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A long baseline neutrino project in Europe: the ESSνSB project

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Horizon-2020 (2018 - 2022), 3 M€
Horizon-Europe (2023 - 2026), 3 M€

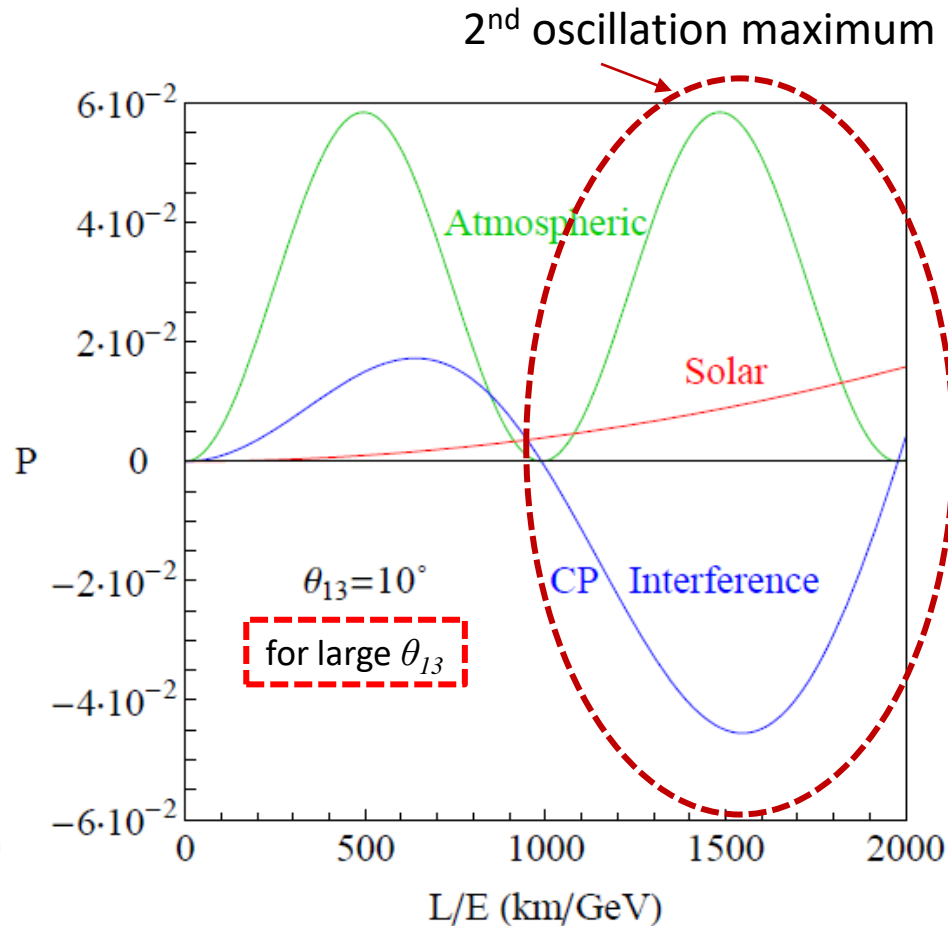
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ESSnuSB/ESSnuSB+

(European Spallation Source neutrino Super Beam)

A proposed next generation long-baseline experiment, based on the powerful ESS proton beam, **to measure the CP violation in the leptonic sector with *precision***, taking advantage of the measurement at the ***second neutrino oscillation maximum***.



$$A_{CP} \equiv P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e} = -16J \sin \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E}$$

$$s_{ij} \equiv \sin \theta_{ij} \quad \Delta m_{ij}^2 \equiv m_{\nu_i}^2 - m_{\nu_j}^2 \quad J = s_{12} c_{12} s_{13} c_{13} s_{23} c_{23} c_{13} \sin \delta_{CP}$$

$$c_{ij} \equiv \cos \theta_{ij}$$

Matter-antimatter Asymmetry:

$$A_{CP}(1st\ Osci.\ max) = 0.3 \cdot \sin \delta_{CP}$$

$$A_{CP}(2nd\ Osci.\ max) = 0.75 \cdot \sin \delta_{CP}$$

$$A \equiv \frac{|P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) - \bar{P}(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)|}{[P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) + \bar{P}(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)]}$$

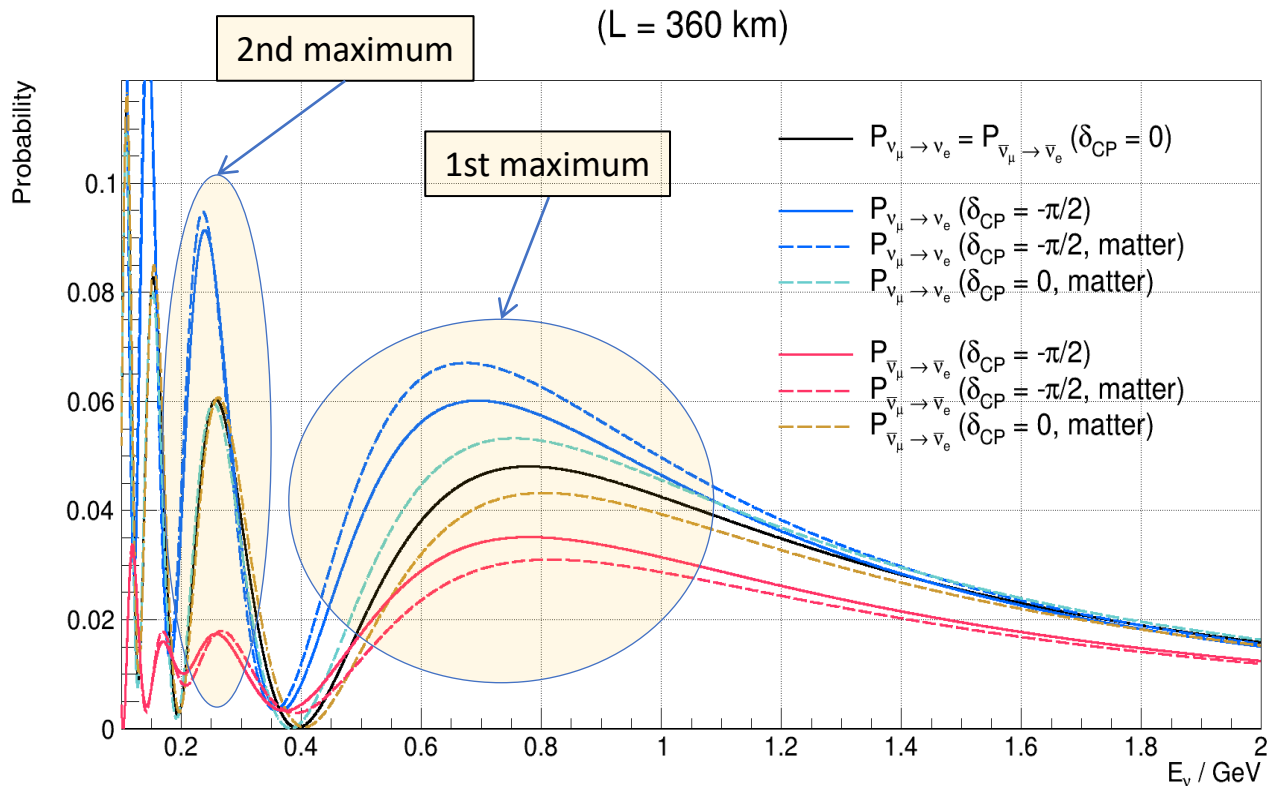
$$\frac{A_{CP}@ 2nd\ max.}{A_{CP}@ 1st\ max.} \sim 2.5$$

S. Parke, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1310.5992>

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

What about matter effects?

- The elastic interactions of neutrinos with matter modify the oscillation probabilities (only the electron neutrinos have CC elastic scattering with electrons).
- For uniform matter density, these effects can be included by replacing vacuum oscillation parameters with effective “matter parameters”
 - $\theta_{ij} \rightarrow \theta_{ij}^{(m)}(E)$, $\delta_{CP} \rightarrow \delta_{CP}^{(m)}(E)$ and $\Delta m_{ij}^2 \rightarrow \Delta M_{ij}^2(E)$
 - the effective parameters now depend on energy
- For non-uniform densities it requires numerical calculation of probabilities



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

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

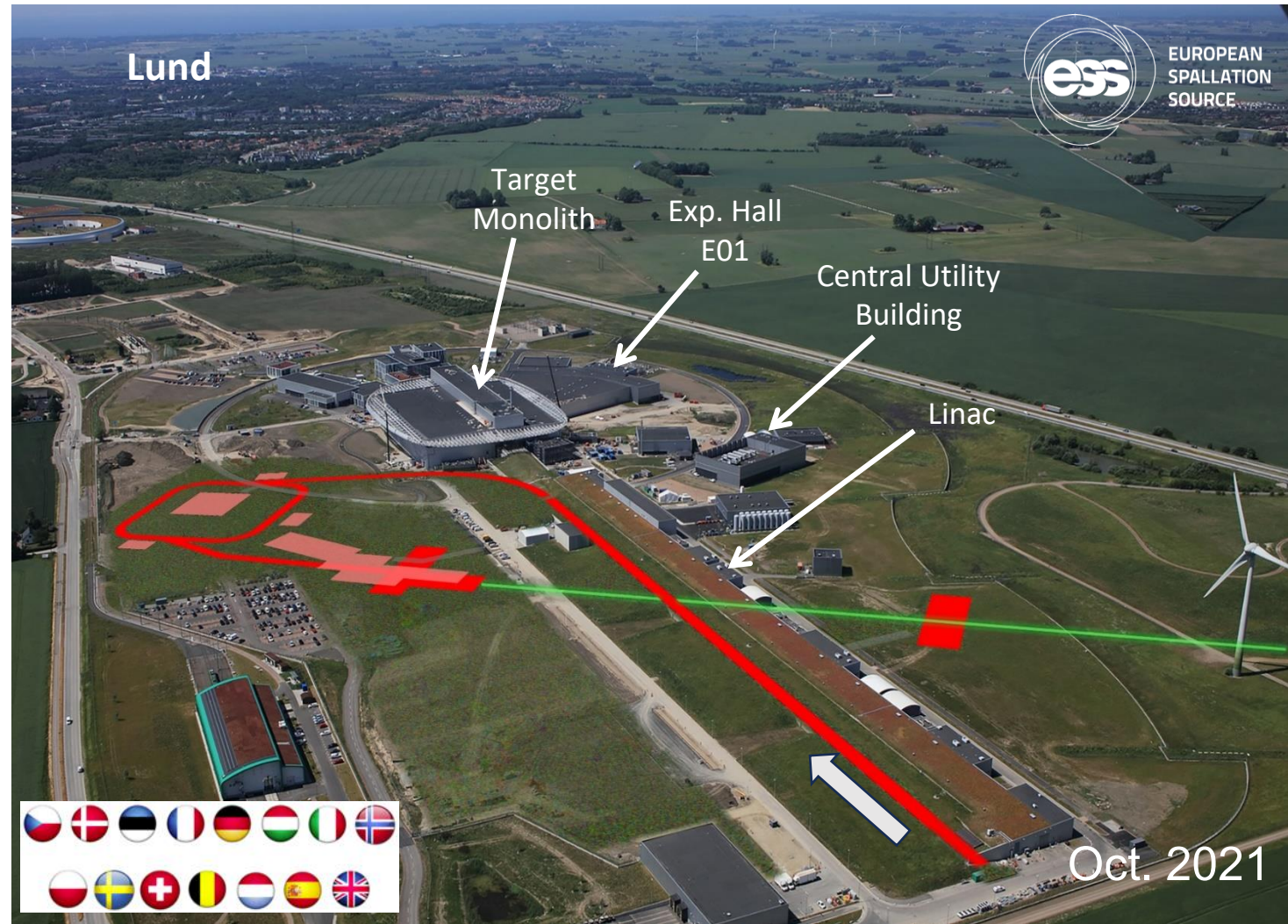
The European Spallation Source (ESS)

- The ESS facility is under construction in Lund, Sweden. First beam expected in 2026.
- Using a powerful proton linear accelerator, designed for $E_{\text{kinetic}} = 2 \text{ GeV}$ and 5 MW power.
- to produce the world's most powerful neutron source.
- 14 Hz repetition rate (2.86 ms pulse duration, 10^{15} protons).
- up to 3.5 GeV with linac upgrades, $> 2.7 \times 10^{23}$ p.o.t./year.

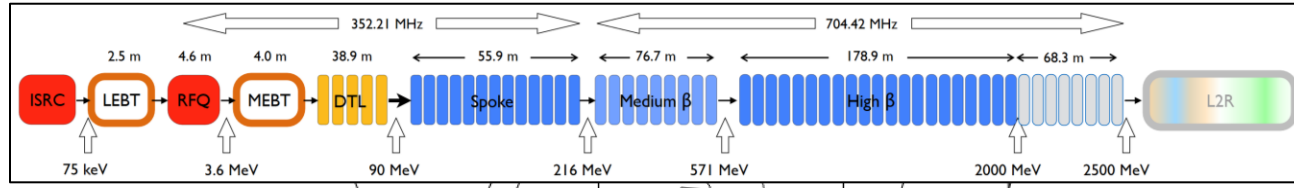
Using this powerful accelerator, we can produce a high intensity neutrino super beam!



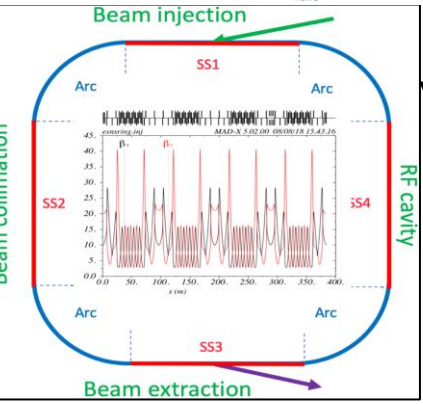
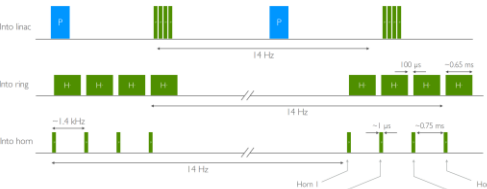
The European Spallation Source Neutrino Super Beam (ESSvSB)



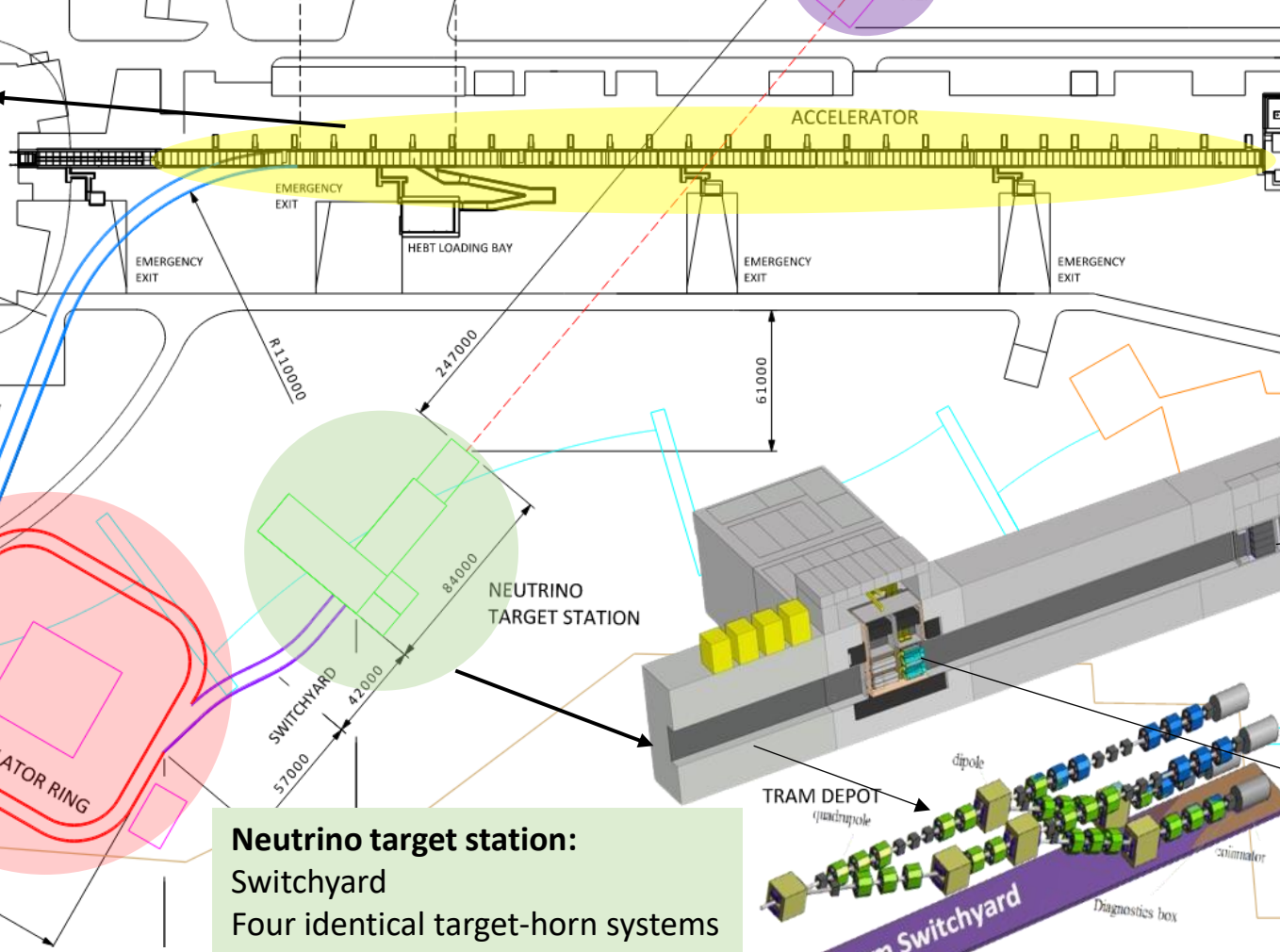
ESS upgrades to host ESSnuSB



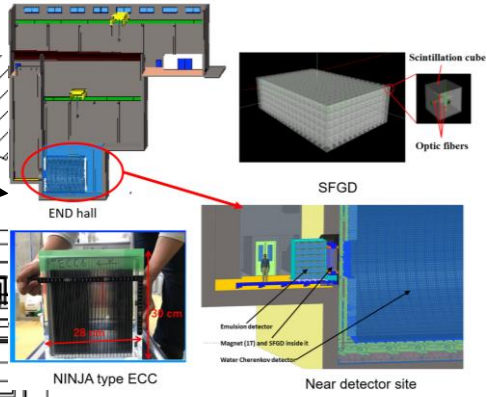
Upgrade of the accelerator
 Increase pulse frequency 14 Hz to 28 Hz
 Use H^- instead of p for ESSnuSB
 Increase $E_{kinetic}$ from 2 GeV to 2.5 GeV



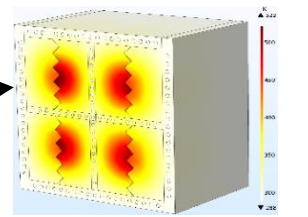
Build an accumulator ring
 Compress ESS pulse length from 2.86 ms to 4x 1.2 μs



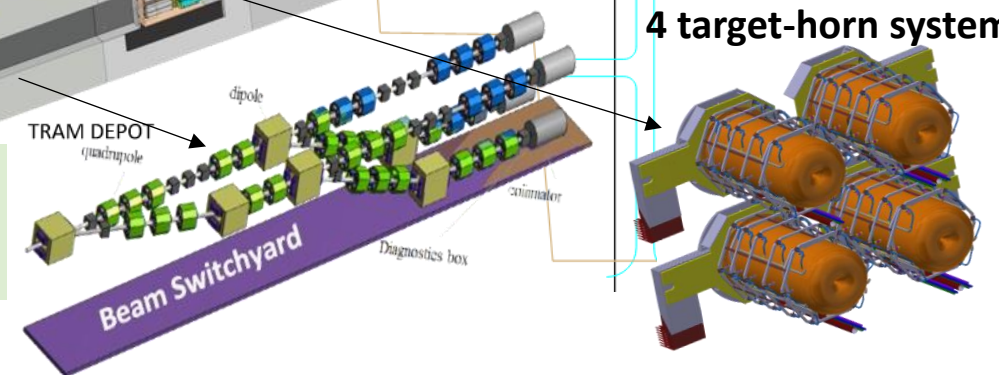
Neutrino target station:
 Switchyard
 Four identical target-horn systems



Near detector:
 Water Cherenkov detector
 Fine grained scintillator
 Emulsion detector



4 target-horn systems



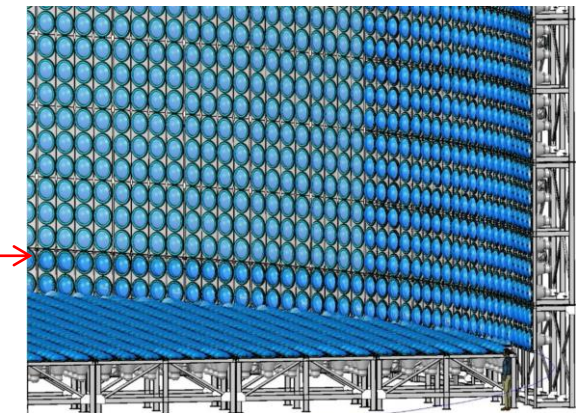
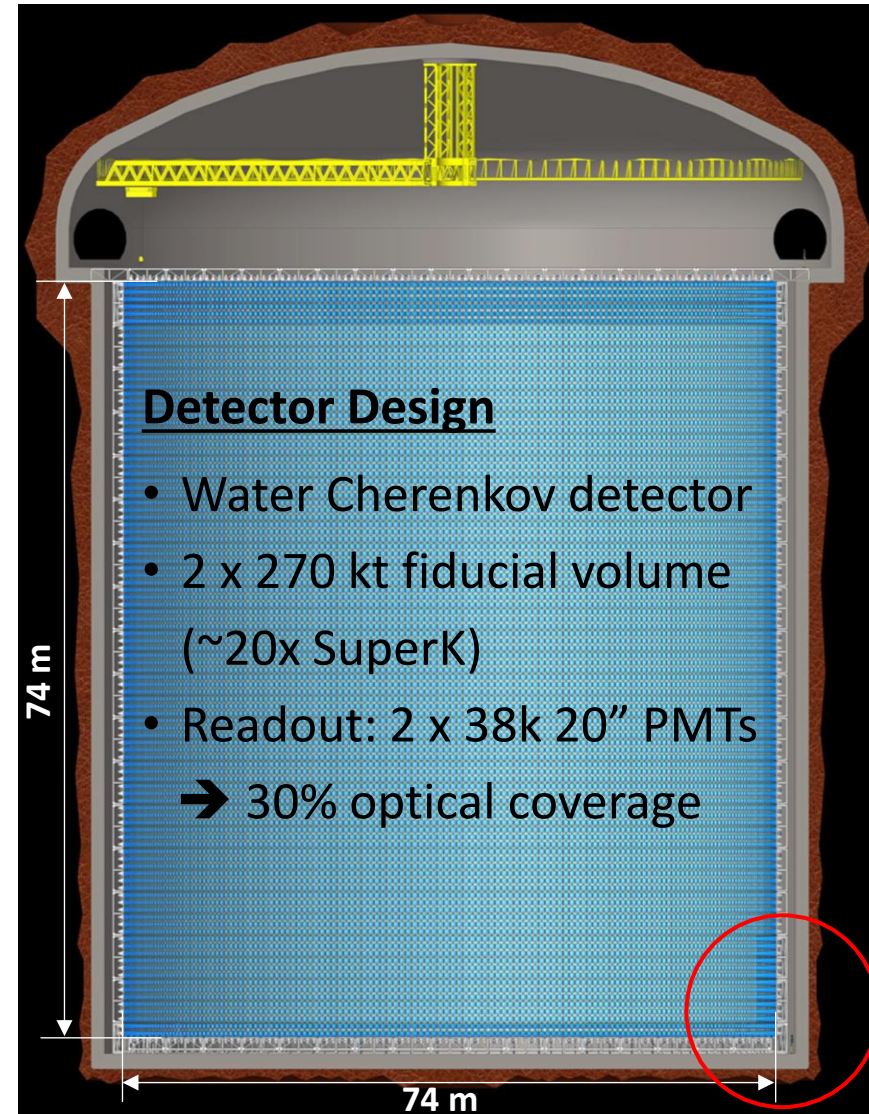
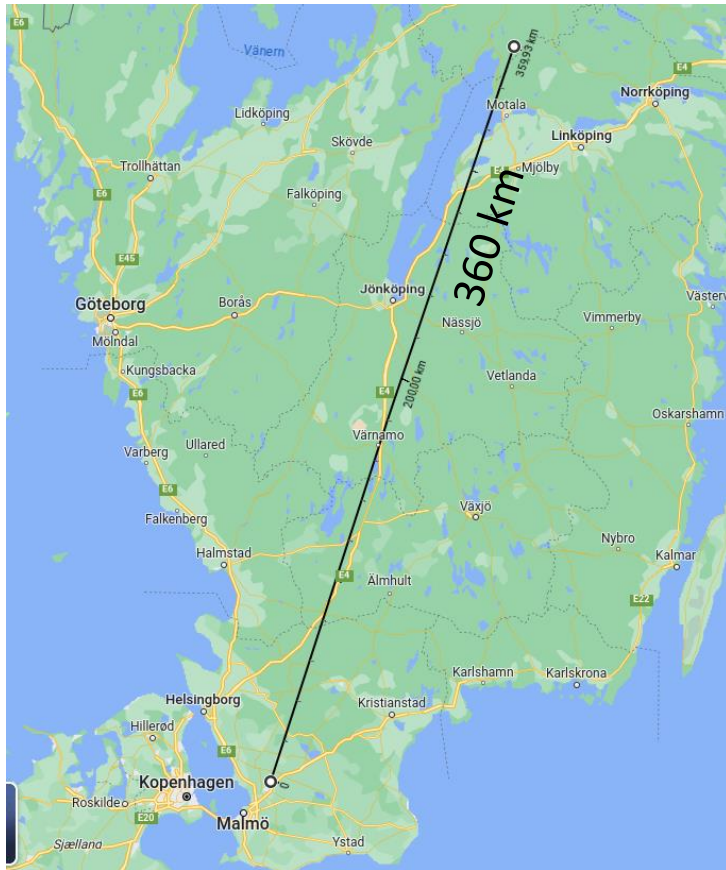
ESSnuSB far Detector

Detector Specifications

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

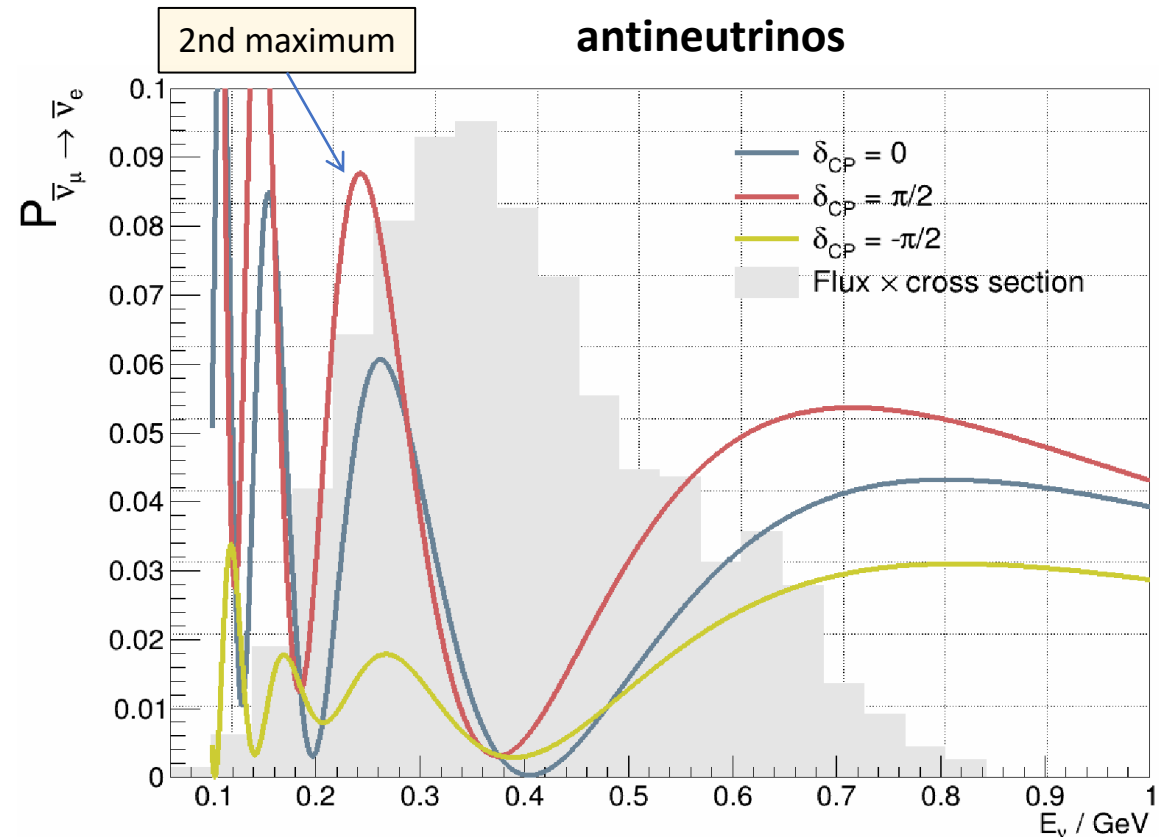
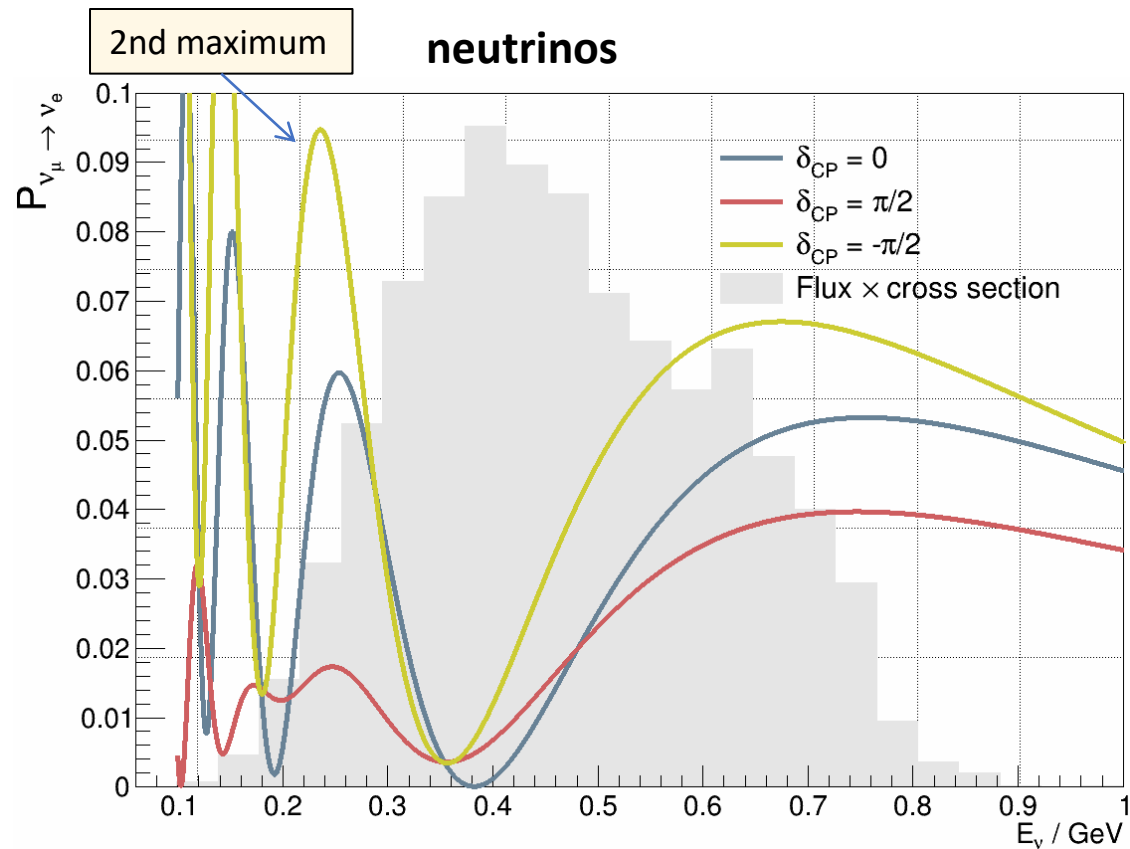
Detector Performance

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



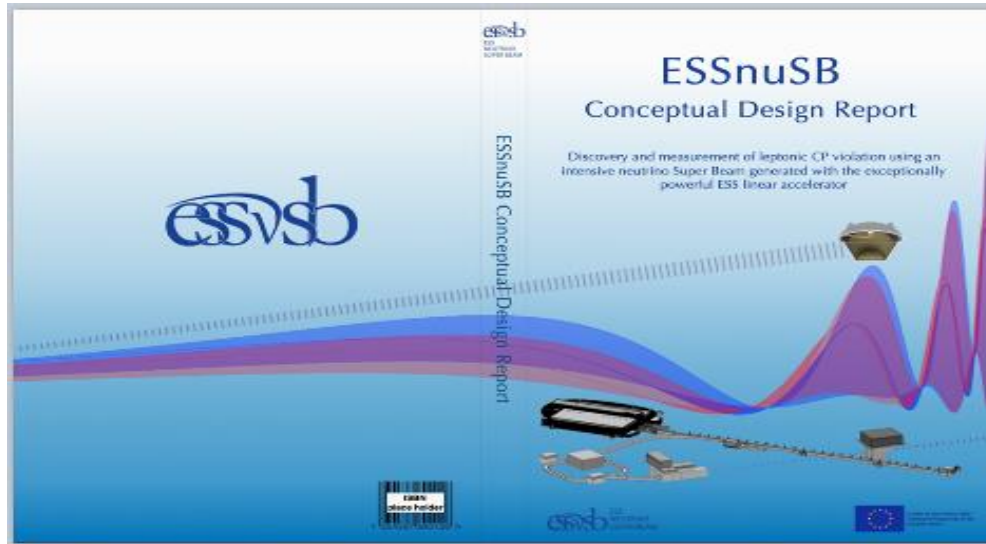
ESSvSB Energy coverage

Baseline = 360 km (Zinkgruvan mine)



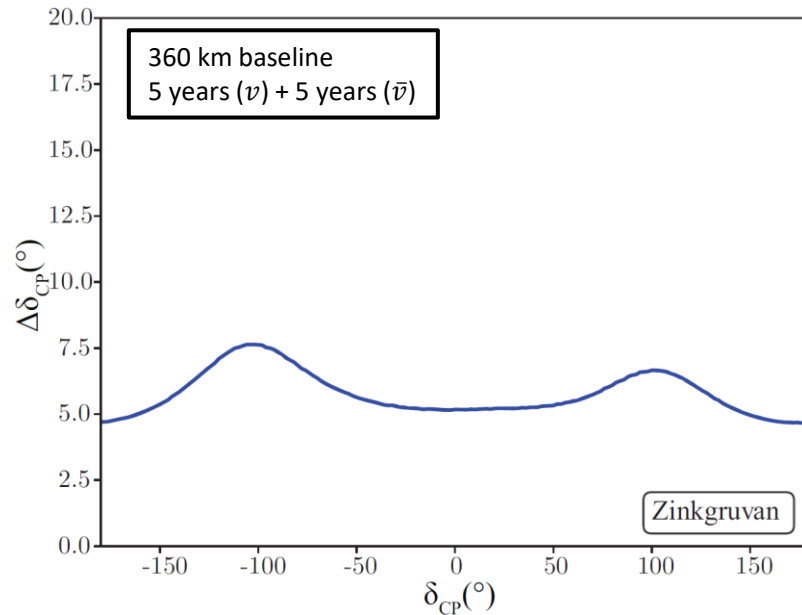
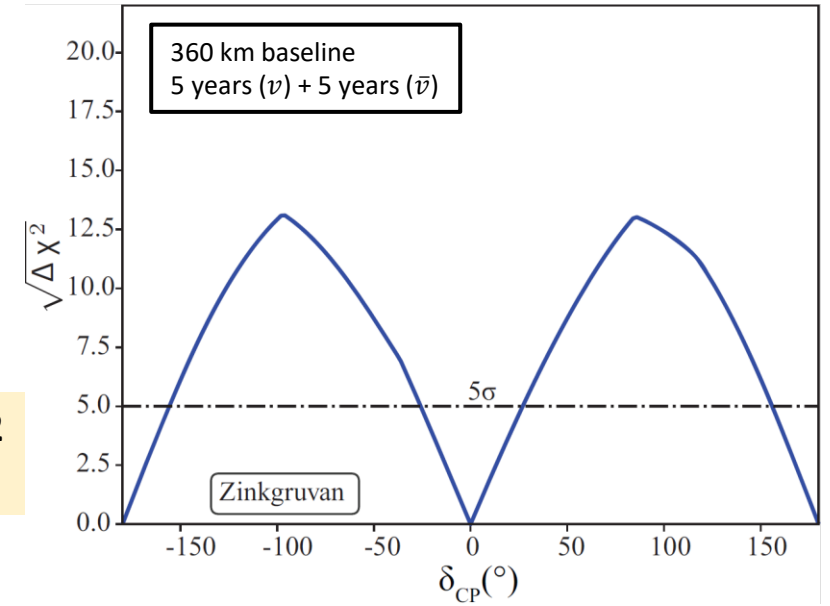
First and Second Oscillation maxima covered at 360 km baseline!

ESSvSB main Physics reach



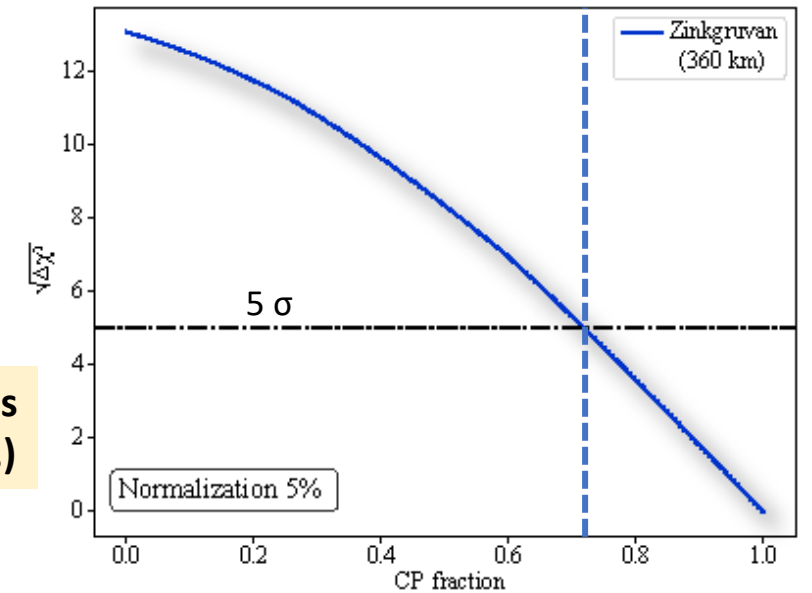
[Eur. Phys. J. ST. 231 \(21\), \(2022\) 3779](#)

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



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

Covers 72% of δ_{CP} values
 in ~ 10 years (@ 5σ C.L.)



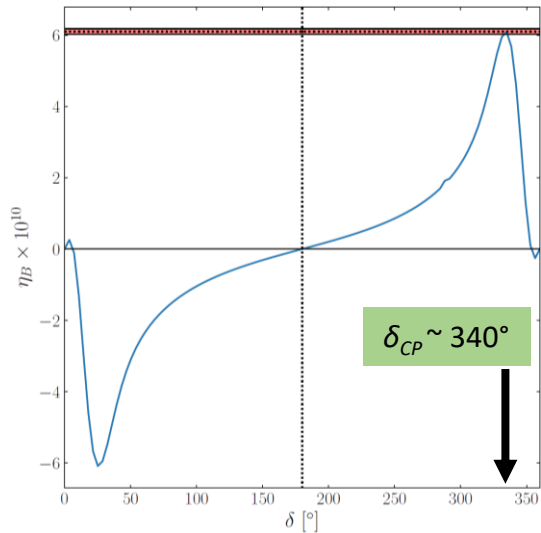
Why the need to measure the CP violating phase so precisely?

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

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

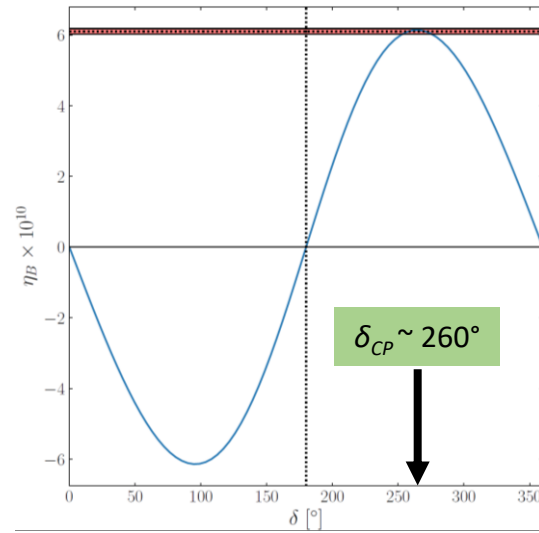
Low mass flavor regime

M_1 (GeV) $< 10^9$



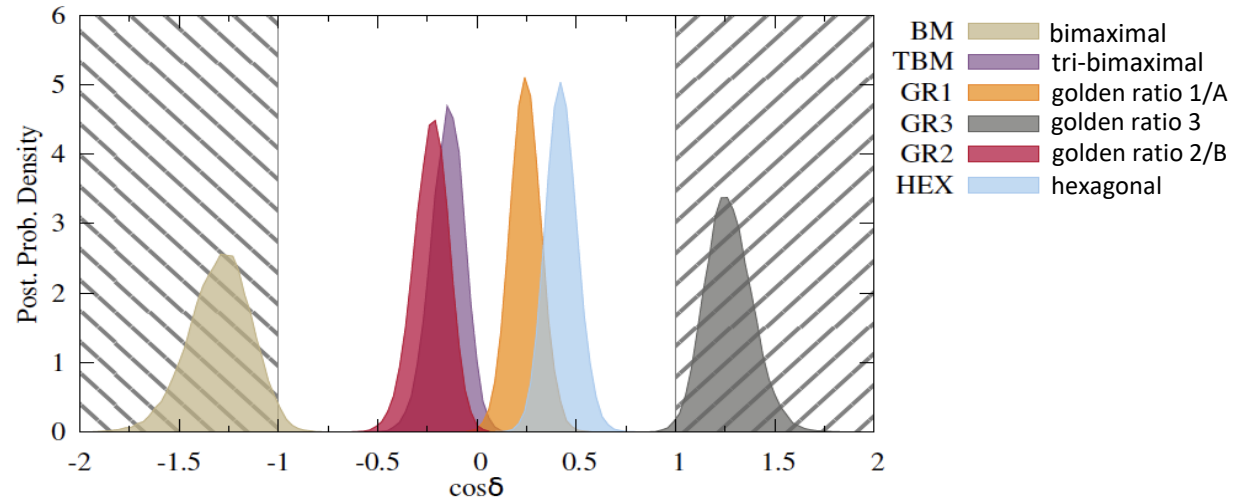
Intermediate mass flavor regime

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



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

four different symmetry forms of the neutrino mixing matrix



❖ Prospective (useful / requested) precision for δ_{CP} :

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

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

Only ESSnuSB can reach such precision!

The EU-Horizon ESSnuSB+ project

Having finished the conceptual design of the facility for CP violation measurement, we needed to take further steps and expand our Physics potential:

- **Study the civil engineering** needed for the facility implementation at the ESS site as well as those needed for the ESSvSB far detector site.
- **Study the feasibility and implementation of a special target station** for pion production and extraction for injection to a low energy nuSTORM decay ring and to a low energy Monitored Neutrino Beam decay tunnel, for precision neutrino cross-section measurements.
- **Design facilities for very precise neutrino cross-section measurements:** Low Energy nuSTORM (**LEnuSTORM**), Low Energy Monitored neutrino Beam (**LEMNB**) and a near-near Detector (**LEMMOND**).
- **Explore the additional physics capabilities** of the Far Detector complex including the benefits of adding Gadolinium.
- Study the capabilities of the proposed setup for **Sterile Neutrino searches** and **Astroparticle physics**.
- **Promote the ESSvSB project** proposal to its stakeholders, including scientists, politicians, funders, industrialists and the general public, in order to pave the way to include this facility in the ESFRI (European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructures) list.

The new project (ESSnuSB+) is funded by EU-Horizon for the period 2023-2026.

ESSnuSB+ (2023-2026)

Research and Innovation actions

Innovation actions

Design Study

HORIZON-INFRA-2022-DEV-01

Title of Proposal: Study of the use of the ESS facility to accurately measure the neutrino cross-sections for ESSvSB leptonic CP violation measurements and to perform sterile neutrino searches and astroparticle physics.

Acronym of Proposal: ESSvSB+

Participant no.	Participant organisation name	Part. short name	Country
1 (Coordinator)	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique	CNRS	France
2	Université de Strasbourg	UNISTRA ¹	France
3	Rudjer Boskovic Institute	RBI	Croatia
4	Tokai National Higher Education and Research System, National University Corporation	NU ²	Japan
5	Uppsala Universitet	UU	Sweden
6	Lunds Universitet	ULUND	Sweden
7	European Spallation Source ERIC	ESS	Sweden
8	Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan	KTH	Sweden
9	Universität Hamburg	UHH	Germany
10	University of Cukurova	CU	Turkey
11	National Center for Scientific Research "Demokritos"	NCSR	Greece
12	Aristotelio Panepistimio Thessalonikis	AUTH ¹	Greece
13	Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski	UniSofia	Bulgaria
14	Lulea Tekniska Universitet	LTU	Sweden
15	European Organisation for Nuclear Research	CERN	IEIO ³
16	Università degli Studi Roma Tre	UNIROMA3	Italy
17	Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca	UNIMIB	Italy
18	Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare	INFN	Italy
19	Università degli Studi di Padova	UNIPD ¹	Italy
20	Consorcio para la construcción, equipamiento y explotación de la sede española de la fuente Europea de neutrones por espalación	ESSB	Spain

20 Institutions
11 countries
(in the proposal)

ESSnuSB+

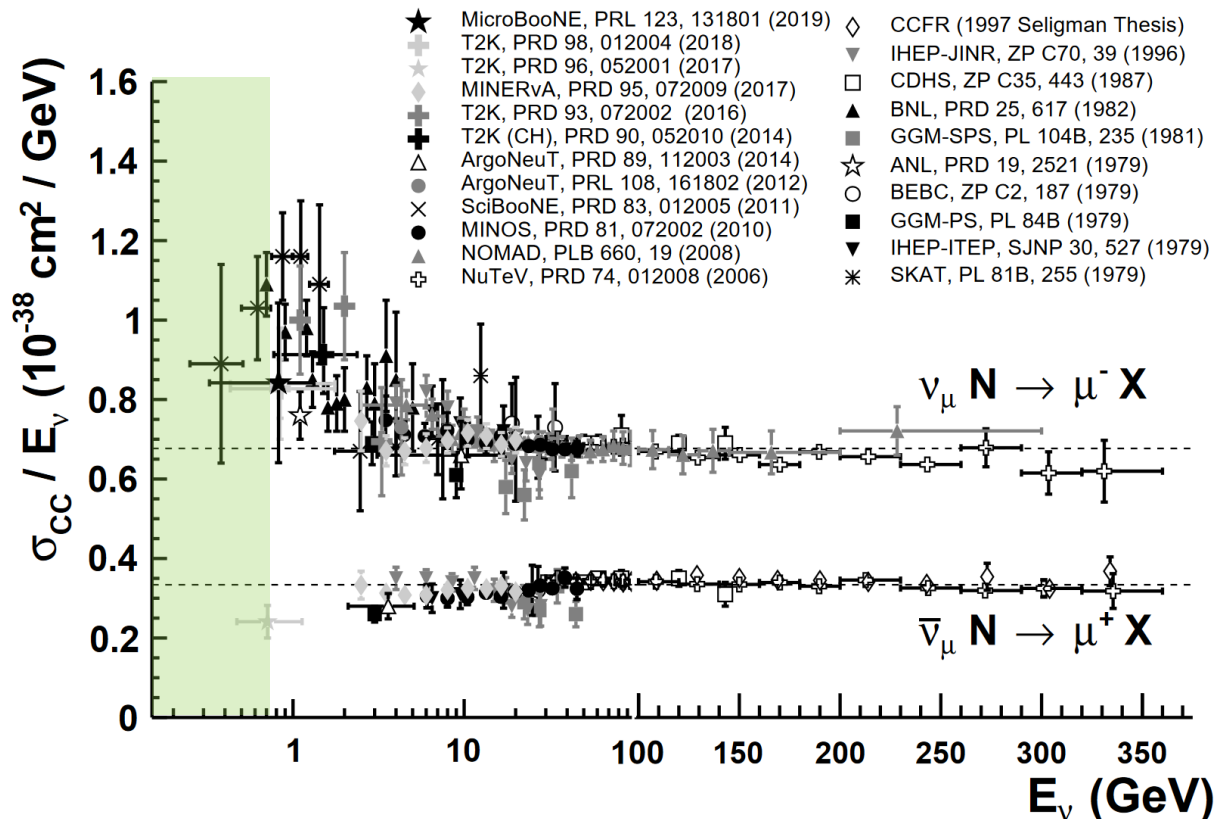
(European Spallation Source neutrino Super Beam plus)

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

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

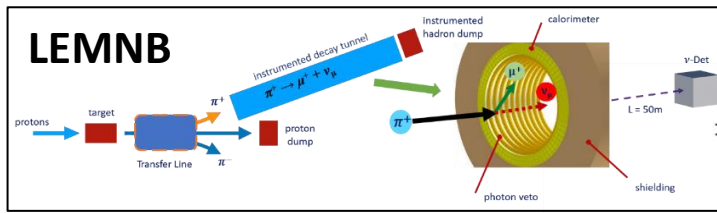
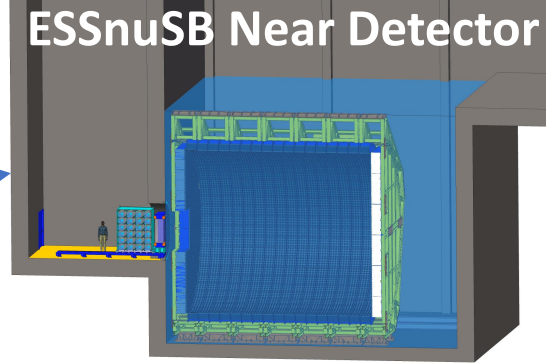
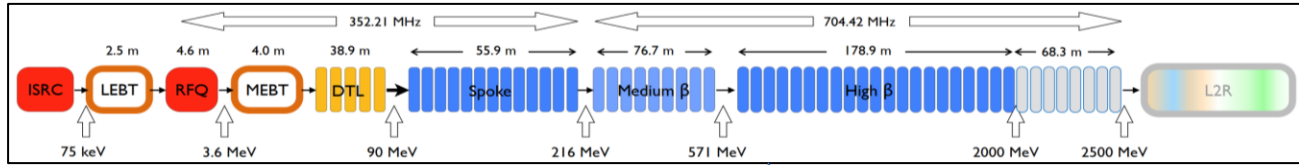
<https://pdg.lbl.gov/2022/reviews/rpp2022-rev-nu-cross-sections.pdf>

missing measurements at the ESSnuSB region: below 600 MeV

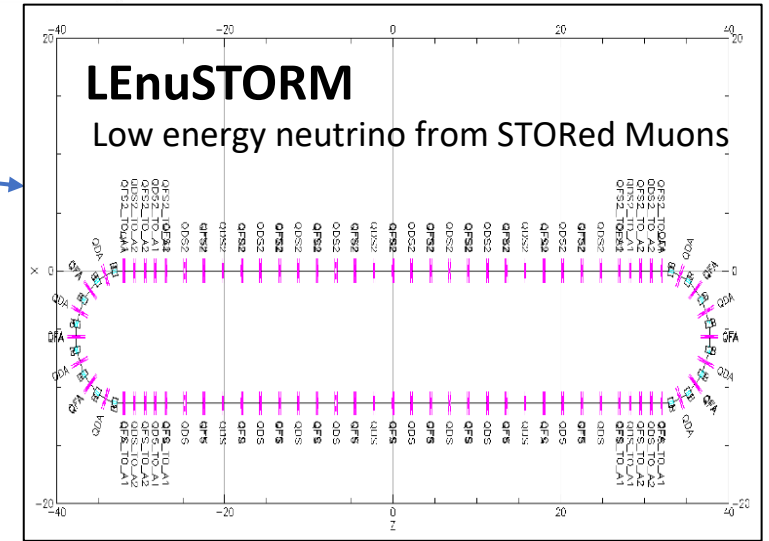
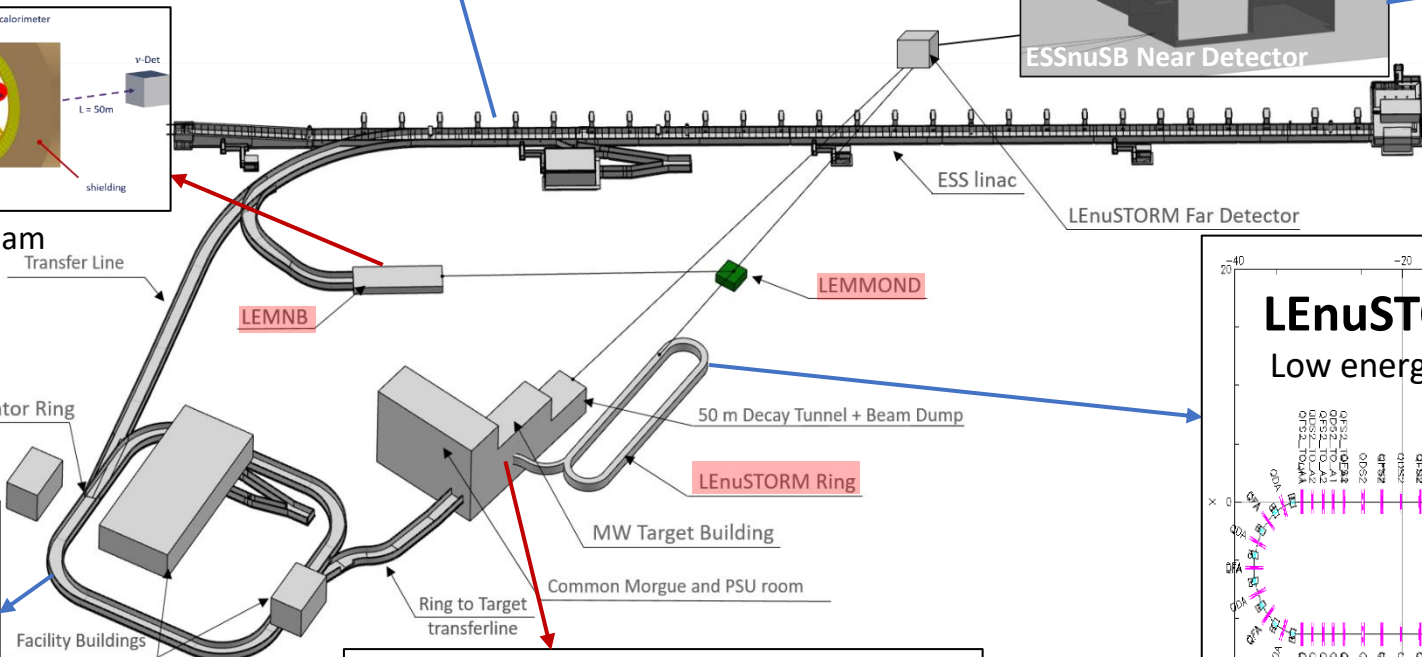


Additional ESS upgrades for ESSnuSB+

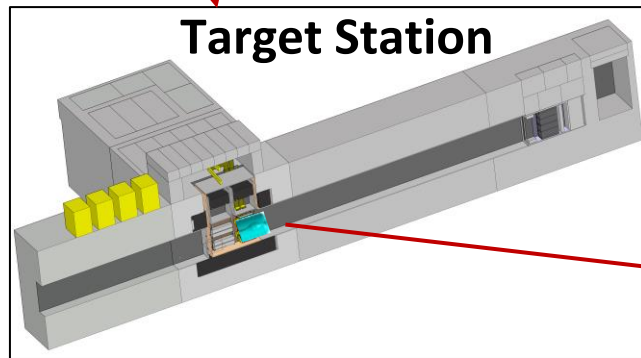
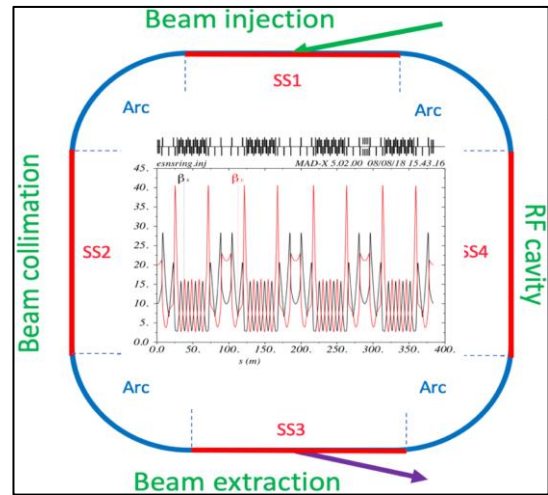
ESS linac



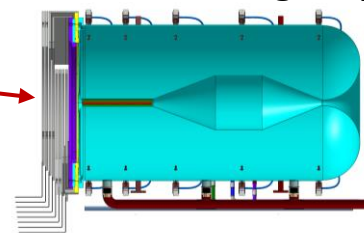
Low Energy Monitored neutrino Beam



Accumulator Ring

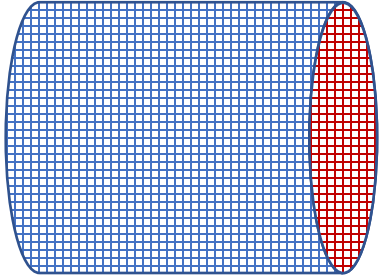


One horn-target system



LEMMOND: the near-near detector of ESSnuSB+

Low Energy Neutrino Stored Muons and Monitored Beam Near Detector

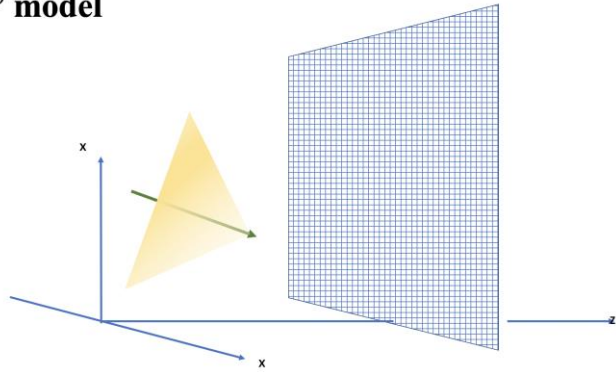


A cylindrical detector with about 2.5m radius and 10 m length and a water volume ~ 200 tons, located 50 m downstream of LEnuSTORM or LEMNB facilities. It will serve to precisely measure neutrino cross sections at the ESSnuSB energy range but also as a near detector for a Short Base Line setup.

Before developing a full simulation of the detector, we used a “toy” model for:

- Establishing the techniques for track simulation, photoelectron collection, track reconstruction for muons and electrons.
- Distinguishing muons from electrons

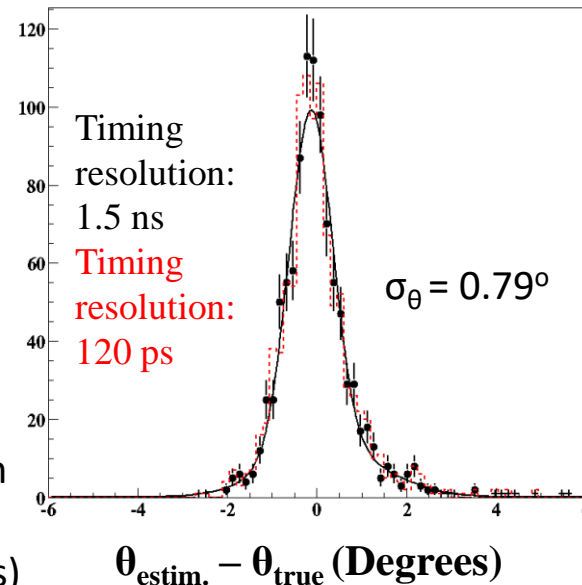
the “toy” model



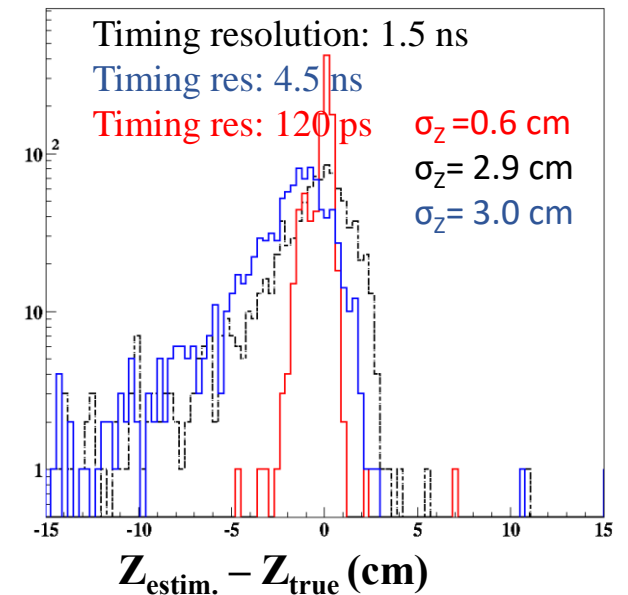
GEANT simulated tracks:

- Tracks produced with $[\theta=0^\circ \text{ or } \theta=30^\circ \text{ and } \phi=0^\circ]$ initial direction, wrt to the detector, starting $\sim 200\text{cm}$ away from the Detector
- The detector is a $400 \times 400 \text{ cm}^2$ plane ($6400 \text{ } 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^2$ pads)

300 MeV/c muons, 25% coverage



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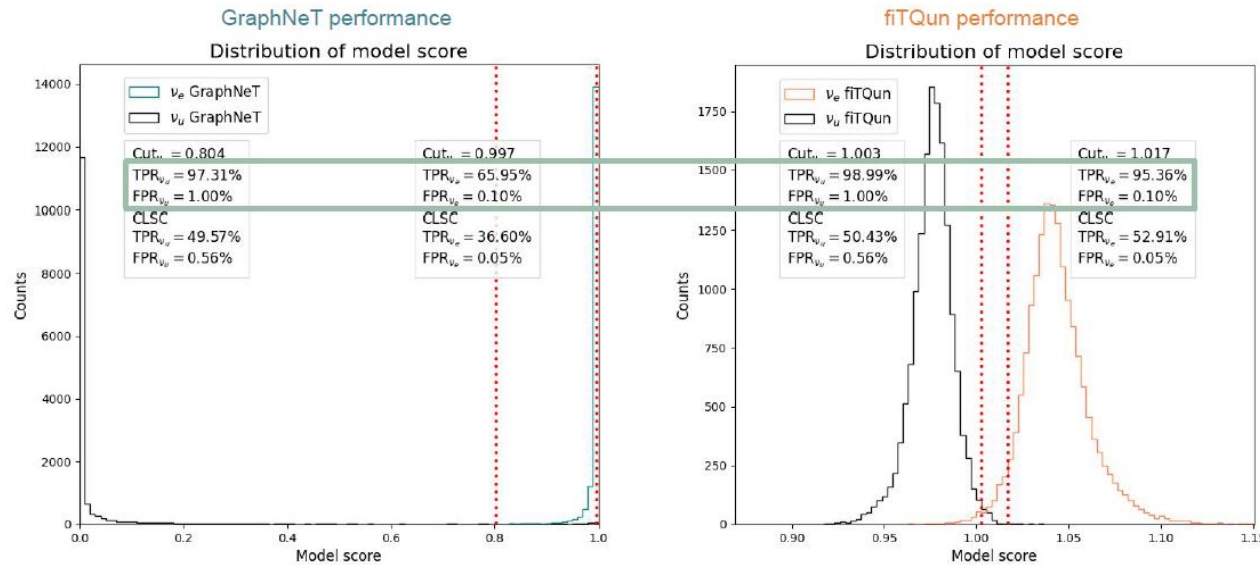
Improving event selection via Graph Neural Networks (GNN)

Kaare Endrup Iversen
Lund University
Talk in HAMLET2024

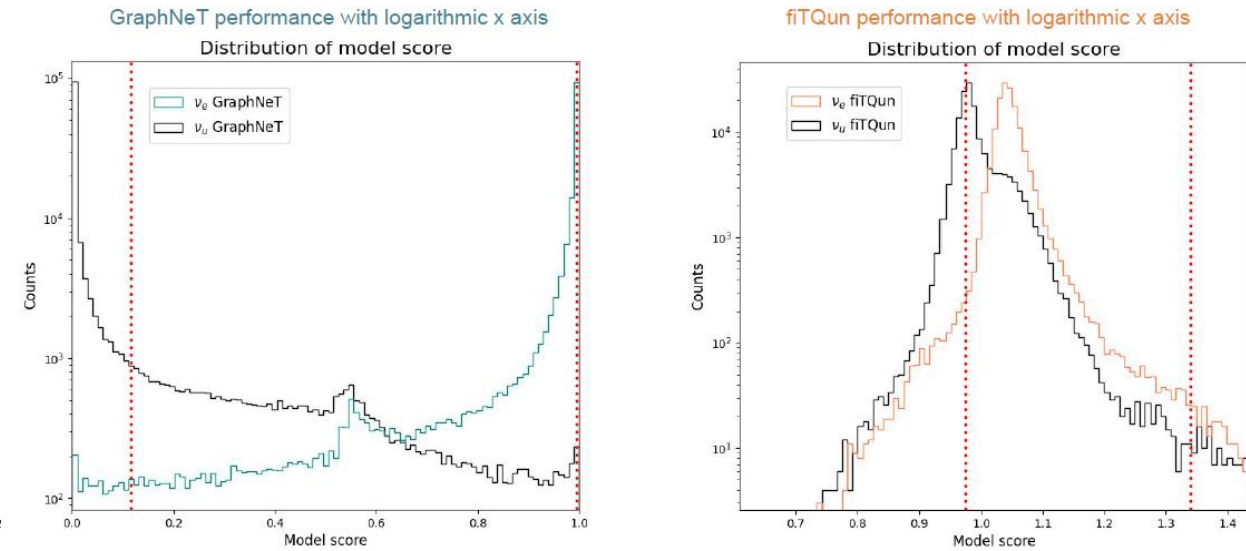
Why the need to use GNN?

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

Charged lepton simulations - with cuts



Neutrino event simulations - without data cut



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

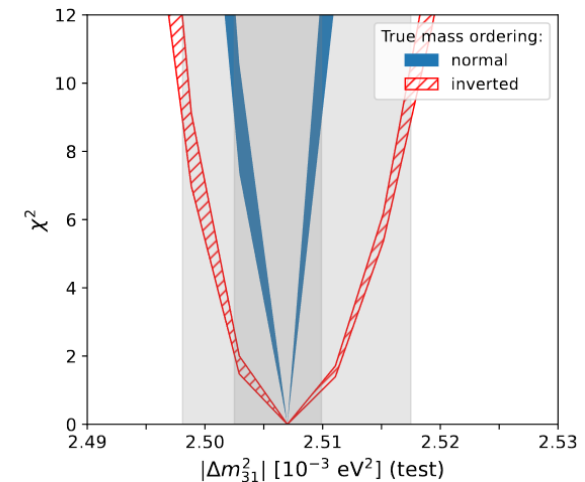
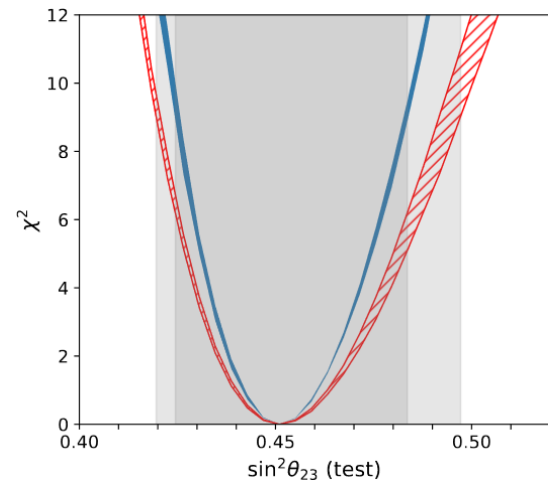
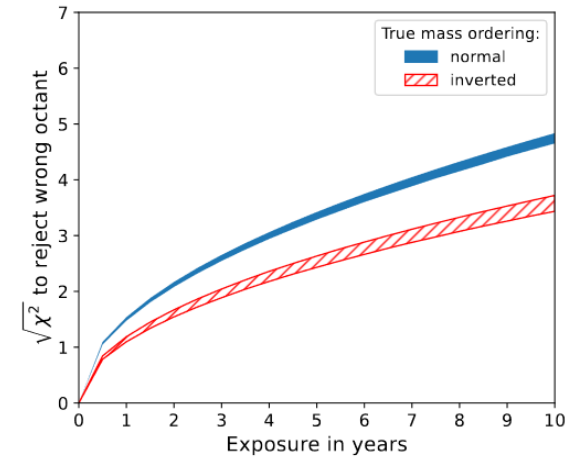
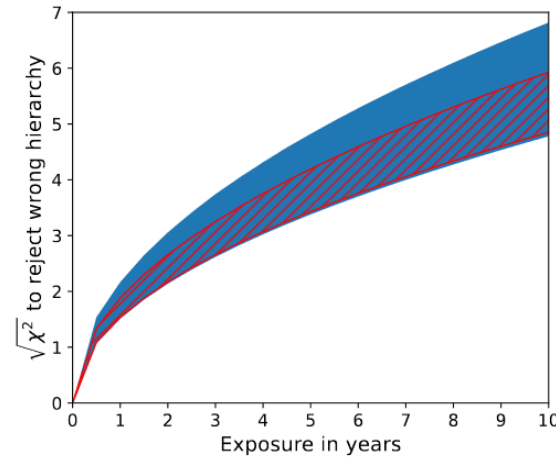
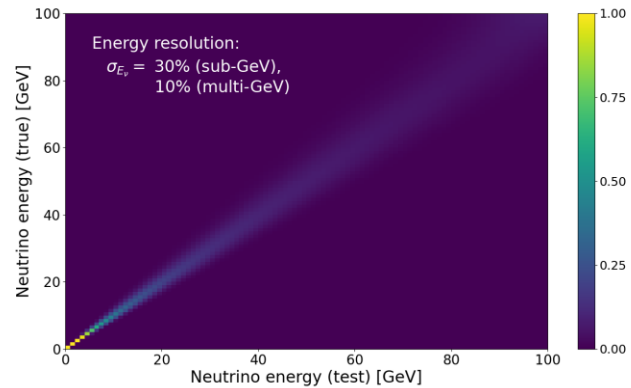
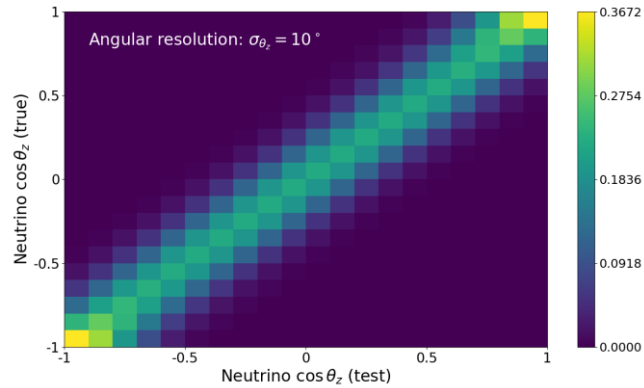
- Event filter relies on fiTQun reconstructed variables
- Full neutrino events can contain more than single charged leptons (pions, double-decays etc.)

- The GNN has acceptable performance even on the full neutrino events
- Using the GNN, the data cuts can be made obsolete

Exploring atmospheric neutrino oscillations at ESSnuSB

<http://arxiv.org/abs/2407.21663> accepted in JHEP

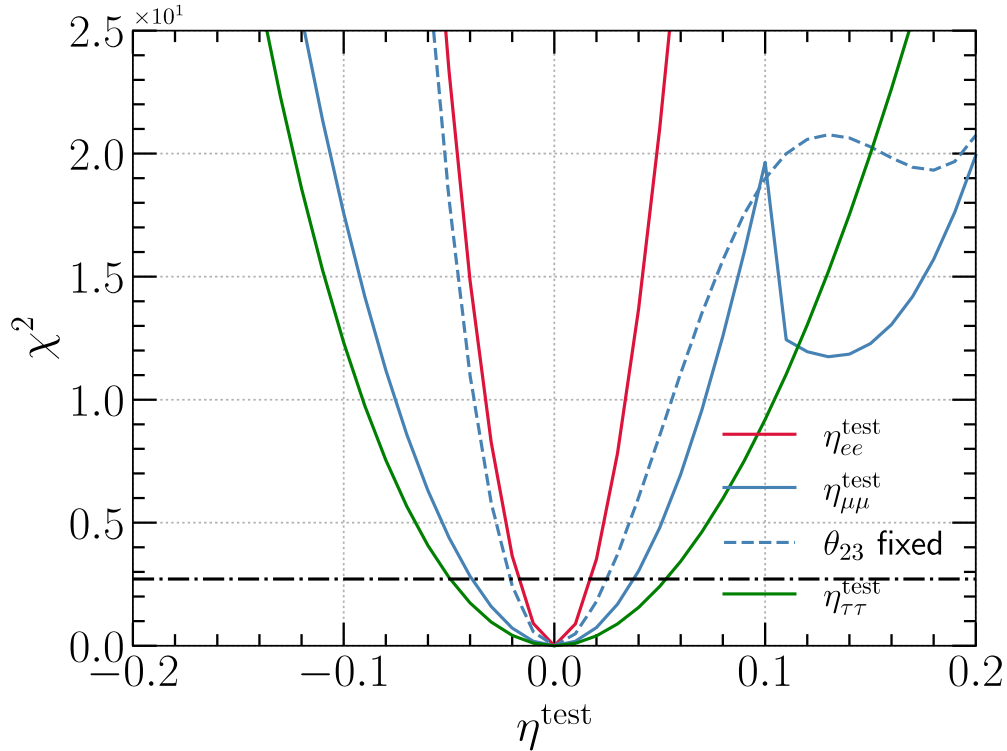
A Monte Carlo study has been conducted assuming two 70mX70m cylindrical vessels and 10 years exposure.



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

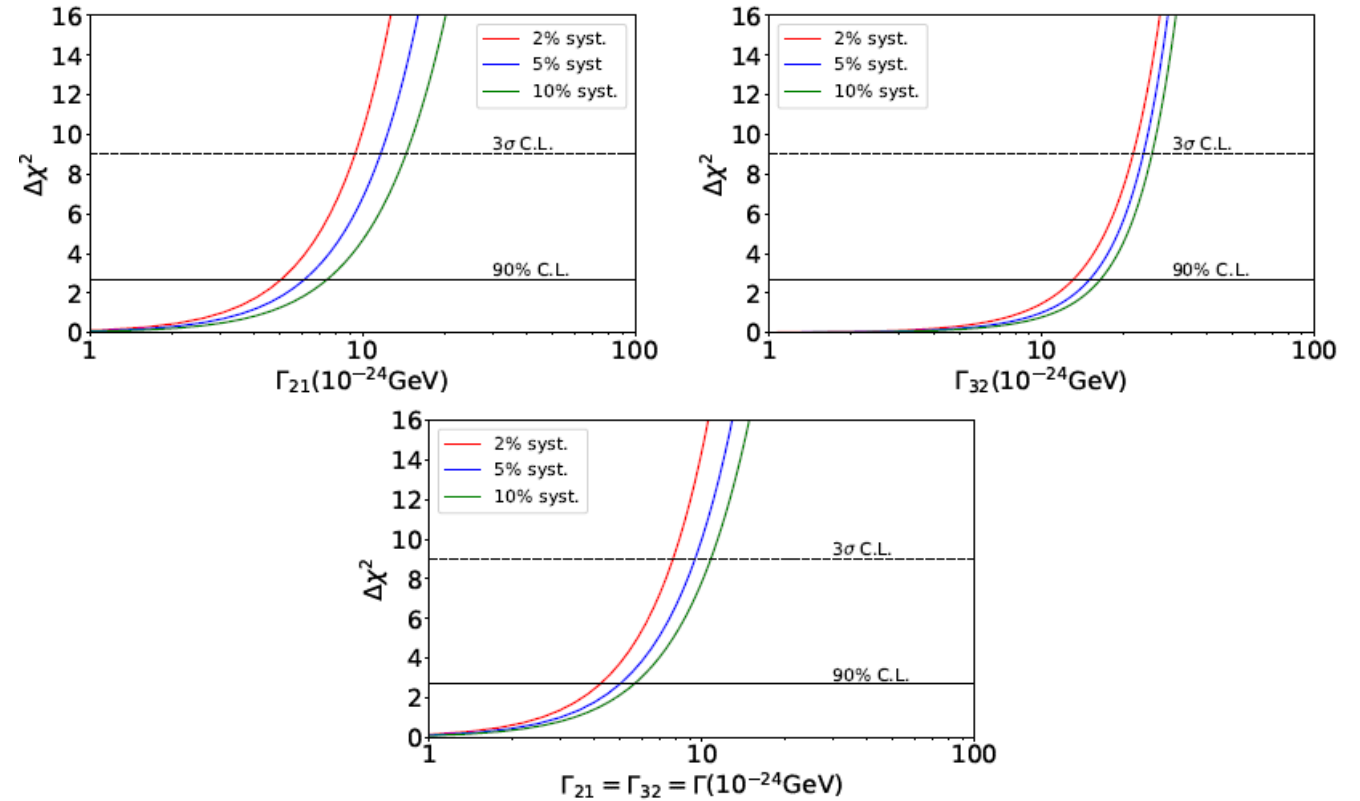
ESSvSB sensitivity to BSM physics - I

Constraints on scalar NSI parameters



Study of non-standard interaction mediated by a scalar field at the ESSnuSB experiment
[Phys. Rev. D 109, \(2024\) 115010](https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.17559)

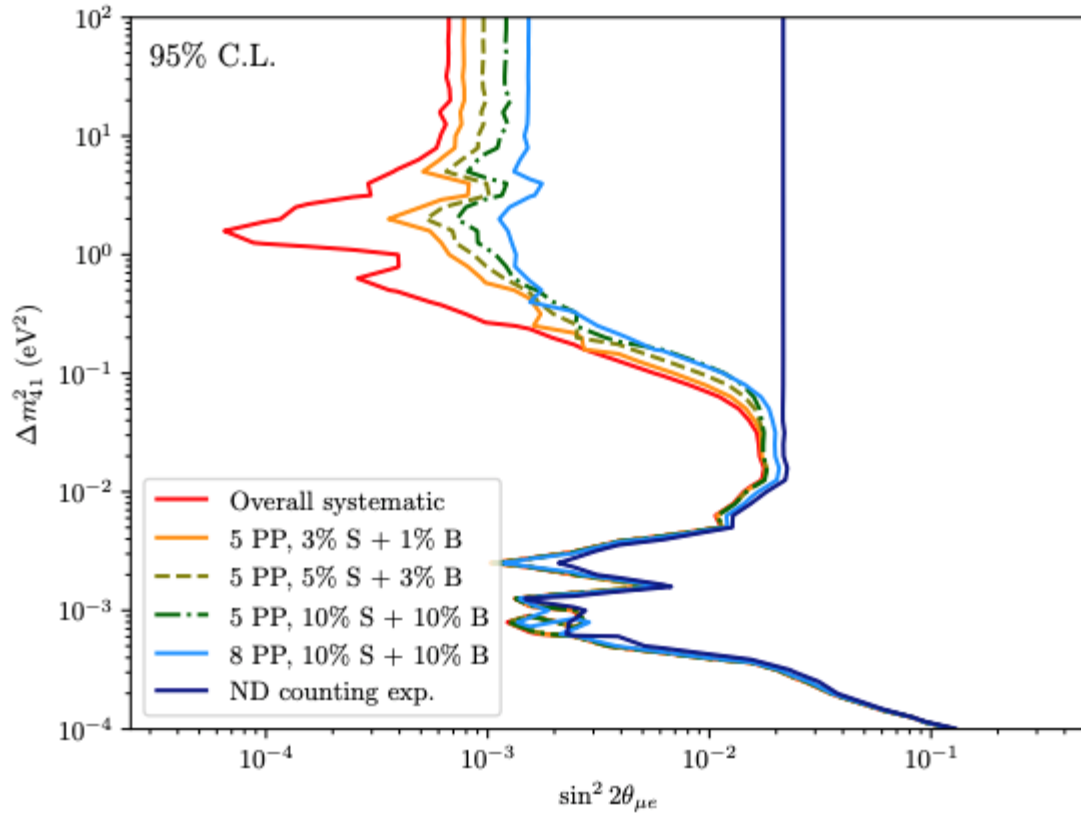
Constraints on Decoherence parameters



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

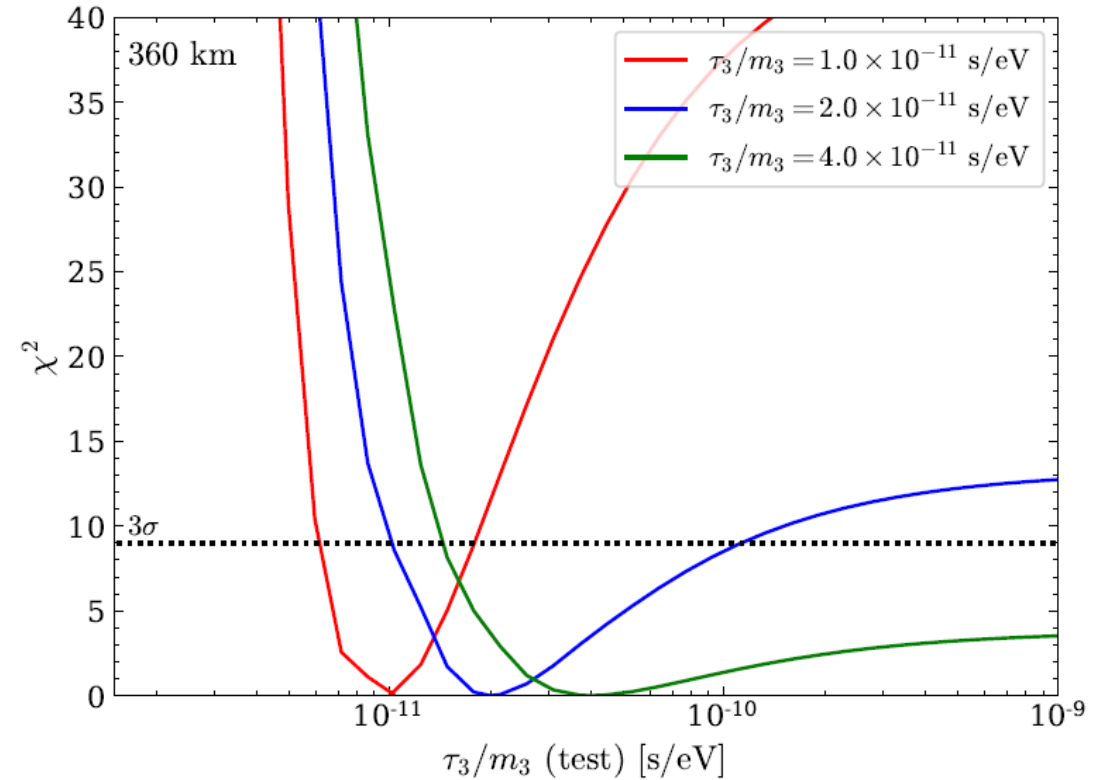
Light sterile neutrinos



Sensitivity to light sterile neutrinos at ESSnuSB

[JHEP 03 \(2020\), 026](#)

Invisible neutrino decays



Precision χ^2 as a function of τ_3/m_3 (test) for three different values of τ_3/m_3 (true).

Exploring invisible neutrino decay at ESSnuSB

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

Summary

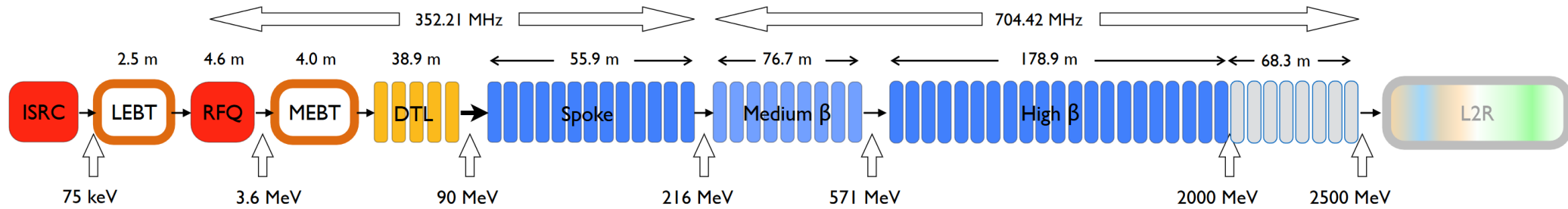
- **ESSnuSB** aims to observe CP violation in neutrino oscillations at the 2nd oscillation maximum using a 538 kt WC Far detector, a complex of Near detectors, and a near-near Detector (LEMMOND) to form an SBL exp.
 - **2nd maximum** makes the measurement resilient to systematic errors and matter effects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

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

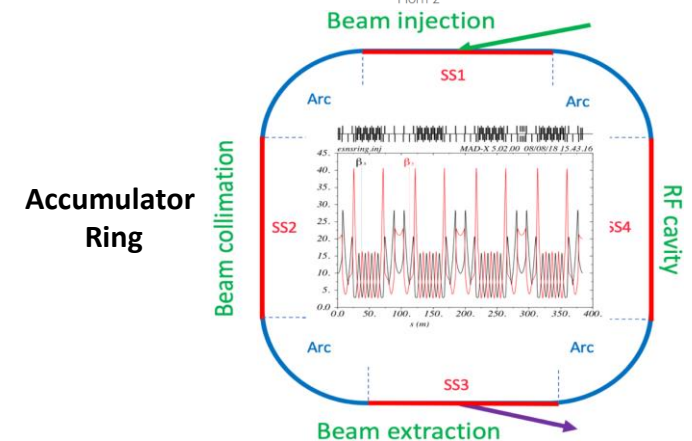
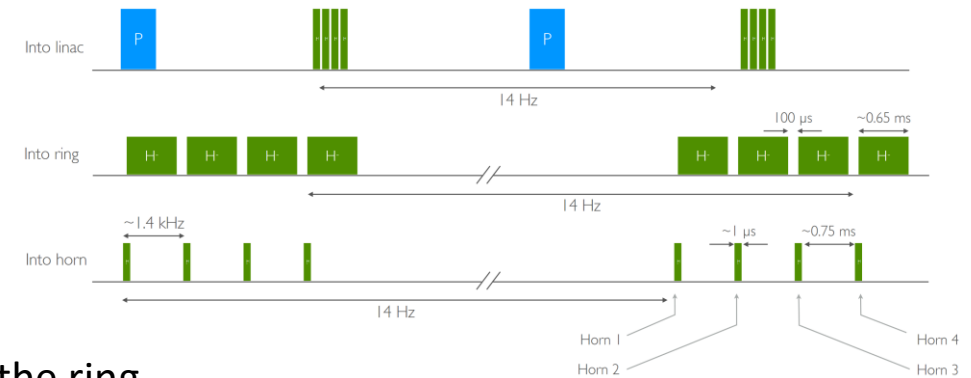
Thanks for your attention !

Backup slides

ESS Proton Linac Upgrade and the Accumulator Ring



Pulsing scheme

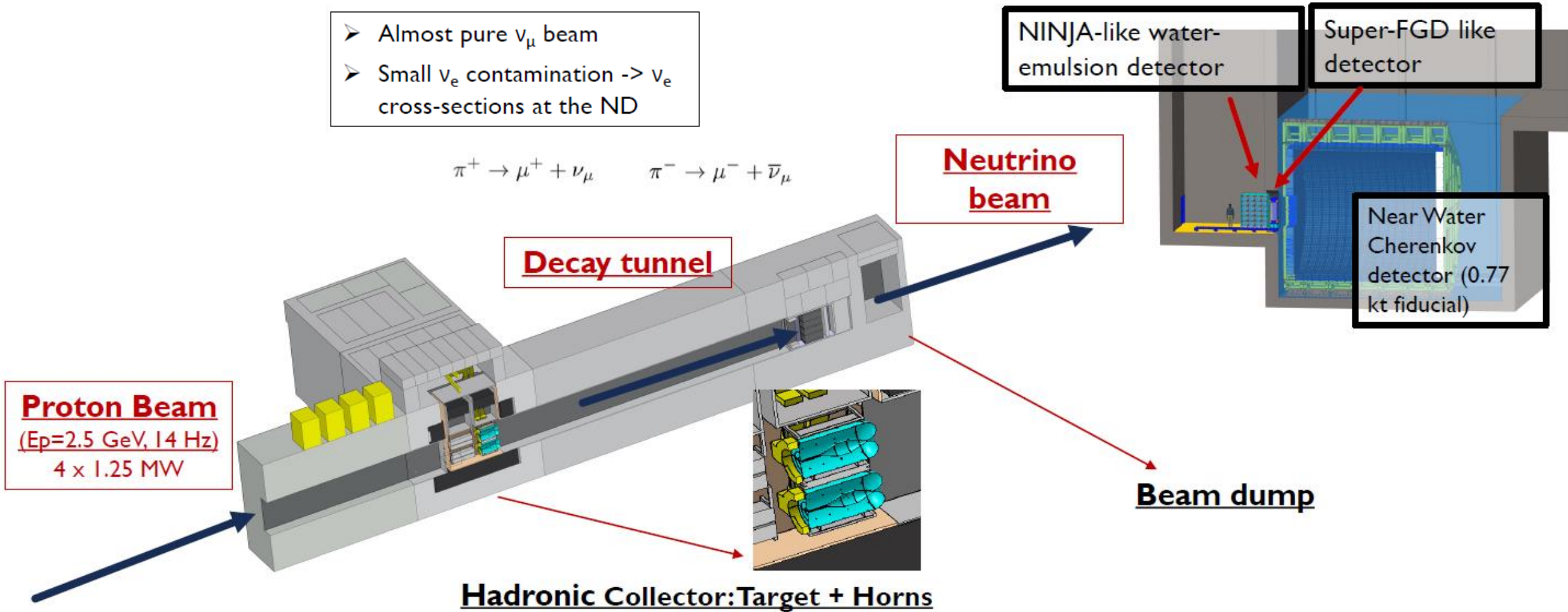
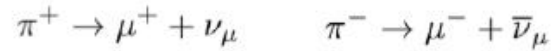


- Accumulation and storage, no acceleration.
- 384 m circumference, 1.33 μ s revolution period

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

ESSnuSB neutrino beam and near Detector

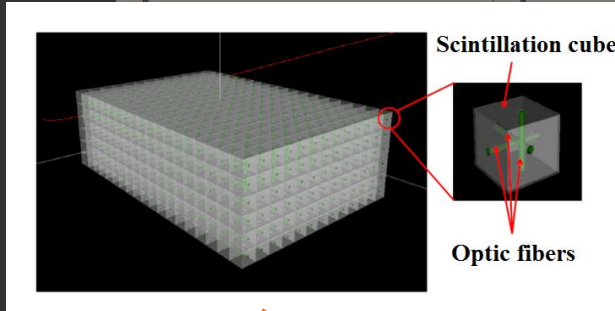
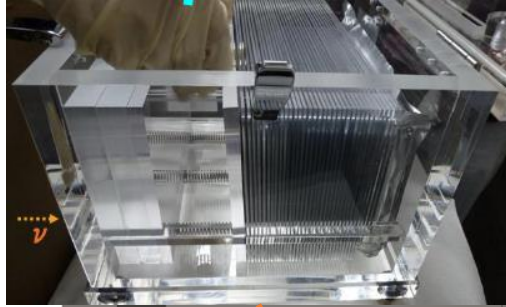
- Almost pure ν_μ beam
- Small ν_e contamination $\rightarrow \nu_e$ cross-sections at the ND



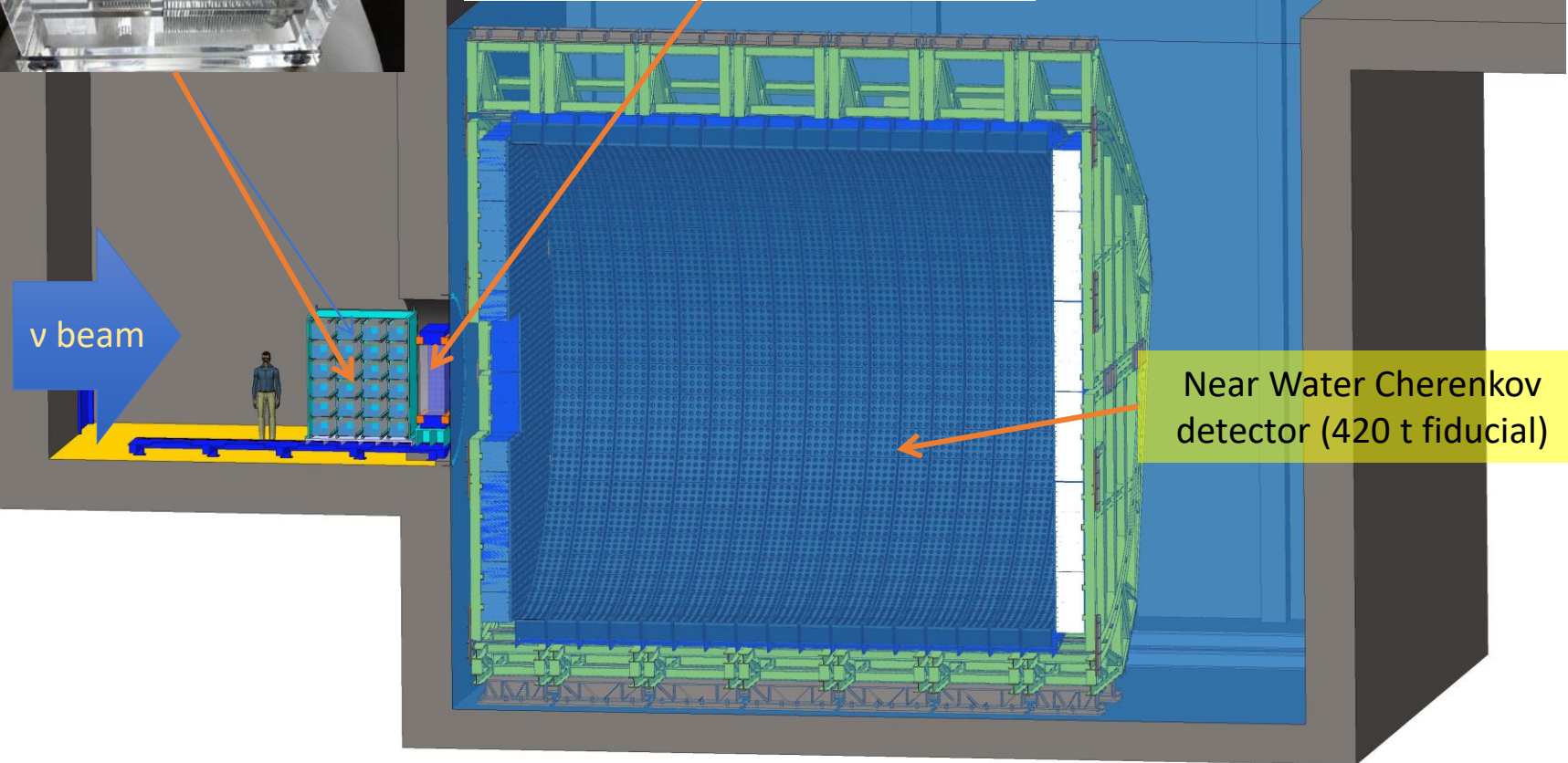
ESSnuSB Near Detectors (END)

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

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



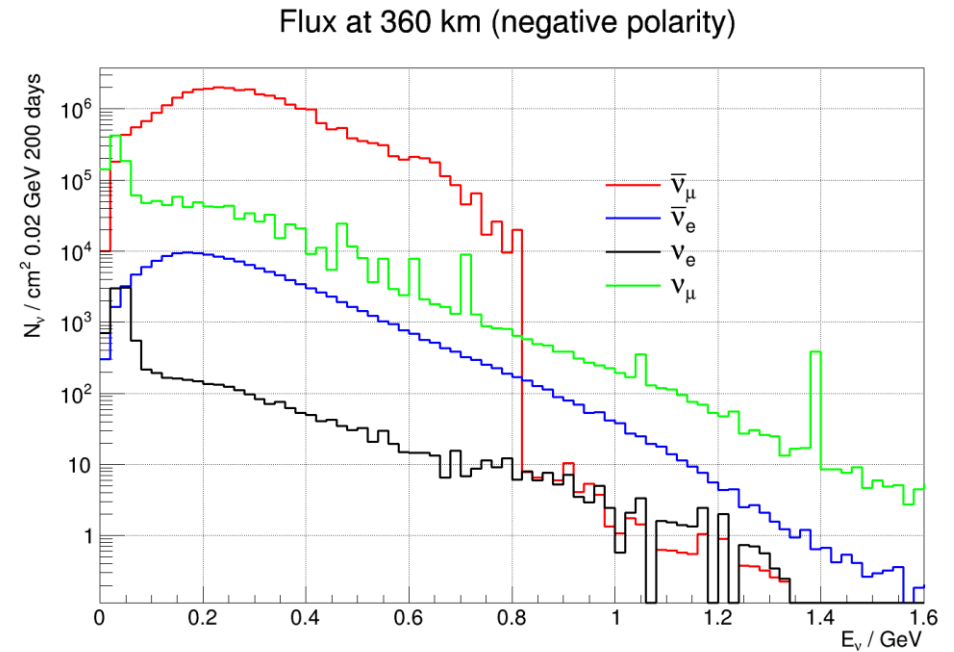
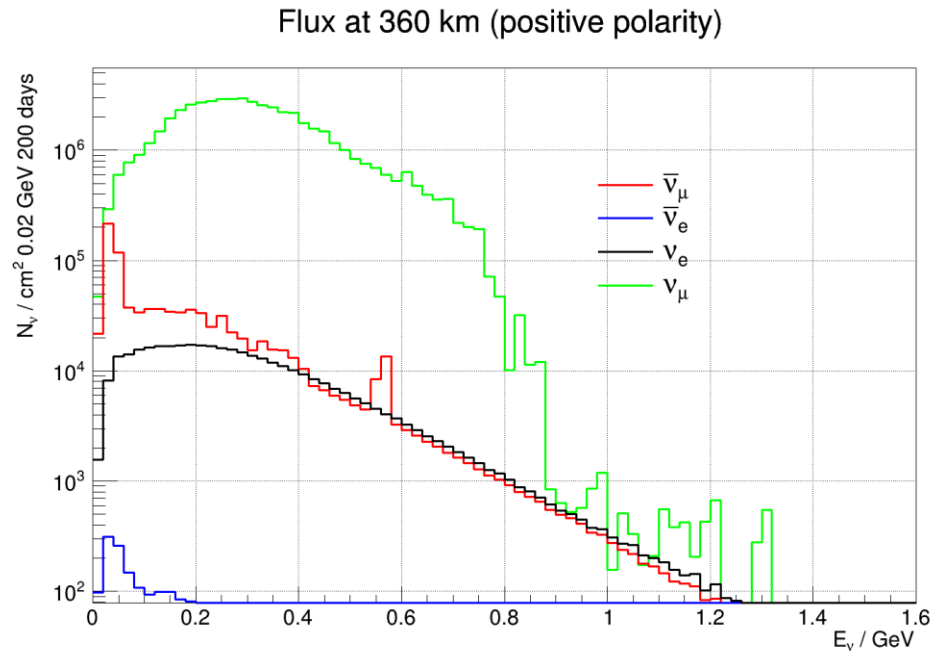
Super-FGD like detector (1 t fiducial)



Near Water Cherenkov detector (420 t fiducial)

The expected neutrino and antineutrino flux for ESSnuSB

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

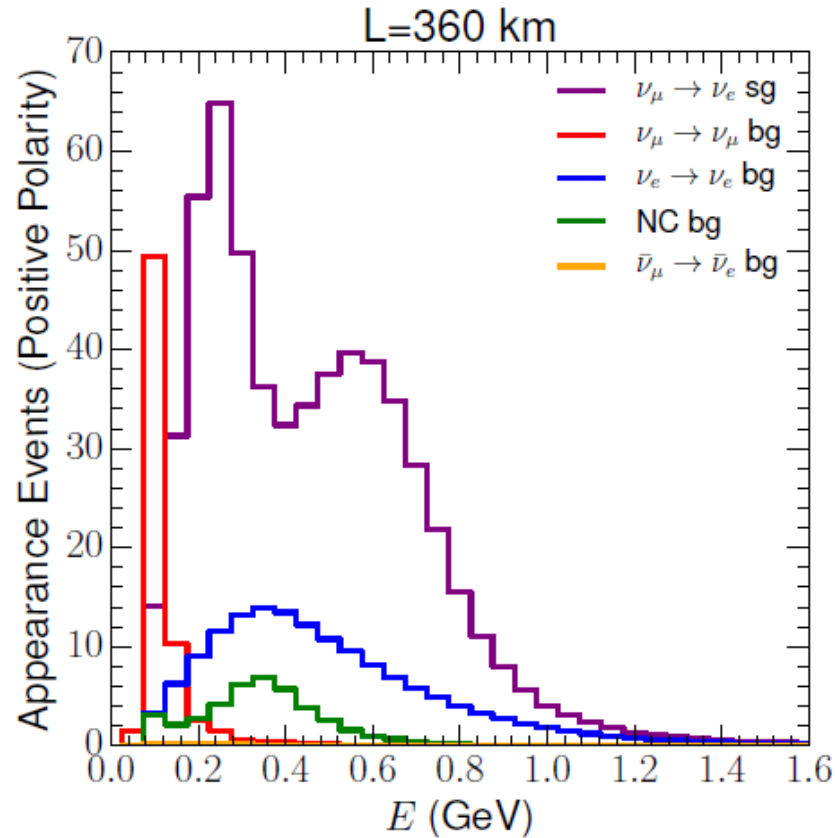


- almost pure ν_μ beam
- small ν_e contamination which will be used to measure ν_e cross-sections in a near detector

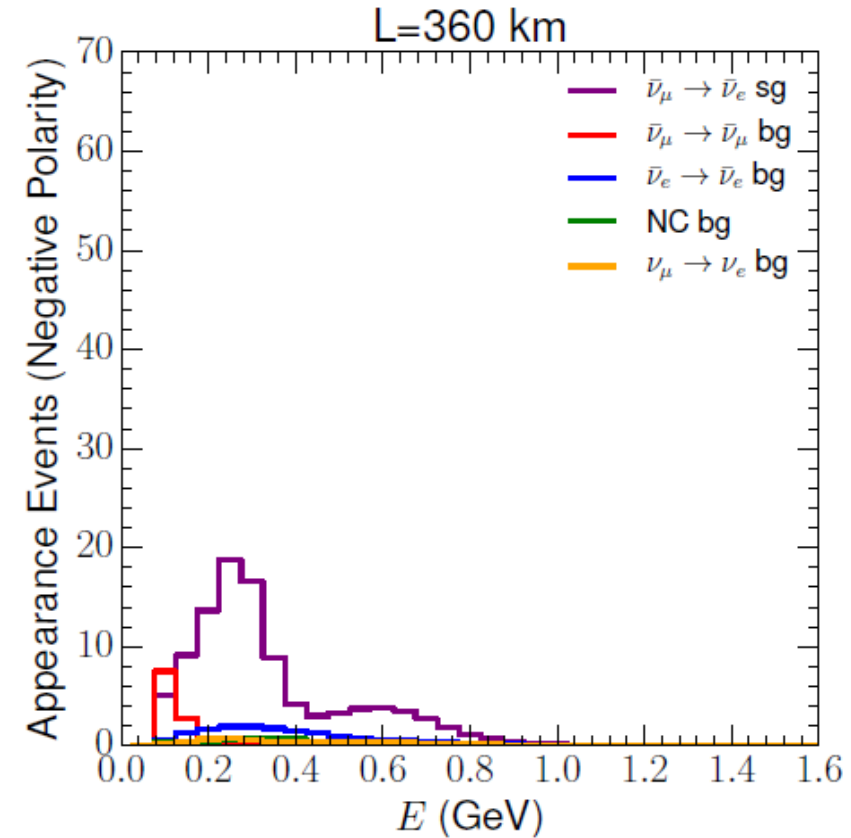
Neutrino flux at 360 km from the target per year (in absence of ν oscillations)

Flavour	ν Mode		$\bar{\nu}$ Mode	
	N_ν ($10^5 / \text{cm}^2$)	%	N_ν ($10^5 / \text{cm}^2$)	%
ν_μ	520.06	97.6	15.43	4.7
ν_e	3.67	0.67	0.10	0.03
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	9.10	1.7	305.55	94.8
$\bar{\nu}_e$	0.023	0.03	1.43	0.43

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



(a) Neutrino mode



(b) Antineutrino mode

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

Expected Number of Events in ESSnuSB

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

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

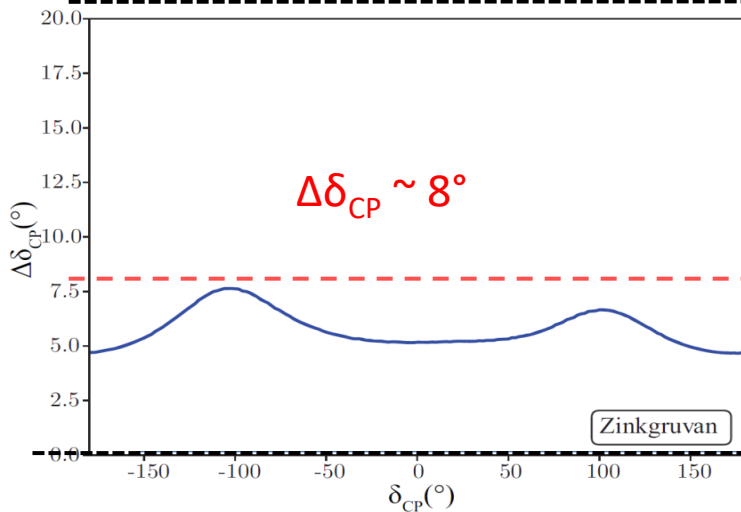
Table 45 Signal and major background events for the appearance channel corresponding to positive (negative) polarity per year for $\delta = 0^\circ$

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

ESSnuSB in the international context – CPV resolution

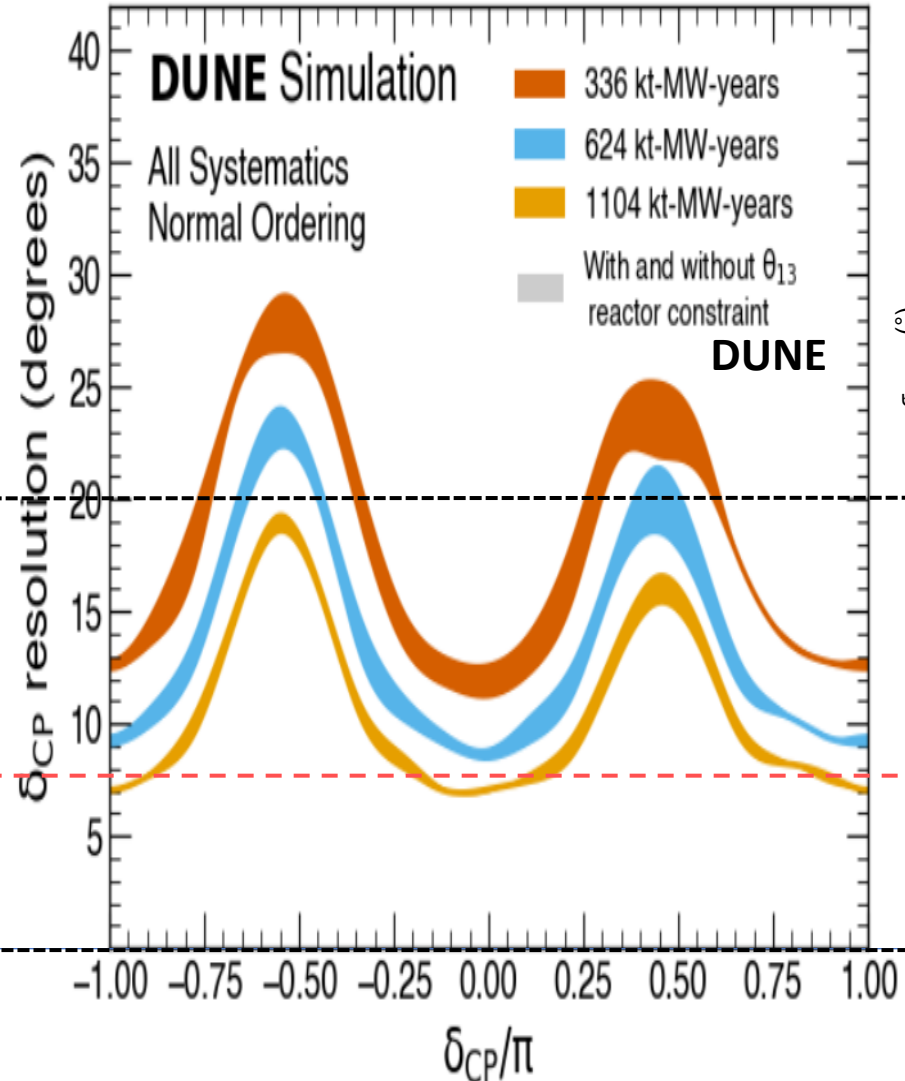
precision of the δ_{CP} measurement

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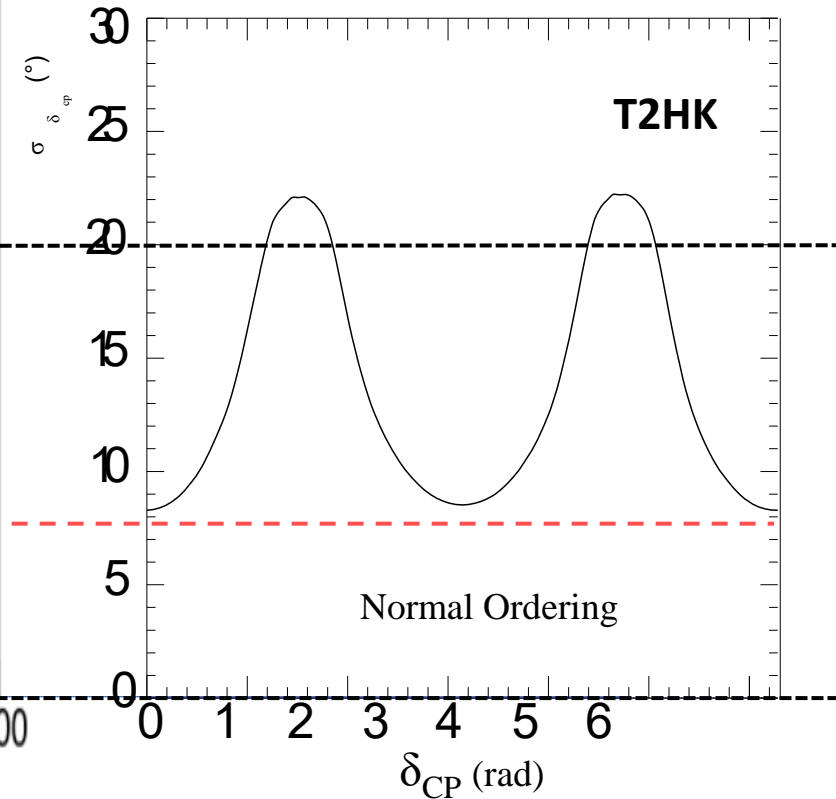
ESSnuSB 10 years

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DUNE 10 years, yellow curve

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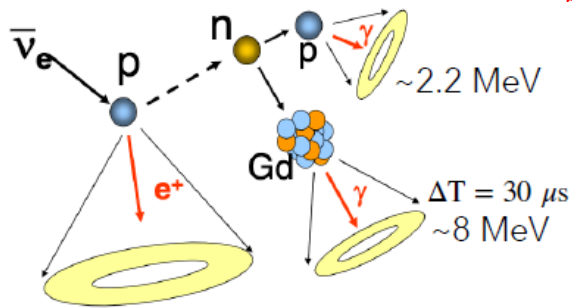
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Neutron tagging by Gadolinium

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

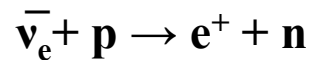
Proton momentum is below Cherenkov threshold but doping the water with 0.2% gadolinium (by dissolving $\text{Gd}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$) could provide a way to distinguish neutrino from antineutrino interactions. Neutrons are captured by Gd with a 90% efficiency emitting a cascade of ~ 8 MeV gammas whose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

Neutron tagging by Gd



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

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



From:

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

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

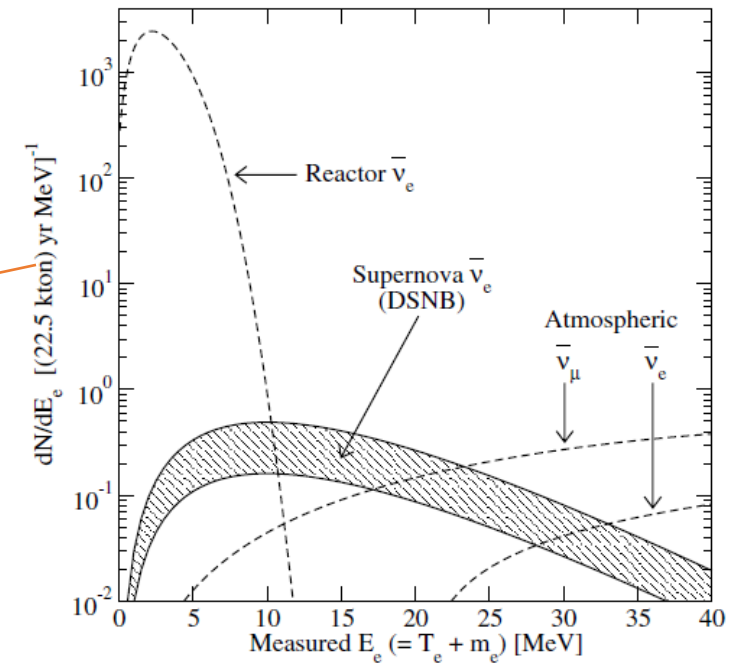
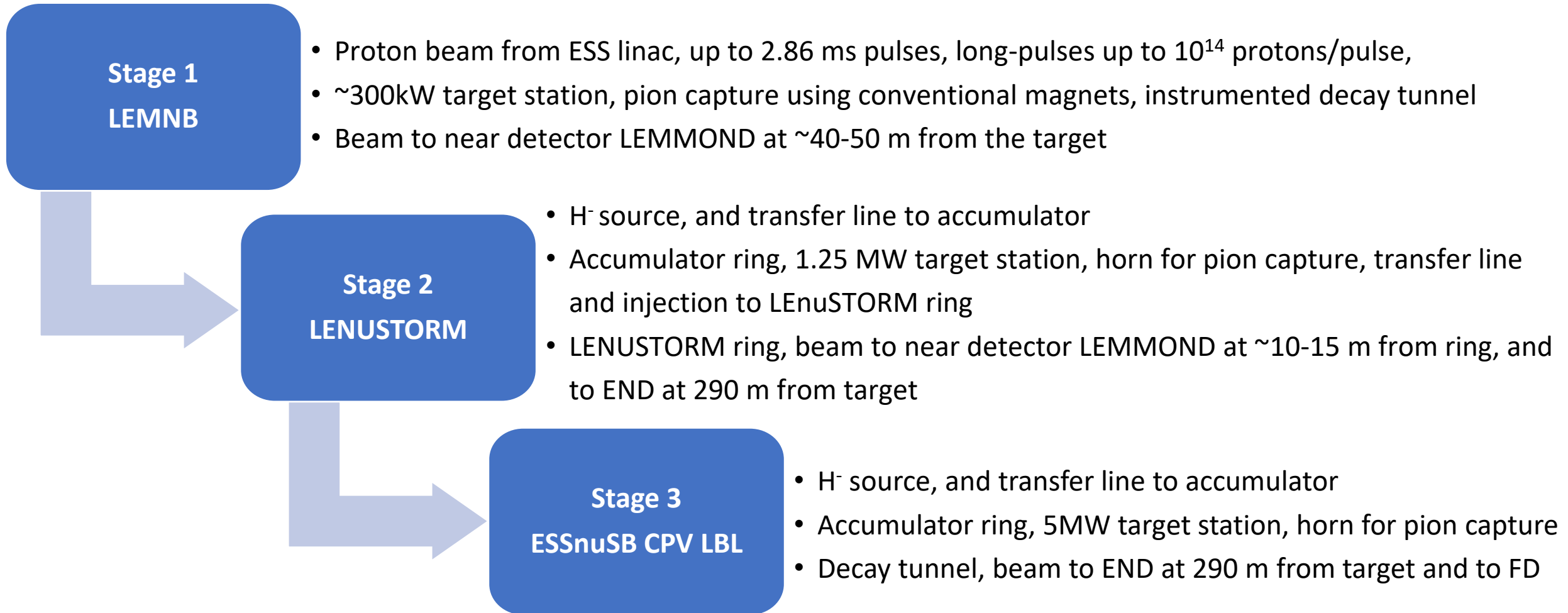


Figure 2: Spectra of low energy $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$ coincident signals in Super-K. From [12].

ESSnuSB Implementation Approach

Staged Implementation



ESSnuSB Project Time Evolution

