



# Towards Unitarity?

(how far?)

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~50 years of neutrino oscillations...

**huge experimental effort** → well established  
[discovery  $\Leftrightarrow$  Nobel 2015]

**what is/are the next goal?**

# status on neutrino oscillation knowledge...

**Standard Model**(3 families)

&  
**PMNS**<sub>3×3</sub>( $\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}$ )

&  
 **$\pm\Delta m^2$  &  $\pm\delta m^2$**

no conclusive sign of  
any extension so far!!

(inconsistencies vs uncertainties)

**must measure all parameters** → characterise & test (i.e. over-constrain) **Standard Model**

	<b>today</b>		<b>≥2030</b>			
	best knowledge		NuFIT4.0	foreseen	dominant	technique
$\theta_{12}$	3.0 %	SNO	2.3 %	$\leq 1.0\%$	JUNO	reactor
$\theta_{23}$	5.0 %	NOvA	2.0 %	$\leq 1.0\%$	DUNE⊕HK	beam (octant)
$\theta_{13}$	1.8 %	DYB	<b>1.5 %</b>	<b>1.5 %</b>	DC⊕DYB⊕RENO	reactor
<b><math>+\delta m^2</math></b>	2.5 %	KamLAND	2.3 %	$\leq 1.0\%$	JUNO	reactor
<b><math>\pm\Delta m^2</math></b>	3.0 %	T2K & DYB	1.3 %	$\leq 1.0\%$	JUNO⊕DUNE⊕HK	reactor⊕beam
<b>sign(<math>\Delta m^2</math>)</b>	unknown	(SK et al)	NO @ $\sim 3\sigma$	@ $5\sigma$	JUNO⊕DUNE⊕HK	reactor⊕beam
<b>CPV</b>	unknown	(T2K et al)	$3/2\pi$ @ $\sim 2\sigma$	<b>@<math>5\sigma</math>?</b>	DUNE⊕HK⊕ALL	beam driven

(Nov 2018)

(reactor-beam)

essentially JUNO⊕DUNE⊕HK will lead most of the field (**goal CPV**) → **except  $\theta_{13}$ !**



**do we have all needed?**

the “super” experiments era...

# address PMNS unitarity & structure?

$U_{\text{PMNS}}$  matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{\text{any but diag}} & \text{any but diag} & |U_{e3}|^2 \rightarrow \theta_{13} \text{ only} \\ \text{any but diag} & \text{any but diag} & \text{any but diag} \\ \text{any but diag} & \text{any but diag} & \text{any but diag} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{matrix}$

anything but diagonal (i.e. max-mixing)

## is $U_{3 \times 3}$ unitary?

[ex. test CKM]

$$UU^\dagger = U^\dagger U = I$$

## why shape?

[ $\neq$ CKM]

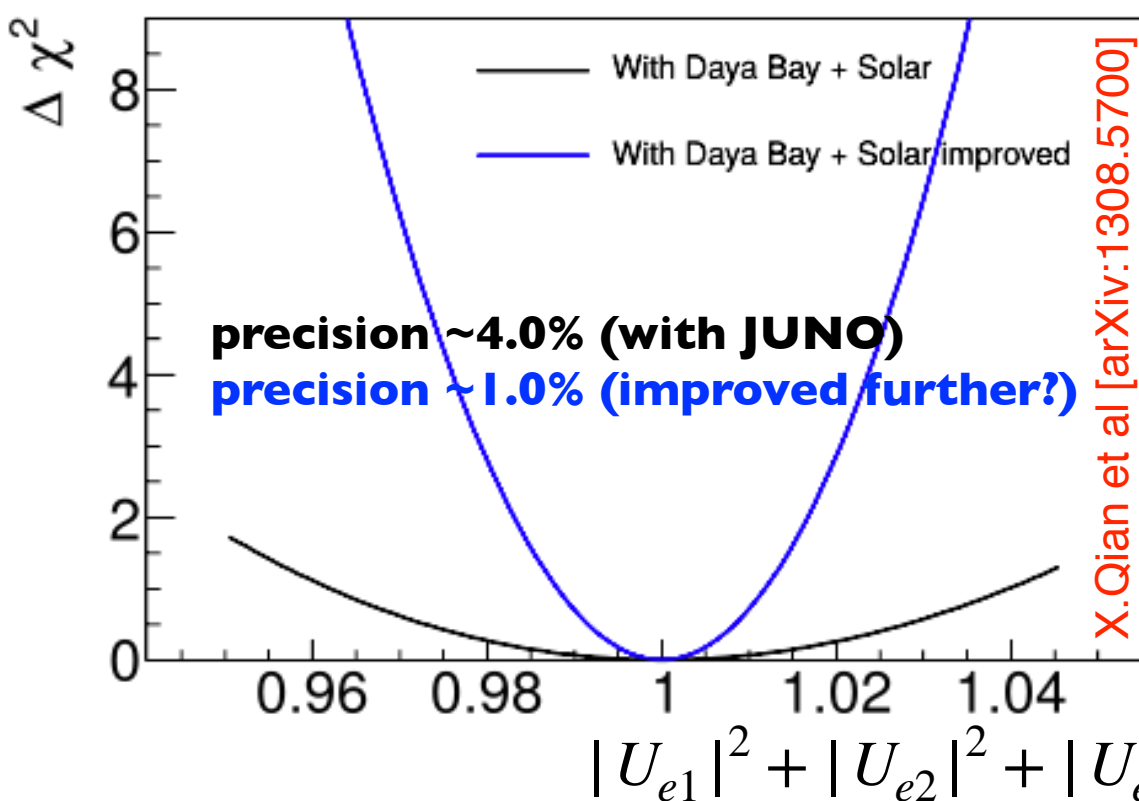
$$J(\text{PMNS}) \approx 3.3 \times 10^{-2} \Rightarrow \text{large CPV?}$$

[larger  $J(\text{CKM})$ ]

$$|U_{l1}|^2 + |U_{l2}|^2 + |U_{l3}|^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \text{explore "electron top-row": knowledge? } [\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}]$$

(other equations too)  $l = e, \mu, \tau$

$$|U_{e1}|^2 + |U_{e2}|^2 + |U_{e3}|^2 = 1$$



### envisage $\approx 1\%$ precision?

challenging ingredients...

- **JUNO constraint**  $\checkmark$  — non improvable!
- **reactor- $\theta_{13}$  constraint**  $\rightarrow$  **improvable?** [this talk]
- **solar constraint**  $\rightarrow$  **improvable?**
- **other possible constraints?**

**PRELIMINARY:** ongoing calculation  $\rightarrow$  **appetiser**



$\theta_{13}$  again?

# 7 summary on today's $\theta 13$ knowledge/experiments...

## reactor- $\theta 13$ experiments [DC $\oplus$ DYB $\oplus$ RENO]

- **statistics:**  $\sim 10^5$  (far) [ $< 10^6$ ]
- **systematics:**  $\sim 0.1\%$  (each)
- **energy control:**  $< 1\%$  precision

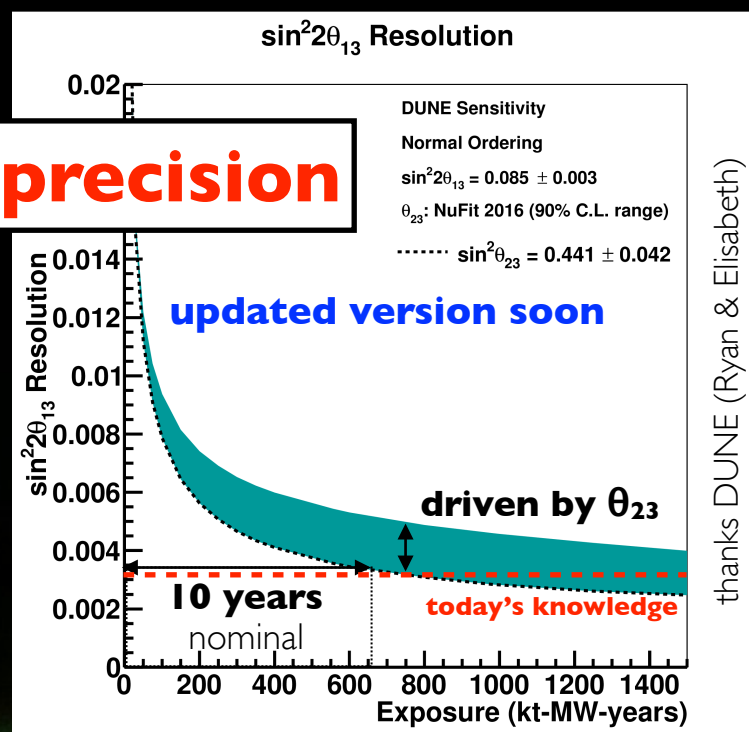
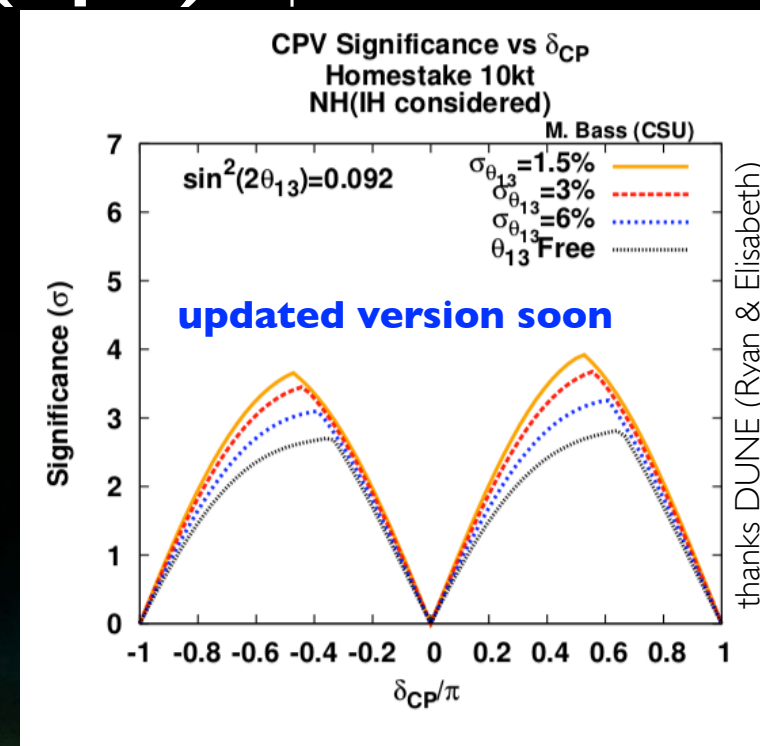
	<2010	today [2010-2020]			cancellation methodology
	total	total	rate-only	shape-only	
statistics	few %	$\sim 0.1\%$	—	—	$\sim 100/\text{day}$ @ 1.5km
flux	$\sim 2.2\%$	$\sim 0.1\%$	$\sim 0.1\%$	$< 0.1\%$	near-to-far monitor (ideal: iso-flux)
BG	few %	$\sim 0.1\%$	$\sim 0.1\%$	$< 0.1\%$	overburden $\rightarrow$ few/day
detection	2.0 %	$\sim 0.1\%$	$\sim 0.1\%$	—	identical detectors
energy	few %	$\sim 0.5\%$	—	$\sim 0.5\%$	identical detectors

## “naively extrapolating” from reactor- $\theta 13$ experiments...

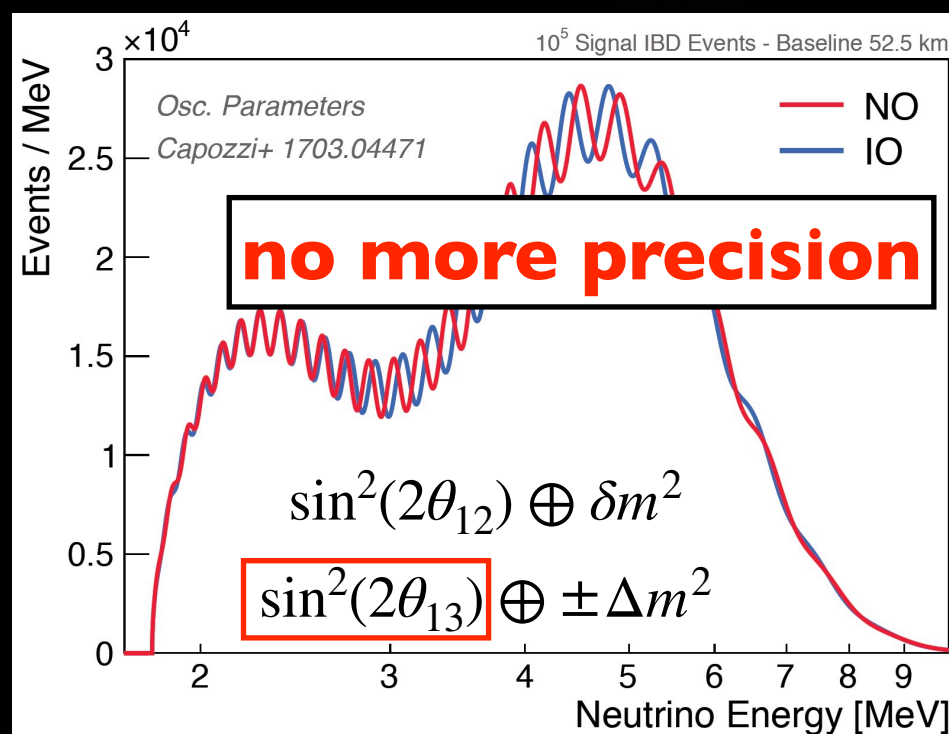
- **statistics:**  $\sim 10^x?$  (far) [ $> 10^6$ ]
  - **systematics:**  $\sim 0.01\%???$  (each)
- possible at all?**



## DUNE

(output) nears precision by reactor- $\theta_{13}$ **~same precision** $\theta_{13}$  knowledge elsewhere?(input) improve CPV with  $\theta_{13}$ ?**a sub-percent  $\theta_{13} \Rightarrow$  help DUNE $\oplus$ HK $\oplus$ JUNO?**

## JUNO



- $\theta_{13}$  measurement: **shape-only**
- **complementary**: reactor- $\theta_{13}$  is rate-driven
- JUNO much less precise (5x larger)
- **JUNO benefit from a more precise  $\theta_{13}$ ?**  
[robustness against “fast spectral distortion”]





**improve  $\sim 1\%$  errors  $\rightarrow$  possible?**

reactor  $\Rightarrow$  “super” systematics...

# review reactor $\theta_{13}$ sensitivity evolution...

**reactor sensitive has potential to go well beyond today [DC $\oplus$ DYB $\oplus$ RENO]**

- statistics:  $\geq 10^7$  (far) [ $\geq 20\times$  today]
  - detection systematics ( $\sim$ today:  $\sim 0.1\%$ )
  - energy control ( $< 1\%$  precision)
- $\Rightarrow$  **flux & BG systematics  $\rightarrow$  new techniques!!**

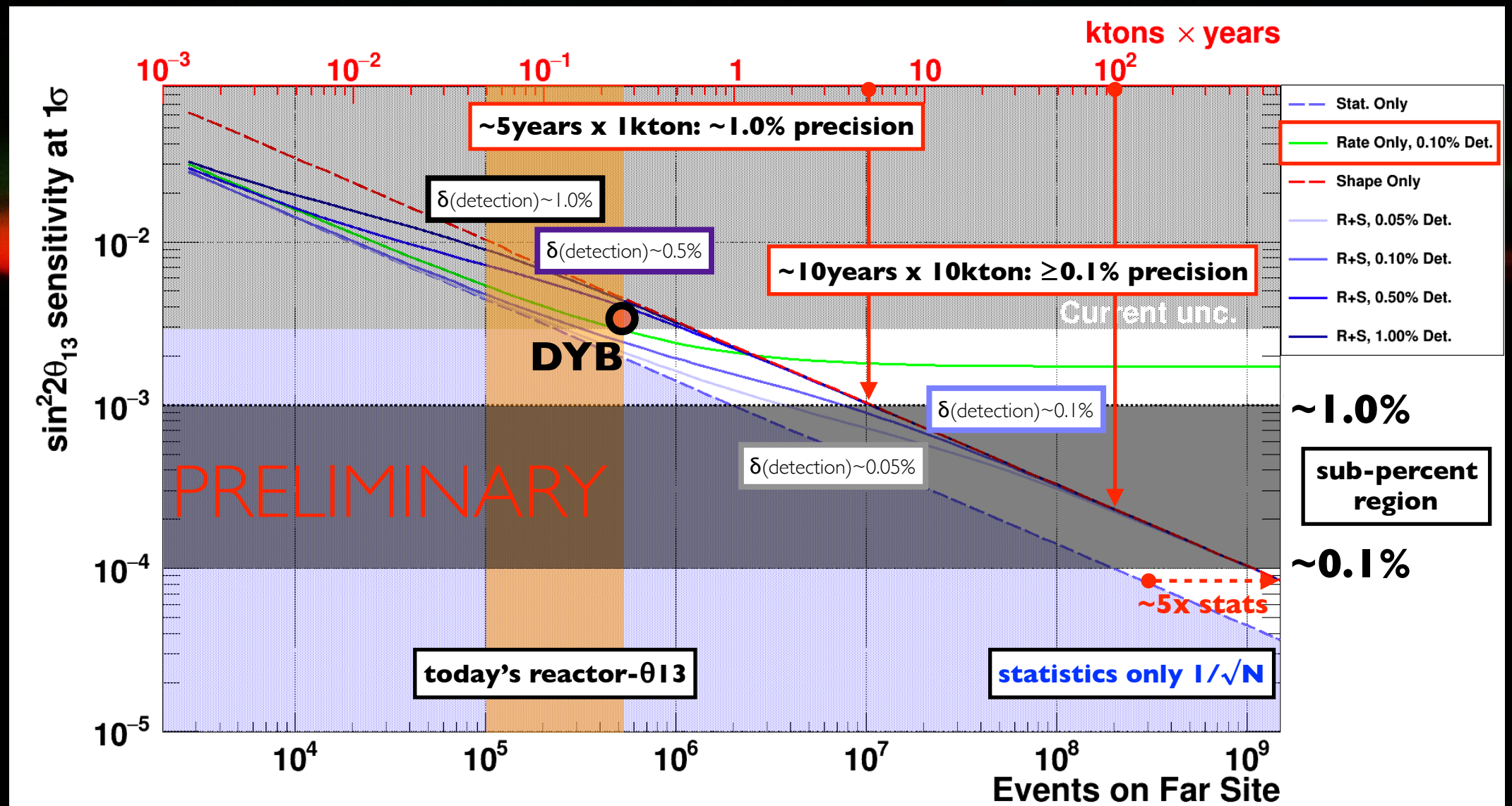
**Today's reactor state of art knowledge**

**Power:**  $2 \times 4.2 \text{ GW}(\text{thermal})$

**Baseline:**  $\sim 1.1 \text{ km}$

**Detection efficiency:**  $\sim 85\%$

**Reactor duty-cycle:**  $\sim 85\%$  [refuel]



**translator: 1 kton** implies  $\sim 2 \times 10^6$  IBD/year  $\rightarrow$   **$\sim 4$  IBD/min** [ $\sim 50\times$  today]

improving possible...

rate+shape → rate+shape  
(today) (new)

subtle by powerful difference!  
(rate systematics → negligible)

From Double Chooz to Triple Chooz — Neutrino  
Physics at the Chooz Reactor Complex

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arXiv:hep-ph/0601266v1 31 Jan 2006



# $\theta$ | 3 systematics: need for new techniques...

**larger statistics → shape-driven info (systematics) matters**  
**is this good enough? no!!**

- **detection:** believed impossible to improve [**irreducible**]
- **flux:** BIG trouble → **must fully cancel**
- **BG:** must suppress  $> 10\times$  → **more overburden?**

	<2010	today	>2025		cancellation methodology
	total	total	rate-only	shape-only	
statistics	few %	~0.1%	<0.01% (large)		<b>[25,250]k</b> IBD/day
detection	2.0 %	~0.1%	~ <b>0.1%</b>	<div>✓DC &amp; ✓DYB</div>	today's knowledge
energy	few %	~0.5%	just about possible		~ <b>0.5%</b>
flux	~2.2%	~ <b>0.1%</b>	< <b>0.01% (new)</b>		<b>full cancellation</b>
BG	few %	~ <b>0.1%</b>	< <b>0.01% (new)</b>		<b>BG suppress &gt;10x</b>

**new techniques needed to yield  $\delta(\text{flux}) \rightarrow 0$  &  $\delta(\text{BG}) \rightarrow 0!!$**

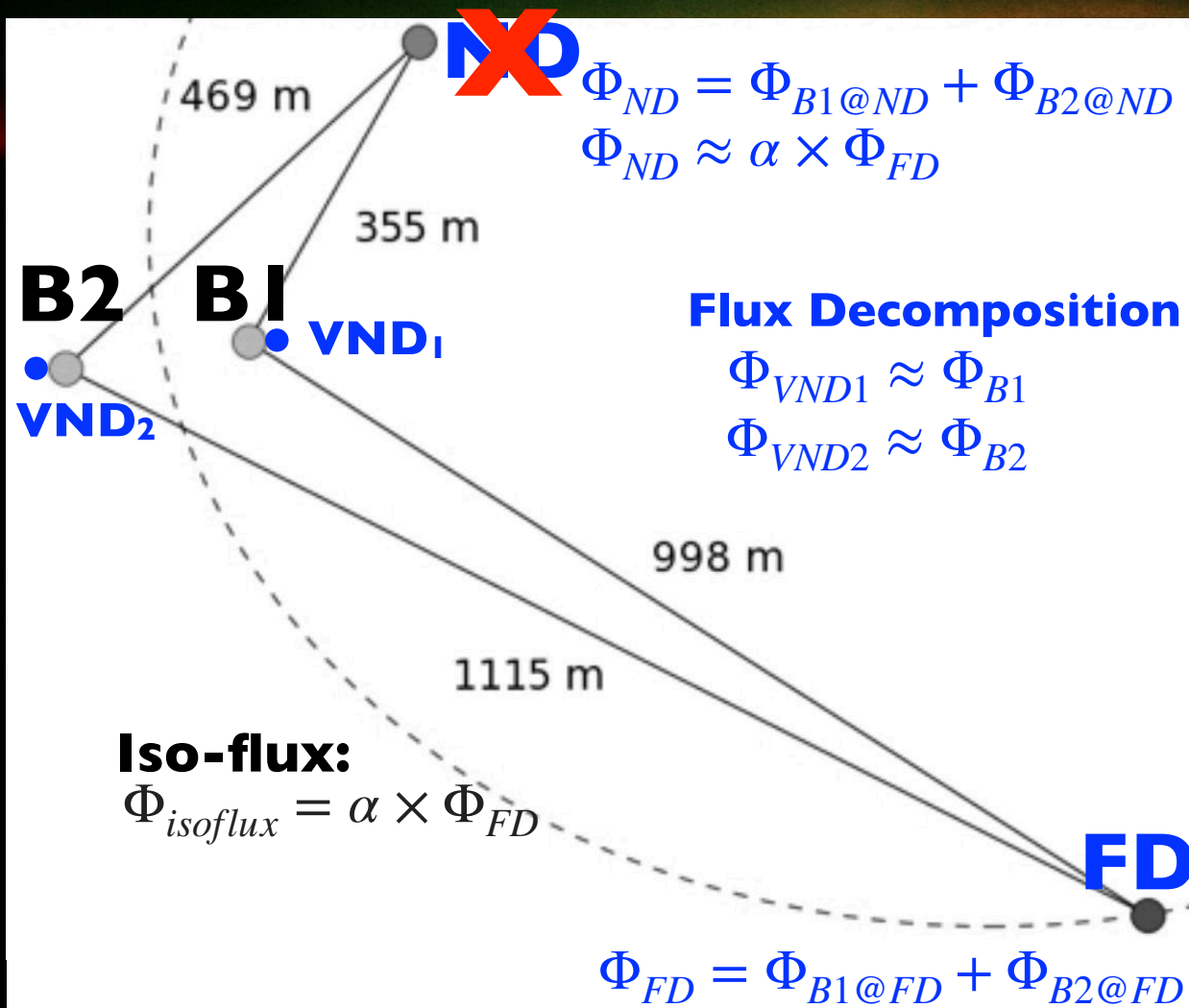
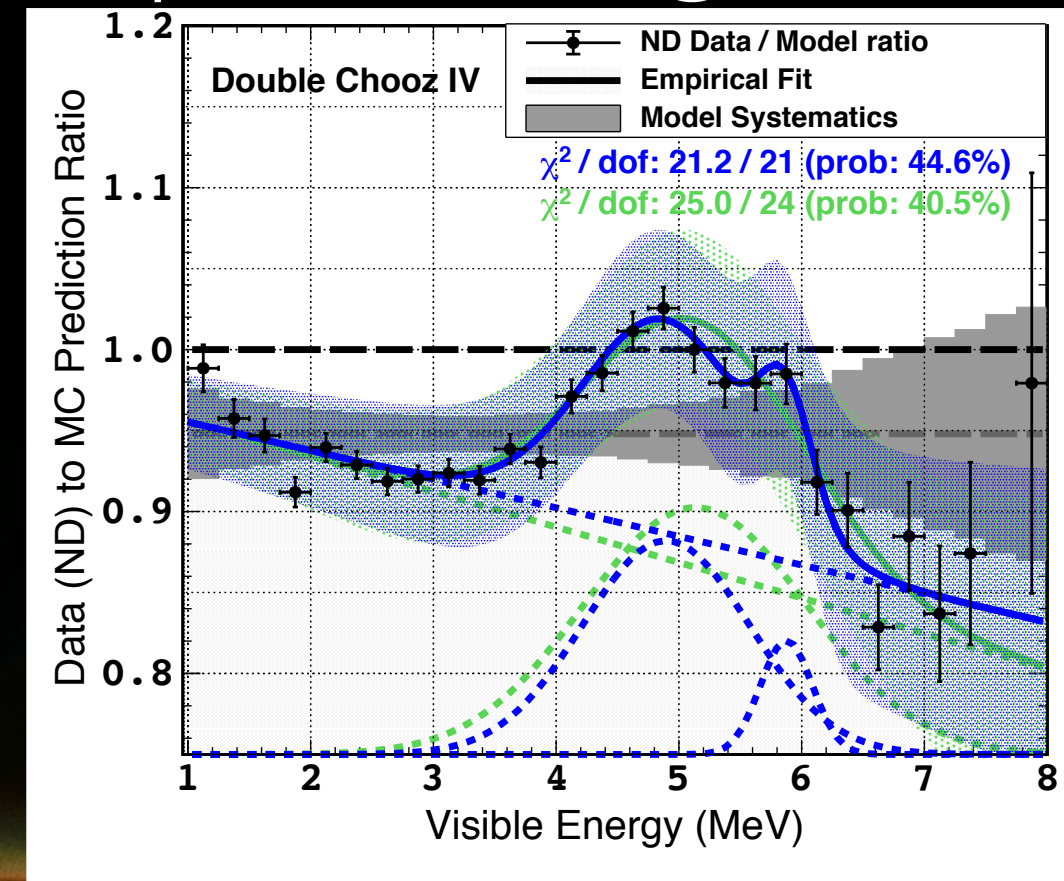


**flux cancellation(!) & BG elimination (!!!)**

“super” requirements... possible?

**today's knowledge converges: BIG ISSUE!****reactor prediction is inaccurate (few %)**

[unsurprisingly more complex than we thought]

• **rate off by ~6% [deficit]**• **shape off by up to  $\leq 15\%$  [structure]** **$\Rightarrow$  our knowledge  $\approx 6\%$  (?) [ $\approx 3\%$  is very unlikely]****monitor rate+shape cancels (perfect?)**• **conventional ND: not good enough!** $\rightarrow$  degeneracy flux &  $\theta_{13}$  (also far & small) $\rightarrow$  slight offset to iso-flux  $\Rightarrow$  unacceptable• **flux decomposition ( $L \leq 40\text{m}$ ): perfect!** $\rightarrow$  very near detector (**VND**) per reactor $\rightarrow$  huge statistics:1 ton @ 20m: 8.2k IBD/day [FD:  $\leq 2.2\text{k}$  IBD/day] $\rightarrow$  no civil construction [ $\rightarrow$  reactor space?]

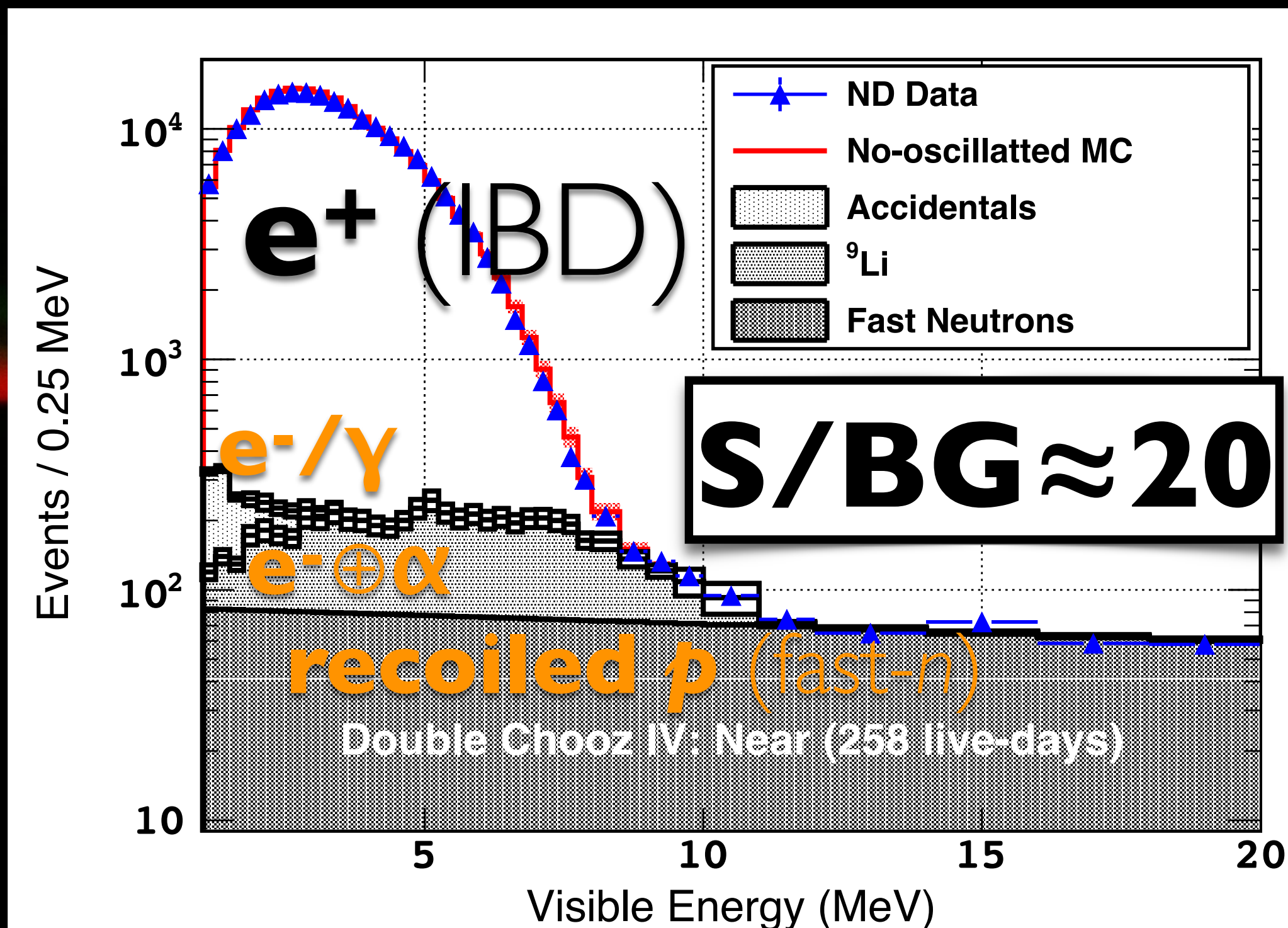


how to reduce BG with no more overburden?

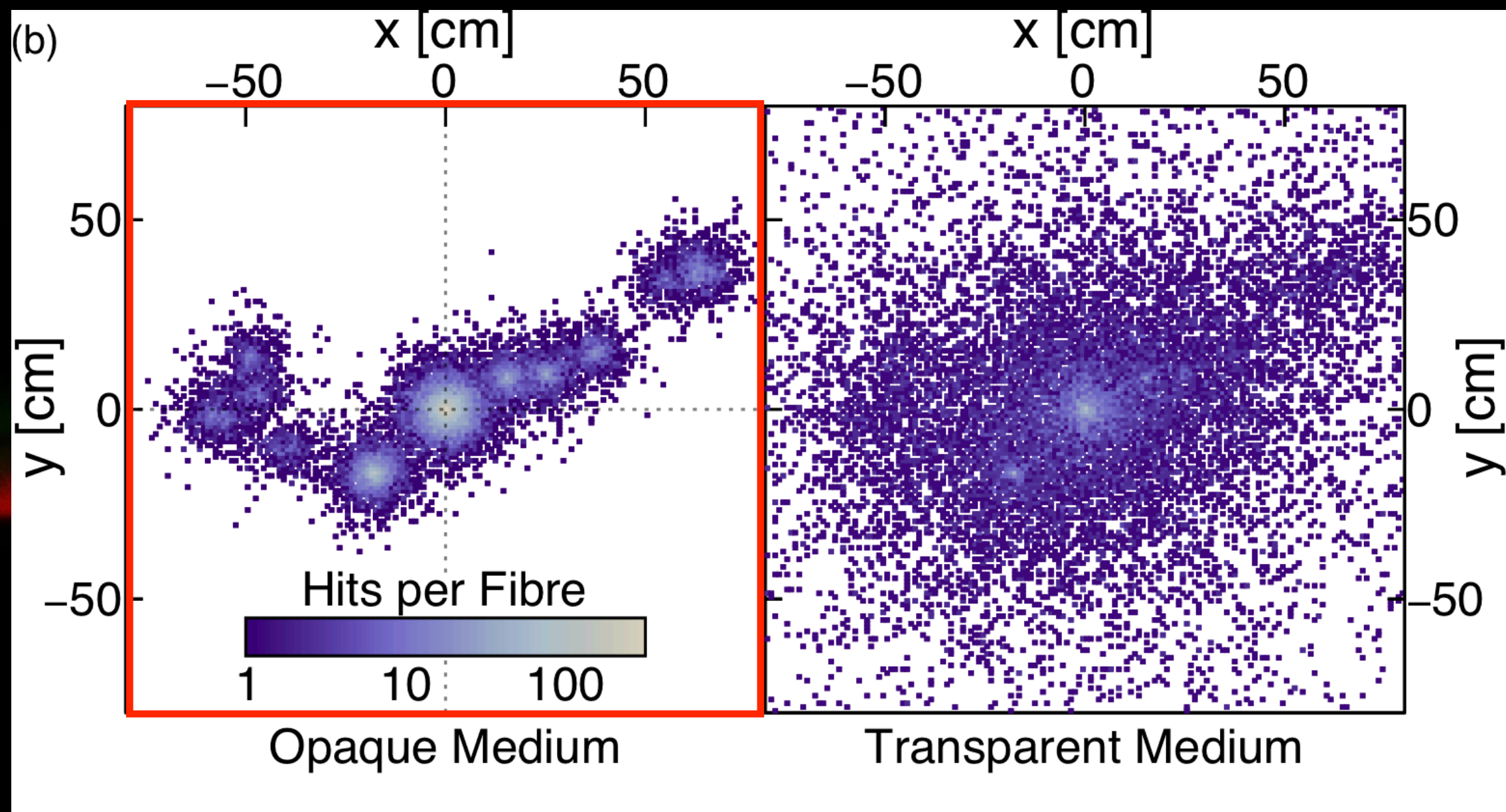




# LiquidO: novel detection technology (born in reactor)



# LiquidO event-wise imaging...



opaque scintillator  $\rightarrow$  stochastic light confinement  
(**self-segmentation**)

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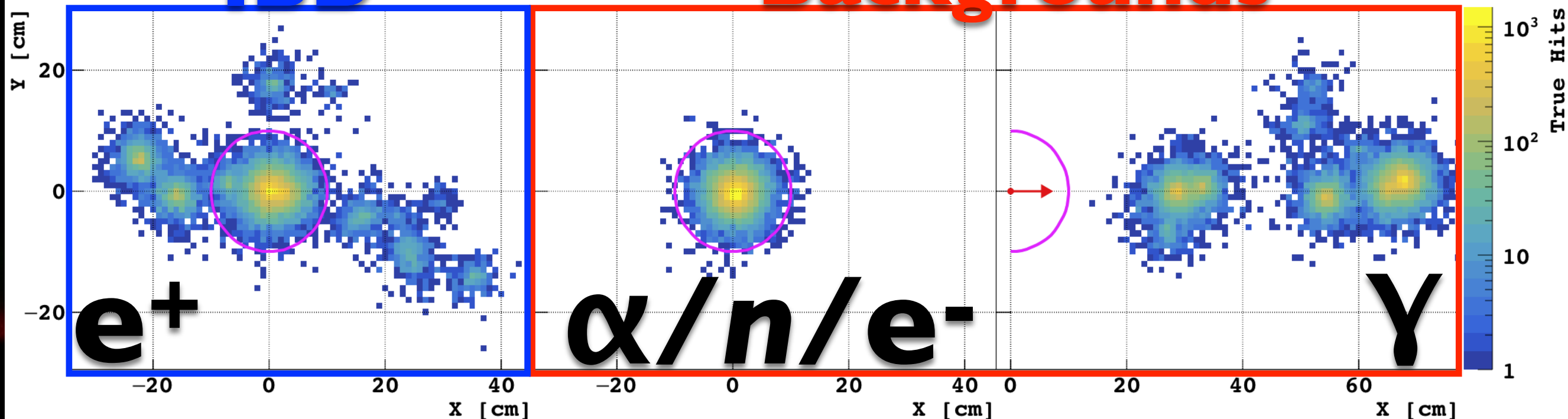


# powerful PID...

## 2MeV

### IBD

### Backgrounds



**vertex** resolution  $\approx$  order mm

**cosmogenic** ( $^9\text{Li}$  & fast-neutrons)

**accidentals** ( $\beta^-$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\alpha$ )

**rejection  $\approx 100\times$**

[time $\oplus$ space coincidence & PID( $e^+$ )]

**backup slide**

# **“background-less” IBD detection?**

Detector Seminar

## LiquidO: Novel Opaque Neutrino Detection Technology

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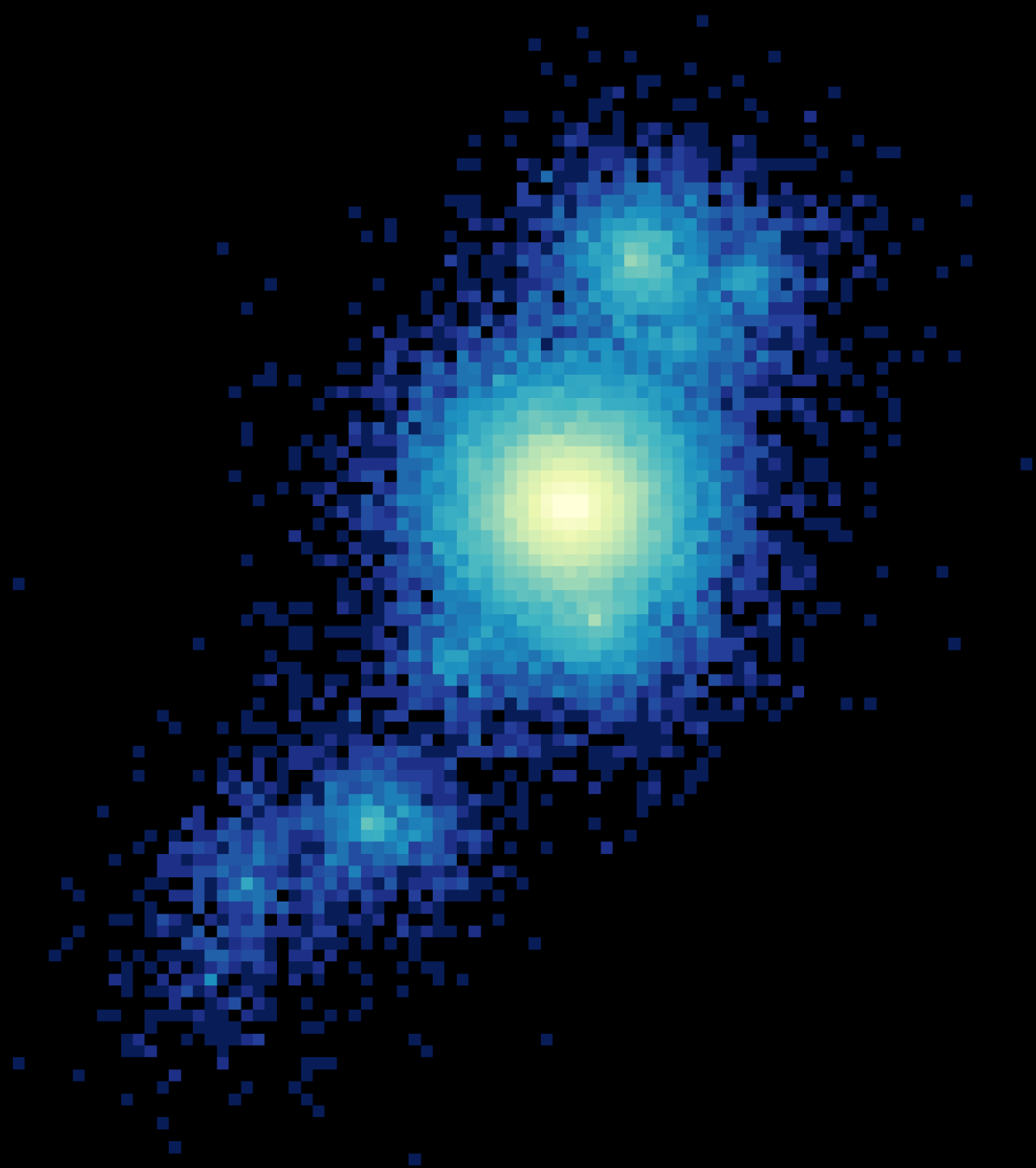
📅 Friday 7 Jun 2019, 11:00 → 12:00 Europe/Zurich

📍 40/S2-A01 - Salle Anderson (CERN)

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/823865/>

# **first publication days away...**

# new sensitivity with LiquidO...



**Image:** a LiquidO 5MeV  $e^+$  (full photon information)



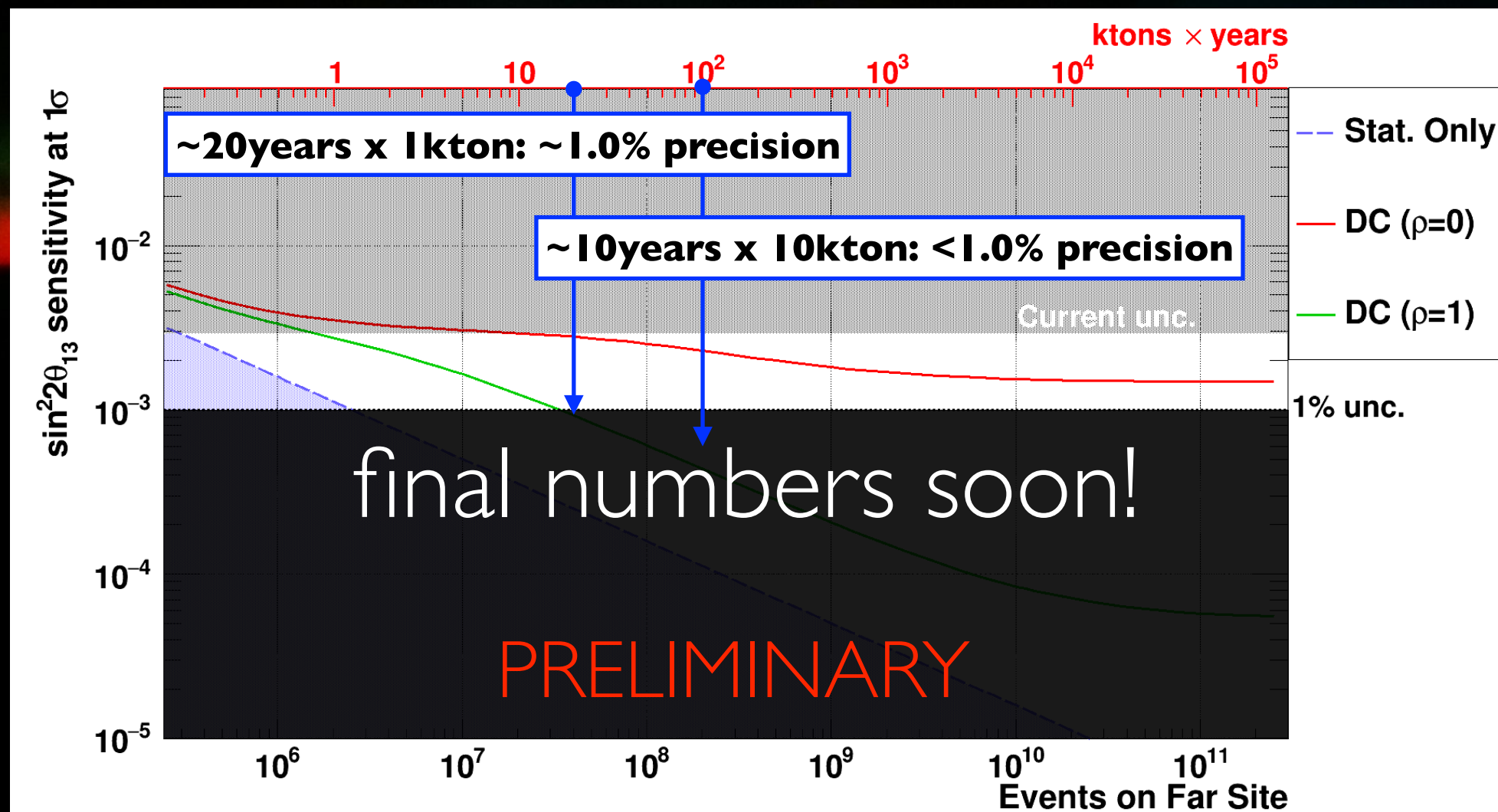
21 sub-percent  $\theta_{13}$  seems possible (while not easy)...

• **statistics:**  $>4 \times 10^7$  (far) & similar/better (VND's)

**flux cancellation [new] & BG-less [new]**  
[LiquidO  $\rightarrow$  many advantages]  
&

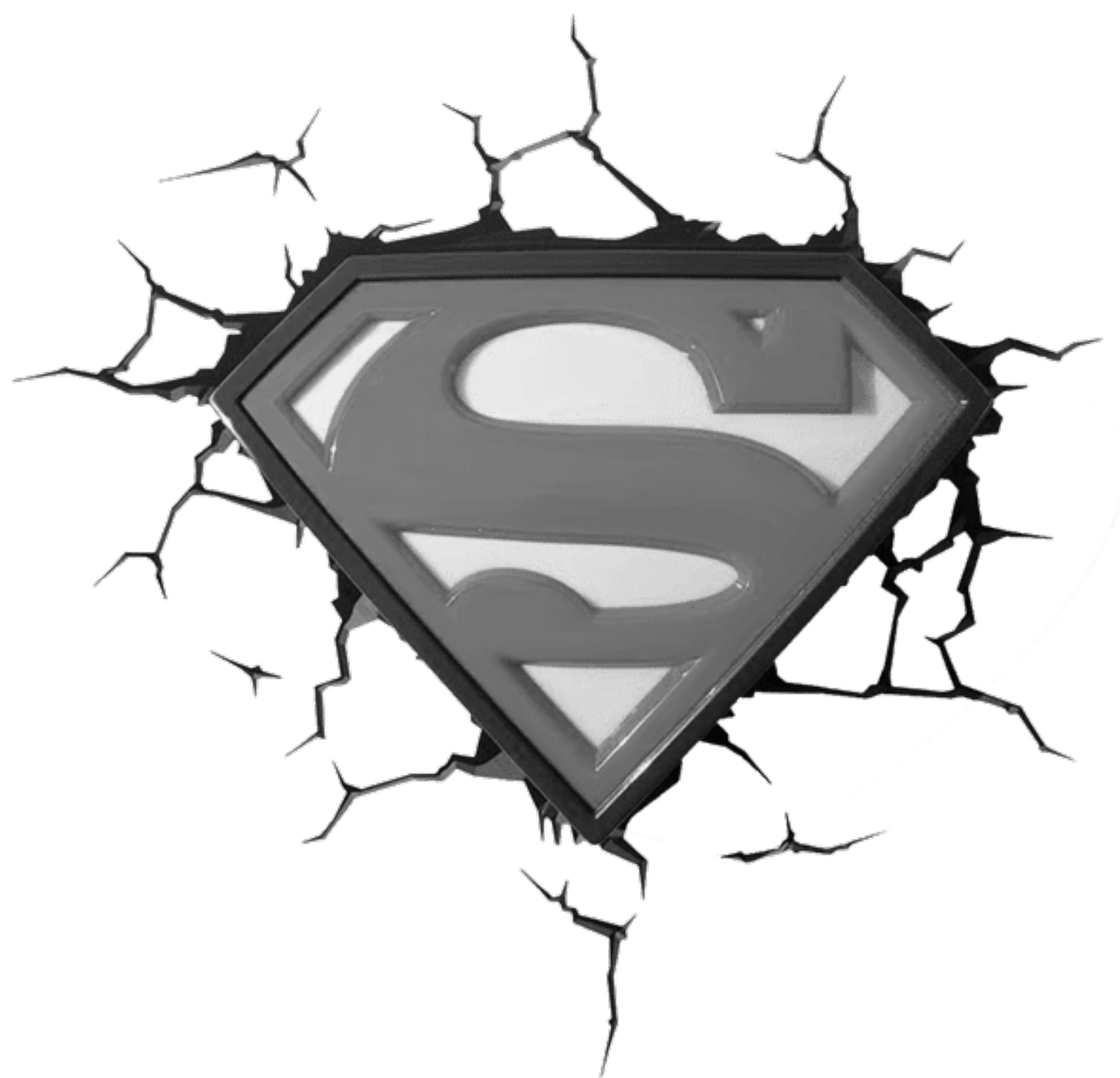
**systematics detection & energy control**  
[today's technology demonstrated]

$\Rightarrow$  **LiquidO 10kton possible? [NOvA  $\oplus$  R&D backup]**



sub-percent  $\theta$  13 precision possible...

**full range implications under study**  
(very soon)



# European “super” site ready?



**Chooz-B Lab**

$\langle L \rangle \approx 410\text{m}$   
 $\sim 30\text{m}$  overburden

**Chooz-A Lab**

$\langle L \rangle \approx 1050\text{m}$   
 $\sim 100\text{m}$  overburden

**Chooz Reactors**

Power:  $\sim 8.4\text{GW}_{\text{thermal}} \Rightarrow \sim 10^2 \text{V/s}$   
 (2x N4 reactors)





# <sup>25</sup> the Chooz-A underground system (former reactor)...



**Cavern A: 20,000m<sup>3</sup>**

[past: reactor Chooz-A]

**Cavern B: 30,000m<sup>3</sup>**

[past: fuel pool]

⇒ ≤ 10kton detector ⊕ water veto pool (which?)

**Overburden: ~100m (known BGs!)**

**Civil Construction?**

- refurbishment (remove structure)
- heavy cranes ready

**Available?** If so, around ≈2024



“super” synergy with our colleagues in EDF

a **Super Chooz** project?  
(too early to say but promising)



# Choo



leading neutrino physics in Europe is important!

## full menu (under construction)

- **sub-percent precision on  $\theta_{13}$**  [ $\sin^2(2\theta_{13})$ ] &  **$\Delta m^2(\text{reactor})$**  [not shown yet]  
[aid DUNE $\oplus$ HK to improve **CP-Violation** & JUNO to measure  $\pm \Delta m^2(\text{vacuum})$ ]
- **burst & remnants supernovae  $\nu_e$ , anti- $\nu_e$  and  $\nu_x$  measurement** [backup appetiser]  
[10 kton & high efficiency]
- **multi-channel proton decay** [backup appetiser]  
[10 kton & high efficiency]
- **high precision reactor rate+shape spectra (B1 and B2) with VND's**  
[statistics & complementary to JUNO's TAO]  
⇒ demonstration of reactor monitor technology (high S/BG  $\sim$  1 ton detectors) [industry?]  
⇒ reactor spectral composition analysis upon switching ON/OFF (better reactor predictions?)

## even more challenging thoughts...

- **measure solar neutrinos?** [backup appetiser]  
[unprecedented 10 kton precision with CC interactions]
- **measure  $\theta_w$  via elastic scattering?** (interference CC & NC)  
[ $\beta^-$  BG is extreme challenge even with LiquidO but huge signal rate and ON/OFF helps]
- [bad news] **geo-neutrinos unlikely**  $\Rightarrow$  huge reactor-IBD BG...

**note: PMNS Unitarity test** (“top-electron-row”)  $\rightarrow$  solar & other constraints: **a full programme?**

# what to remember...

**ready to address PMNS structure (head-on) to  $\leq 1\%$ ?**

[along with CPV, our next goal? do we have the global knowledge?]

feedback / work with  
phenomenologists

**all needed to make the most of our “super-project” era?**

[redundancy & complementarity → each step cost up to billions and/or decades]

**a hypothetical “Super Chooz” add/complete to the overall picture?**

[aid all other projects & address new physics → feasible with LiquidO?]

**can LiquidO deliver the expected detector performance?**

[breakthrough potential → must demonstrate immediately]

full programme  
envisaged

**[EPS] Europe OK for much (or most) neutrino physics elsewhere?**

[much of our physics “brewed/conceived” in Europe but then goes elsewhere]

**the best “super” is timely/right decisions...**



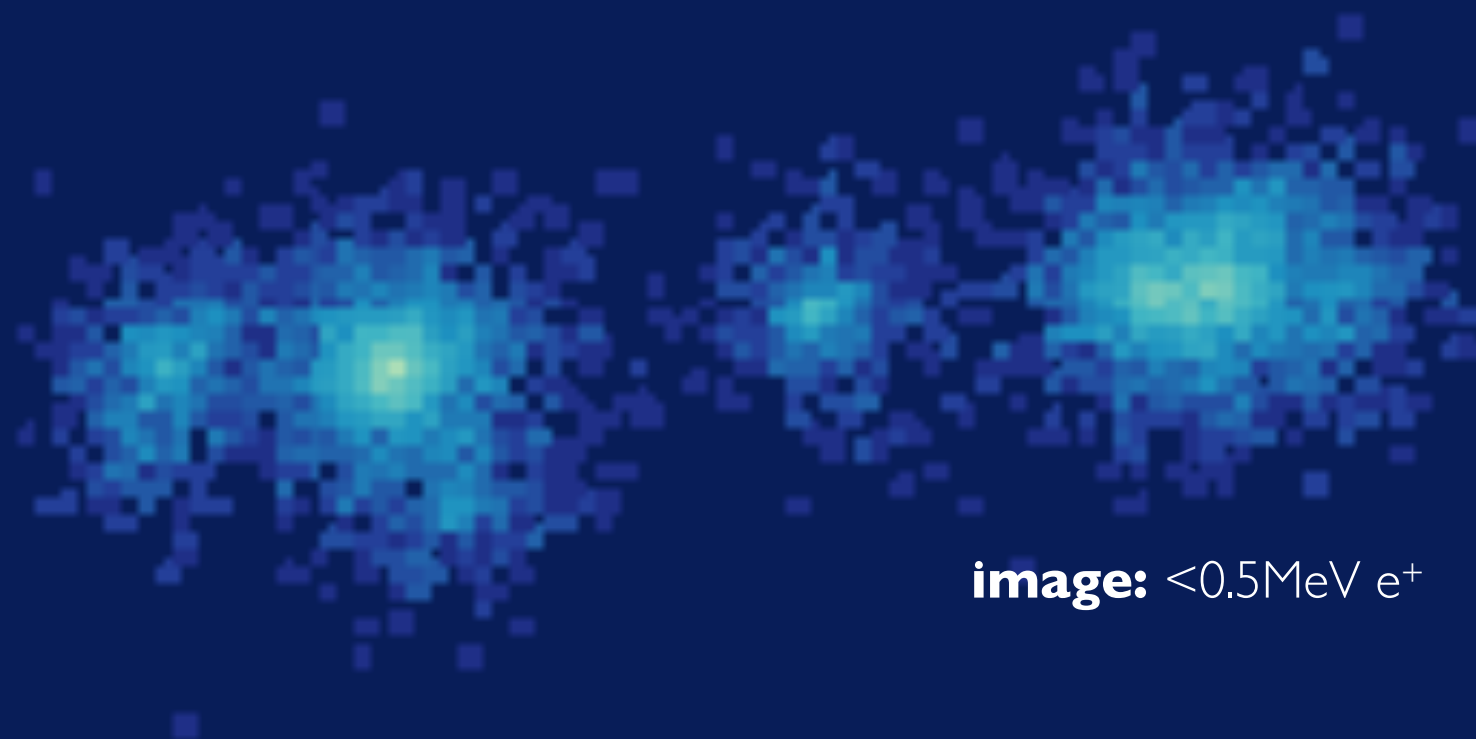
# questions, please?

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- Beda Roskovec (UCI, USA)
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and

- the LiquidO proto-collaboration



**image:**  $<0.5\text{MeV } e^+$

## full results soon!

[paper in preparation]

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merci...

ありがとう...

danke...

고맙습니다...

obrigado...

Спасибо...

grazie...

谢谢...

hvala...

gracias...

شكرا...

**thanks...**