

Beyond the Standard Model Physics Opportunities with DUNE

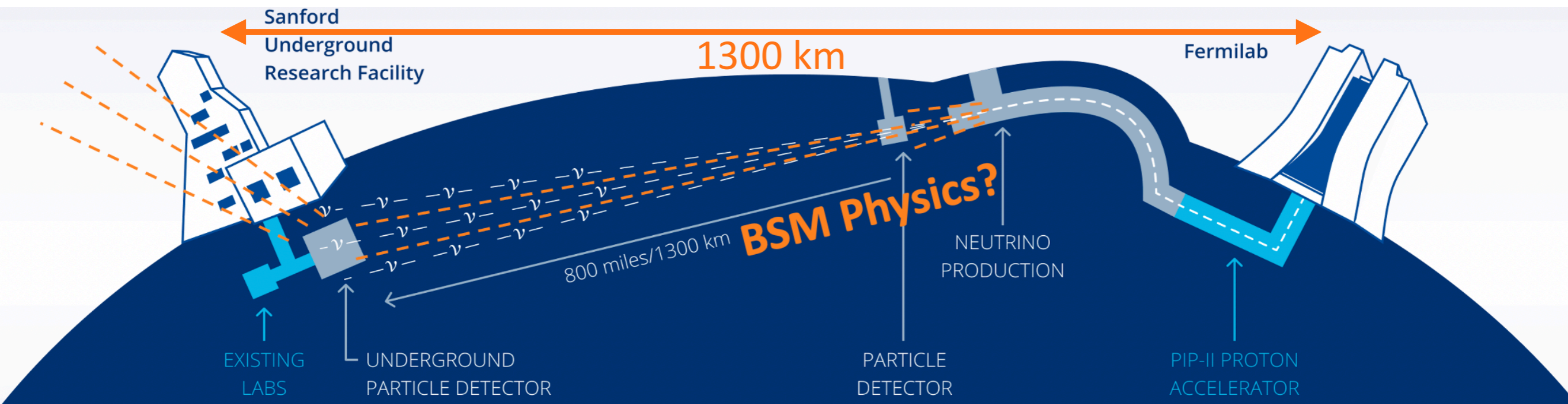
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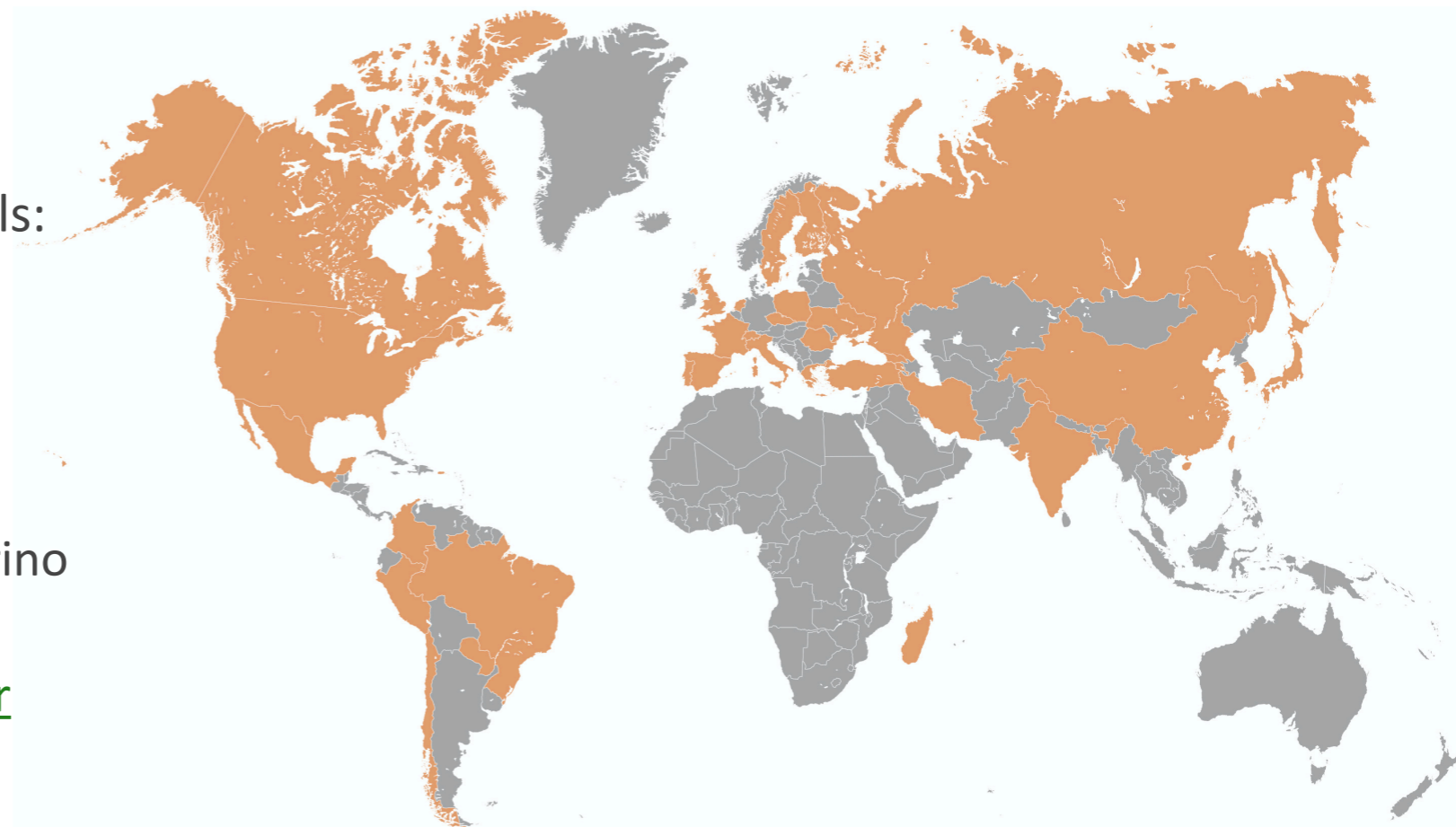


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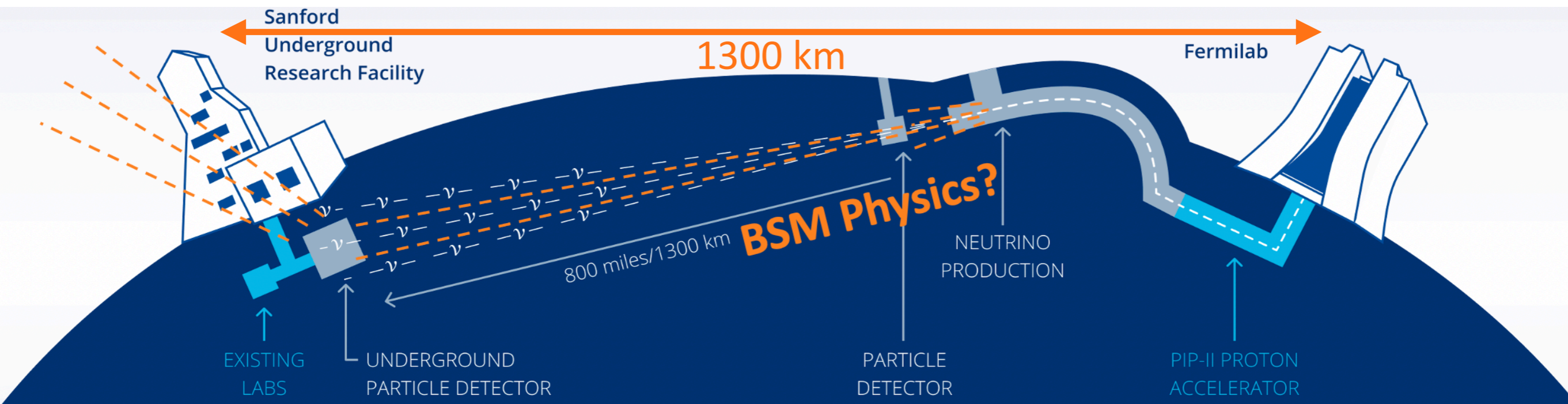




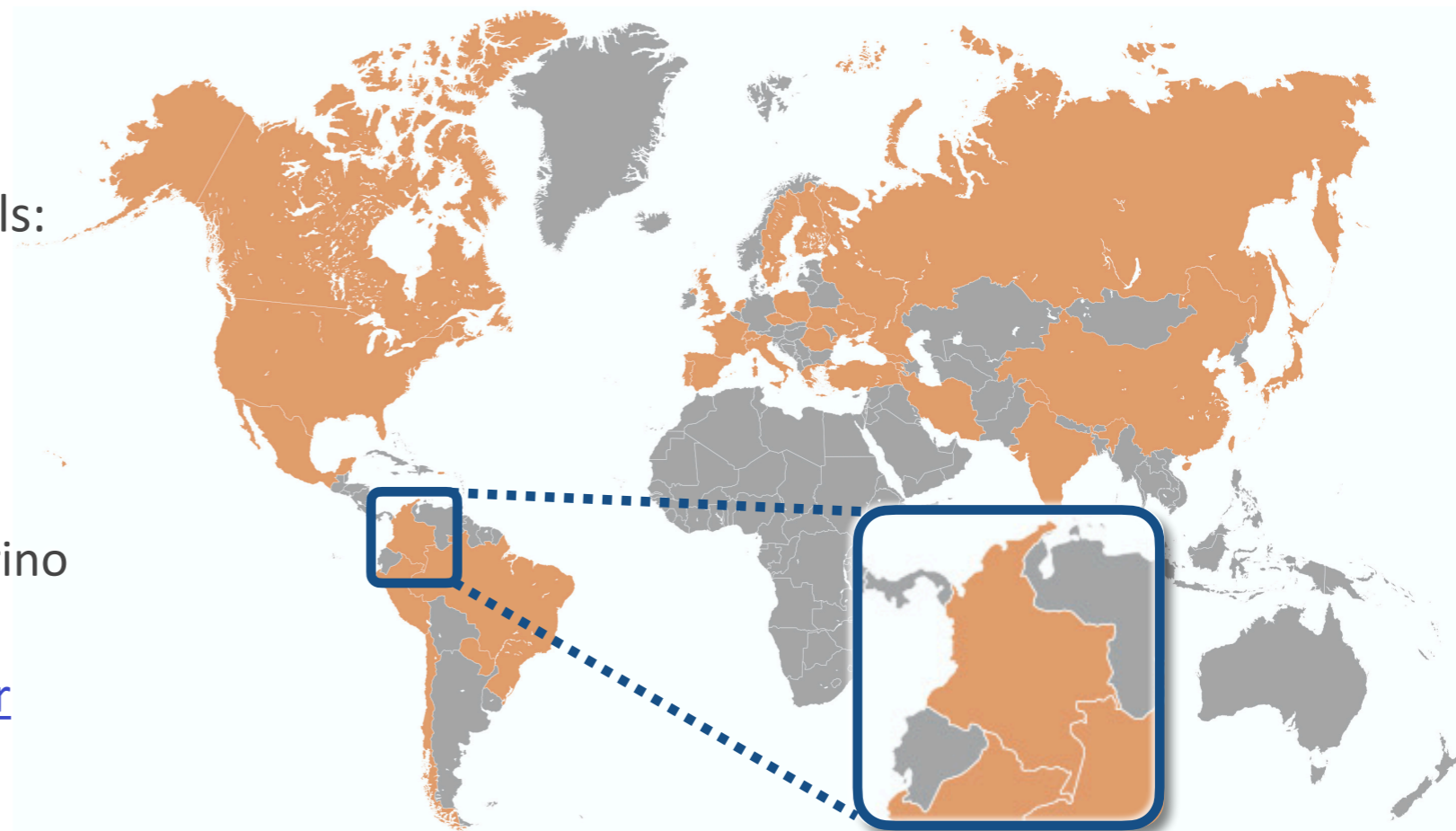
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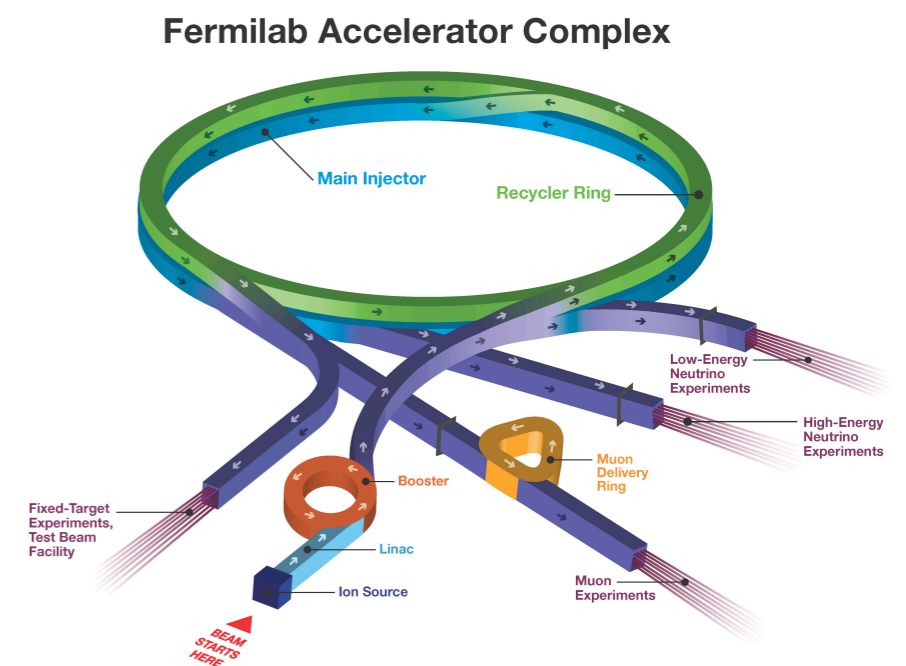
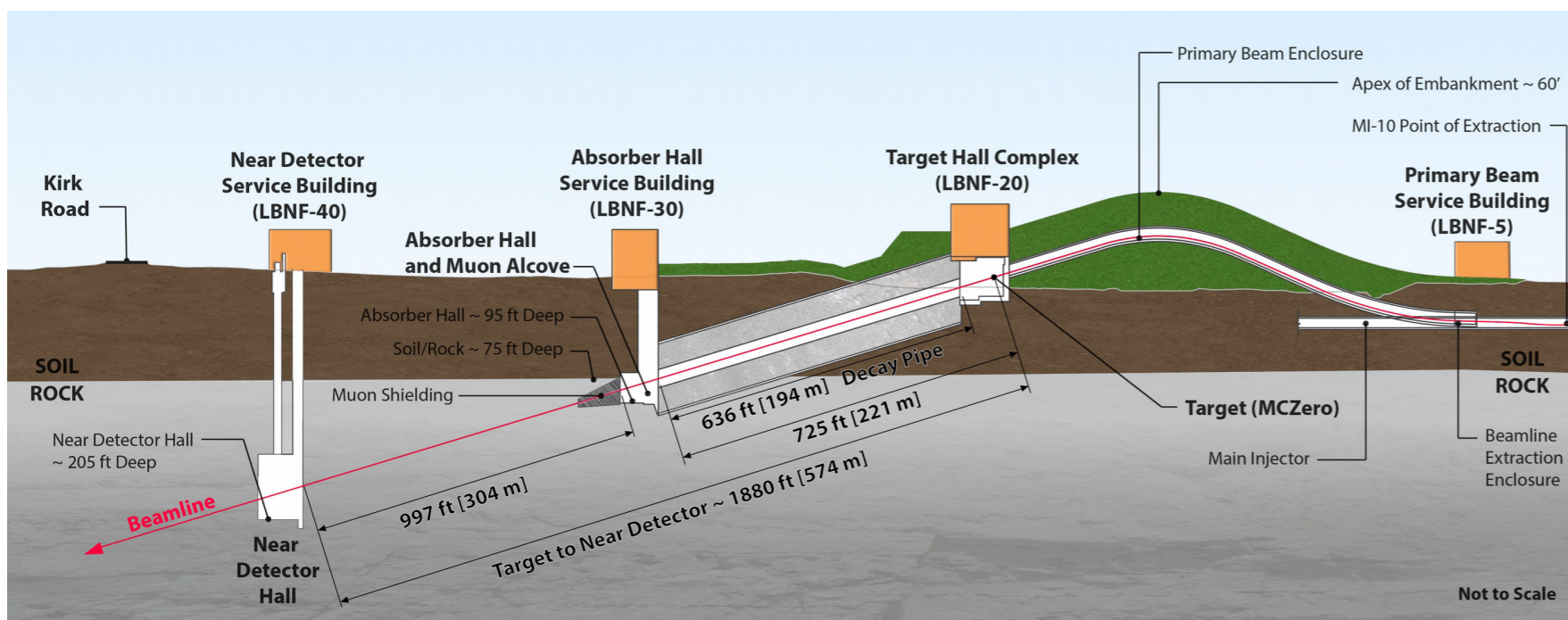
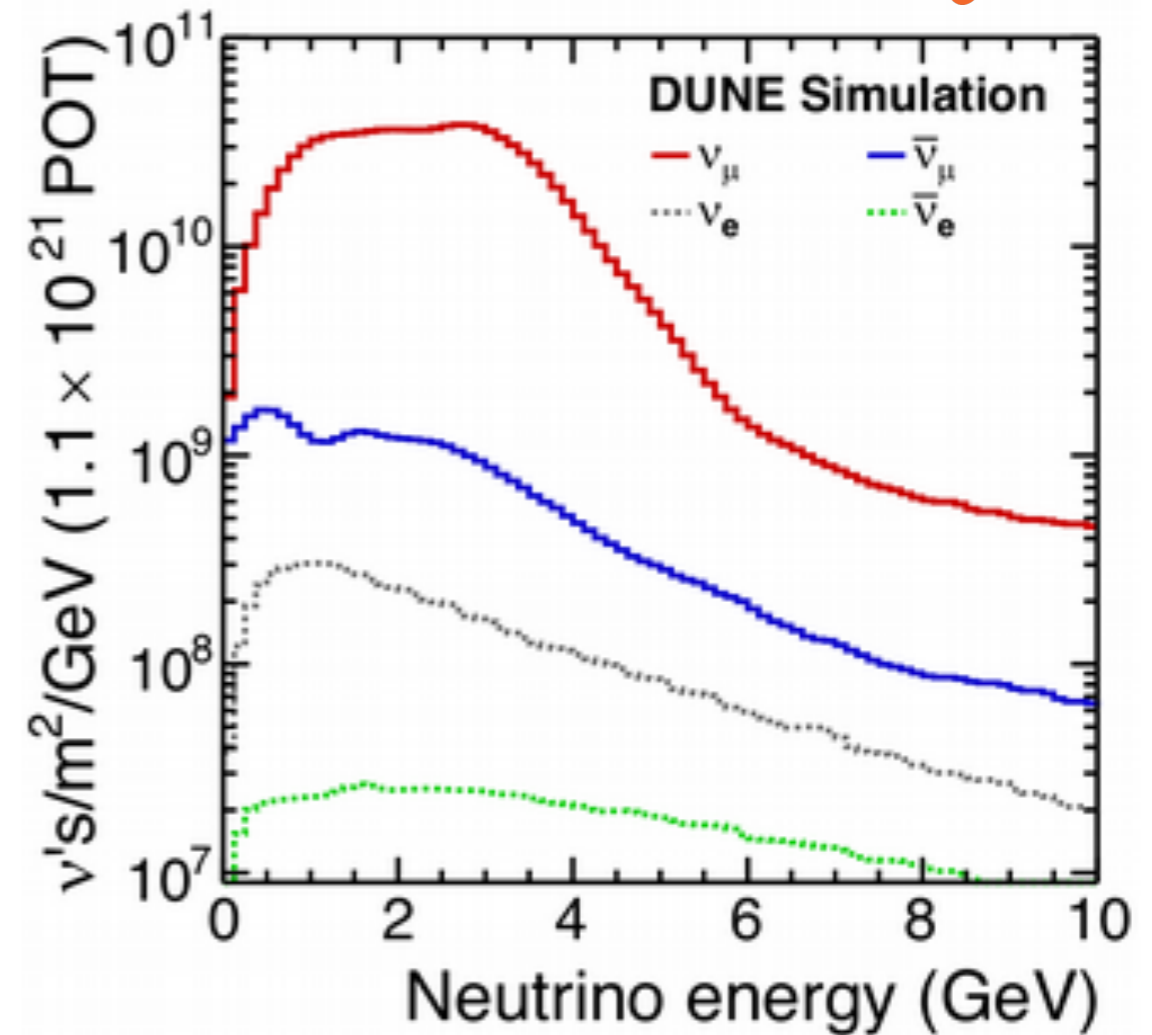


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The LBNF Beamline



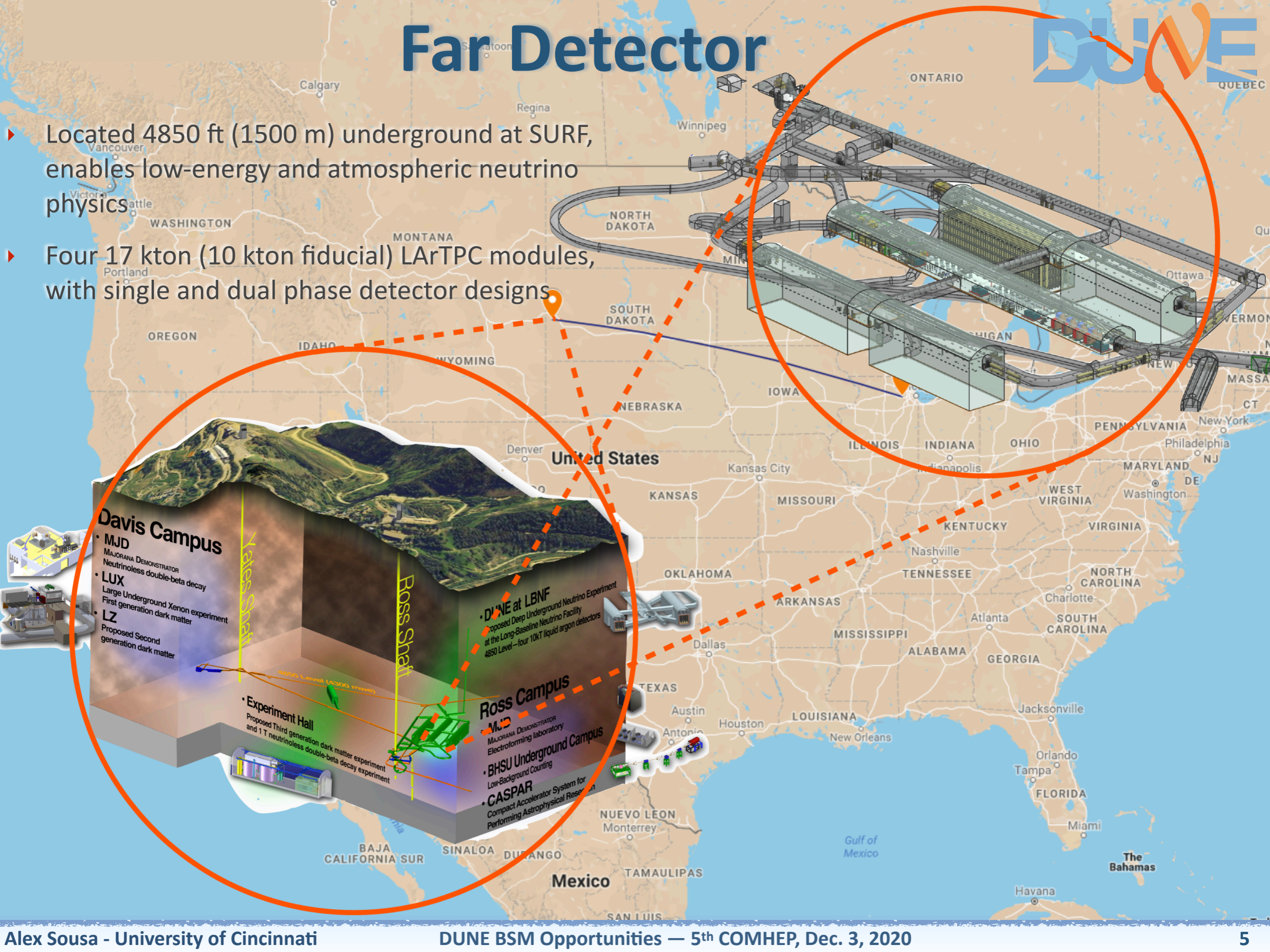
- ▶ The new LBNF (Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility) neutrino beam will use 60-120 GeV protons from Fermilab's Main Injector
- ▶ Initial nominal power of 1.2 MW ($\sim 10^{21}$ protons-on-target/year), upgradeable to > 2 MW
- ▶ Can run in Neutrino (FHC) and Antineutrino (RHC) modes by switching polarity of magnetic horns
- ▶ Wideband beam enables use of second osc. maximum and enhances probing of new BSM phenomena



Far Detector



- ▶ Located 4850 ft (1500 m) underground at SURF, enables low-energy and atmospheric neutrino physics
- ▶ Four 17 kton (10 kton fiducial) LArTPC modules, with single and dual phase detector designs



Davis Campus

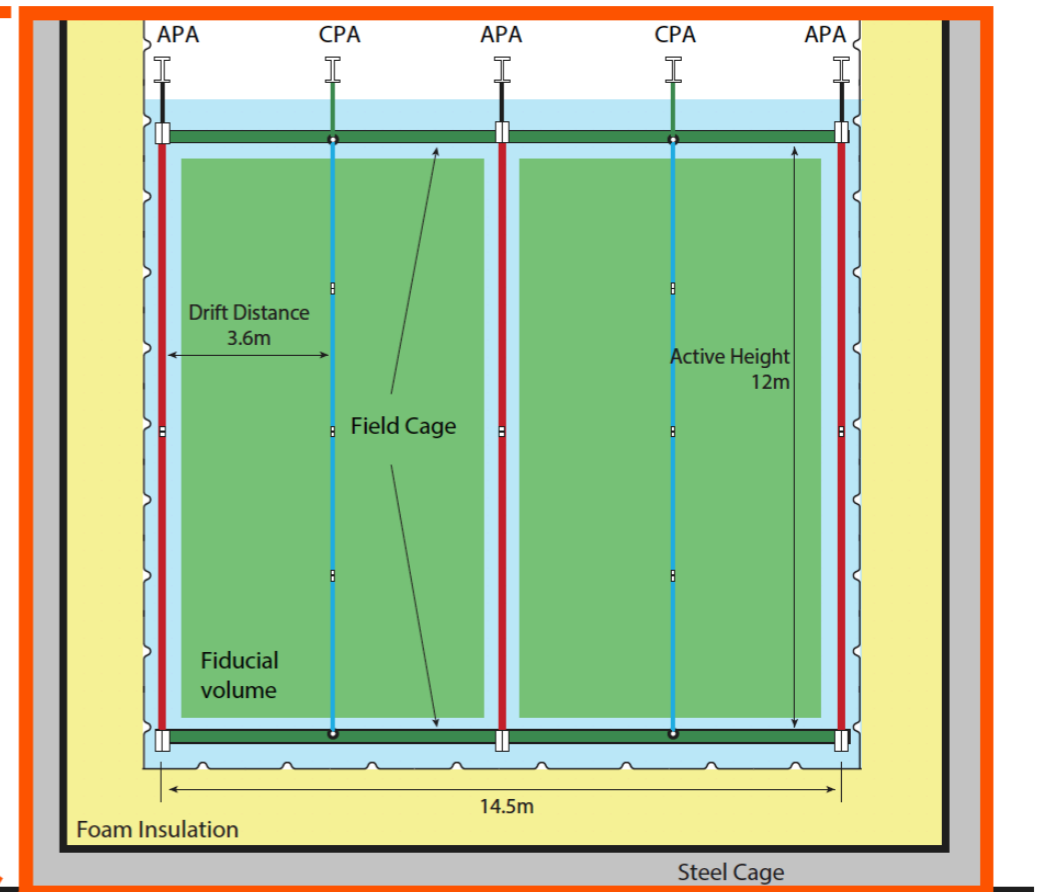
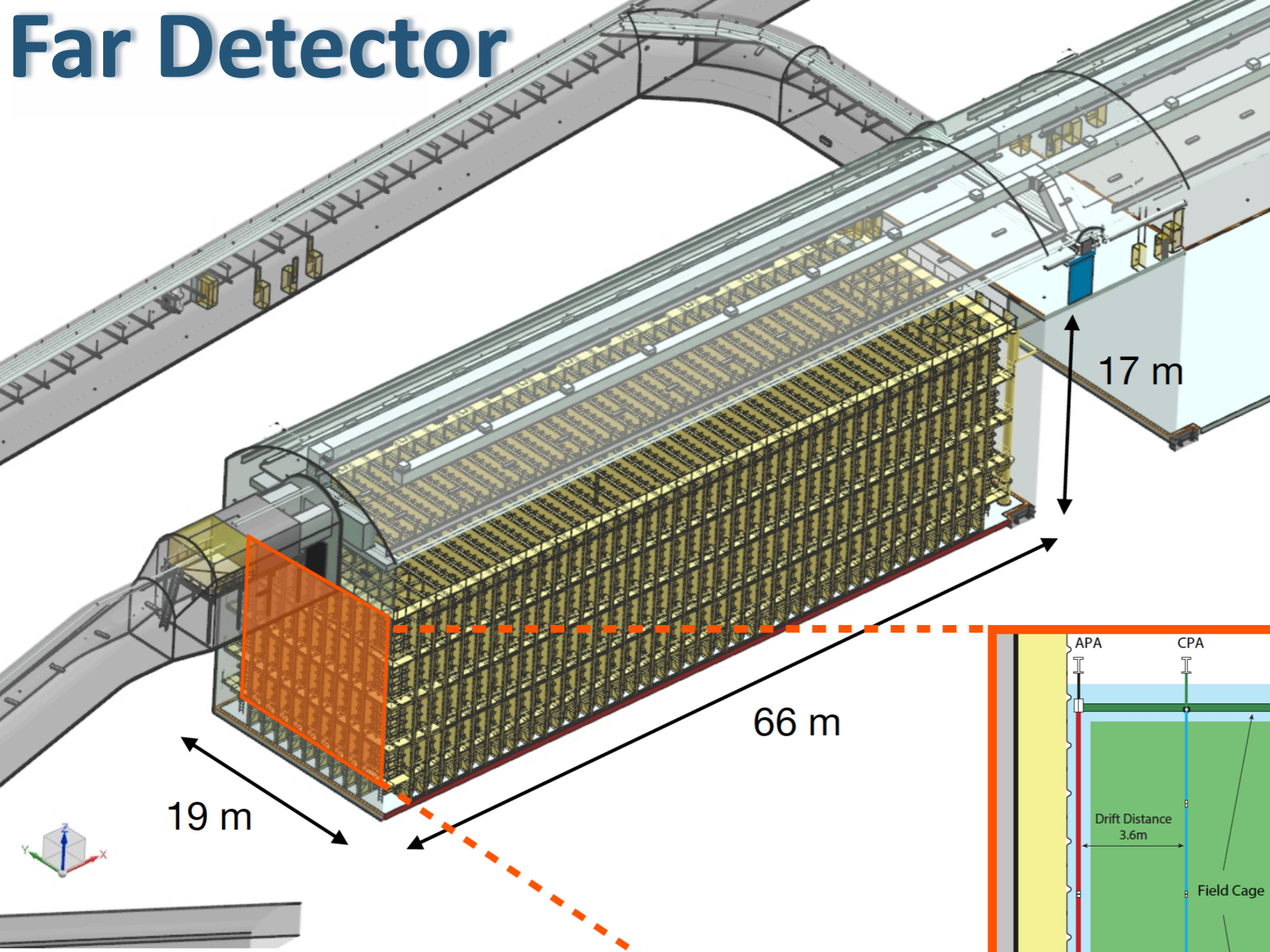
- MJD
MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR
Neutrinoless double-beta decay
- LUX
Large Underground Xenon experiment
First generation dark matter
- LZ
Proposed Second generation dark matter

Ross Campus

- MJD
MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR
Electroforming laboratory
- BHSU Underground Campus
Low-Background Counting
- CASPAR
Compact Accelerator System for
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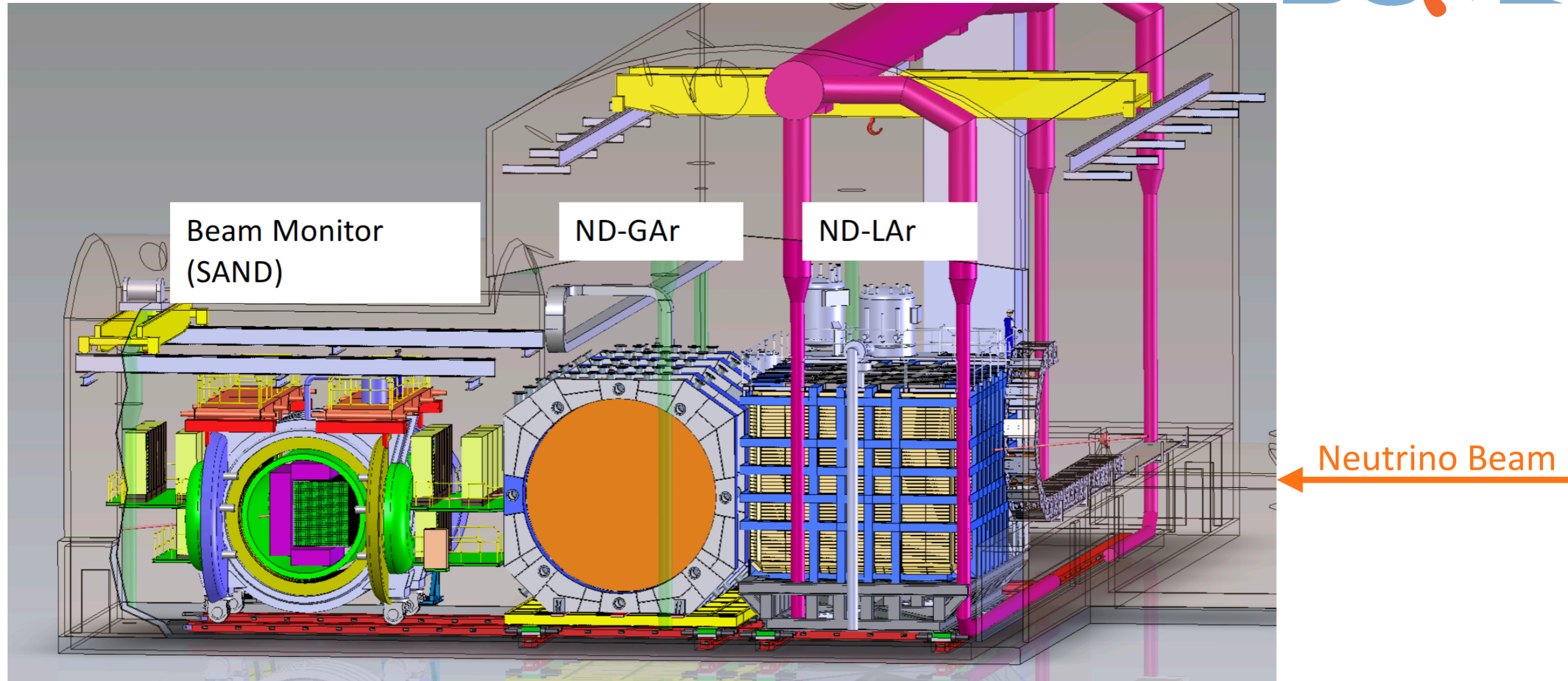
- Experiment Hall
Proposed Third generation dark matter experiment
and 1 T neutrinoless double-beta decay experiment

Far Detector



- ▶ Single-phase 17 kton (10 kton fiducial) LArTPC module
- ▶ Far site pre-excavation underway since 2017
- ▶ Cavern excavation will require moving 800 000 tons of rock to surface!

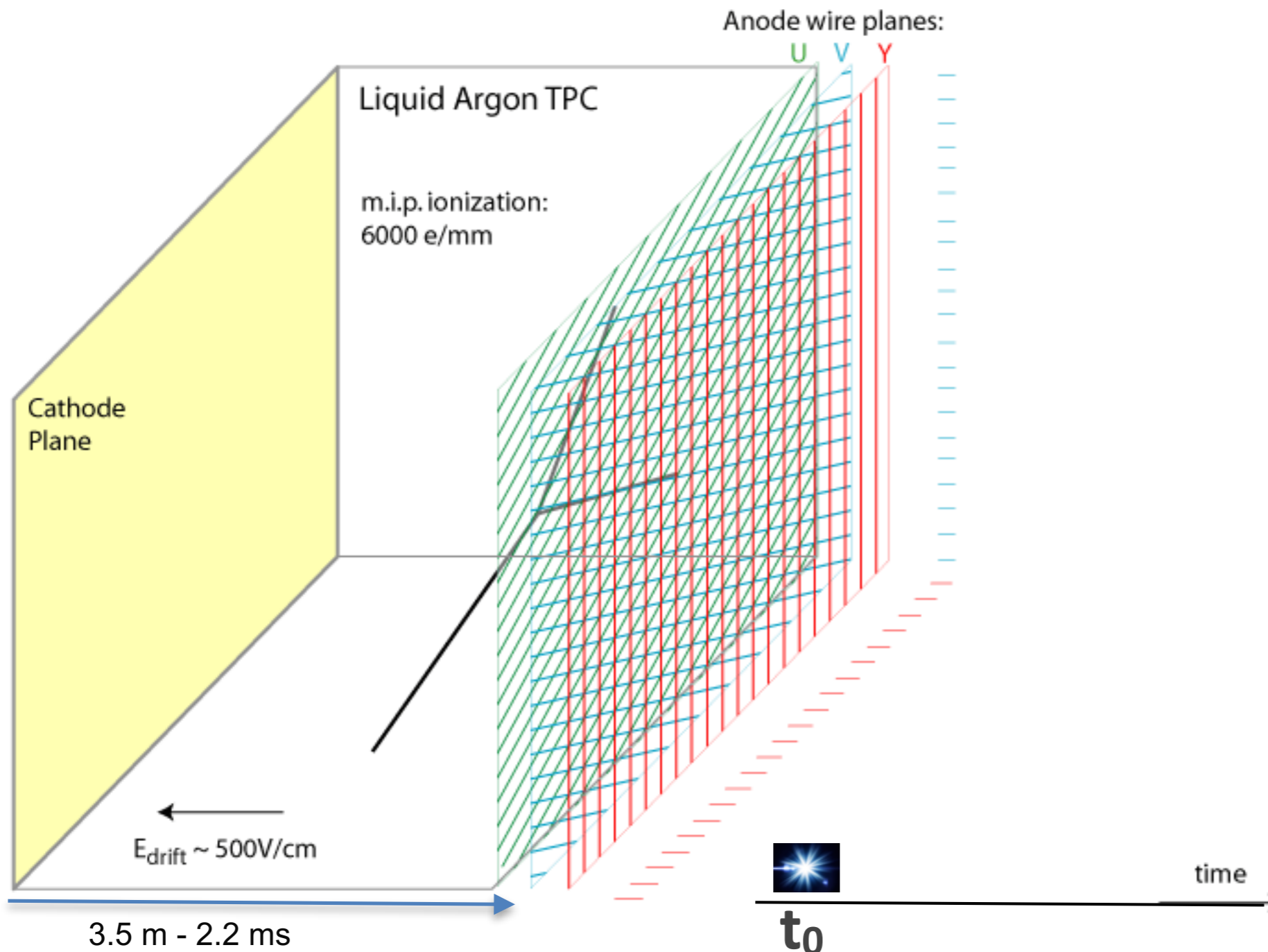
Near Detector Complex



- ▶ Located 574 m downstream of production target
- ▶ ND-LAr: modular, pixelated LArTPC
 - ⦿ Acts as primary target and is most similar to FD (both contain LAr)
- ▶ ND-GAr: high-pressure GArTPC surrounded by ECAL and magnet
 - ⦿ Constrains nuclear interaction model; muon spectrometer
- ▶ SAND: tracker surrounded by ECAL and magnet
 - ⦿ On-axis monitor of beam spectrum
- ▶ ND-LAr/ND-GAr can move off-axis (DUNE-PRISM)
- ▶ $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ million/year})$ neutrino interactions will enable rich non-oscillation physics program

LArTPC Detector Technology

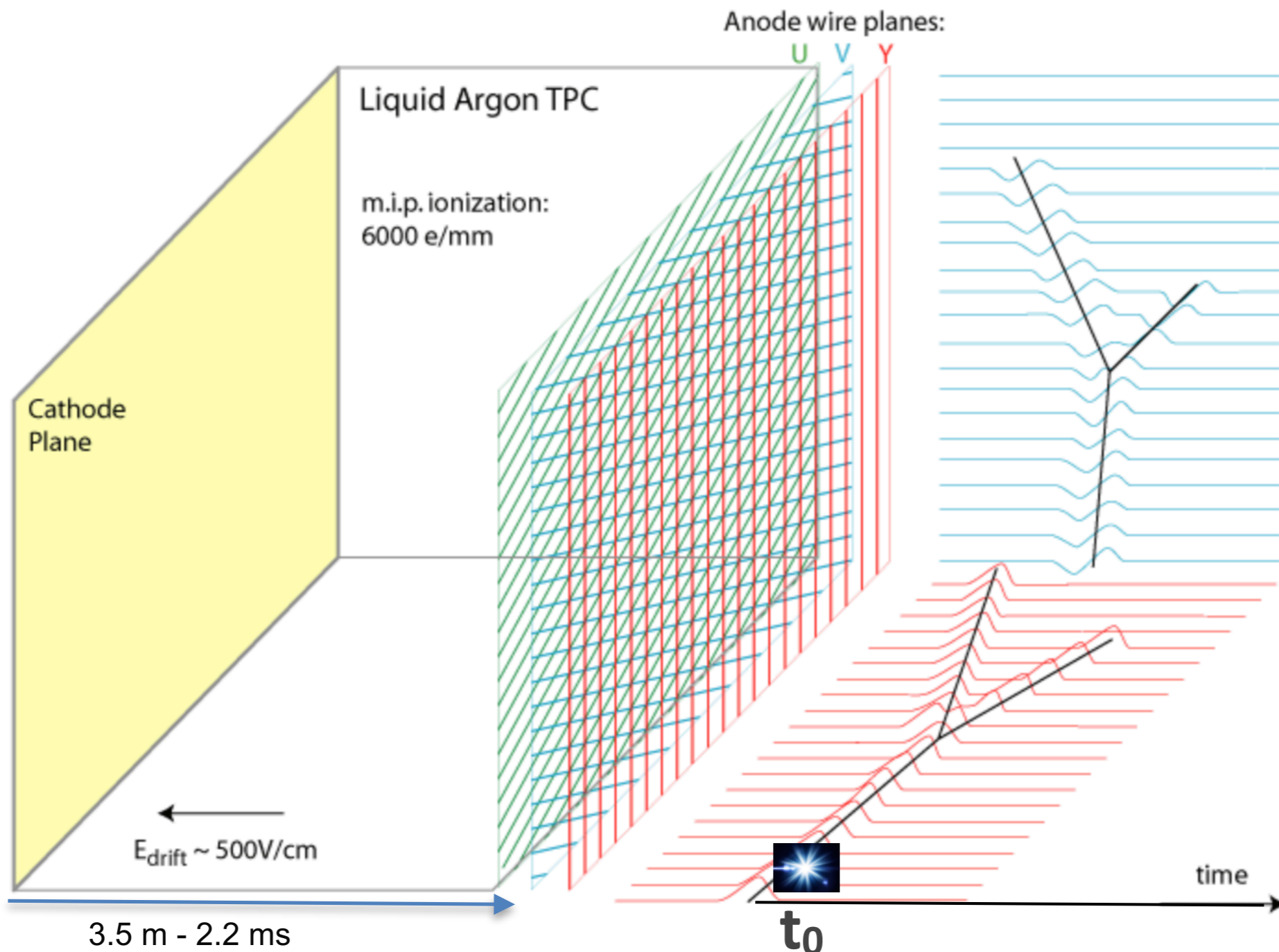
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 - ◉ Critical to have ultra-high LAr purity, and a uniform and stable electric field



- ▶ Energy release from charged particles in LAr:
 - ◉ free electron charge (TPC)
 - ◉ scintillation light (PD)
- ▶ Photon detection for triggering and t_0 determination

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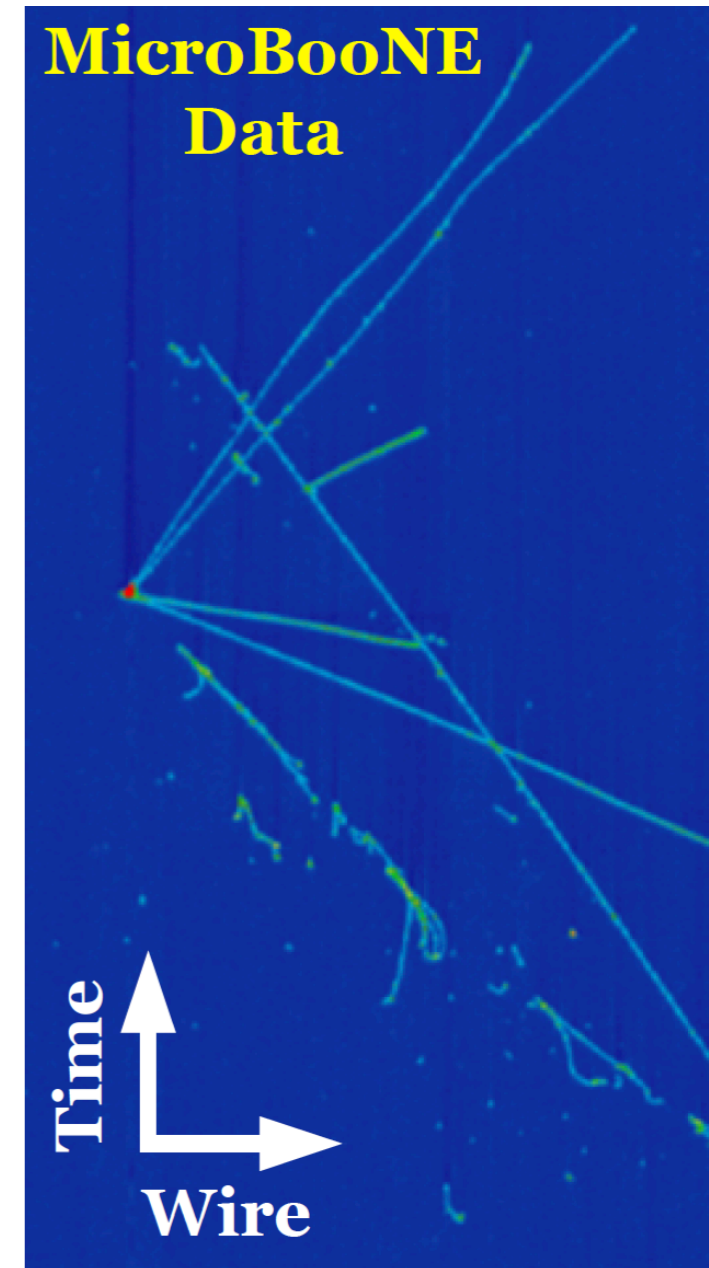
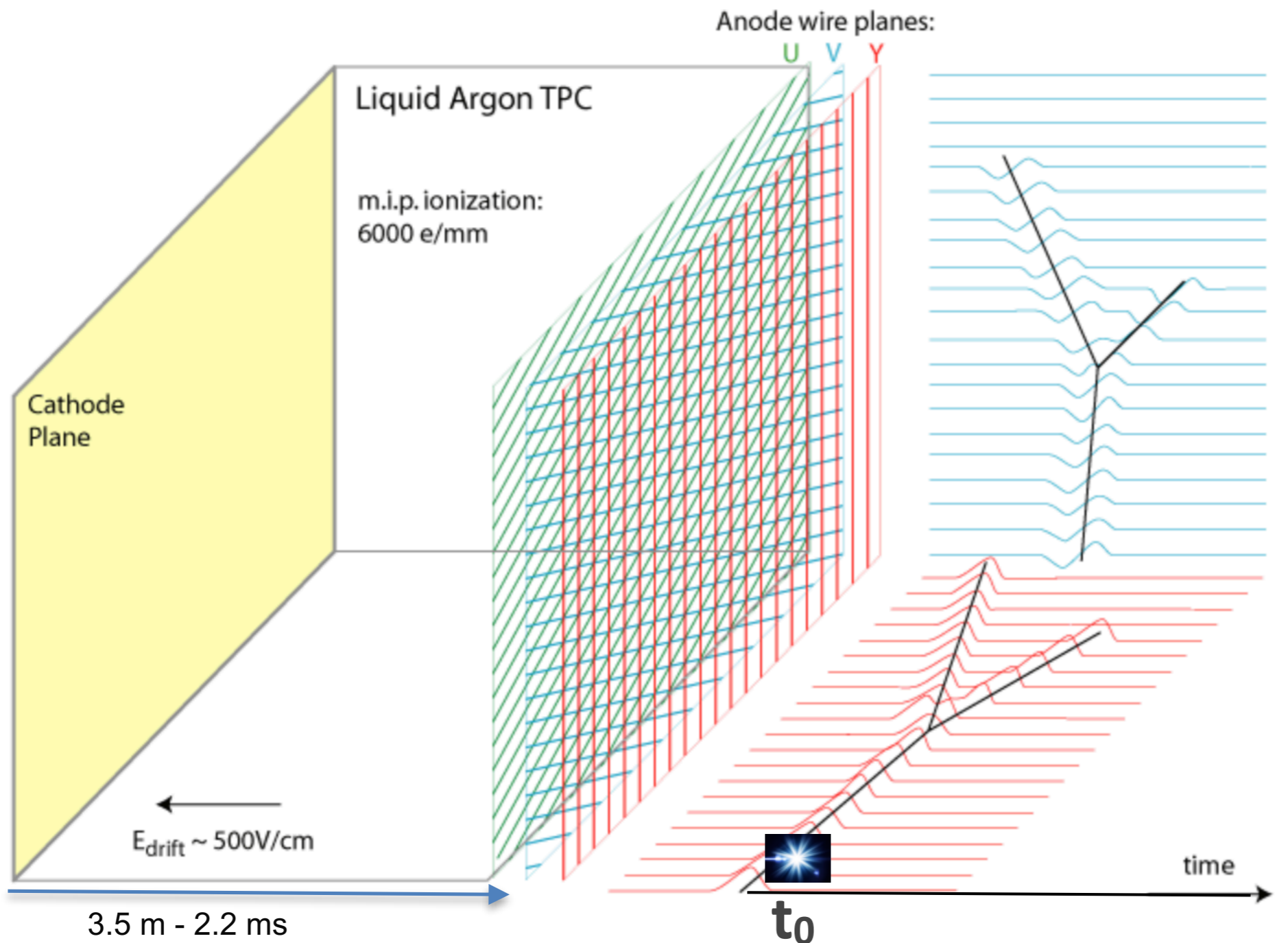
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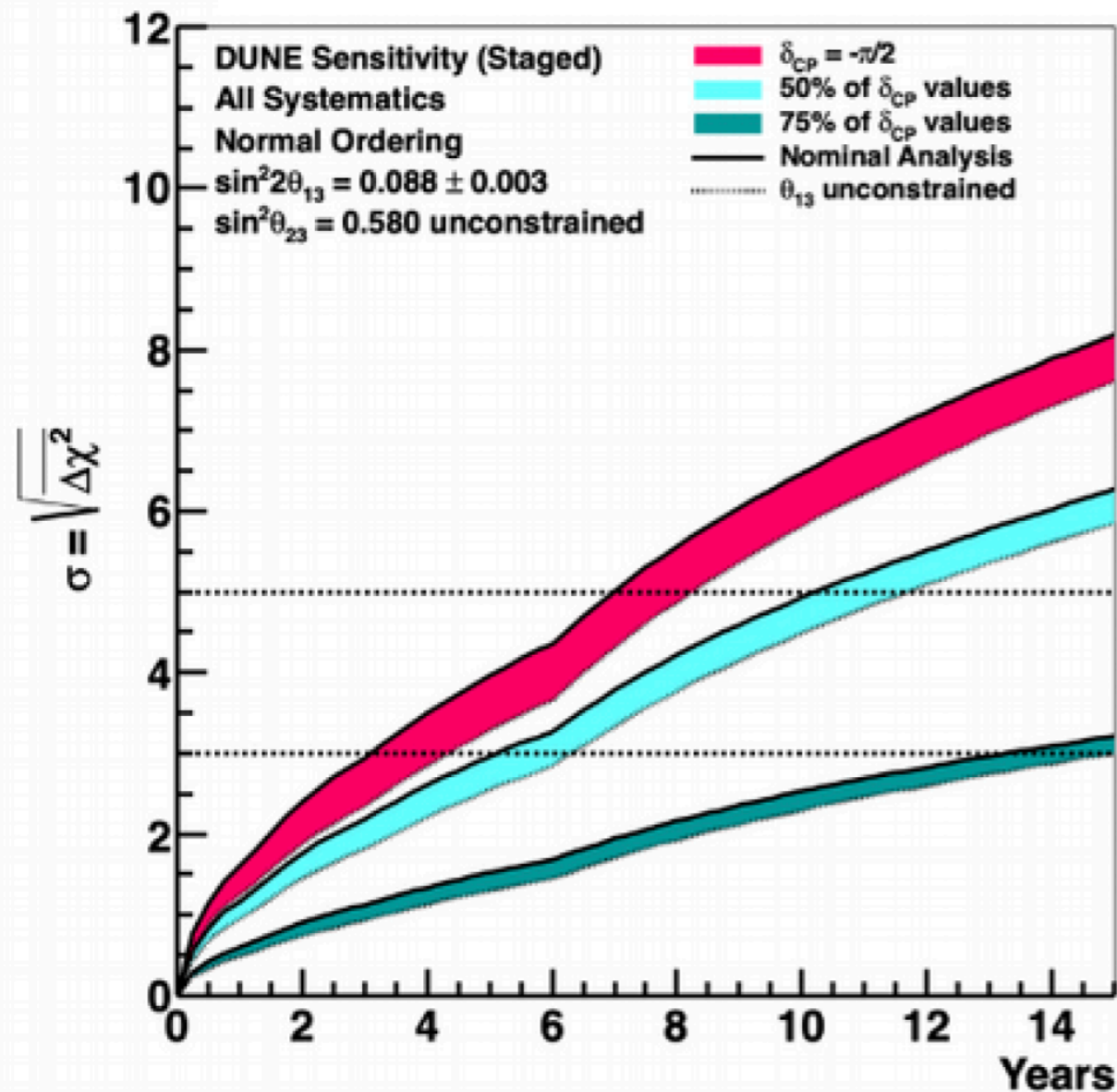
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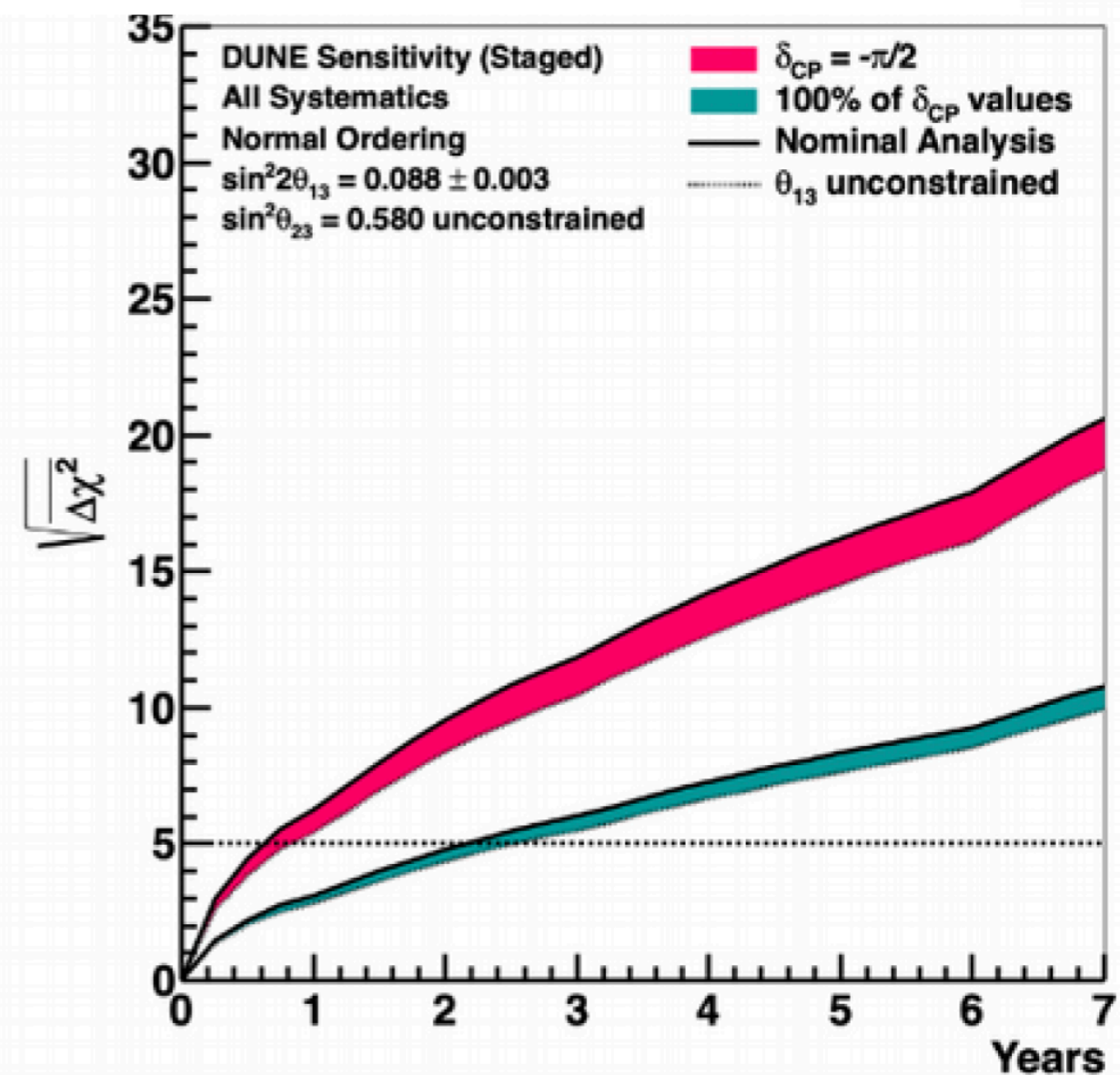
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CP Violation Sensitivity



Mass Ordering Sensitivity

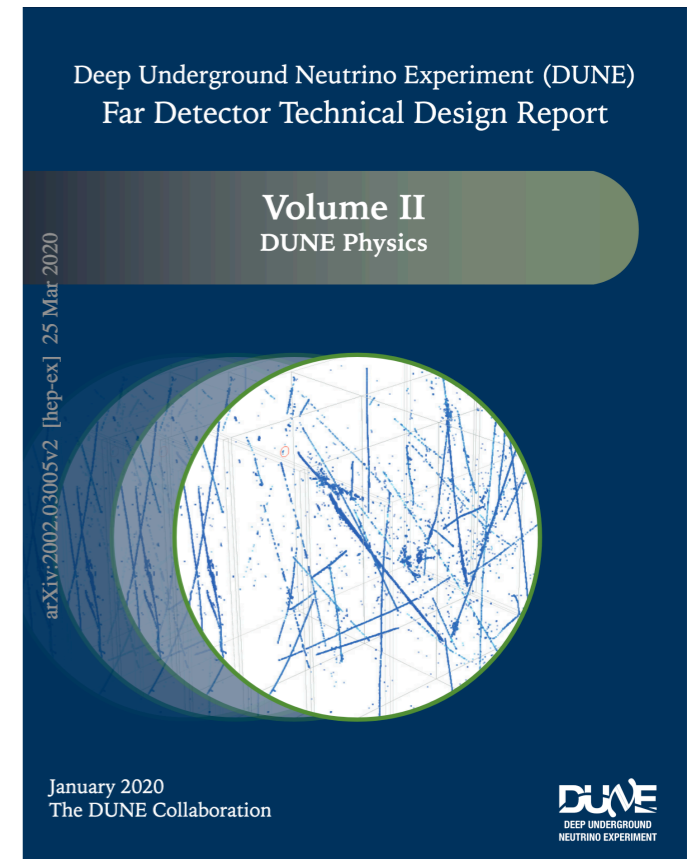


- ▶ CP violation discovery if true $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$ in ~ 7 years (staged)
- ▶ CP violation discovery for 50% of true δ_{CP} values in ~ 10 years
- ▶ Unambiguous determination of neutrino mass ordering within first few years

BSM Physics Topics Being Studied

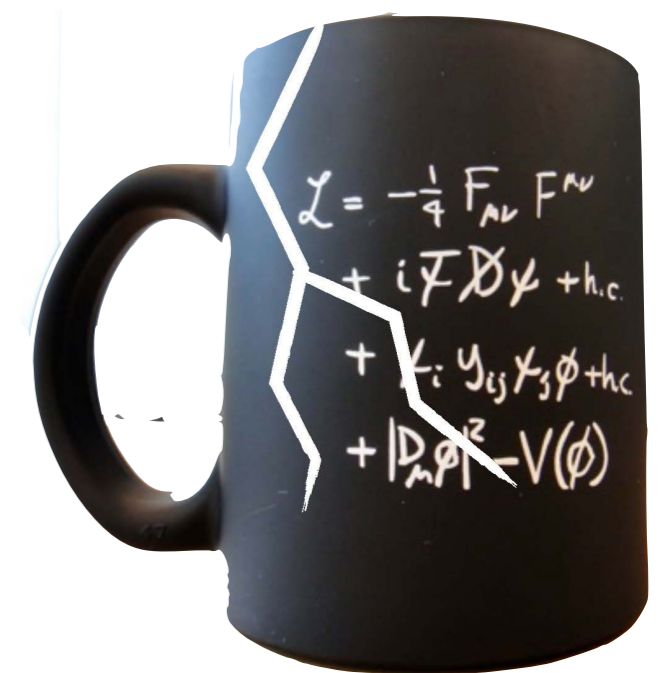
- ▶ Non-standard short-baseline and long-baseline oscillation phenomena
 - ◉ Mixing with light sterile neutrinos
 - ◉ Large extra-dimensions
 - ◉ Non-standard neutrino interactions
 - ◉ CPT violation
 - ◉ Non-unitarity of the mixing matrix*
- ▶ Searches for new phenomena/particles at the ND
 - ◉ Low-mass dark matter
 - ◉ Neutrino trident interactions
 - ◉ Heavy neutral leptons
- ▶ Searches for new phenomena at the FD benefitting from its large mass and resolution
 - ◉ ν_τ physics
 - ◉ Inelastic boosted dark matter from the galactic core
 - ◉ Boosted dark matter from the Sun*
 - ◉ Nucleon decay*

*Not discussed in this talk

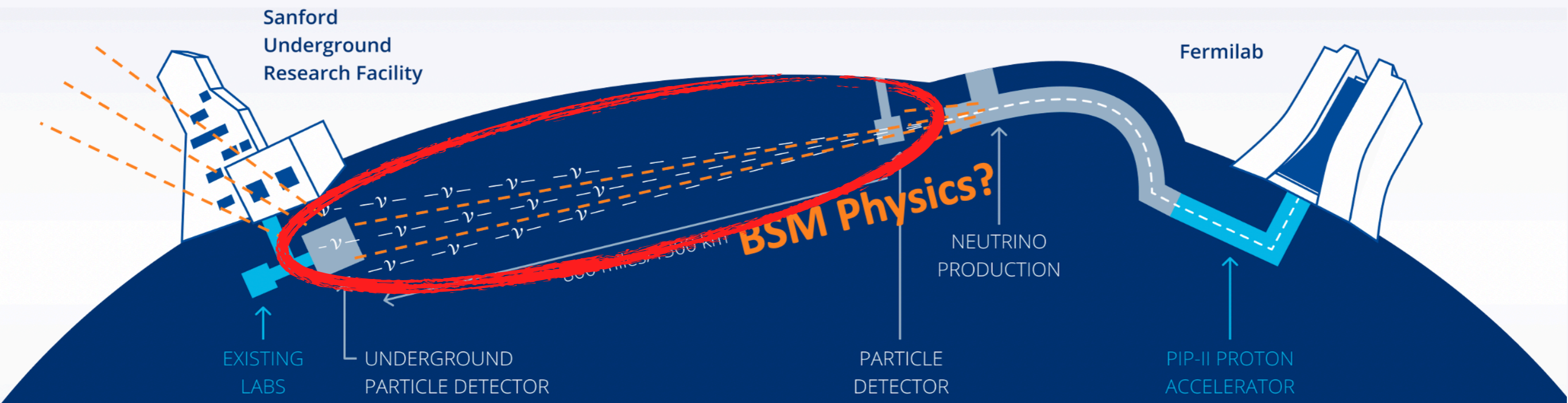


[Far Detector Technical Design Report](#)

[DUNE BSM Paper, arXiv:2002.03005, submitted to EPJ C](#)



Non-standard SBL and LBL neutrino oscillations

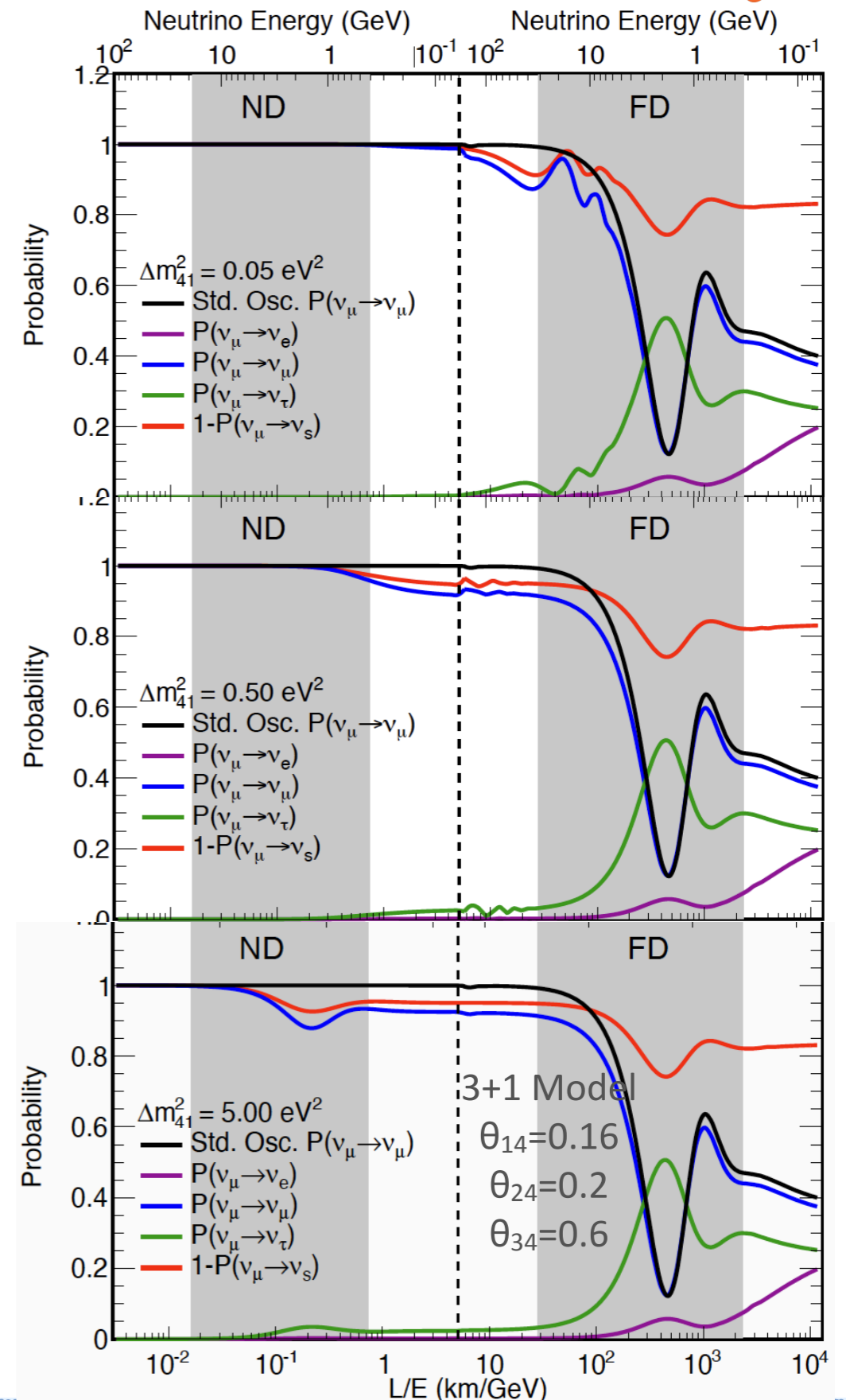


Light Sterile Neutrinos

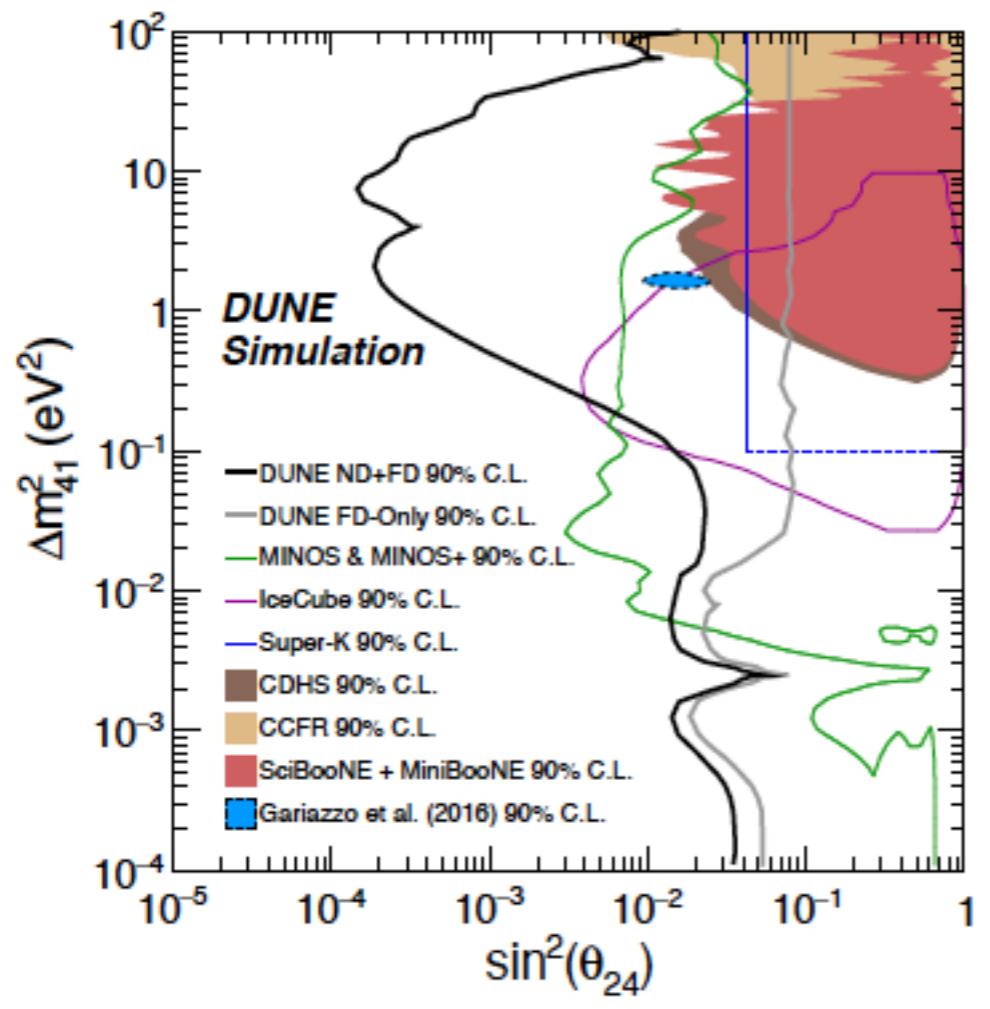


- ▶ Oscillations between active and new light sterile neutrino states would distort standard oscillation probabilities
 - DUNE will be sensitive to this effect through the combined analysis of the ν_μ and ν_e spectra from both the near and far detectors.
 - DUNE may also probe nonstandard ν_τ appearance in the near detector or use the atmospheric sample from the far detector.

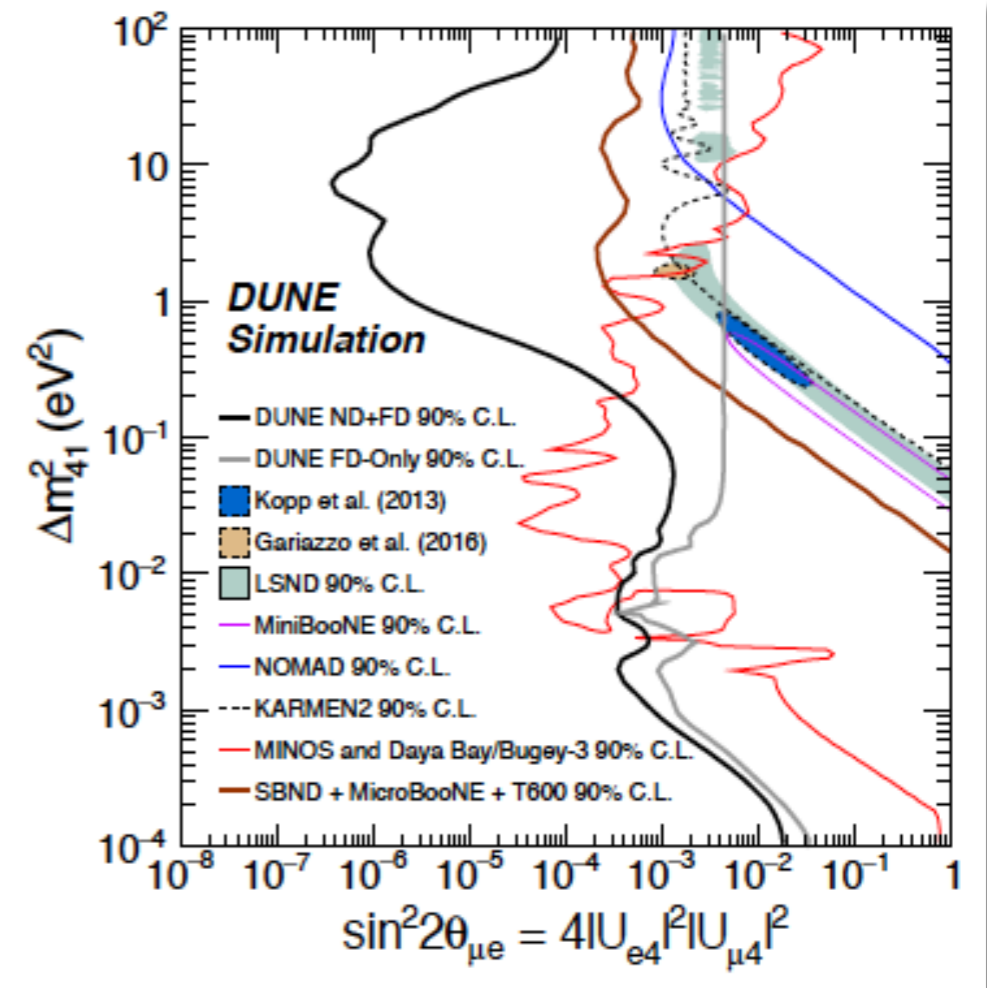
- ▶ Plots show distortions of standard oscillation probabilities for different values of Δm_{41}^2
 - **Small Δm_{41}^2** : slow oscillations visible at FD only
 - **Intermediate Δm_{41}^2** : rapid oscillations average out at FD but still not visible at ND
 - **Large Δm_{41}^2** : oscillations average out at FD and distortions are visible at the ND



Light Sterile Neutrino Sensitivities



ν_μ Disappearance



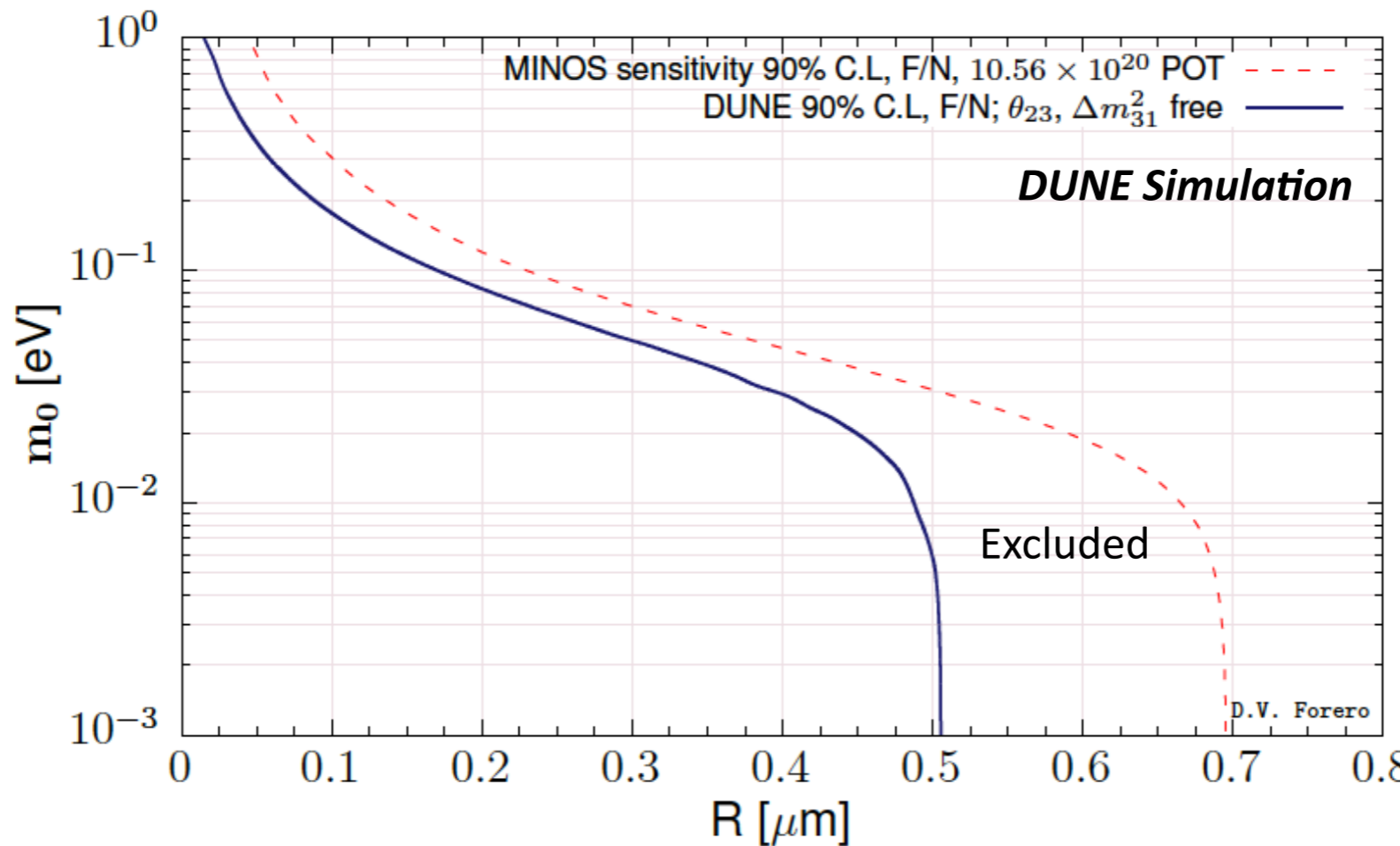
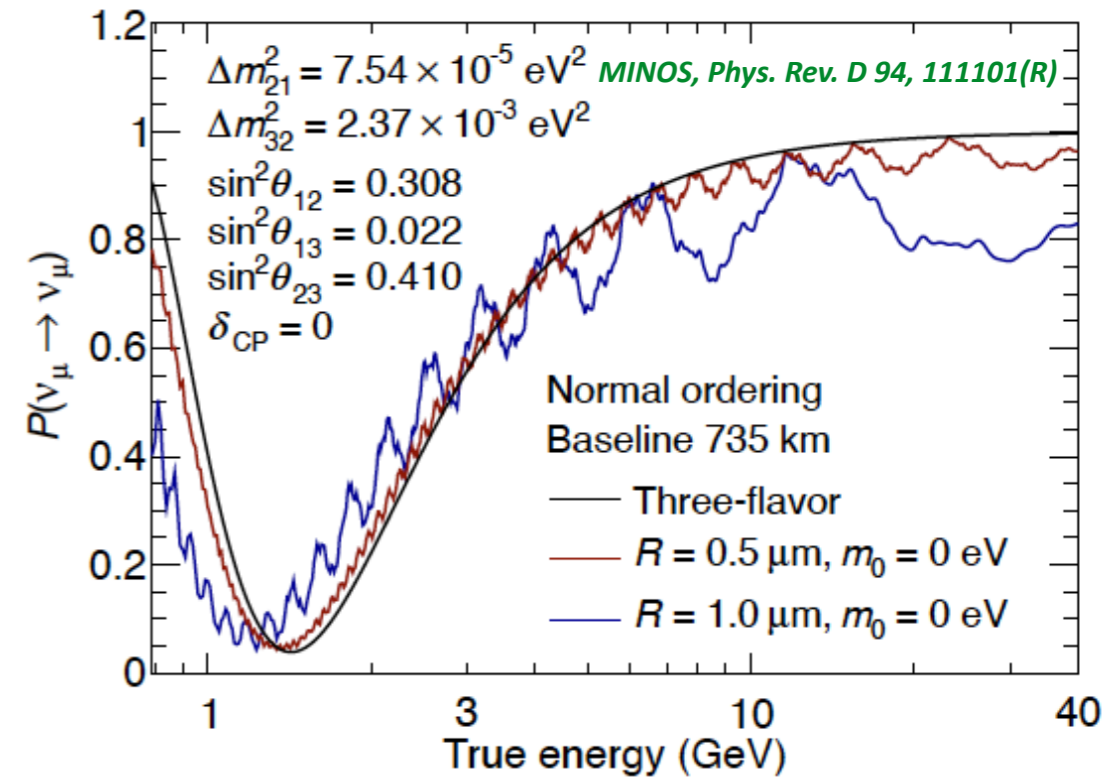
ν_e Appearance

- ▶ Assuming 300 kton.MW.year exposure (staged 7 year running) for 3+1 model with simultaneous oscillations in ND and FD implemented in GloBES
 - On its own, DUNE can probe the sterile mixing parameter space at the same level or better than present and future experiments

	θ_{24}	θ_{34}	$ U_{\mu 4} ^2$	$ U_{\tau 4} ^2$
DUNE Best-Case	1.8°	15.0°	0.001	0.067
DUNE Worst-Case	15.1°	25.5°	0.068	0.186
NOvA	20.8°	31.2°	0.126	0.268
MINOS/MINOS+	4.4°	23.6°	0.006	0.16
Super-Kamiokande	11.7°	25.1°	0.041	0.18
IceCube	4.1°	-	0.005	-
IceCube-DeepCore	19.4°	22.8°	0.11	0.15

Large Extra-Dimensions

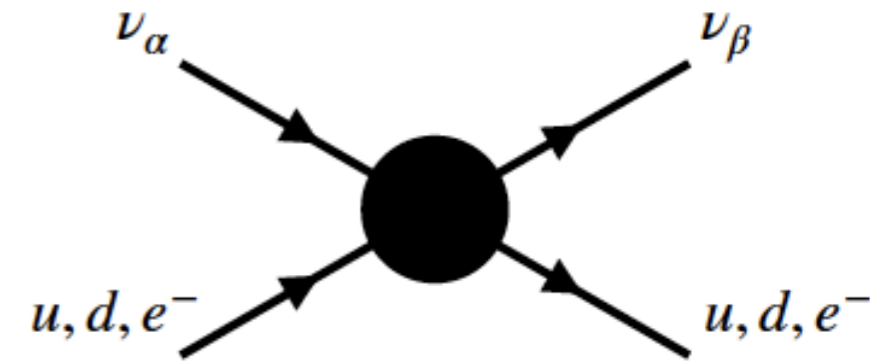
- ▶ Large Extra-Dimensions can be probed through distortions of 3-flavor oscillation pattern caused by mixing of neutrinos with Kaluza-Klein modes
 - For ADD model [*Phys.Lett. B* 429, 263-272 (1998)], assuming one large extra-dimension in the bulk, Kaluza-Klein (KK) modes in 3+1 brane behave like sterile neutrinos
 - Showing DUNE sensitivity compared to MINOS published results



Non-Standard Neutrino Interactions

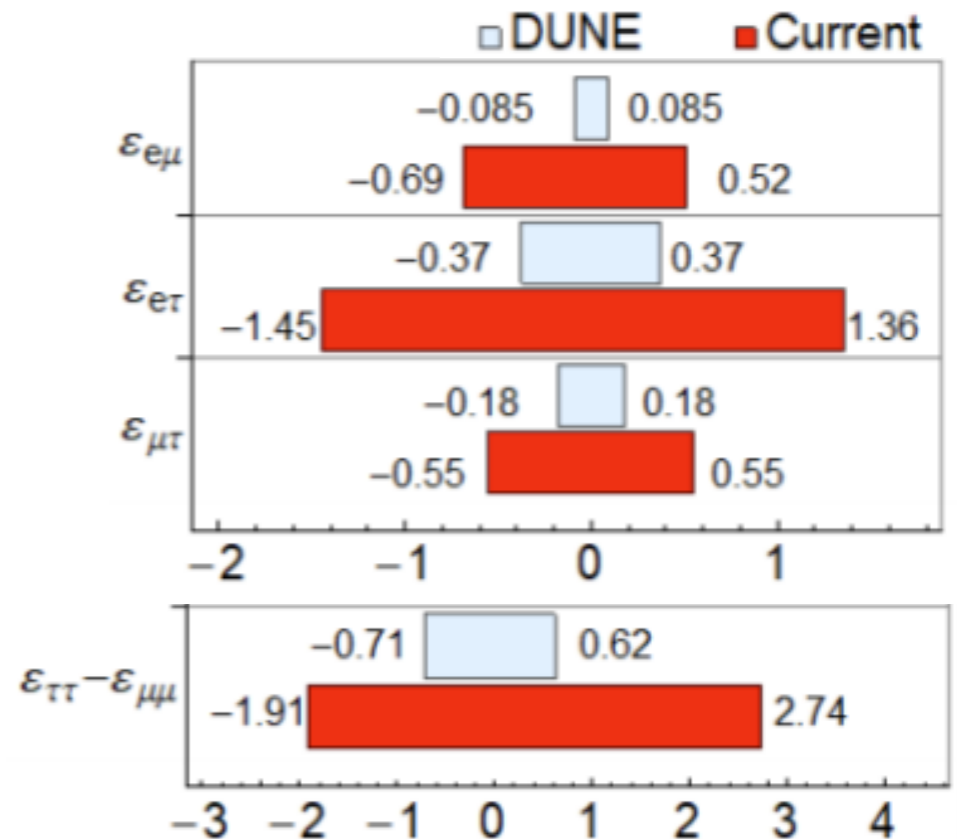
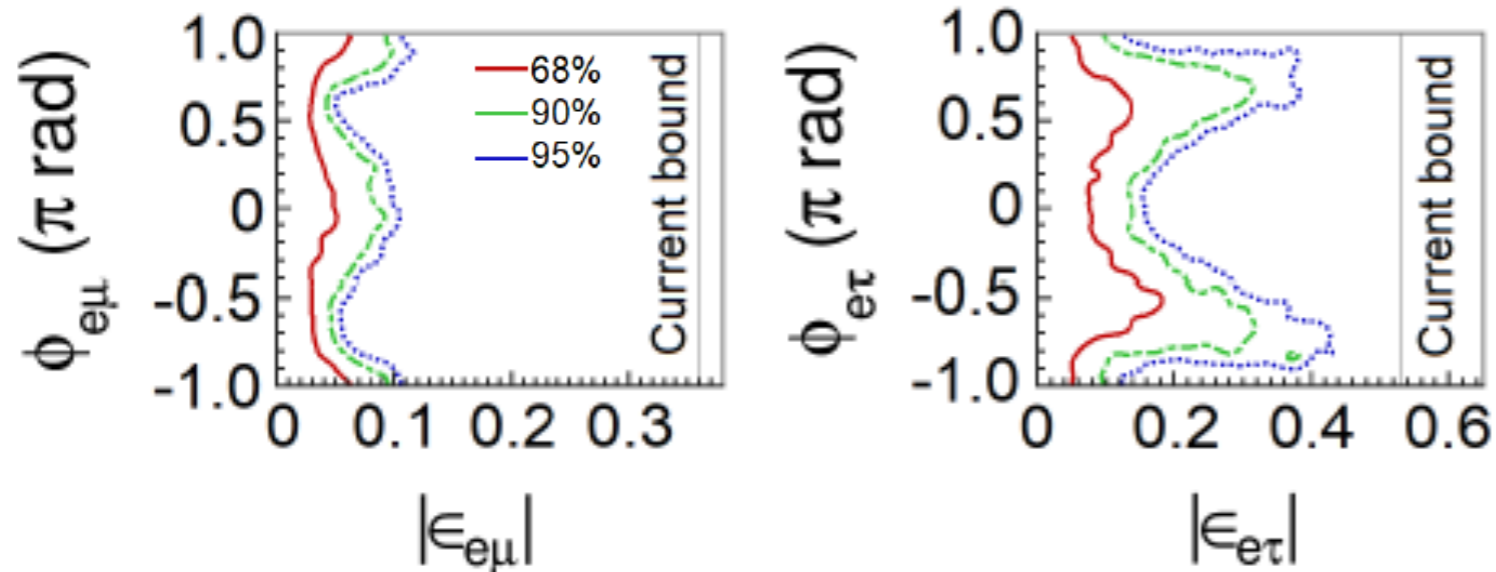


- ▶ Neutral-current non-standard interactions in propagation can be described as new contributions to the MSW effect:



$$H = U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & \Delta m_{21}^2/2E & \\ & & \Delta m_{31}^2/2E \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger + \tilde{V}_{\text{MSW}}, \quad \tilde{V}_{\text{MSW}} = \sqrt{2}G_F N_e \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \epsilon_{ee}^m & \epsilon_{e\mu}^m & \epsilon_{e\tau}^m \\ \epsilon_{e\mu}^{m*} & \epsilon_{\mu\mu}^m & \epsilon_{\mu\tau}^m \\ \epsilon_{e\tau}^{m*} & \epsilon_{\mu\tau}^{m*} & \epsilon_{\tau\tau}^m \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ DUNE may improve current constraints on $|\epsilon_{e\tau}|$ and $|\epsilon_{e\mu}|$ by at least a factor of 2



- ▶ Allowed regions for an exposure of 300kt.MW.year
Current bounds are taken from [arXiv:1307.3092]

- ▶ 90% C.L. 1D DUNE constraints compared with current constraints in [arXiv:1710.09360]

CPT Symmetry Violation

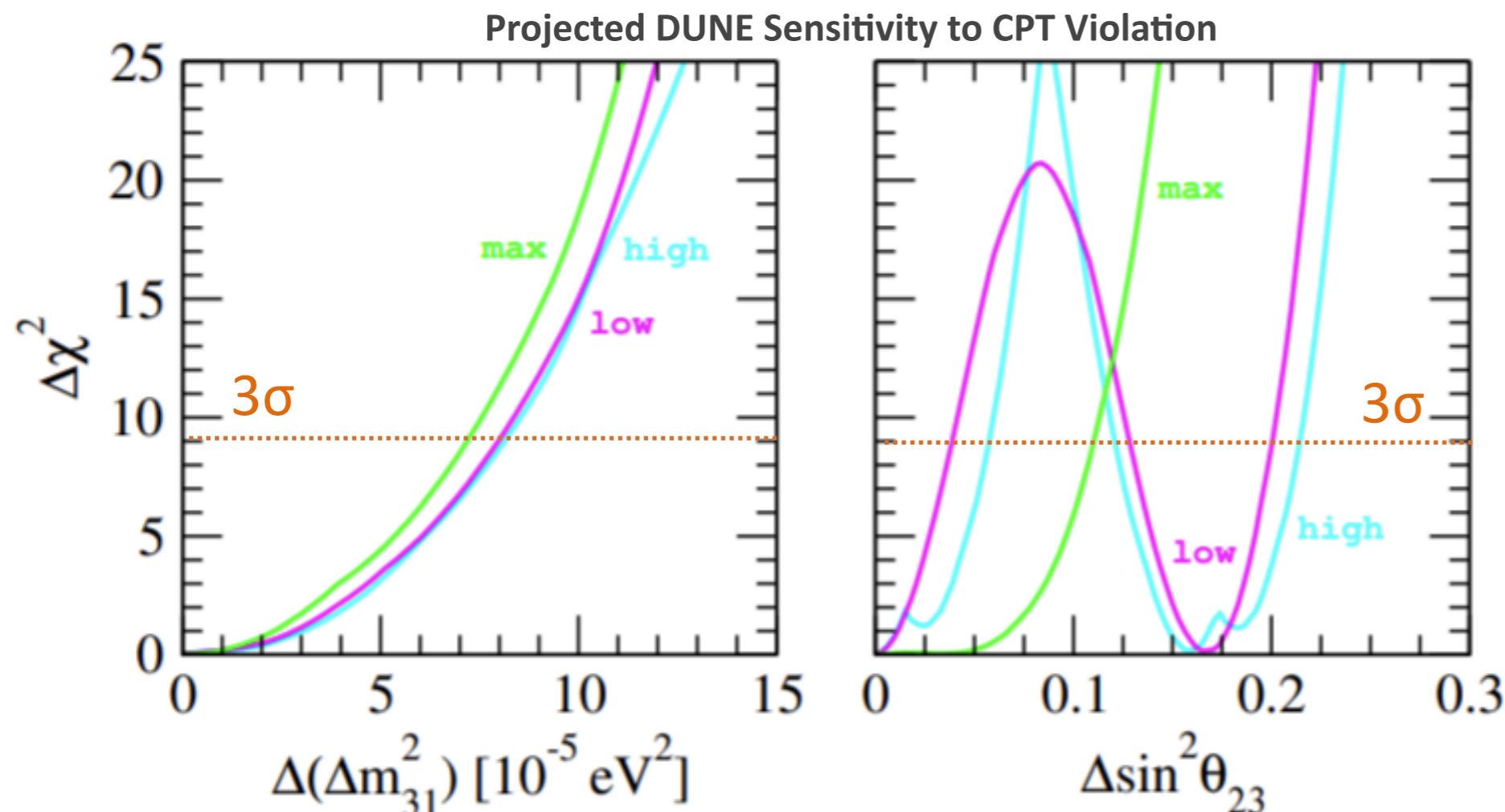


- ▶ CPT violation in the neutrino sector can be probed by separately measuring neutrino and antineutrino disappearance between ND and FD.

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \neq P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) \Rightarrow \text{CP violation}$$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \neq P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu) \Rightarrow \text{CPT violation}$$

- ▶ Projected sensitivity of DUNE to CPT violation for an exposure of 300kt.MW.year and different values of the θ_{23} mixing angle: maximal mixing (green), lower octant (magenta), and upper octant (blue).

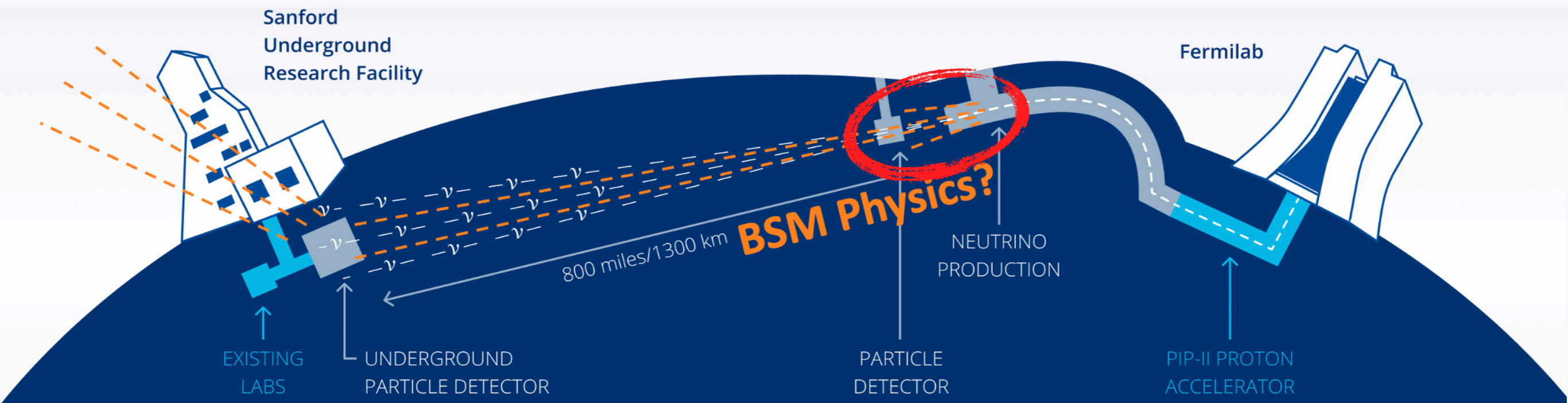


Parameter	Value
Δm_{21}^2	$7.56 \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2$
Δm_{31}^2	$2.55 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.321
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	0.43, 0.50, 0.60
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.02155
δ	1.50π

arXiv:1712.01714

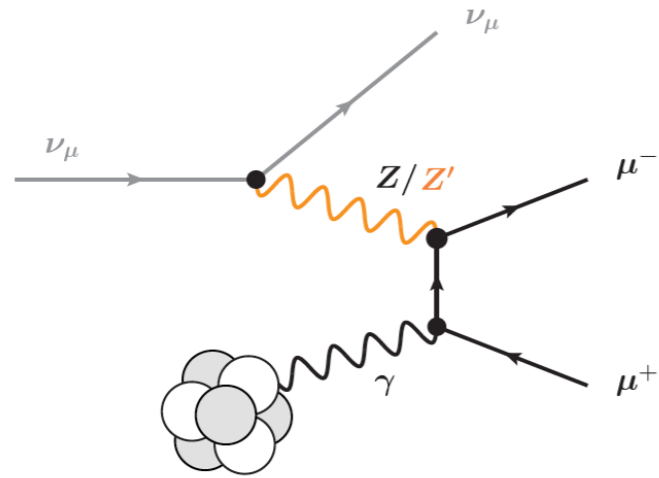
- ▶ DUNE can improve current limit on $\Delta(\Delta m_{31}^2)$ by one order of magnitude: $\Delta(\Delta m_{31}^2) < 8.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2$

New Physics at the Near Detector



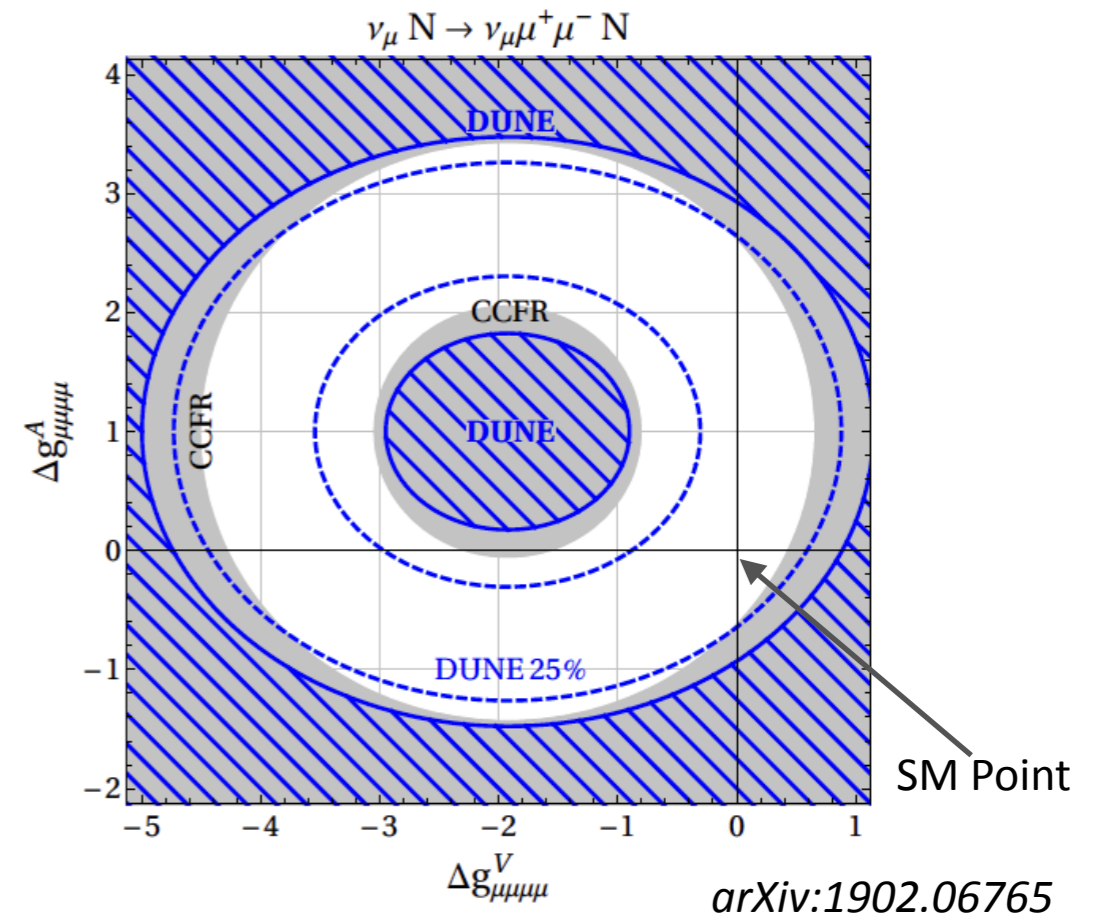
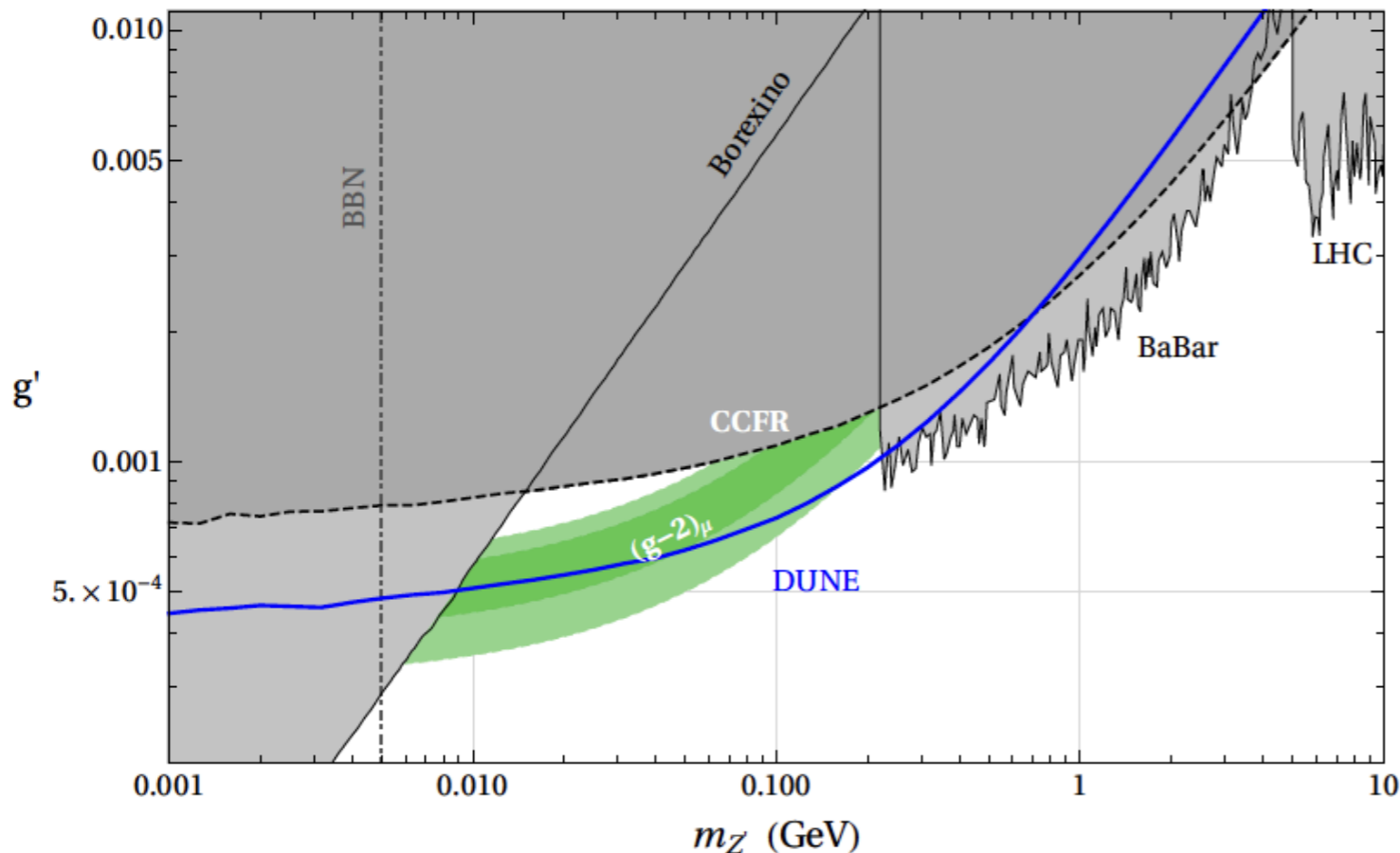
Neutrino Tridents at the ND

- ▶ Rare SM process. Has been observed with measured cross section in good agreement with SM



$$\frac{\sigma(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{exp}}}{\sigma(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{SM}}} = \begin{cases} 1.58 \pm 0.64 & (\text{CHARM II}) \\ 0.82 \pm 0.28 & (\text{CCFR}) \\ 0.72^{+1.73}_{-0.72} & (\text{NuTeV}) \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Departure from SM prediction can be evidence for new physics: DUNE can be sensitive to the existence of light vector mediators, *e.g.* Z' , which could explain $(g-2)_\mu$ anomaly
- ▶ May be improved further with Machine-learning-based event selection

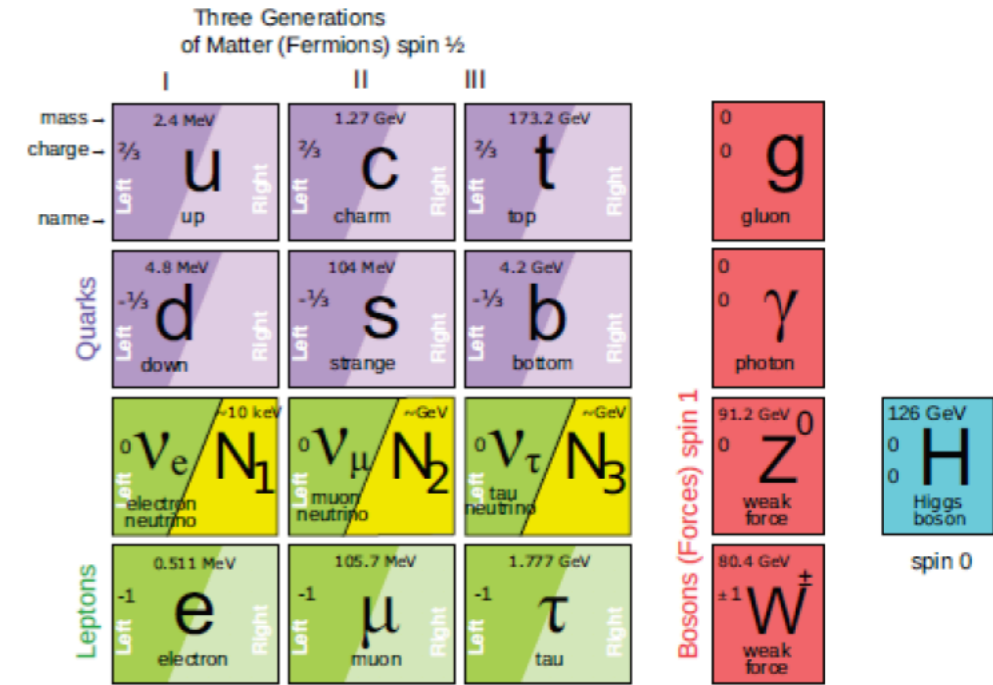


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Heavy Neutral Leptons at the ND

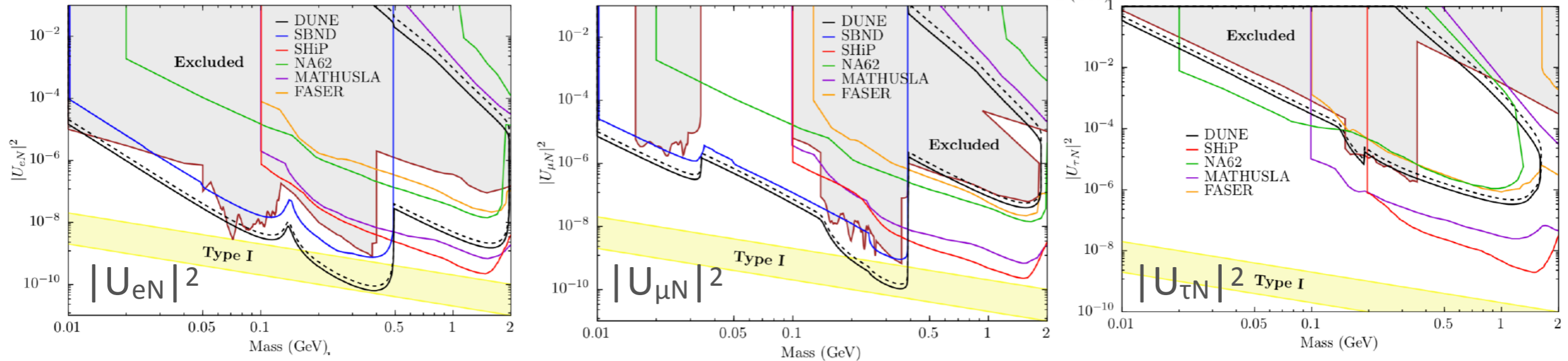


- ▶ Right-handed partners singlets $N=3$ extension of the SM
- ▶ May be created by meson decays in the LBNF beam



- ▶ Showing DUNE's 90% CL sensitivity to mixing between the active neutrinos and HNLs over a HNL mass range of 10 MeV to 2 GeV

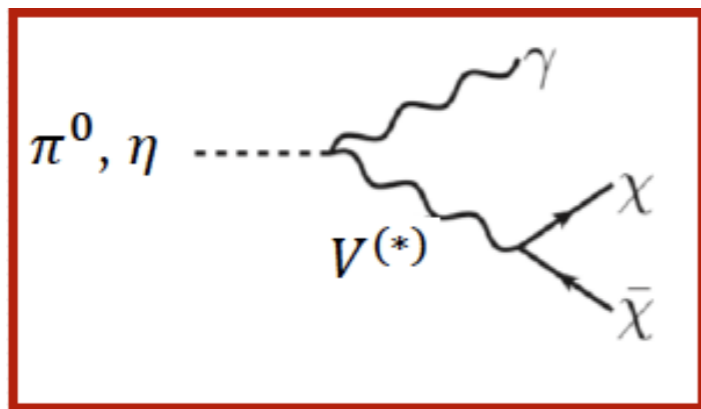
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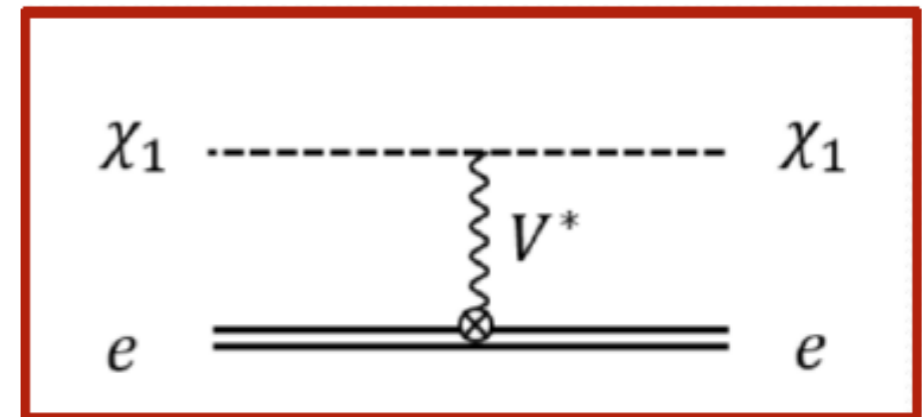
- ▶ DUNE will improve on present experimental limits and be competitive with proposed new efforts measure HNLs

Low-Mass Dark Matter at the ND

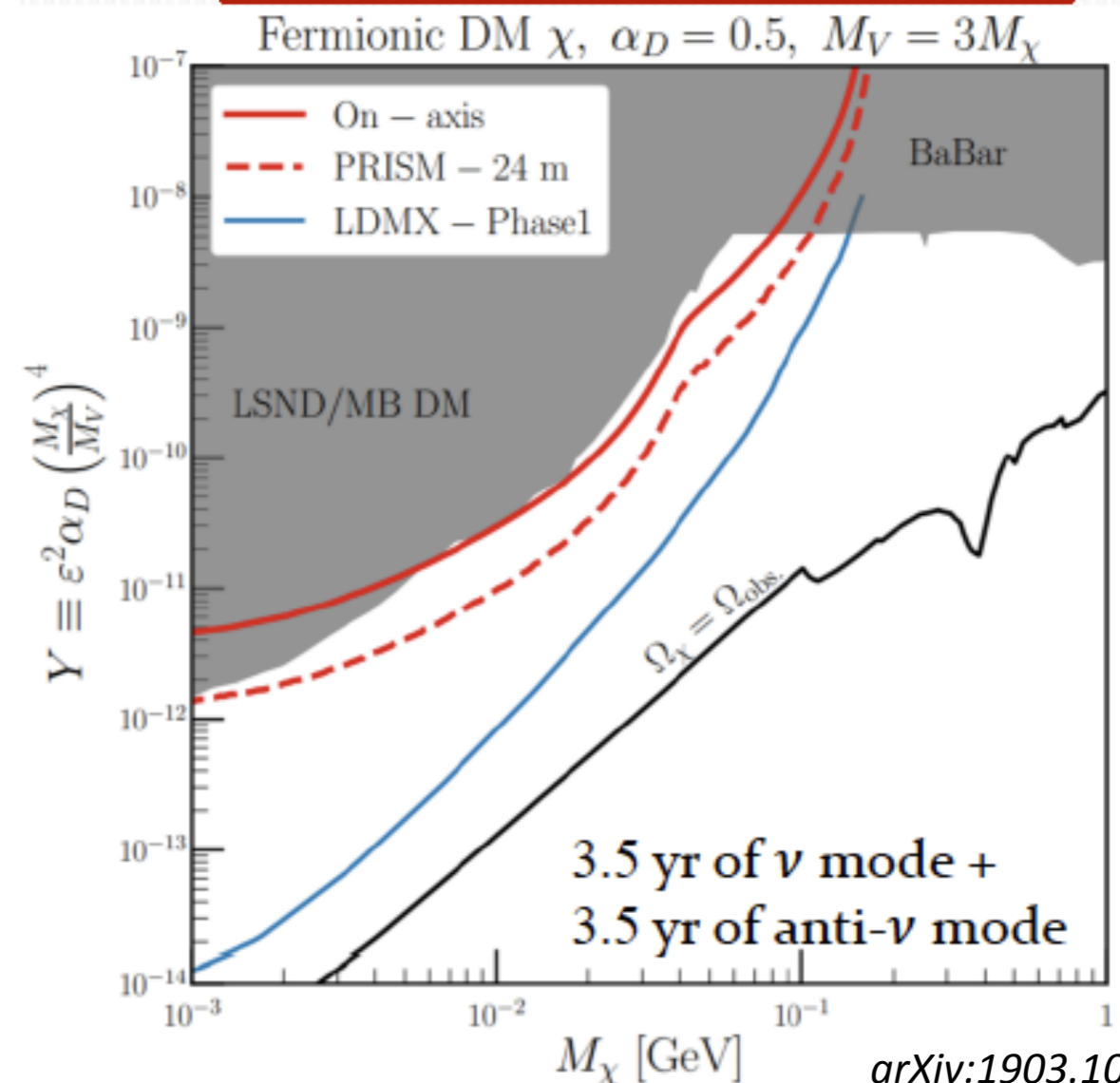
- ▶ Production of low-mass dark matter in the LBNF beam is possible through π^0, η decays into a dark photon V



- ▶ Considering dark matter elastically interacting with electrons in the ND

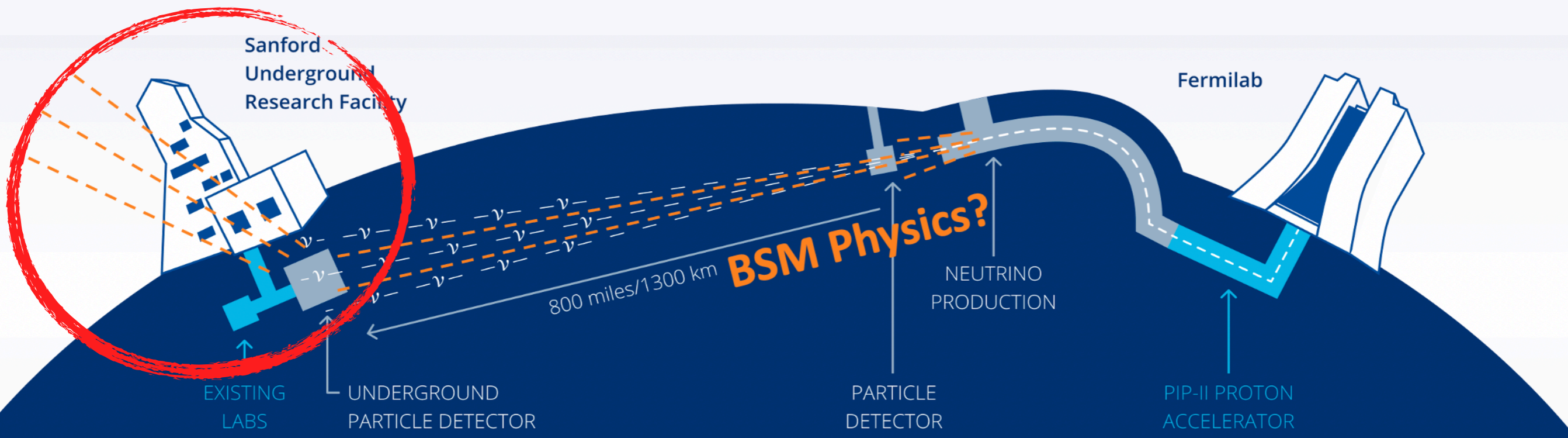


- ▶ Showing sensitivity (90% CL) of DUNE for a 7-year (50% neutrino beam, 50% antineutrino) run.
- ▶ The main background (neutrino-electron scattering) can be suppressed by taking data with ND off-axis (DUNE-PRISM)



arXiv:1903.10505

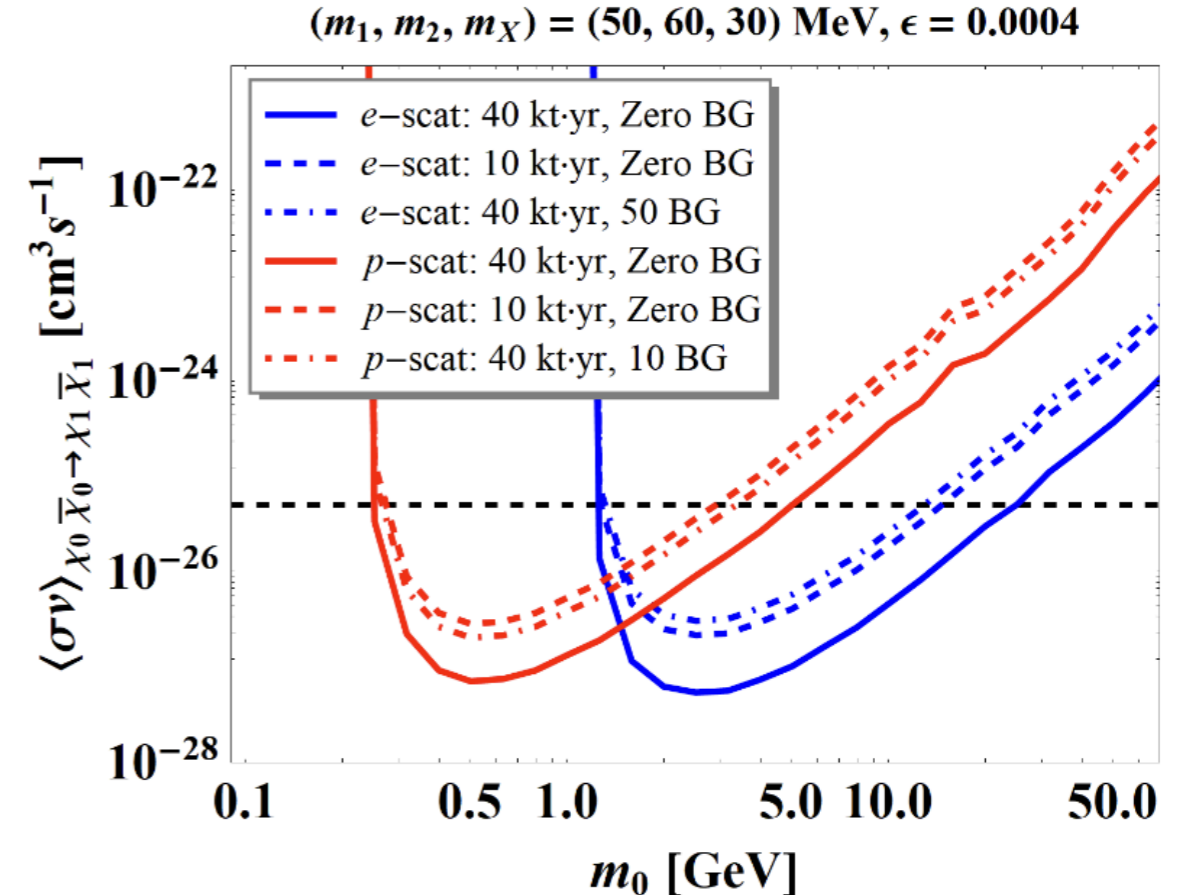
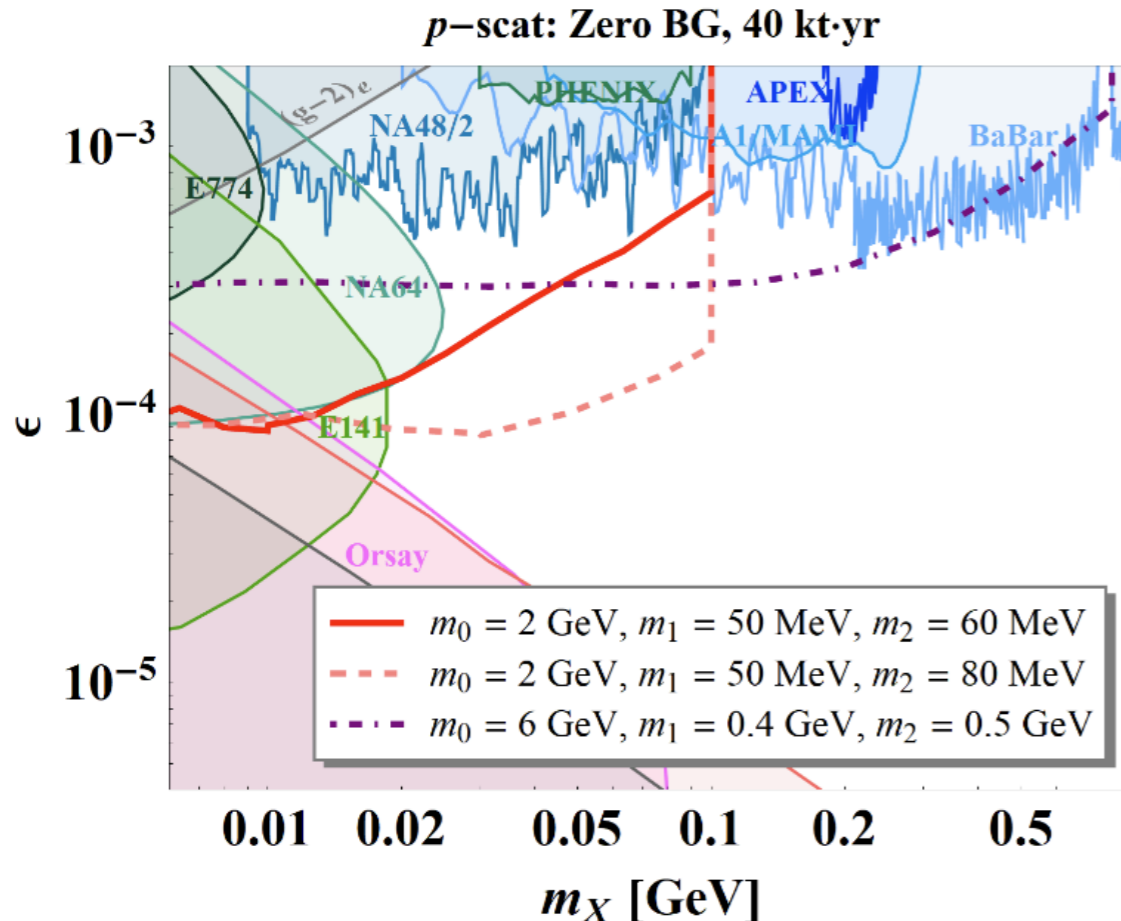
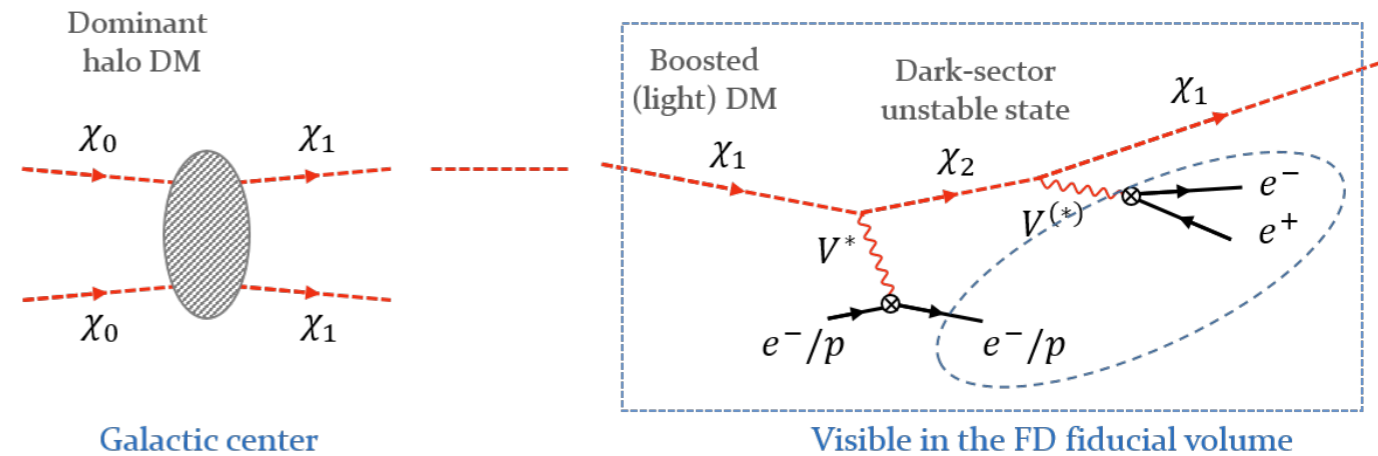
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Inelastic Boosted Dark Matter

- ▶ The DUNE far detector modules, with a large fiducial mass of 40 kton and high tracking resolution, can be sensitive to boosted (light) dark matter signals with multiple particle tracks

- *e.g.*, inelastic boosted dark matter from the galactic core [*arXiv: 1612.06867*]



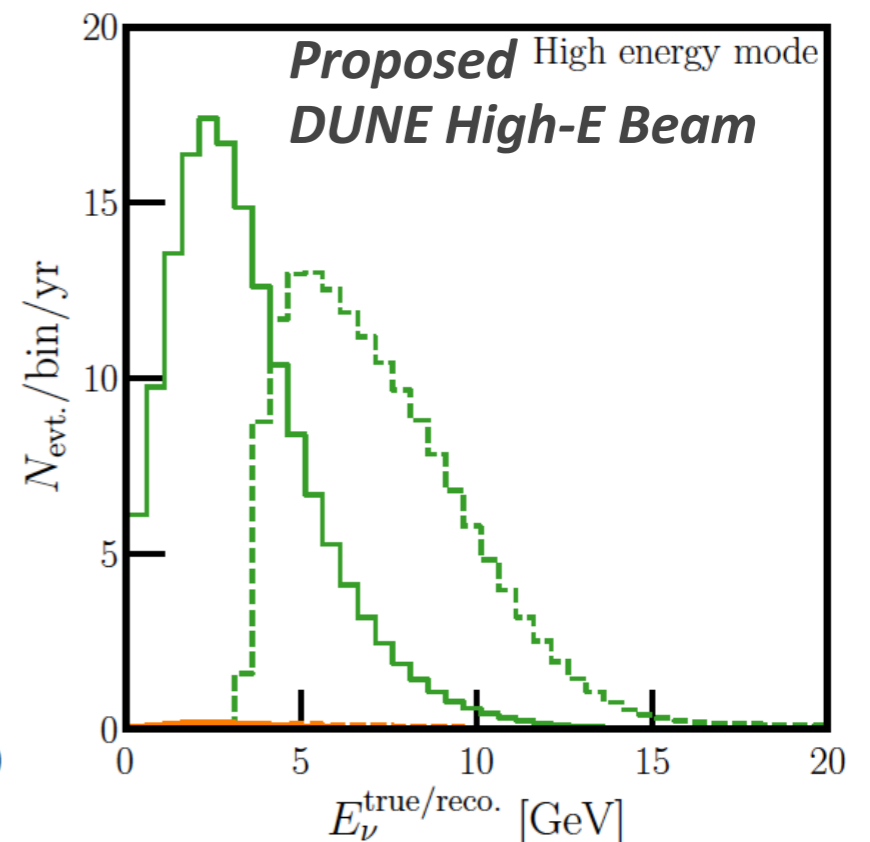
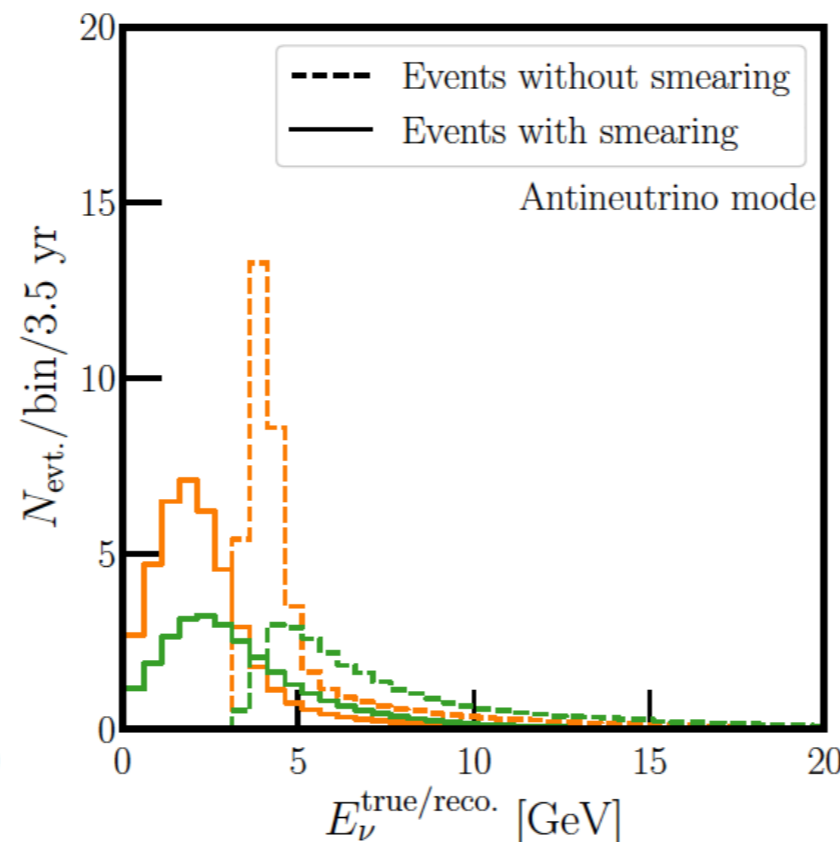
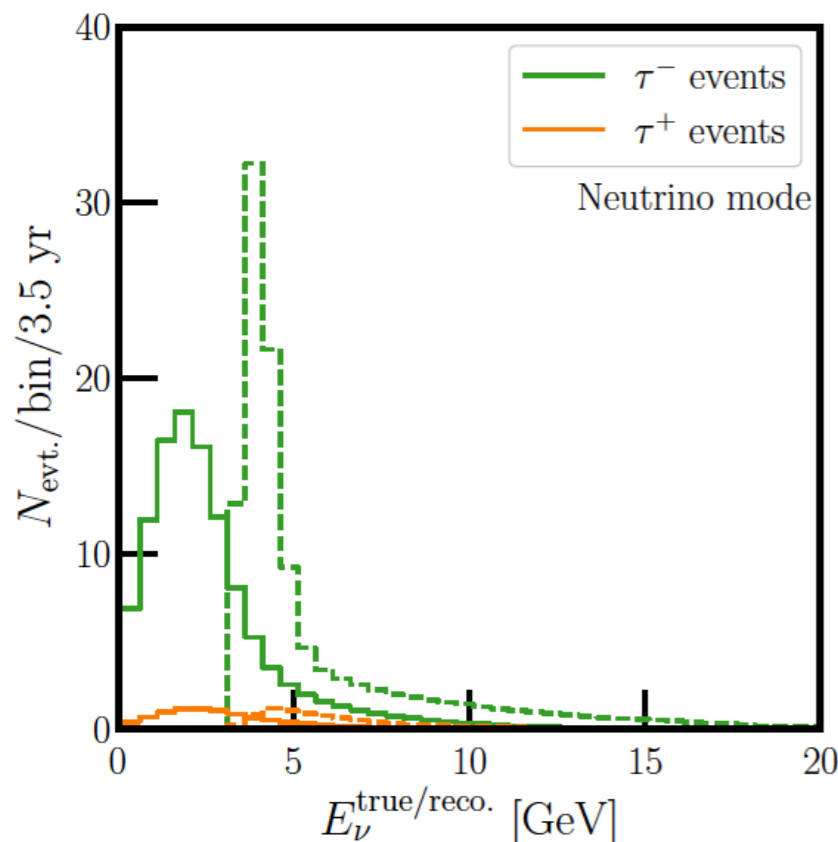
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BSM Opportunities with ν_τ



- ▶ Currently, almost all knowledge of the tau neutrino sector is taken from lepton universality for cross sections and unitarity of the PMNS neutrino mixing matrix
- ▶ Tau neutrinos are challenging to select and reconstruct, but they could provide valuable complementary information for BSM physics searches.
- ▶ Beam event statistics (for flat efficiency of 30%):
 - Low-E Beam: $\sim 130 \nu_\tau$ CC/year; $\sim 30 \bar{\nu}_\tau$ CC/year
 - High-E Beam: $\sim 800 \nu_\tau$ CC/year
- ▶ Expect and additional $\sim 70 \nu_\tau$ and $\bar{\nu}_\tau$ CC in atmospheric exposure of 350 kton.year
- ▶ If tau neutrinos can be selected and reconstructed, it is possible to go after a rich physics program
 - "unitarity triangle"-like test of ν oscillations
 - Heavy or light new neutrino states.
 - Non-standard neutral-current neutrino interactions.
 - Neutrino decay...

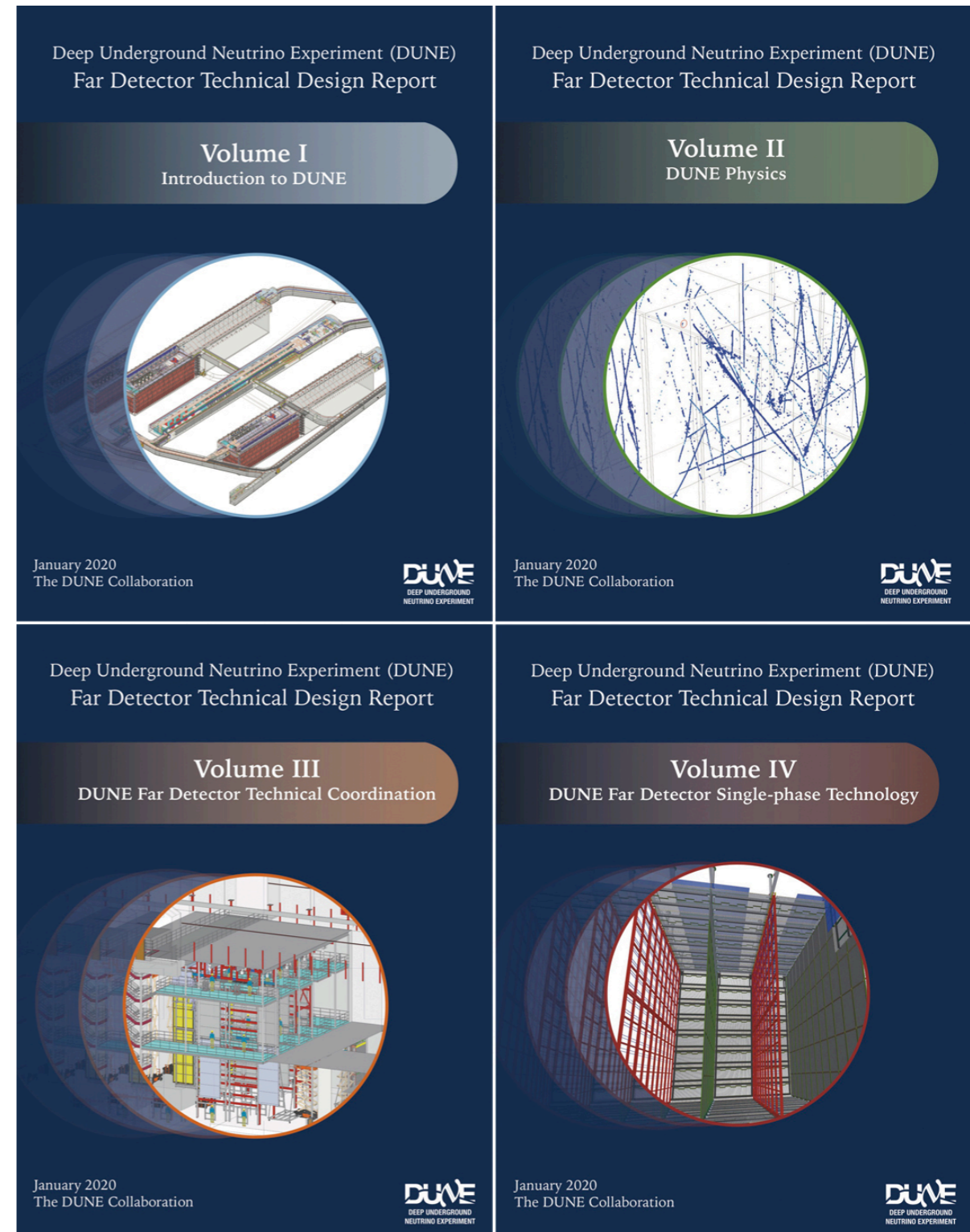
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DUNE Status and Plans



- ▶ Far site construction underway
- ▶ Near site preparation underway
- ▶ Prototypes:
 - protoDUNEs (large scale FD prototypes at CERN Neutrino Platform) have completed Run-I data taking
 - Plans for protoDUNE-ND and protoDUNE Run-II underway
- ▶ Far detector physics data expected in late 2020s
- ▶ Neutrino beam expected to be available on similar timescale
- ▶ Details of timeline will be finalized when project is baselined (expected 2021)
- ▶ Far Detector TDR published in January 2020; Near Detector TDR in preparation
 - Recommended reading for full details on DUNE BSM Physics prospects!



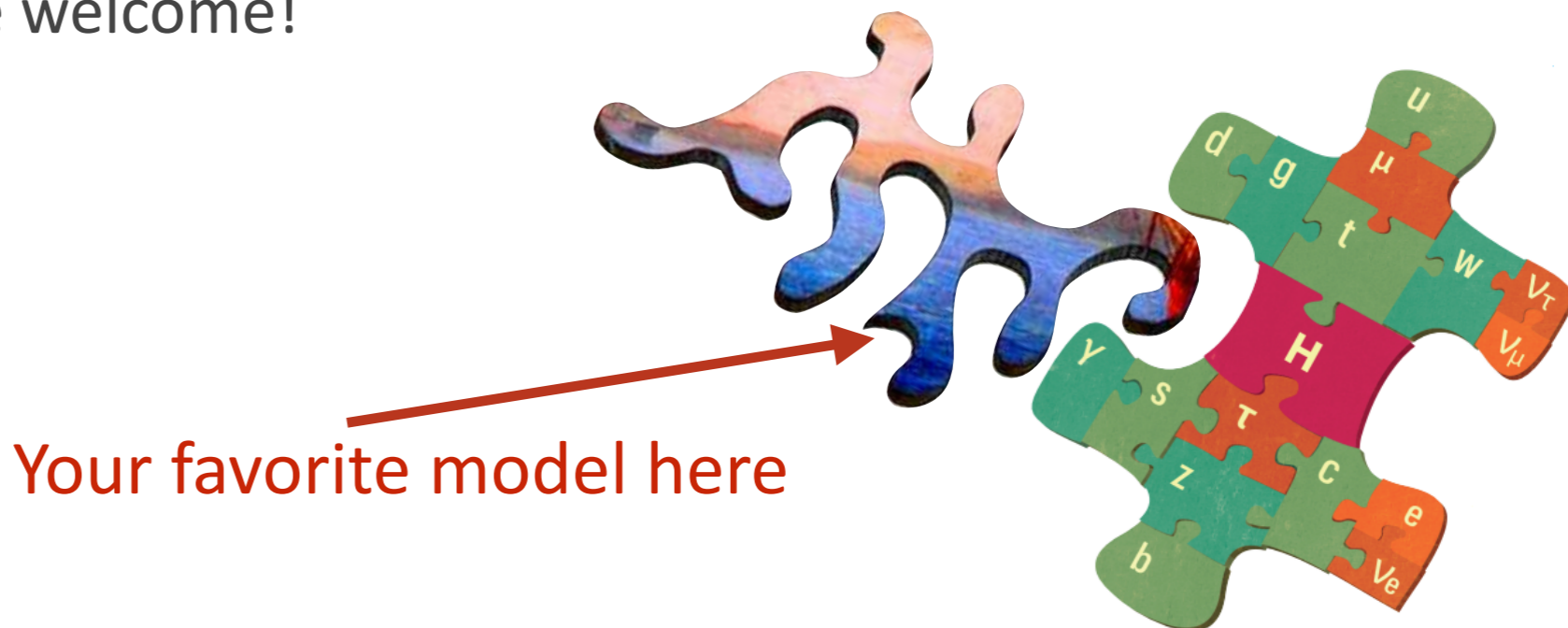
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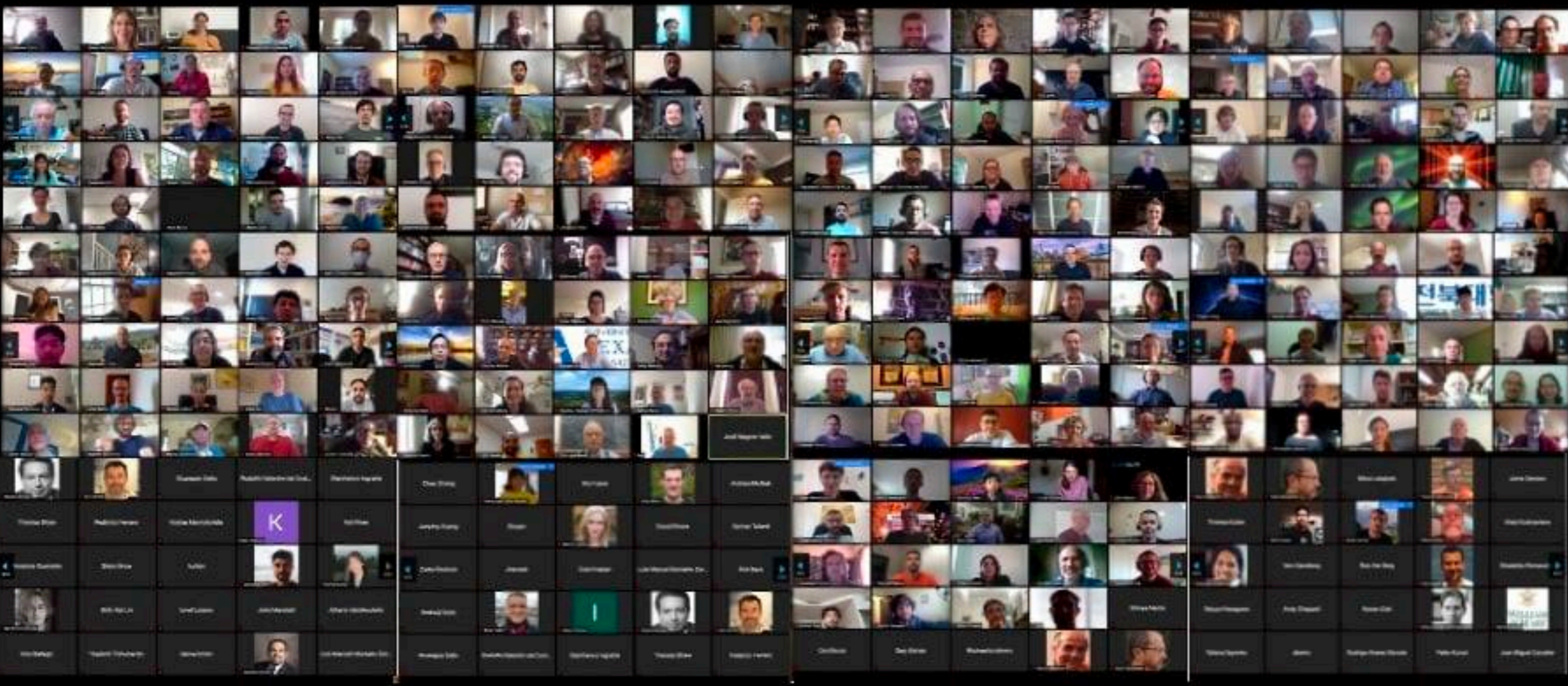
Summary and Outlook



- ▶ The highly-capable DUNE detectors and the powerful LBNF beam enable a very rich and diverse program for BSM Physics probes
- ▶ Exploration of these capabilities is a direct result from very productive collaborations between theorists/phenomenologists and experimentalists
- ▶ Look for further development of these results in the upcoming DUNE Near Detector Technical Design Report
- ▶ Currently working on adding further realism to existing studies and exploring some new scenarios - Your ideas are welcome!



DUNE Virtual Collaboration Meeting - Sept. 2020



Thank You!