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## ArgoNeuT and MicroBooNE

- ArgoNeuT Status
- MicroBooNE Status
- Impact on the broader program

Will have updated collaboration  
list here to point out  
new institutions  
new collaborators  
will list grad students in red?

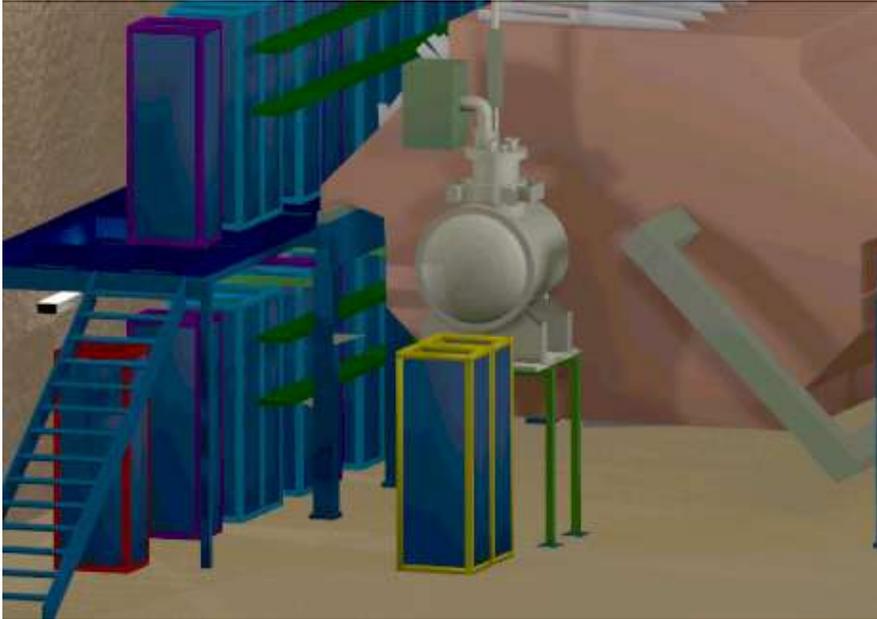
## ArgoNeuT (2008)

Joint NSF/DOE project

0.3 ton active volume

0.5 x 0.5 x 1.0 m<sup>3</sup> TPC; 500 channels

- See neutrino interactions (~150 evts/day)
- Long term running conditions
- Underground issues



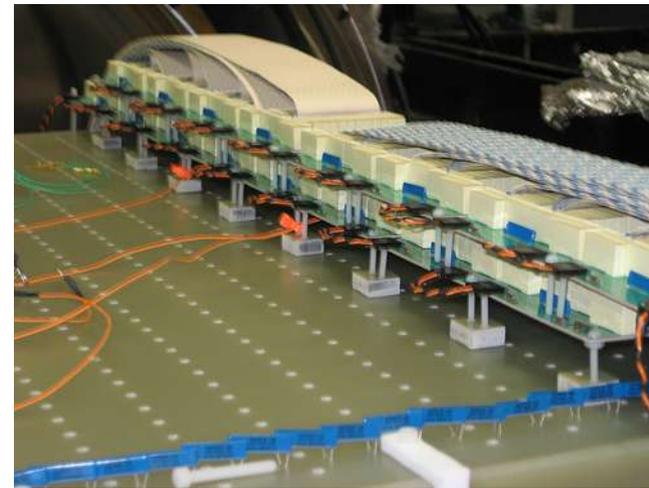
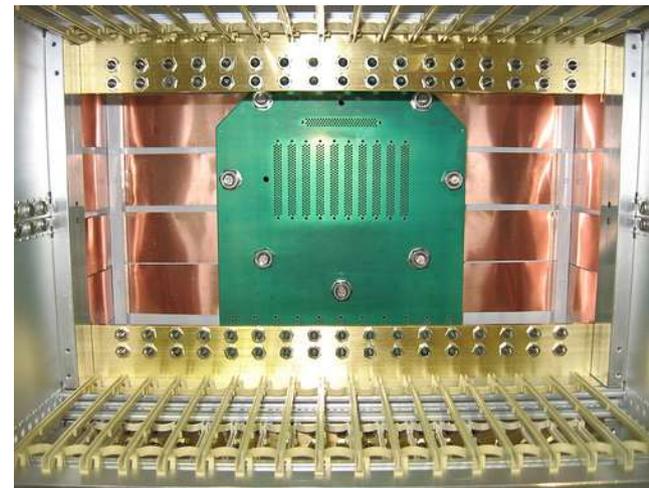
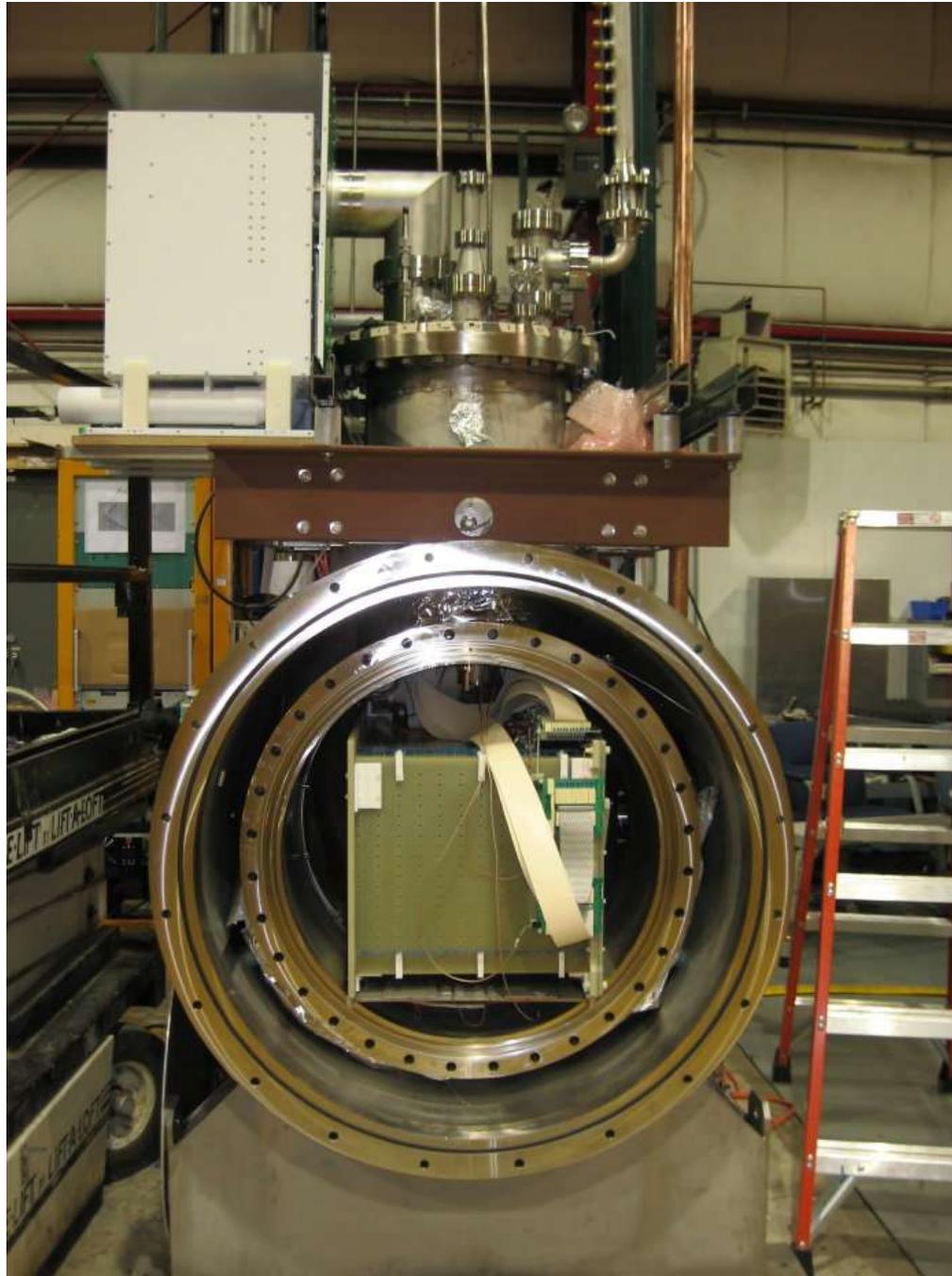
Located in NuMI near hall using MINOS near detector as a muon catcher

Detector fully  
assembled  
and commissioned  
above  
ground in August

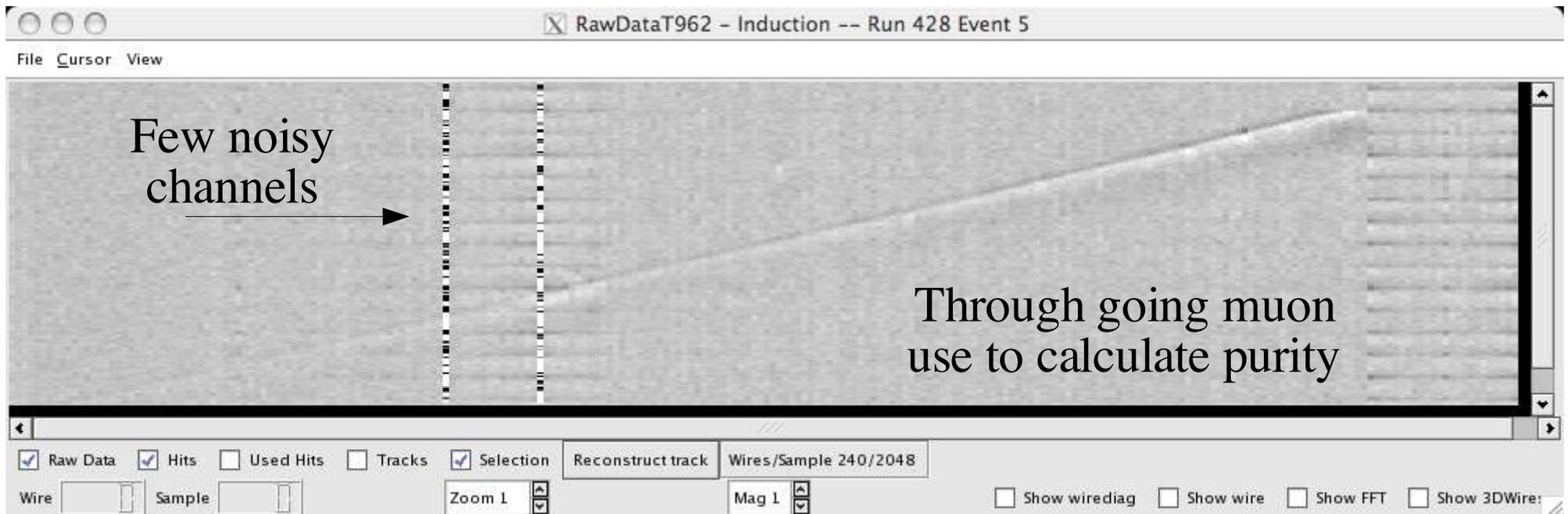
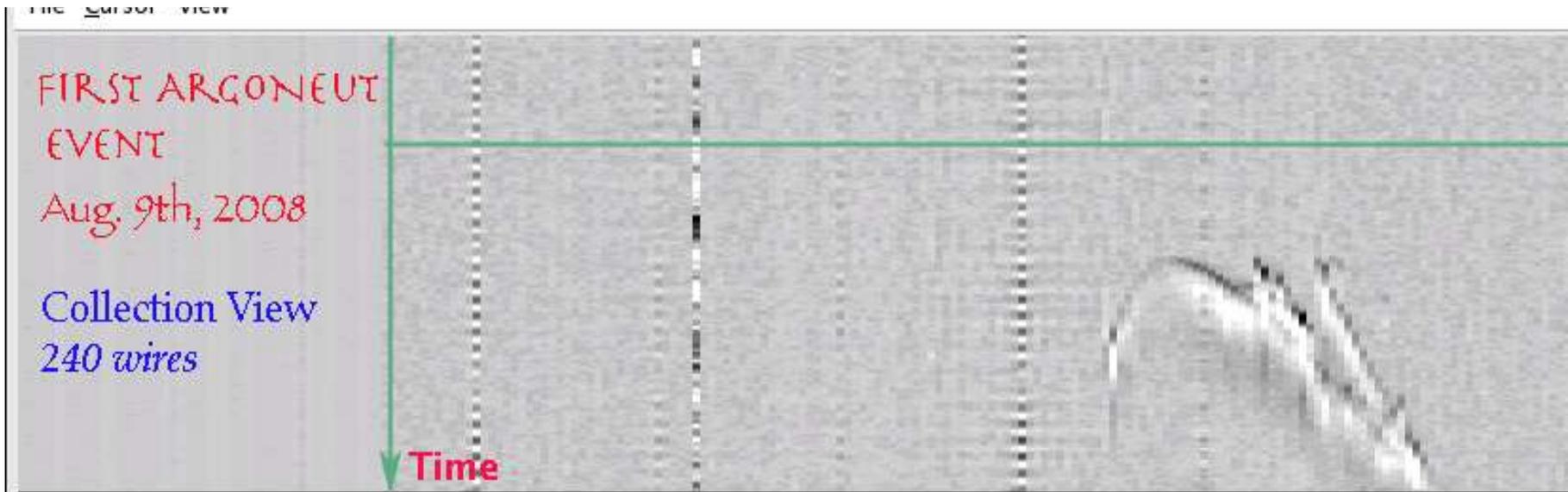
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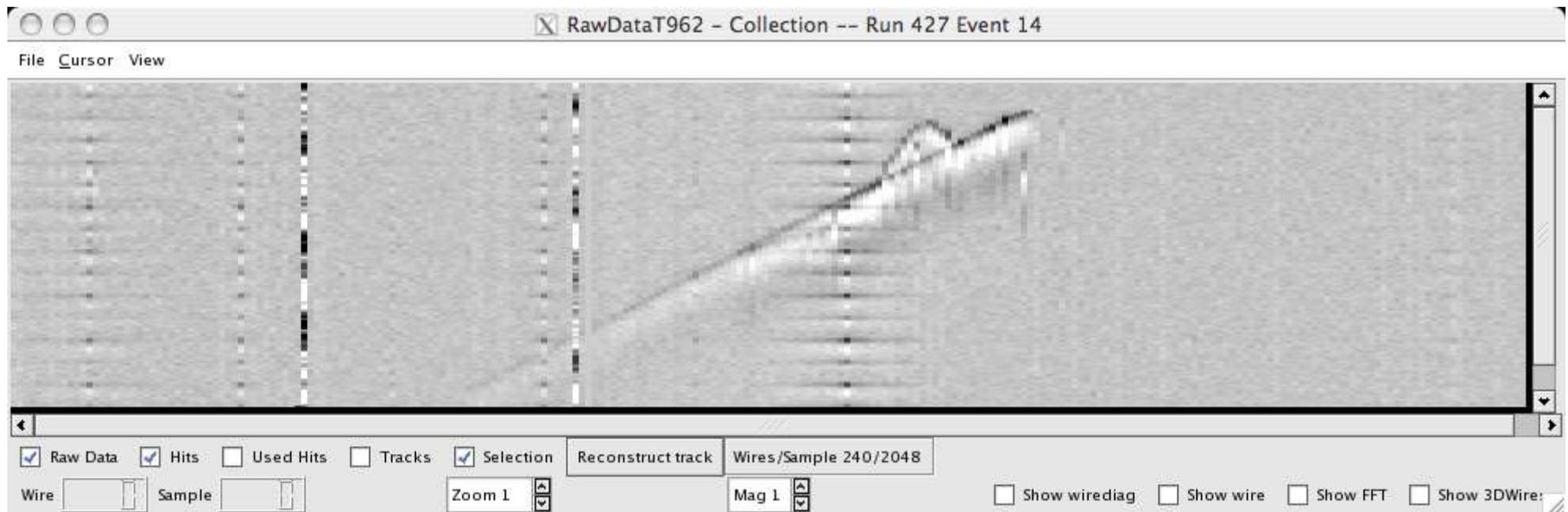
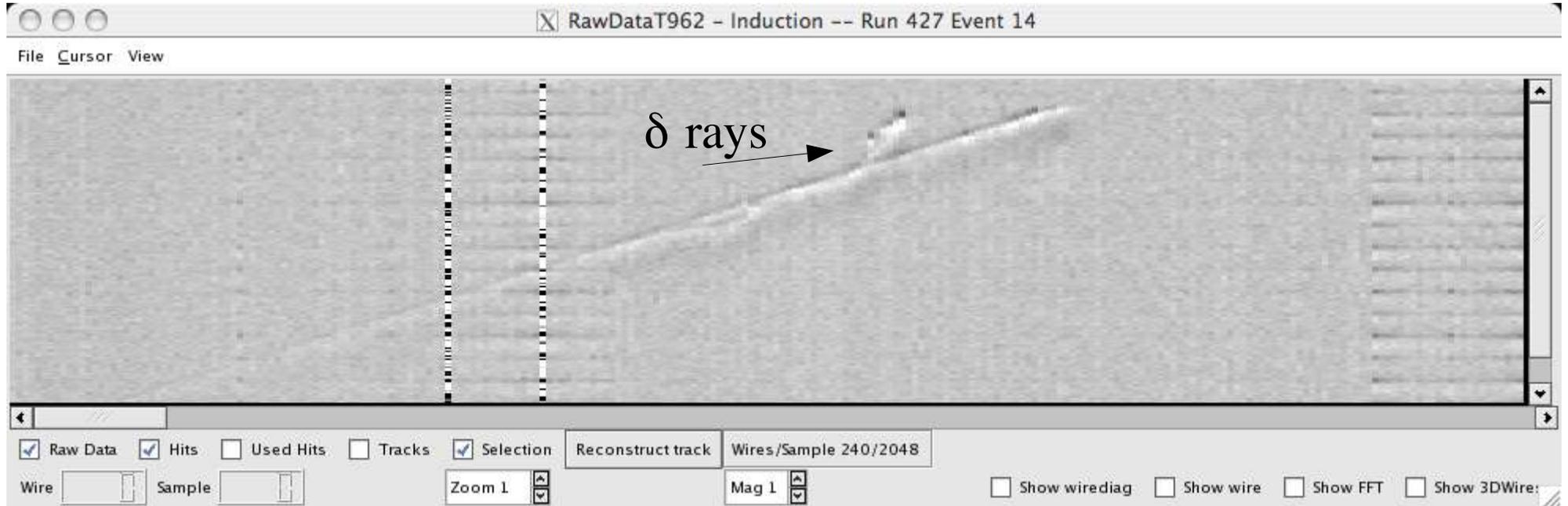
# Inner detector and Readout



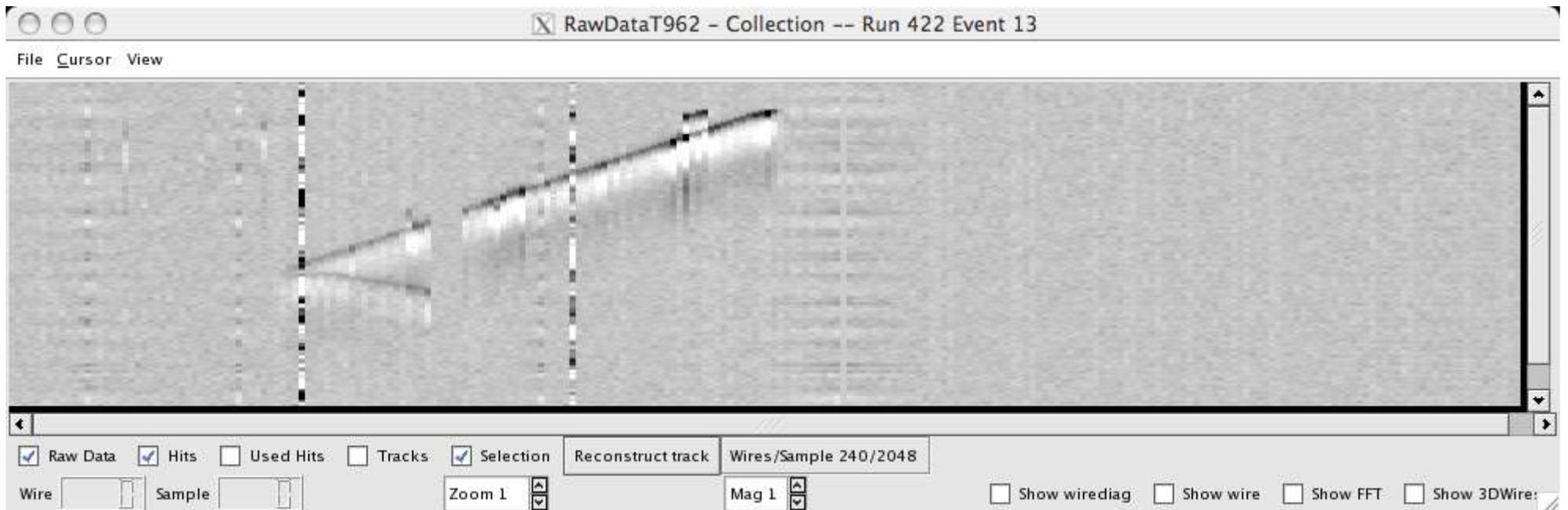
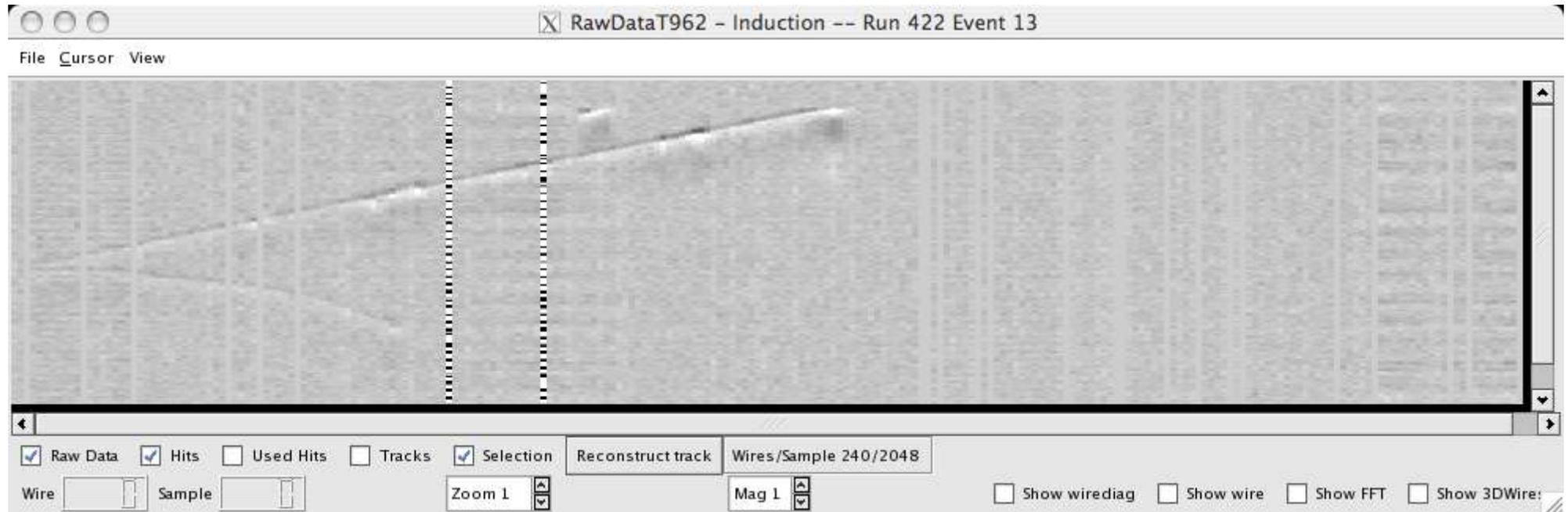
# ArgoNeuT fill with LAr for first time on August 4th. First cosmic tracks seen on August 9th!



# Another muon – in Induction and Collection planes



# Candidate neutrino interaction in Induction and Collection planes

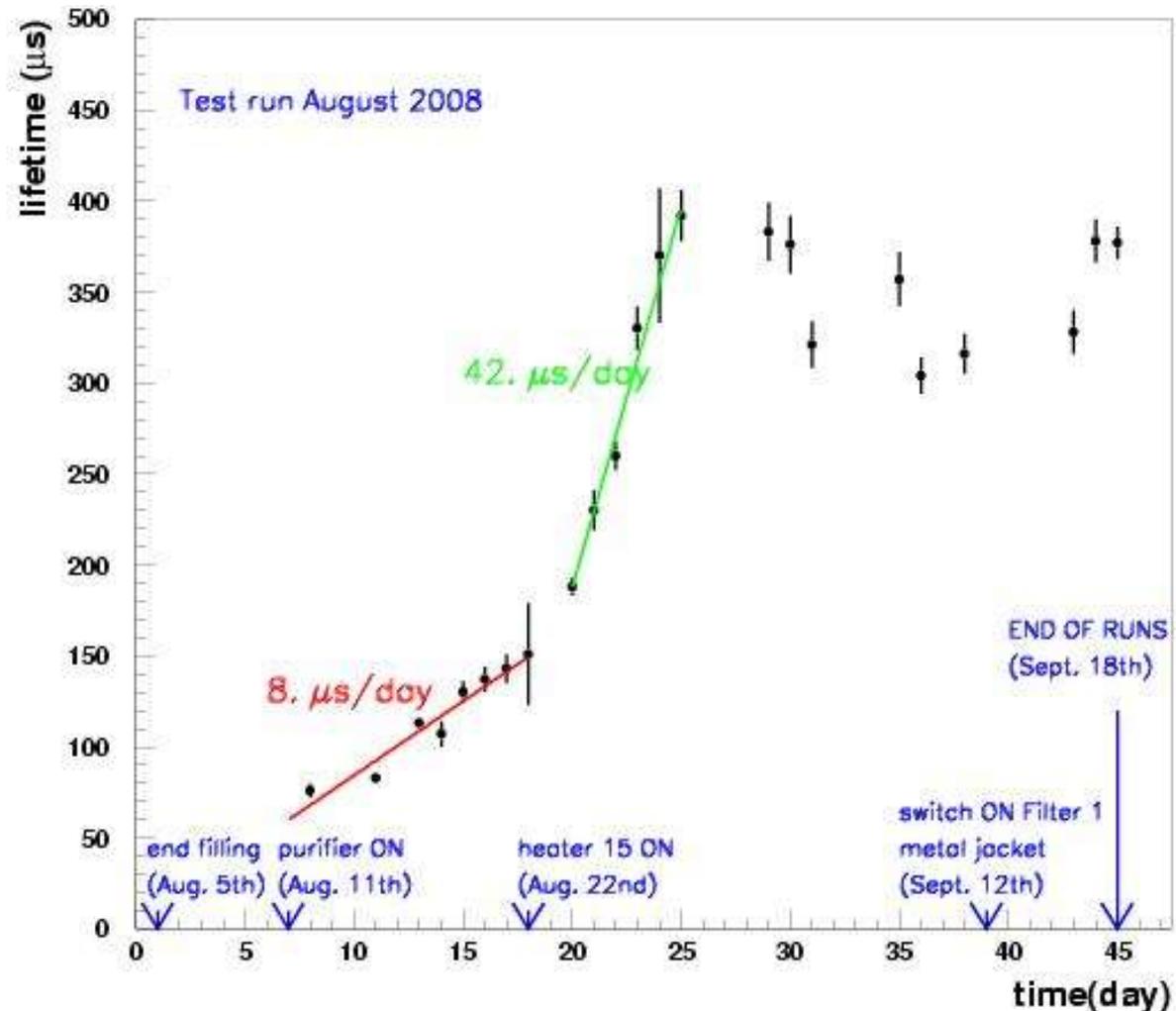


Lessons learned:

- This is not “black magic”!
- That said: Purity is good enough for ArgoNeuT, but details in the fill procedure and purification/cryogenic system are important!

Electron lifetime vs  
time during  
commissioning run.

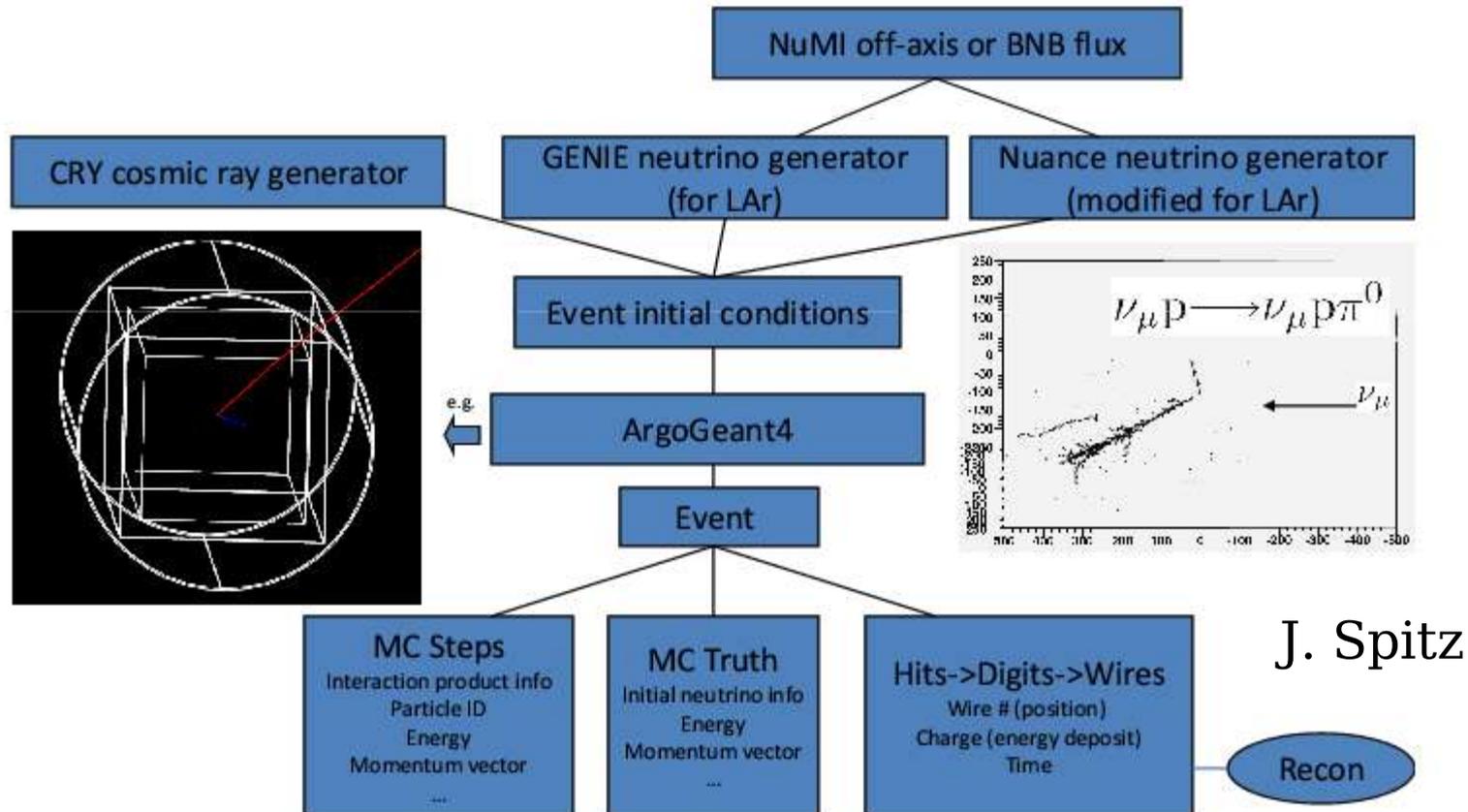
Late August/Early  
Sept., purity  
remains  
constant/decreases:  
Heat load changes  
or exhausted filter  
are possible causes



- Optimizing other systems before going underground: routing of readout cables, filter insulation, heat load balance, purity monitor fiber....

# Simulation/Reconstruction effort

## The Monte Carlo tree



Overall framework for Simulation and Reconstruction packages in development.

Combined Analysis tools effort for ArgoNeuT/MicroBoone

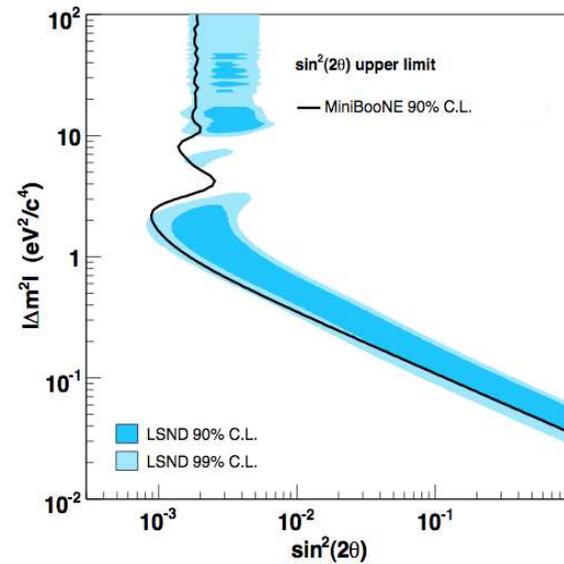
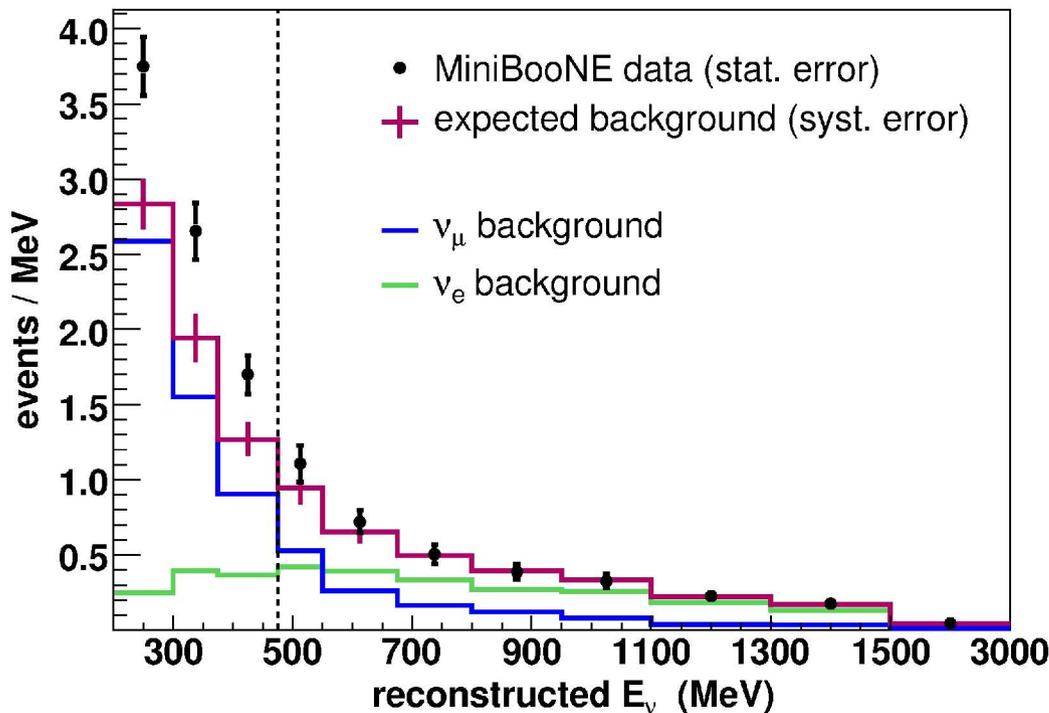
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## ArgoNeuT and MicroBooNE

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  - MicroBooNE Status
  - Impact on the broader program
- Physics Motivation update
  - Detector design work
  - Review process

MiniBooNE Results, 2007  
 Data consistent with background in  
 $475 < E_{\nu}^{QE} < 3000$  MeV  
 analysis region

Excess below this not well understood



Incompatible with the LSND experiment at 98% CL.

reconstructed neutrino energy bin (MeV)

	200-300	300-475
total bkgnd	284±25	274±21
$\nu_e$ intrinsic	26	67
$\nu_\mu$ induced	258	207
NC $\pi^0$	115	76
NC $\Delta \rightarrow N\gamma$	20	51
Dirt	99	50
other	24	30
data	375±19	369±19
	2.5σ	3.7σ

MiniBooNE spent ~1 year to understand the low energy region and continues to see a >3 sigma excess.....

- Basic checks that events looked electromagnetic, were distributed evenly in time and space
- In depth analysis of backgrounds, uncertainties, and cuts

Some effects added to excess, some removed excess...

- Improved treatment of  $\pi$  flux errors
- Improved  $\pi^0$ /radiative  $\Delta$  analysis
- Additional hadronic processes in cross section model
- Additional cuts to remove dirt events
- New data (0.83E20 pot in neutrino mode during SciBooNE run)

Final Results

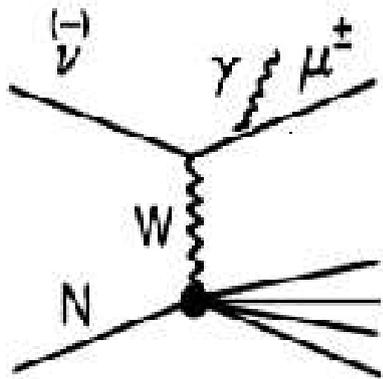
	reconstructed neutrino energy bin (MeV)	
	200-300	300-475
total bkgnd	186.8±26.0	228.3±24.5
$\nu_e$ intrinsic	18.8	61.7
$\nu_\mu$ induced	168	166.6
NC $\pi^0$	103.5	77.8
NC $\Delta \rightarrow N\gamma$	19.5	47.5
Dirt	11.5	12.3
other	33.5	29
data	232	312
	1.7 $\sigma$	3.4 $\sigma$

Excess  
persists!

There is a range of possible explanations....

### Commonplace

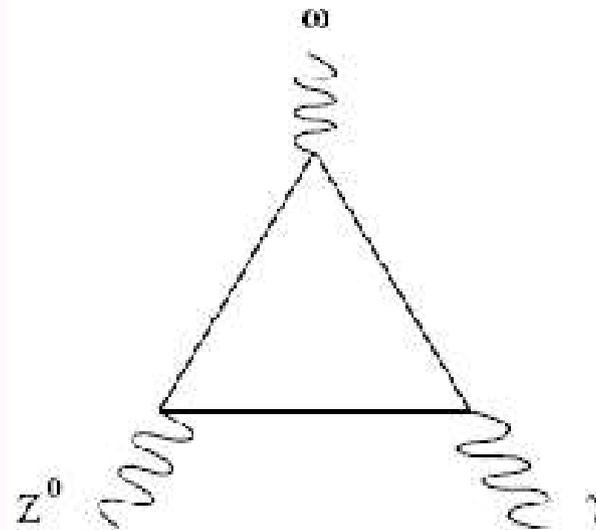
- **Muon bremsstrahlung**  
(Bodek, 0709.4004)



- Easy to study in MB with much larger stats from events with a Michel tag
- Proved negligible with MB data in 0710.3897

### SM, but odd

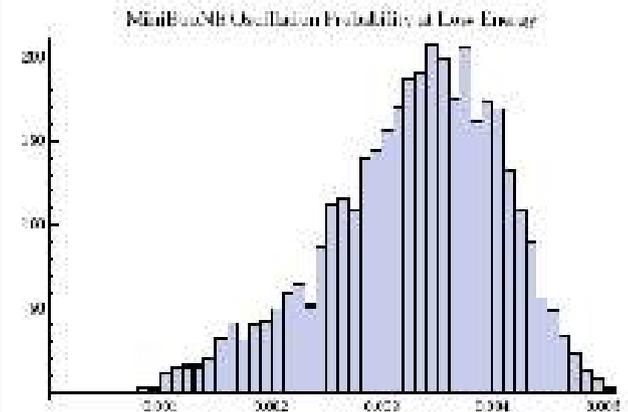
- **Anomaly-mediated  $\gamma$**   
(Harvey, Hill, Hill, 0708.1281)



- Still under study, nuc. effects neglected,  $\delta g_{\omega}$
- Has to contribute...how much?

### Beyond the SM

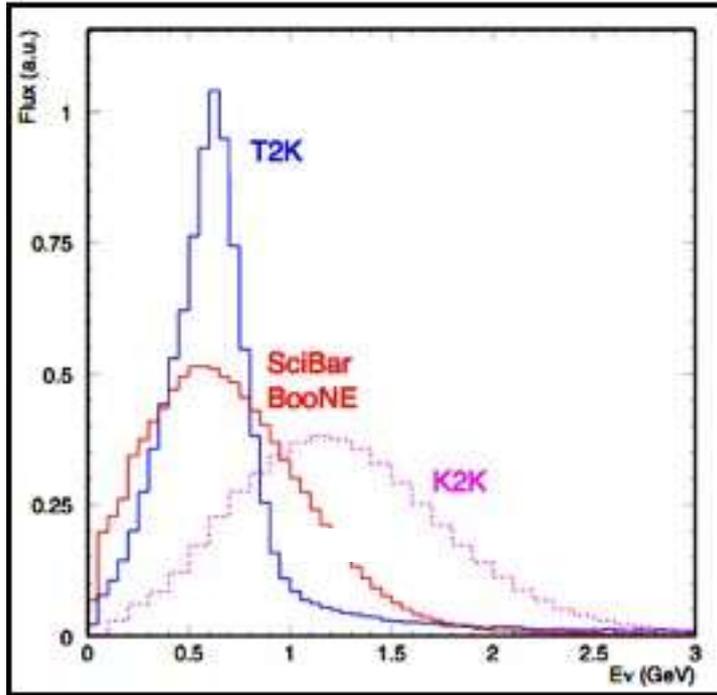
- **New gauge boson**  
(Nelson, Walsh, 0711.1363)



- Can accommodate LSND and MiniBooNE
- Firm prediction for anti-neutrinos

Distinguishing electrons from gammas is key to interpreting the signal

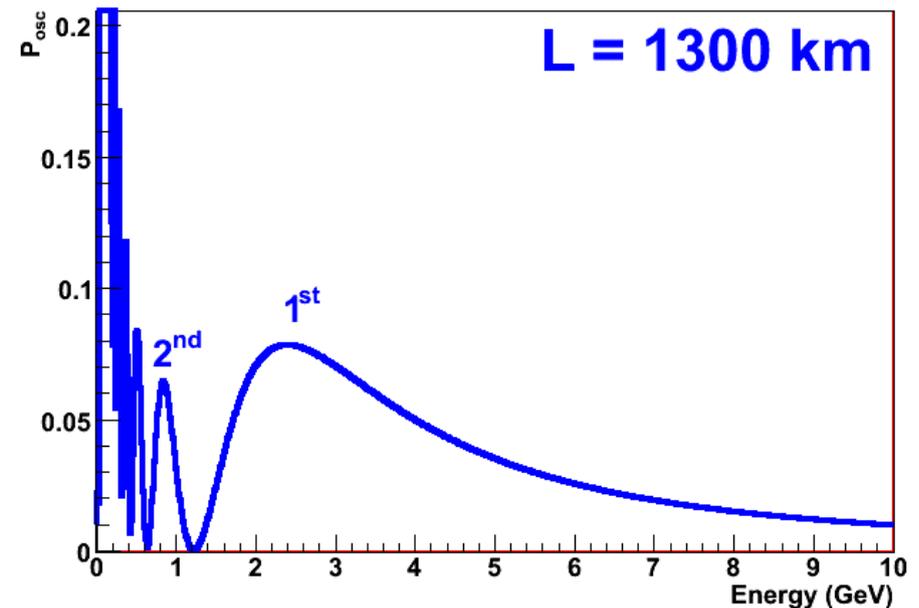
Regardless of interpretation, excess must be understood for next generation  $\nu_e$  appearance measurements.



T2K experiment:

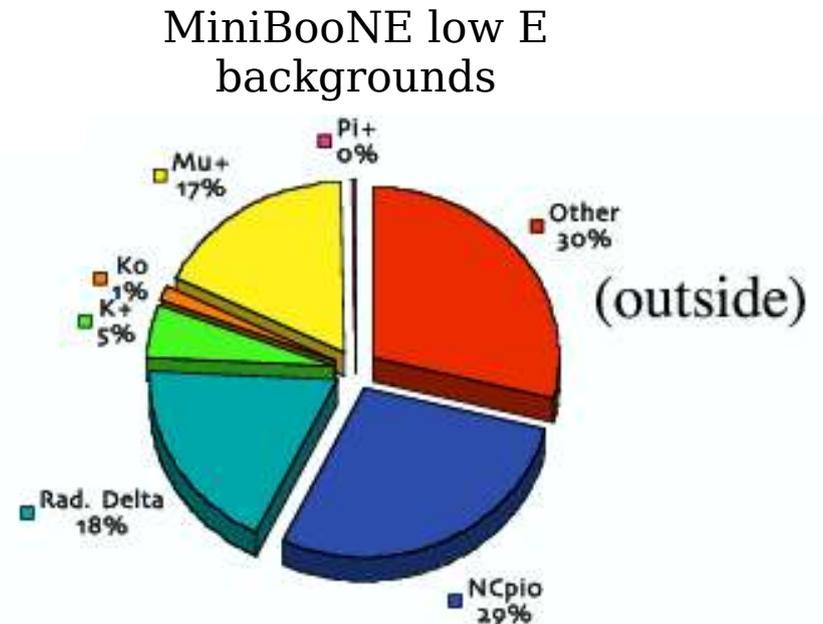
- Similar energy spectrum
- Cerenkov detection technique
- $<1\%$  oscillation probability
- excess would be a background of  $\sim 100$  events at  $>100$  MeV

DUSEL Long Baseline Program:  
Low energy excess in region of  
 $2^{\text{nd}}$  oscillation maxima



# MicroBooNE's LArTPC detection technique extremely powerful

- $e/\gamma$  separation capability removes  $\nu_\mu$  induced single  $\gamma$  backgrounds
- electron neutrino efficiency:  $\sim x2$  better than MiniBooNE
- sensitivity at low energies (down to tens of MeV compared to 200 MeV on MiniBooNE)



Translates to  $5\sigma$  sensitivity if excess is  $\nu_e s$   
 $3\sigma$  if excess is  $\gamma s$   
in MicroBooNE's 70 ton fiducial volume

## Low energy neutrino interactions:

Sizable samples contained interactions and rare interactions to make unique measurements

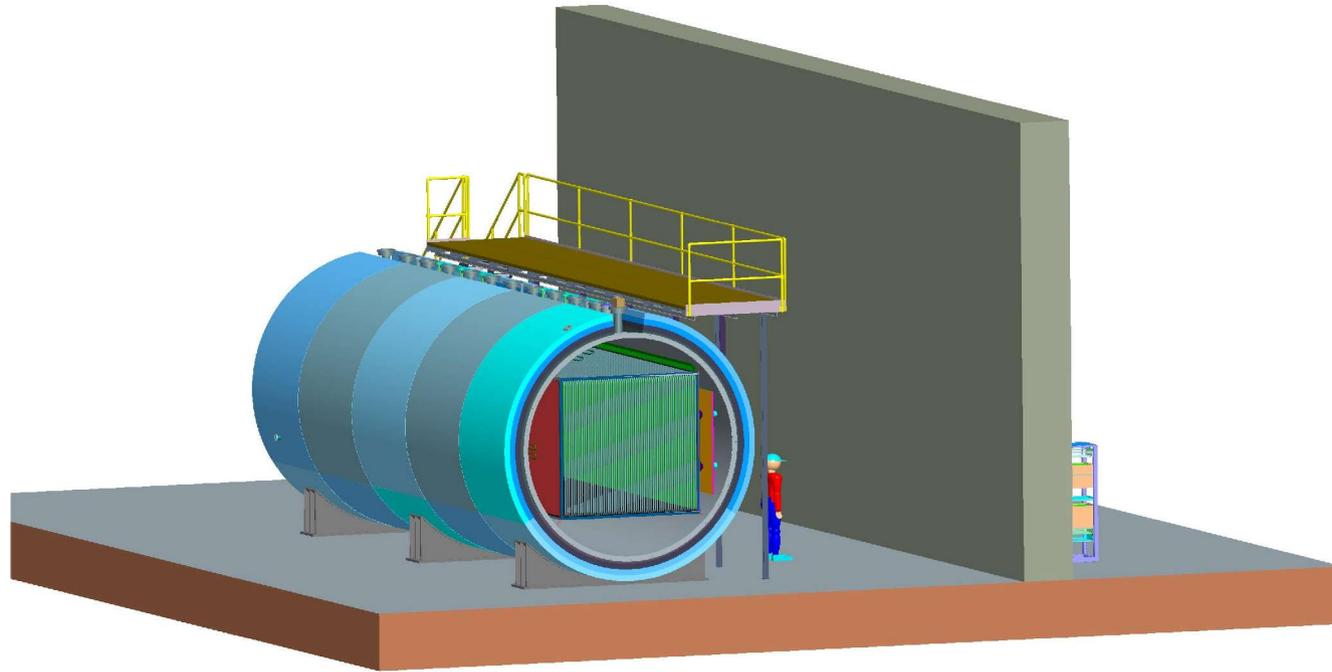
- CCQE sample:  $\sim 15\text{k}$  contained events is enough to study kinematics and extract MA
- $\sim 500$  neutrino interactions in which a  $K^+$  is produced with an energy and decay signature similar to Ks from proton decay
- Study of coherent pion production
- Search for anomalous photon production
- Measure photo-nuclear interactions
- $\sim 170$  intrinsic electron neutrino interactions
- Measurement of  $N_{\text{cpi}0}$  and Delta decays at low energies

## MicroBooNE design parameters:

Physics case and R&D program are driving the MicroBooNE design:

- Detector size
- TPC and PMT design
- Dynamic range and data readout
- Cryostat and Cryogenics

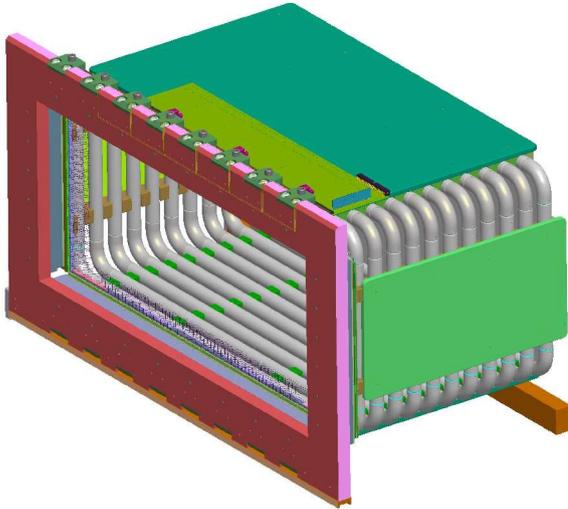
Setting these design parameters and proceeding with design work towards CD-1 in February



## Detector size

- As big as possible to use MicroBooNE to learn about the next steps
- As big as possible while remaining a reasonable cost and reasonable size to construct in industry and ship to FNAL.
- The right size to be sensitive to the low energy excess and to have sizable samples for low energy cross section measurements

## Active Detectors design:



Wire termination  
movie goes here

Mechanical prototype (in design) to understand details of:

- Wire carrier assembly and attachment
- Wire choice and stringing and tensioning process
- Field cage and resistor chain design
- Quality Assurance checks

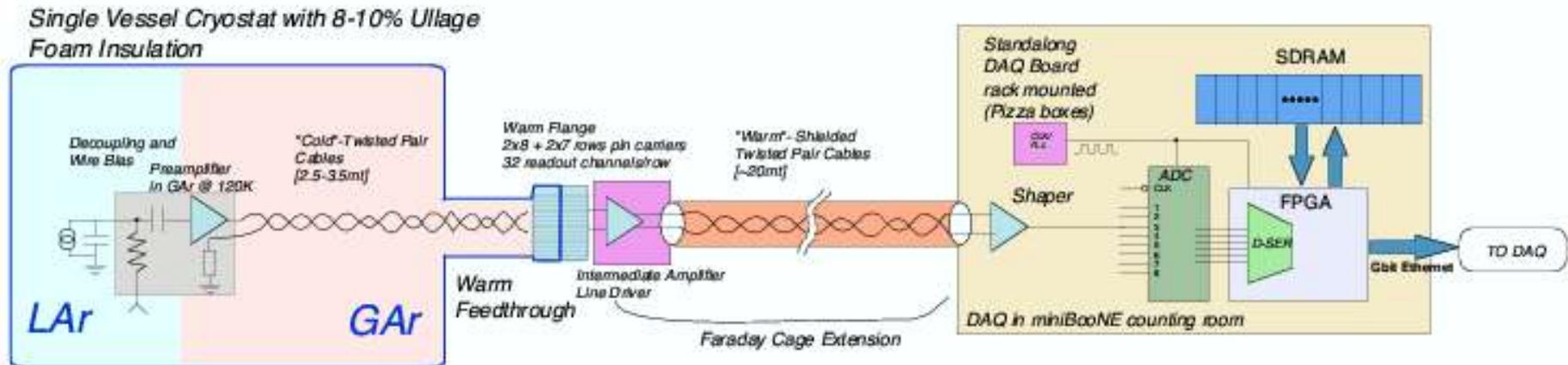
Other issues to be addressed:

- Wire chamber frame and field cage piece size (issues related to installation for MicroBooNE and beyond)
- Wire sag of long wires over time

*TPC construction and wire assembly to be done at Yale*  
*PMT assembly and testing to be done through MIT*

→ NSF MRI

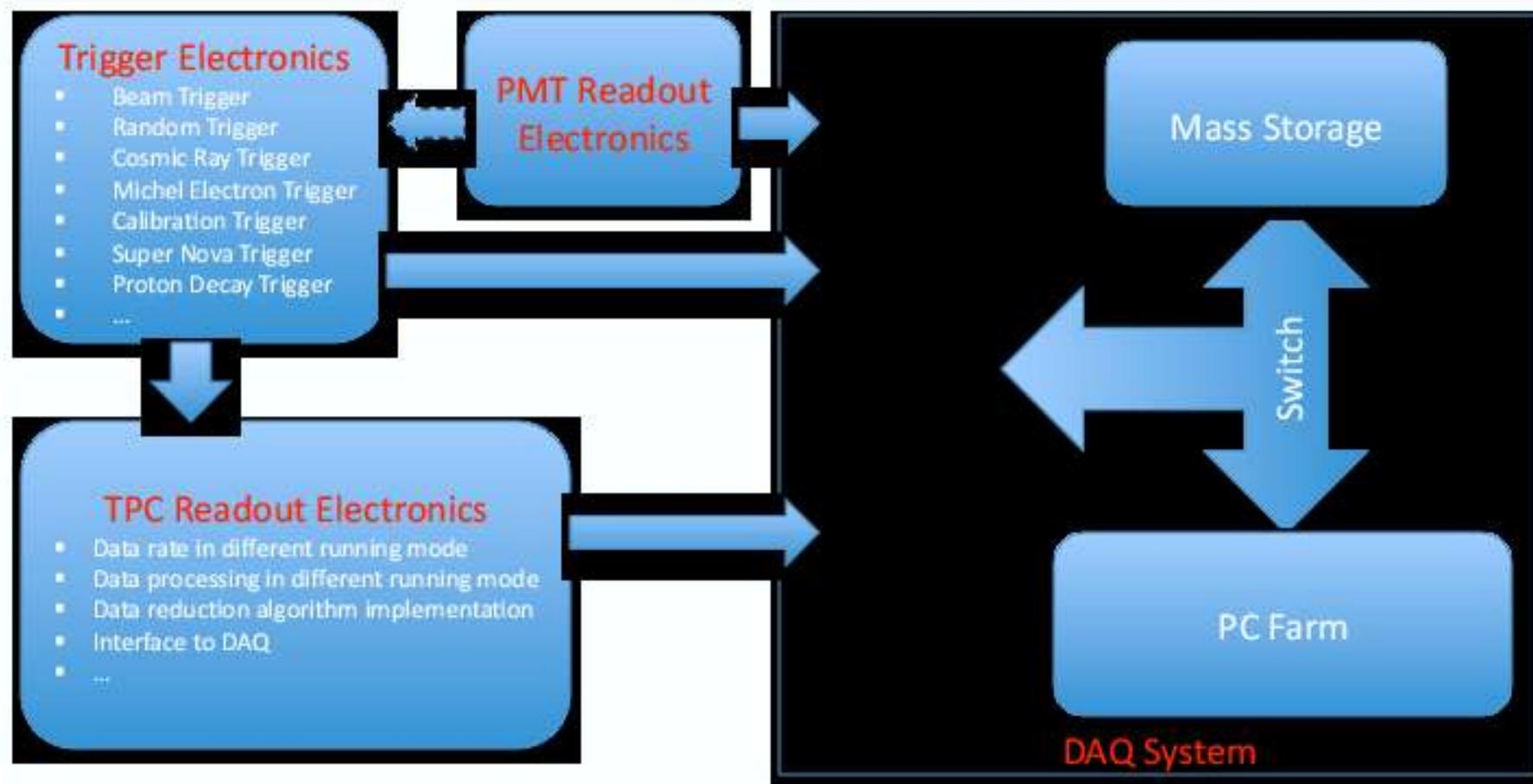
# TPC Readout Scheme



- **Cold Electronics**
    - Preamplifier
    - Cold Motherboard
    - Cold Cable
  - **On-Detector Electronic**
    - Intermediate Amplifier
    - Warm Cable
  - **Readout Electronics**
    - TPC Readout Board
      - Analog Part
      - Digital Part
    - Calibration Board
    - Transmission to DAQ
      - Gigabit Ethernet
  - **DAQ**
    - Event Builder
    - DAQ Software
- Prototype  
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 Layout  
 Prototype

Parameters driving design:  
 Dynamic range needed for physics goals  
 Data readout rate for MicroBooNE and beyond

# Layout of MicroBooNE Readout System



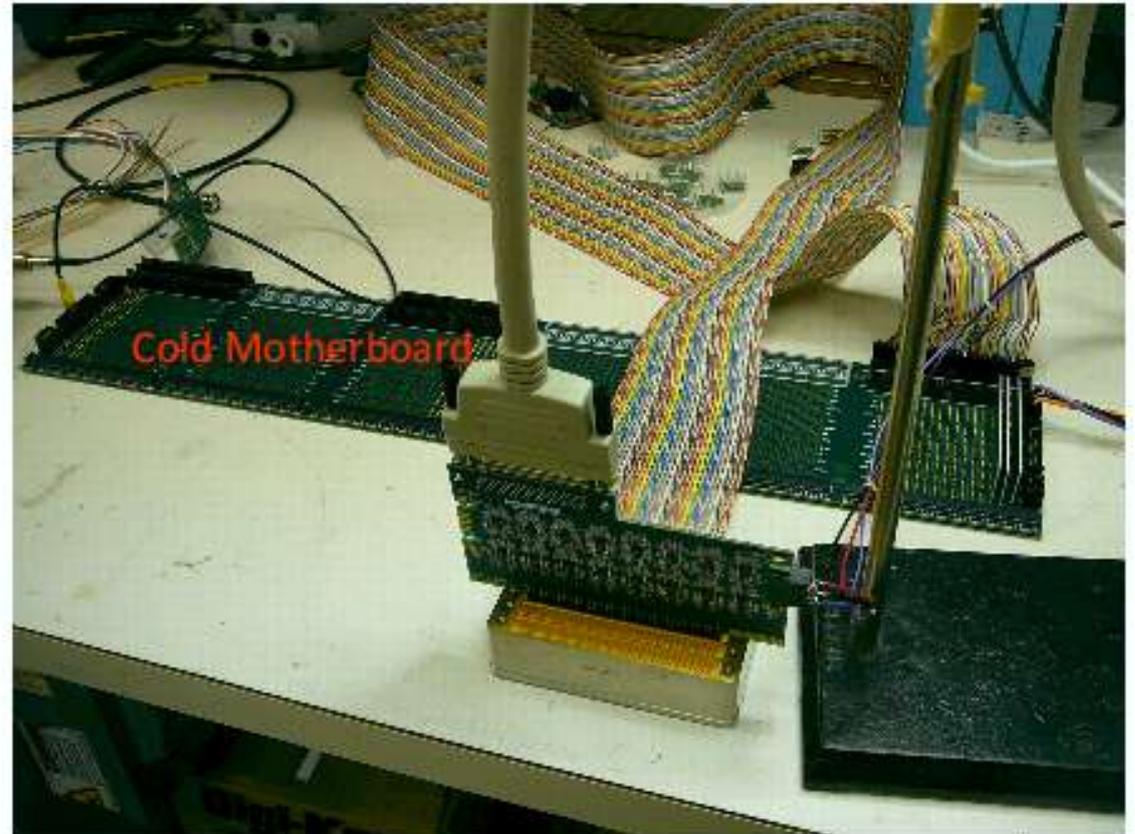
# Prototype of Cold Electronics and On-Detector Electronics



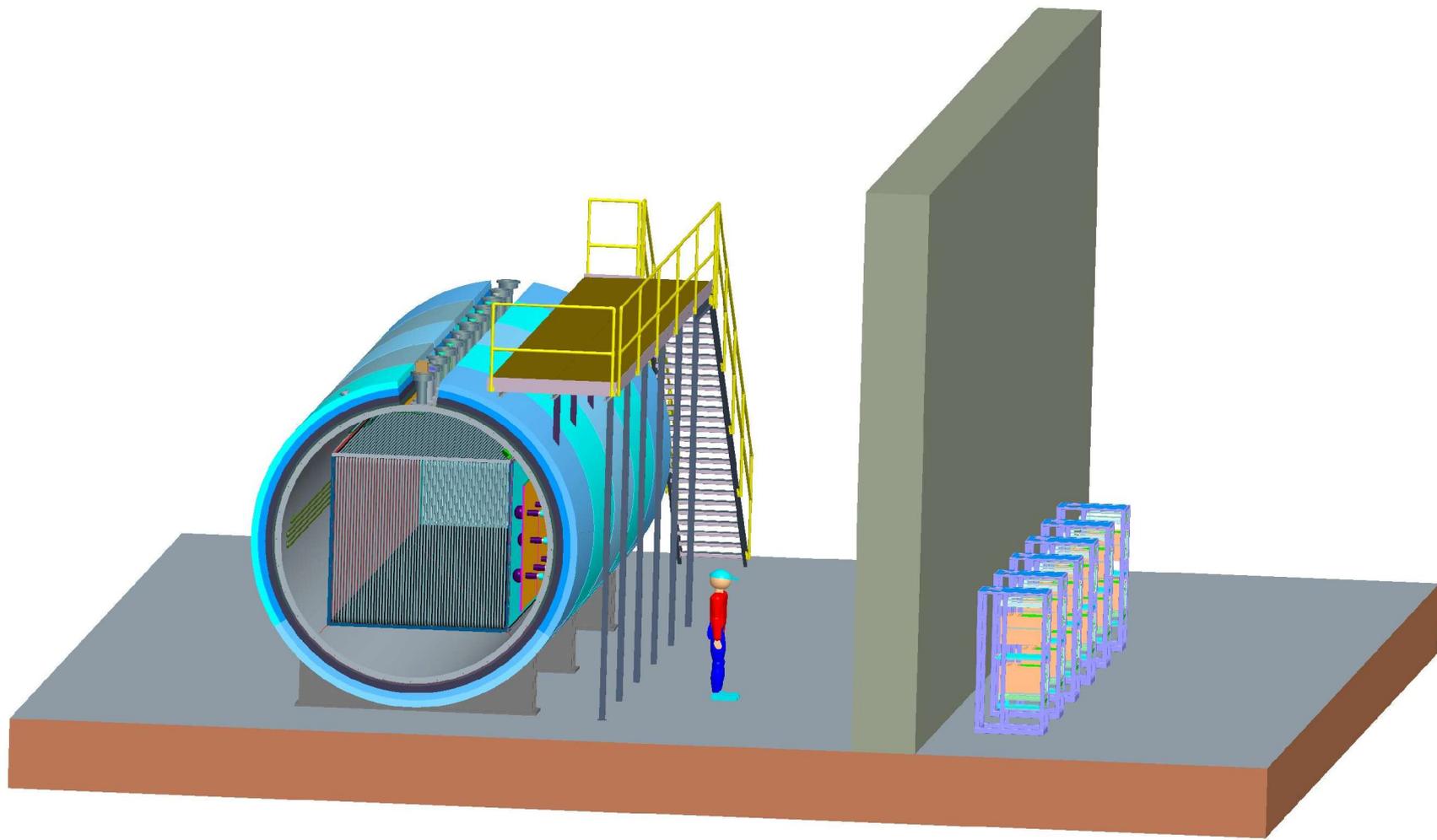
Quad Preamplifier



Intermediate Amplifier



Front End Readout Electronics Test Setup



Cryostat/Cryogenics/Purification design work continues.

*Cryogenics engineering resources are tight  
Trying to augment cryogenics team with cryogenics  
engineers outside FNAL/BNL*

# Collaboration re-structuring to move through this design period

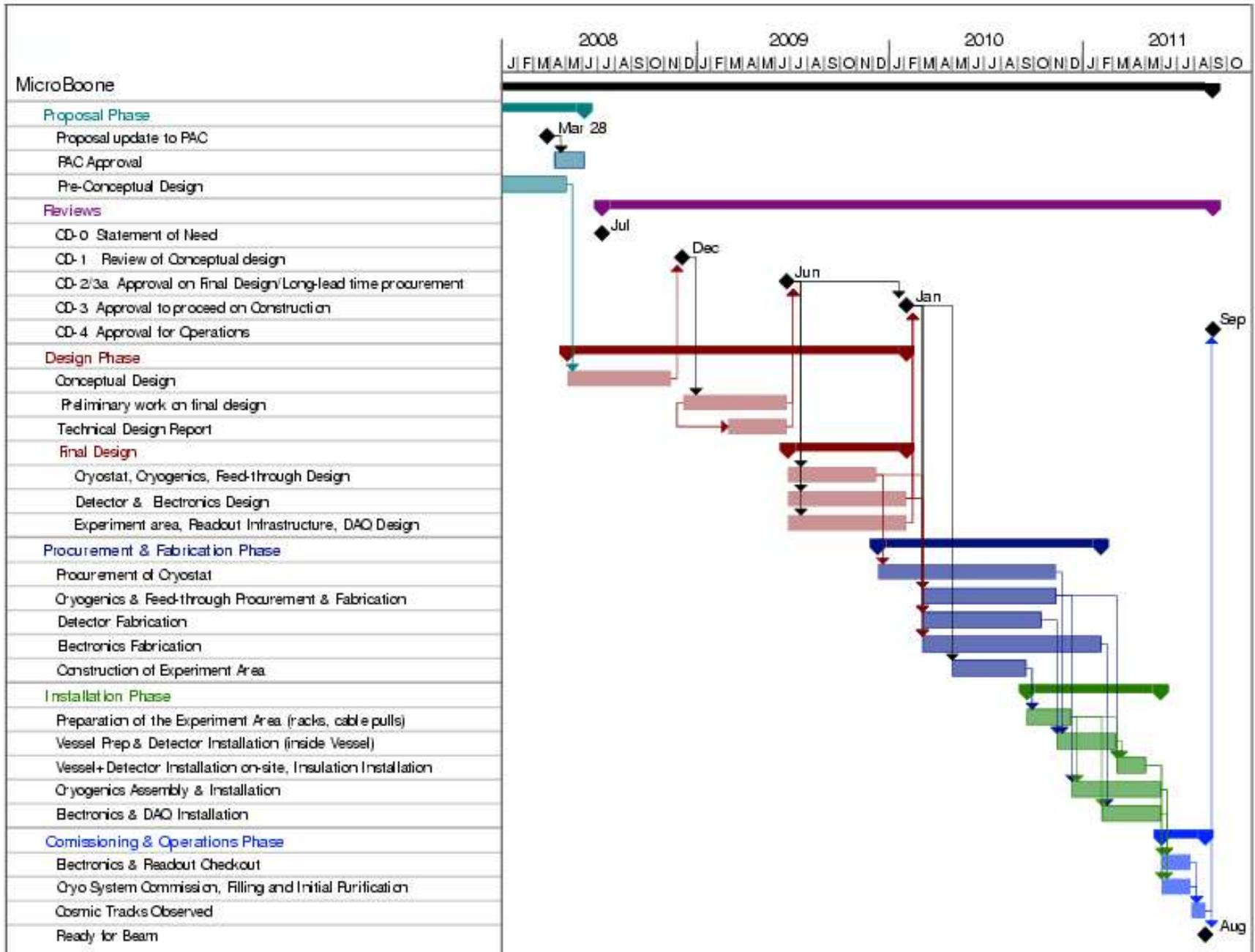
Project Manager: Cat James

Working Groups	Conveners	CAMs
Active Detectors	Bo Yu, Teppei Katori	Bonnie Fleming
Electronics	Hucheng Chen	HuCheng Chen
DAQ		
Cryostat/Cryogenics and Purification	Stephen Pordes Dave Schmitz	Brian Rebel
Beam	Sacha Kopp	Sacha Kopp
Building and Infrastructure	Cat James	Cat James
Analysis Tools	Mike Shaevitz Brian Rebel	
Physics Analysis	Janet Conrad Mitch Soderberg	

Formation of Institutional Board and bylaws

Formation of Technical Board to advise on design

Working on design and materials needed for CD-1  
in February



- Concurrently working on  
MicroBooNE Phase 2 R&D towards next step:
- Purity Program: MicroBooNE purge test: 6 week program to precede physics run
  - Cold Electronics development: 4 year program to develop electronics and signal multiplexing to run in LAr
  - Optimize detector design for MicroBooNE and beyond: constructability, cost scaling, value engineering

The LBL program to DUSEL is moving quickly –  
Exciting time!

Need to move quickly on MicroBooNE to be ready  
for this!

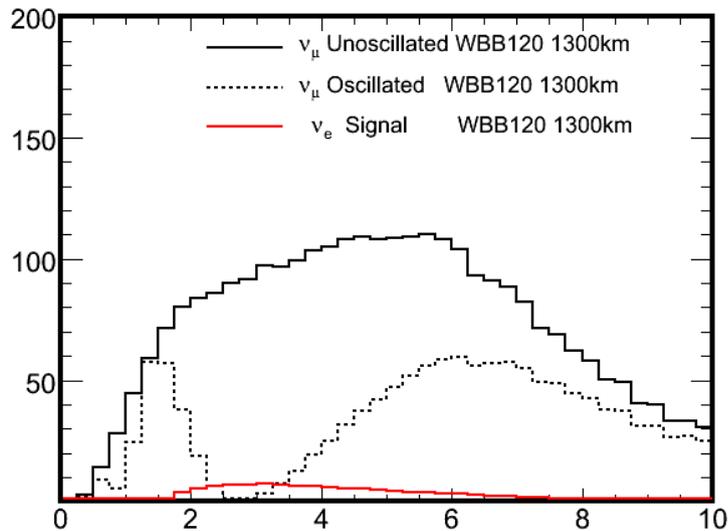
MicroBooNE  
has both a physics impact on broader program  
and an R&D impact on broader program

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# Long baseline neutrino program: Intense neutrino beam from Fermilab to DUSEL



Look for CP Violation  
in the neutrino sector



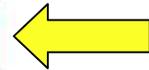
$L = 1300$  km (more matter  
effect in the oscillations)

Oscillation maximum at higher  
energies

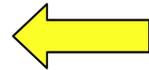
Broad band beam can cover  
1st and 2nd maximum

# Evolution of the Liquid Argon Physics Program

Yale TPC  
Luke & Bo



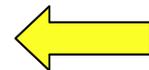
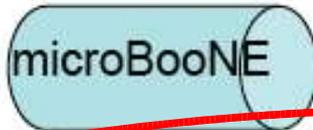
**Program underway**



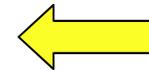
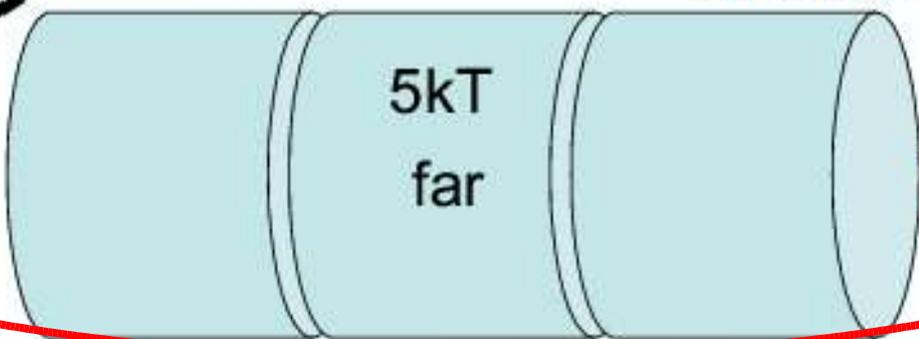
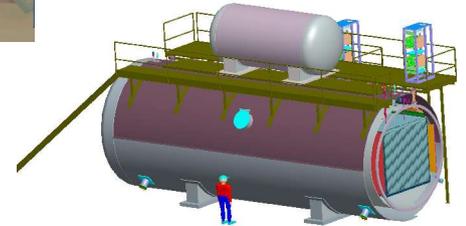
**Spring 2008**



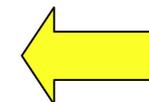
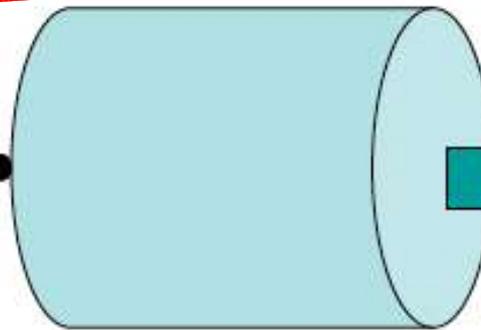
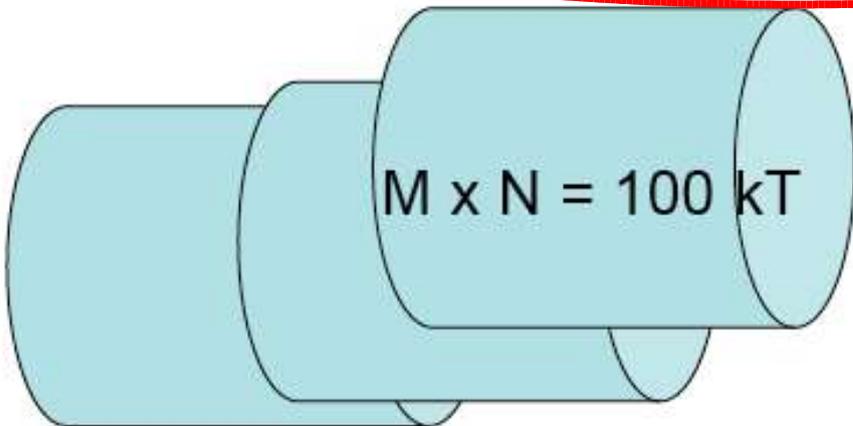
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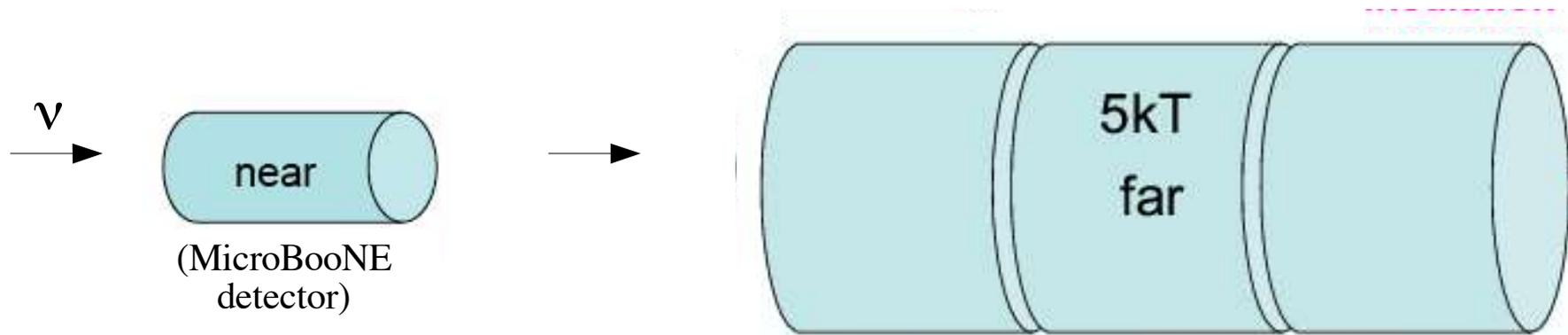
**Data : 2011**



**Data. ~2015-2016?**



**Data 20??**



## **DUSEL Baseline detector plan: 5+(25) ktons**

First step is 5 kton

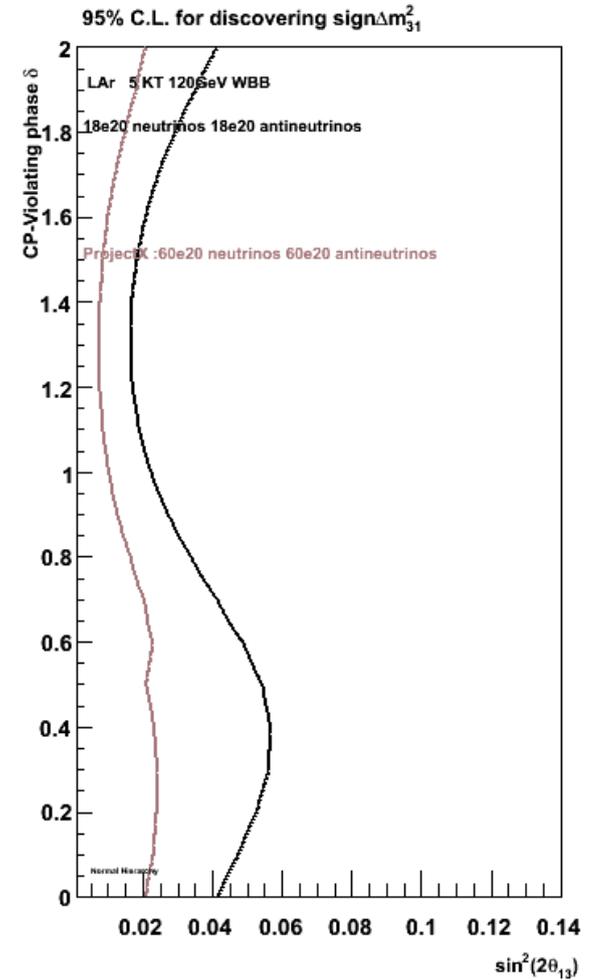
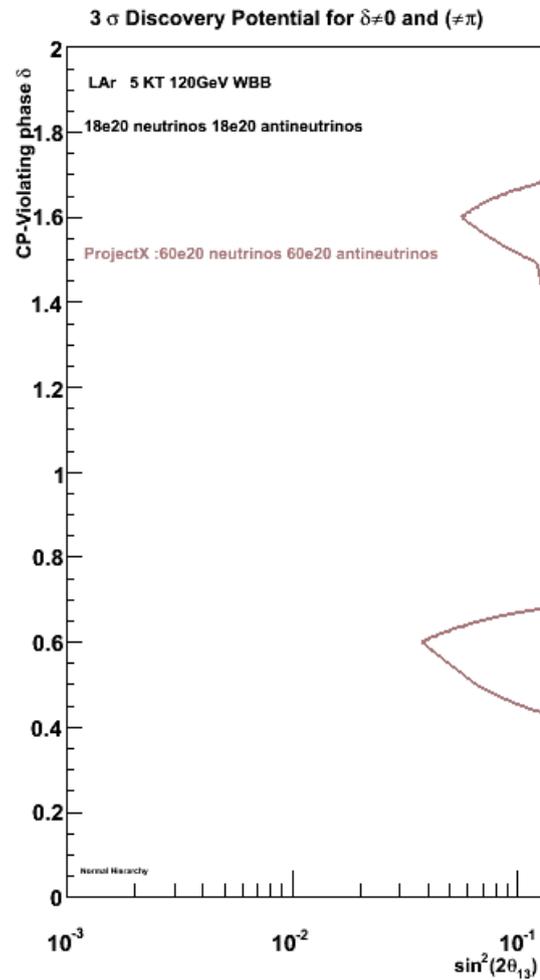
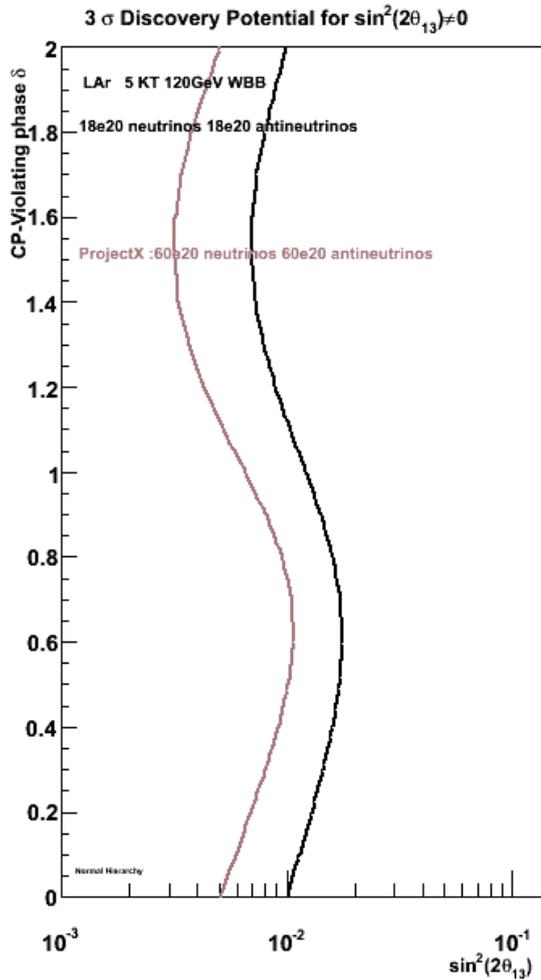
- good step in scale, cost, and physics

Next step is ~25ktons although design would be driven by what we learn in the next few steps:  
(ie: can we live without evacuable vessels..)

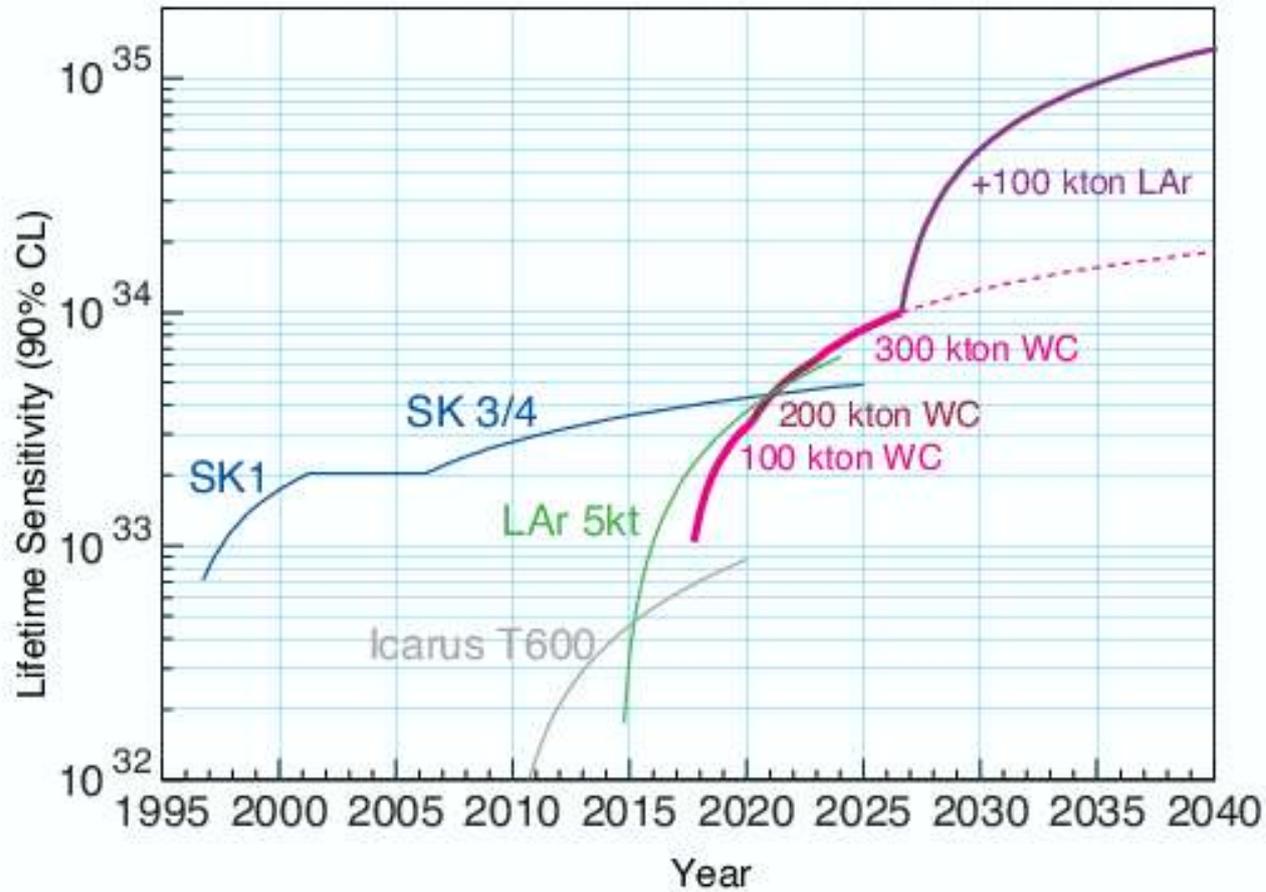
Steps beyond this in ~30kton modules: Significant physics gain as you add more modules

Collaboration forming to drive effort on 5kton

# Physics reach of 5ktons



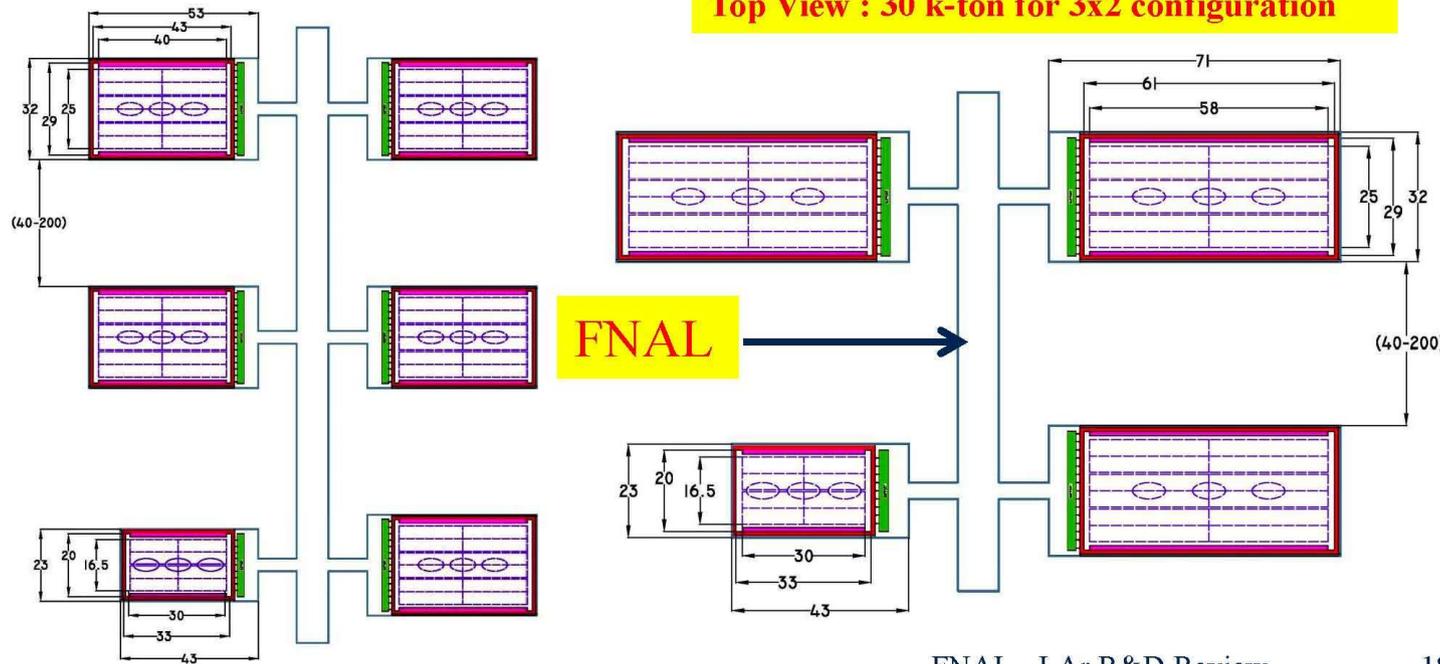
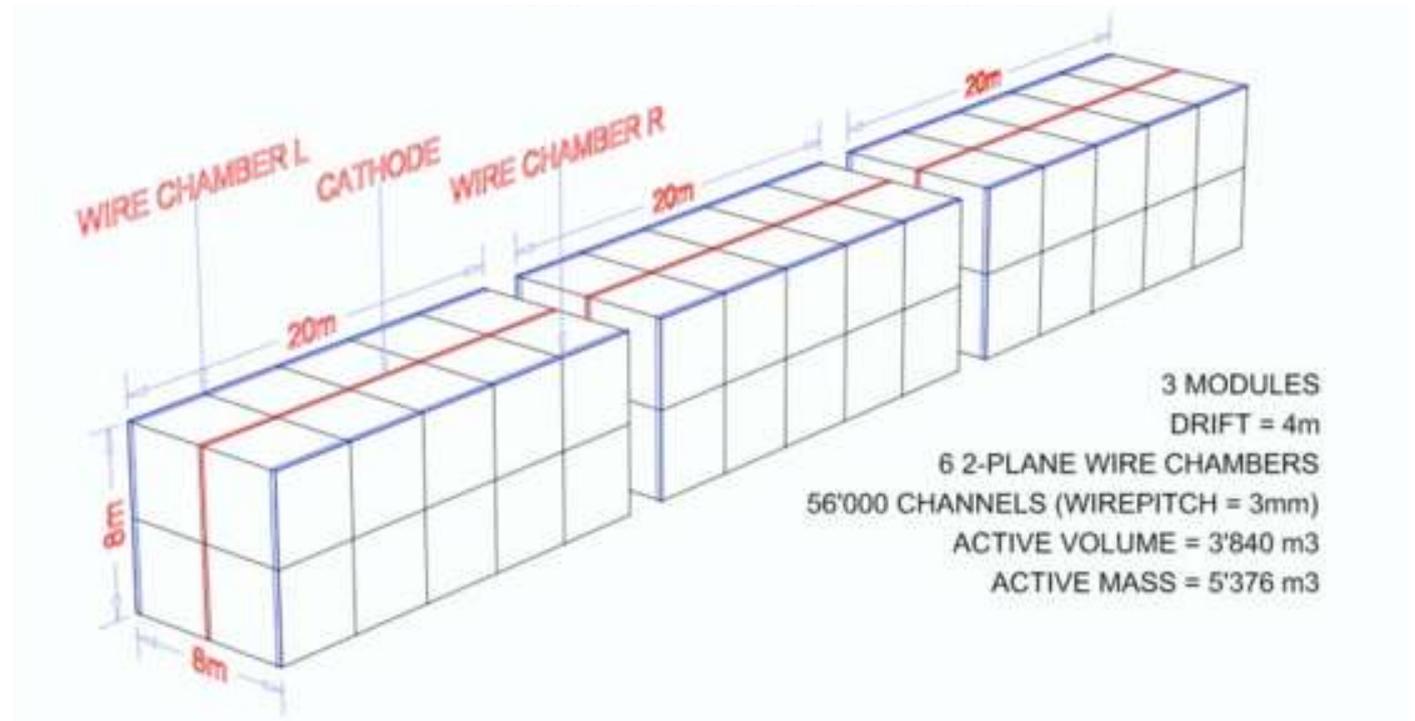
N. Saoulidou



WC efficiency = 0.14  
 BG = 1.2 evts/100 kty  
 Nobs = Nbg

LAr efficiency = 0.98  
 BG = 0.1 evts/100 kty  
 Nobs = Nbg

# 5kton LAAND Modular Concept (D. Cline, F. Sergiampietri)



Microboone  
like concept:  
modularized  
detectors

5kton + larger modules in various possible configurations..

# General underground siting issues:

LAr loss: O<sub>2</sub> content, reduction of temperature

## Mitigation:

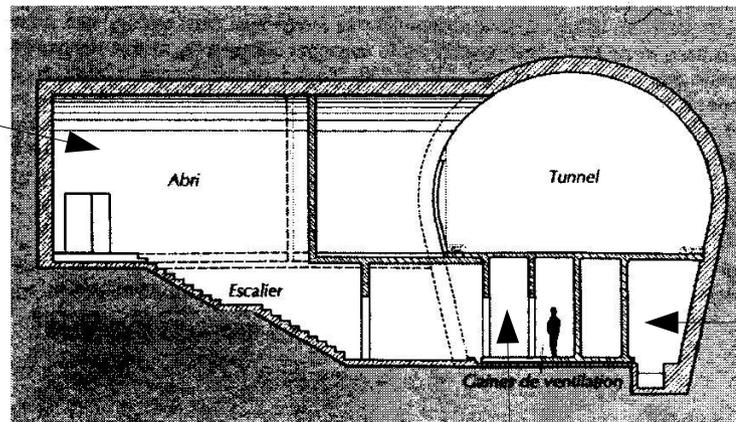
- Design: Use best cryo-techniques to minimize leaks
- Egress/Shelter: In cavern and from cavern



## Mont-Blanc Safety upgrade

Refuge Shelter  
with fresh air

Ventilation ducts



Experience from  
LNGS industry on  
bulk transport and  
storage

Smoke extraction

- Ventilation: Dedicated exhaust shaft
- Freeze/thaw damage: placement and insulation

## Summary:

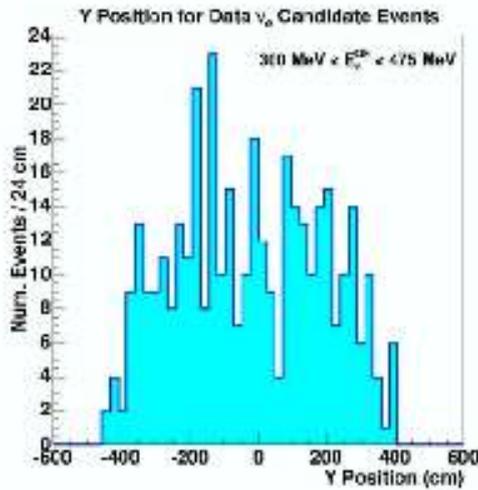
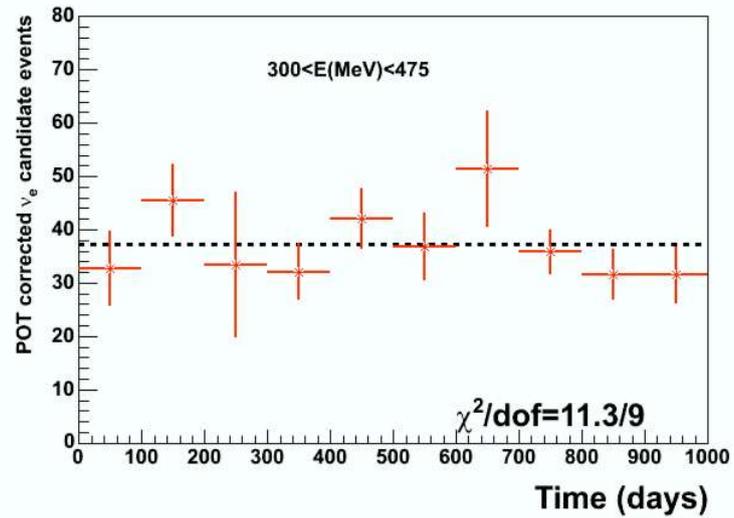
- MicroBooNE moving into design and review stage
- On track for CD-1 in February
- Cryogenics resources are tight

**Success in timescales for DUSEL depend on  
an aggressive MicroBooNE Schedule!**

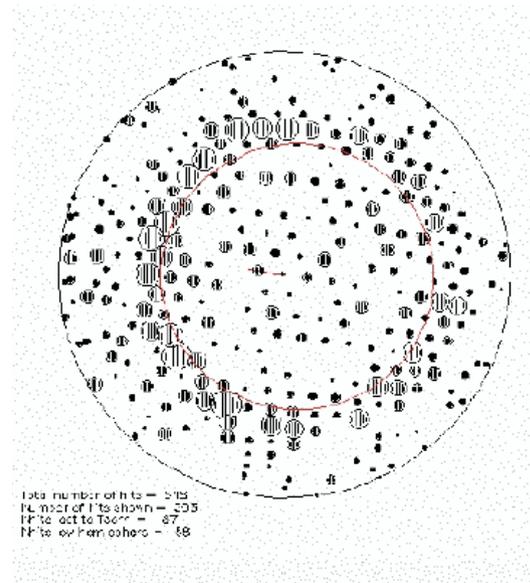
Backup Slides

Basic checks:

Are events distributed evenly in time?



Are they distributed evenly in space?



Do the events look ring-like?

Check backgrounds and error estimates.....

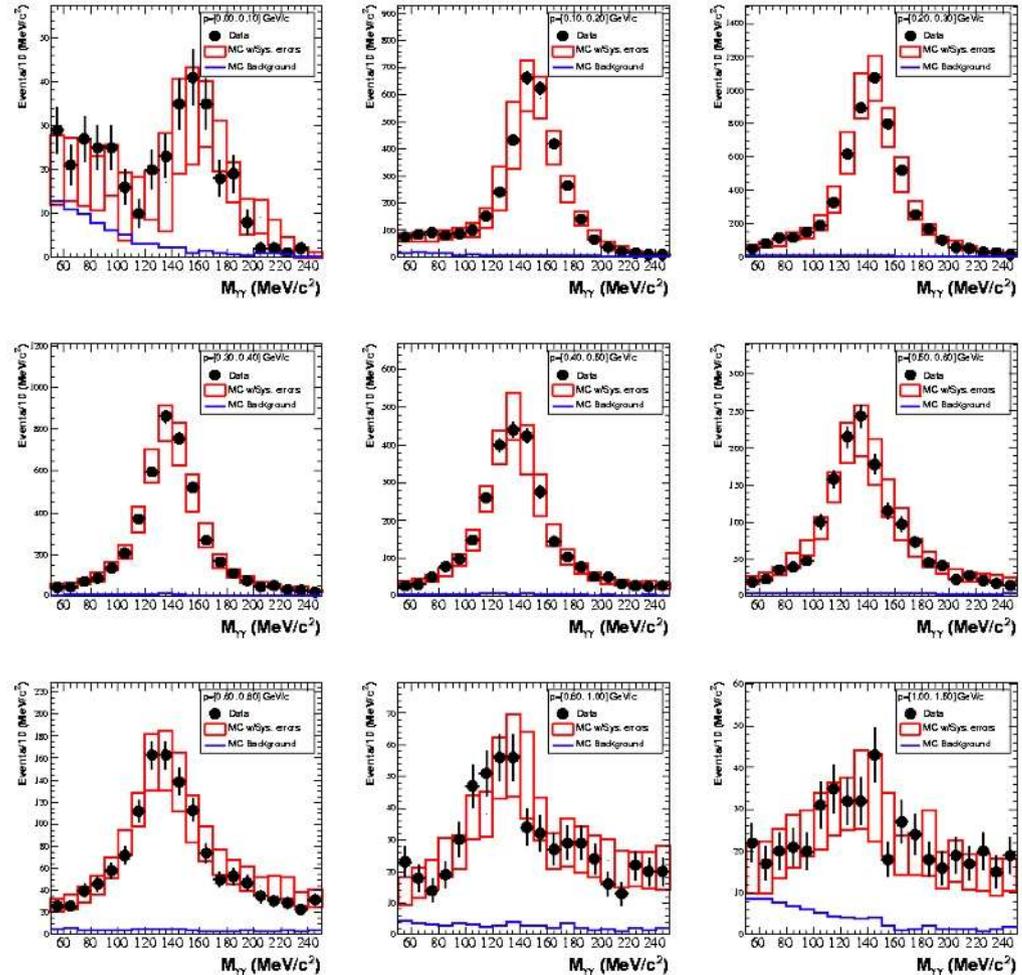
# NC $\pi^0$ and radiative $\Delta \rightarrow N\gamma$ constrained by identified NC $\pi^0$ events (paper submitted to PLB, March '08)

Mis-IDs are back-to-back decays with one “weak” gamma. Mis-ID rate is driven by kinematics of  $\pi^0$  decay – known to  $<(1 \pm 0.1)\%$

MC tuned to match rate measurements in momentum bins

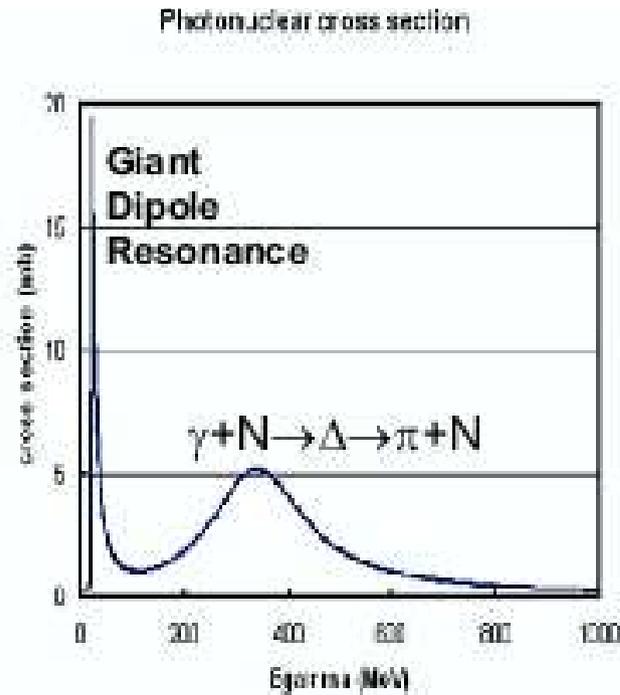
Error due to absolute rate of events, not flux or cross section errors -> robust!

Coherent rate determined from angular distributions



Rate of delta-radiative decays constrained by resonant production measurements for NC $\pi^0$ 's.

# Photonuclear interactions of $\pi^0$ :



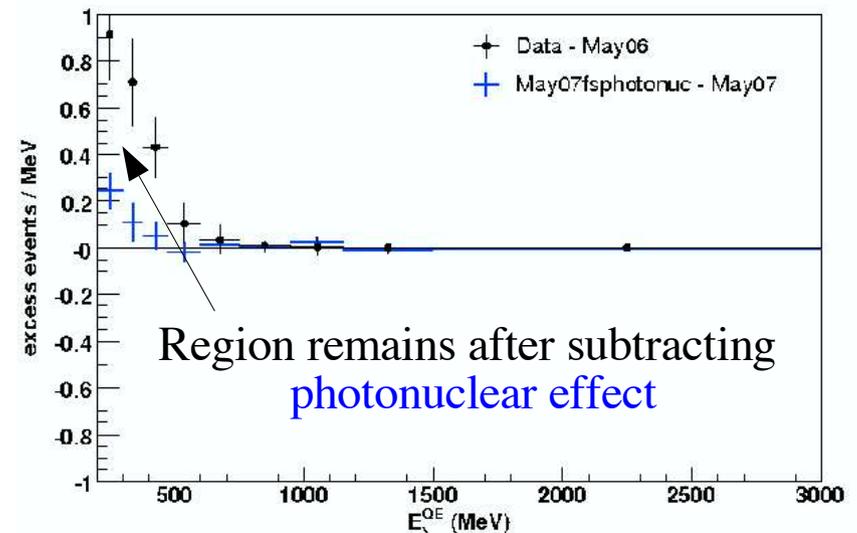
One gamma lost due to interactions with nuclei

interaction often results in other particles produced – final state interactions

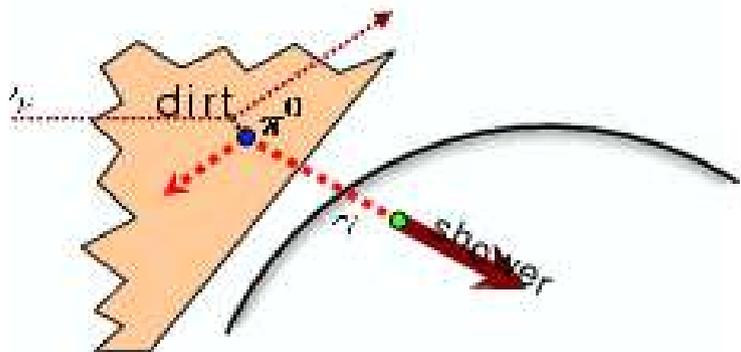
Cannot be constrained by MiniBooNE data:

Most conservative error on rate assessed to determine background

Reduces excess by  
 $\sim 13\%$  at 300-475 MeV  
 $\sim 27\%$  at 200-300 MeV



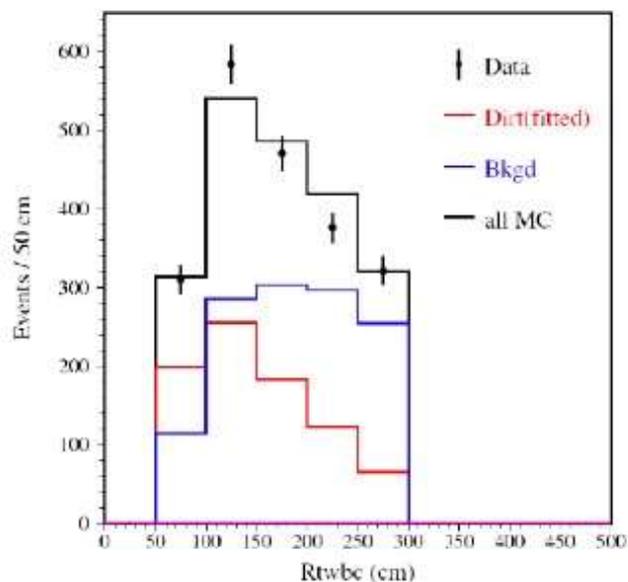
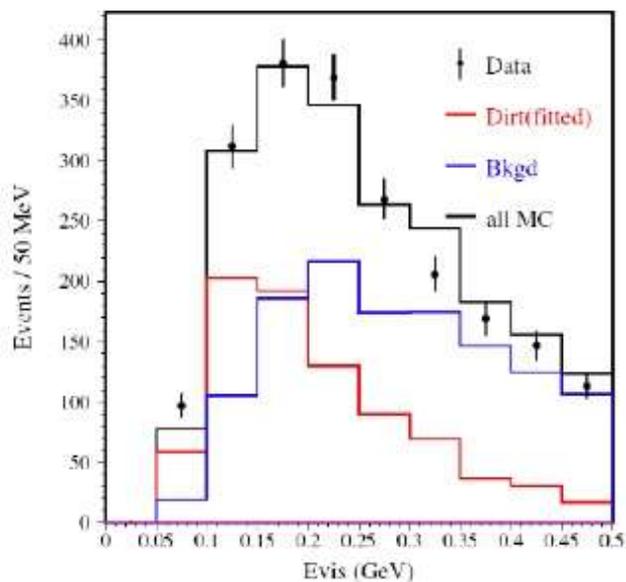
# “Dirt” backgrounds



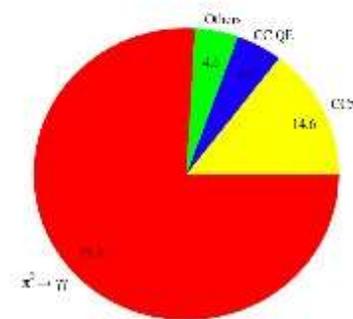
Beam neutrino interactions in dirt around detector can produce single gamma events in detector

Background can be reduced significantly with radial energy cut

Removes  $\sim 85\%$  of the background at low energy



Event Type of Dirt Events



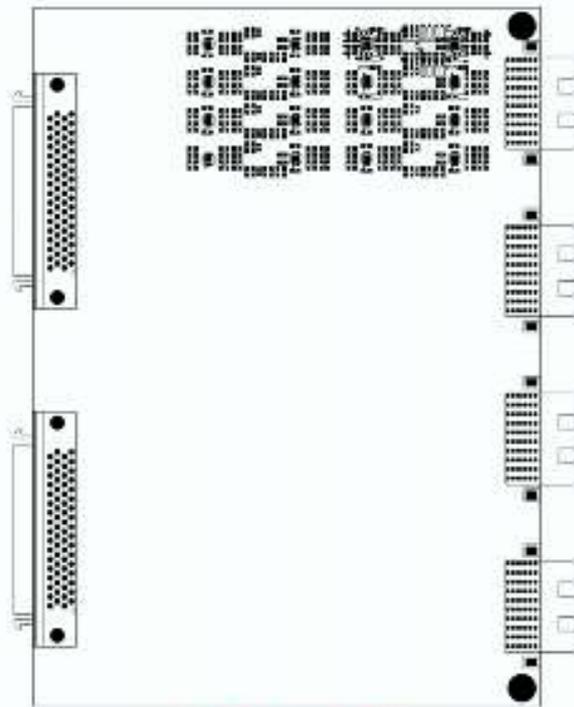
# Different Exposures



		$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \neq 0$	$\text{sign}(\Delta m_{31}^2)$	CPV
		$3\sigma$ , all $\delta_{cp}$	$3\sigma$ , all $\delta_{cp}$	$3\sigma$ , 50% $\delta_{cp}$
Water Cherenkov	300kt, 1.2MW	0.008	0.018	0.030
	300kt, 2.4MW	0.006	0.012	0.015
	600kt, 2.4MW	0.004	0.010	0.008
Liquid Argon	50kt, 1.2MW	0.007	0.014	0.018
	50kt, 2.4MW	0.005	0.011	0.010
	100kt, 2.4MW	0.003	0.008	0.003

Need  $\sim 6x$  smaller LAr to obtain similar sensitivities to WCh  
Small NC bkg contamination will affect LAr, in particular CPV

# Prototype of TPC Readout Board



Analog Part



Digital Part