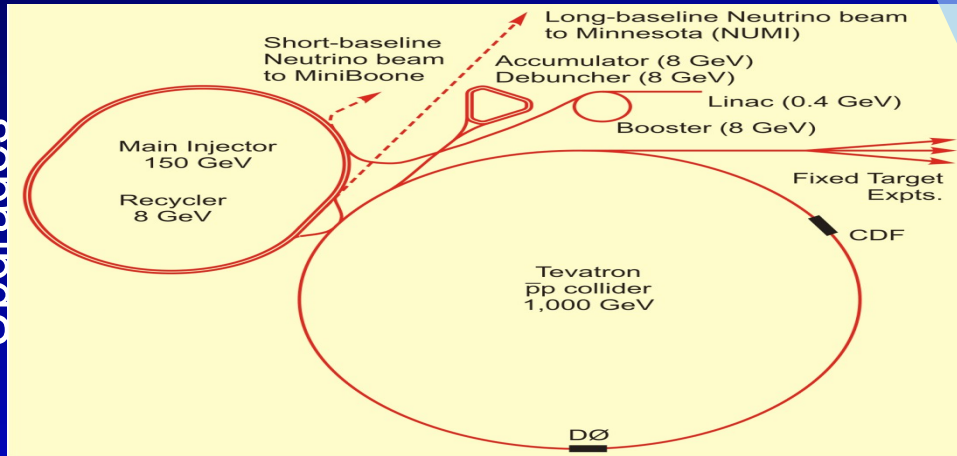
Far Detector



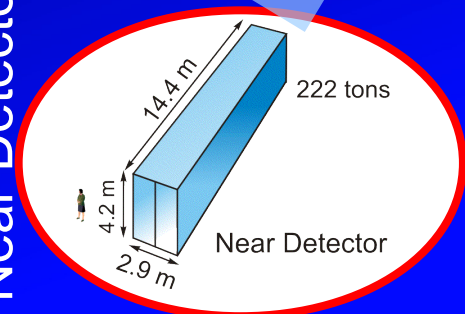
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Neutrino Beam Upgrades

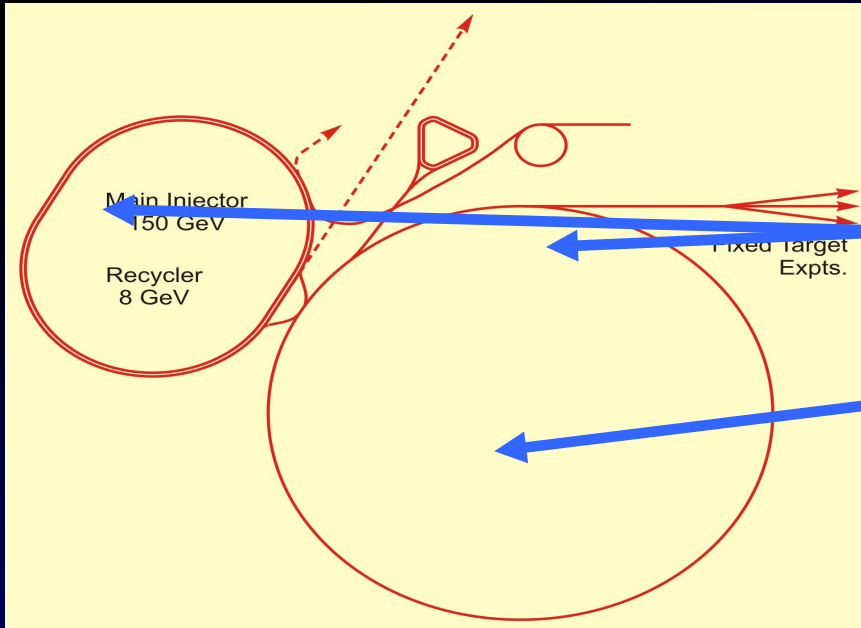


Near Detector





# Neutrino Beam Upgrades: ANU



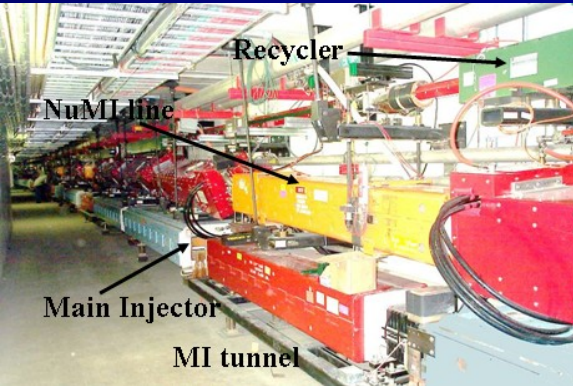
• Turn Recycler from an anti-proton storage ring into a proton storage ring/pre-injector for the Main Injector

1. Need a new injection and a new extraction lines from Recycler to Main Injector with Fast kickers

2. Shorten MI cycle time with RF upgrade

3. Upgrade NUMI to handle more beam power and faster cycle time

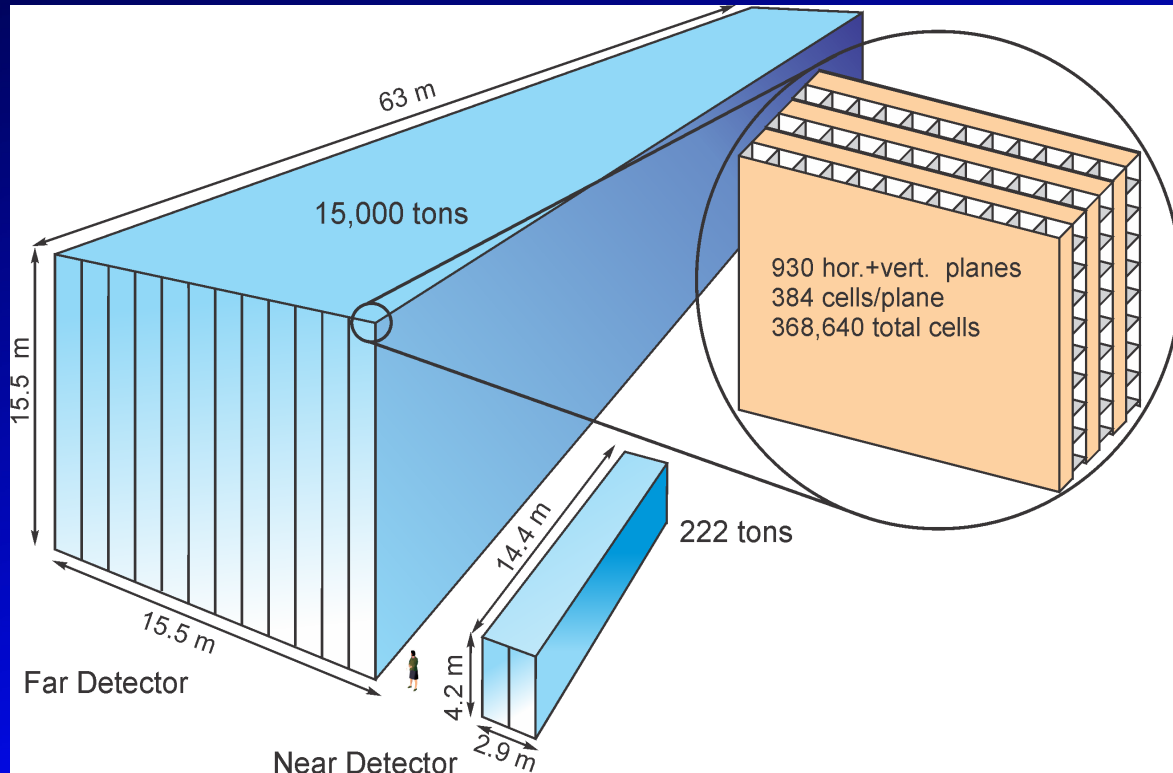
Doubles present NUMI beam power!



	NOvA TDR	Slip stacking in MI	Slip stacking in Recycler
8 GeV Intensity (p/batch)	4.3-4.5 x 10 <sup>12</sup>	4.3 x 10 <sup>12</sup>	4.3 x 10 <sup>12</sup>
Number of 8 GeV batches	7	11	12
MI Cycle Time	2.4 s	2.2 s	1.3 s
MI Intensity (ppp)	3.3 x 10 <sup>13</sup>	4.5 x 10 <sup>13</sup>	4.9 x 10 <sup>13</sup>
NUMI Beam Power (kW)	192	320	700
NUMI Protons per Year	2 x 10 <sup>20</sup>	4 x 10 <sup>20</sup>	6 x 10 <sup>20</sup>

# NOvA Far Detector

- 15 kTons
- Fine-grained sampling EM calorimeter: 73% liquid scintillator, 27% PVC
  - Fine-grained sampling: 4 cm x 4cm x 0.15 X0
  - $\sigma(E)/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E}$  for  $\nu_e$  CC events
  - $\nu_e$  efficiency:  $\sim 35\%$
- 930 planes: alternating vertical and horizontal cells
- 368,640 cells
- 16 x 16 x 63 m<sup>3</sup>





# NOVA Far Detector Siting: Longitudinal Distance

Mass ordering sensitivity (matter effect) dictates placing the detector as far as practical from Fermilab: Ash River, Minnesota, 810 km baseline

Redirecting the NUMI beam not an option: too \$\$\$

Furthest point north in US accessible by road.



Far Detector:  
June 26, 2011

Fermilab

National park

Fermilab



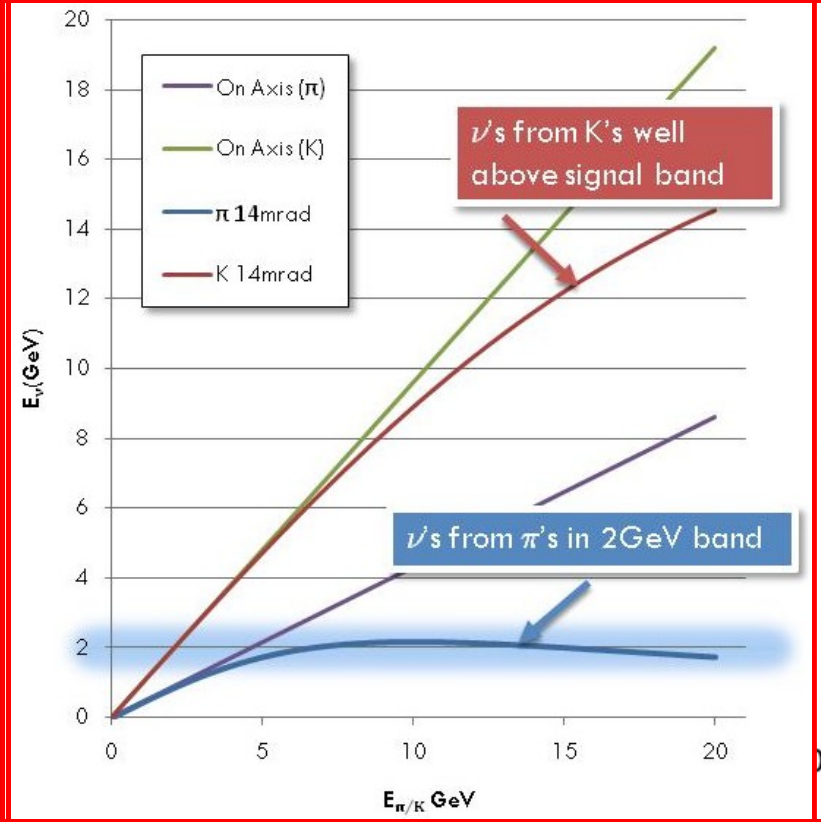
# NOvA: Far Detector Building



- Building completed
- 471' (350') long x 63' wide x 71' high (below grade)
- Sized for 18 kt detector
- \$15.8 less than baseline!
- This fall: start installing the detector

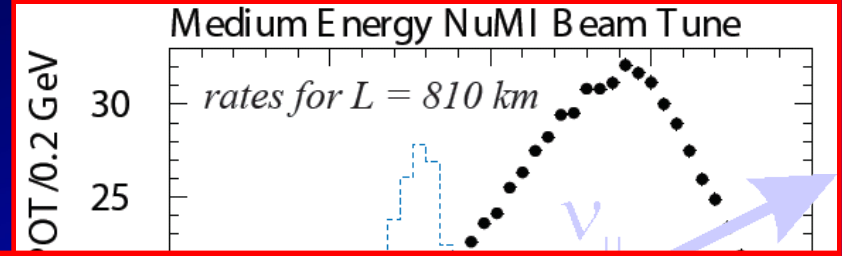


# NOvA Far Detector Siting: Off-Axis Distance



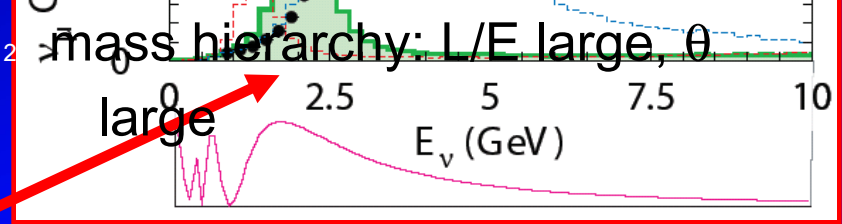
## Advantages of going Off-Axis

- Allows the central energy to be tuned to the desired value
- Reduces high-energy tail, which feeds down neutral current and  $\tau$  backgrounds
- Reduces  $\nu_e$  background from K decays



Off axis angle,  $\phi$ , is a compromise between optimizing measurements of:

1.  $\theta_{13}$ :  $\theta$  small



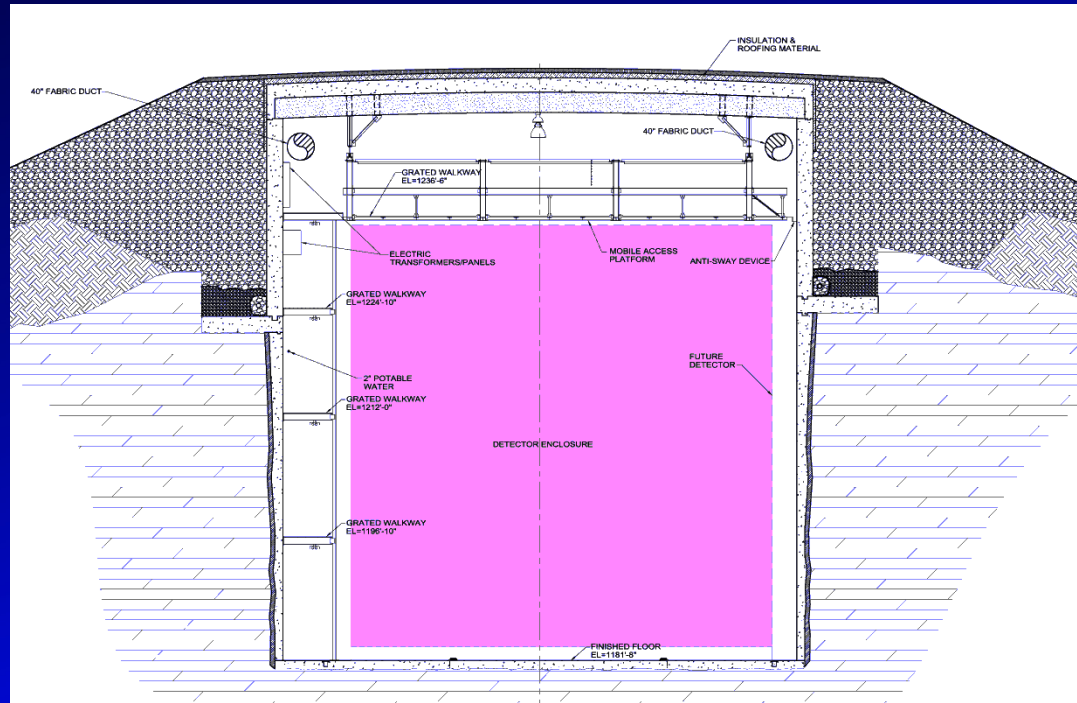
First oscillation maximum



# NOvA Far Detector Siting: Vertical Distance

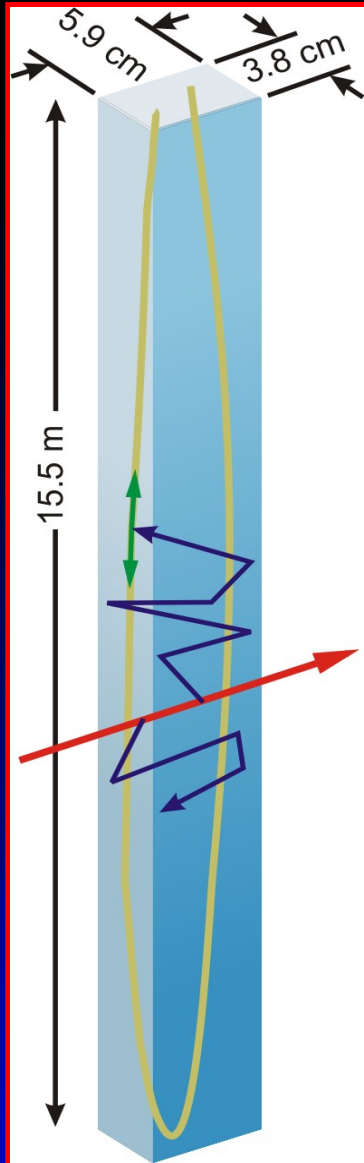
- NOvA is the first surface long-baseline oscillation experiment
- All previous long-baseline oscillation experiments have been deep underground: MINOS, Opera, SuperK, T2K, Kamland, SNO, etc.
- $1.2 \times 10^7$  spills/year
- $10 \mu\text{s}$  spill
- Only cosmic-ray gammas present a potential background to the  $\nu\mu \rightarrow \nu e$  signal
  - 12X0 of overburden: concrete and barite
  - 40' deep in solid granite
  - granite berm

120 s live time/year





# NOvA: Detector Element



· 3.8 cm x 5.9 cm x 15.5 m cell (walls 2 – 4.5 mm thick)

· 368,640 total cells

· Material:

- PVC loaded with 15% titanium dioxide  $\zeta$  highly reflective

· Liquid scintillator:

- Mineral oil: 3.9 million
- 4.1% pseudocumene
- Waveshifters: PPO, bis-MSB

· Fiber:

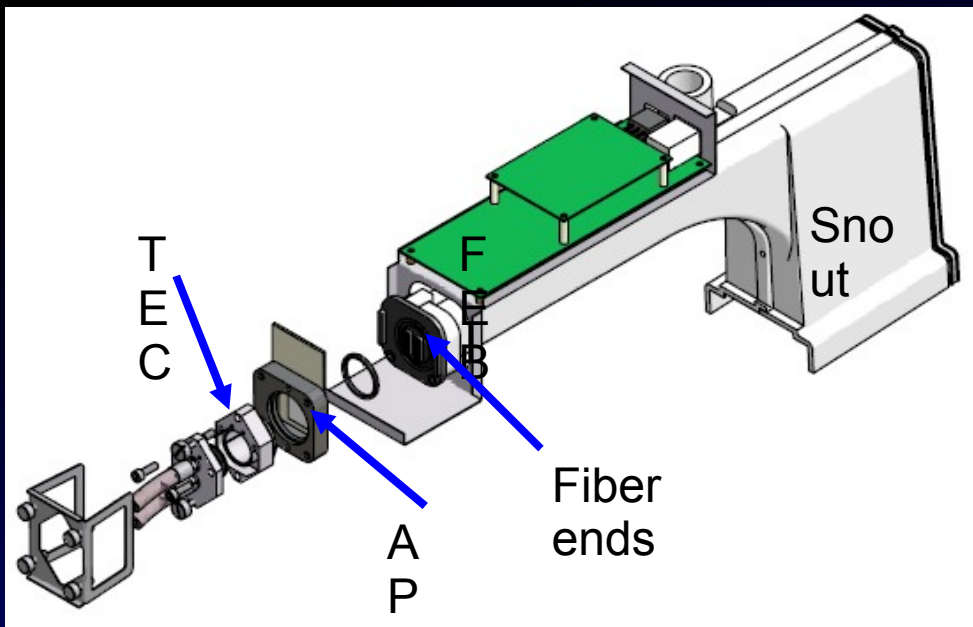
- Single fiber for each cell
- 0.7 mm, double-clad, 3
- 12,133 km
- Typically light takes 50 cm to find the fiber, with  $\sim 8$  reflections
- 10X attenuation for longest path length

1% change in

Longest thing you can put  
in an 18-wheeler

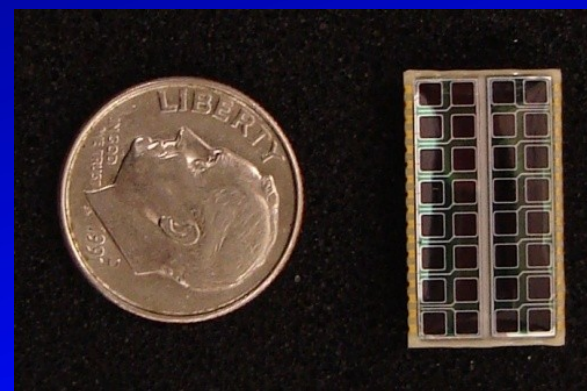
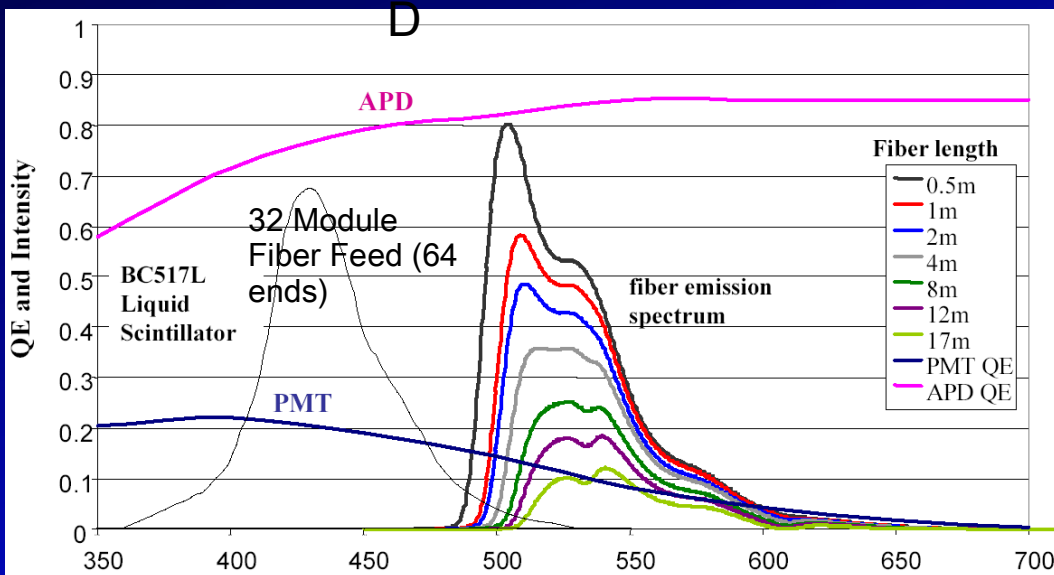


# NOvA: Front-End Electronics

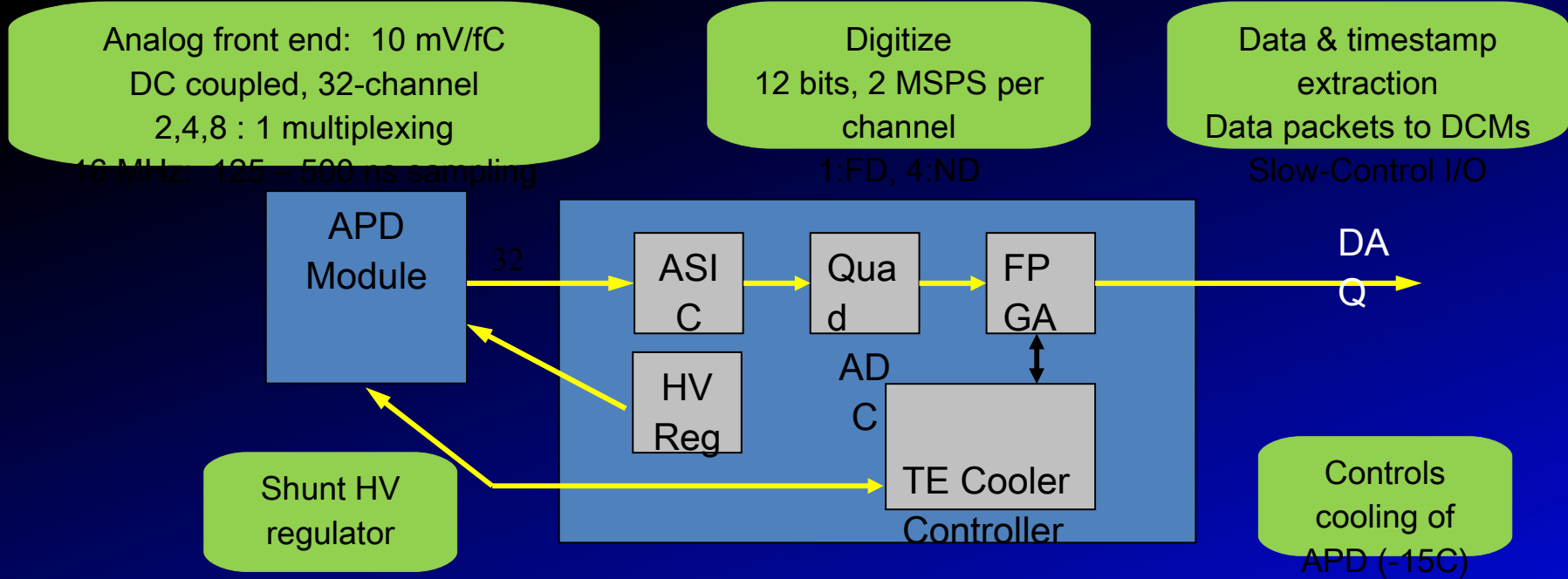


Photodetector:

- 32-pixel APD (Hamamatsu)
- 2 fibers per pixel
- Gain: 100X (@ ~400V)
- Cooling: -15C (thermoelectric cooler)
- Signal-to-noise: 10:1 (muon at far end)
- 11,160 needed (Far Detector)



# Front-end Electronics Block Diagram



# NOvA: Data Acquisition System

Font-end electronics run in continuous digitization mode

Data time-stamped at the FEB

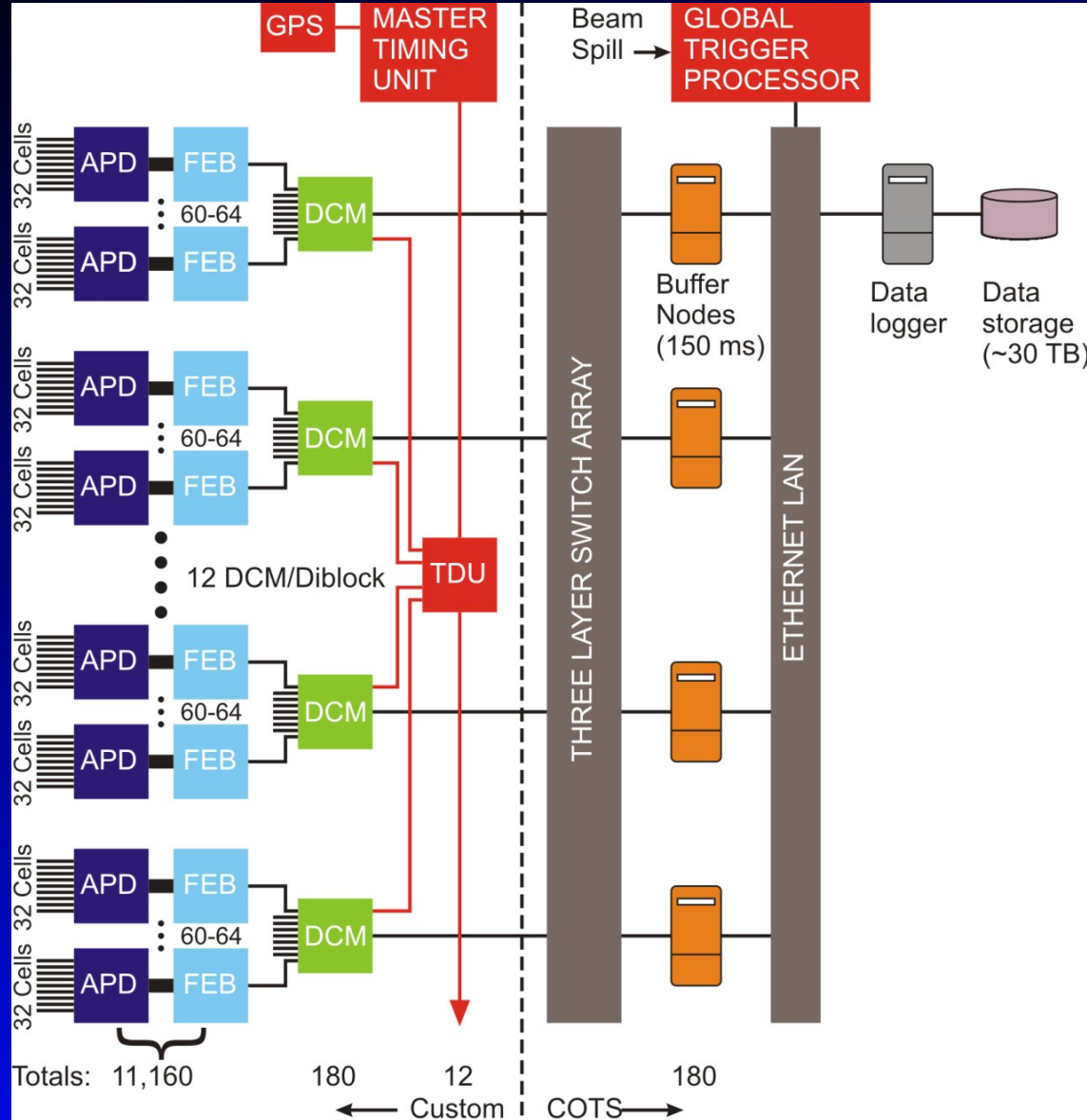
Data Concentrator Module (DCM) takes serial data from up to 64 FEBs and combines and packages it to be sent to the Buffer Nodes

Off-the-shelf gigabit Ethernet network + switches used to build the events

Triggers:

1. Delayed beam spill from Fermilab
2. Software data-driven trigger for exotics

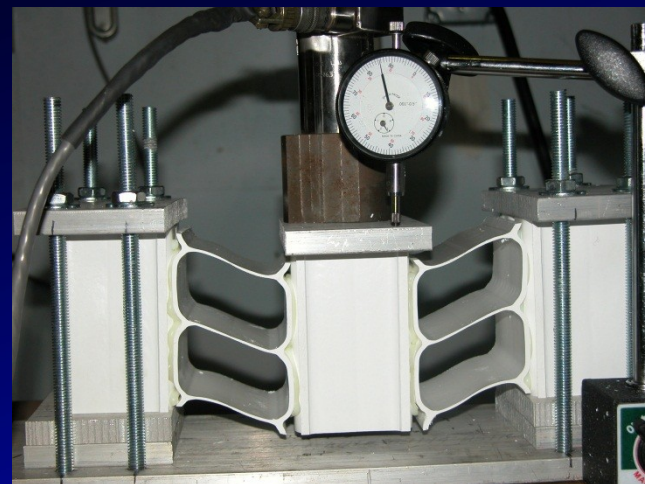
All hits in a  $30 \mu\text{s}$  window centered on the  $10 \mu\text{s}$  NUMI spill time stored



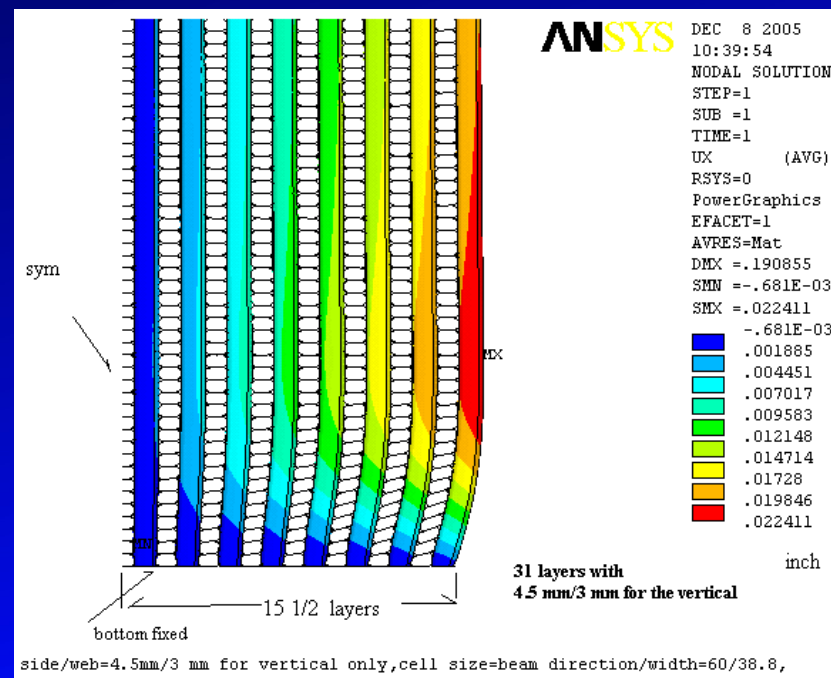
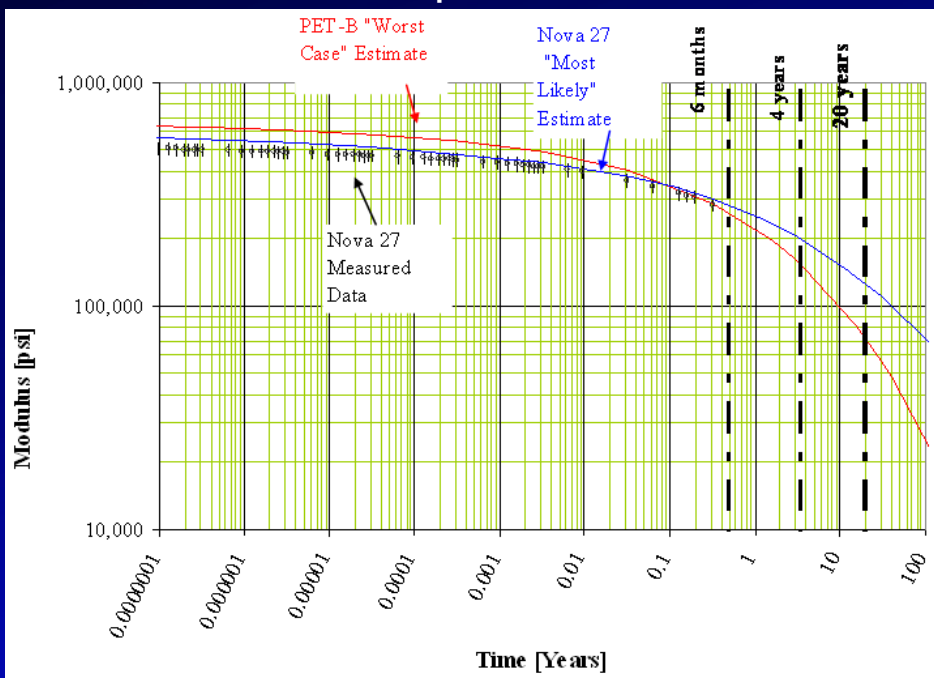


# NOvA: Detector Fabrication

- Largest plastic structure ever built
- Modules are glued to each other in 32-plane blocks: 30 total for 15 kT detector
- “Bookends” at either end
- Huge amount of engineering done to assure it will stand: estimate 20 years (without bookends).



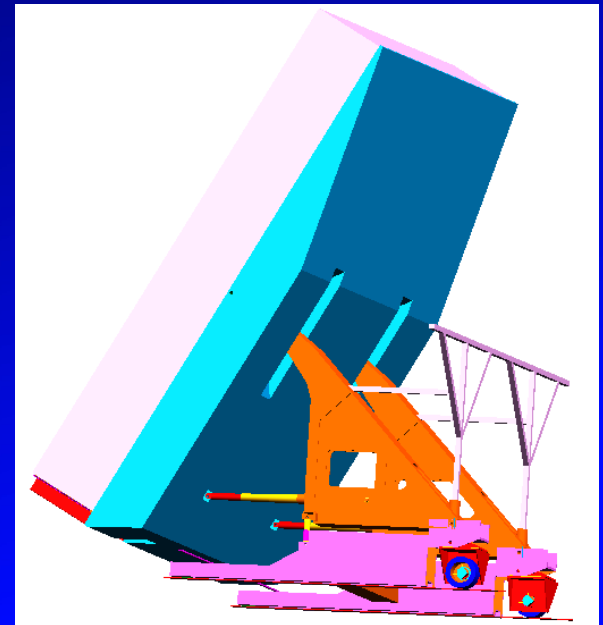
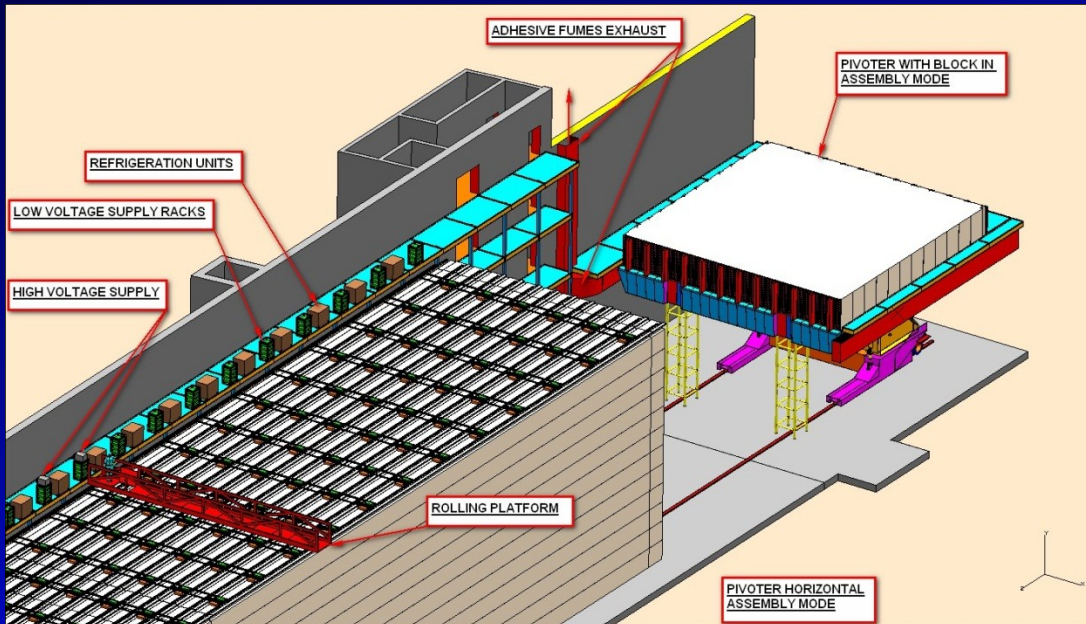
Creep Curve



# Block Fabrication at Ash River Site



- Modules shipped from Minnesota factory
- Glued together to form 12-module wide planes
- 32-planes glued together to form blocks
- Block pivoter moves blocks to detector
- After positioning at detector blocks are filled with scintillator



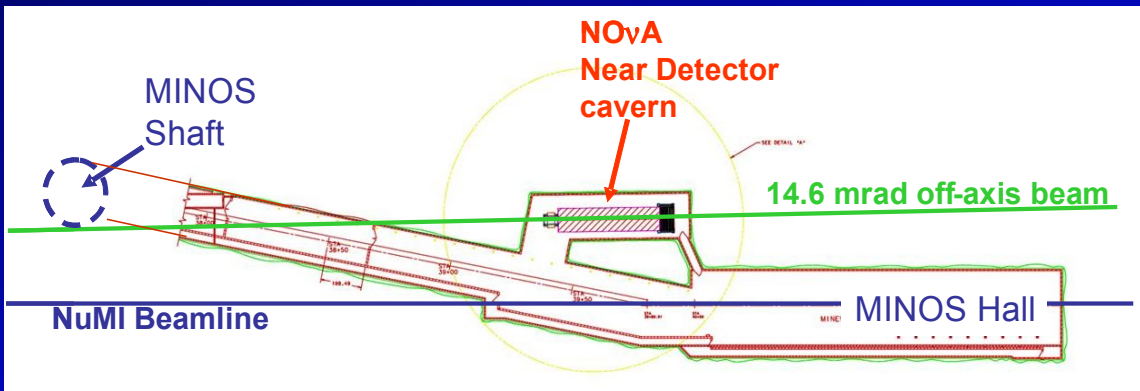
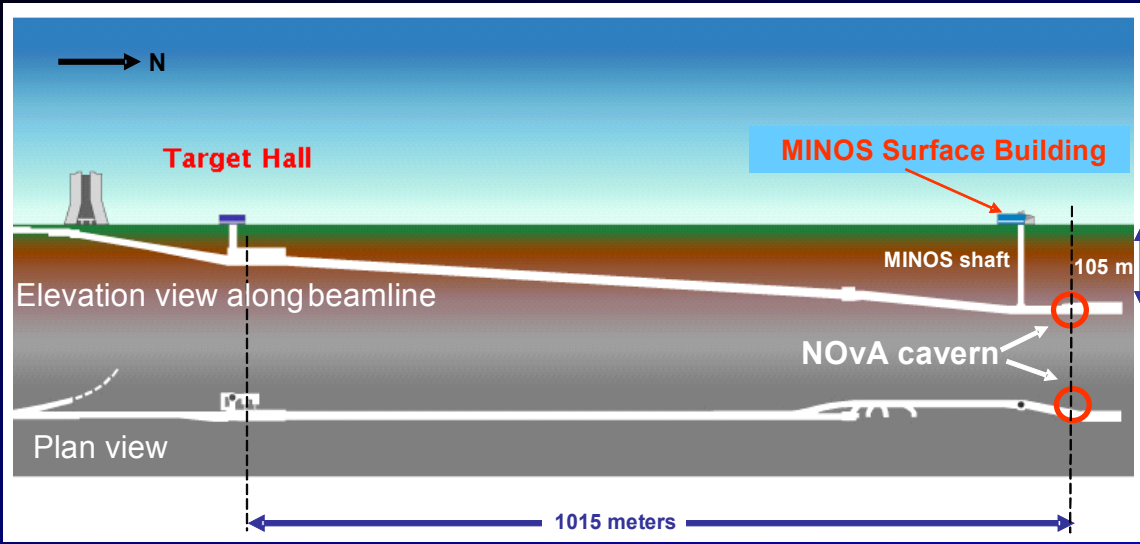


# Block Pivoter at CDF



# NOvA Near Detector

- Same technology as Far Detector
- 222 Ton mass
- Fabrication completed of surface prototype, which is currently taking data

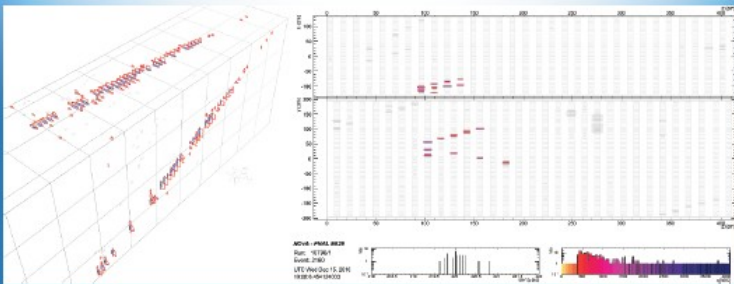




# Near Detector: First Events

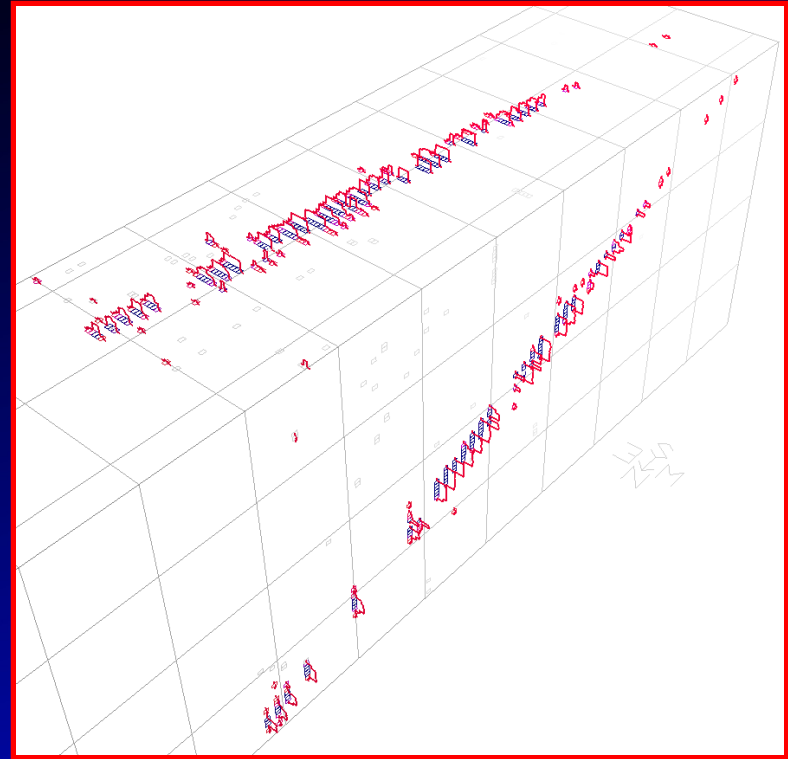


*Season's greetings  
from the  
NOvA collaboration*

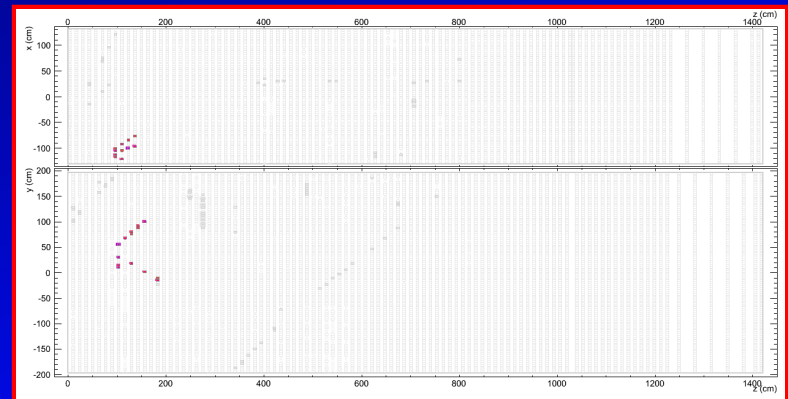


*A cosmic ray shower*

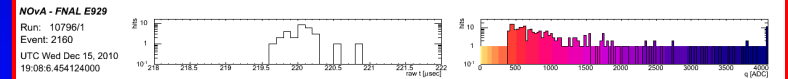
*Our first neutrino*



Cosmic Ray Shower

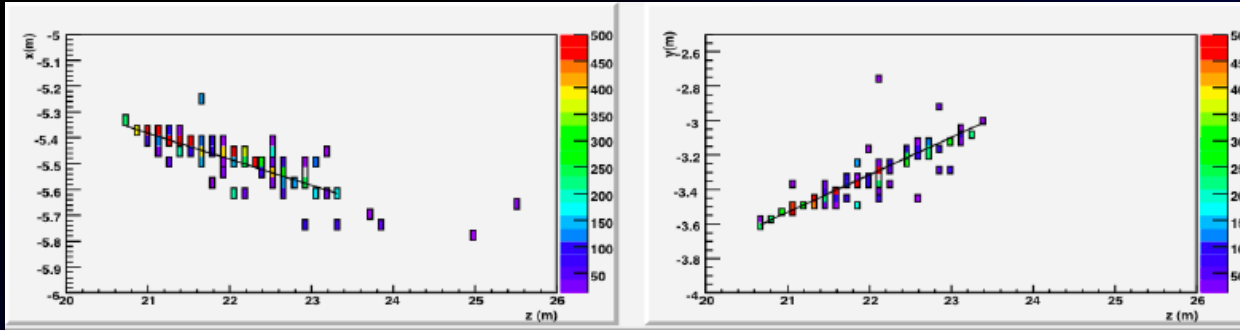


First Neutrino

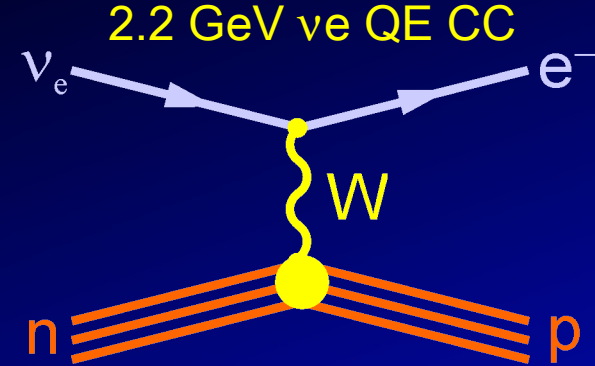


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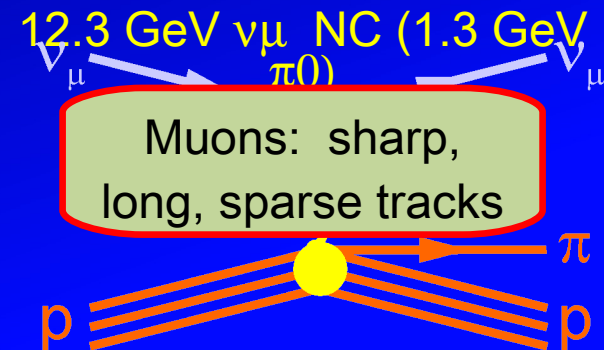
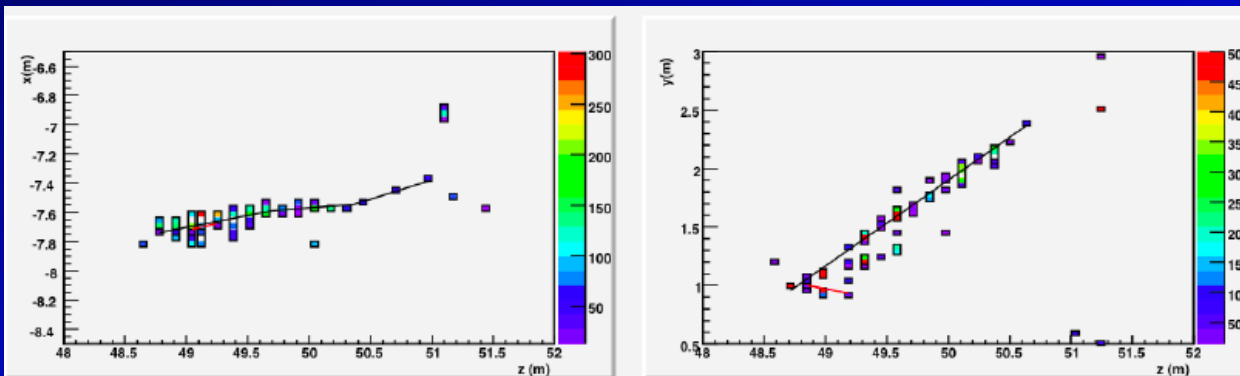
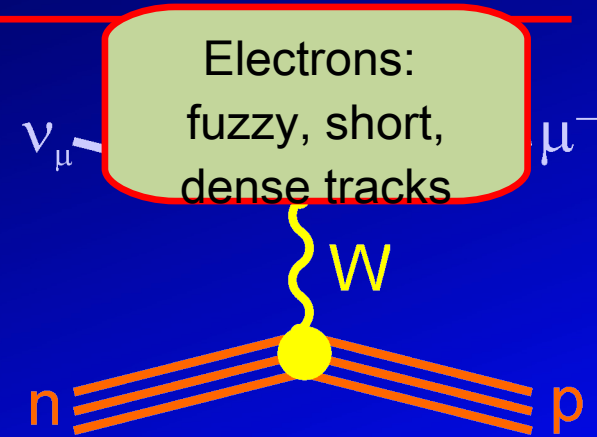
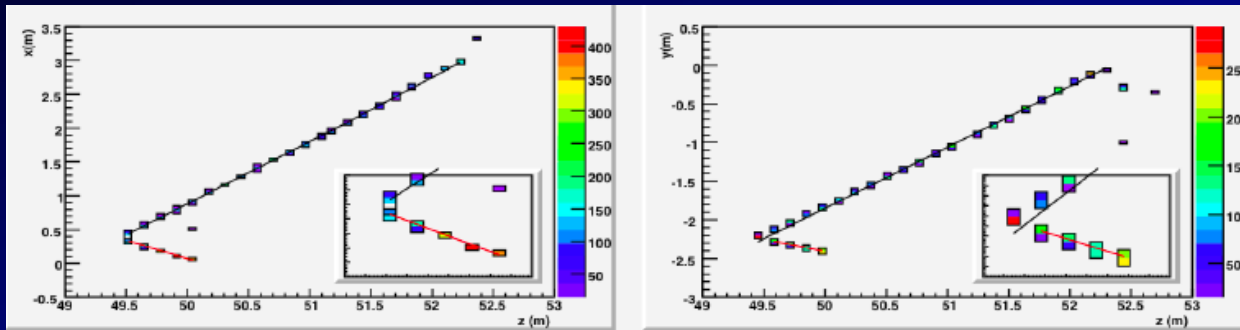
# NOvA: Detector Performance, Typical Events



Signal



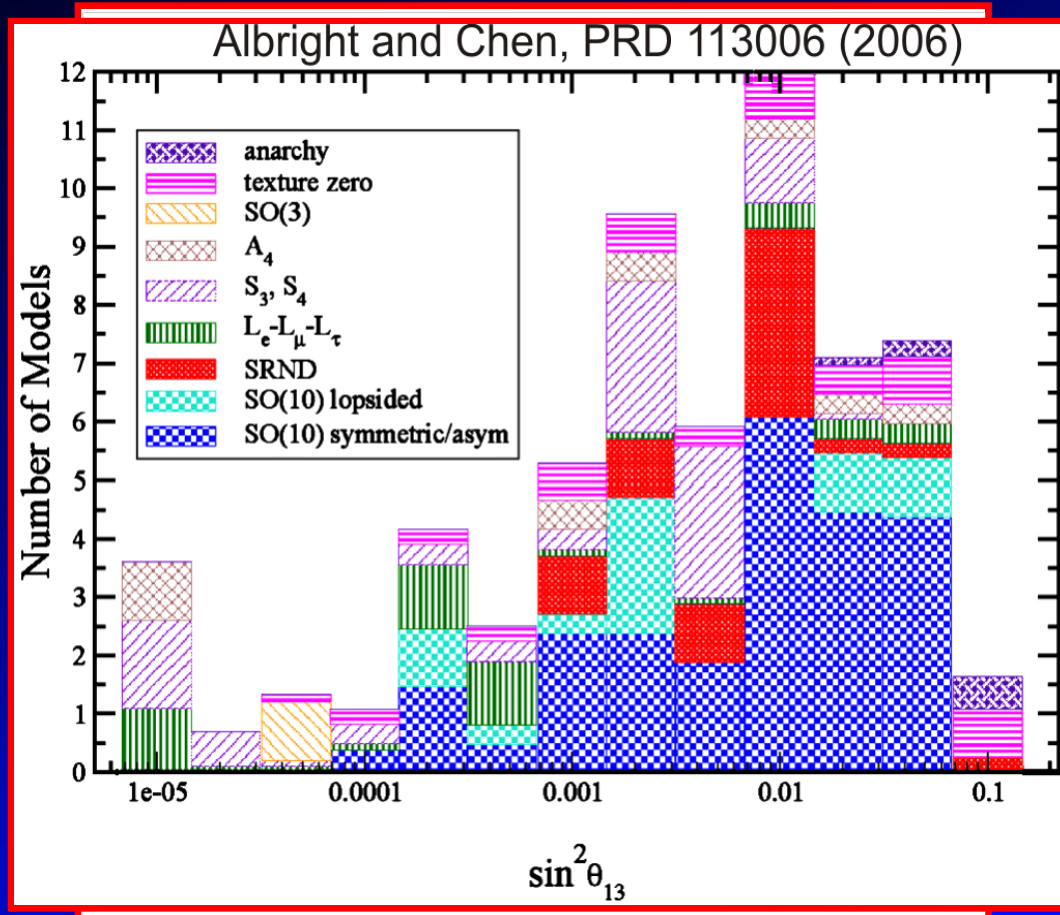
Backgrounds



# NOvA: $\theta_{13}$ Reach

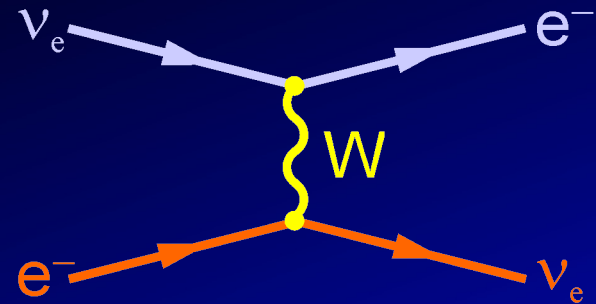
- NOvA designed for good electron appearance sensitivity down to  $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sim 0.01$  or  $\theta_{13}=2.9^\circ$
- Note: best fit  $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sim 0.08$  or  $\theta_{13}=8.2^\circ$

An abundance of theoretical guidance





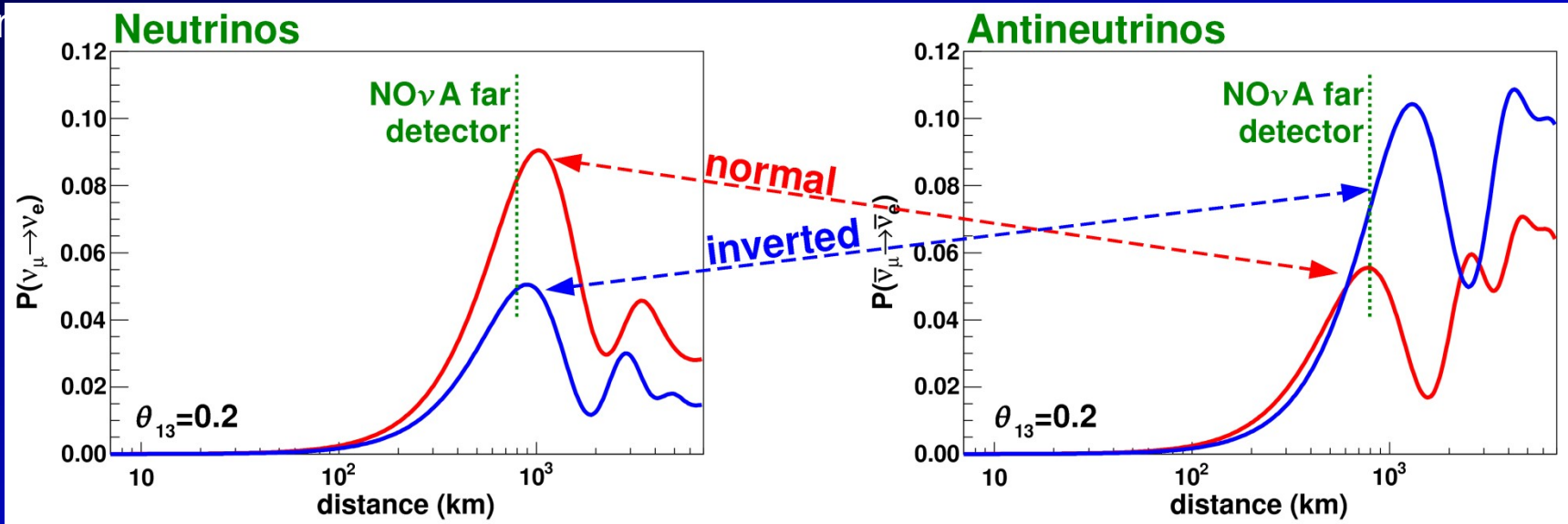
# Mass Hierarchy: $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ Rate - Matter Important



- Extra CC term for  $\nu_e$  in matter important!
- Increases  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  rate for normal hierarchy: effect reversed for inverted hierarchy and for antineutrinos

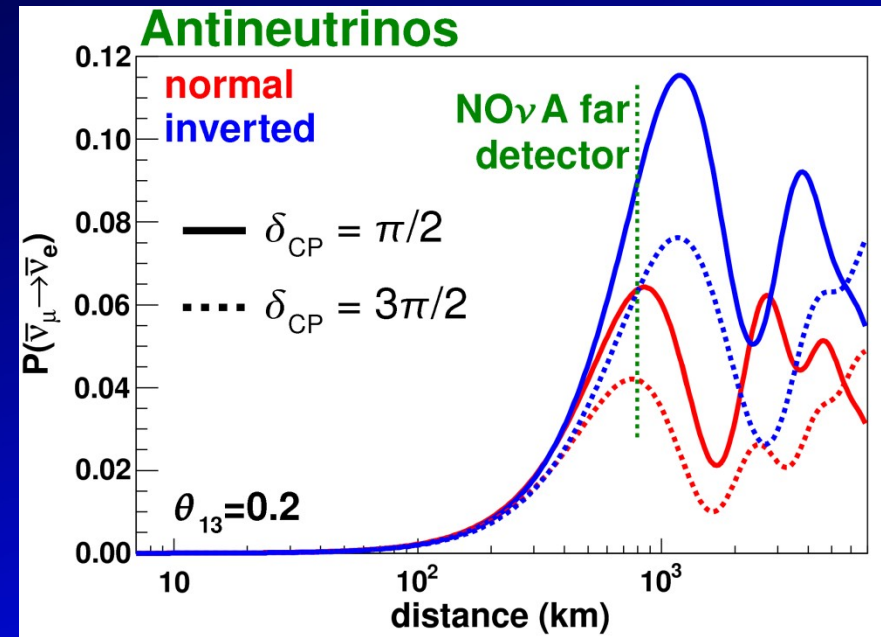
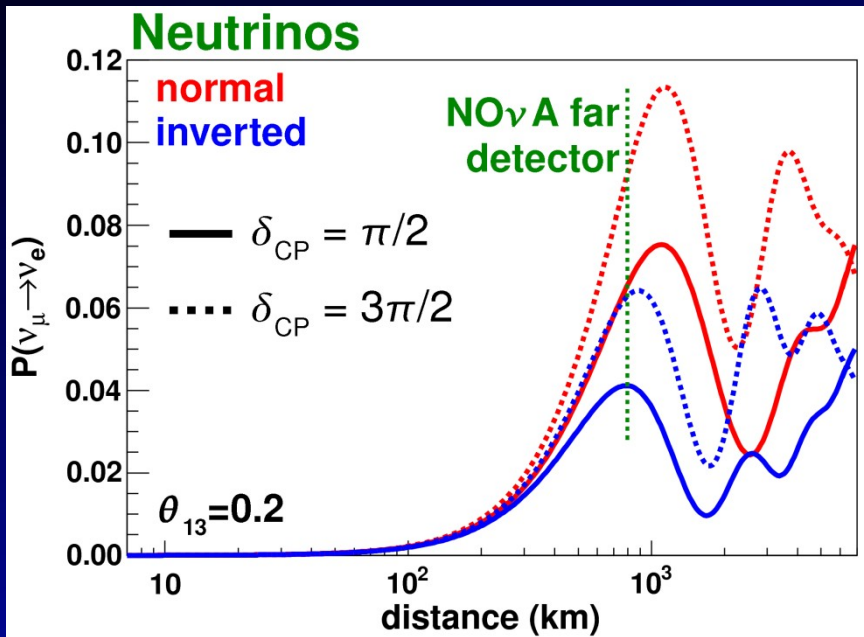
$$\frac{P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)}{P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)} \begin{cases} > 1 : \text{---} \\ < 1 : \text{---} \end{cases}$$

• Er



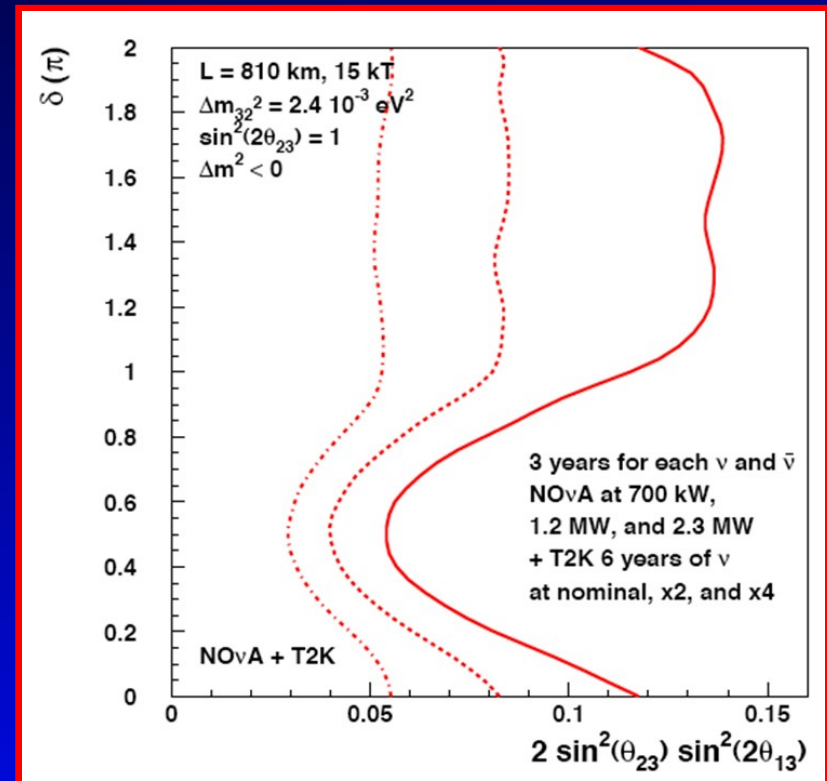
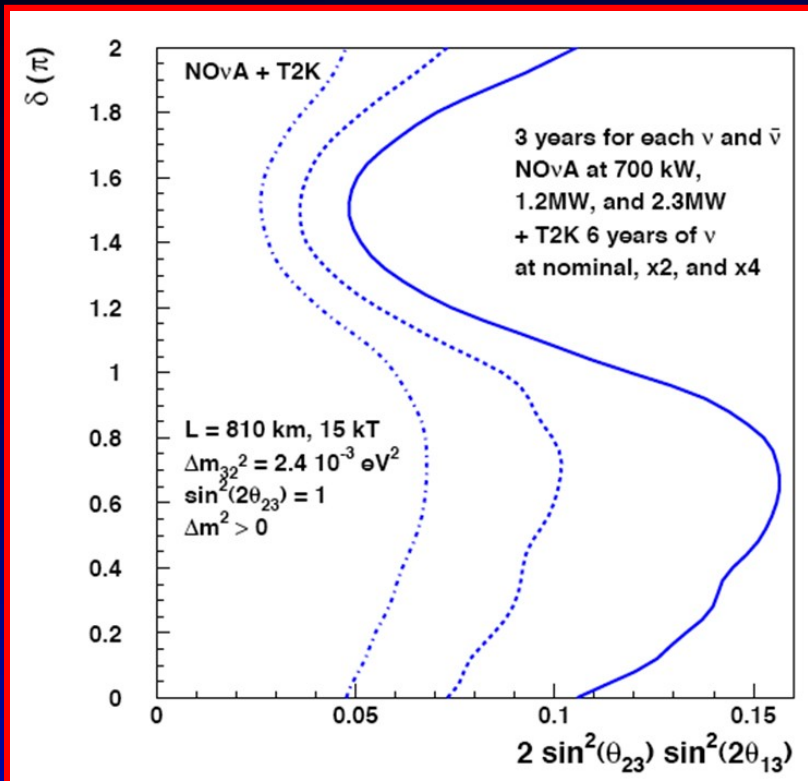
# CP Violation Mucks Things Up

- CP violation can confuse the effect → regions of inherent ambiguity
- Can be resolved by another measurement at a different baseline



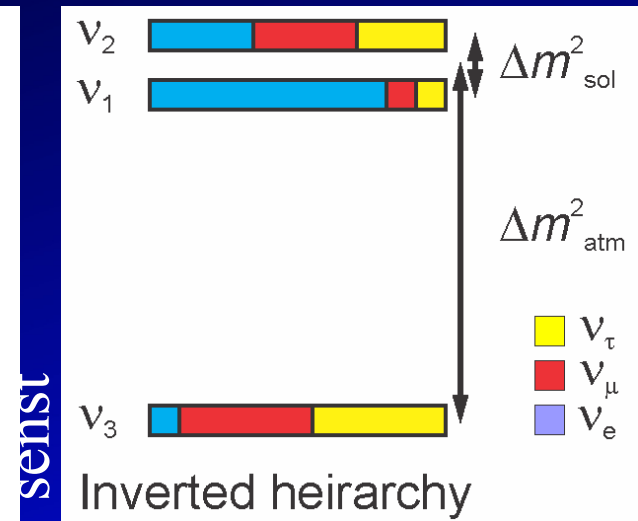
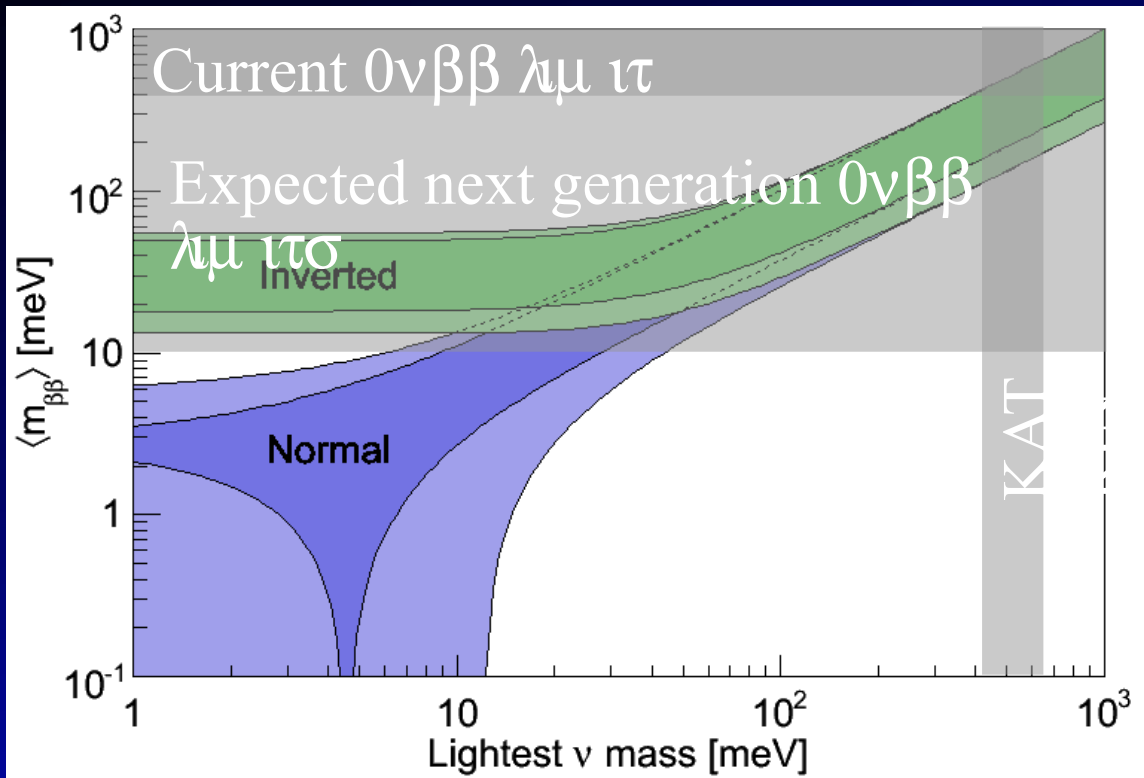
# NOvA: Mass Hierarchy Sensitivity

## NOvA + T2K



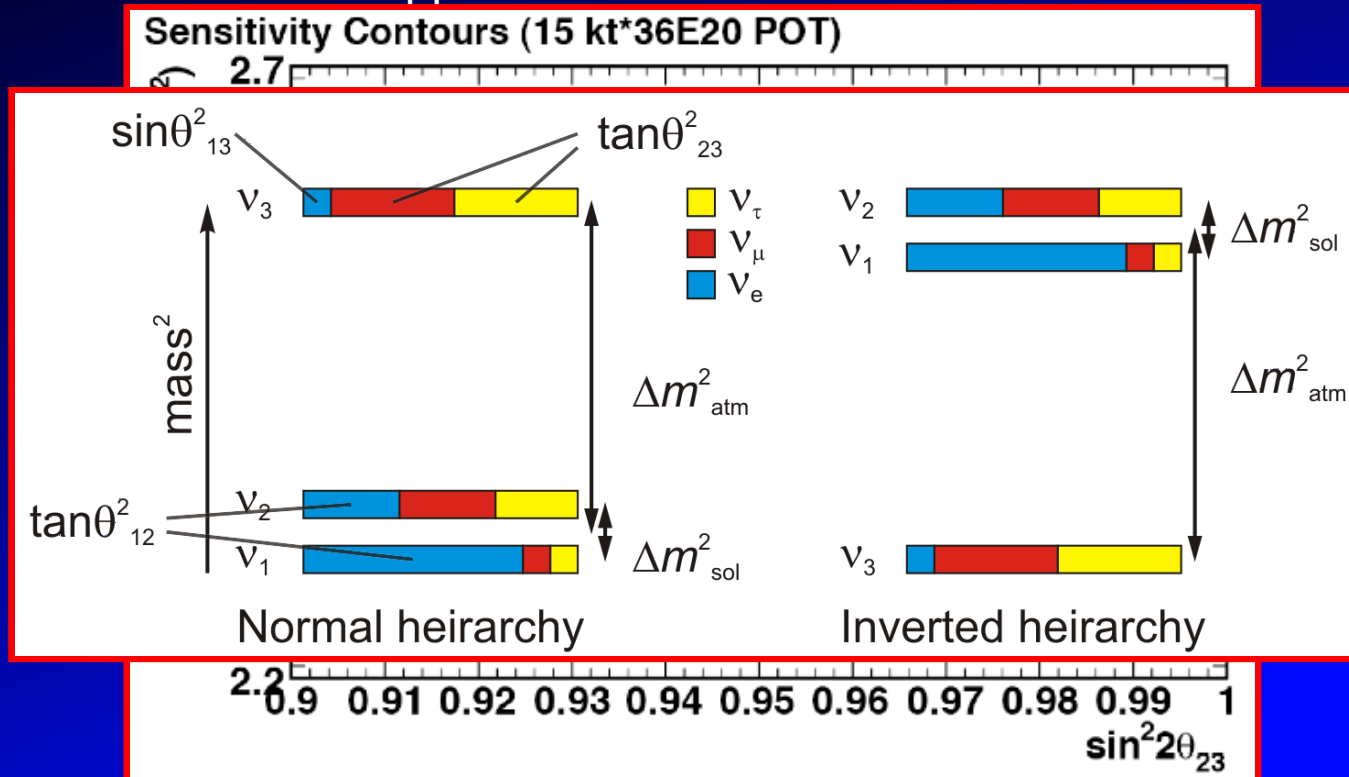
# NOvA: Mass Hierarchy

If NOvA establishes the inverted mass hierarchy and the next generation of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  experiments see nothing then neutrinos will almost certainly be Dirac particles



# NOvA: $\nu_\mu$ Disappearance. Is $\theta_{23}$ Maximal?

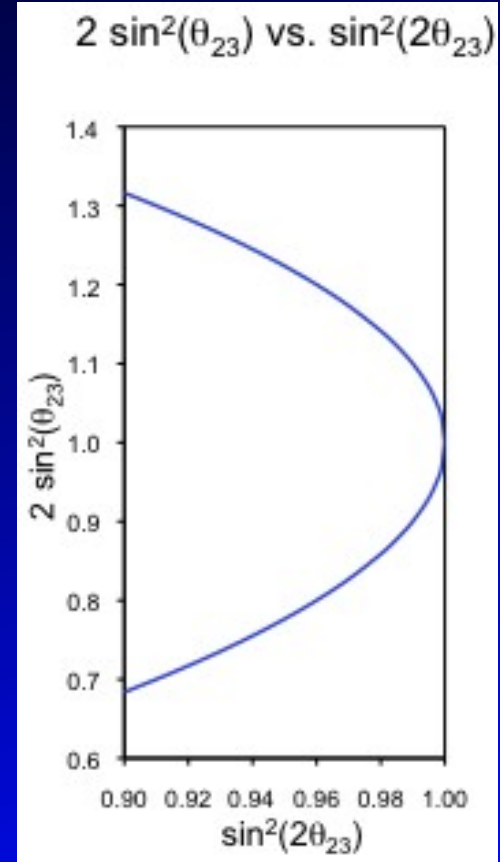
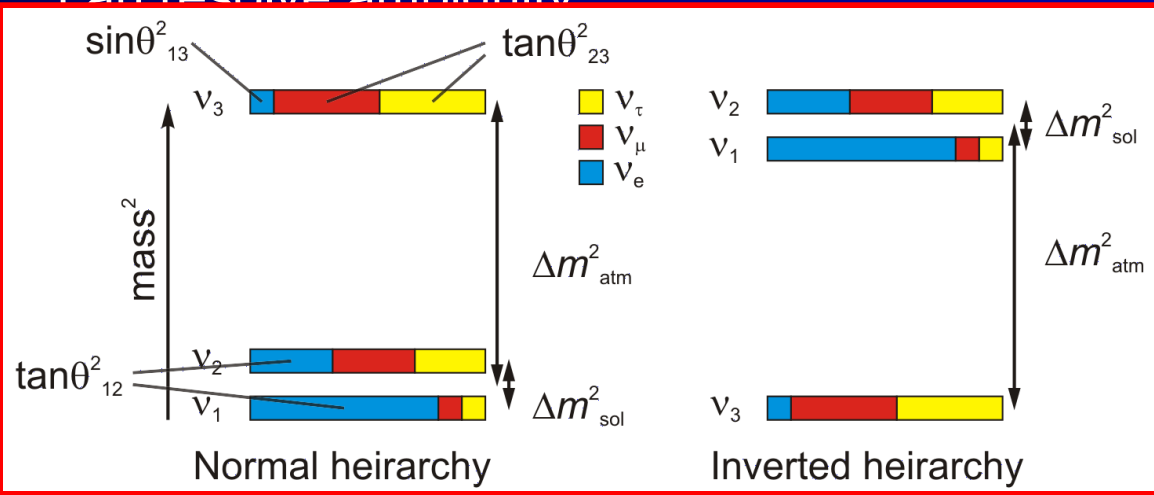
- We know  $\theta_{23}$  is close to  $45^\circ$ : Is the mixing maximal:  $\theta_{23} = 45^\circ$ ?
- Because of NOvA's good energy resolution, it will make a  $\sim 1\%$  measurement of  $\theta_{23}$  through muon neutrino disappearance





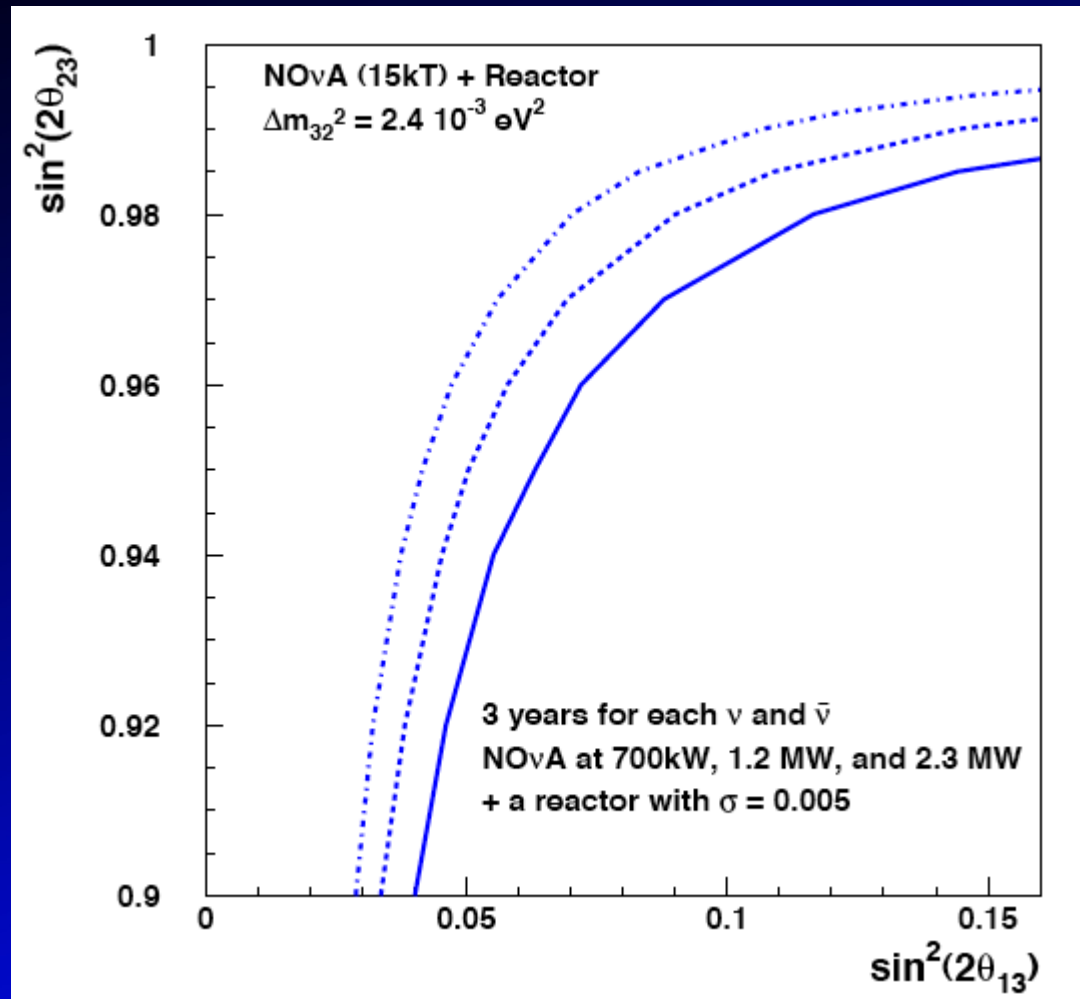
# Resolving the Ambiguity in Determining $\theta_{23}$

- Dominant term in  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow ?)$  is proportional to:  **$\sin^2(2\theta_{23})$**
- Dominant term in  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$  is proportional to:  **$\sin^2(\theta_{23})\sin^2(2\theta_{13})$**
- Reactor experiments are sensitive to  **$\sin^2(2\theta_{13})$**  alone
- Comparison of  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$  with Reactor experiments can resolve ambiguity



# 95% CL Resolution of $\theta_{23}$ Ambiguity

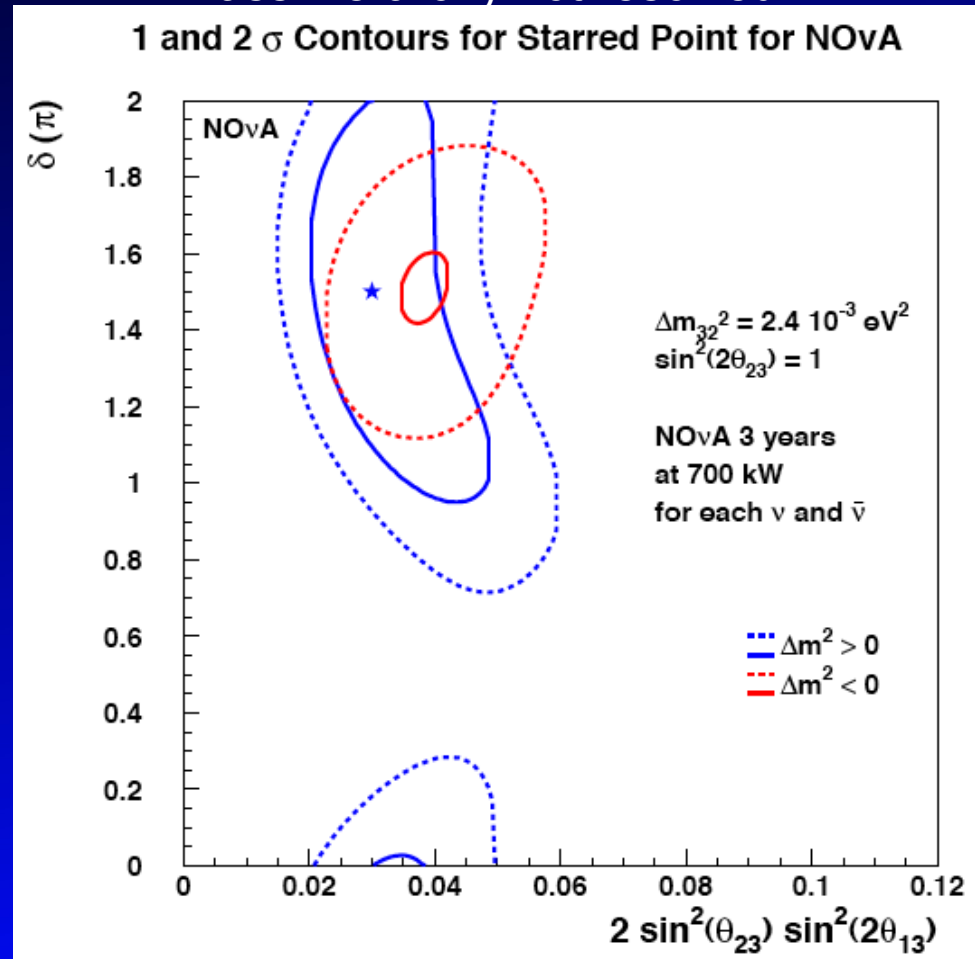
- Average over mass hierarchy, CP phase  $\delta$ , and sign of  $\theta_{23}$  ambiguity
- At the central value of T2K result, NOvA resolves the ambiguity for  $\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) < 0.96$



# NOvA: CP violation sensitivity

- NOvA will provide the first look into CP conservation
- Will be the only look for some time!
- Nature must be kind:  $\theta_{13}$  must be large!

Mass hierarchy not resolved



# Long-Range Future



# Fermilab Pushing Forward on Intensity Frontier

Strategic Plan for the Next Ten Years:

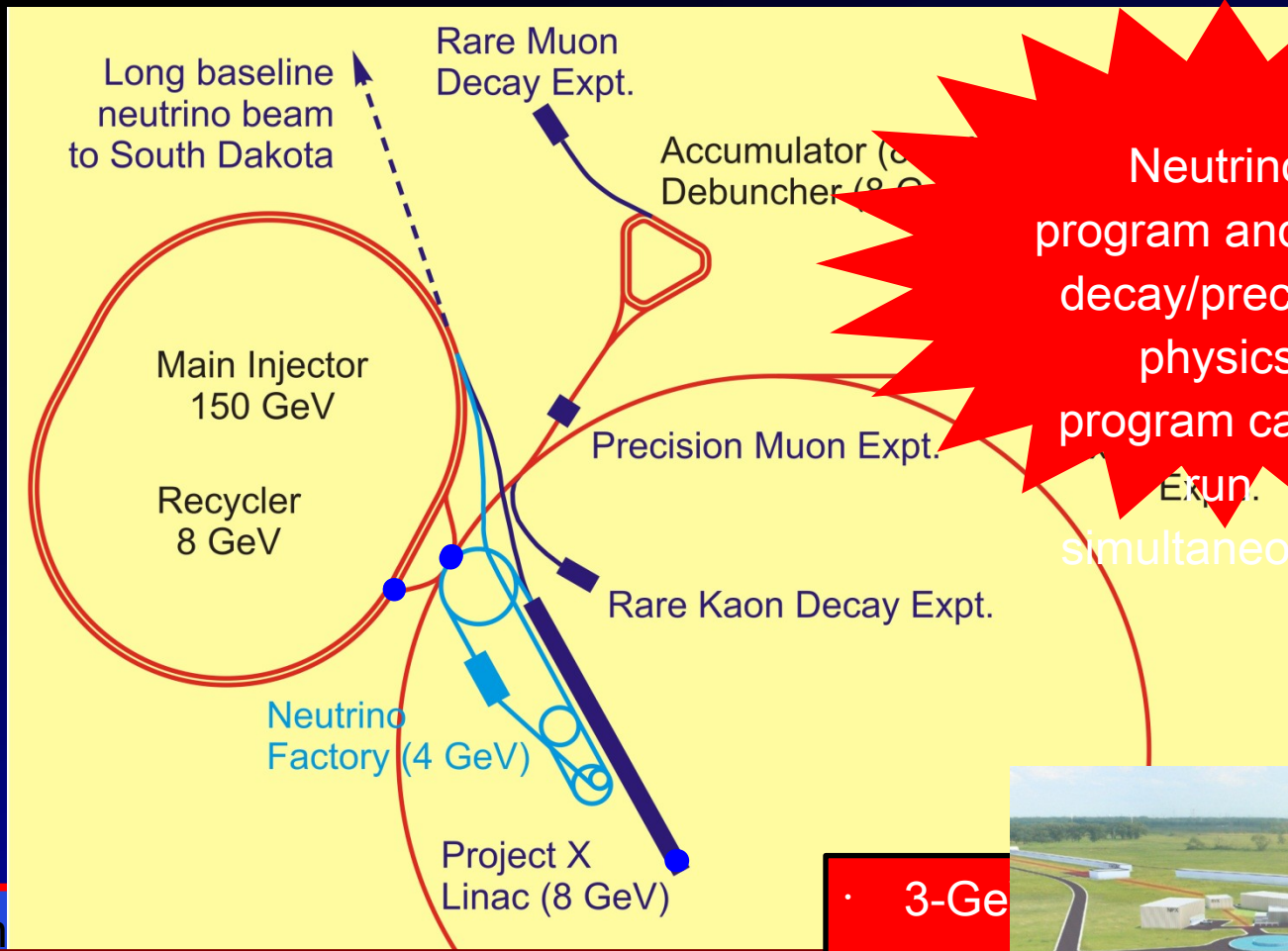
“The panel recommends an R&D program in the immediate future to design a multi-megawatt proton source at Fermilab...”

Project X



“The panel recommends a world-class neutrino program as a core component of the US program, with the long-term vision of a large detector in the proposed DUSEL and a high-intensity neutrino source at Fermilab.”

# Fermilab's Project X: the Path to the Intensity Frontier



Neutrino program and rare decay/precision physics program can be run simultaneously!

The Project X linear accelerator would feed a high-intensity neutrino and rare decay/high precision physics program

- 3-GeV superconducting linac
- 3-8 GeV Main Injector
- ILC-style storage ring
- 120 GeV, 2 MW

# Project X Beam Rates Enormous

Beam Power

= particles/s x energy

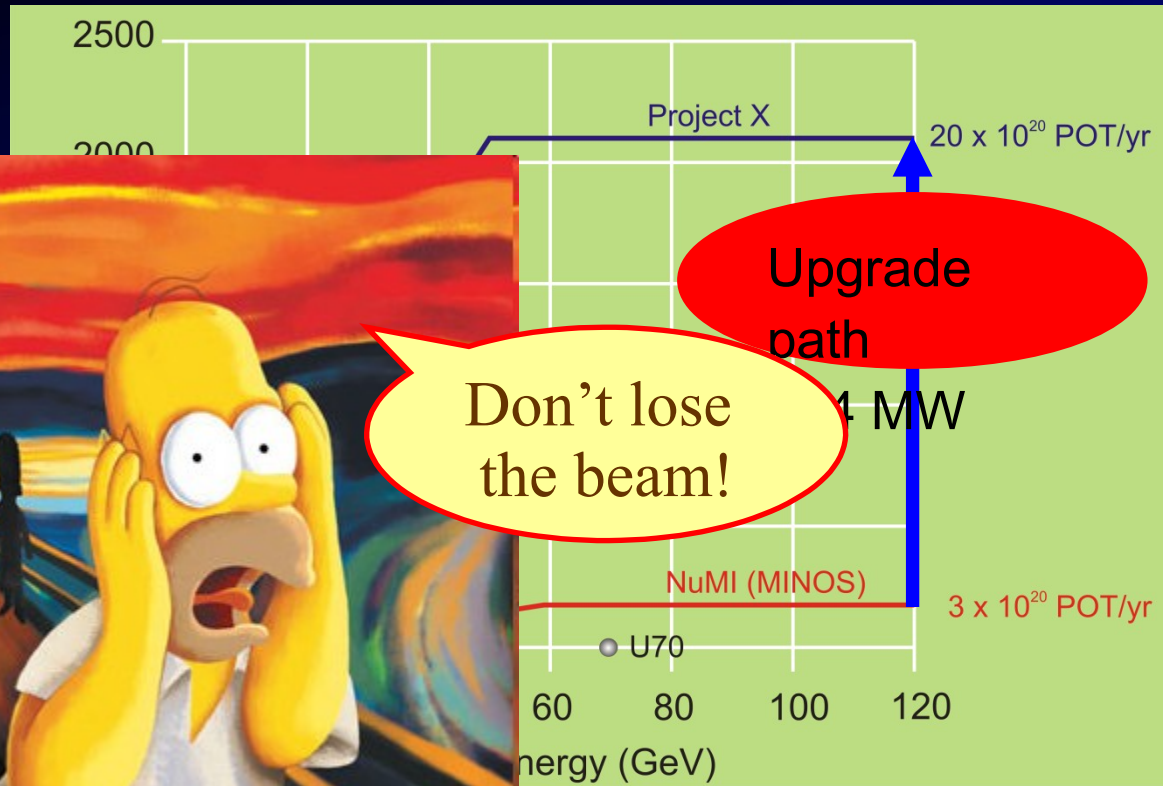
8 GeV: ~20X increase

120 GeV: ~10X increase

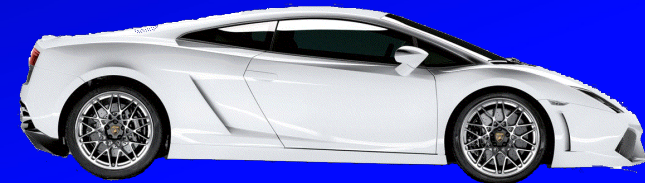


Don't lose the beam!

Upgrade path



Each beam pulse has energy of Lamborghini Gallardo going 140 mph (226 km/h), with only  $1.7 \times 10^{-16}$  the Gallardo's mass!





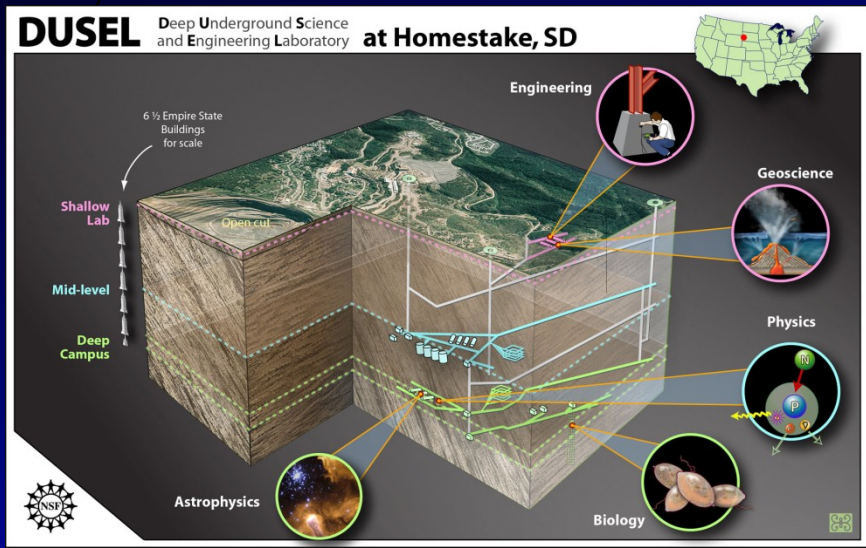
# Consensus in the Neutrino Community Forming

U.S. Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment Study (arXiv:0705.4396)

July 13, 2007

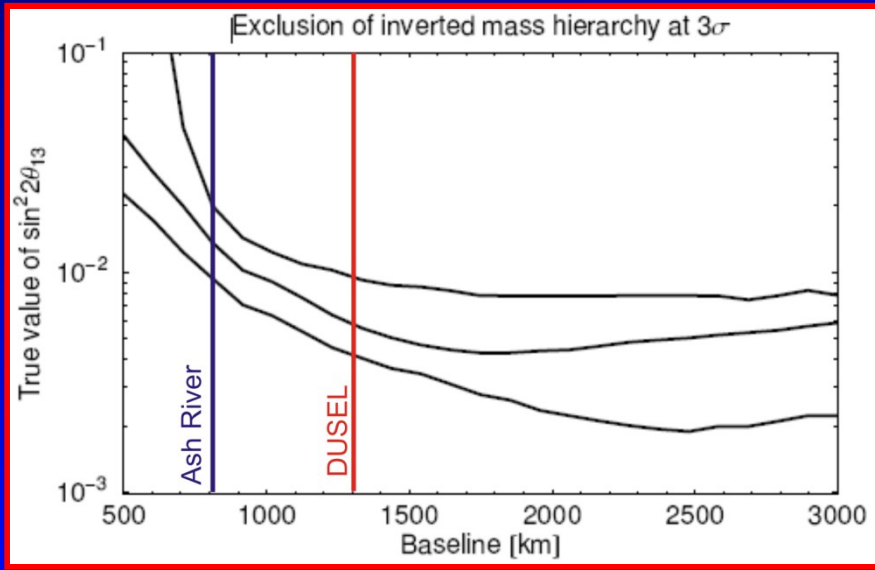
## Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment (LBNE)

- New deep underground detector site: DUSEL
  - Longer baseline than NOvA
- New multi-purpose detector possible
  - Neutrino and proton decay physics
- New beamline from Fermilab
  - Wide band beam is best: can fit oscillation parameters using energy spectrum
  - Considerable upgrade to the current Fermilab intensity needed



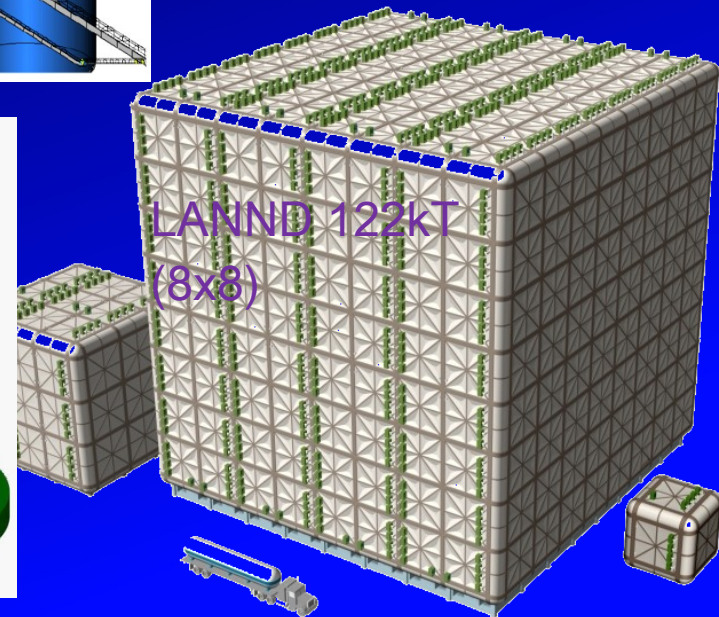
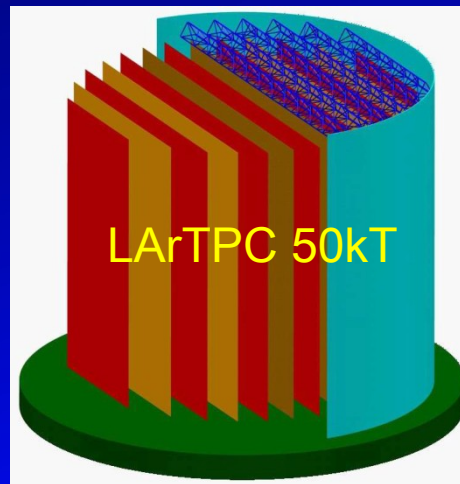
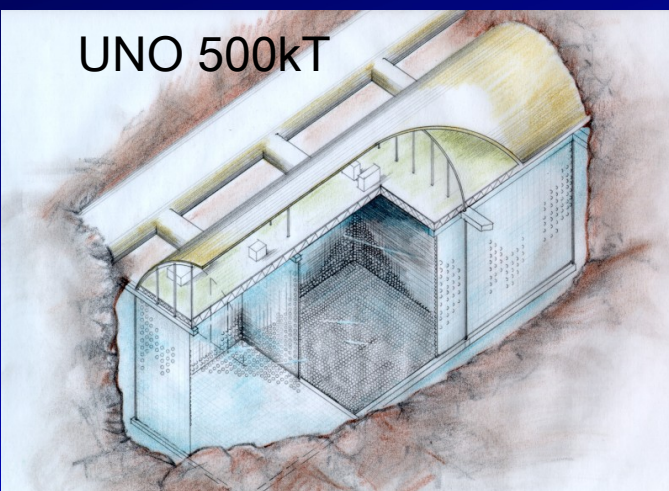
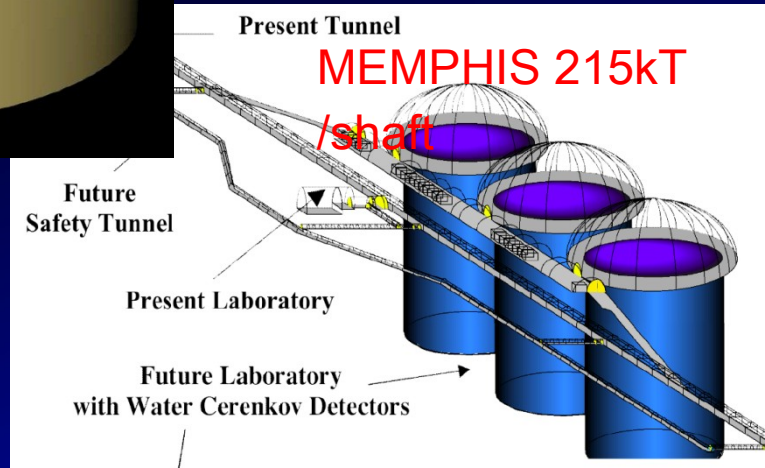
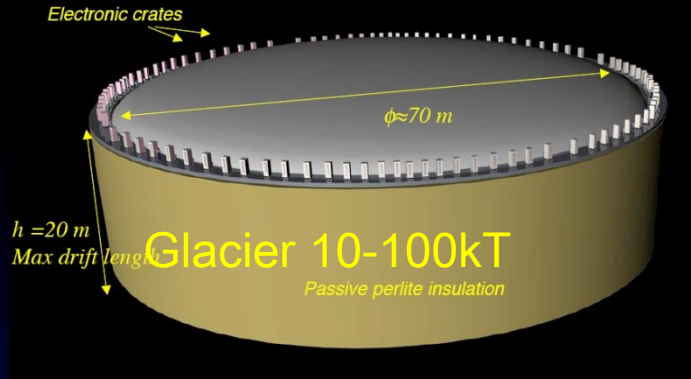
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# Next Generation Detectors Being Designed



# Two Detector Technologies Favored

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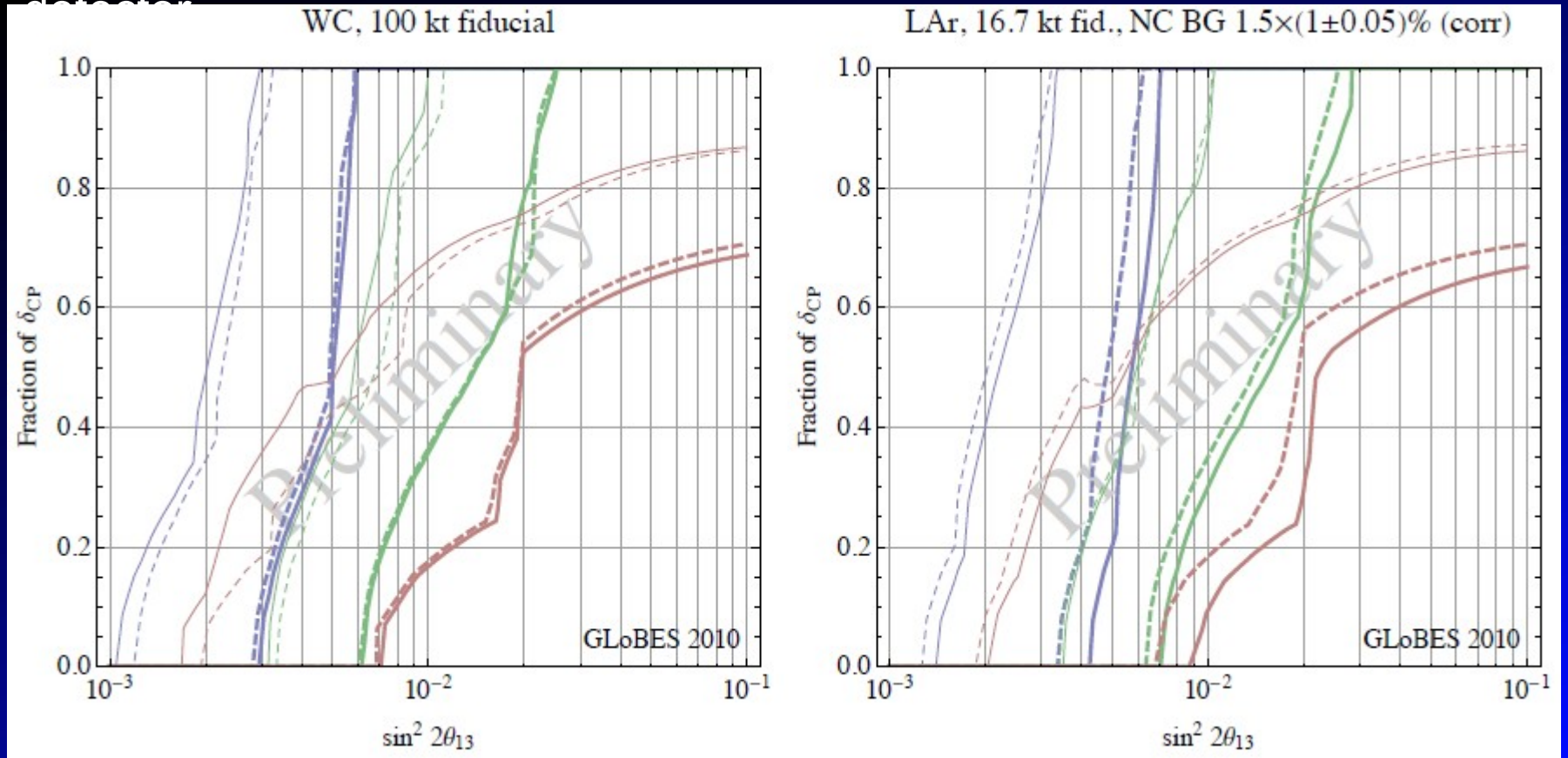
Pro

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Water Cerenkov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Well understood technology</li><li>• New background rejection techniques available</li><li>• Scale-up factor <math>&lt; 10</math></li><li>• <math>\sim 10\%</math> energy resolution</li><li>• Multipurpose (proton decay)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must be underground</li><li>• Cavern stability must be assured</li><li>• NC background depends on spectrum and comparable to intrinsic background</li><li>• Low <math>\nu_e</math> efficiency (15-20%)</li></ul>
Liquid Argon TPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promise of high efficiency</li><li>• Promise of high background rejection</li><li>• Potential to operate on (or near) surface</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technology not proven</li><li>• Scale up by 300X needed</li><li>• Accurate cost estimate impossible</li><li>• Safety issues underground</li></ul>

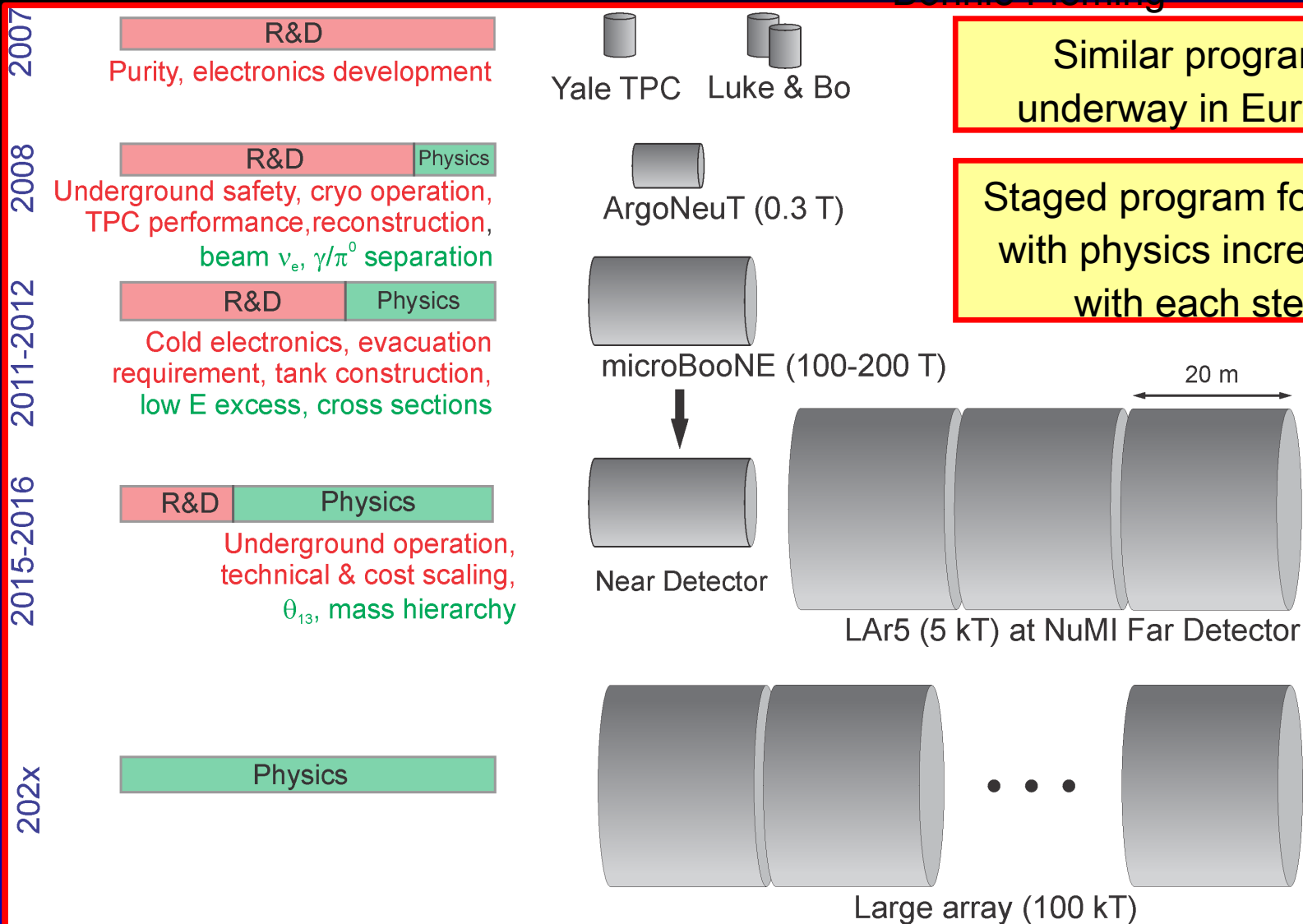
# LBNE Water Cherenkov vs LArTPC

100 kt WC equivalent to 17 kt LArTPC



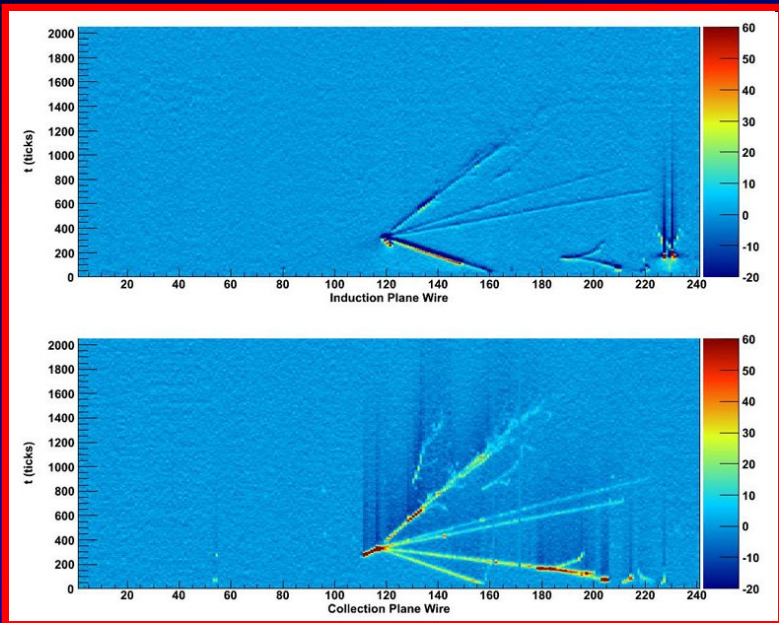
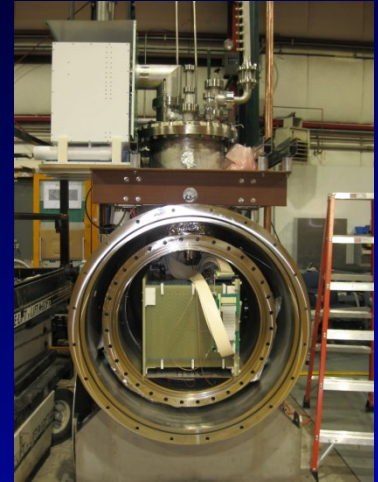
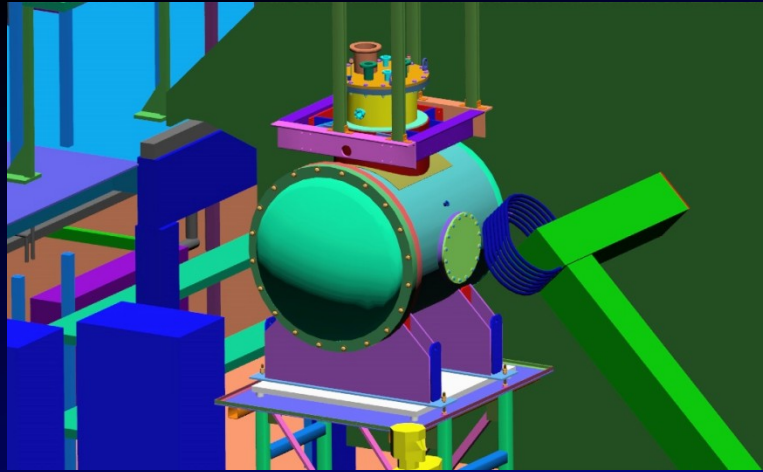
# Fermilab Pursuing Aggressive Liquid Argon Program

Bonnie Fleming





# ArgoNeuT



## NSF/DOE Liquid Argon TPC R&D program

·175 liter detector in NUMI beam

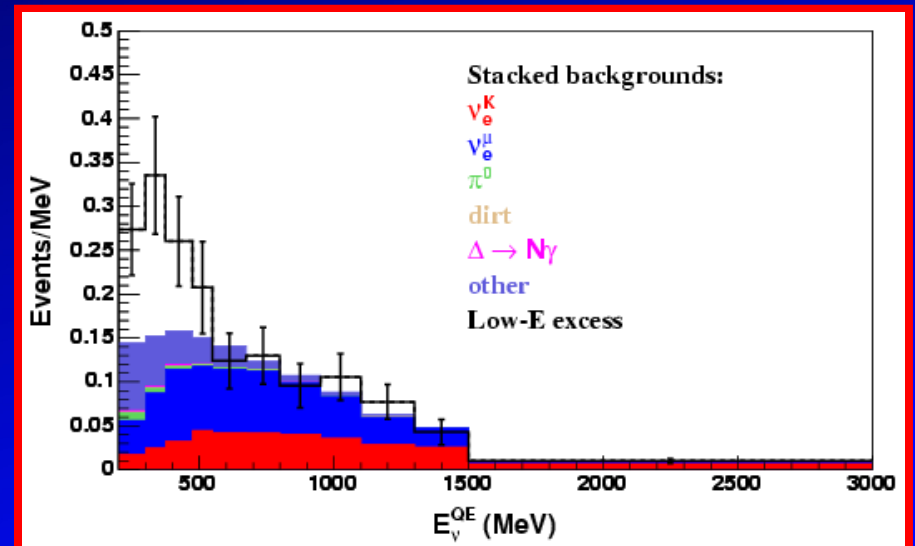
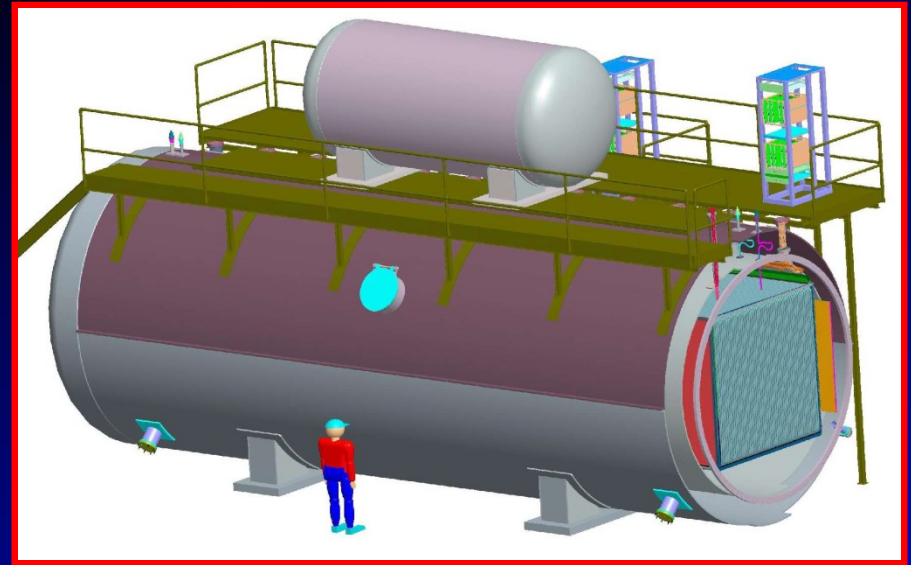
Goals:

1. Demonstrate effectiveness of liquid argon purification techniques
2. Measure gamma vs electron discrimination
3. Measure low energy neutrino cross sections

May 2009: first event

# MicroBooNE

- 70/170 ton mass
- In 8 GeV Fermilab neutrino line
- R&D (stage 2 of LArTPC program):
  - Test purity in a non-evacuated vessel
  - Full systems test of low-noise electronics
  - TPC and vessel design
- Physics:
  - Study surface running issues
  - Investigate MiniBooNE low energy excess
  - Measure neutrino cross sections
  - BNB: 100K events, NuMI: 60K events
- Schedule:
  - Construction: 2009
  - Data: 2011

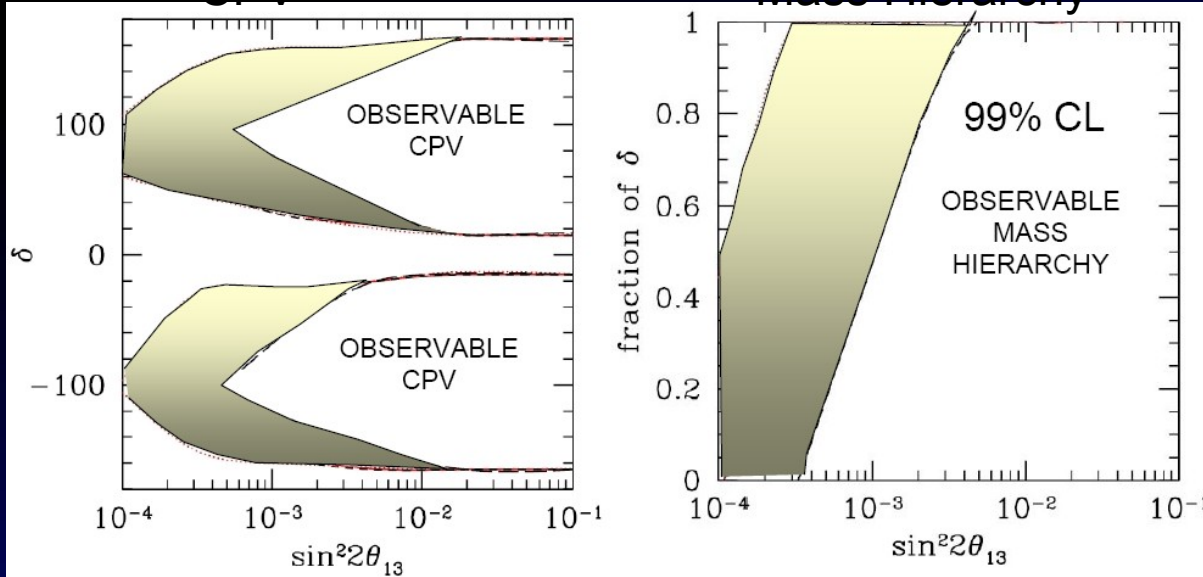


6 x 10<sup>20</sup> POT



# 4 GeV Neutrino Factory

## Mass Hierarchy

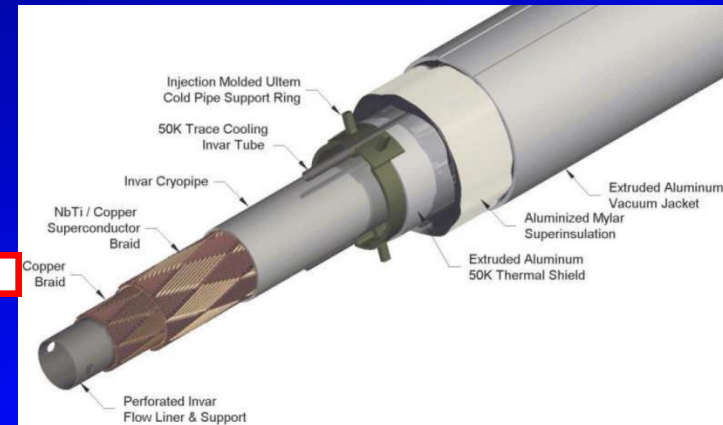
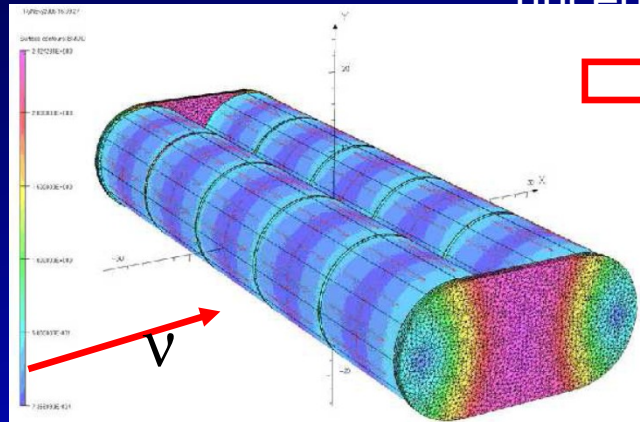


- Geer, Mena, & Pascoli, Phys. Rev. D75, 093001, (2007).
- Bross, Ellis, Geer, Mena, & Pascoli, hep-ph arXiv:0709.3889

Bands indicate running time and background uncertainties

Magnetic cavern with two parallel solenoids (0.5T x 34,000 m<sup>3</sup>).

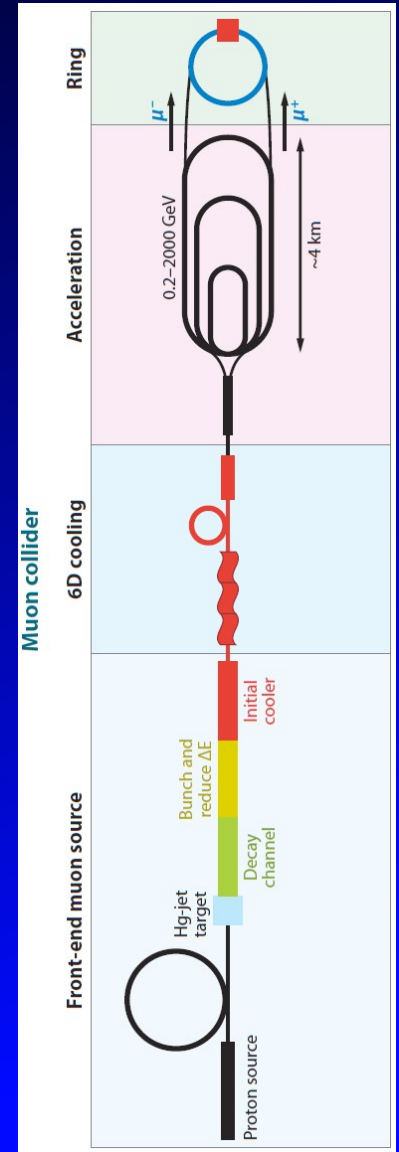
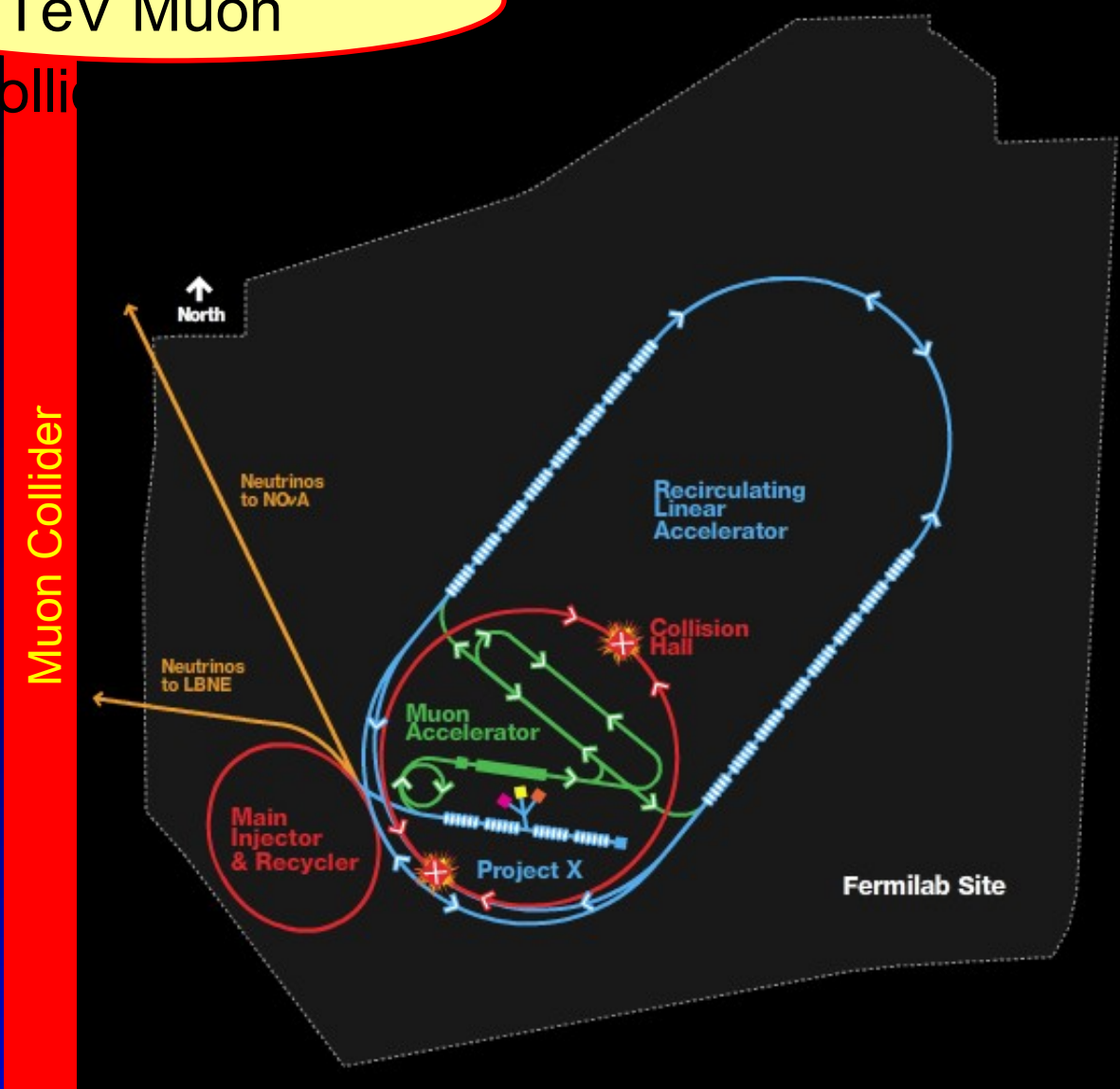
Superconducting transmission line designed for VLHC





# Getting Back to the Energy Frontier

3 TeV Muon



# The Future is Very Exciting

- A large  $\theta_{13}$  is good news for everyone in the field!
  - It makes it much easier to resolve the mass hierarchy
  - Gives us a chance to observe CP violation, although the next generation experiments, such as LBNE, will be needed
- The era of precision neutrino physics is upon us: by the end of the decade  $\theta_{13}$  will be well measured, and the mass hierarchy should be resolved
- There are some strange anomalies reported by MINOS and MiniBooNE → are there yet more surprises that neutrino physics has for us?
- The ultimate neutrino experiment isn't going to come cheap!

DUSEL/LBNE: \$2,250M-\$2,750M

Neutrino factory: \$2,100M-

\$2,700M

• Note: NOvA (+beam upgrade): \$270M

• Note: US LHC: \$500M over a decade