

# DoubleChooz

## (status 2019)



*on behalf of the Double Chooz collaboration*

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CNRS / IN2P3 @ LAL/FLUO (Orsay) & LNCA (Chooz)

# main highlights...

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## **$\theta_{13}$ measurement**

single-detector  
multi-detector

[2011]

**DC $\oplus$ T2K:  $\theta_{13} \neq 0$**   
@  $3\sigma$ 's

[2014]

**spectral  
distortion  
(5MeV)**

## **reactor neutrino measurement**

flux (absolute)  
spectrum (relative & absolute)

[2016]

**update from  
CHOOZ**

## **$\text{anti-}\nu$ directionality via IBD**

**many other results...**

# Double Chooz collaboration



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# LNCA laboratory (Chooz)...

## Near Hall

$\langle L \rangle \approx 410\text{m}$

$\sim 30\text{v day}^{-1}\text{ ton}^{-1}$

$\sim 120\text{ mwe}$

## Chooz N4 Reactors

$\sim 8.4\text{ GW}_{\text{thermal}} \Rightarrow \sim 10^2\text{ v/s}$



## Far Hall

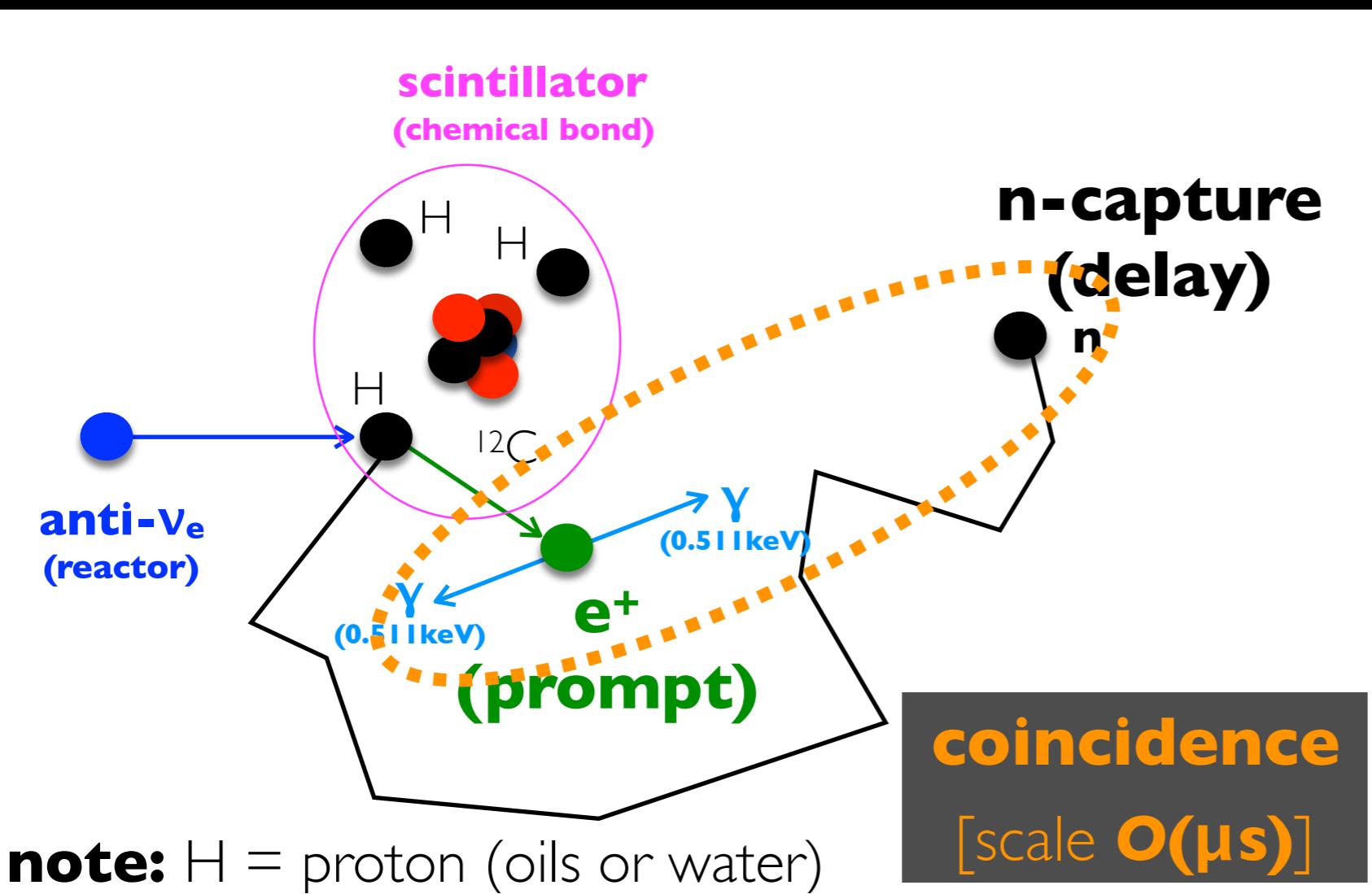
$\langle L \rangle \approx 1050\text{m}$

$\sim 6\text{v day}^{-1}\text{ ton}^{-1}$

$\sim 300\text{ mwe}$

# inverse- $\beta$ decay (IBD) interaction...

**IBD: anti- $\nu_e$  +  $p \rightarrow e^+ + n$**



**IBD detection art...**

**n-H (native oil)**

**n-C (native oil)**

**n-Cd** (doped)

**n-Gd** (doped)

**n-Li** (doped)

**${}^3\text{He}$**  (different technology)

**no  $e^+$  PID** implies

**$e^+ \approx \text{BG} (\gamma \approx e^- \approx \alpha \approx p\text{-recoil})$**

our latest analysis...

**novel Total neutron Capture TnC (IBD detection)**

larger detection → new statistics  
new systematics

**focus:** boost stats (3x) & reduce systematics

**$\theta^{13}$  measurement**

single-detector  
multi-detector

**focus:** accuracy validation

**reactor neutrino measurement**

flux (absolute)  
spectrum (relative & absolute)

**focus:** major improvement

## ARTICLE

First Double Chooz  $\theta_{13}$  Measurement via Total Neutron Capture Detection

Hervé de Kerret et al (arXiv:1901.09445v1)

## First Double Chooz $\theta_{13}$ Measurement via Total Neutron Capture Detection

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the  $\Theta^{13}$  challenge...

# today's $\theta\text{-}13$ knowledge/experiments...

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

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

- **statistics: few  $10^5$  (far) [ $\leq 10^6$ ]**
- **energy control: <1% precision**
- **overburden:  $\geq 300\text{mwe}$  @ FD**

**systematics: ~0.1% (each) [still rate-driven]**  
 [must: multi-detector]

# Reactor- $\theta_{13}$

(combining results)

**Daya Bay<sup>⊕</sup>Double Chooz<sup>⊕</sup>RENO**

**0<sup>th</sup> discussion/planning** → @ Neutrino-2016, London (UK)

**1<sup>st</sup> workshop** → October 2016 (Seoul, South Korea)  
(systematics, results consistency)

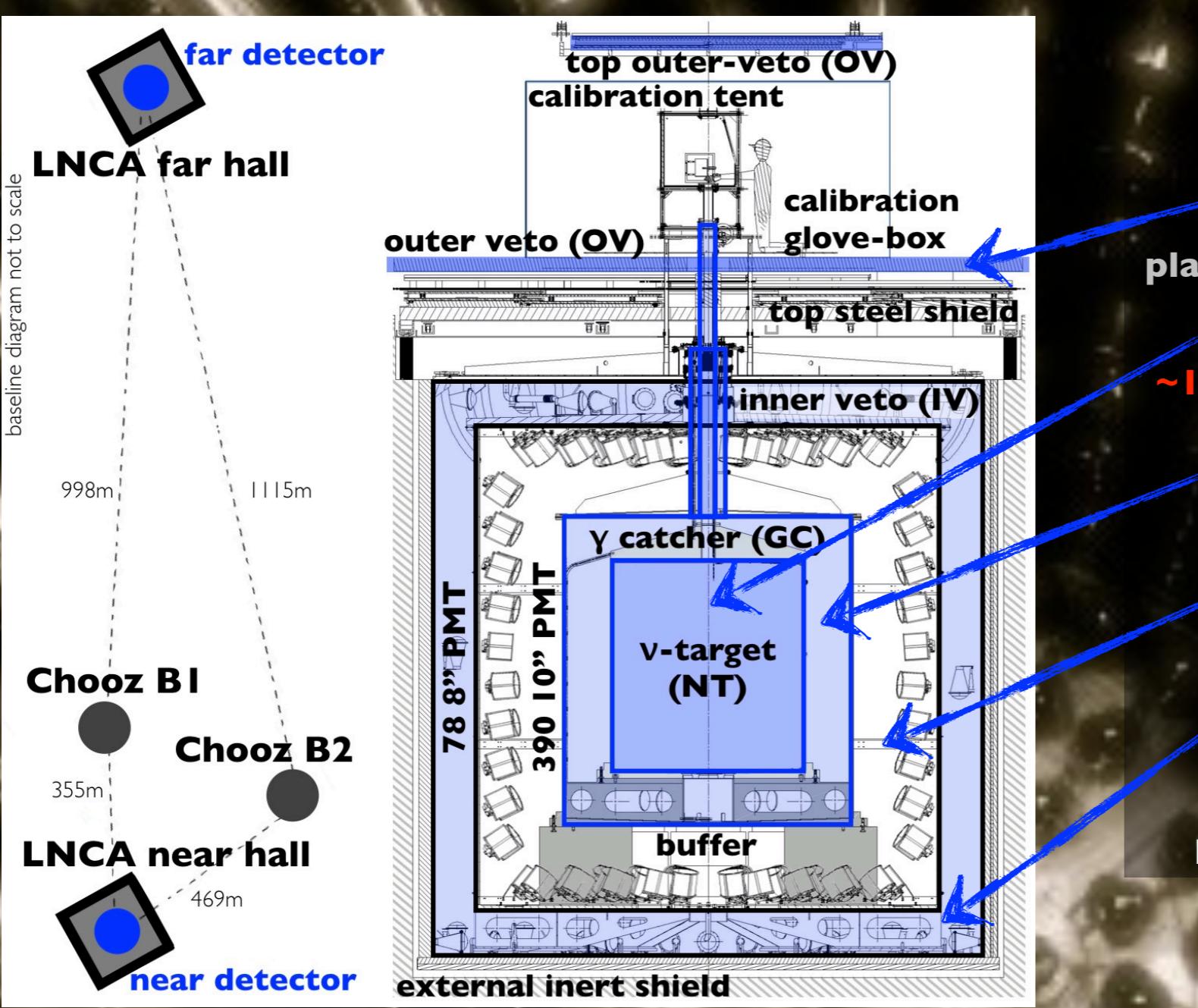
**2<sup>nd</sup> workshop** → June 2017 (Paris, France)  
(further  $\theta_{13}$  systematics consistency)

**3<sup>rd</sup> workshop** → not yet decided (soon, I hope)

**(likely) most precise input to  $\theta_{13}$  for several decades...**



detection highlights...



DC a  $\theta_{13}$ -LAND...

**Outer  $\mu$ -Veto (OV)**  
plastics-scintillator: strips ( $\rightarrow$ tracking)

**v-Target (NT)**  
 $\sim 10\text{m}^3$  Liquid-Scintillator + Gd (0.1%)

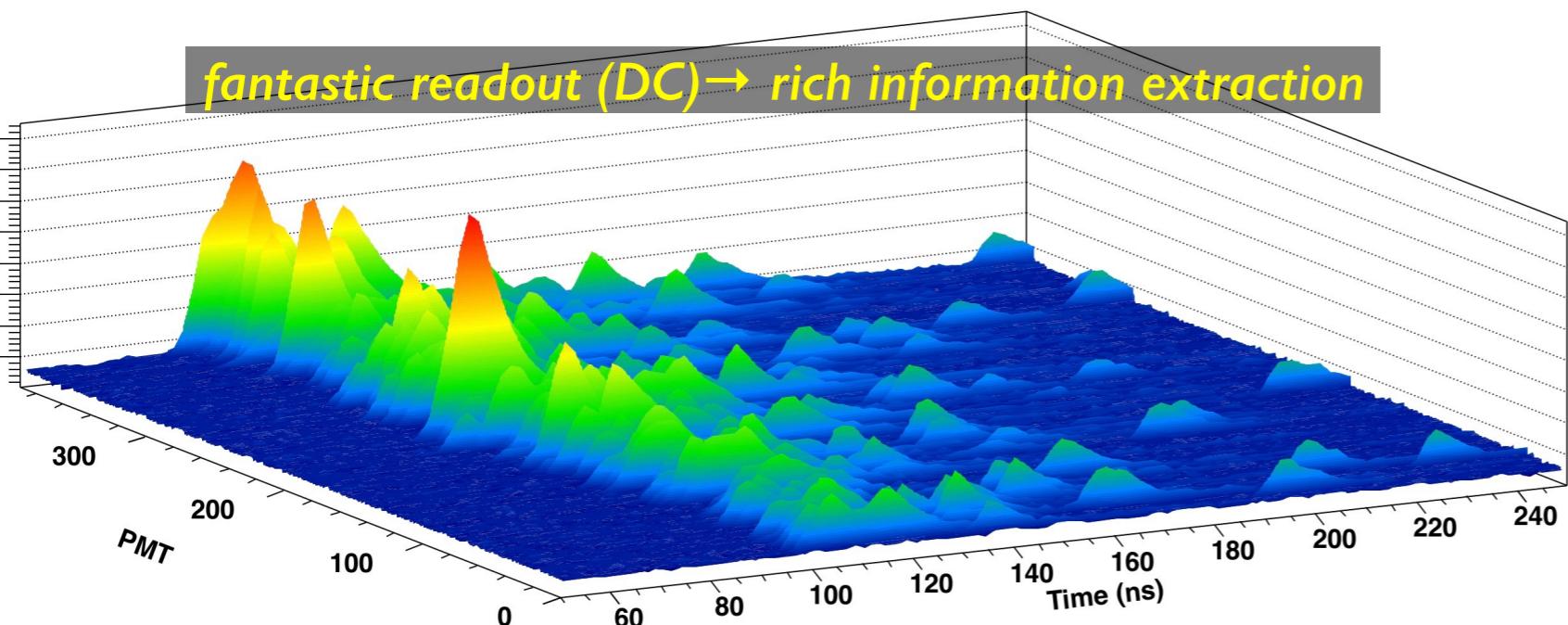
**$\gamma$ -Catcher (GC)**  
 $\sim 20\text{m}^3$  Liquid-Scintillation

**Light Buffer**  
 $\sim 100\text{m}^3$  oil (no scintillation)

**Inner  $\mu$ -Veto (IV)**  
 $\sim 90\text{m}^3$  Liquid-Scintillator

**Inert  $\gamma$ -Shield**  
15cm steel [FD] / 1m water [ND]

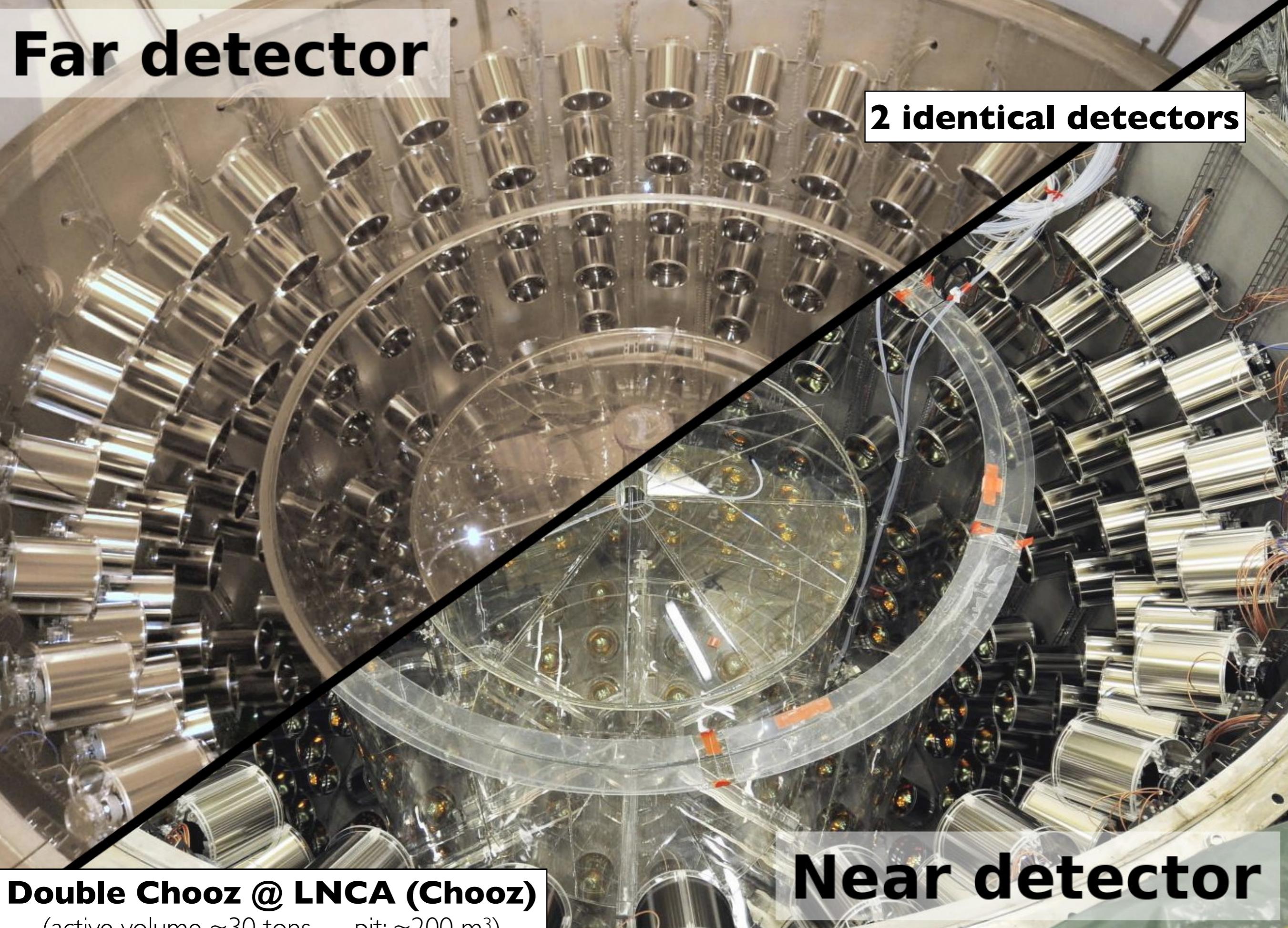
*fantastic readout (DC)  $\rightarrow$  rich information extraction*



**Liquid Scintillator**  
⊕  
**10" PMTs**  
⊕  
**FADC readout**  
⊕  
**offline reconstruction**  
(time,charge,position,PS,multiplicity,etc)

# Far detector

2 identical detectors

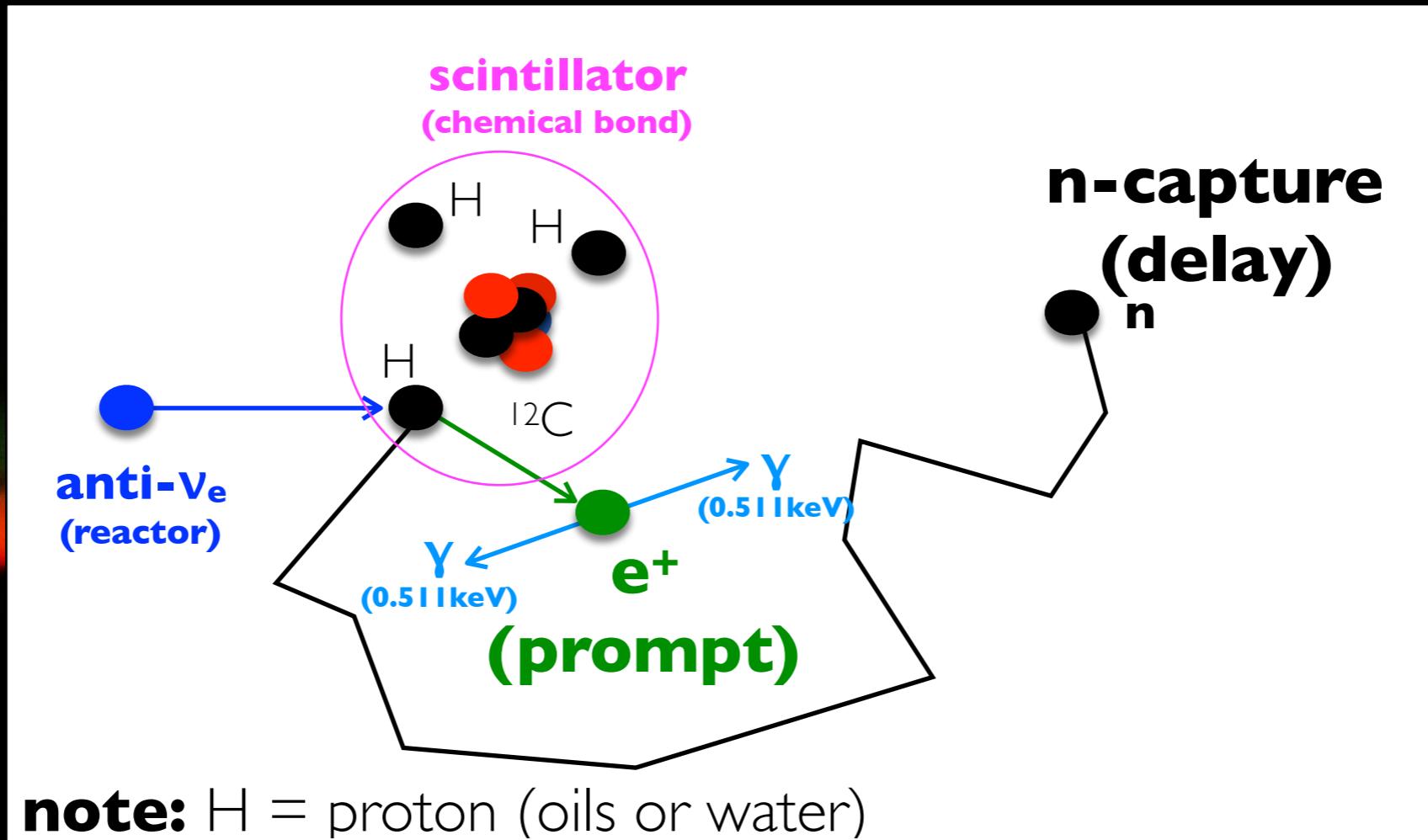


**Double Chooz @ LNCA (Chooz)**

(active volume ~30 tons — pit: ~200 m<sup>3</sup>)

# Near detector

# novel IBD detection strategy...

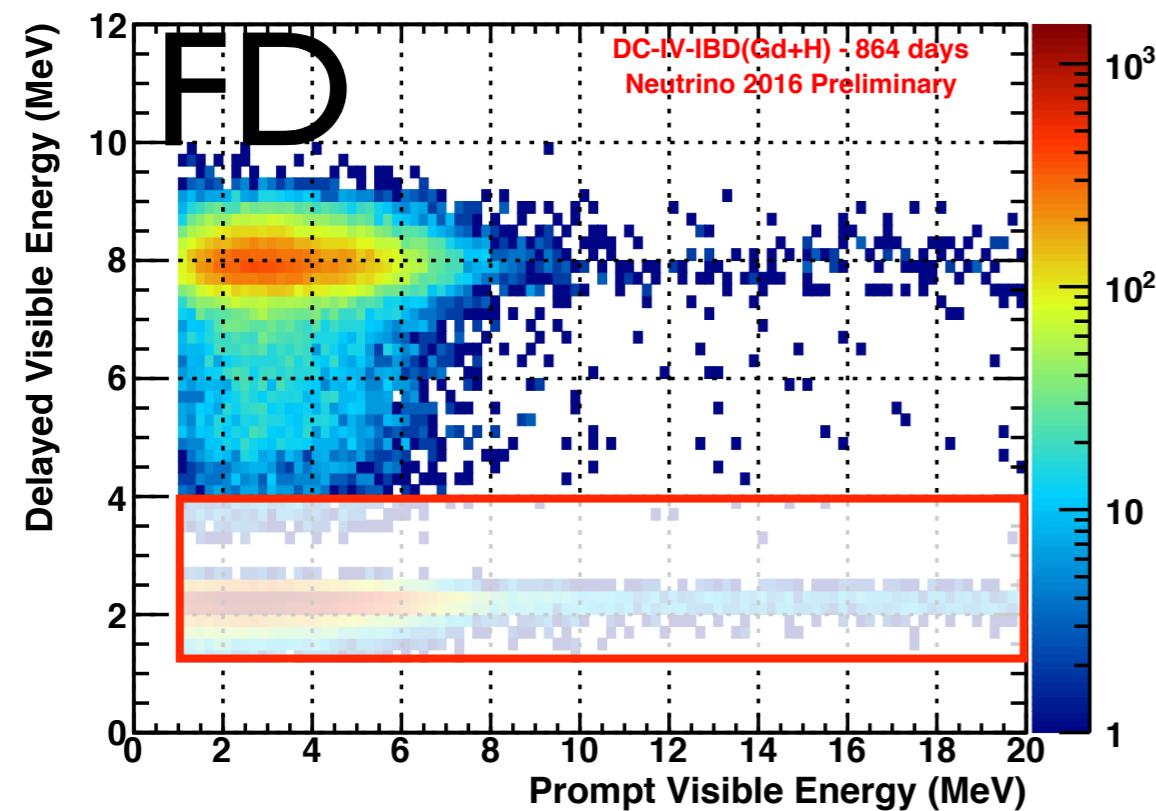


## Total neutron-Capture

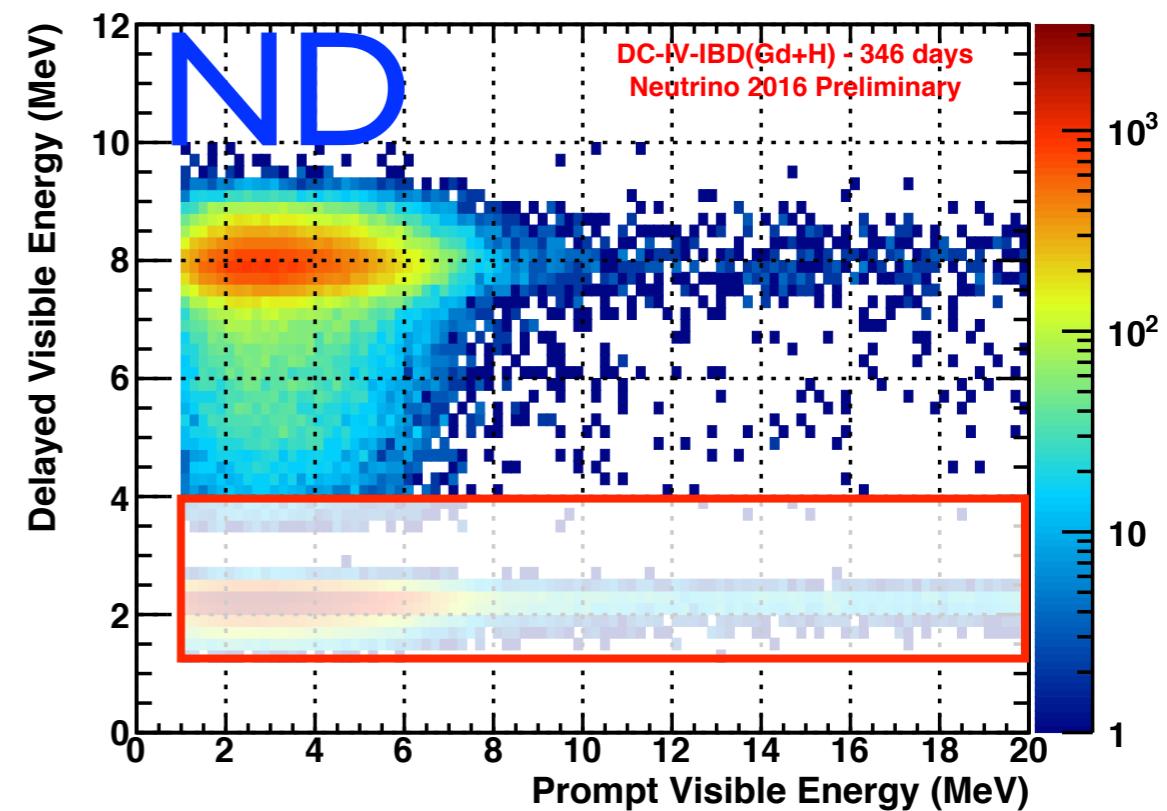
$$(H-n \oplus C-n \oplus Gd-n)$$

# larger single- $\theta_{13}$ -target...

Far Detector



Near Detector

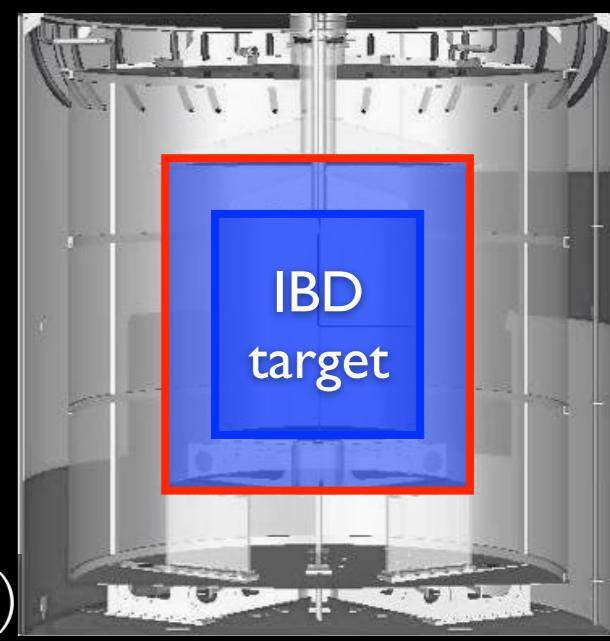


## IBD(Gd)



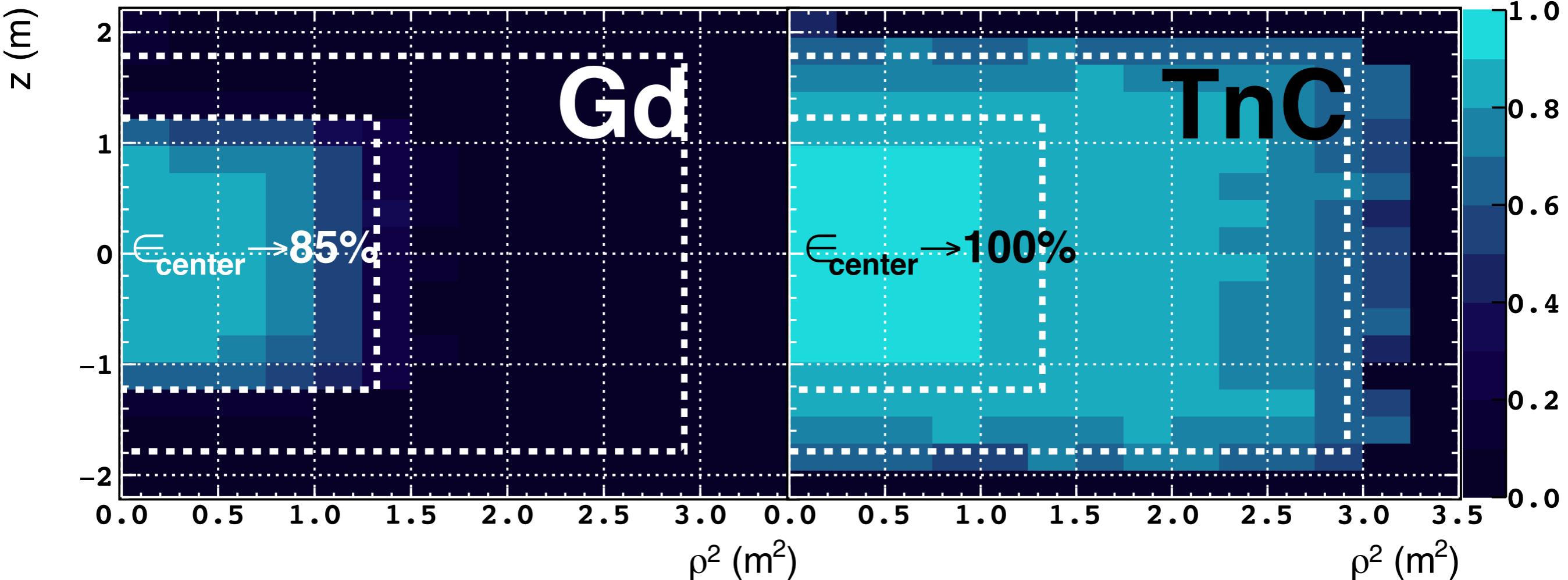
**target: ~8t** (smallest  $\theta_{13}$  target)

## IBD(Gd + H + C)



**target: ~30t** (large  $\theta_{13}$  single detector target)

# TnC major detection improvement...



**higher efficiency per volume: ~85% (~100% in Target)**

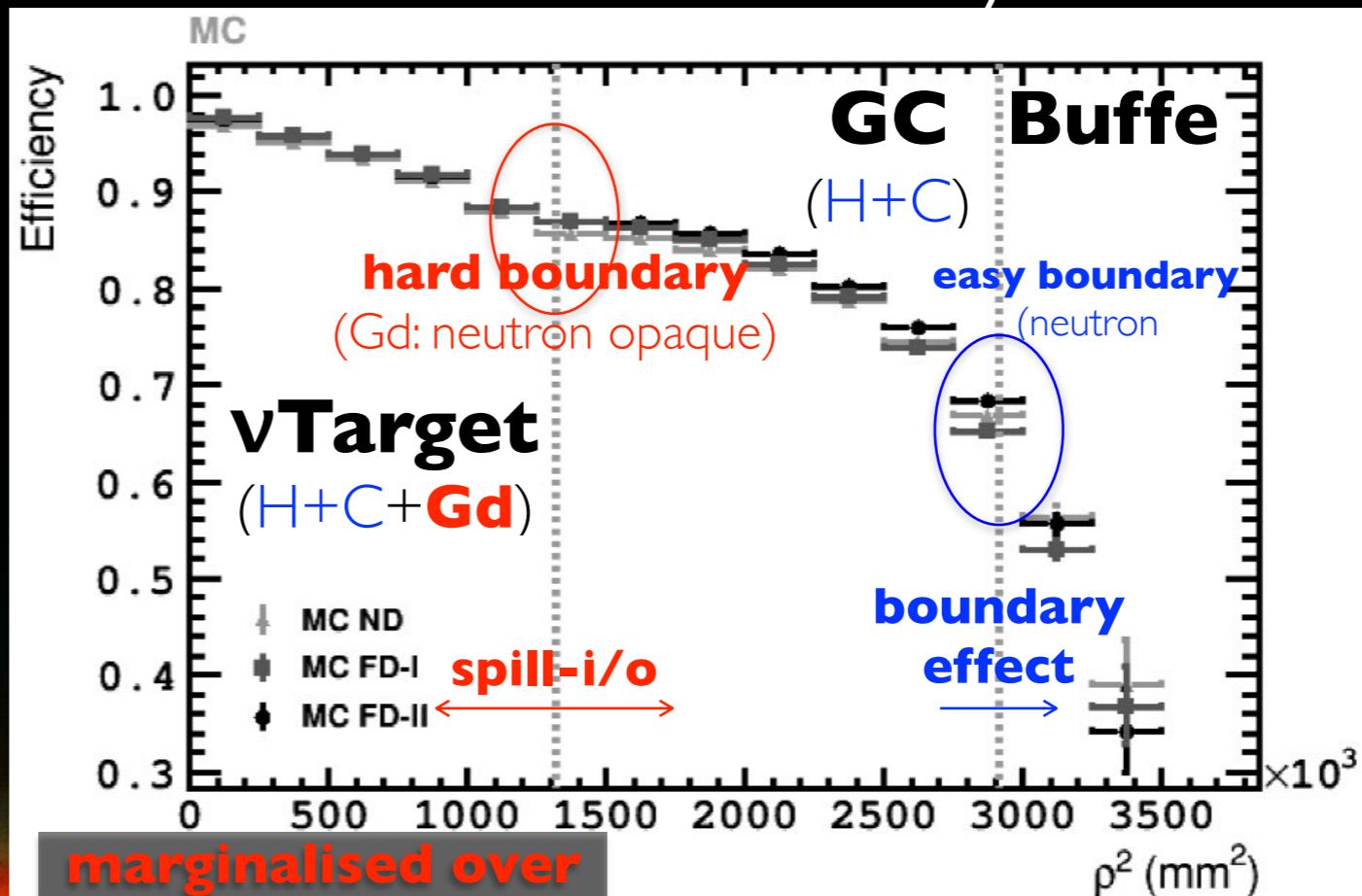
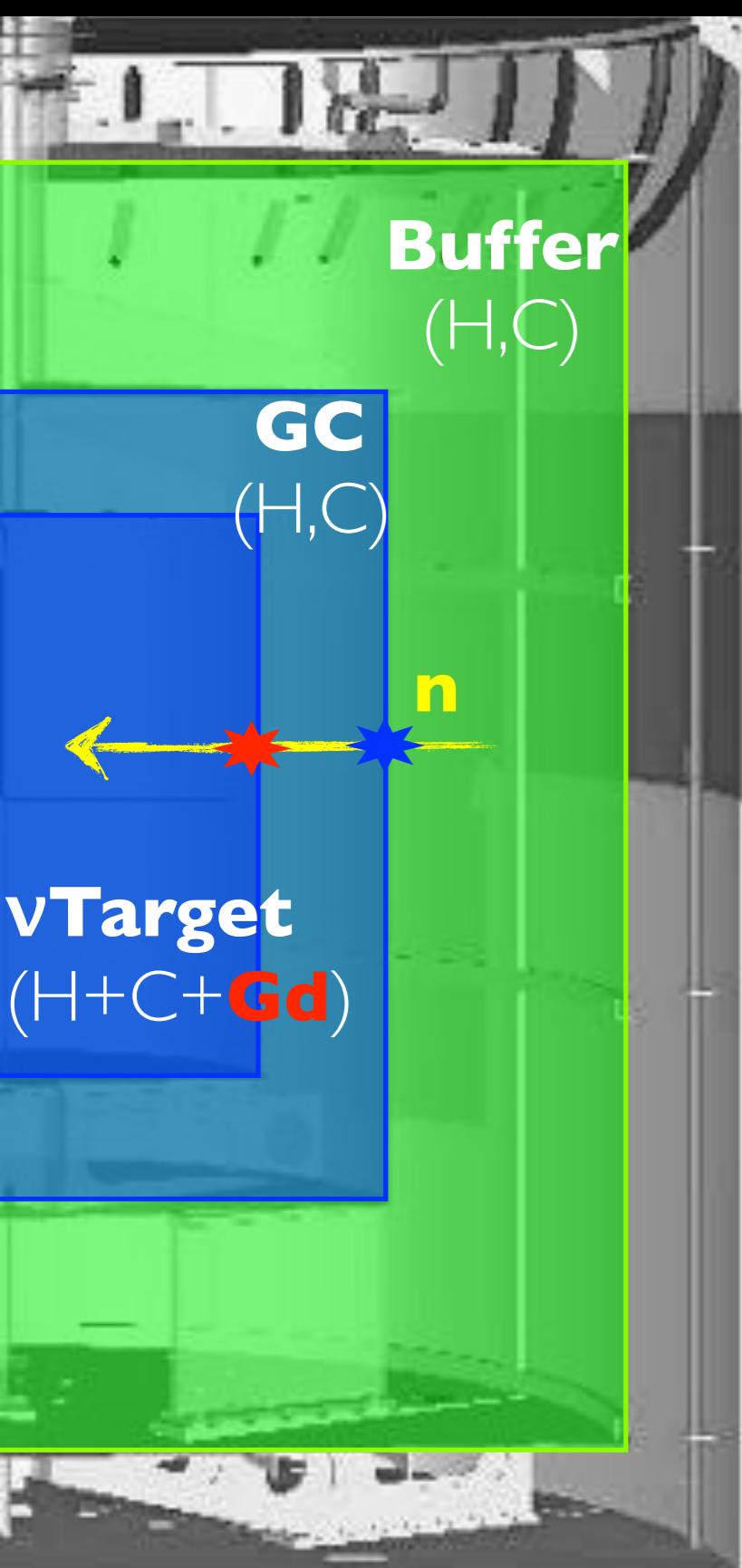
**higher efficiency total (increase fiducial volume ~x3)**

[major reduction of statistical and background systematics]

**lower efficiency detection systematics**

[dominant systematics: **poor GC proton# → less precise**]

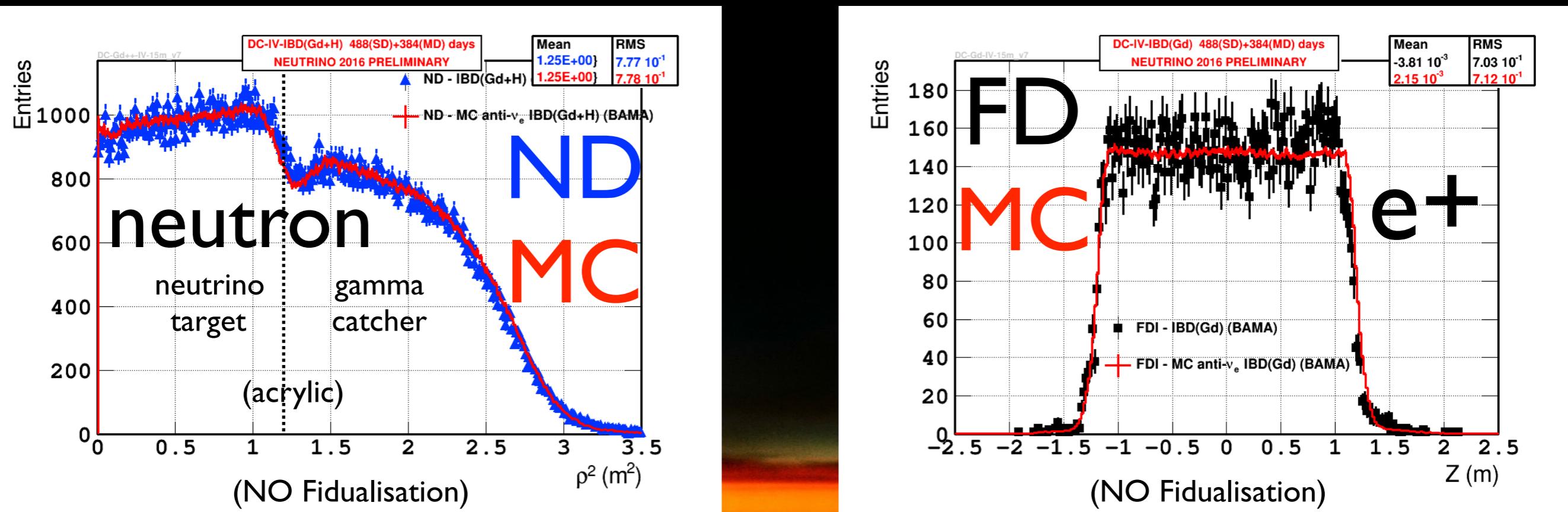
# IBD(TnC) yields lower detection systematics...



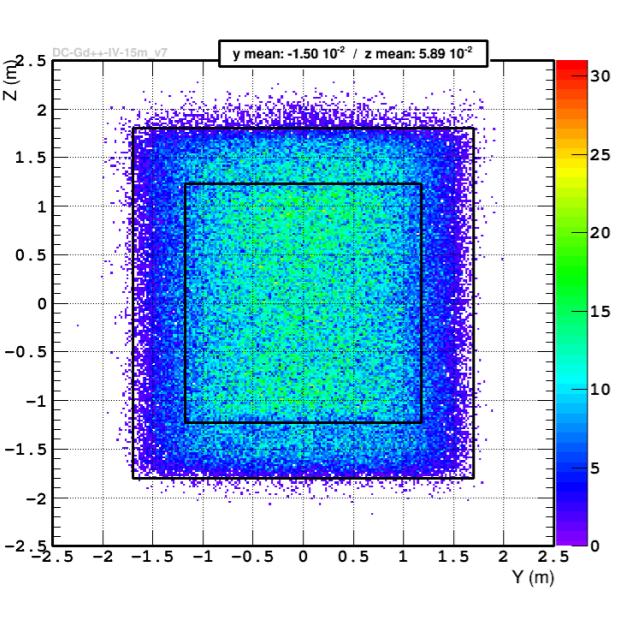
**IBD(TnC) smooth neutron interface**  
 $\Rightarrow$  major systematics reduction

(systematics)	IBD(Gd)	IBD(TnC)
DAQ + Trigger	<b>negligible</b>	<b>negligible</b>
BG rejection veto	<b>small (0.1%)</b>	<b>negligible</b>
Gd Fraction	<b>largest (0.4%)</b> $\rightarrow$	<b>irrelevant</b>
IBD Selection (ANN)	<b>large (0.3%)</b>	<b>large (0.3%)</b>
Spill I/O	<b>large (0.3%)</b>	<b>irrelevant</b>
GC Boundary	—	<b>small (0.2%)</b>
Proton# (NT+GC)	<b>small (0.1%)</b>	<b>large (0.5%)</b>

# IBD(TnC)-large vs IBD(Gd)-small ν-target...

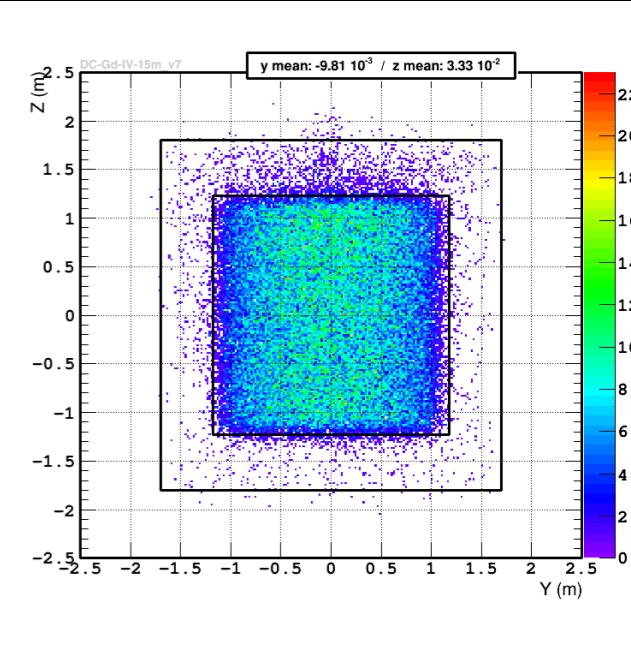


## IBD(Gd $\oplus$ H $\oplus$ C)



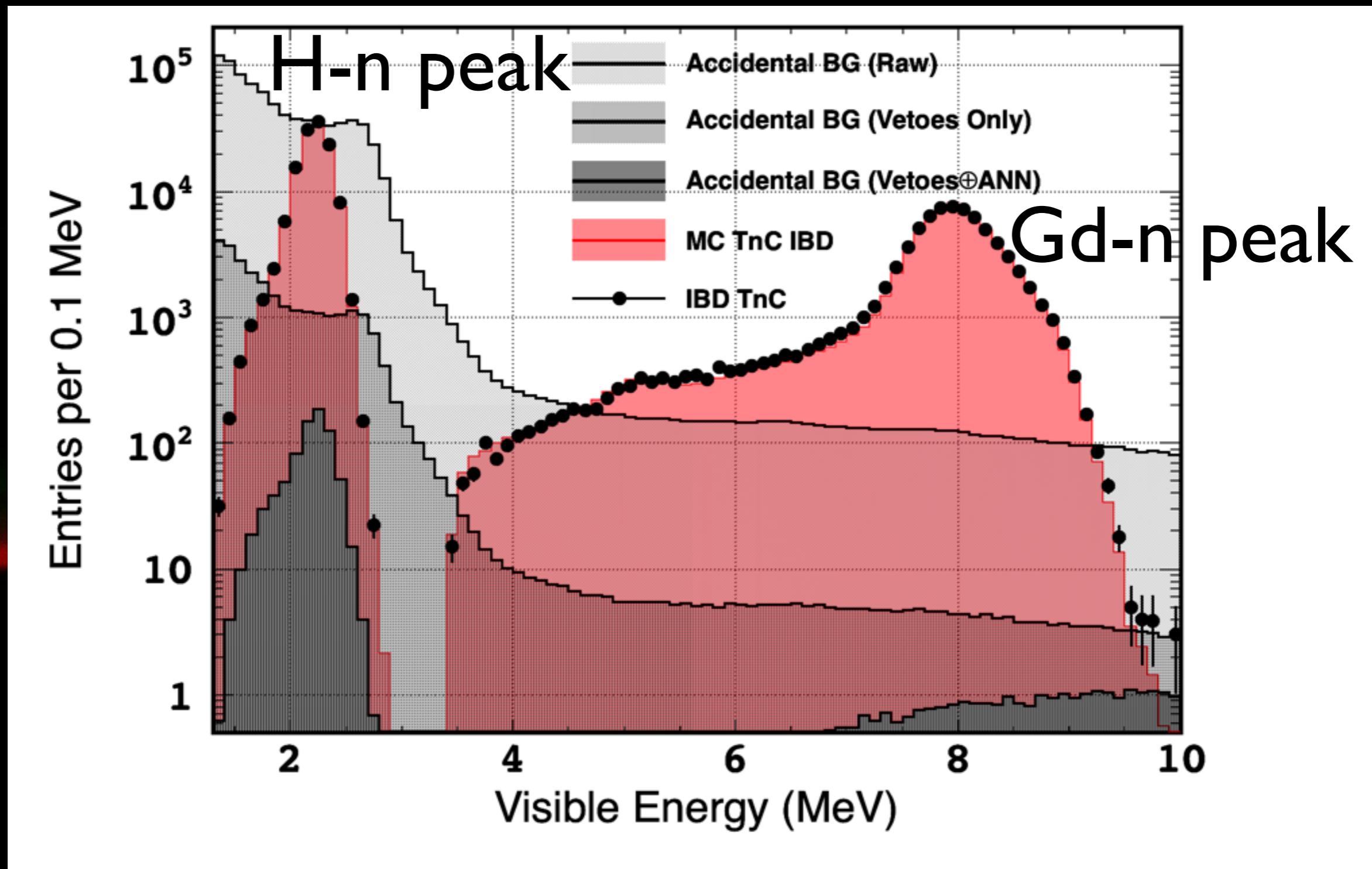
**target: ~30t** (large θ13 single detector target)  
**Signal/BG:** ~10<sup>FD</sup> and ~20<sup>ND</sup>

## IBD(Gd)



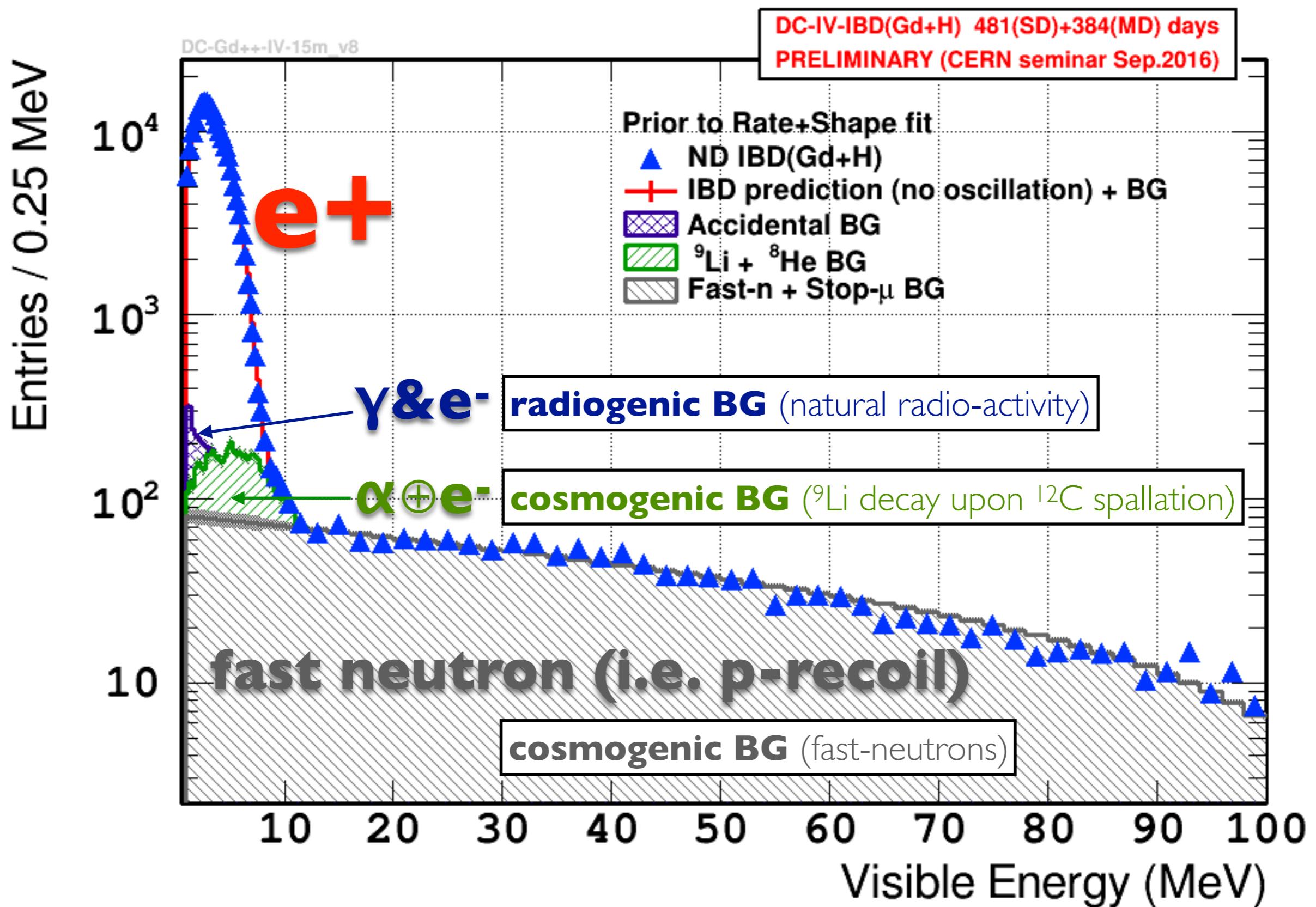
**target: ~8t** (smallest θ13 target)  
**Signal/BG:** ~25<sup>FD</sup> and ~30<sup>ND</sup>  
**IBD(Gd) reference to tune IBD(Gd+H)**

## challenge: stunning BG rejection (active)...

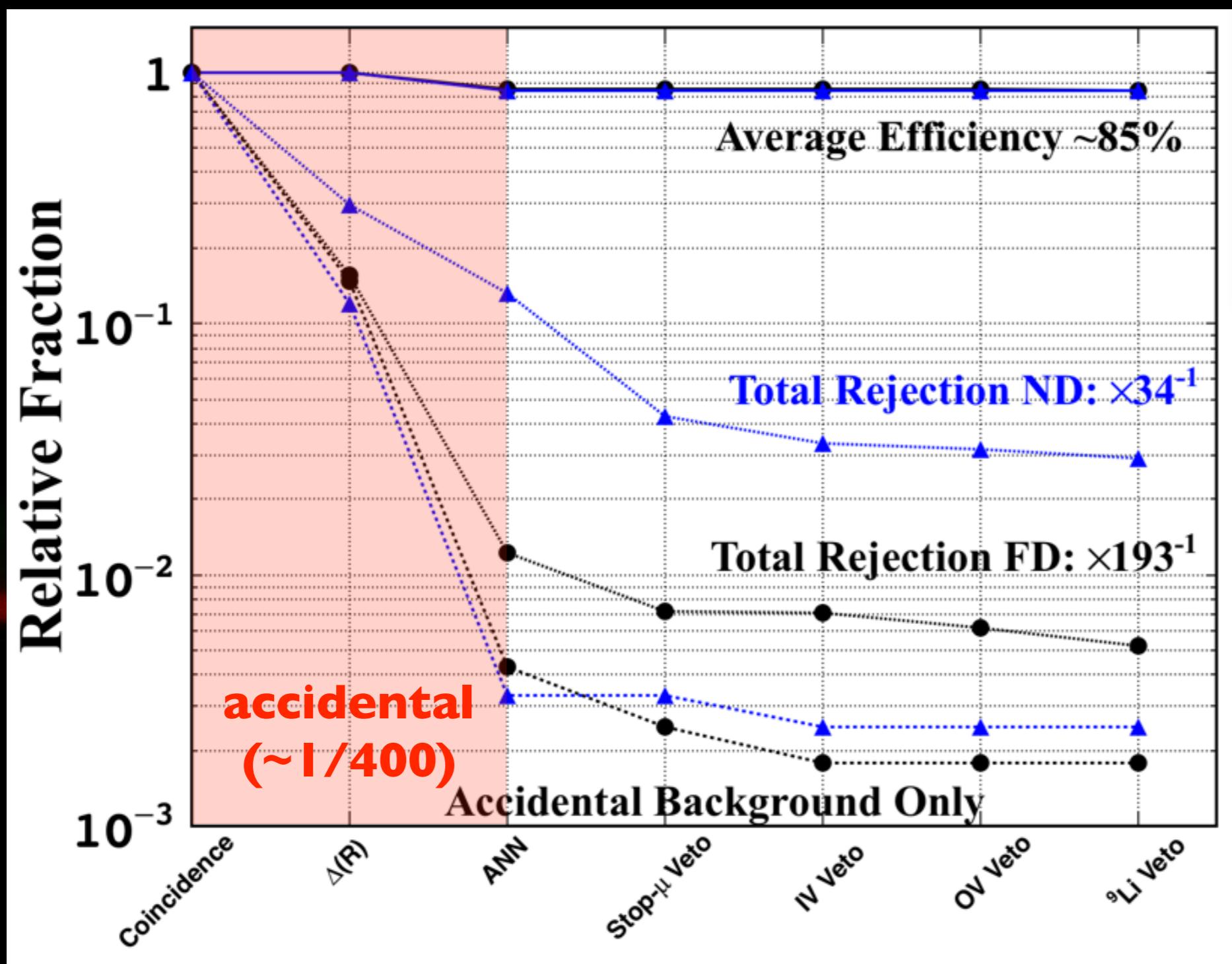


**dig into BG to recover the H-n peak**  
(several orders of magnitude)

# excellent BG rate+spectra knowledge...



# powerful active BG rejection...



**ND efficiency**  
**total BG**  
**accidental BG**

**FD efficiency**  
**total BG**  
**accidental BG**

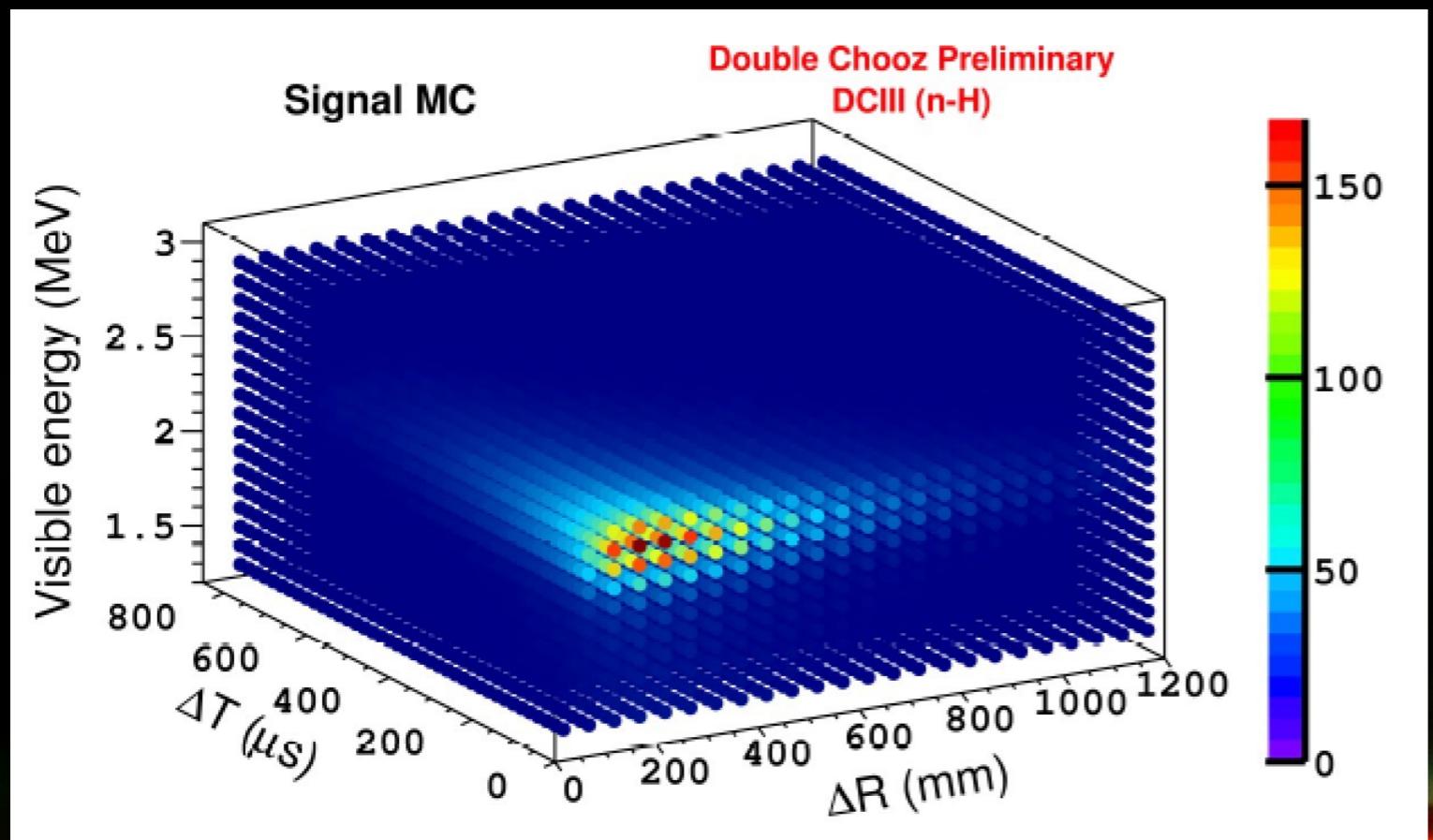
→ **ND cosmogenic dominated: fast-n**  
(overburden ~100mwe)

→ **FD cosmogenic dominated:  $^9\text{Li}$**   
(overburden ~300mwe)

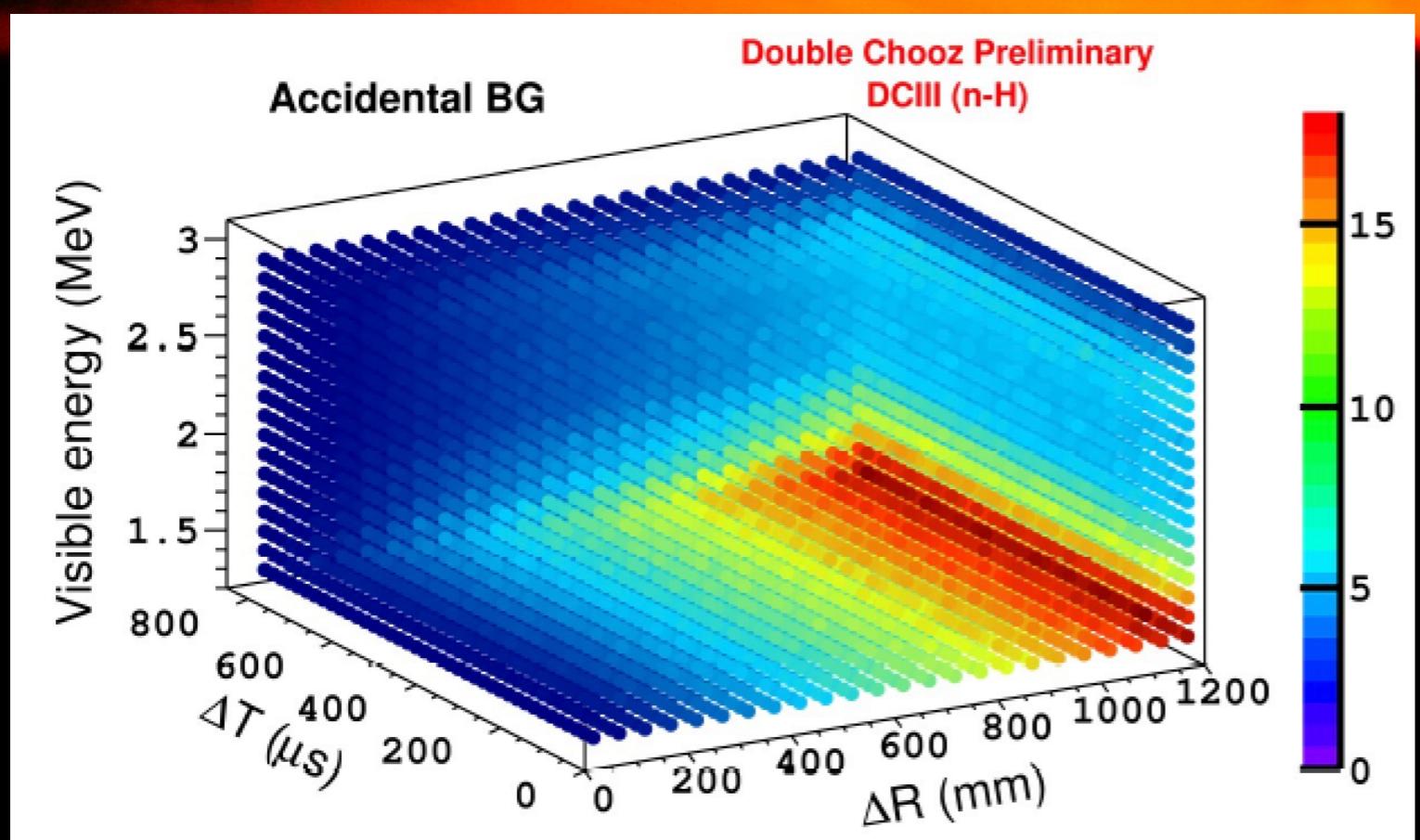
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**loose coincidence**  
(~1/375 singles)

**powerful veto system**  
(multi-layer detector articulation)

# ANN accidental-BG rejection rationale...



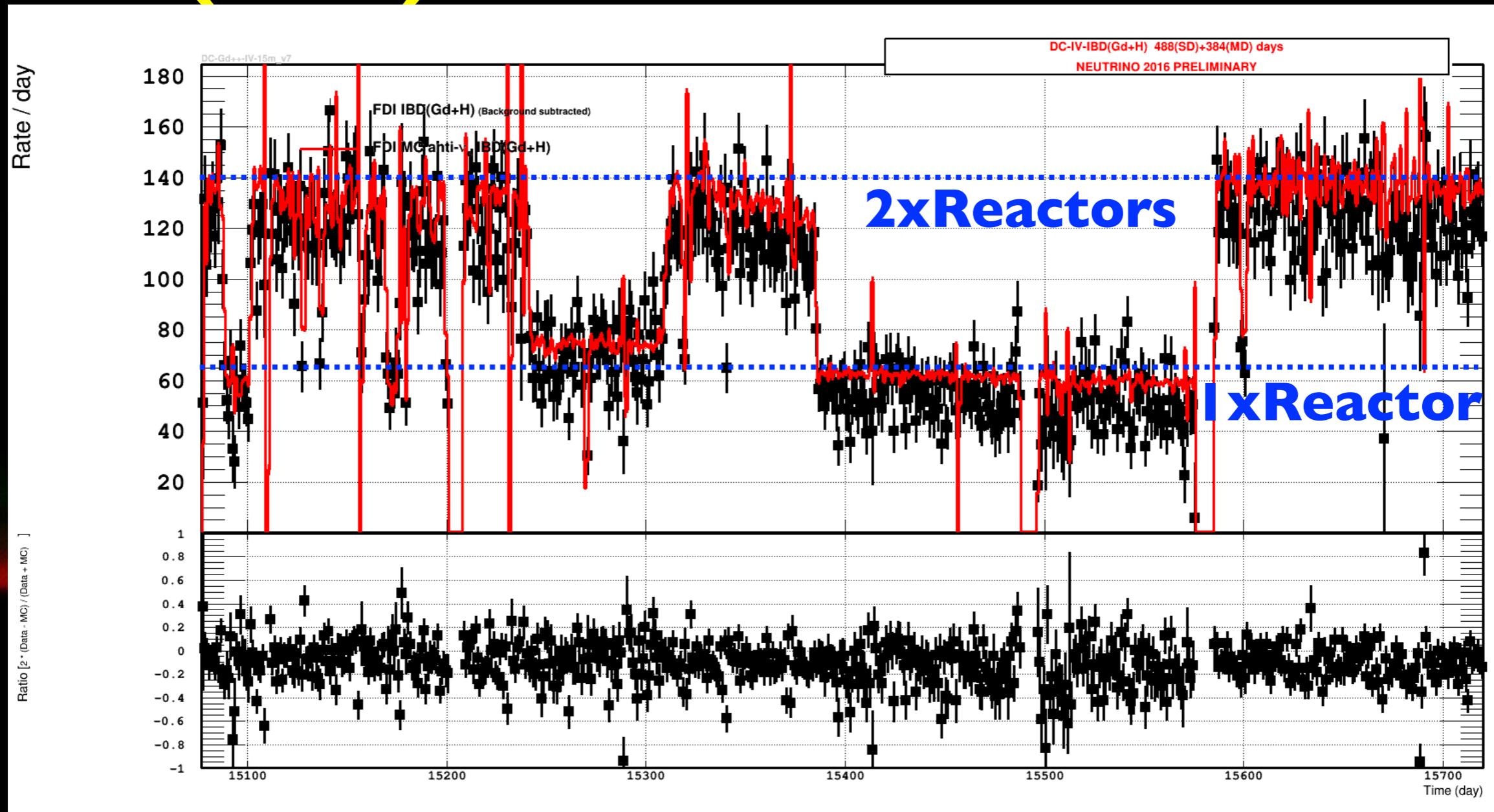
**IBD (signal)**  
(correlated)



**Accidental BG**  
(random)

(i.e. longer  $\Delta t$ , longer  $\Delta r$ , etc)

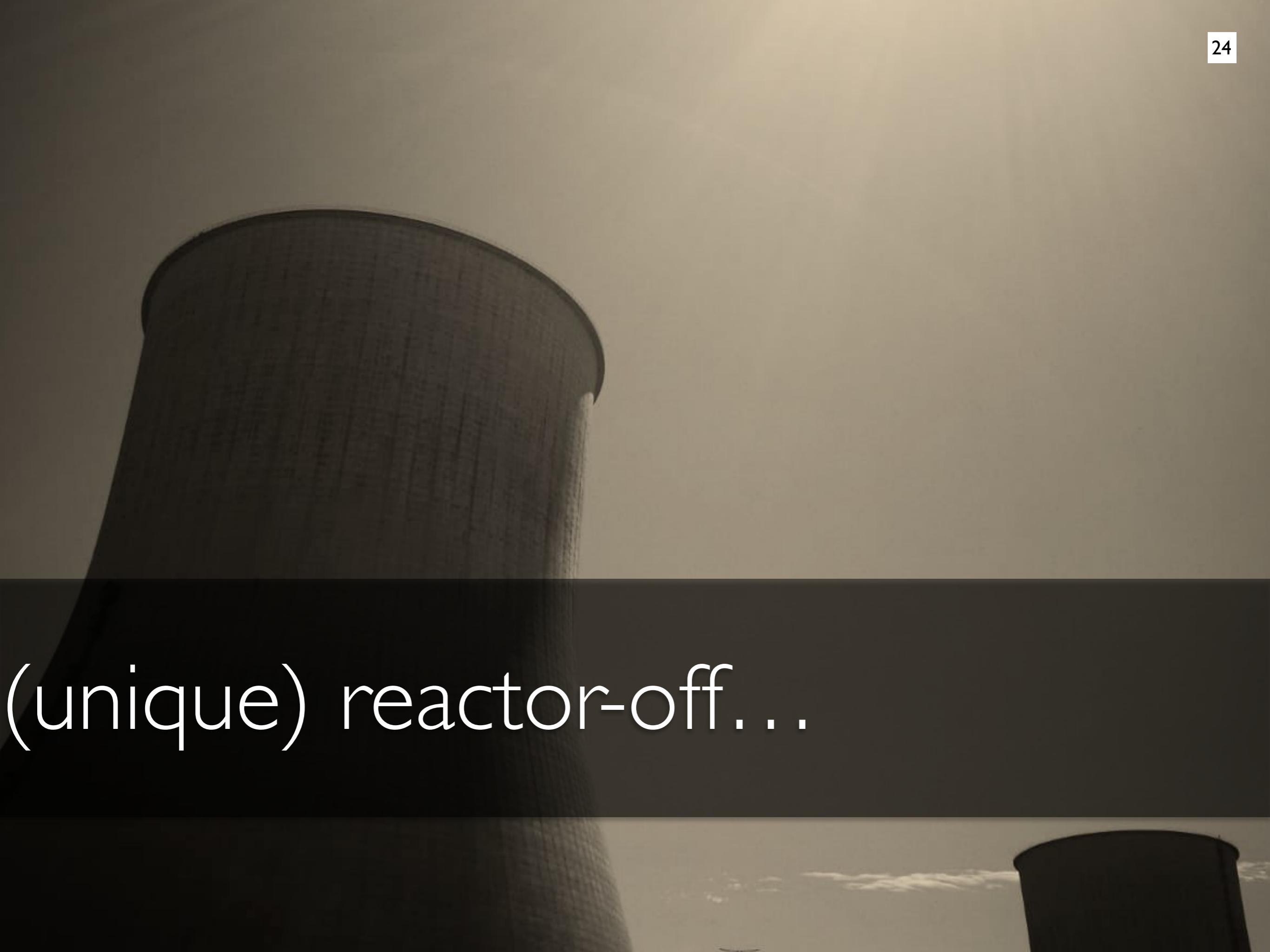
# IBD(TnC)



$\lesssim 140 \text{ day}^{-1}$  @ FD  
( $\lesssim 50 \text{ day}^{-1}$  @ FD)

$\lesssim 1000 \text{ day}^{-1}$  @ ND  
( $\lesssim 300 \text{ day}^{-1}$  @ ND)

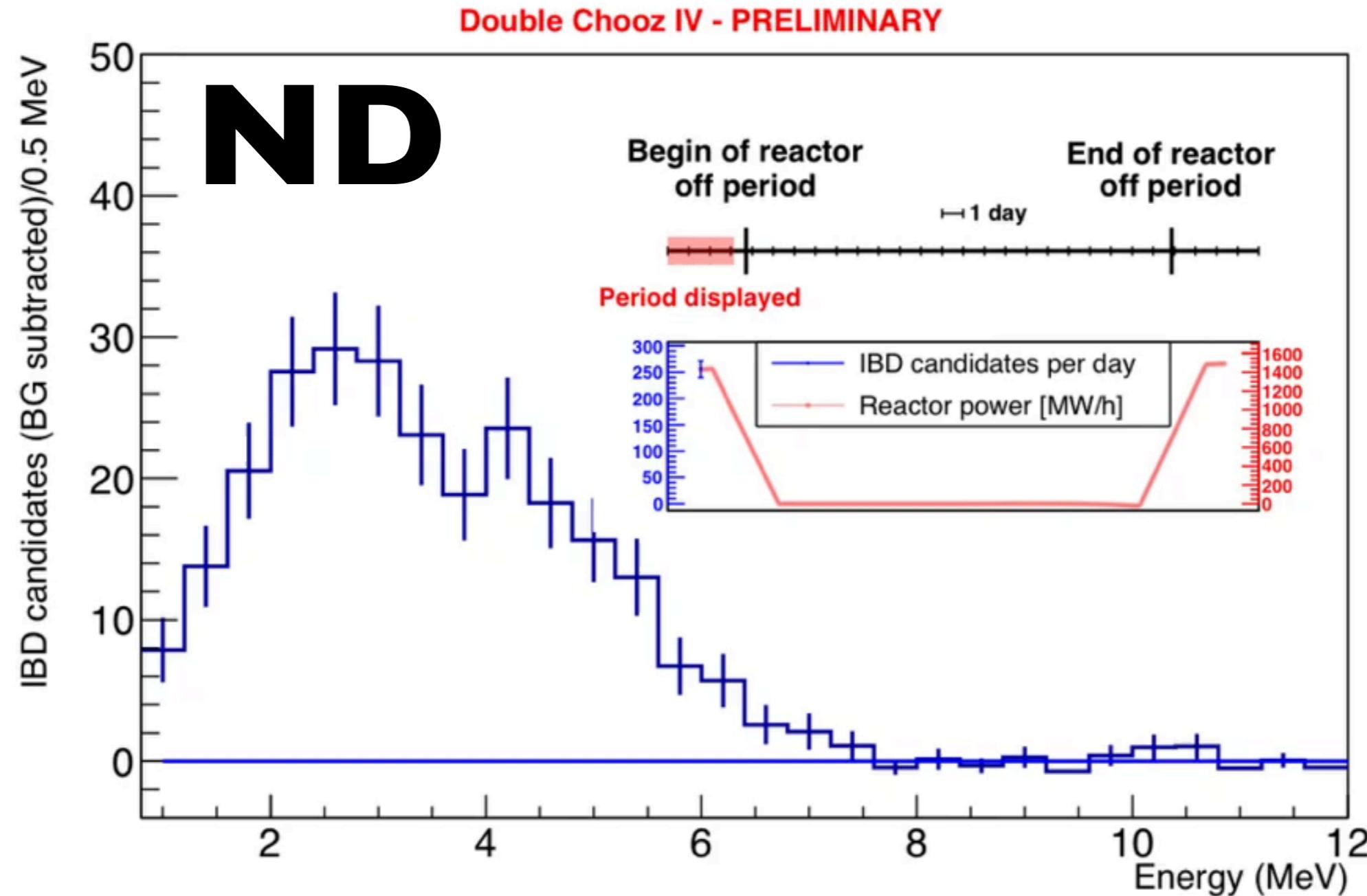
→ per mille statistics in DC



(unique) reactor-off...

## reactor-OFF: beyond just BG validation...

**rate(I reactor)  $\approx$  I IBD per 3 min**



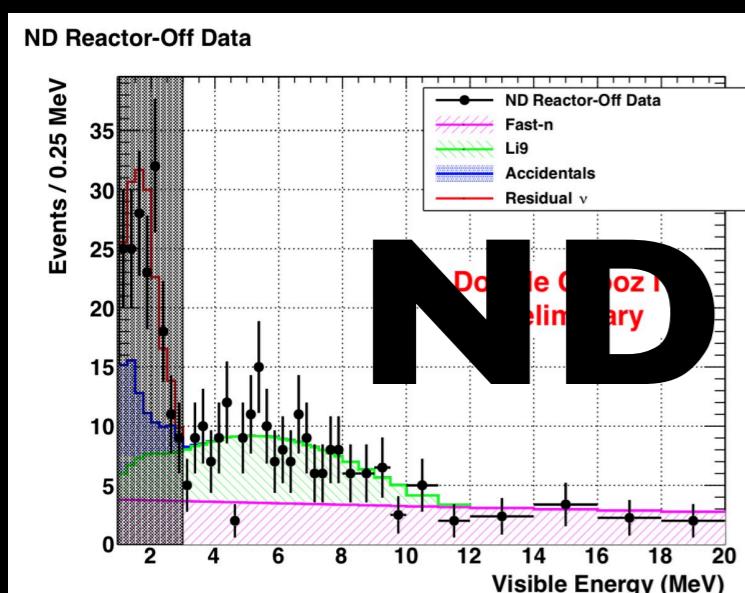
**BG subtracted**

# DC-IV signal and BG estimates...

Rate (day <sup>-1</sup> )	FD	ND	
IBD Candidates	112	816	→ <b>average rate</b>
<b>Breakdown</b>			
Accidental	$4.13 \pm 0.02$	$3.110 \pm 0.004$	→ <b>BG breakdown</b>
Fast-Neutron	$2.50 \pm 0.05$	$20.85 \pm 0.31$	(known BG model)
<sup>9</sup> Li Isotope	$2.62 \pm 0.27$ <1σ	$14.52 \pm 1.48$ <1σ	
[μ-tag]	$3.01 \pm 0.60$	$12.32 \pm 2.01$	→ <b>independent <sup>9</sup>Li</b>
Stopped-μ	<0.19 @ 98%CL	<0.21 @ 98%CL	
Others ( <sup>12</sup> B, BiPo)	<0.01	$0.04 \pm 0.01$	
<b>Total</b>			
Σ-Exclusive	$9.3 \pm 0.3$ <1σ	$38.5 \pm 1.5$ <1σ	
Inclusive (17 days)	$9.8 \pm 0.9$	$39.6 \pm 2.5$	→ <b>reactor-OFF validation</b>
Signal to BG	11.0	20.2	[17 days]

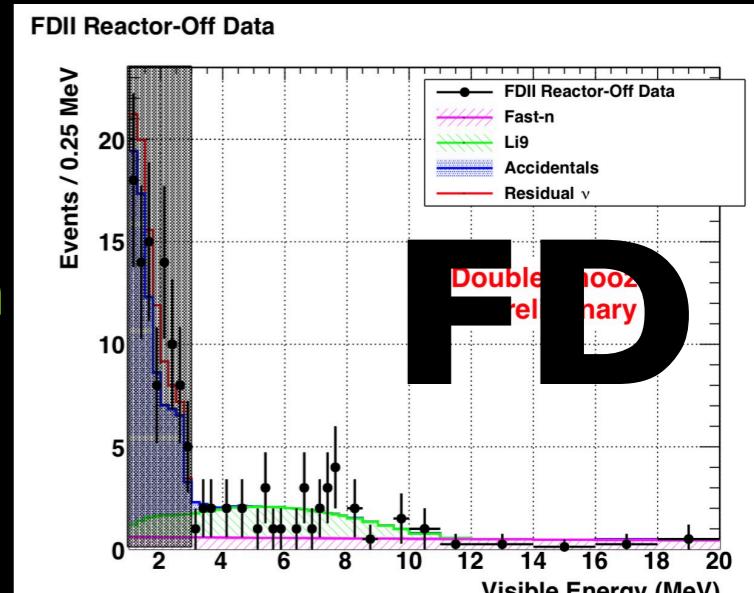
**DC BG is dominated <sup>9</sup>Li uncertainty (~10%)**

[independent measurement articulation]



**reactor-OFF spectral information**  
[rate+shape BG information]

**FIRST TIME in DC!!!**



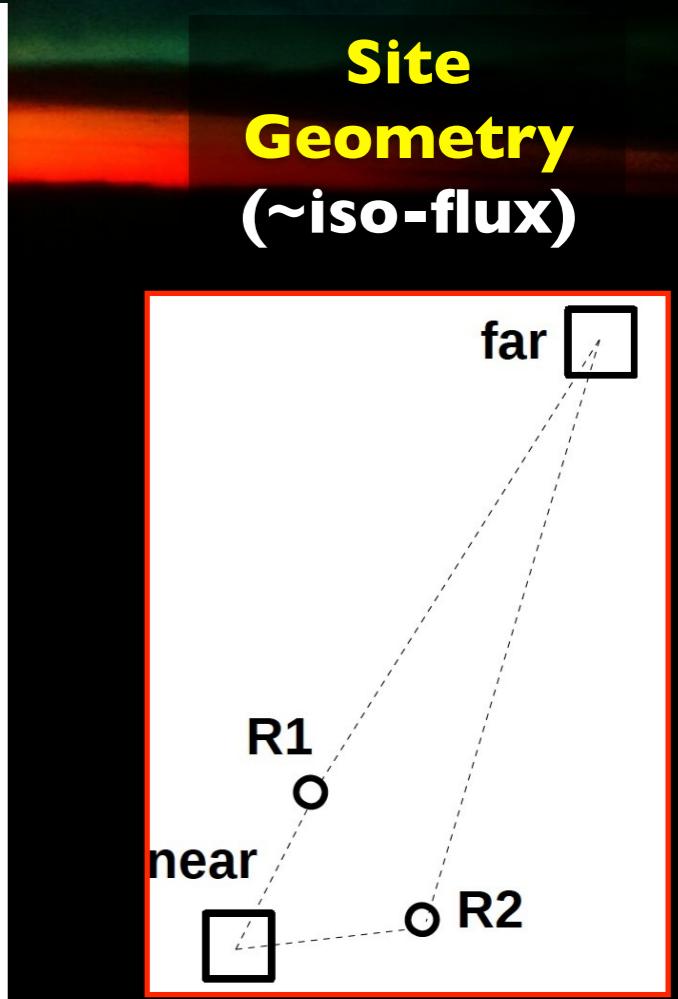
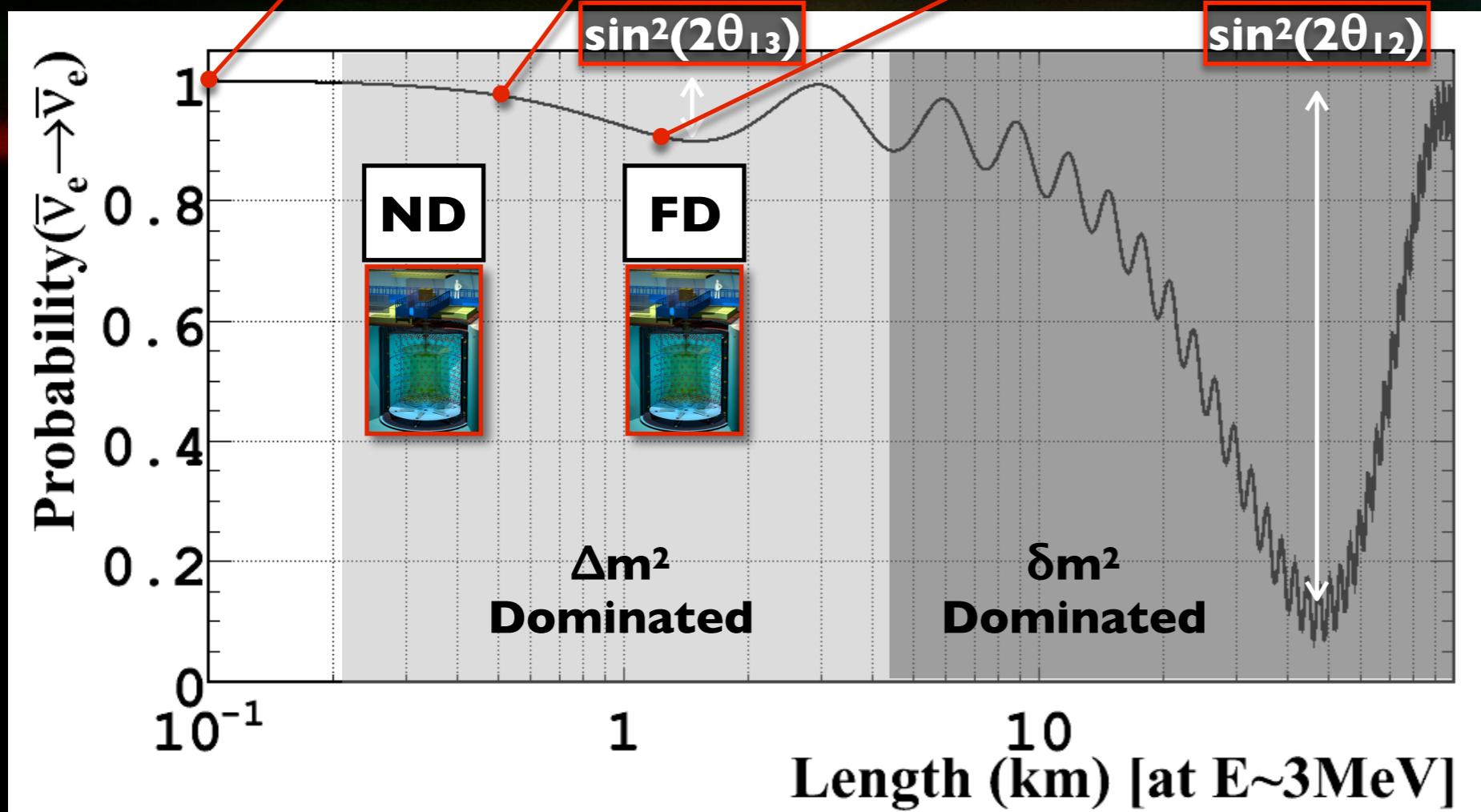
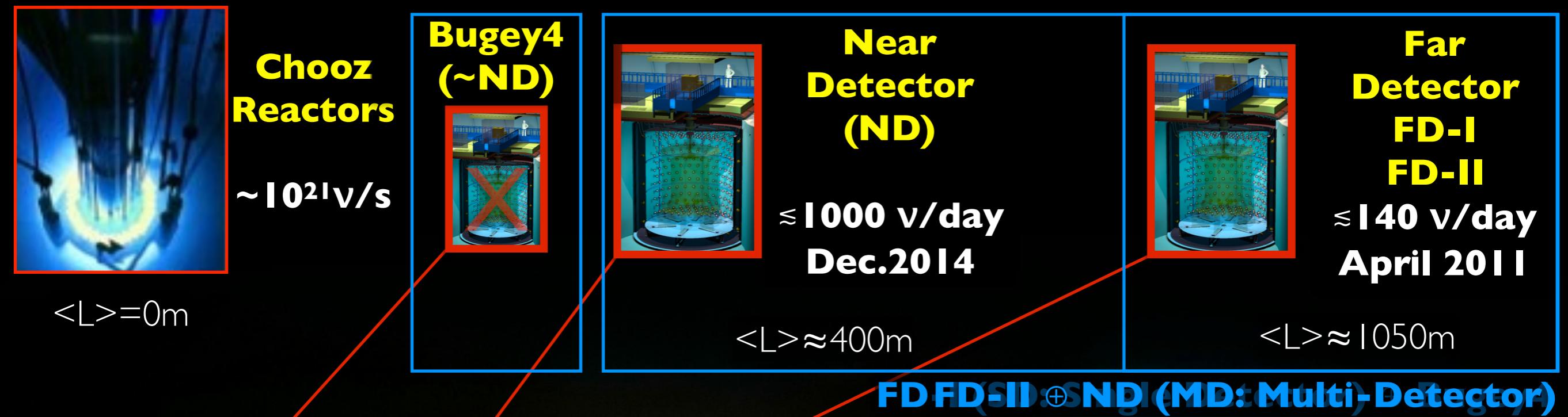
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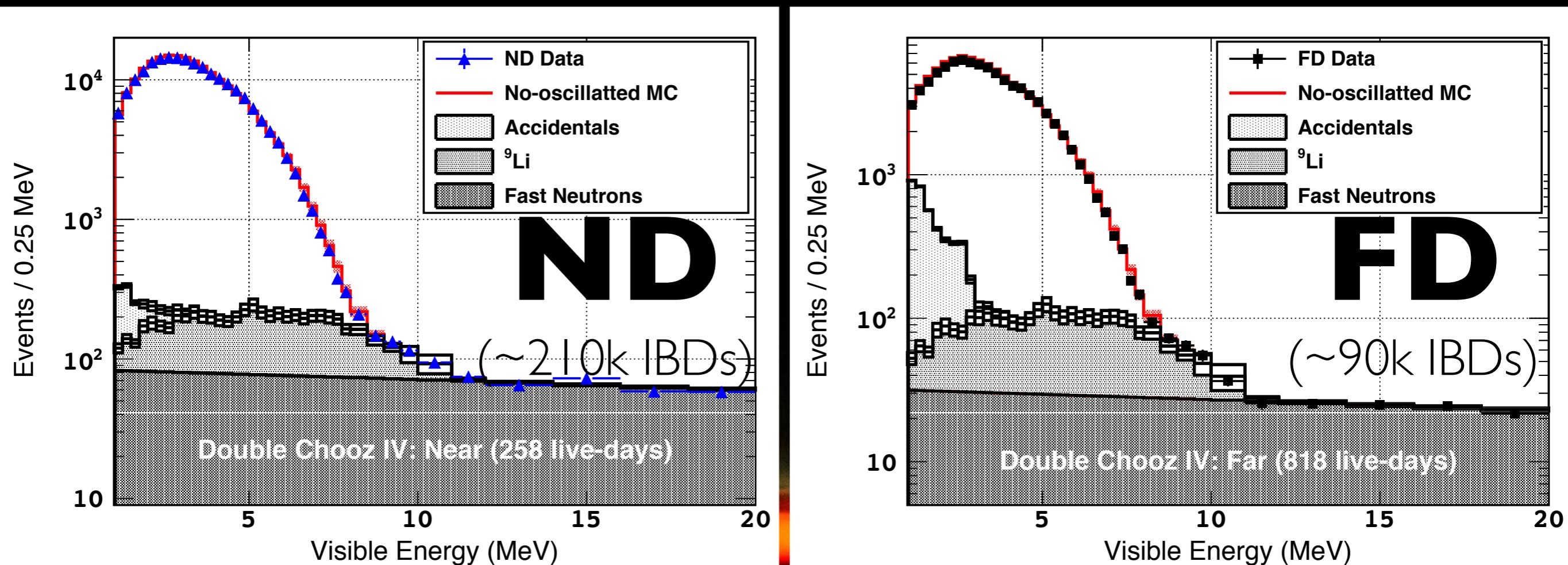
April 2011 — Dec. 2017  
(dismantling ongoing)

physics results...

## (nut-shell) experiment's rationale &amp; history...



each single-detector (SD) spectra...



**well understood spectra signal & BG  
(reactor “ILL data” based model → scrutinise)**

**multi-detector (MD) combination**  
(physics extraction)

# DC's task: high accuracy . . .

## **detection systematics** “IBD inclusive” method

(against exclusive:  $\leq 1\%$ )  
 (against calibration sources:  $\leq 1\%$ )  
 (against fast-neutron:  $\leq 3\%$ )  
 (Cf n-multiplicity:  $\leq 1\%$ )  
 (pulls in  $\theta_{13}$ -fit:  $< 1\sigma$ )

## **BG systematics** BG model “ $\Sigma$ -exclusive”

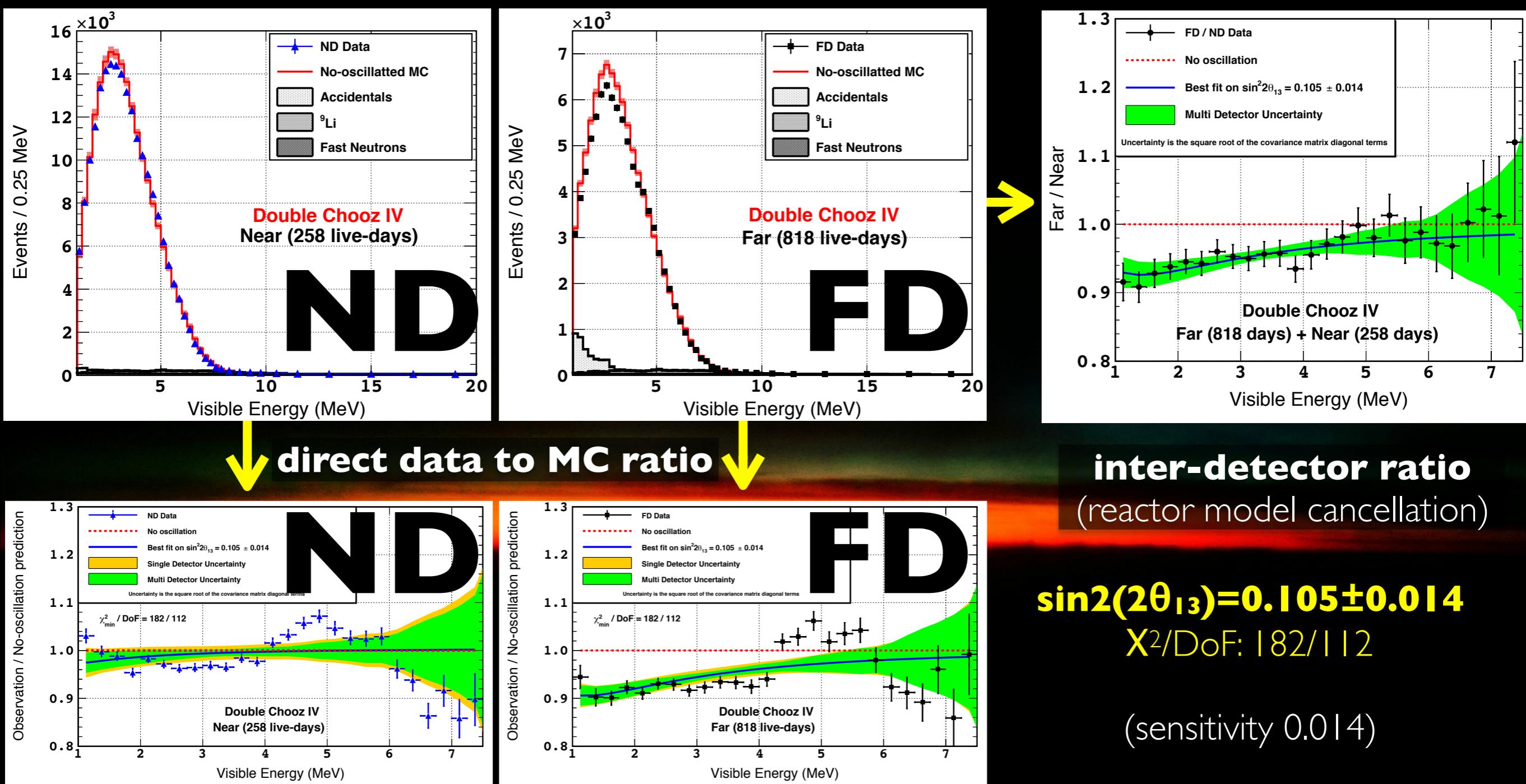
(against inclusive:  $\leq 1\sigma$ )  
 (against fast-n(OV) &  $^9\text{Li}$  ( $\mu$ -tag):  $\leq 1\sigma$ )  
 (pulls in  $\theta_{13}$ -fit:  $< 1\sigma$ )

## **energy systematics** full volume control $\sim 0.6\%$ precision

(Cf prompt: MD deviations  $\leq 3\%$ )  
 (energy model as pulls in  $\theta_{13}$ -fit:  $< 1\sigma$ )

**reactor flux systematics [ $\sigma_{\text{IBD}}$  known to  $\sim 1\%$ ]**  
**DC iso-flux geometry: cancel most**  
**→ must scrutinise with  $\theta_{13}$  (i.e. flux modulation)**

# multi-detector $\theta_{13}$ fit extraction...



**“common” (correlated) effects cancel**  
 (MC reactor model distortion → poor  $\chi^2$ )

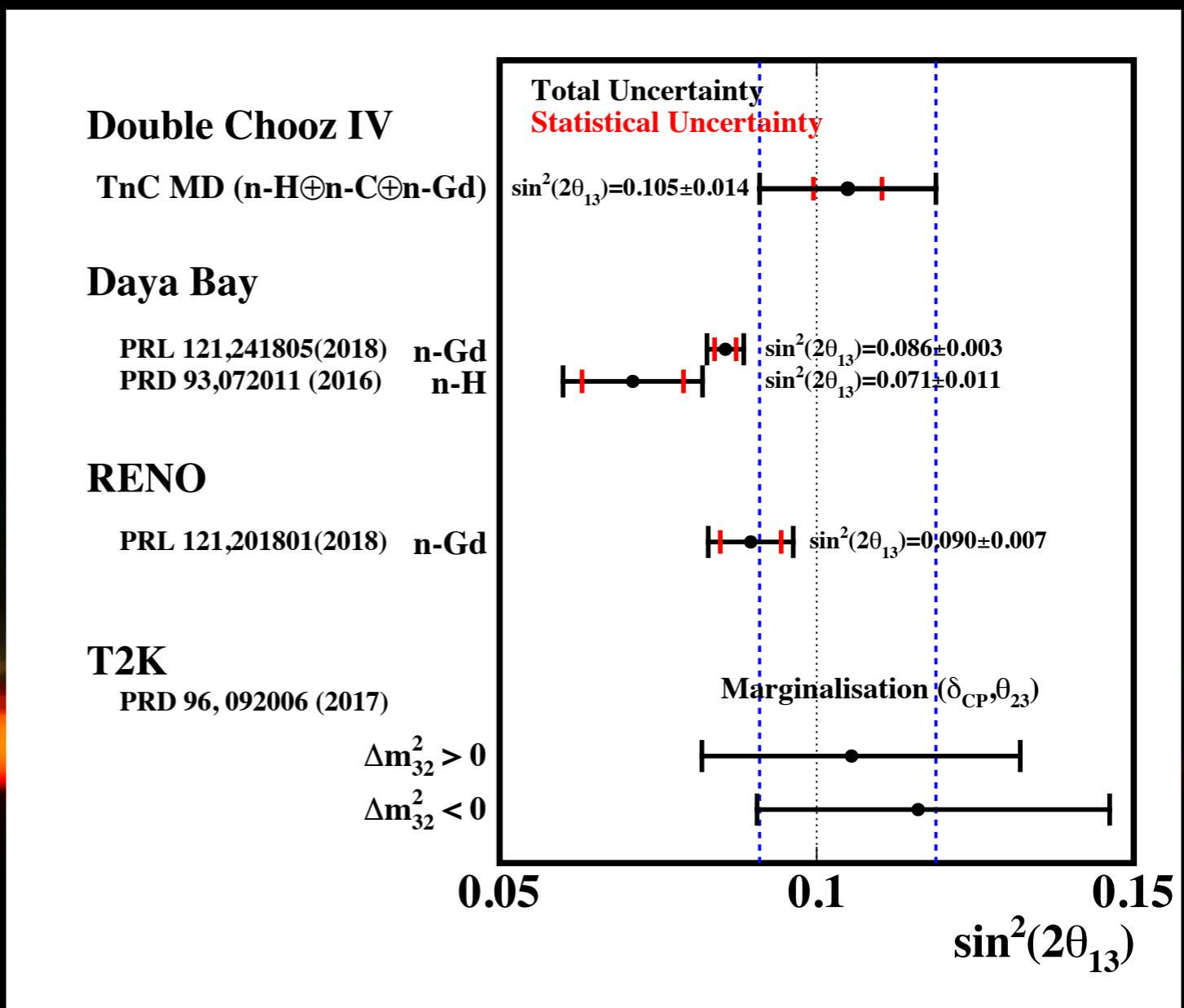
# DC compared to the world knowledge...

Uncertainty	Fit Output	Correlation
Statistics	0.0054 (5.0%)	—
Reactor Flux	0.0081 (7.6%)	1.1
Detection	0.0073 (6.8%)	1.2
Energy	0.0018 (1.7%)	4.0
Background	0.0018 (1.7%)	2.4
$ \Delta m_{ee}^2 $	0.0018 (1.7%)	1.0
Correlation	0.0065 (6.1%)	—
Total	0.0141 (13.3%)	

**reactor systematics**  
**(FD-I with no ND)**

**detection systematics**  
**(poor proton# GC)**

**energy systematics**  
(via effective correlation to flux)



**DC slightly higher [up to  $\leq 2\sigma$ ]**

(DYB & RENO slightly higher @ Neutrino-2018 too)

**systematics effect? ["ok"]**

(statistics deviation not impossible but disfavoured)

**Double Chooz IV**

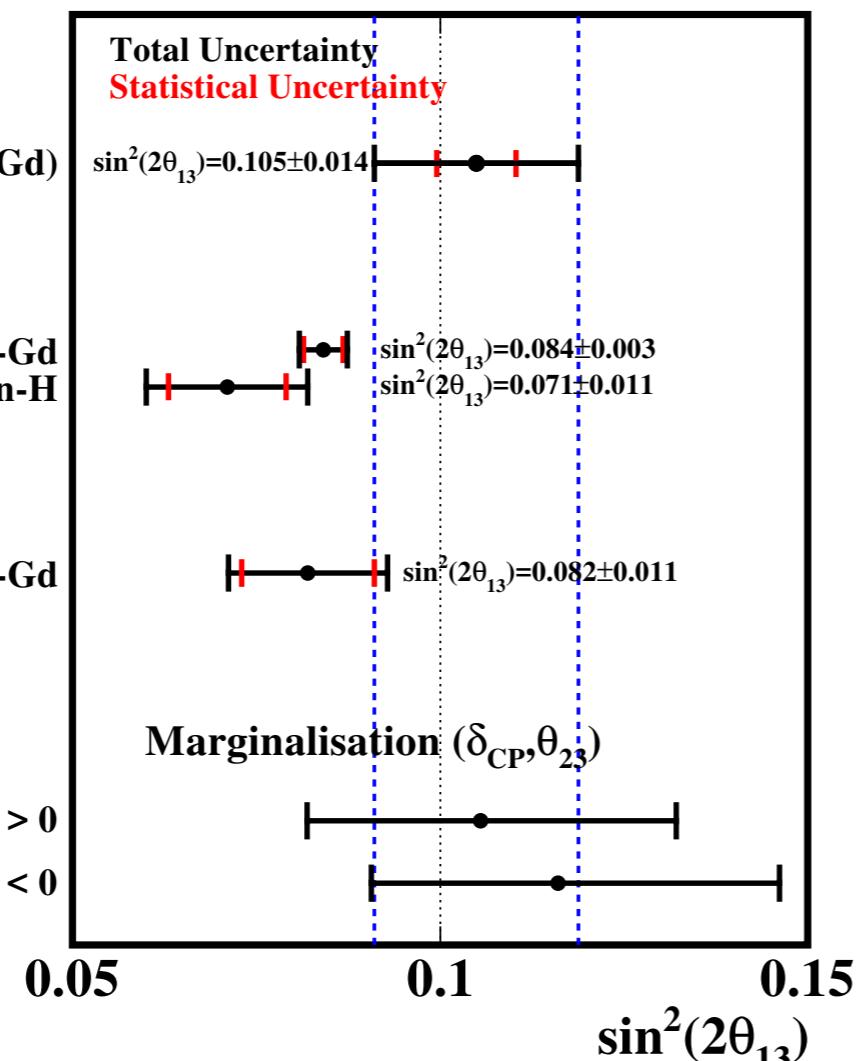
TnC MD (n-H⊕n-C⊕n-Gd)

**Daya Bay**PRD 95, 072006 (2017) n-Gd  
PRD 93, 072011 (2016) n-H**RENO**

PRL 116, 211801(2016) n-Gd

**T2K**

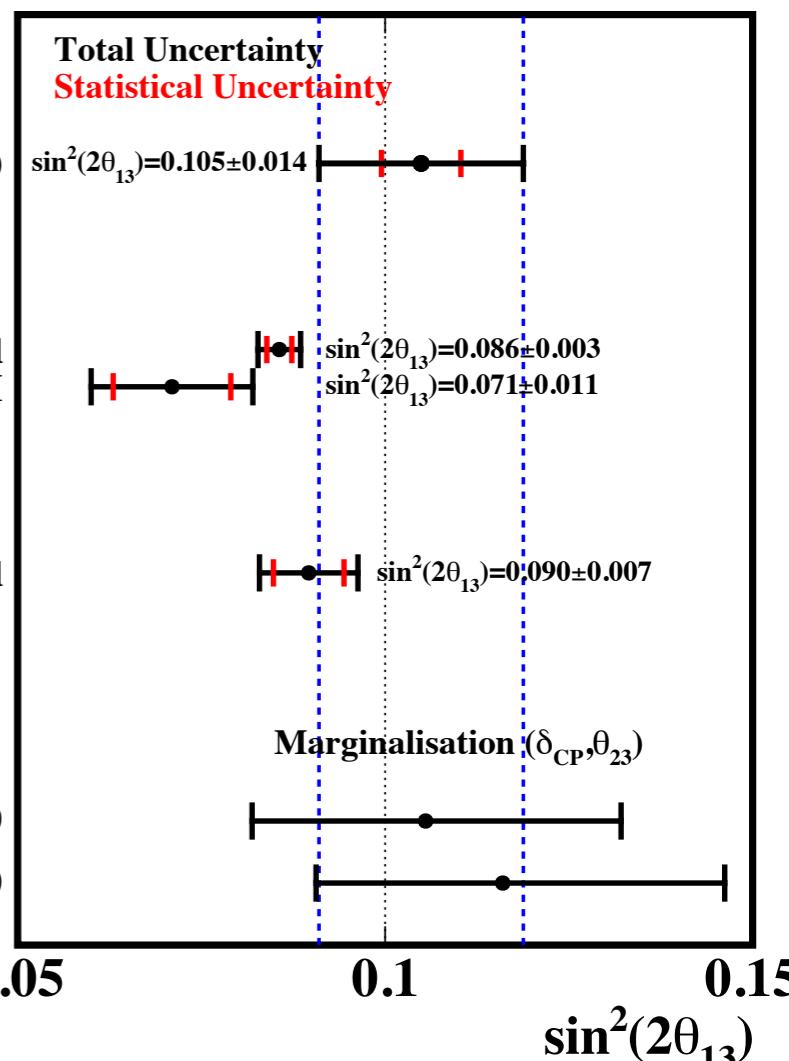
PRD 96, 092006 (2017)

 $\Delta m_{32}^2 > 0$   
 $\Delta m_{32}^2 < 0$ **Double Chooz IV**

TnC MD (n-H⊕n-C⊕n-Gd)

**Daya Bay**PRL 121,241805(2018) n-Gd  
PRD 93,072011 (2016) n-H**RENO**

PRL 121,201801(2018) n-Gd

T2K  
PRD 96, 092006 (2017) $\Delta m_{32}^2 > 0$   
 $\Delta m_{32}^2 < 0$ **before****after**

# **STRUCTURE**

**impact to  $\theta_{13}$ ?**

# **AHEAD**

# once upon a time ( $\leq 2010$ ), reactor flux...

**rate (norm): OK [ $\sim 3\%$ ] → Bugey4 (world reference)**

**2011:** latest  $\tau$ (neutron)  $\oplus$  ILL re-evaluation [within DC + Huber]

**today:** all experiments in agreement (“deficit”) → **why?**

[Antonin's talk]

## new physics vs reactor bias?

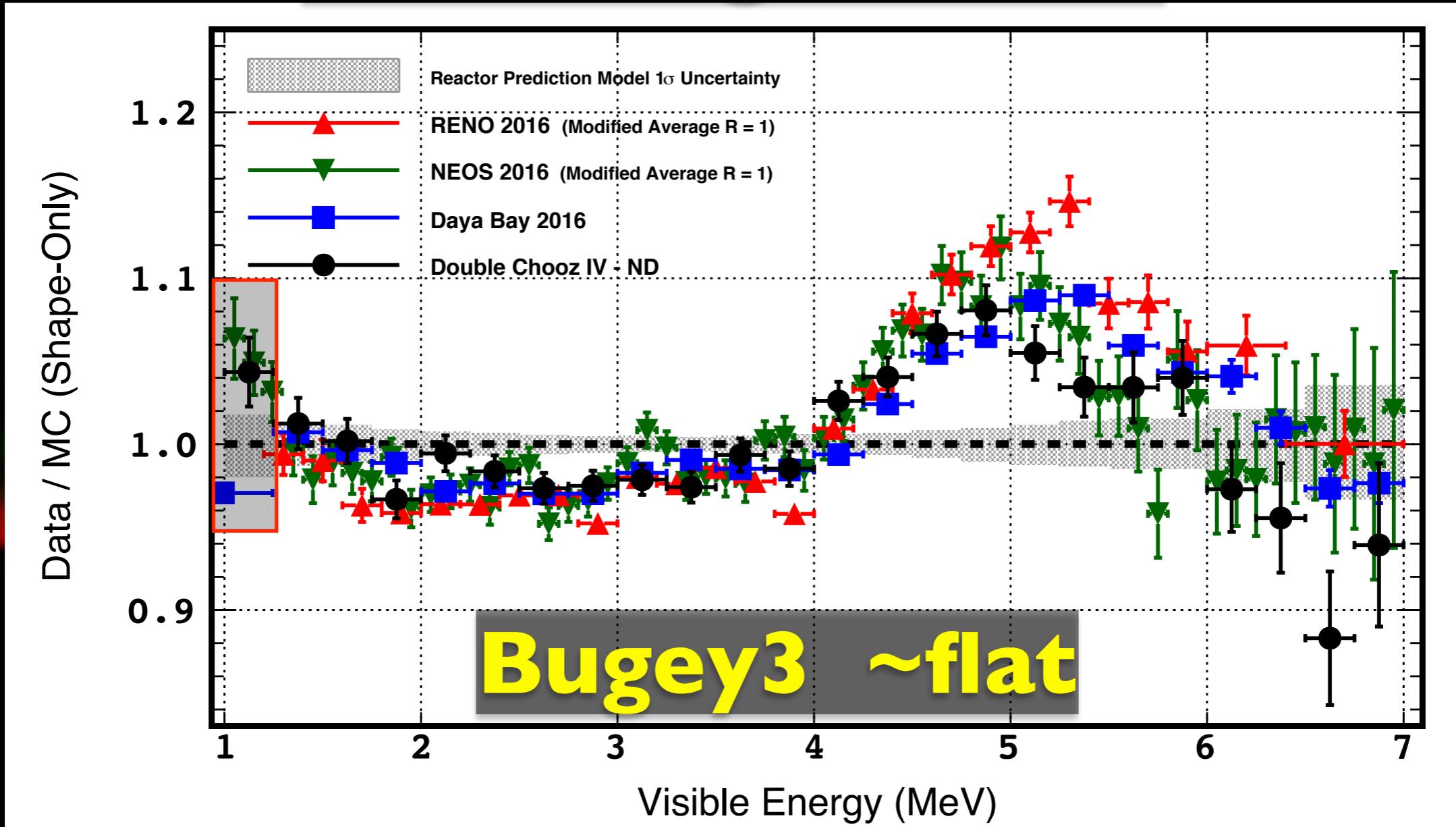
**shape: OK [ $\sim 3\%$ ] → Bugey3 (world reference)**

**2014:** DC's spectral distortion (prominent 5MeV) [most experiments]

**today:** only Bugey3 shows “negligible structure” → **reason? why?**

## are those 2 observations independent?

# overall agreement

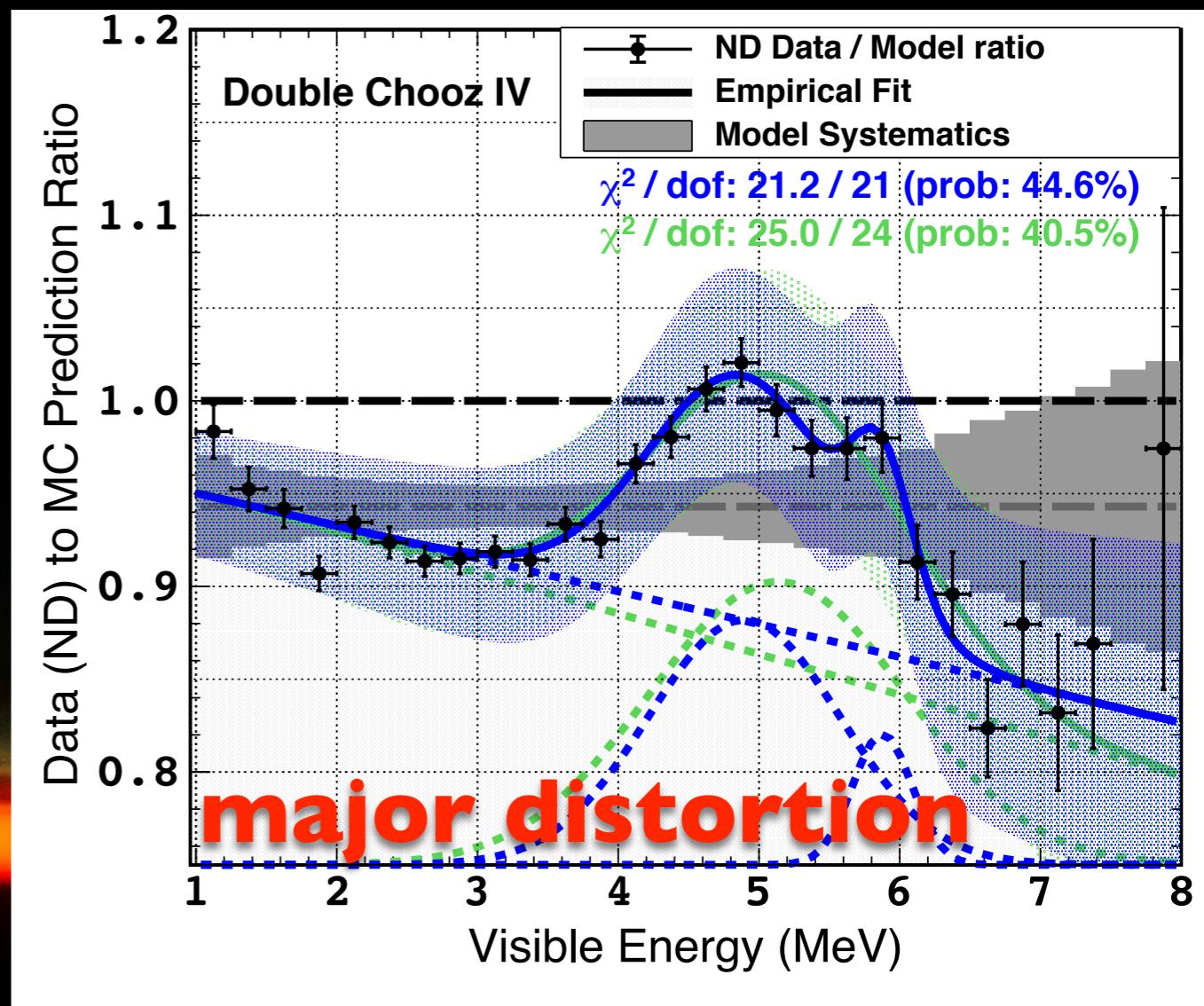
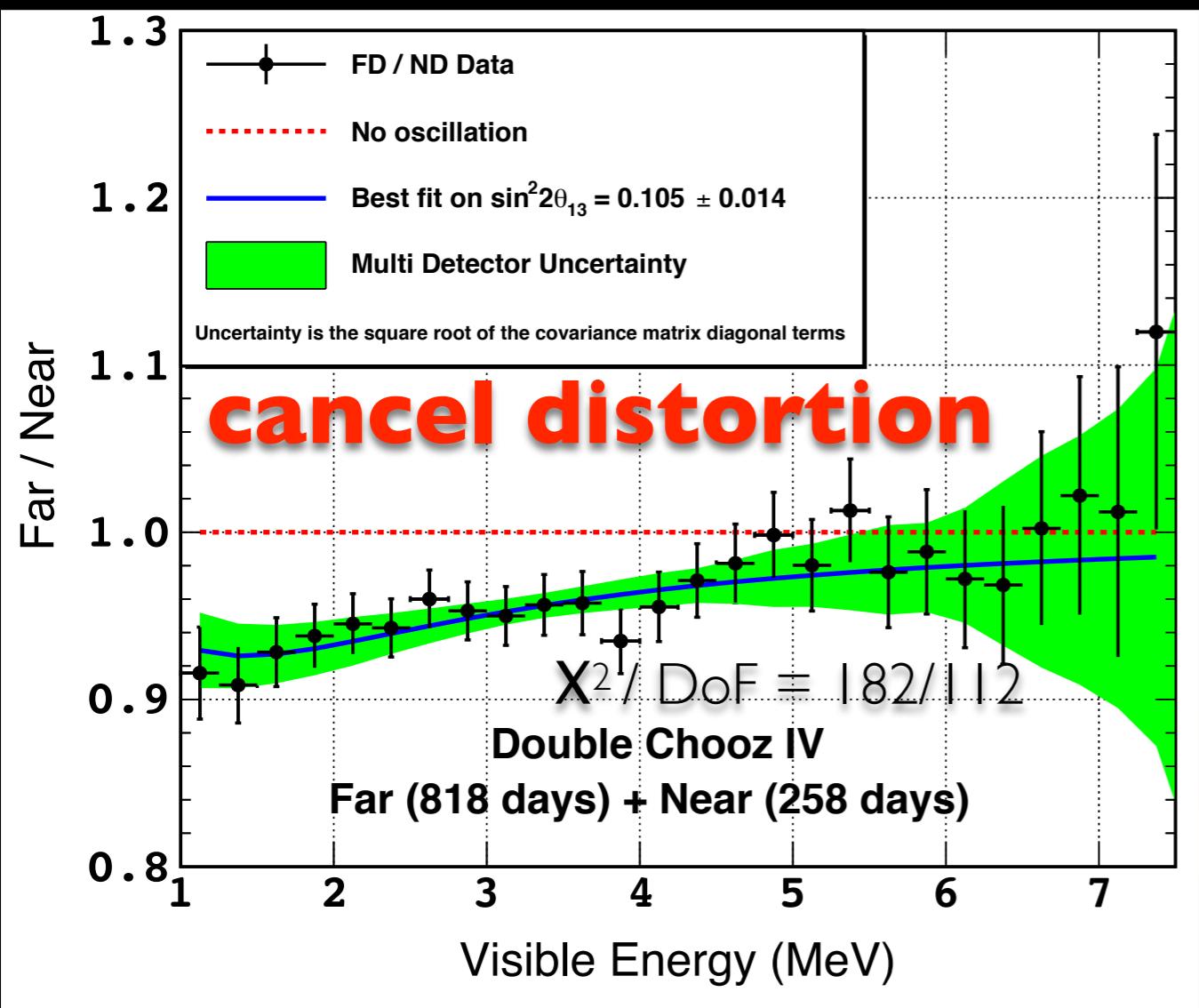


**DC (re-binned)  $\approx$  DYB**

[ratio D/MC cancels matched effects by ‘‘MC tuning’’]

**NOTE: Goesgen, Chooz, Rovno consistent hints (a posteriori)**

# rate+shape DC spectral ratio's...



**FD:ND ratio ( $\theta_{13}$ )**  
[rate+shape]

**no apparent distortion  $\rightarrow \theta_{13}$  protected?**  
[MC always used]

# DC flux scrutiny: impact $\Theta | 3? \dots$

**reactor power correlation?**

yes → flux and/or energy

**common in ND and FD?**

yes → demonstrated (identical detectors)

**common across experiments?**

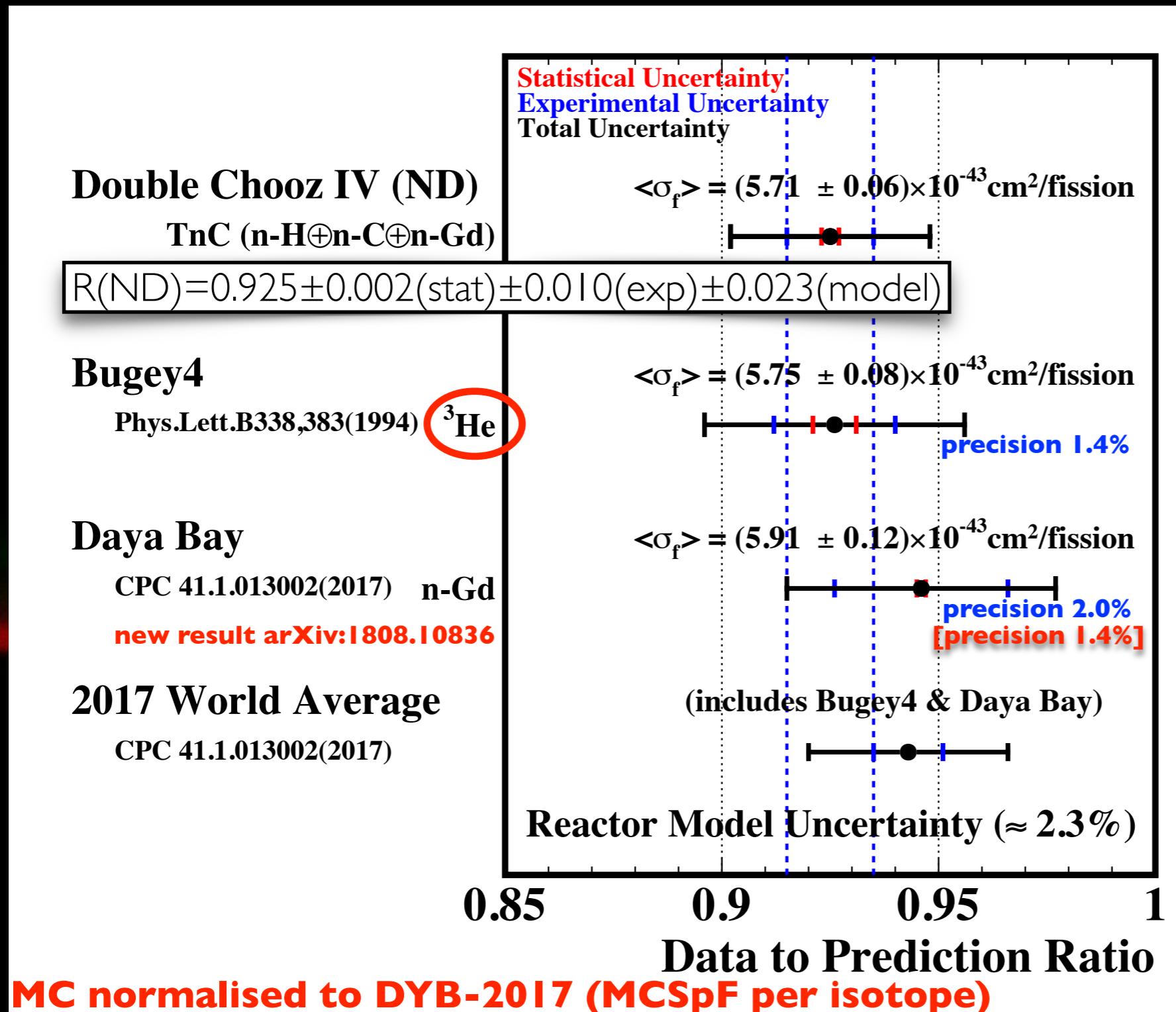
most! → favours reactor hypothesis via common ILL based model  
[Huber+Muller]

**bias via model uncertainty underestimation?**

must test → rate+shape & shape-only (use Bugey4)

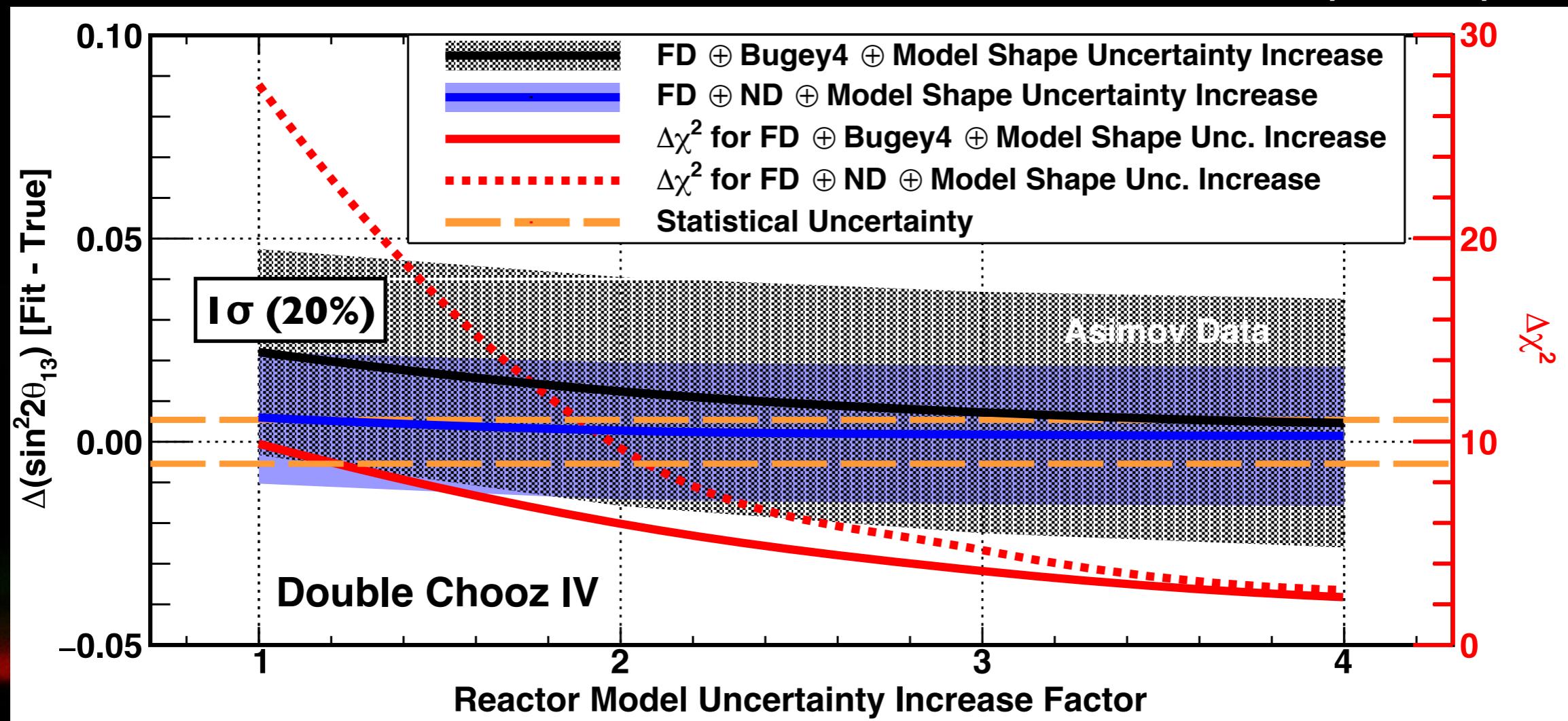
**ND normalisation biassed?**

must test → rate+shape & shape-only (use Bugey4)



**best world precision (9.7%)**

**ND normalisation  $\rightarrow$  no impact to  $\theta_{13}$ !**  
(excellent agreement with Bugey4 et al)



## **$\theta_{13}$ stability beyond reactor model**

(SD & MD different behaviour)

**SD:** biassed  $\theta_{13}$  unless model error  $\geq 3 \times \sigma(\text{shape})$  [**unprotected**]

**MD:** robust  $\theta_{13}$  measurement [**ND protection**]

(increase error  $\geq 3 \times \sigma(\text{shape}) \rightarrow$  reduce  $\chi^2$  from ND)

**reactor model uncertainty underestimated?**

# DC internal multi-fit $\theta_{13}$ extraction...

## Multi-Detector (MD)

### DC-IV Rate+Shape (TnC)

Rate Only

Shape Only

ND $\oplus$ FD-I (Rate+Shape)

ND $\oplus$ FD-II (Rate+Shape)

Free  $\Delta m^2_{ee}$  (Rate+Shape)

### Data-to-Data (Rate+Shape)

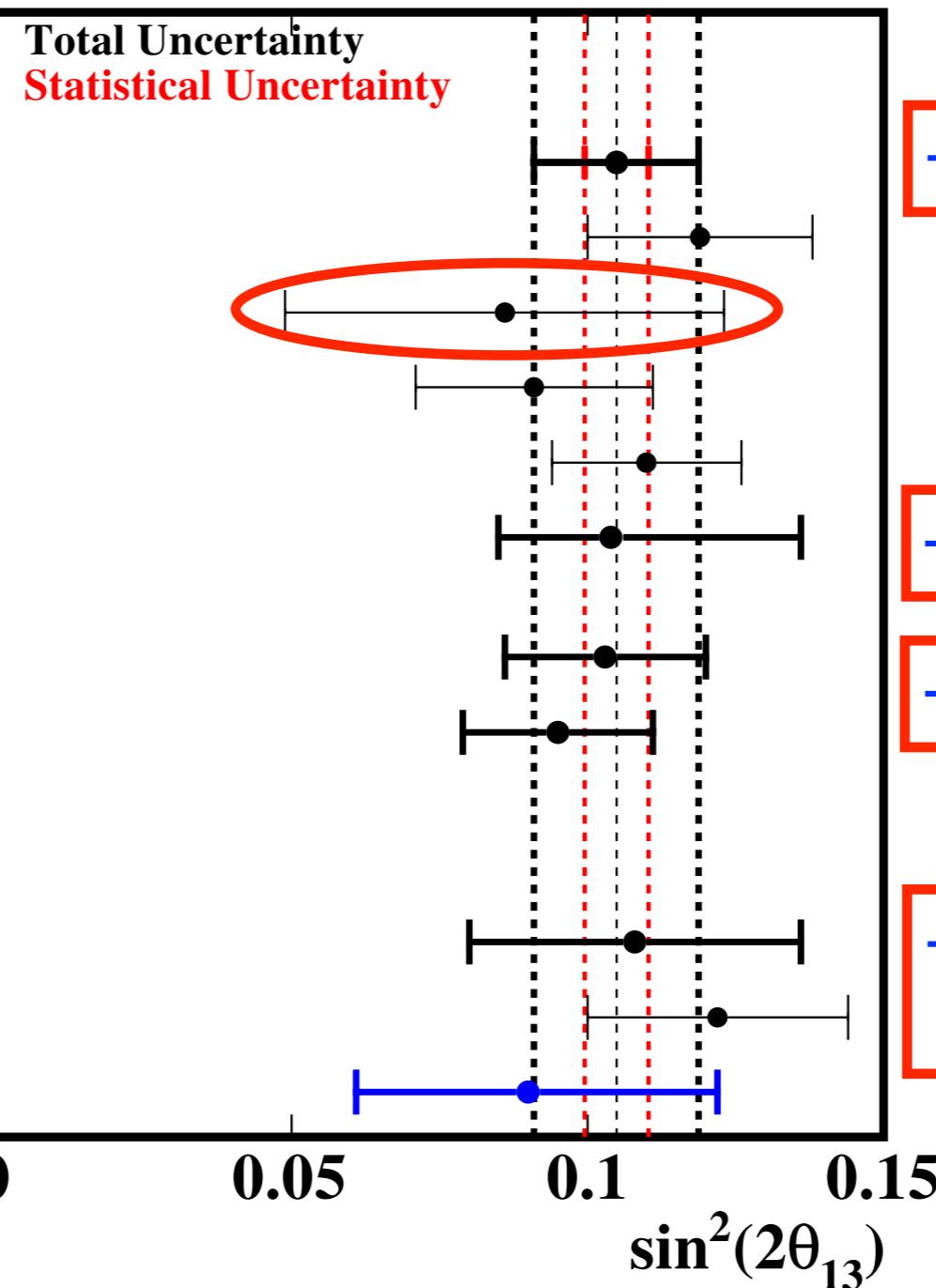
RRM (Rate Only)

## Single-Detector (SD)

Rate+Shape (Bugey4 $\oplus$ 4 $\times\sigma^{shape}$ )

Rate+Shape (Bugey4 $\oplus$ 1 $\times\sigma^{shape}$ )

**DC-III Rate+Shape (Gd-n)**



→ nominal MD

→ free  $|\Delta m^2(ee)|$

→ MC independent

→ nominal SD  
[new error budget]

**coherent & consistent multiple  $\theta_{13}$**

(internal validation of precision $\oplus$ accuracy)

# what to remember?

**DC stopped data taking 31 Dec 2017  
dismantling → new proton#!**

**θ13 measurement [more!]**

**reactor neutrino measurement [more!]**  
flux (absolute) & spectrum (relative & absolute)

**a few other interesting results**

- [2011] DC's  $2\sigma$ 's → today's  $\theta_{13} \neq 0$  [consistent with T2K → @  $3\sigma$ 's]
- [2014] DC's  $3\sigma$ 's → today's spectral distortion

# still results comings...



[our DC languages]  
obrigado...  
merci...  
danke...  
ありがとう...  
Спасибо...  
gracias...  
**thank you...**  
谢谢...  
hvala...