

The Particle Astrophysics Road Map and Strategic Plan –

Why You Should Care!

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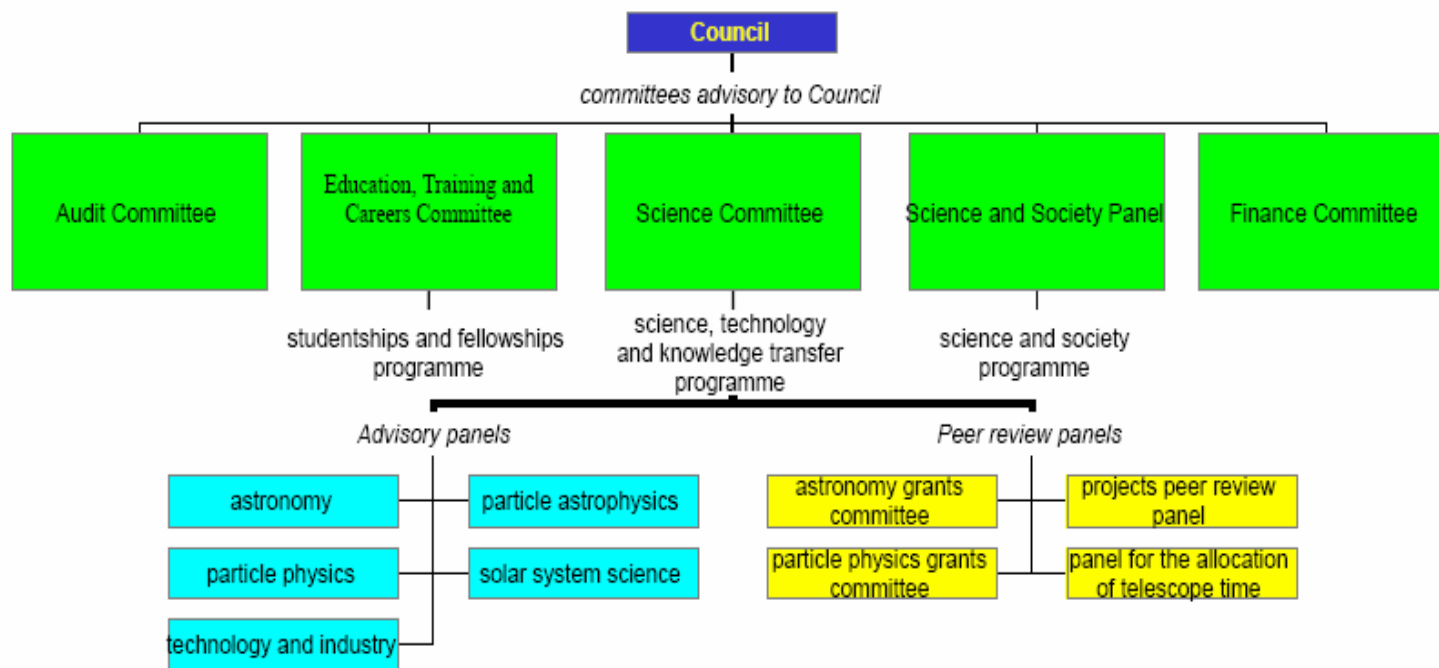
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PPARC committee structure



What does the PAAP do?

- Look to long-term strategic structure and priorities in particle astrophysics.
- Is supposed to be one of the main links between the committee structure and the community.
- Feeds input into future allocations through:
 - Road Map
 - Strategic advice
 - Ad hoc input into individual decisions.
- This advice is (surprisingly?) influential!
- Influence it!

What is Particle Astrophysics? (PPARC-specific definition)

- Gravitational Radiation
- Dark Matter
- CMBR
- Cosmic Rays
- Parts of Neutrino Physics
- Theory
- Fundamental Physics
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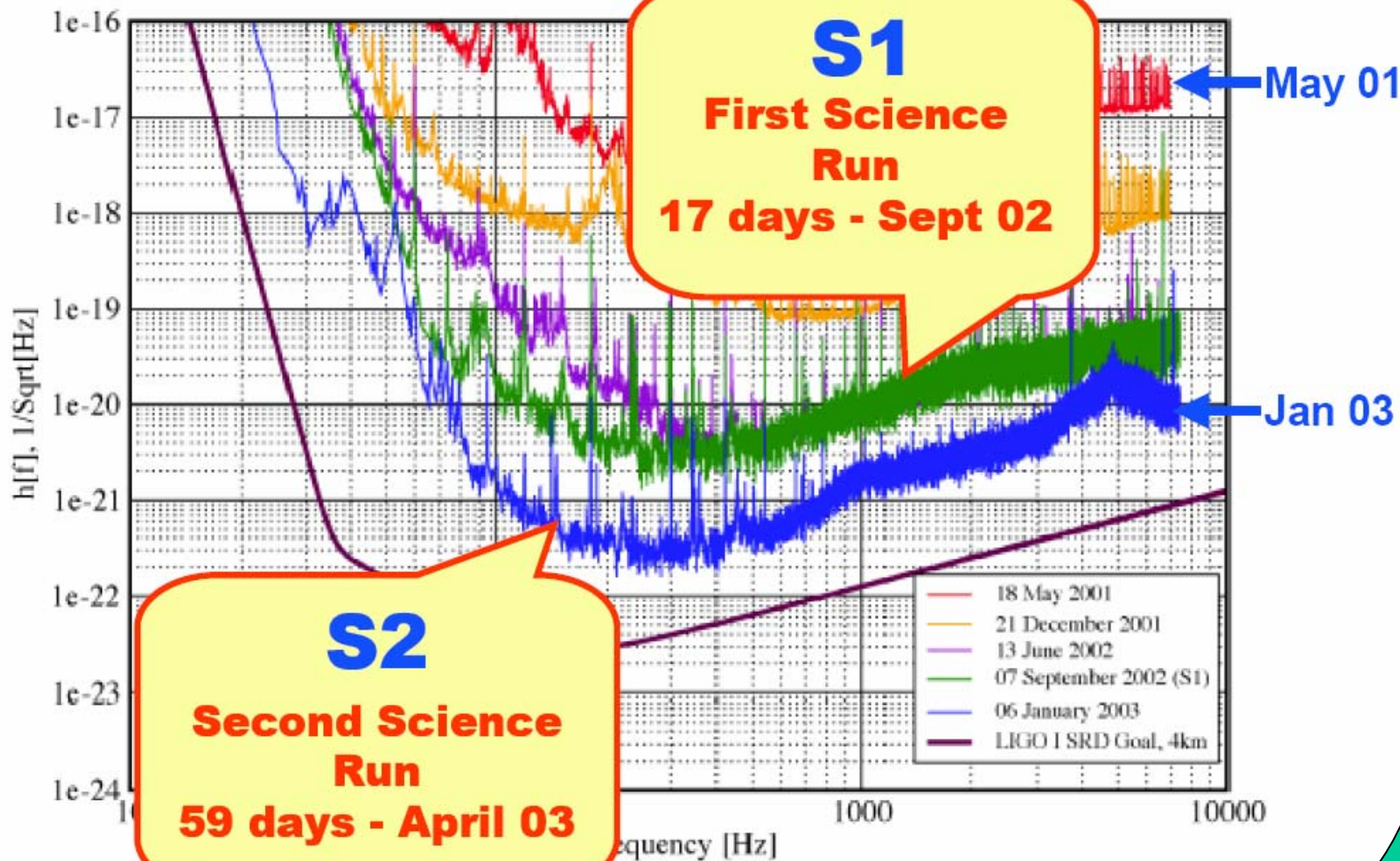
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LIGO

LIGO Sensitivity -- L1



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LSC Mtg -- LHO

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...Road Map

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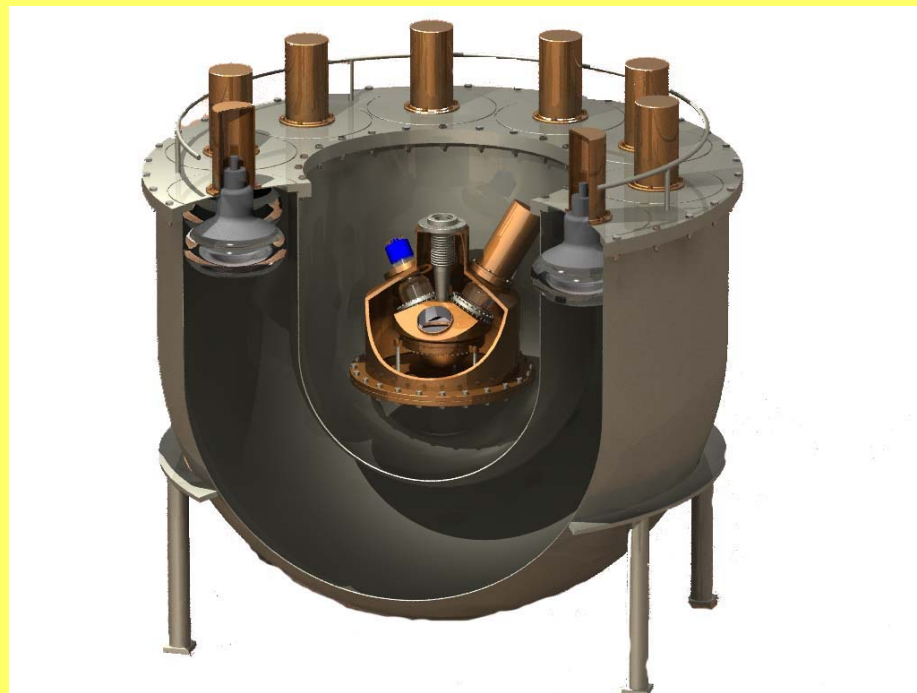
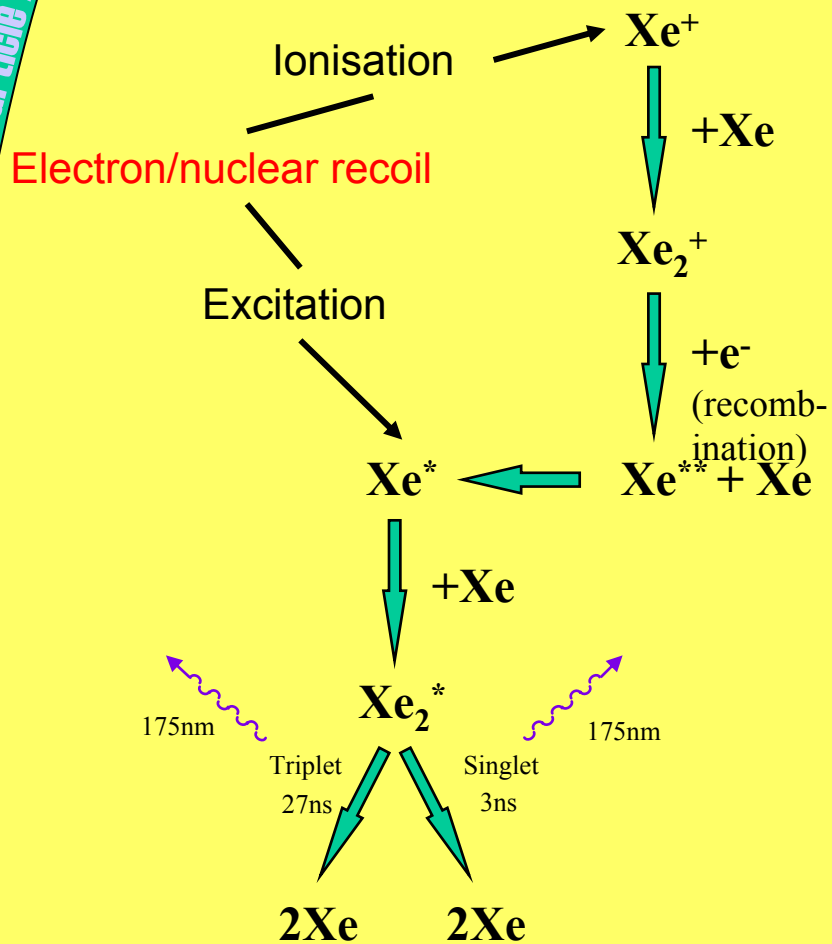
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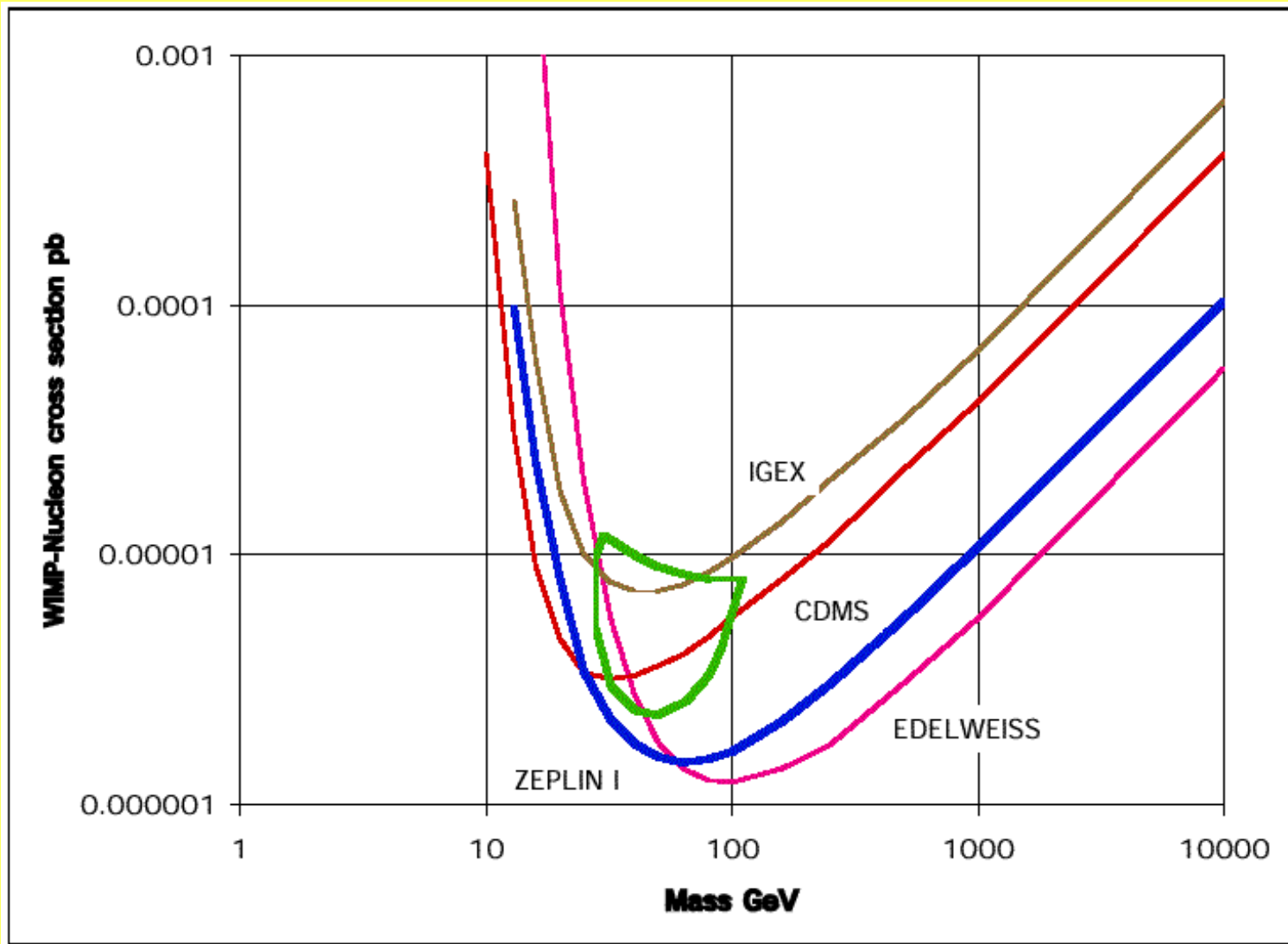
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UKDMC - ZEPLIN I





And this is only 75 days ZEPLIN 1 data!

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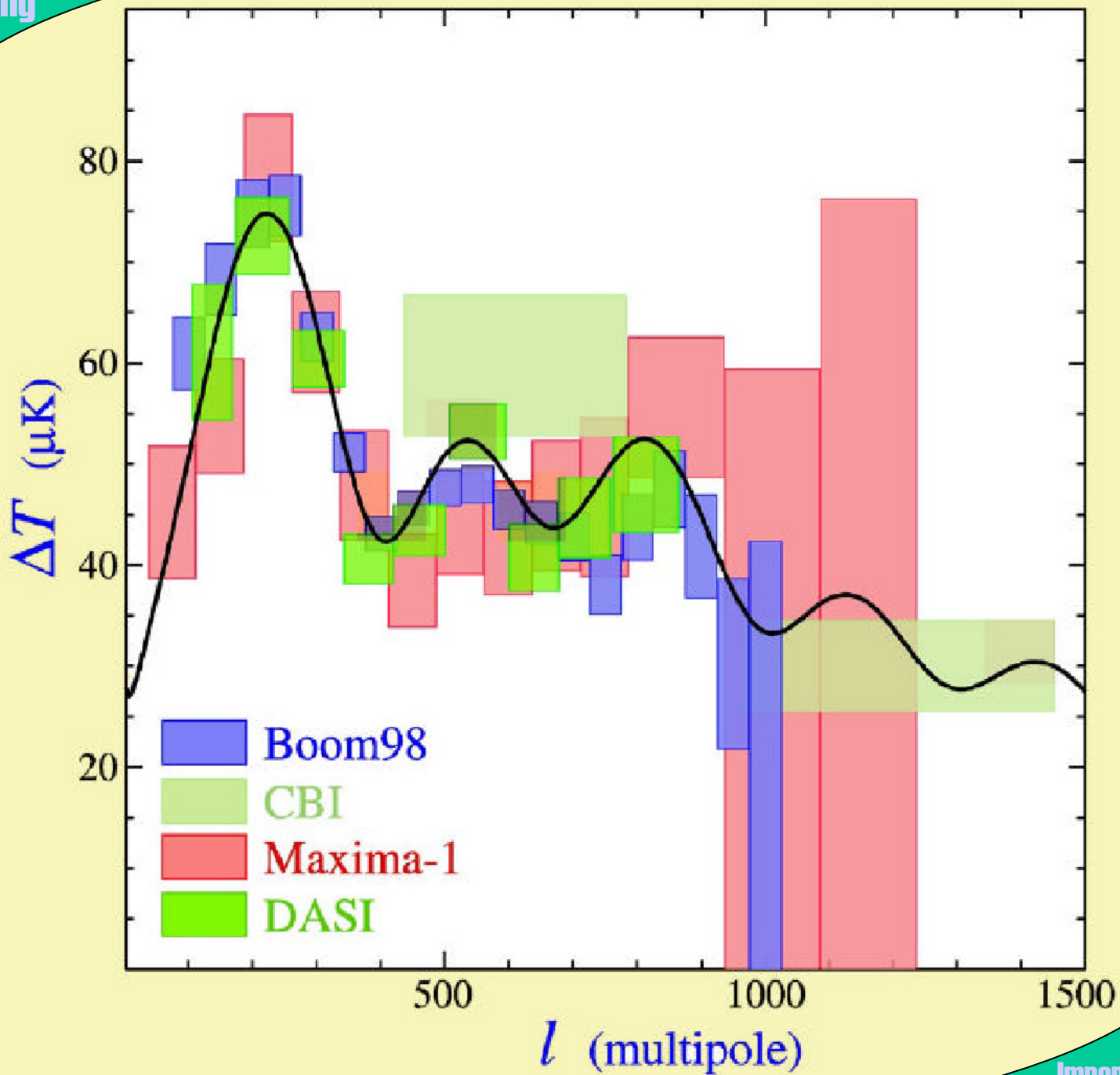
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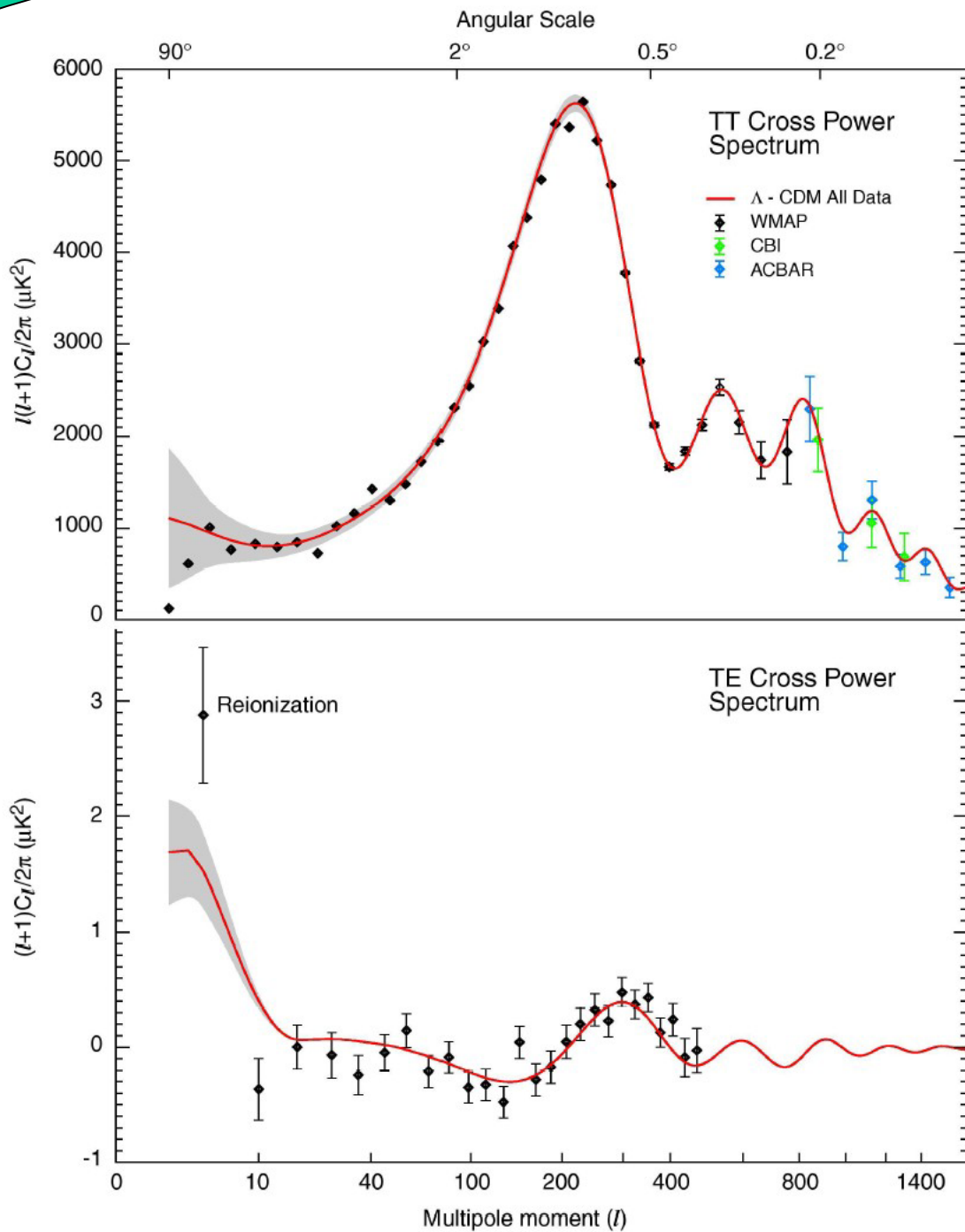
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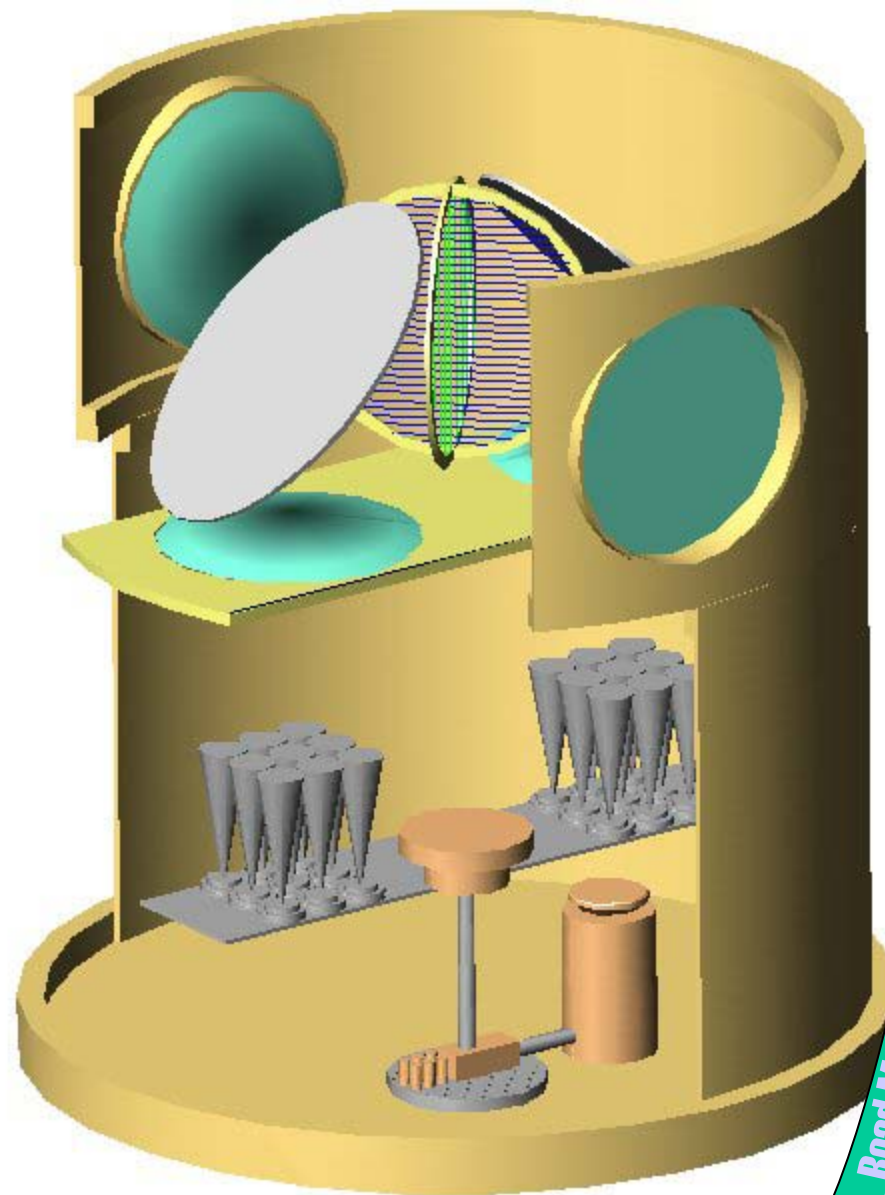
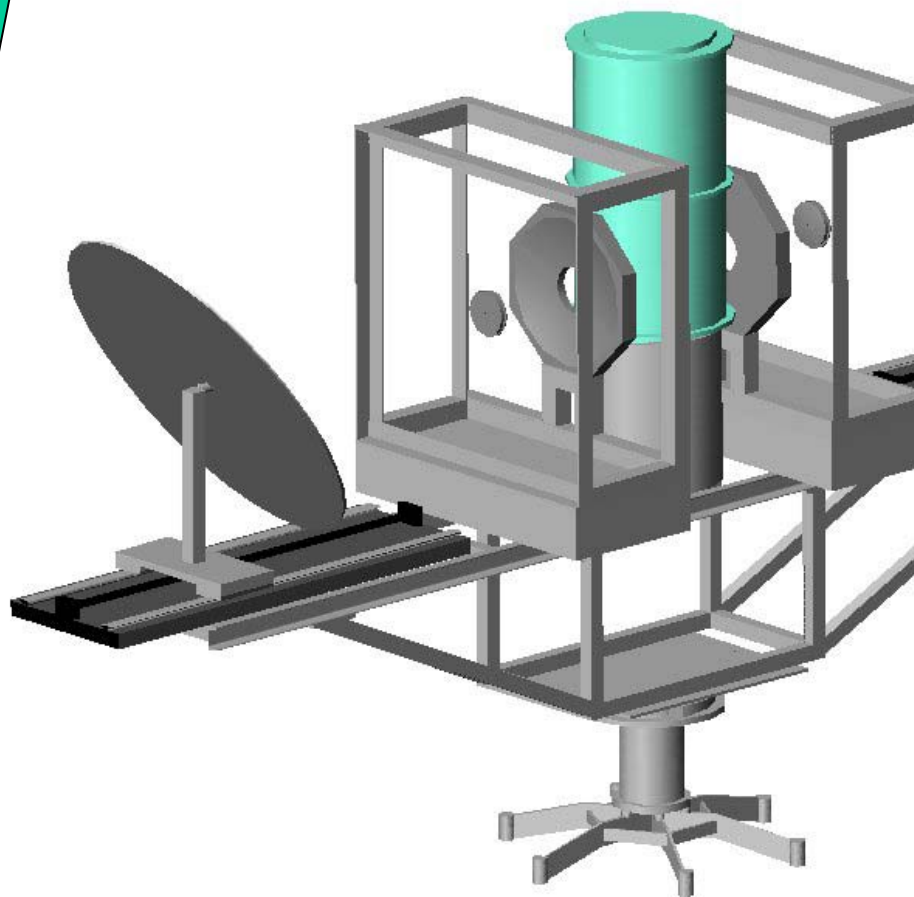


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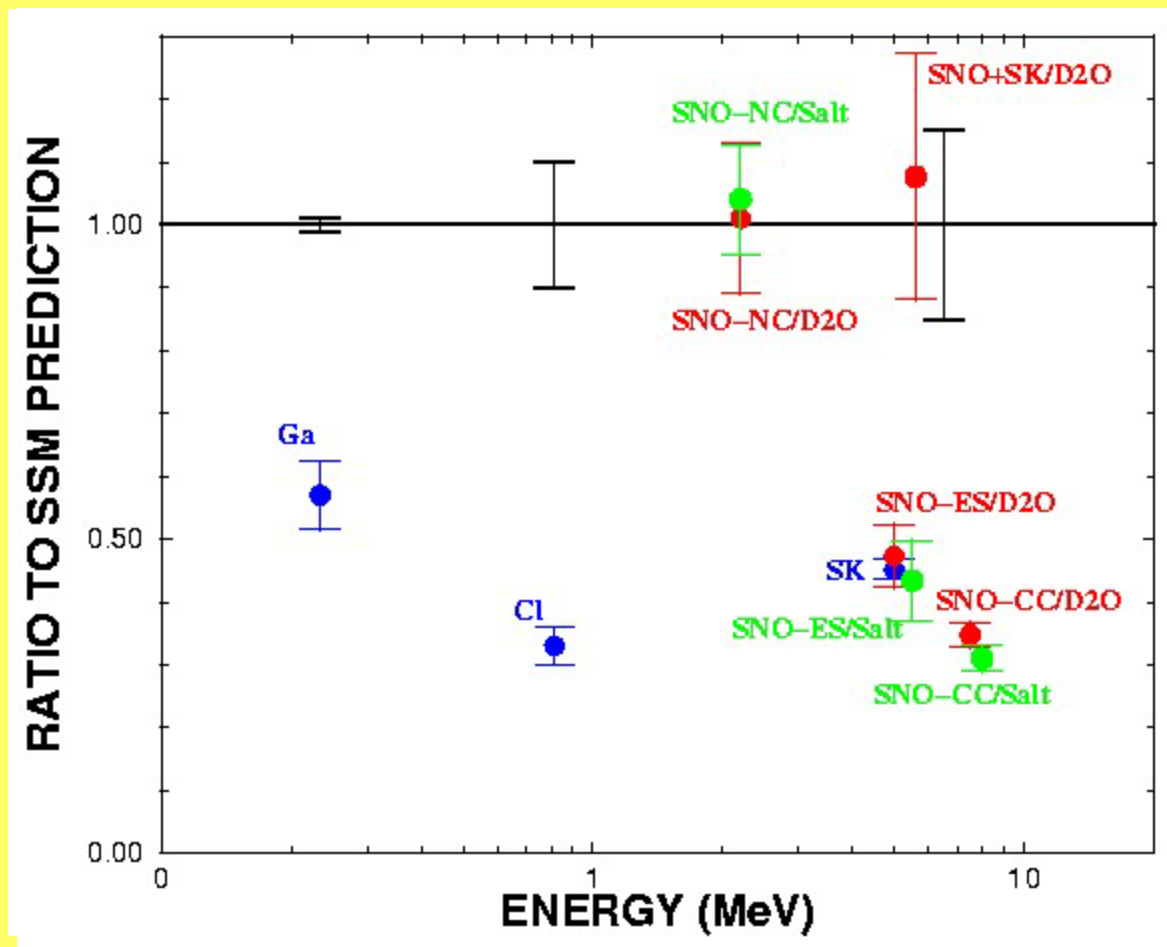
• AUGER coming on line
• WHIPP/HESS leading to VERITAS/HESS2 – high-E γ rays a hot field, with many new results.
• High-energy neutrino astrophysics – will the UK participate?

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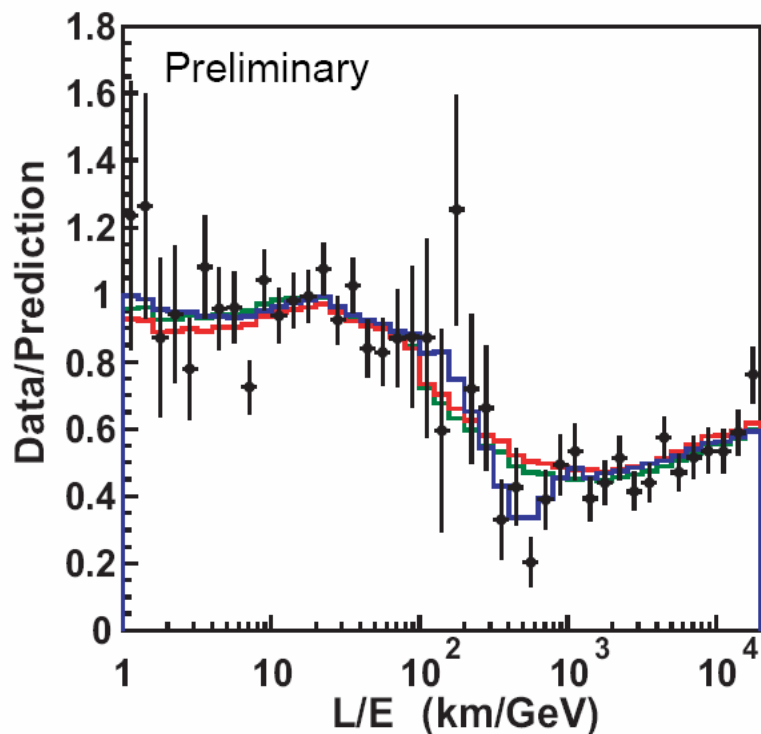
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SNO Salt results – Blind Analysis



Tests for neutrino decay & decoherence

- **Oscillation** $\chi^2_{\min}=37.8/40$ d.o.f
- **Decay** $\chi^2_{\min}=49.2/40$ d.o.f $\rightarrow \Delta\chi^2 = 11.4$
- **Decoherence** $\chi^2_{\min}=52.4/40$ d.o.f $\rightarrow \Delta\chi^2 = 14.6$

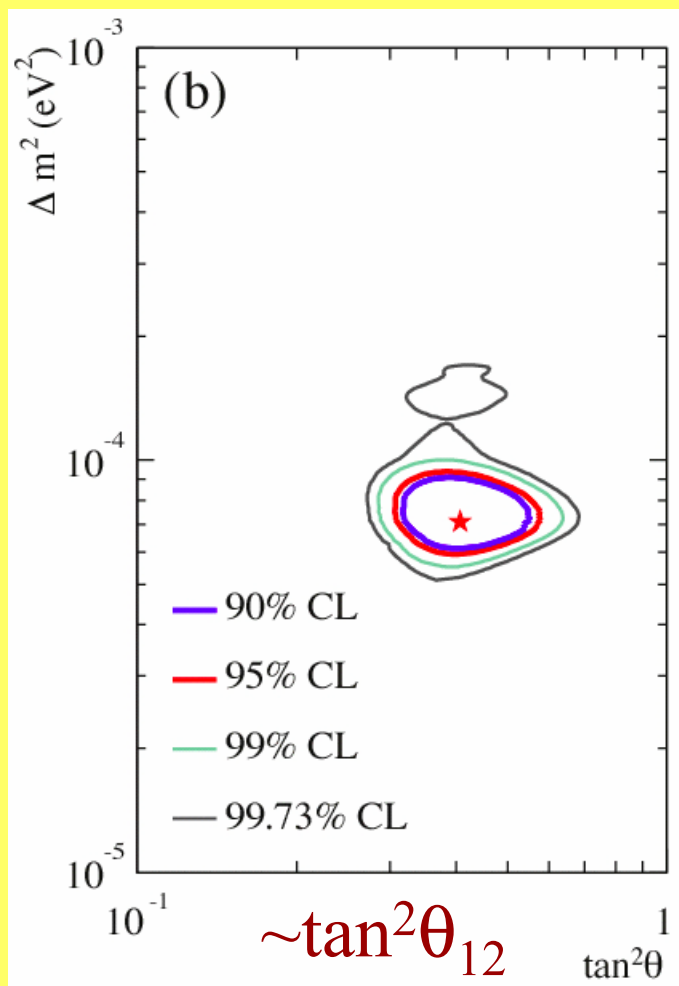


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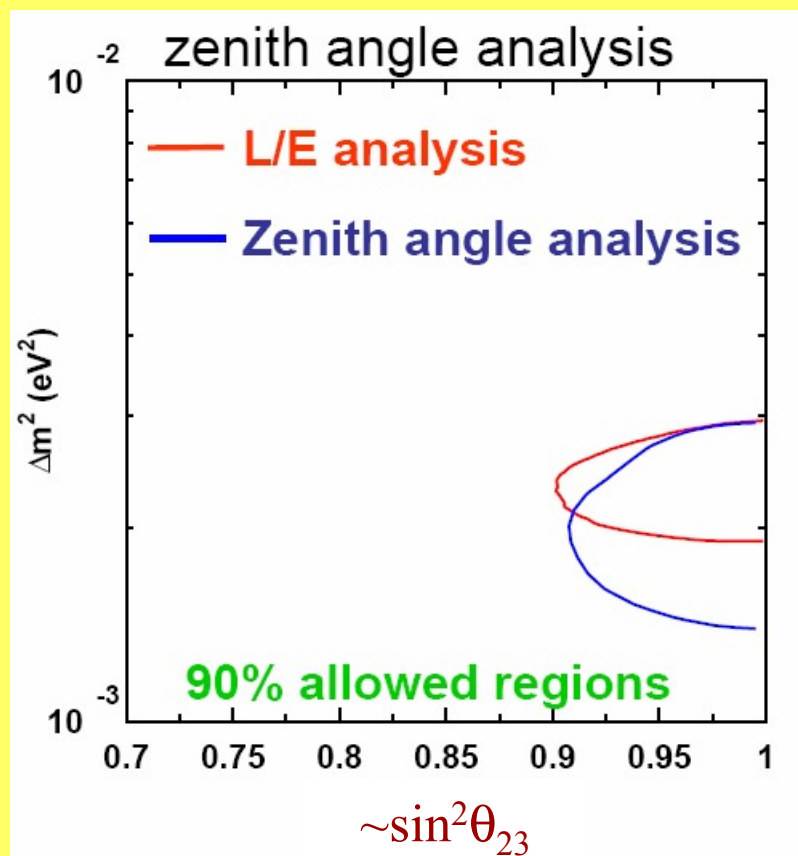
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First dip observed in data cannot be explained by alternative hypotheses

What does this tell us about oscillation parameters?



Solar + KamLAND



Super-K

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- Vibrant, cohesive UK community
- Critically short of postdocs...
- Will the newly approved theory posts do the job for PA? – we have asked for more
- Larger and larger data sets need HPC

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 - STEP (?)
 - HYPER
 - CASIMIR
 - Tests of the $1/r^2$ law

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• In the last decade our view of the cosmos has changed radically!

• Our experimental programme hasn't....

The 2003 PPARC Road Map

Whole programme

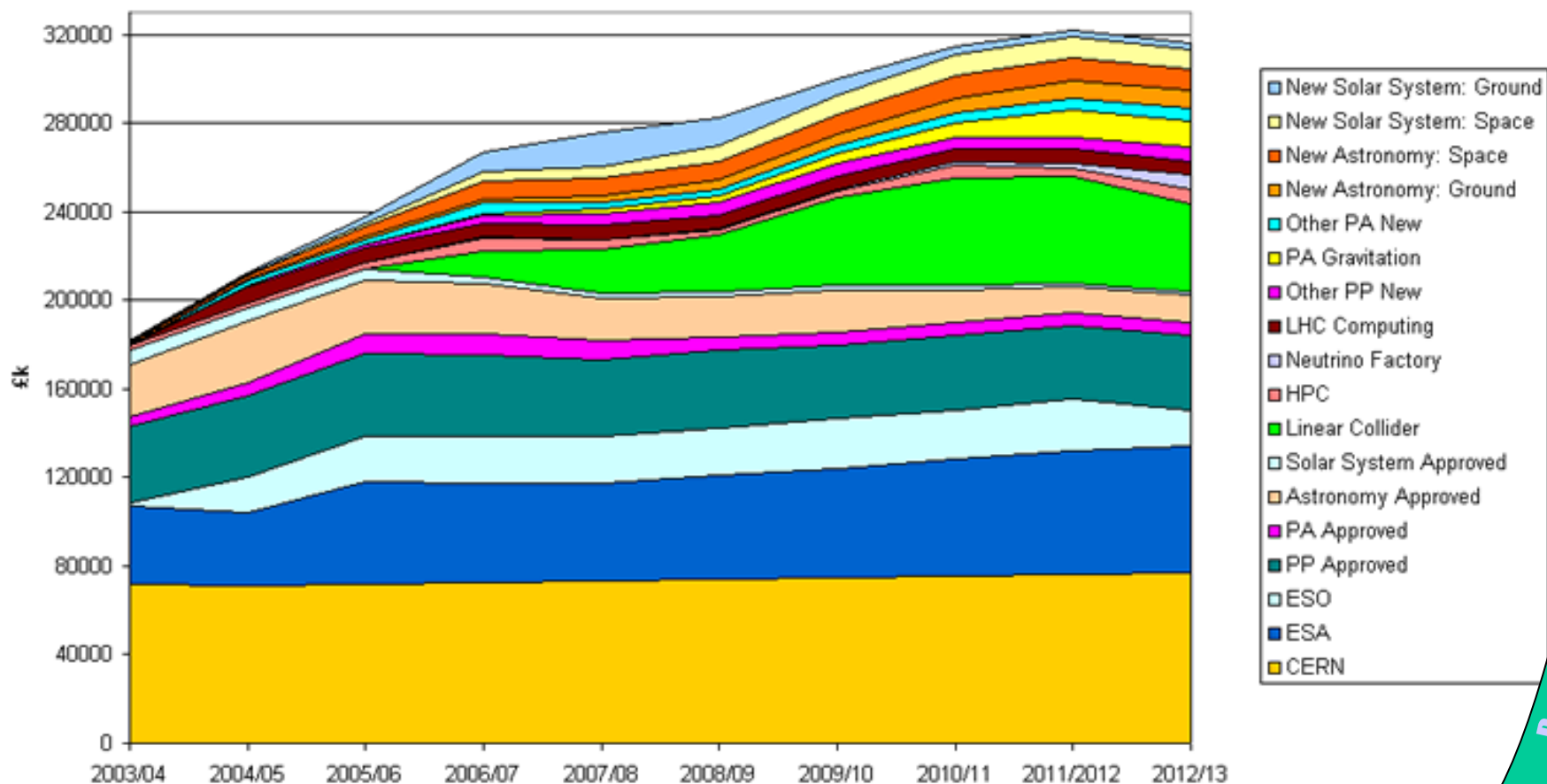


Figure 1b

The 2003 PPARC Road Map

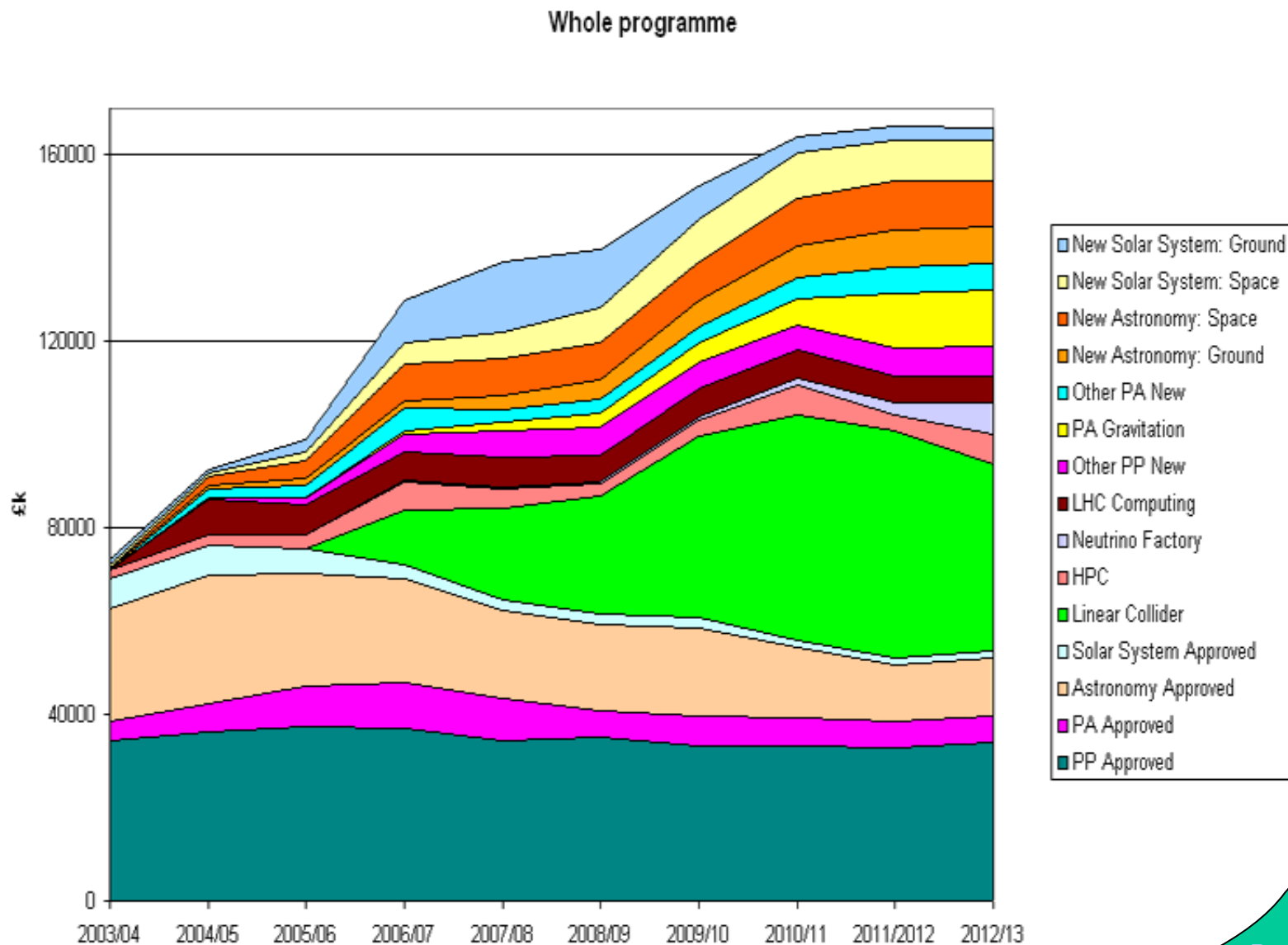
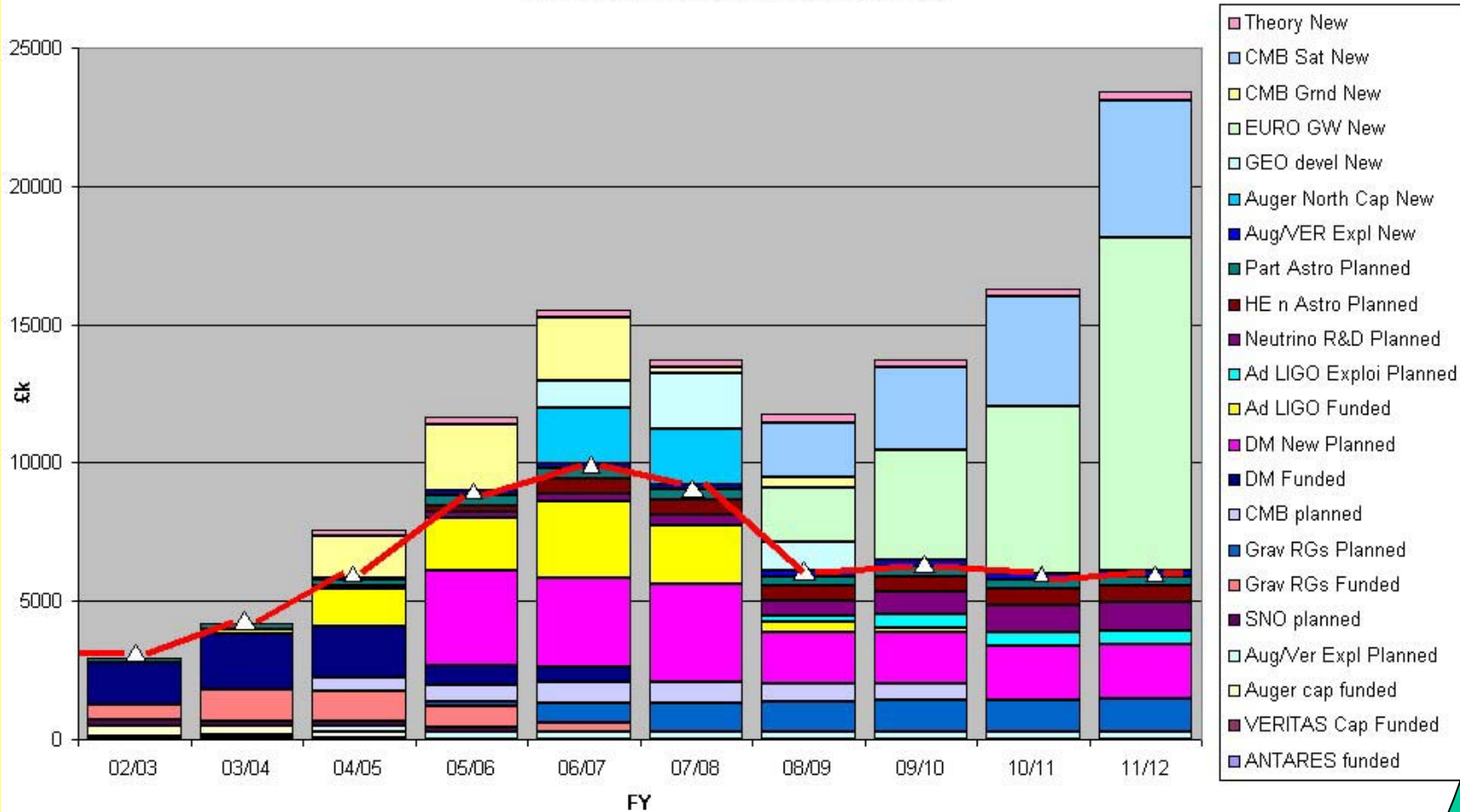


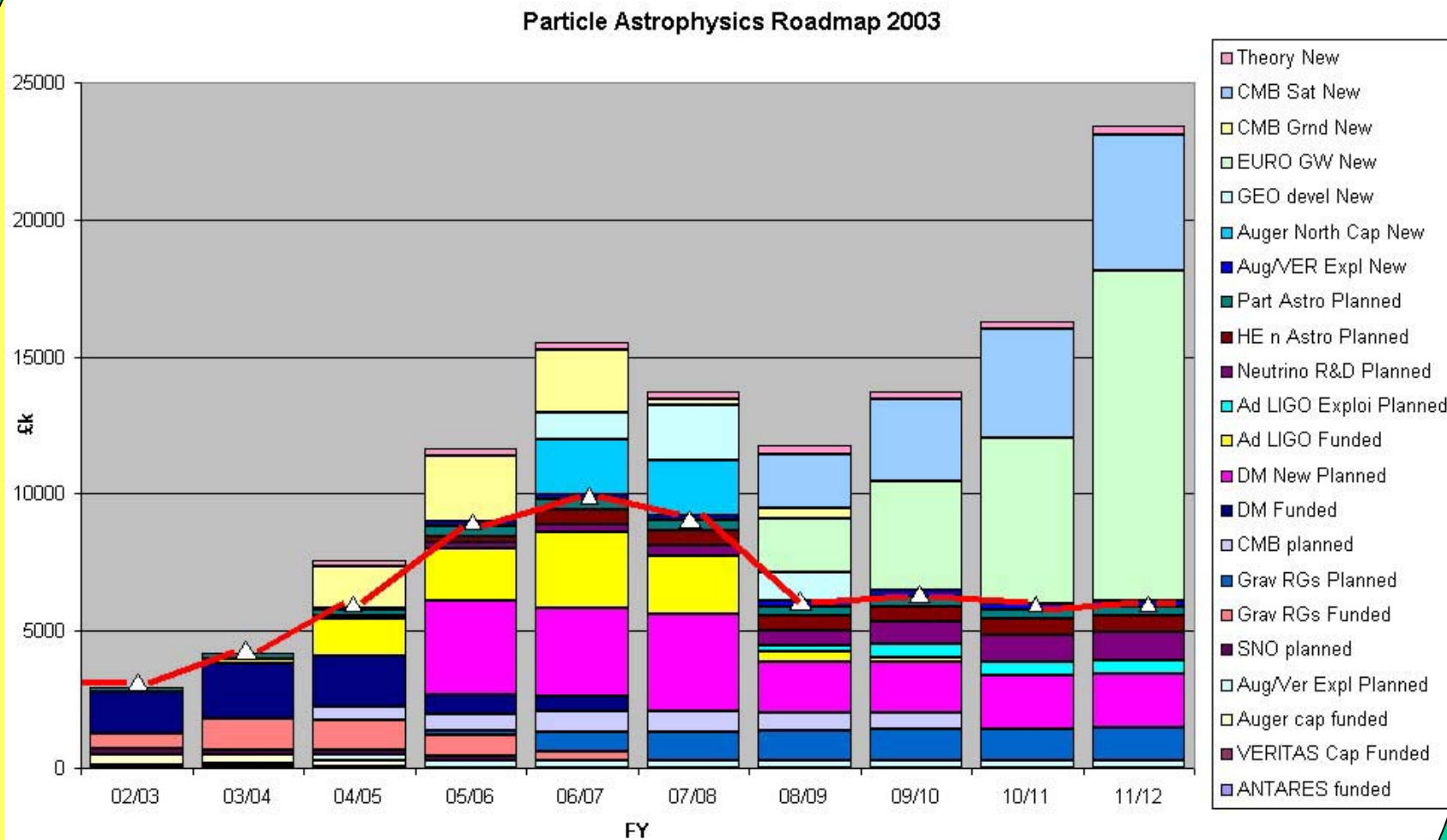
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Particle Astrophysics Roadmap 2003

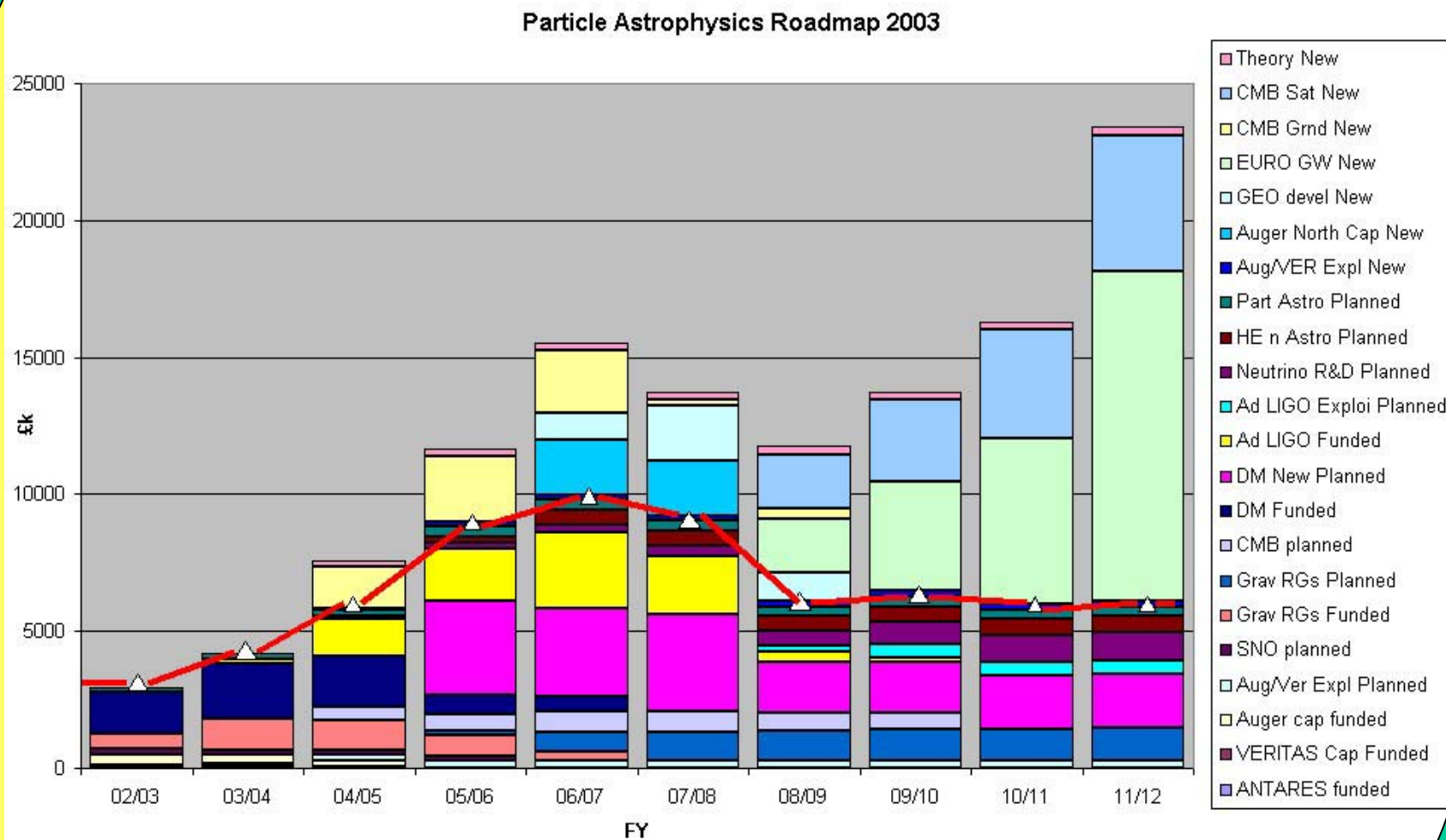


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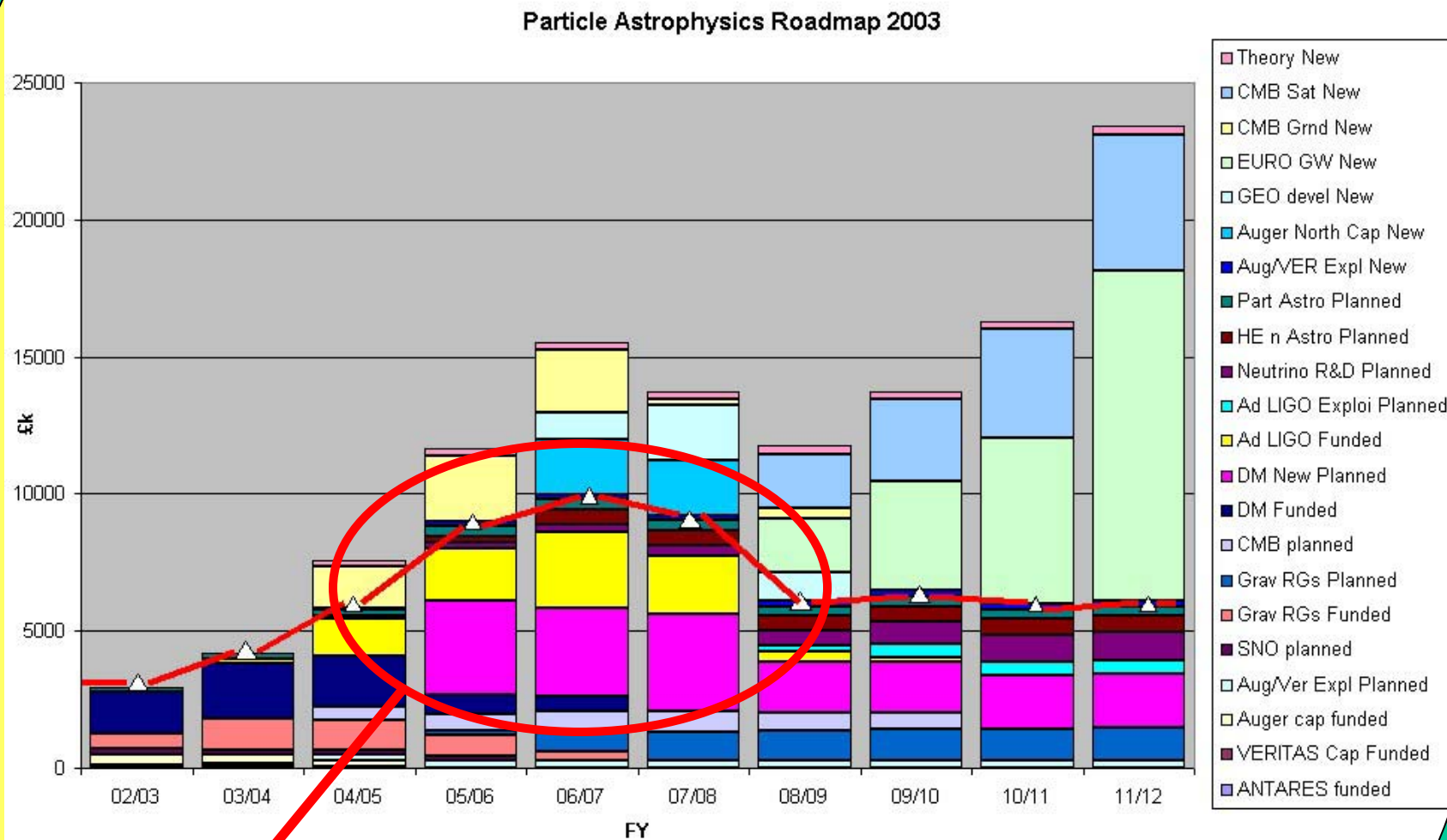
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A project not in the road map has poor prospects.

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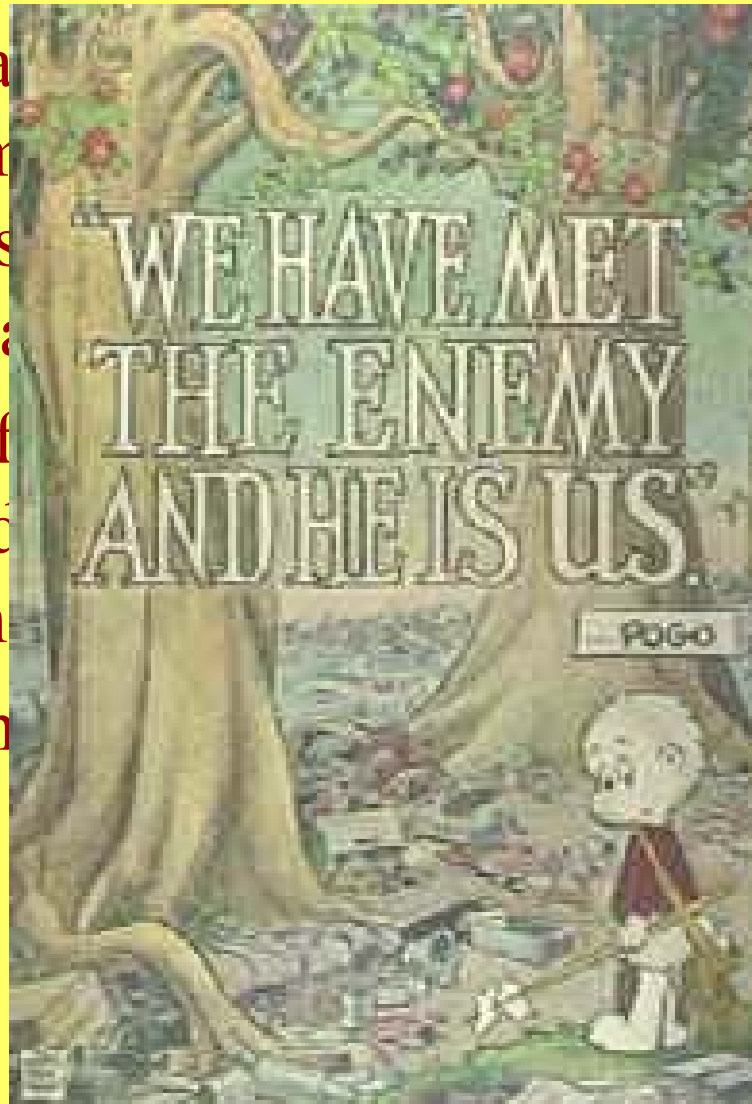
The approved PA programme is rapidly growing

What do you need to do?

- We are meeting in May to update the Road Map for 2004. You should read the existing one and give feedback to the panel.
- You need to help try to keep the panel fully informed of developments in the field, and of any new scientific opportunities. If you are planning a significant new proposal please send an SoI to Science Committee as soon as possible. If I were you, I would copy it to the relevant Advisory Panel(s). I would also copy the AP's with any relevant seedcorn proposals to the PPRP.
- In the autumn the committee will consider strategy. Inputs are very welcome and needed!

I hear many complaints about “PPARC”

- Usually phrased as “I was taken by some of the primary missions in particle physics and astrophysics and I don’t see how they can work out, but everybody is pushing particle physics in that direction and I don’t see how these decisions can be made.”
- Reality is different. Particle physics and astrophysics are the only areas where we have the potential to make breakthrough discoveries.
- Your peers need to be able to make these decisions.



Who is us?

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- Mark Hindmarsh, Sussex
- Johannes Knapp, Leeds
- Joe Silk, Oxford
- Neil Spooner, Sheffield
- Ken Strain, Glasgow
- Dave Wark, Imperial/RAL –
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