

# XXIX International Conference on Neutrino Physics and Astrophysics

Monday 22 June 2020 to Thursday 2 July 2020

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## **Neutrino 2020 Logistics**

- Neutrino 2020 was originally planned as a 5 day, in-person conference at a large hotel in Chicago city center.
- In late March 2020, Neutrino 2020 was switched to an online conference using the Zoom platform for Plenary talks.
- Neutrino 2020 Components
  - 79 Plenary talks scheduled from 0700 to 1130 (Chicago time) for 8 days (Monday to Thursday 22 June to 25 June and 29 June to 2 July)
  - Four poster sessions displaying 532 posters
  - Slack channels for questions to speakers and follow-up discussions
  - Virtual Reality to facilitate discussions at poster sessions
  - Physics Slam public outreach event



#### **Neutrino 2020 Statistics**

- Registrants: 4,350
- Registrants were domiciled on every continent (including Antarctica) and from 67 countries.
- 65% of registrants were from outside the host country (United States)
- 26% of registrants were female
- About 60% of registrants were students or post-docs.
- 33 members of the International Advisory Committee (42% female)



## **Neutrino 2020 Plenary Talks**

- 79 Plenary Talks presented as Zoom Webinars
- Participants were encouraged to use the Zoom Q&A function for questions to speakers
- Session Chairs selected questions to ask speakers at the end of their talks. Unasked questions were moved to the appropriate Slack channel for offline Speaker follow-up.
- 3,387 unique individuals connected at least once to Plenary Talks. Typically, between 1,000 and 1,500 participants were connected simultaneously during Plenary sessions

#### **Neutrino 2020 Slack Channels**

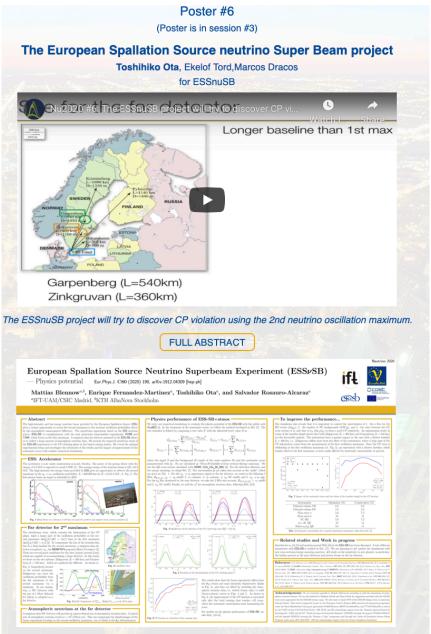
- The Slack platform was used to facilitate offline discussions.
- Slack discussions regarding a talk often started during the talk. Unanswered questions from Chat were added to the appropriate Slack channel at the end of a talk.
- Speakers were encouraged to respond to questions posted on Slack.
- Neutrino 2020 participants posted 23,078 Slack messages.



#### **Neutrino 2020 Posters**

- 532 Posters were presented in four poster sessions.
- Poster presenters were encouraged to upload two-minute videos describing their work to YouTube.
- Poster videos were viewed 5,800 times.
- Posters were also displayed as .pdf files on the Conference website and as billboards via the Virtual Reality.

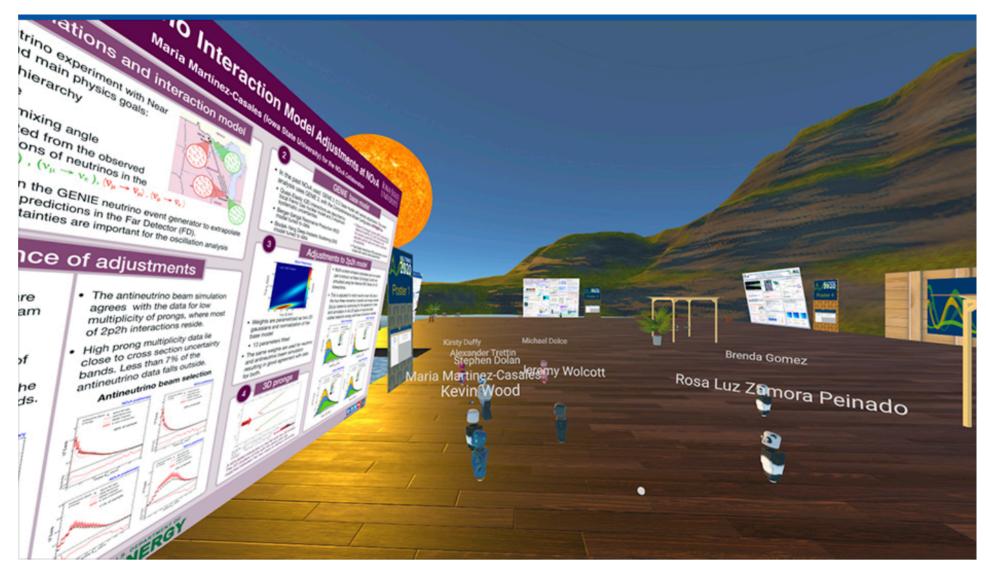
### **Sample Poster**



#### **Neutrino 2020 Virtual Reality**

- Four Poster Sessions encouraged access to posters via Virtual Reality (VR).
- The VR platform hosted 3,409 unique visitors.
- Upon entry to the VR, visitors were assigned an avatar, which they could optionally customize.
- Five posters were displayed in each of 30 rooms. Additional rooms were assigned for discussions or tours of Chicago or Fermilab.
- Visitors were able to move around within or between rooms.
  When a visitor's avatar approached other avatars, the visitors could speak and hear the other avatars' visitors. Thus a discussion was enabled among visitors whose avatars were proximate.

### **Neutrino 2020 Virtual Reality (CERN Courier)**



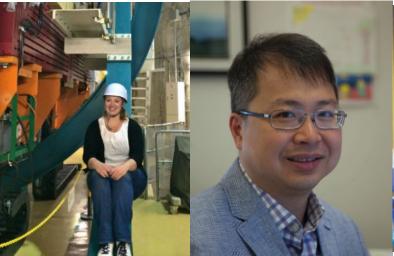
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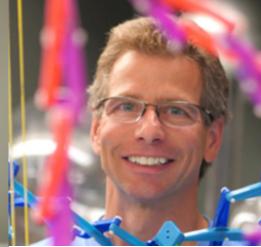
#### Neutrino 2020 zooms into virtual reality



### **Neutrino 2020 Physics Slam (Public Outreach)**







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- Thursday, 2 July 2020, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm CDT (GMT-5)
- Sponsored by Chicago Council on Science and Technology and Fermilab
- Link from Neutrino 2020 Home Page (<a href="https://www.c2st.org/event/neutrino-2020-physics-slam/">https://www.c2st.org/event/neutrino-2020-physics-slam/</a>)
- Free advance registration on Physics Slam Home Page is required (optional donation)

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