

A scenic view of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California, spanning across the water. In the foreground, a large, dark rock formation stands in the water. The sky is clear and blue, and the water is a deep blue with some whitecaps. The bridge's towers and suspension cables are prominent on the right side of the frame.

# **Giant double phase liquid argon TPCs: from R&D to LBNO**

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In just over a decade, we have learned a lot about neutrino oscillations - measured 2 mass splittings and 3 mixing angles.

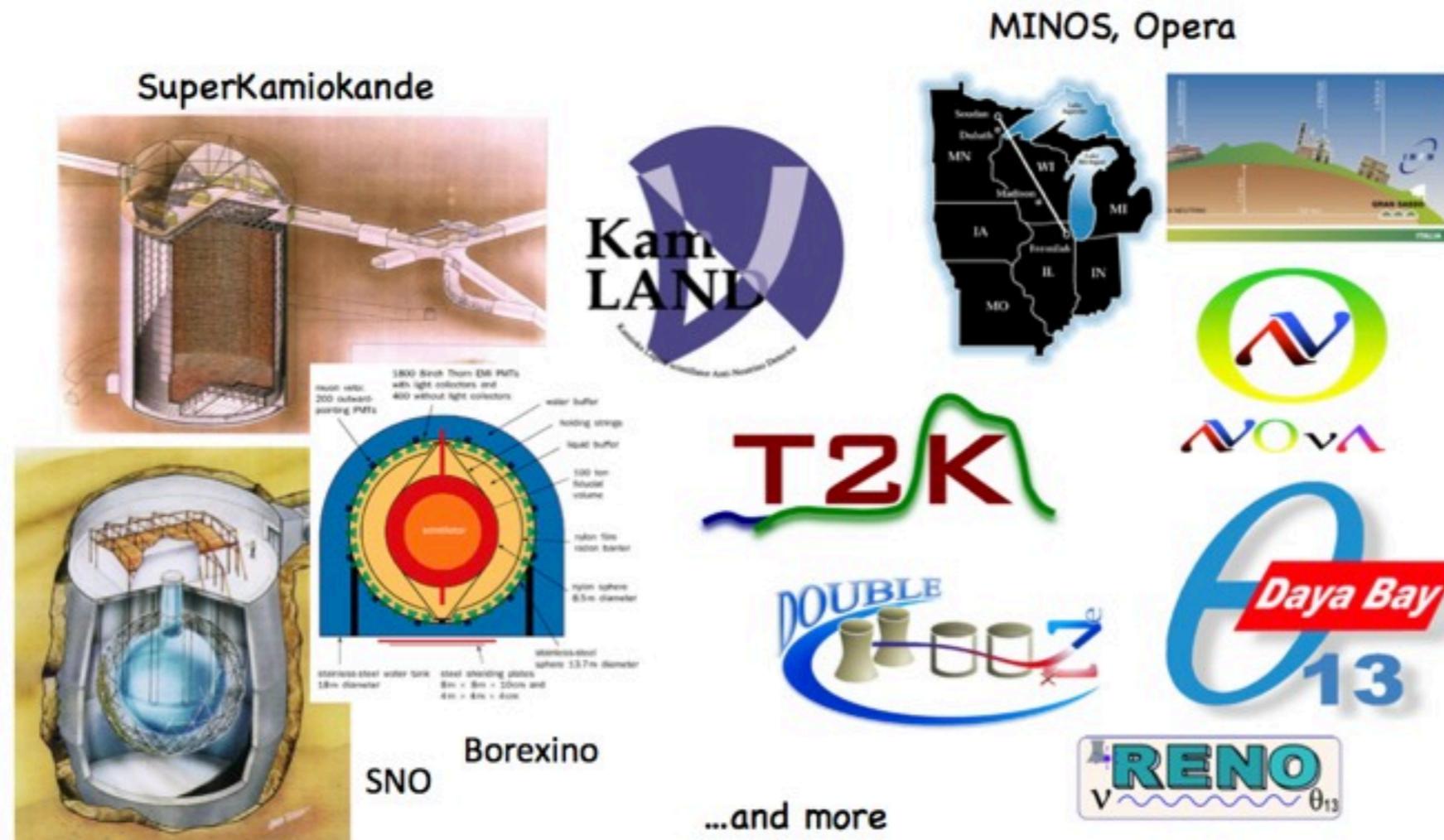
Future questions to answer about oscillations:

- \* Why are neutrino masses so small ?
- \* Which is the absolute mass of the lightest state?
- \* Are there more neutrinos than the 3 active flavors?
- \* P, CP, CPT are fundamental symmetries. “P is maximally violated by neutrinos but CP is saved” (W. Pauli). **Is CP violated by neutrinos as well or is it a special feature of quarks ?**
- \* **How is the hierarchy of the neutrino mass eigenstates?**
- \* Are neutrinos Majorana particles?
- \* is  $\theta_{23}$  maximal?



\*A rich and varied experimental neutrino oscillation program

A decade of revolutionary experiments have unraveled a new flavor sector



\*Equally as important but not discussed here:

- Experiments at end-point of single beta decays aimed at measuring the absolute neutrino mass (KATRIN) and new searches for neutrino-less double beta decays to test Majorana nature of neutrinos (CUORE, EXO, GERDA, Kamland-Zen, Majorana, NEMO, NEXT, SNO+, ...)
- Cosmological observations

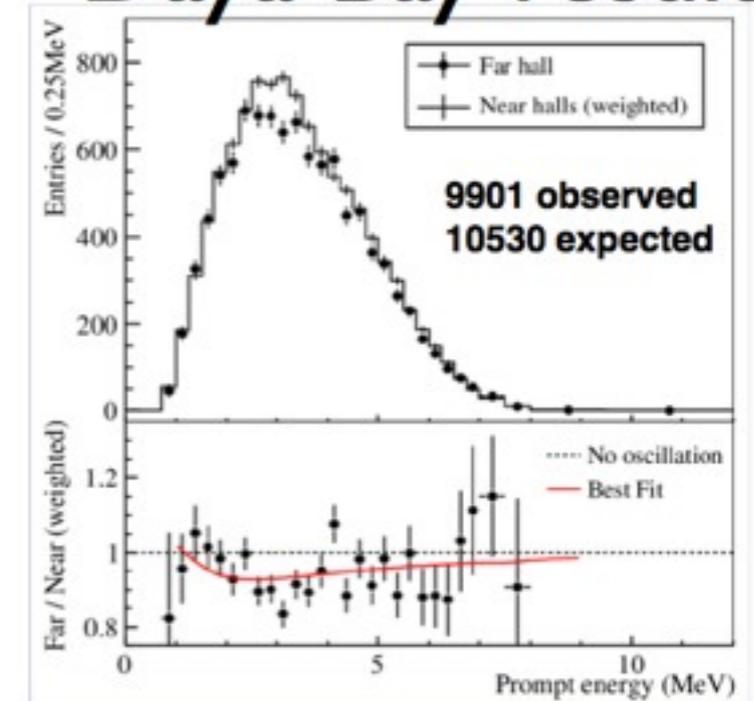
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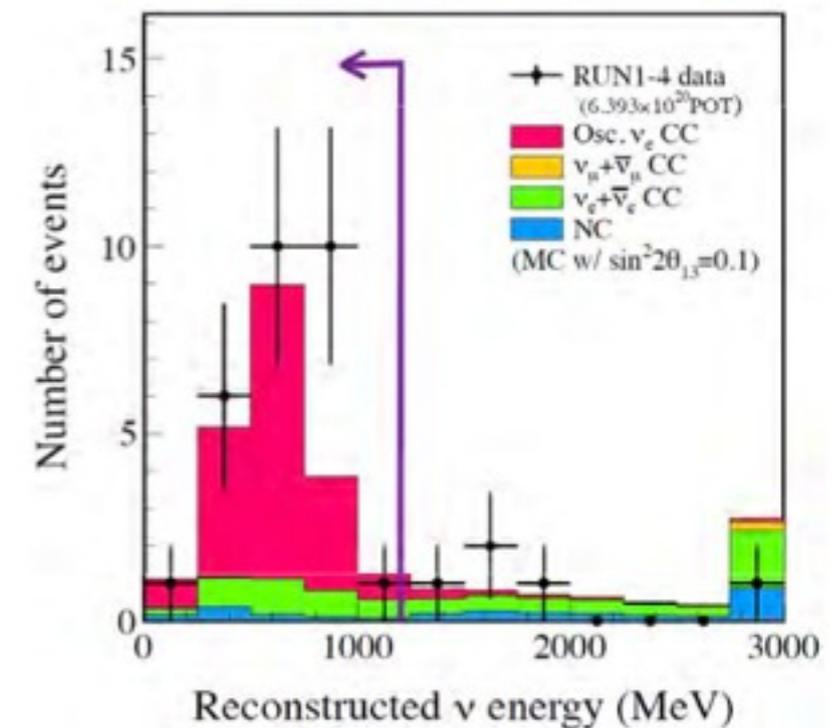
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## T2K 2013 result



# Discovery of $\theta_{13}$ : a turning point

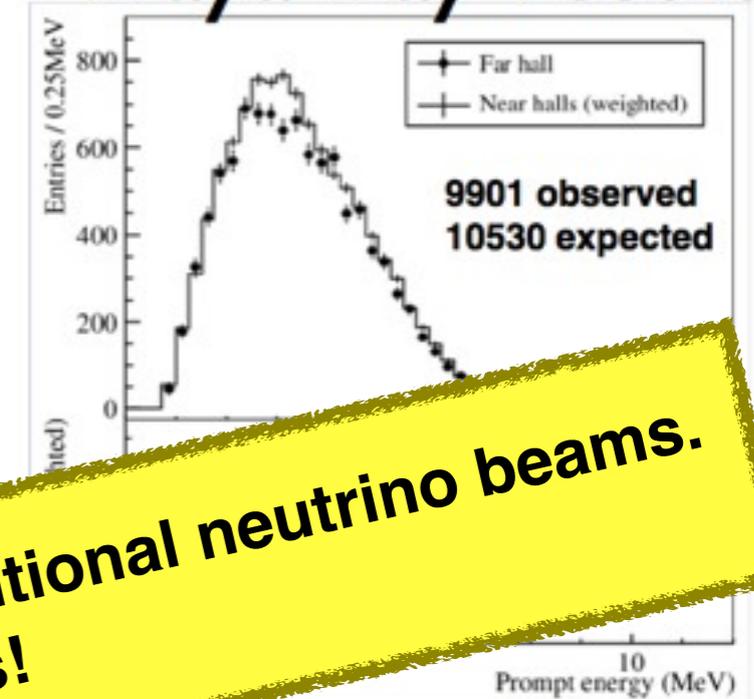
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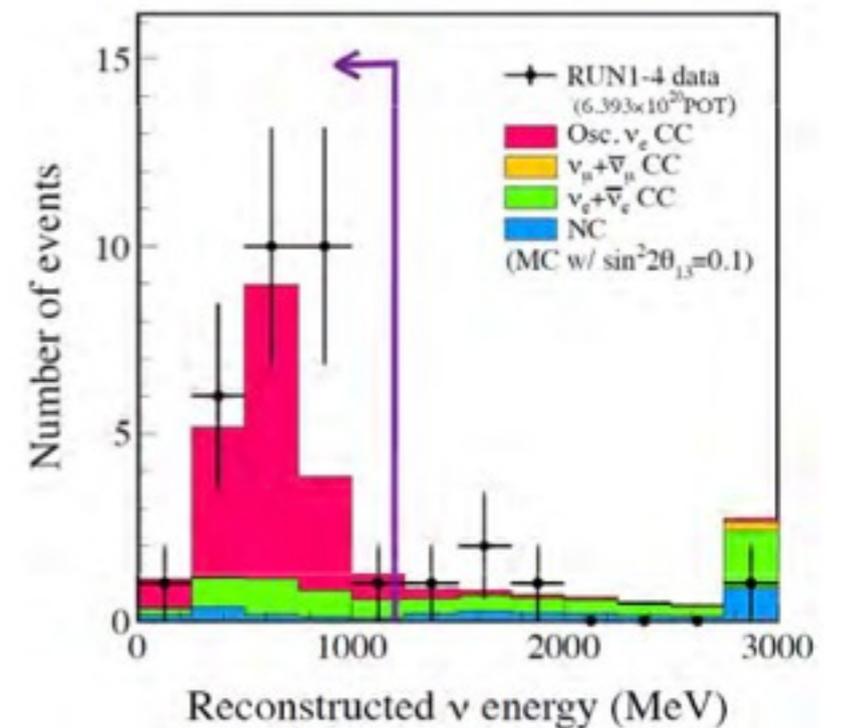
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With large  $\theta_{13}$  the next steps are accessible with conventional neutrino beams. Mass hierarchy and CP-violation become the new goals!

## T2K 2013 result



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=> Sensitive to any origin (in principle not only induced by  $\delta_{CP}$ )

look for neutrino/anti-neutrino difference:  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e; E) \neq P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e; E)$

Energy dependence of oscillation probability:

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 \end{aligned}$$

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# Testing CP-violation in the neutrino sector

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 \end{aligned}$$

**CP odd  $\sim \sin \delta$**  (points to the  $\delta m_{21}^2 L$  terms)

**CP even** (points to the  $\delta m_{31}^2 L$  terms)

**L/E dependance** (points to the  $\frac{L}{E}$  terms)

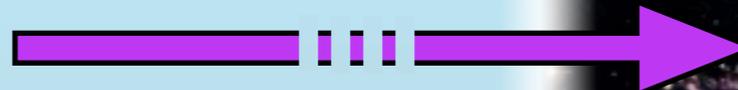
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**=> Direct test of  $\delta_{CP}$  origin of CPV and of matter terms**

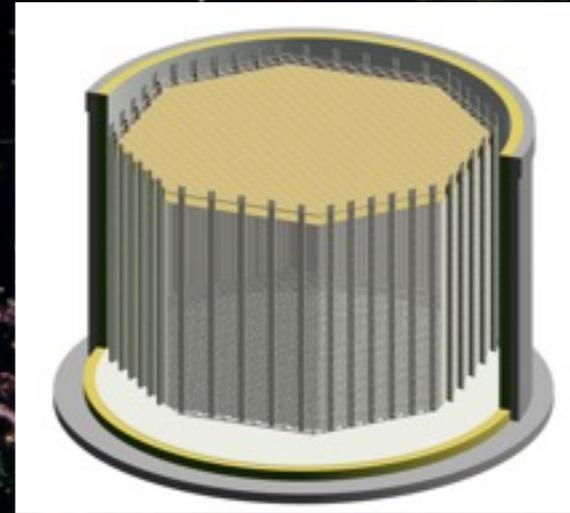
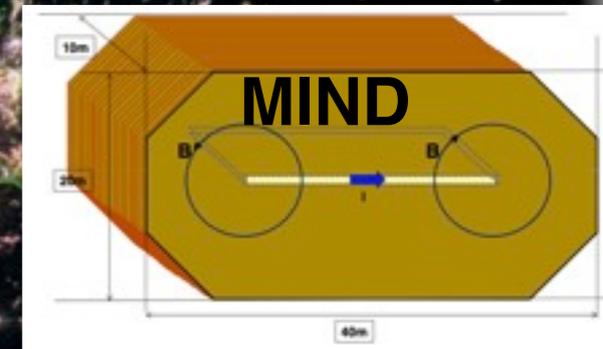


CERN

2300 km



GLACIER 20kt,50 kt

deep  
underground

MIND

LAGUNA

Deep underground neutrino observatory

neutrino beam + near detector

\* wide band  $\nu_\mu$  beam  $\sim 1-10$  GeV  $\Rightarrow$   
covers 2 oscillation maximums

$\sim 4$  and  $\sim 1.5$  GeV

\* SPS protons @ 400 GeV

\* SPS upgrade 800 GeV 2 MW

\* Near detector:

HpAr TPC + magnetized iron  
detector (MIND)

\* Giant double-phase LAr TPC+  
magnetized iron detector (MIND)

\* Neutrinos from MeV to 10's GeV  
(supernovae, reactors, solar,  
atmospheric..)

\* Address questions of particle and  
astroparticle physics

\* Proton decay

**LBNO: Neutrino oscillations  $\rightarrow$  MH, CPV, precision measurements**

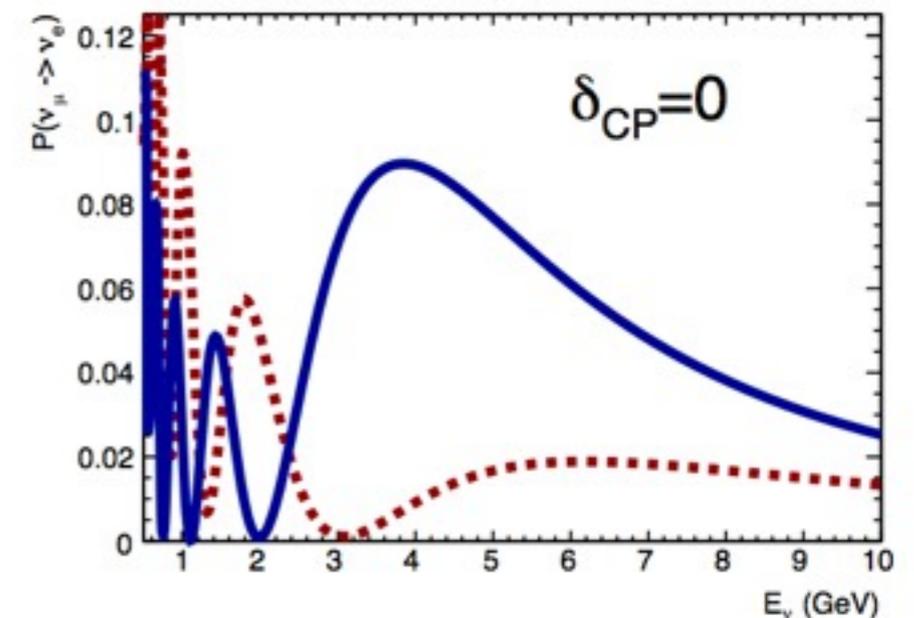
\* “Zoom effect”: The L/E dependence can be observed in an “expanded” scale at large L

▣ Measure the full spectral information for unambiguous sensitivity and a direct proof of the observed phenomenon.

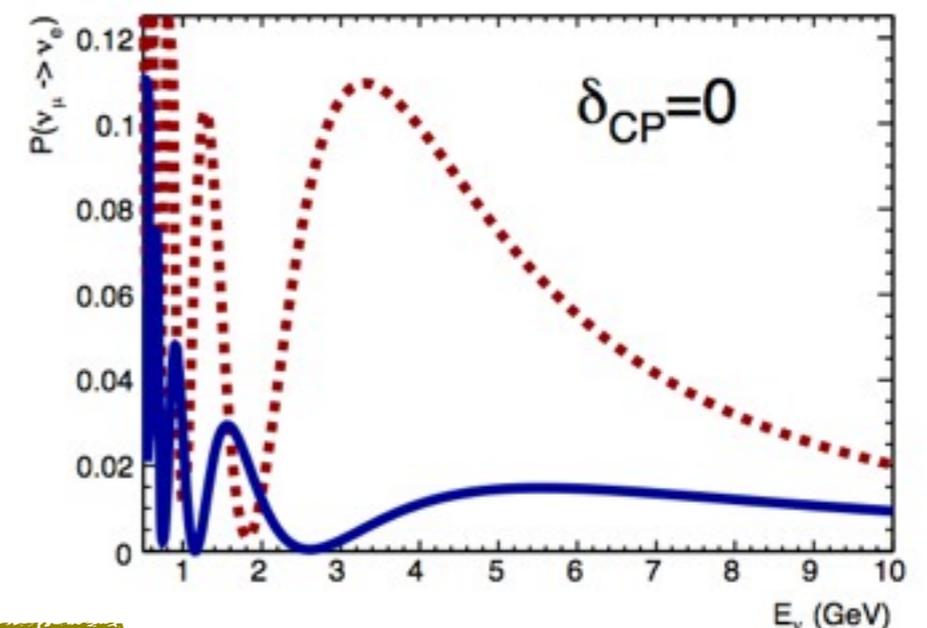
\* Decoupling of MH and CPV: A guaranteed & conclusive sensitivity to MH with existing beam power and initial mass requires a very long baseline.

▣ After MH fixed, optimise the running for CP (this depends on NH/IH)!

normal hierarchy



inverted hierarchy



**now is the time to move to very long baselines !!**

- \* To measure **MH on the  $> 5\sigma$  level** one need to go to very long baselines,  $\sim 1000$  km doesn't give enough matter effects to measure the full phase space.
- \* Global fits of many experiments can guide and help the research but cannot replace the **measurement of a dedicated experiment**.
- \* **LBNO aims at exploring and resolve the mass hierarchy and the CP-phase problem by observing clear signatures and determining their L/E dependence**  
**=>Very Long Baseline**
- \* LBNO incremental approach:
  - 1st phase: initial LAr mass of 20 kton =>
    1. MH determination in 2 years!
    2. Investigation of CPV
  - 2nd phase: LAr mass 70 kton: Determination of CPV.

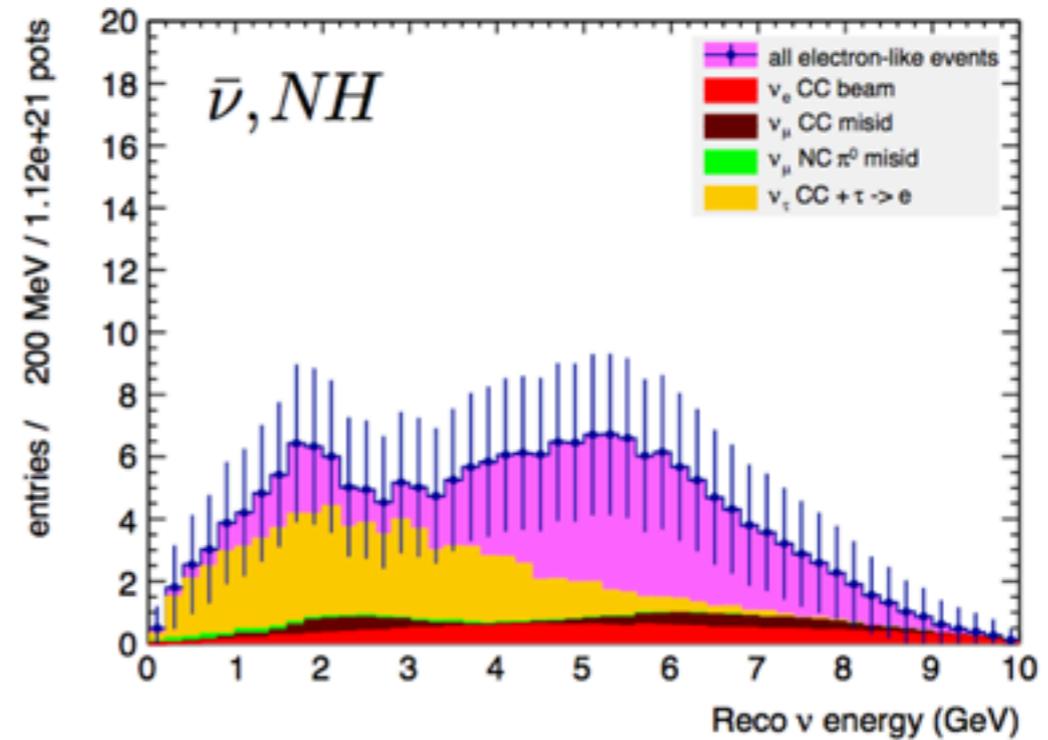
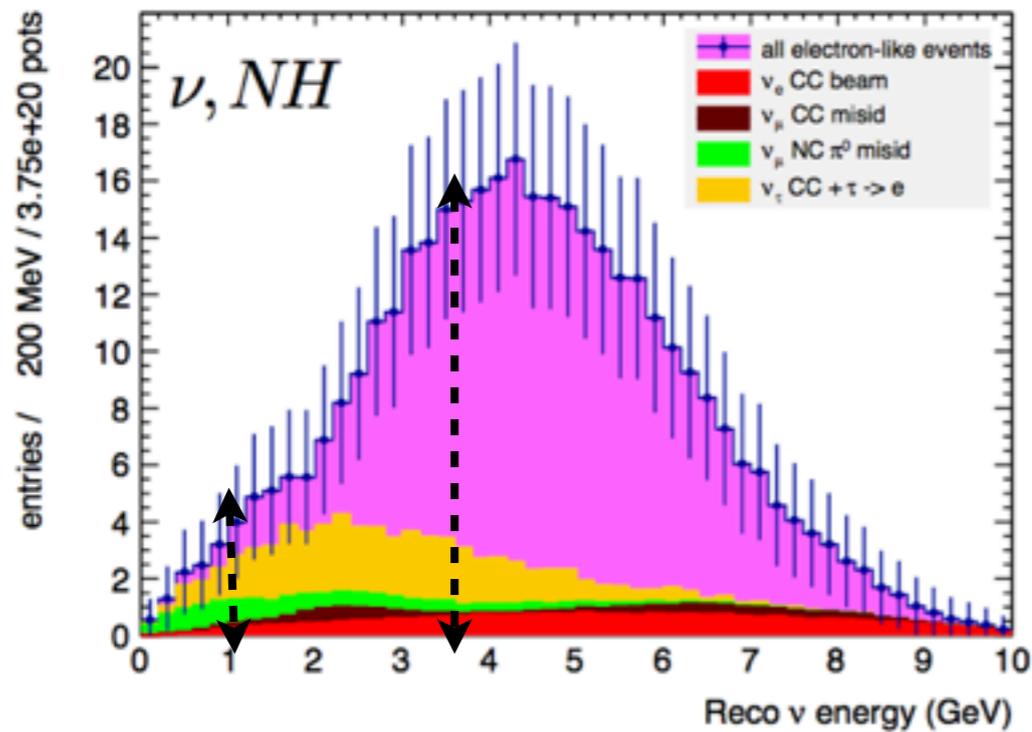
SPS(700kW), 10y, 75%nu-25%antinu; m=20 kt  $\delta_{CP}=0$   
 Detector response and resolution included

$\nu$  + anti- $\nu$  running to distinguish NH from IH

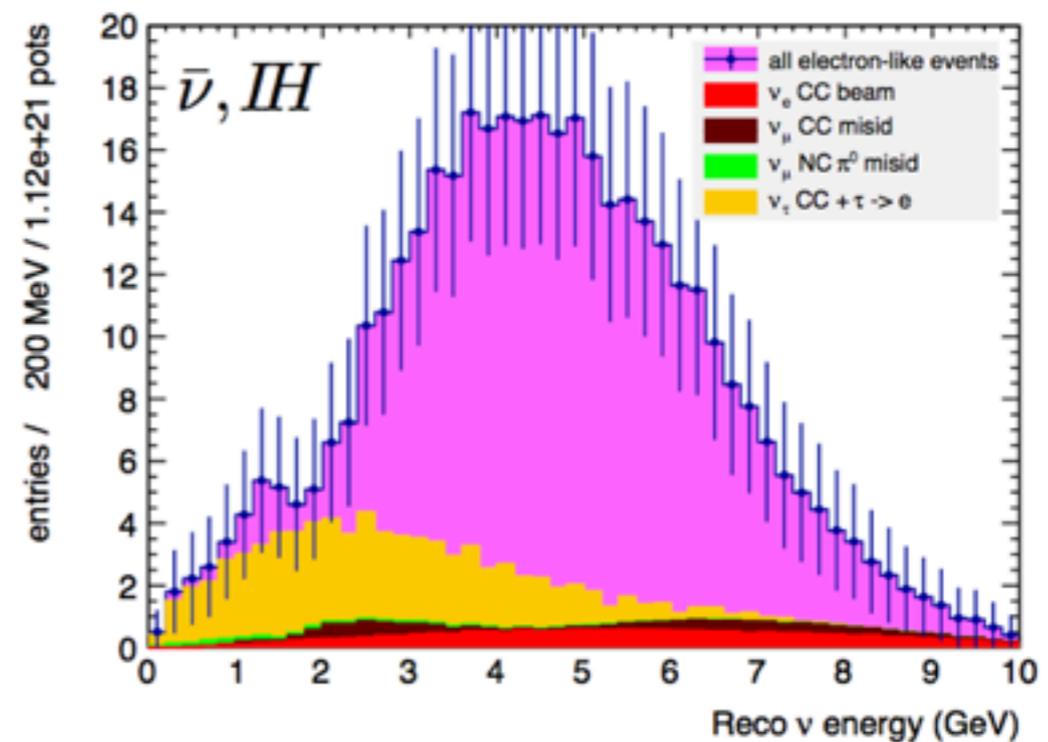
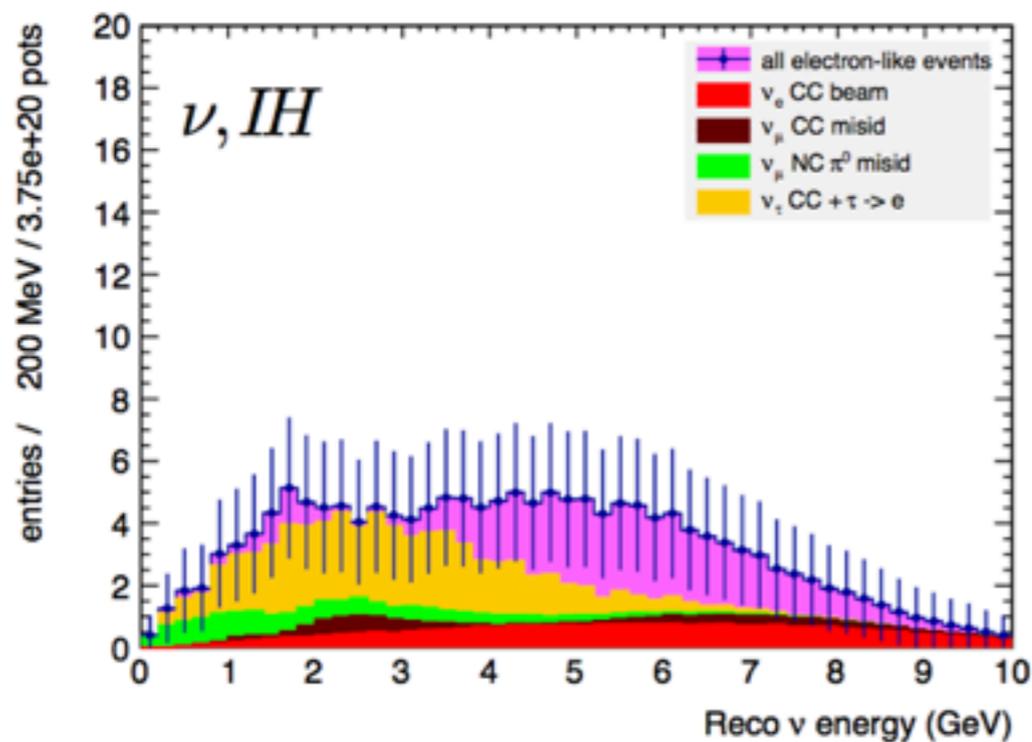
neutrinos

anti-neutrinos

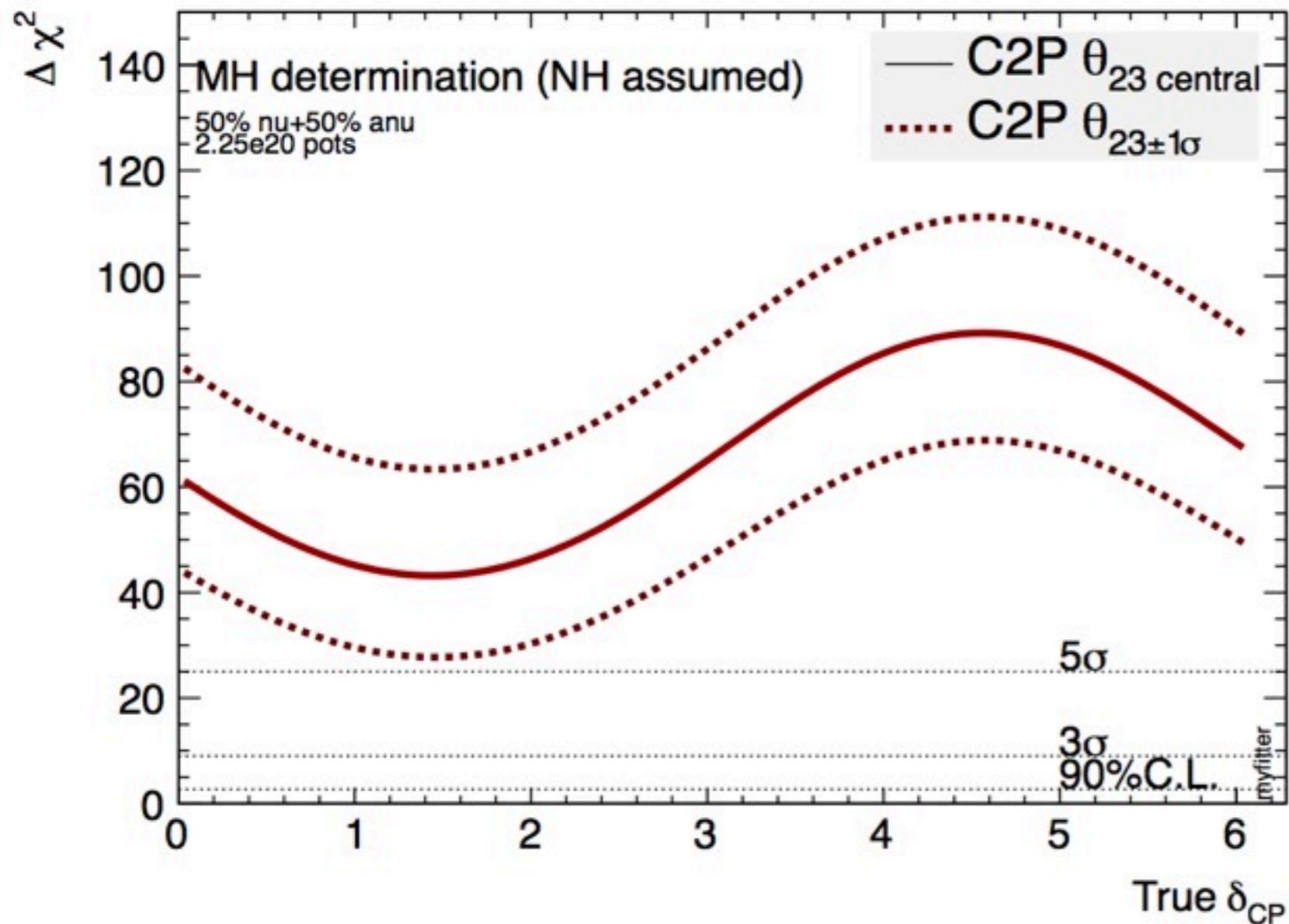
NH



IH

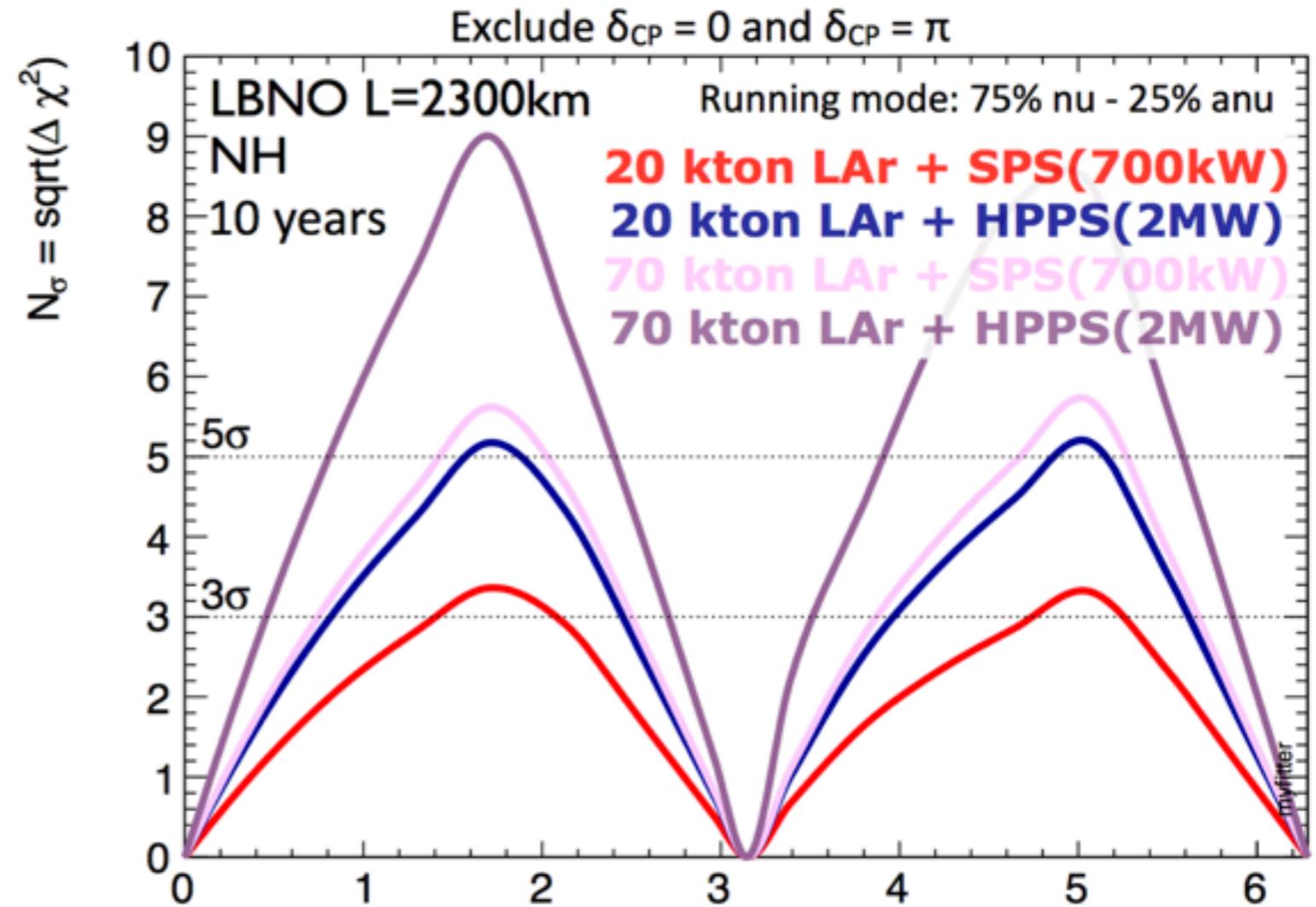


Provide a  $>5\sigma$  direct determination of MH independent of the values of  $\theta_{23}$  &  $\delta_{CP}$  in  $\approx 2$  years of running



Unique setup in the world to test matter effects in neutrino propagation!  
 L/E shape +  $\nu/\bar{\nu}$  by changing horn polarity

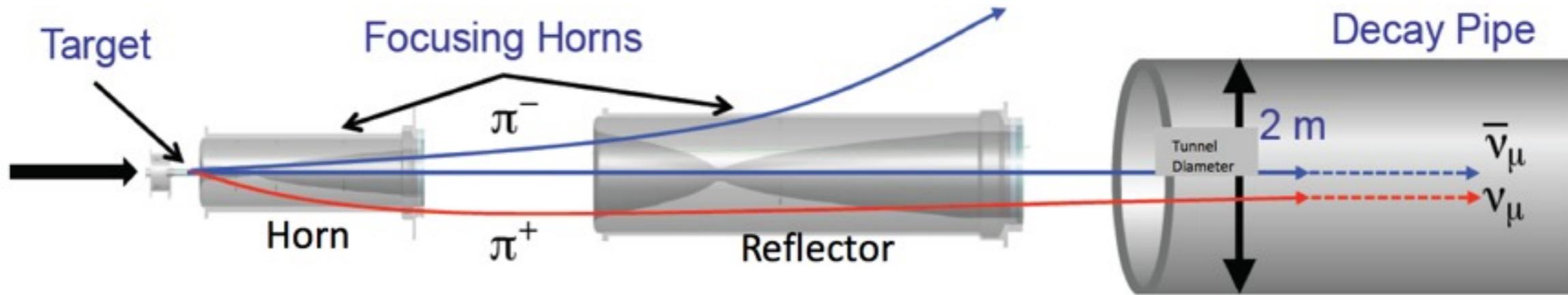
CPV 60% coverage 90% C.L.  
 end evidence for maximal CP  
 ( $\pi/2, 3/2\pi$ ) in 10 years



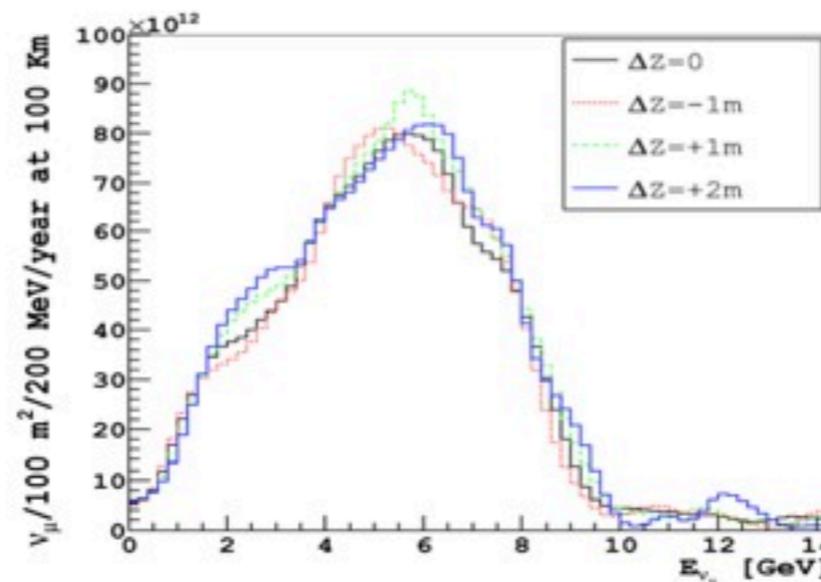
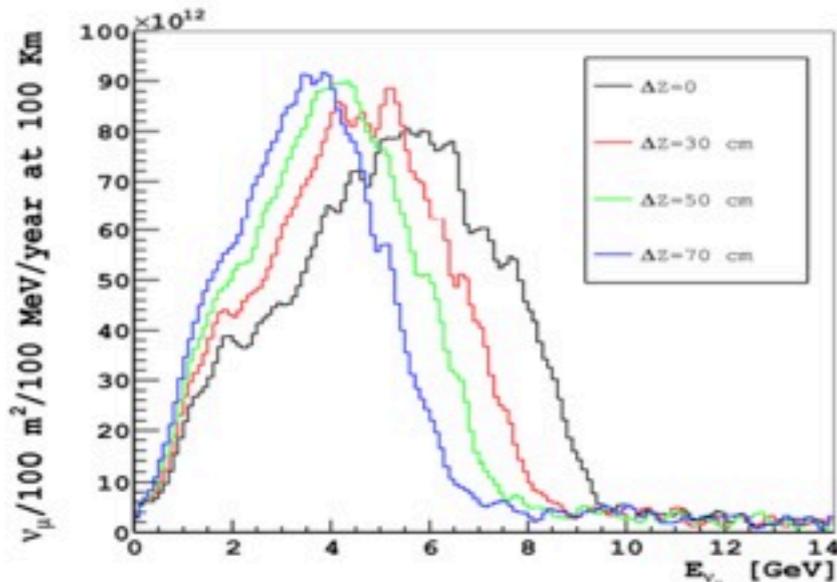
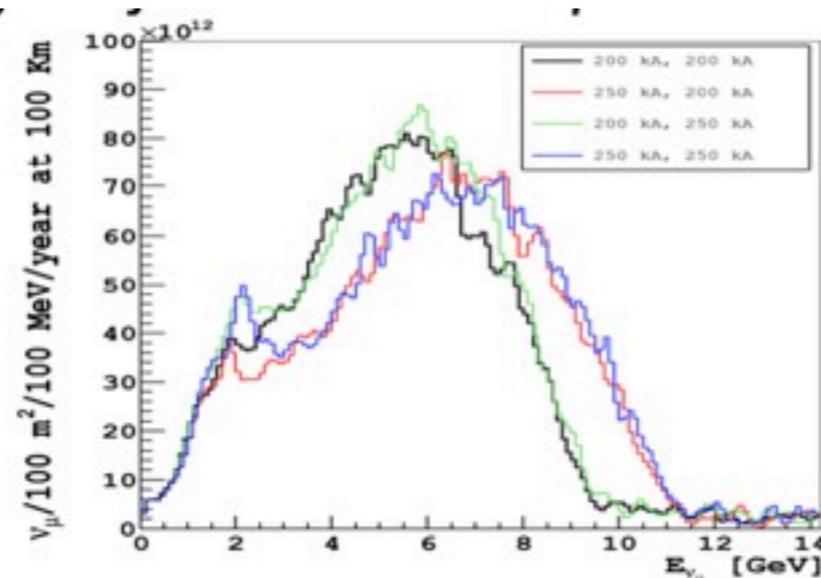
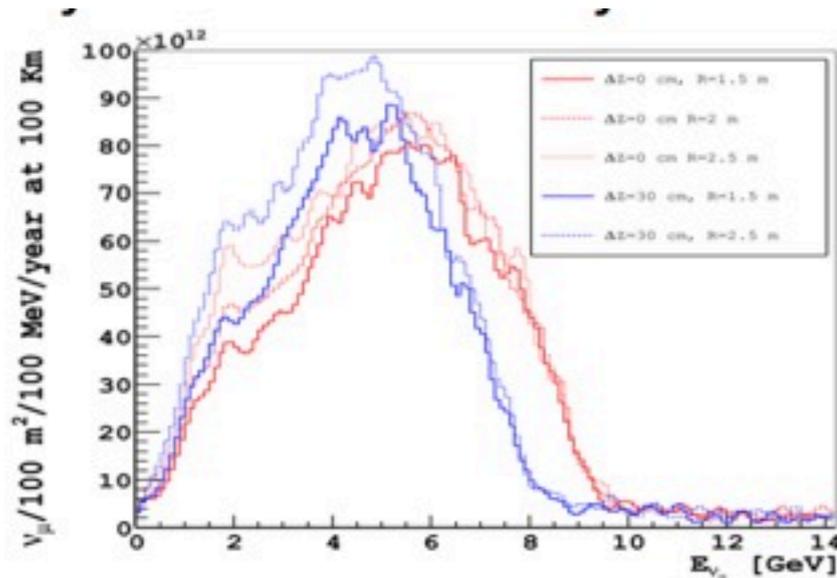
Name	Value	Error (1 $\sigma$ )
L (km)	2300	exact
$\Delta m^2_{21}$ eV <sup>2</sup>	7.60E-05	exact
$ \Delta m^2_{32} $ eV <sup>2</sup>	2.40E-03	$\pm 4\%$
$\sin^2\theta_{12}$	0.30	exact
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$	0.09	$\pm 10\%$
$\sin^2\theta_{23}$	0.50	$\pm 10\%$
$\langle \rho \rangle$	3.2 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	$\pm 4\%$

Name	MH determination	CP determination
	Error (1 $\sigma$ )	Error (1 $\sigma$ )
Bin-to-bin correlated:		
Signal normalization ( $f_{sig}$ )	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 5\%$
Beam electron contamination normalization ( $f_{\nu_e CC}$ )	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 5\%$
Tau normalization ( $f_{\nu_\tau CC}$ )	$\pm 50\%$	$\pm 20\%$
$\nu$ NC and $\nu_\mu$ CC background ( $f_{\nu NC}$ )	$\pm 10\%$	$\pm 10\%$
Relative norm. of "+" and "-" horn polarity ( $f_{+/-}$ )	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 5\%$
Bin-to-bin uncorrelated	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 5\%$

# CN2PY (CERN to Pyhäsalmi) beam



Beam line parameter varied in order to find the configuration which maximize the information extracted from the analysis of the oscillation spectra

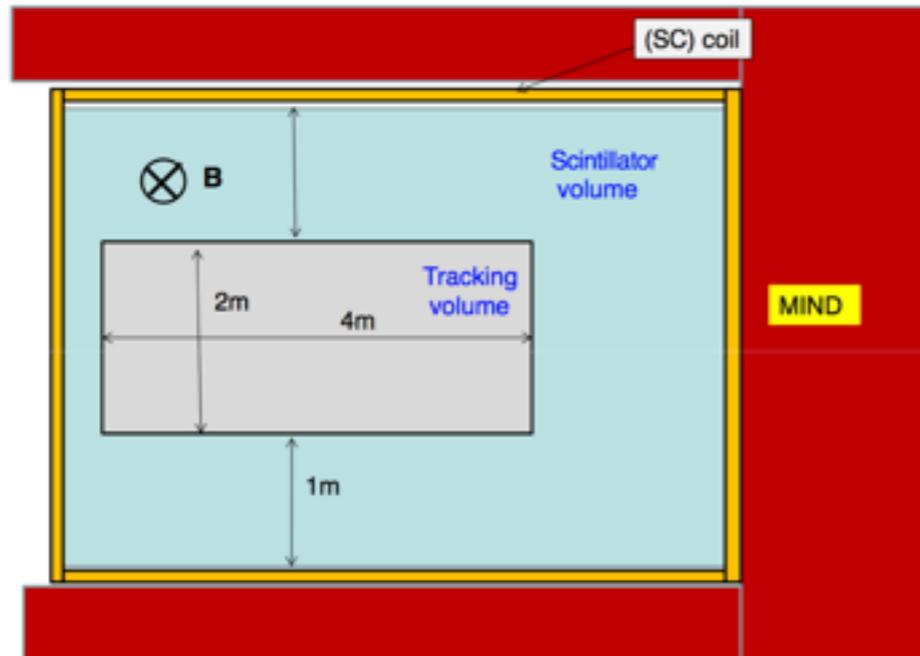


- Decay Tunnel dimensions
- Target-Horn position
- Horn-Reflector Position
- Horn(Reflector) shape
- Horn(Reflector) current

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Goal: <5% Systematic error on the signal and background in the Far detector

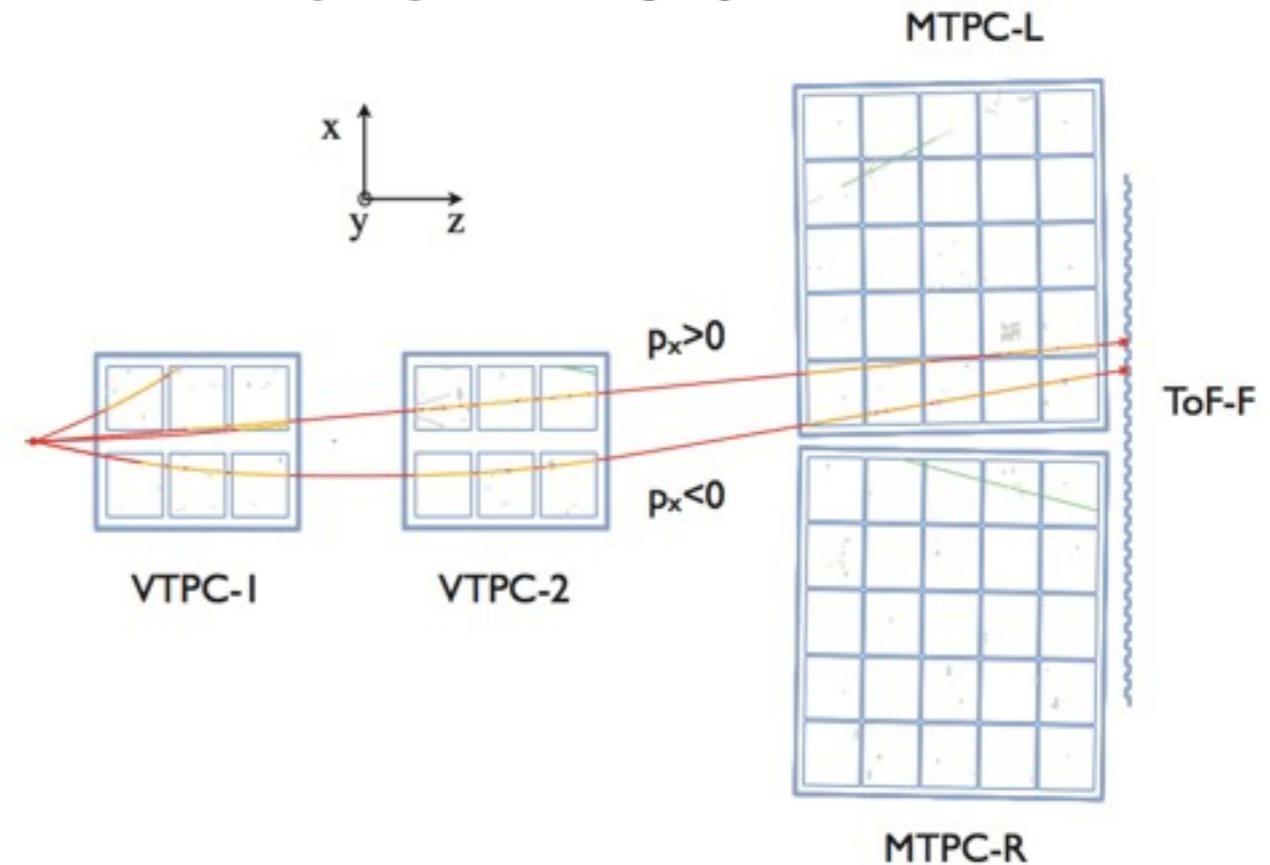
## Near detector



Same materials as in far detectors

- ✓ Argon TPC (10 bar)
- ✓ Scintillator bar tracker
- ✓ Magnetic field 0.5 T
- ✓ 0.2 events/spill @ 700 kW

## NA61/SHINE @ CERN



- ✓ best experiment in the world for hadro-production measurements @ SPS energies
- ✓  $\pi^\pm, K^+, p$  production @30 GeV data significantly contributed to reduce T2K flux systematics [Phys. Rev. C 85 \(Mar, 2012\) 035210](#).
- ✓ has required acceptance to study hadro-production @ 400 GeV

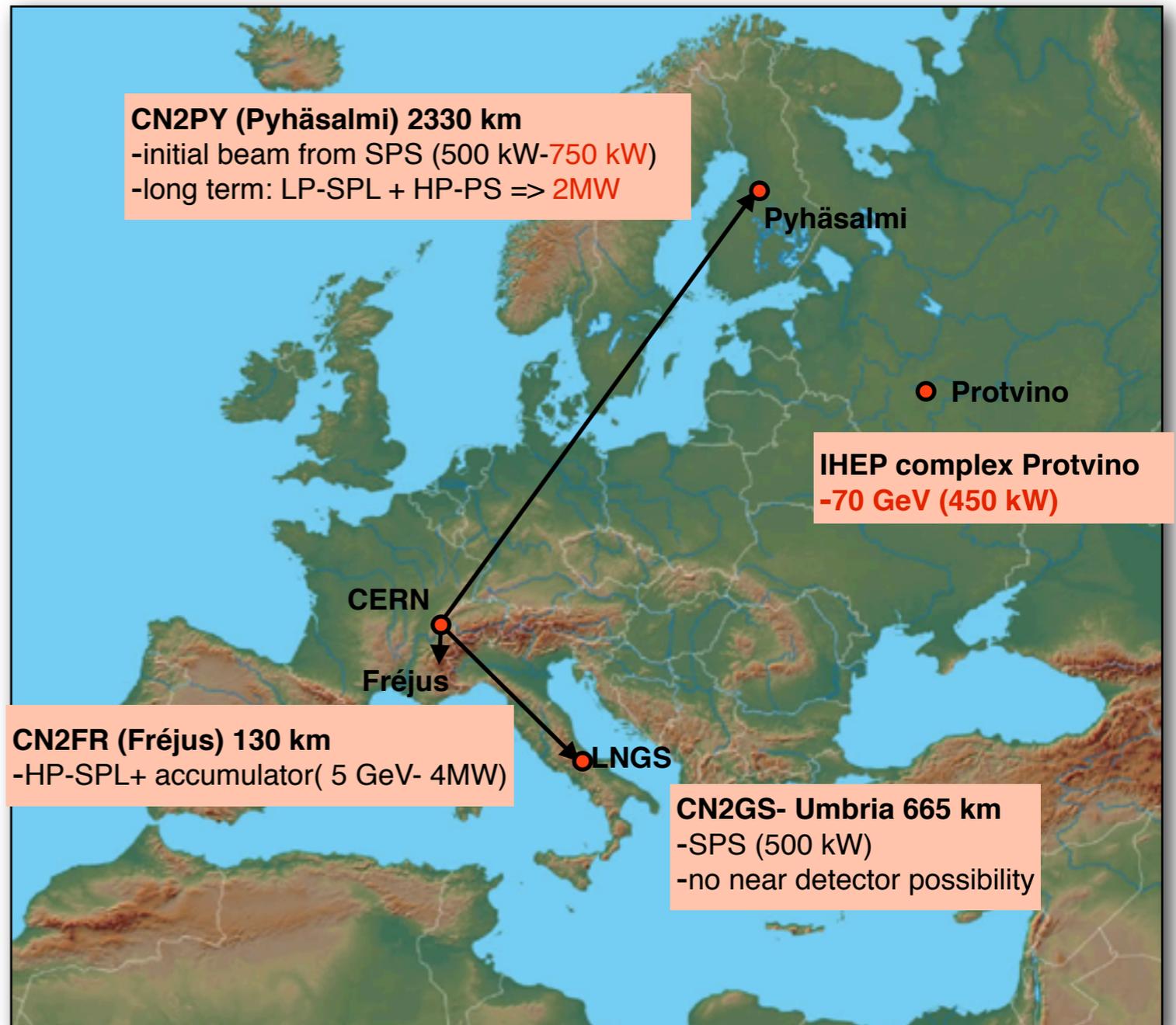
\***Option 1: Pyhäsalmi mine**, privately owned, 4000 m.w.e overburden, excellent infrastructure for deep underground access.

\***Option 2: Fréjus**, nearby road tunnel, 4800 m.w.e overburden, horizontal access. no MH, counting only experiment on  $\nu \bar{\nu}$  asymmetry

\***Option 3: Umbria** (LNGS extension), 2000 m.w.e overburden, horizontal access. CNGS off-axis beam

## \*Beams

- Design of new CERN conventional neutrino beam to Finland (CN2PY) Baseline = 2300 km
- Upgrades of CERN SPS to 700kW
- New CERN HP-PS (2MW@50 GeV) -
- Recently: assessment of a new conventional beam coupled to accelerator upgrade at Protvino, Russia (OMEGA project) – Baseline = 1160 km

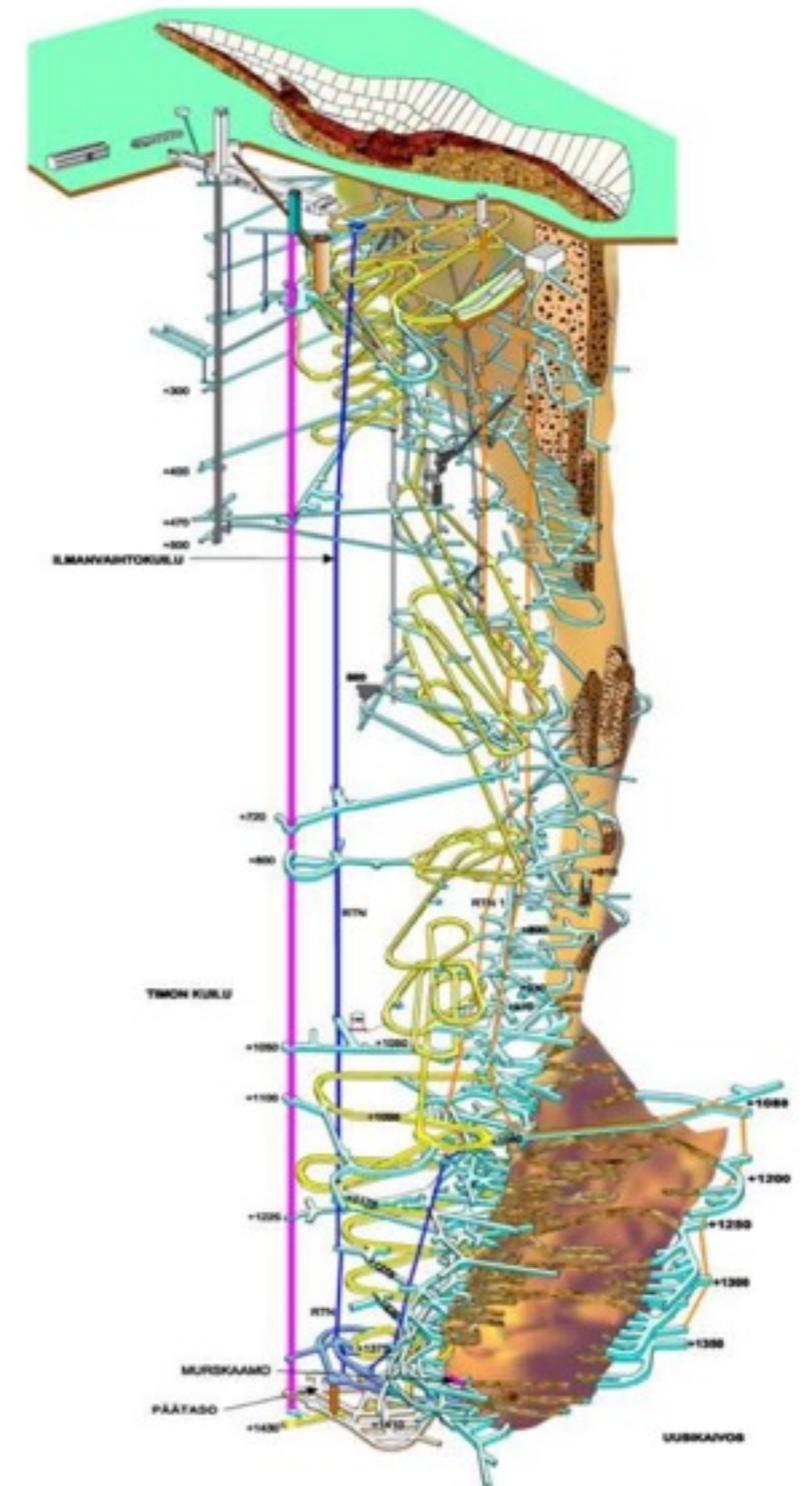


A new massive deep underground neutrino observatory for long baseline neutrino studies, capable of proton decay searches, atmospheric and astrophysical neutrino detection



Extremely convenient site:

- Deepest mine in Europe: ~1400 m, 4000 m.w.e
- Baseline from CERN 2300 km
- lowest reactor neutrino background in Europe
- efficient infrastructures and excavation aspects
- Interesting distance from other potential neutrino sources  
 DESY(1500km), Protvino(1160km), RAL(2300km)



Discussions will continue with Finland in order to define its real contribution. Other sites in Scandinavia are also being looked into.

## Long baseline program

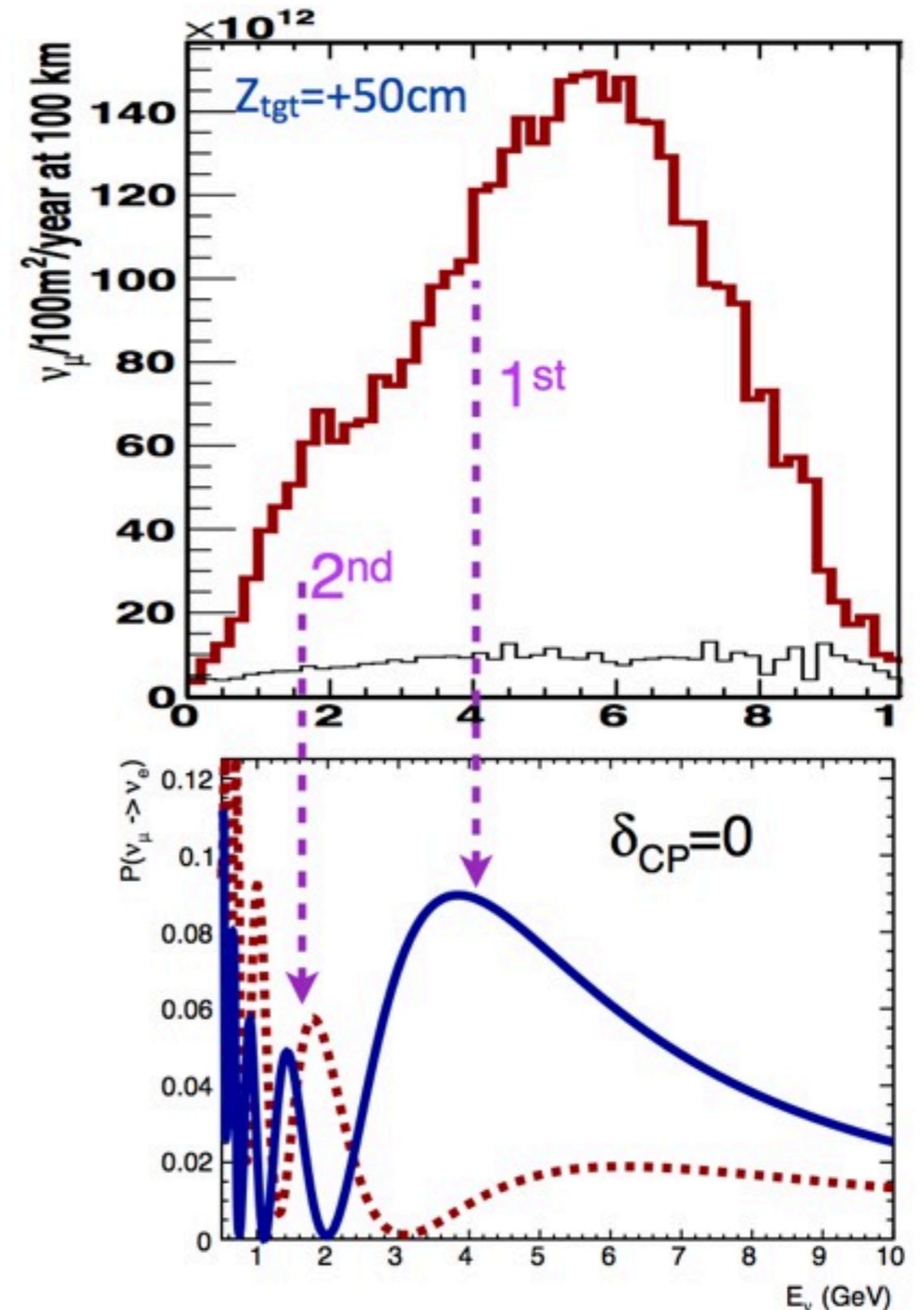
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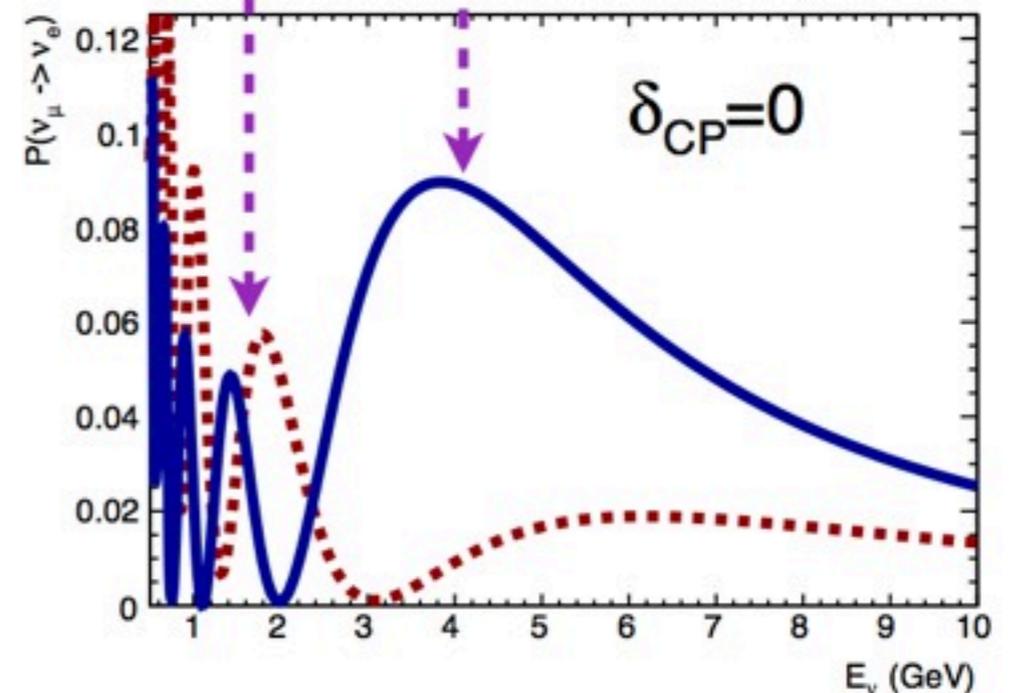
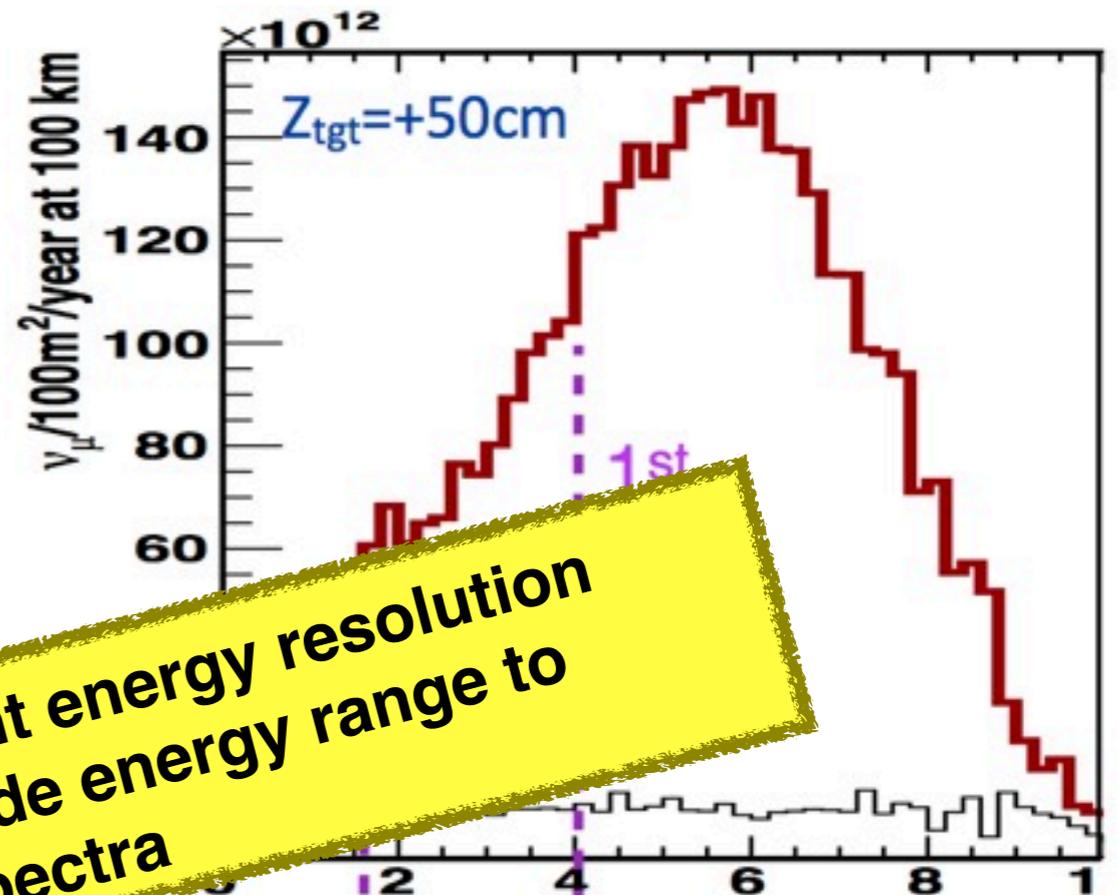
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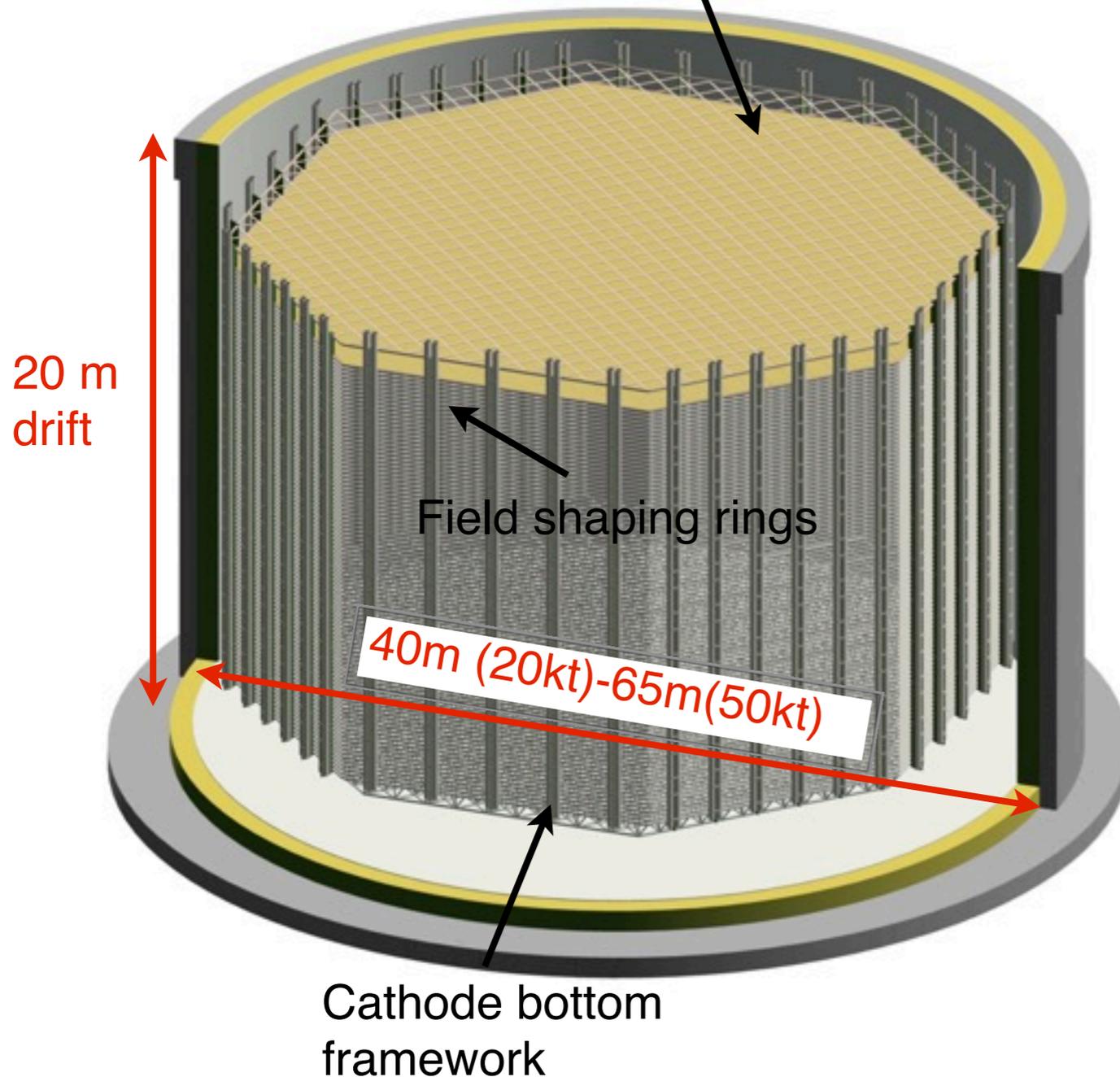
A detector with large mass, excellent energy resolution and tracking performance over a wide energy range to "see" the shape of the oscillated spectra



# Giant Liquid Argon Charge Imaging expERiment

## GLACIER 20kt, 50kt Giant double phase LAr TPC

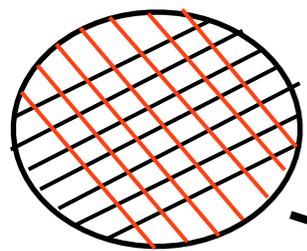
Charge Readout Plane (CRP)



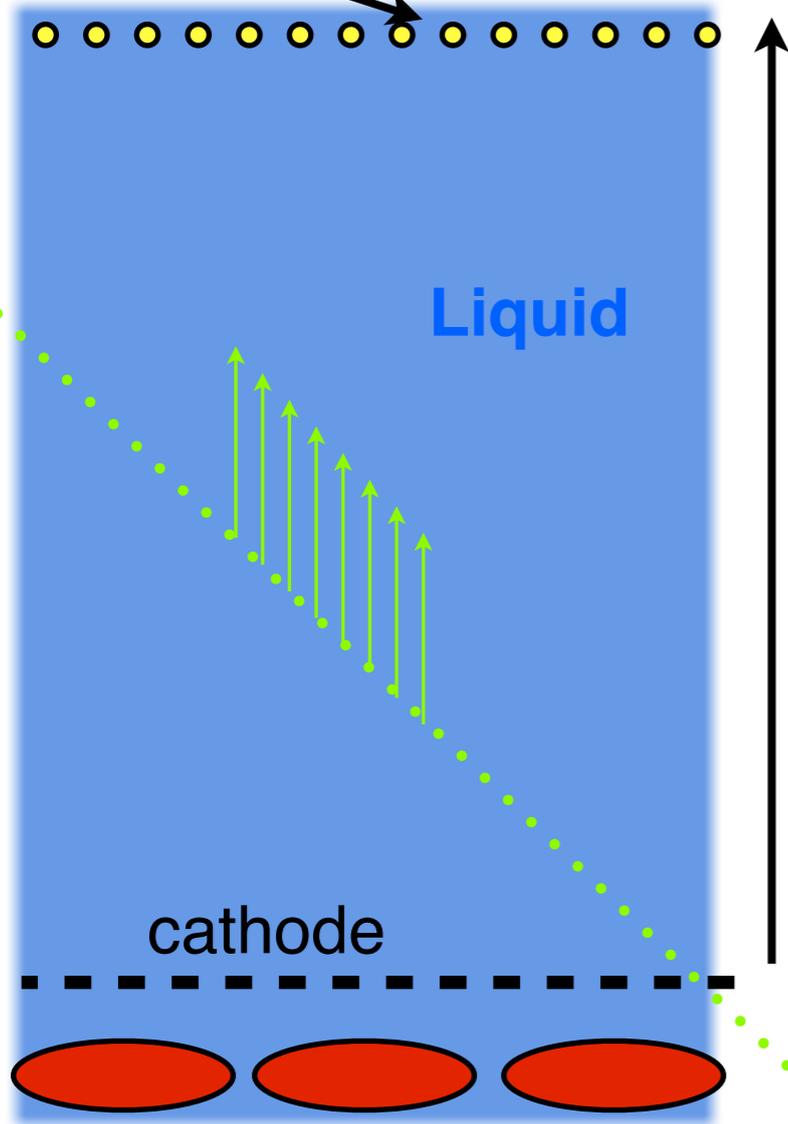
	20KT	50KT
Liquid argon density at 1.2 bar [T/m <sup>3</sup> ]	1.38346	
Full LAr height [m]	22	
Instrumented LAr height [m]	20	
Pressure on the bottom due to LAr [T/m <sup>2</sup> ]	30.4 (= 0.3 MPa = 3 bar)	
Vessel diameter [m]	37	55 76
Vessel base surface [m <sup>2</sup> ]	1'075.2	2'375.8 4'536.5
Instrumented LAr area (percentage) [m <sup>2</sup> ]	824 (77%) (76.6%)	1'845 (78%) 3'634 (80.1%)
Liquid argon volume [m <sup>3</sup> ]	23'654.6	52'268.2 99'802.1
Instrumented LAr mass [KT]	22.799	51.299 100.550
Charge readout square panels (1m×1m option)	804	1'824 14'456
Charge readout triangular panels (0.5m <sup>2</sup> )	40	60
Charge readout square panels (4m×4m option)	40	104
Charge readout triangular panels (2m <sup>2</sup> )	20	16
Number of signal feed-throughs (666 ch/FT)	416	1'028 1'872
Number of PMTs (1m × 1m option)	~800	~1'850 909
Number of PMTs (1.2m × 1.2m option)		~1'288
Number of PMTs (2m × 2m option)	~200	~450
Number of field shaping rings	100	
Vertical spacing (heart to heart distance) of field shaping rings [mm]	200	

# LAr-TPC single vs double phase

## Single phase



signal readout on wires  
x and y coordinate:  
2 "views" at 90 °  
or 3 views at 60°



E drift

PMTs (trigger and  $t_0$ )

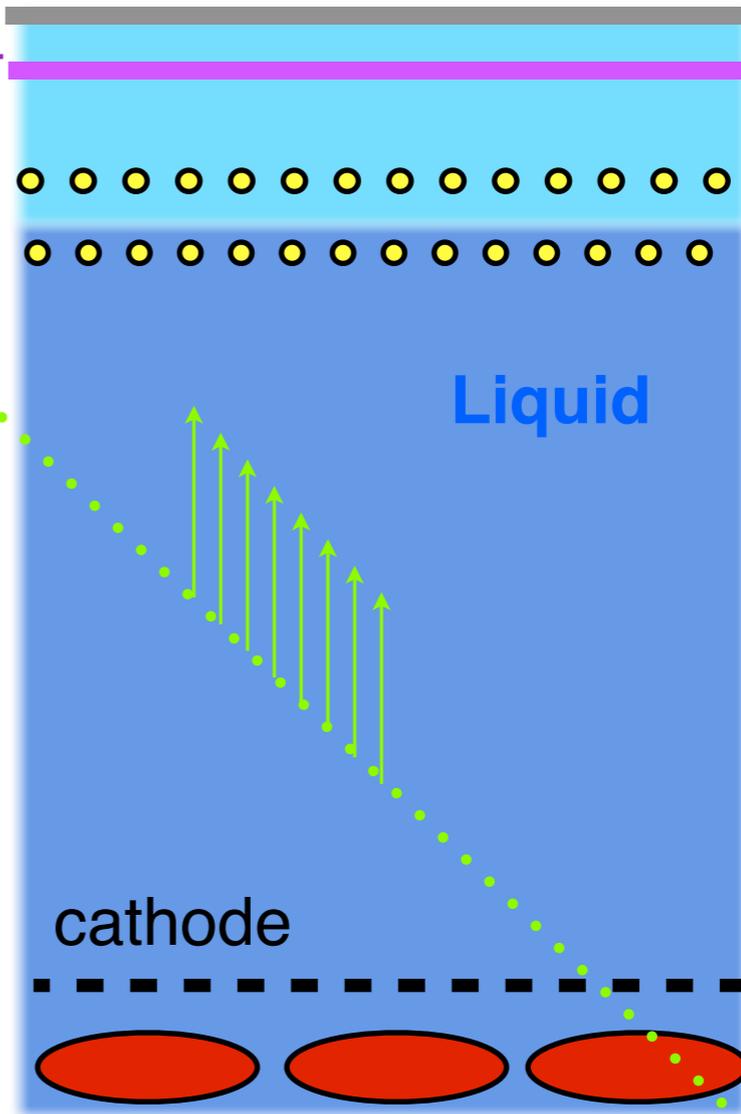
## Double phase

signal readout on 2 view collection anode  
**Signal amplified in the gas**

collection anode

e- multiplier

Gas



E amplification

E extraction

E drift

PMTs (trigger and  $t_0$ )

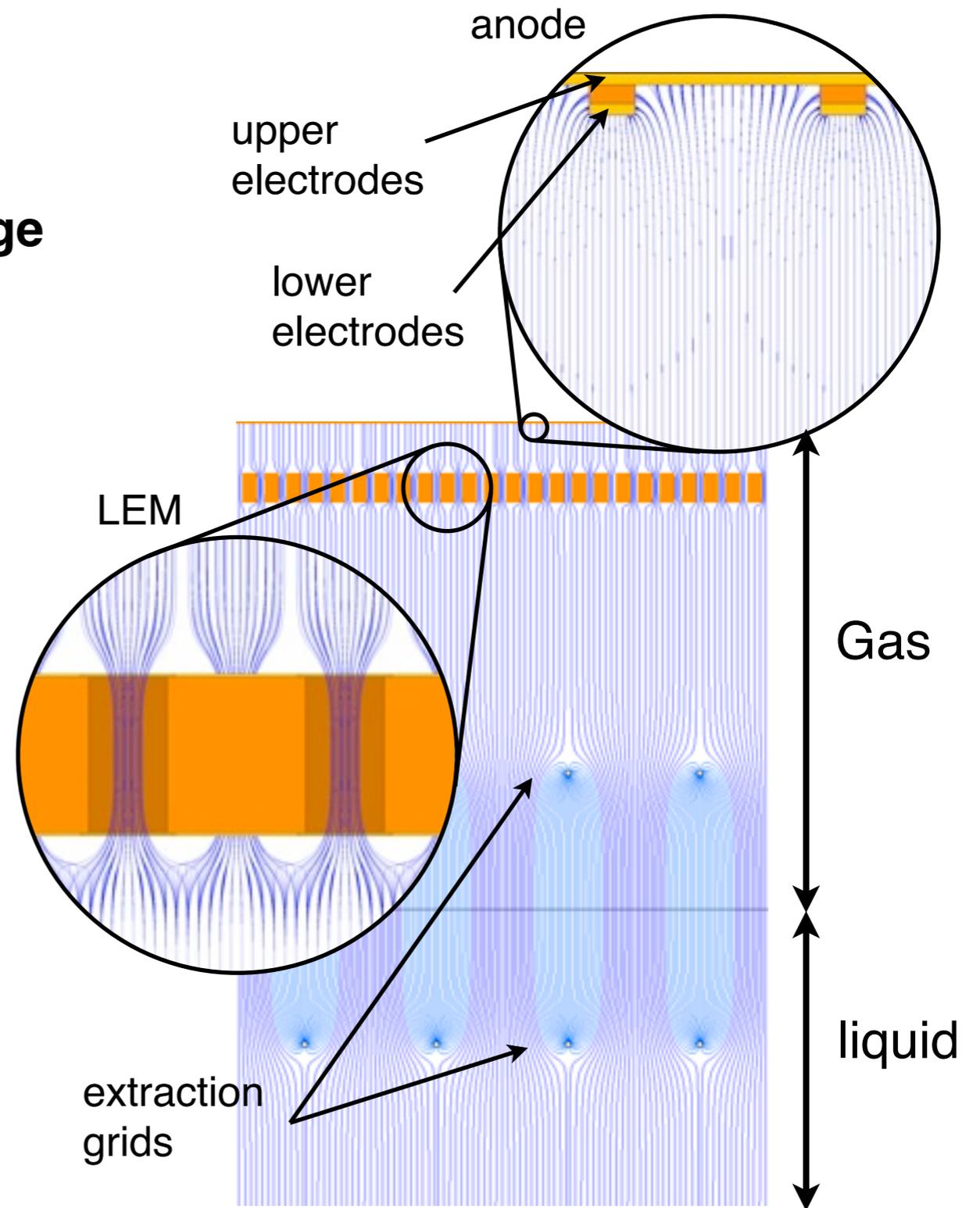
4.) Charge **collection** on a **2D anode readout**  
(symmetric unipolar signals with two orthogonal views)

3.) Charge multiplication in the holes of the **Large Electron Multiplier (LEM)**

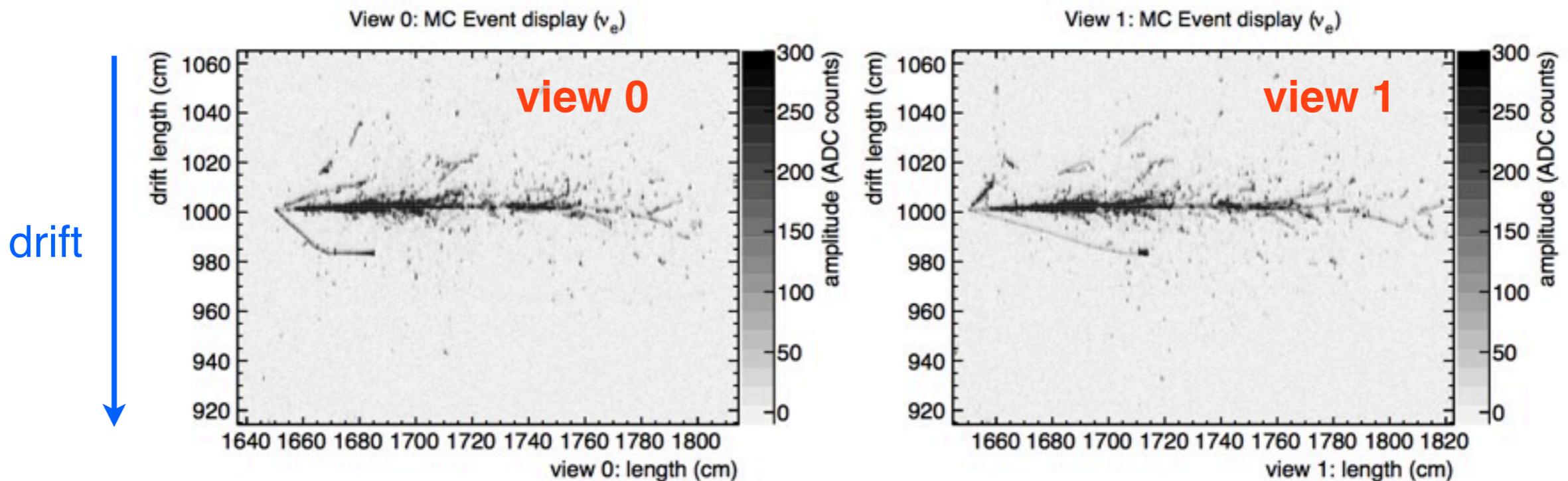


2.) Drift electrons are efficiently emitted into the gas phase

1.) Ionization electrons drift towards the liquid argon surface



## $\nu_e$ CC event in CLACIER



- ✓ Excellent energy resolution and tracking performance over a wide energy range. Efficient background rejection (e.g.  $\text{NC}\pi^0$  from  $\text{CC}\nu_e$ )
- ✓ High granularity:  $\sim 0.05$  cm in drift direction, 3mm in transverse direction
- ✓ Very high signal-to-noise ( $>100$ ) thanks to amplification in gas.  $\Rightarrow$  build large detectors with longer drifts ( $\sim 20\text{m}$ ) and larger readout capacitances.
- ✓ Adjustable Energy threshold  $\Rightarrow$  sensitive down to very low energies ( $\sim 100$  keV).

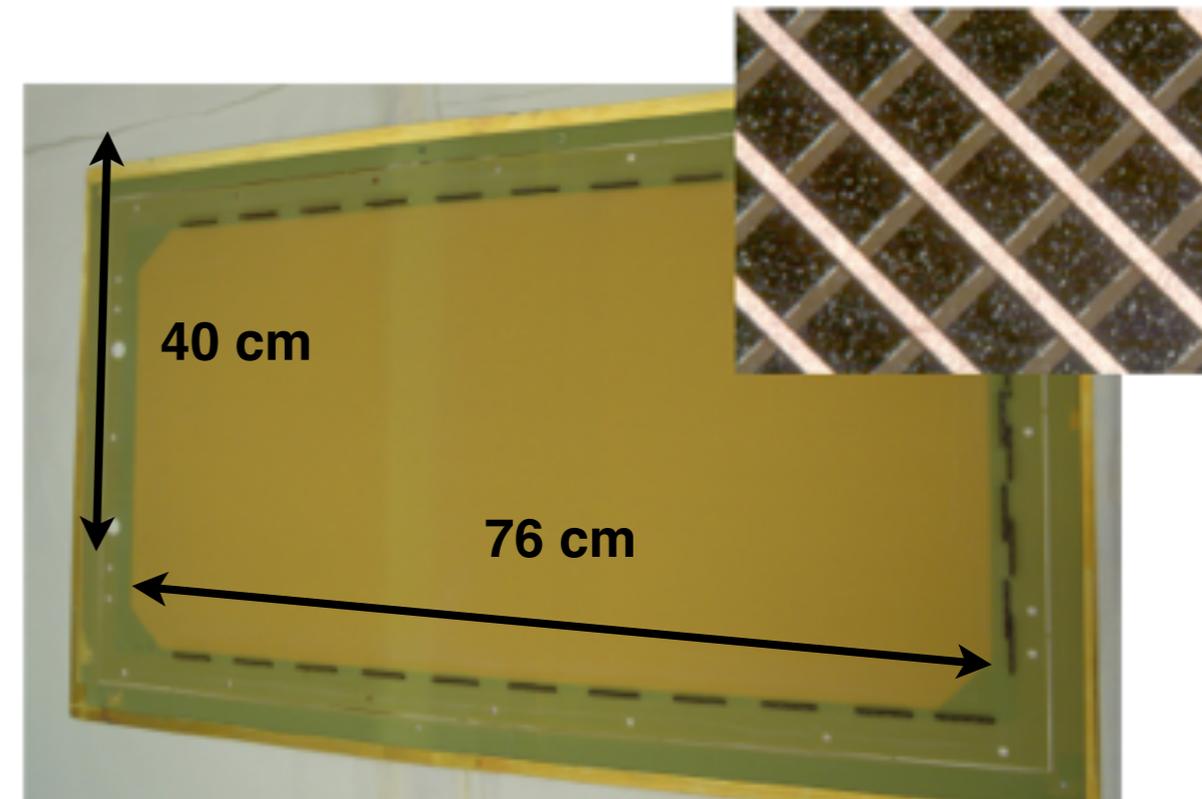
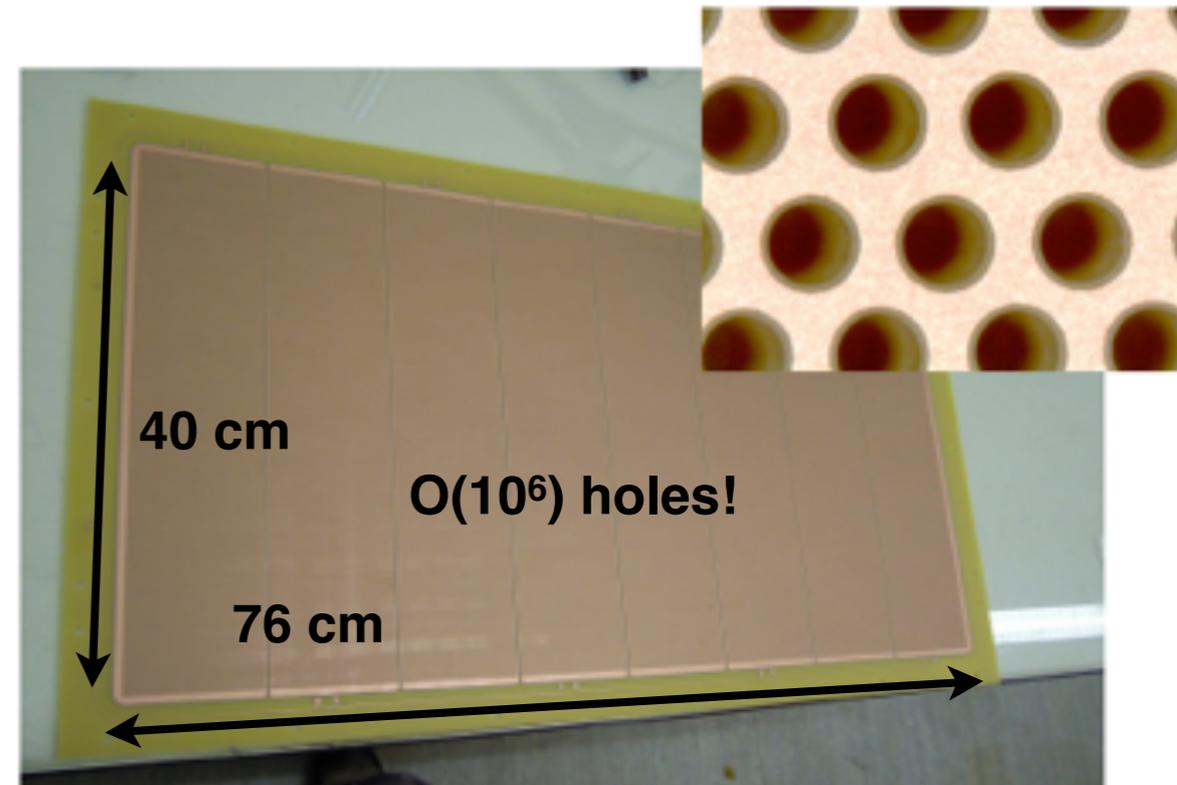
## Large Electron Multiplier (LEM)

- \* Macroscopic Gas hole multiplier
- \* more robust than GEMs (cryogenic temperatures, discharge resistant)
- \* manufactured with standard PCB techniques
- \* Large area coverable by 50x50 cm<sup>2</sup> modules
- \* Light quenching within the holes

## 2D projective anode readout

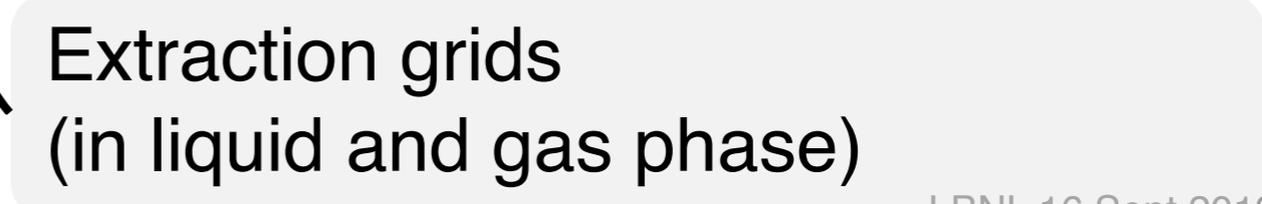
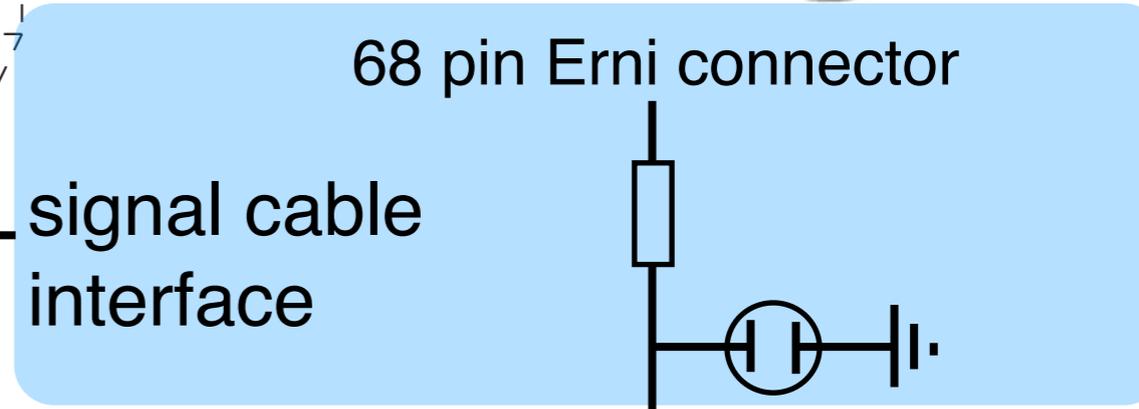
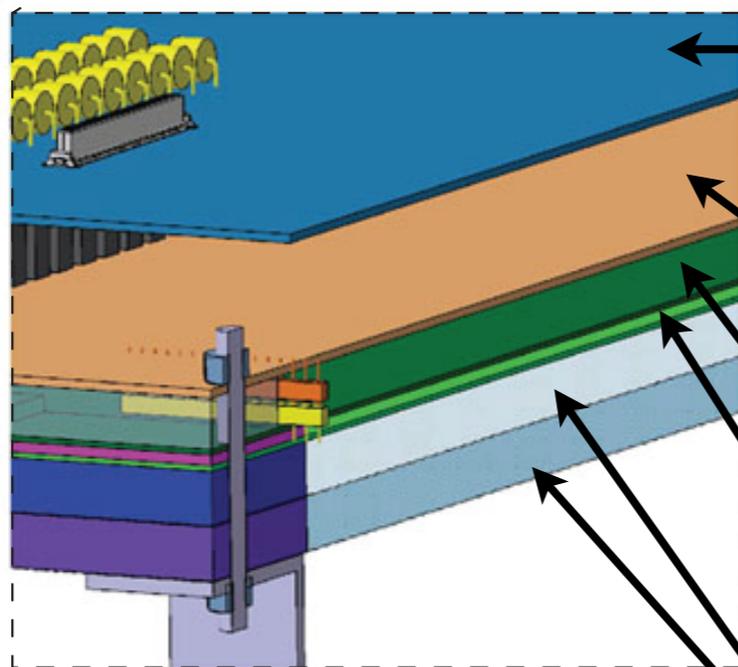
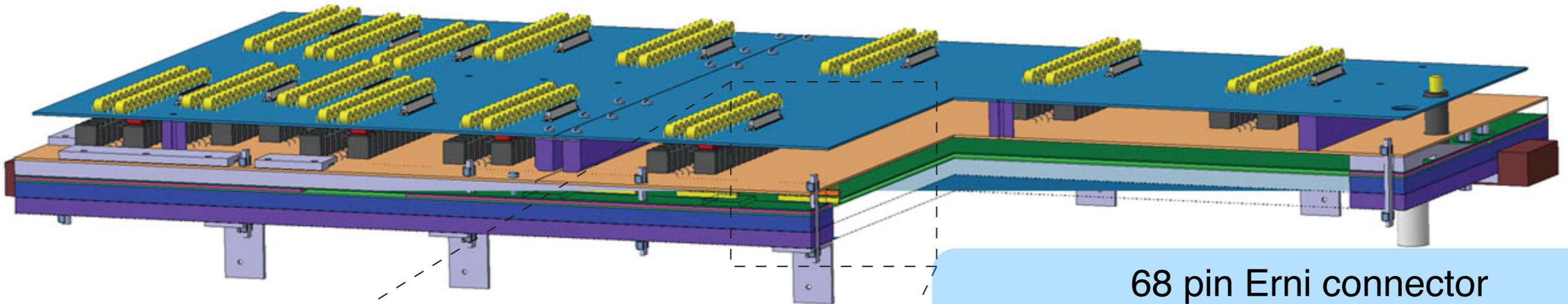
- \* Charge equally collected on two sets of strips (views)
- \* Readout independent of multiplication
- \* Signals have the same shape for both views:
  - two collection views (unipolar signals)
  - no induction view (bipolar signals) as in the case of a LAr-TPC with induction wires

So far largest area LEM/2D anode produced!



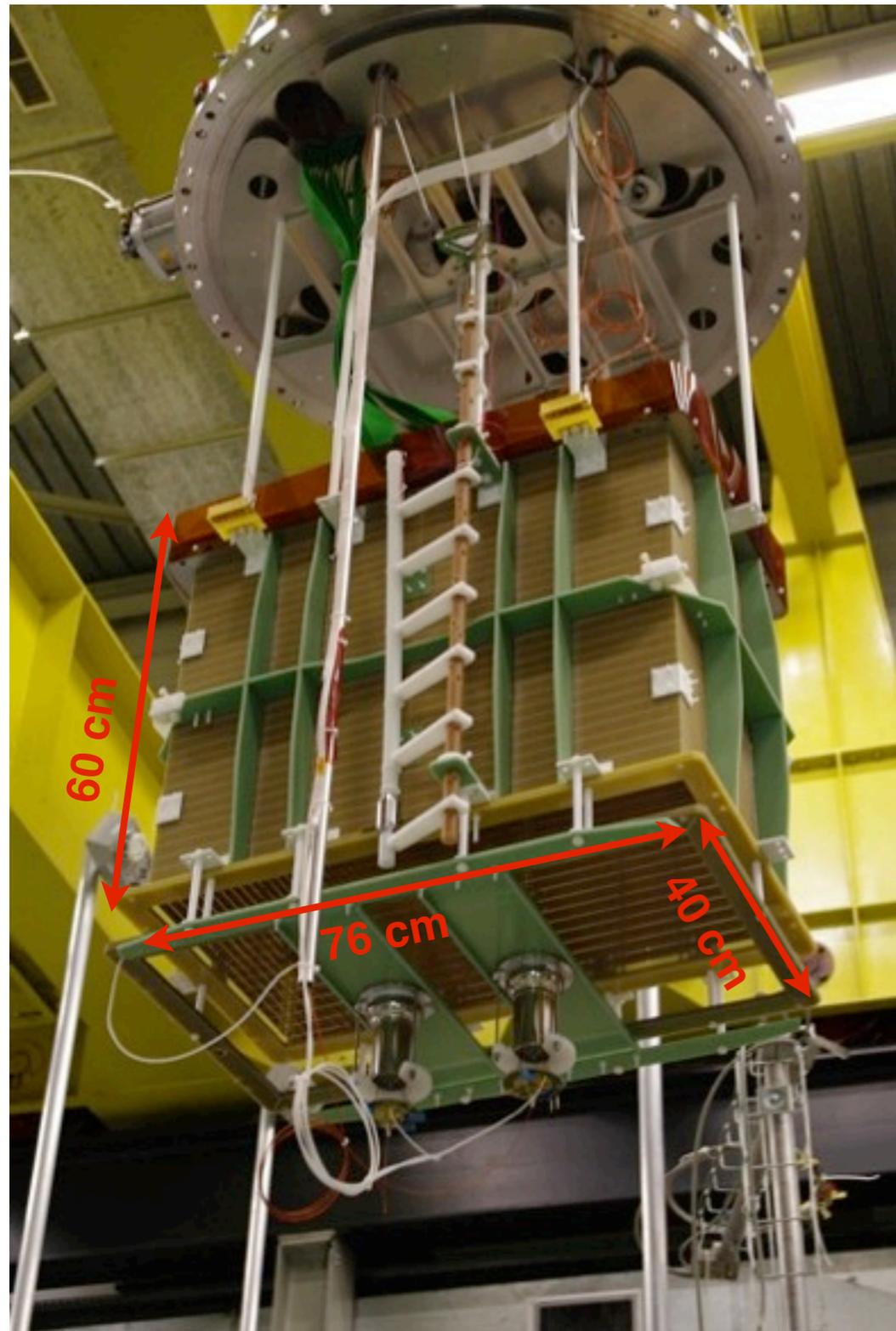
# Compact Charge Readout Design (CRP)

Single Compact readout module of square meter doing extraction, amplification and readout



# Large area readout: the 40x76 cm<sup>2</sup> prototype

detector fully assembled



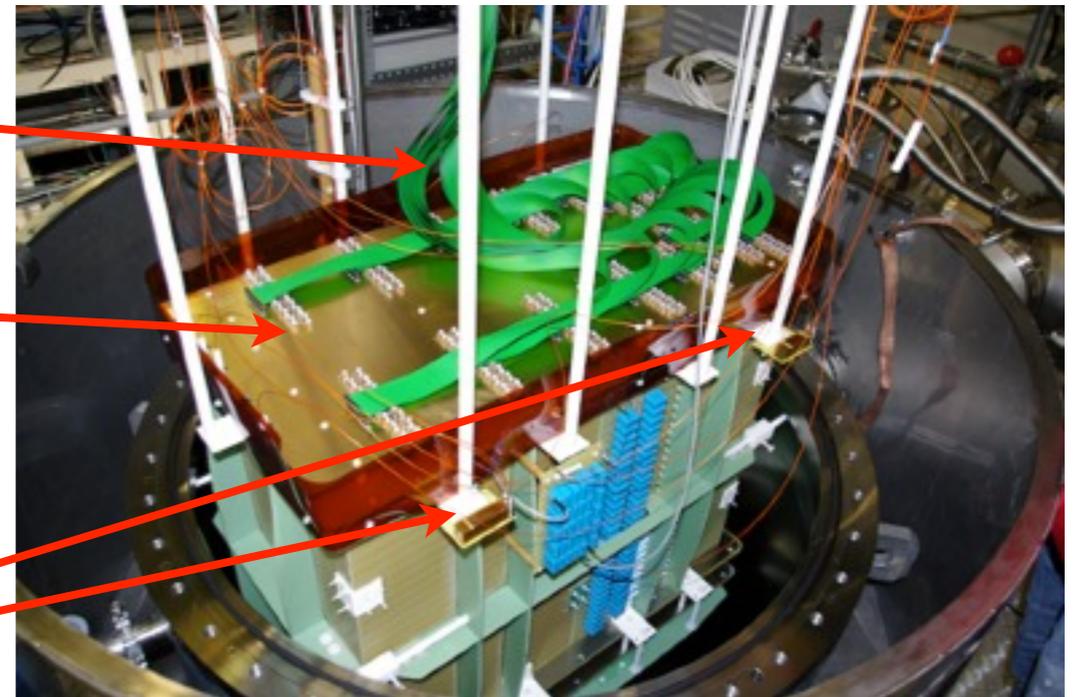
A. Badertscher et al. [JINST 8 \(2013\)P04012](#),

going into the ArDM cryostat

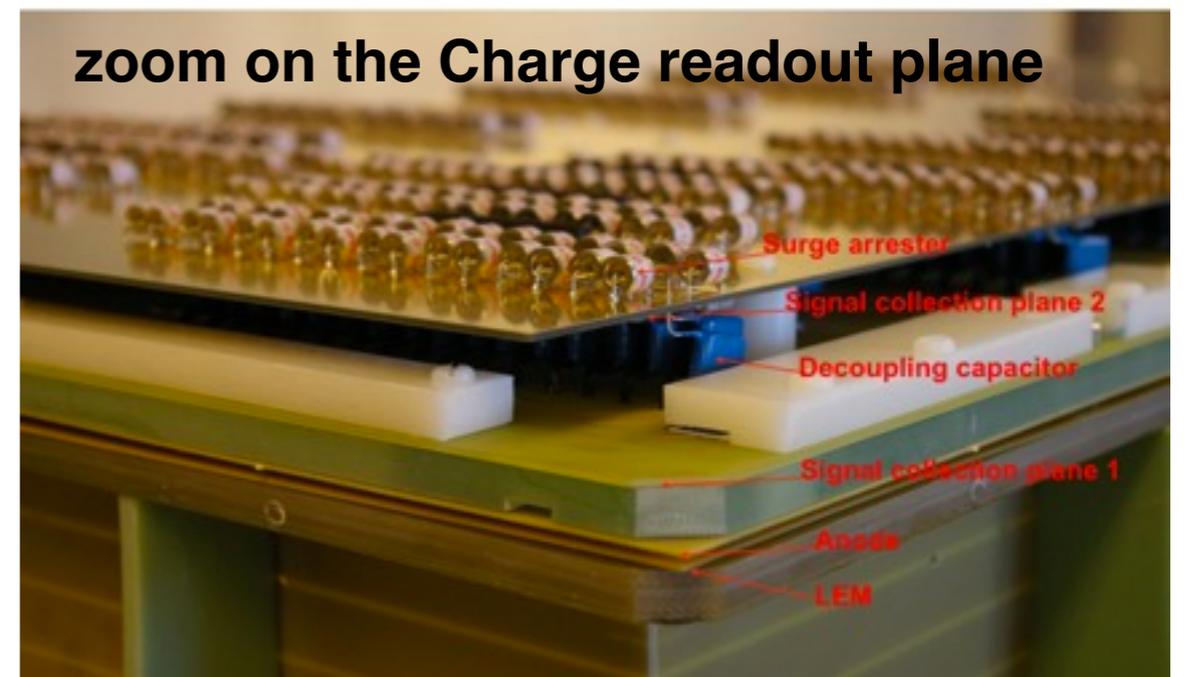
16 signal cables

charge readout plane

4 capacitive level meters



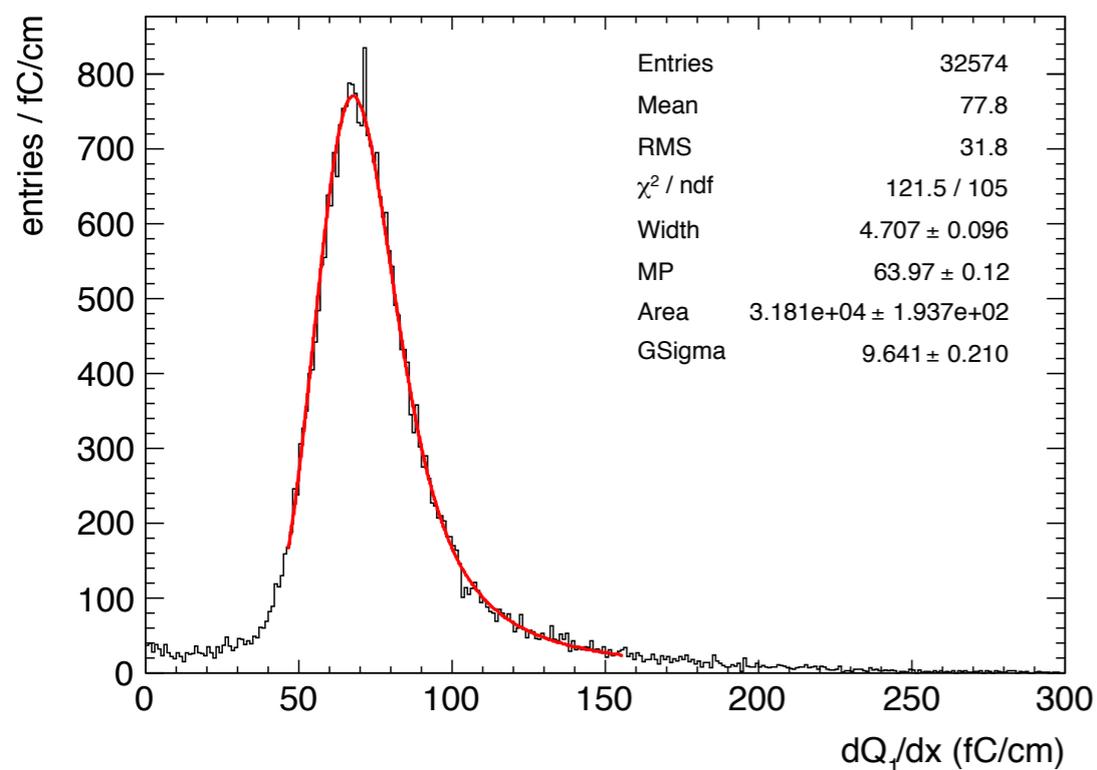
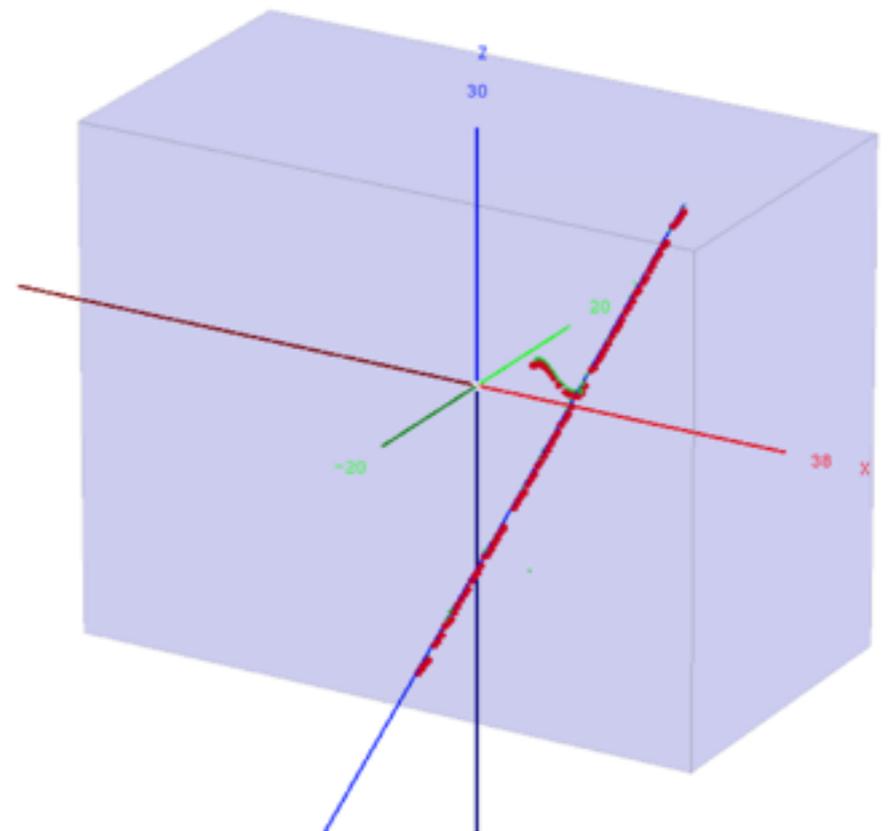
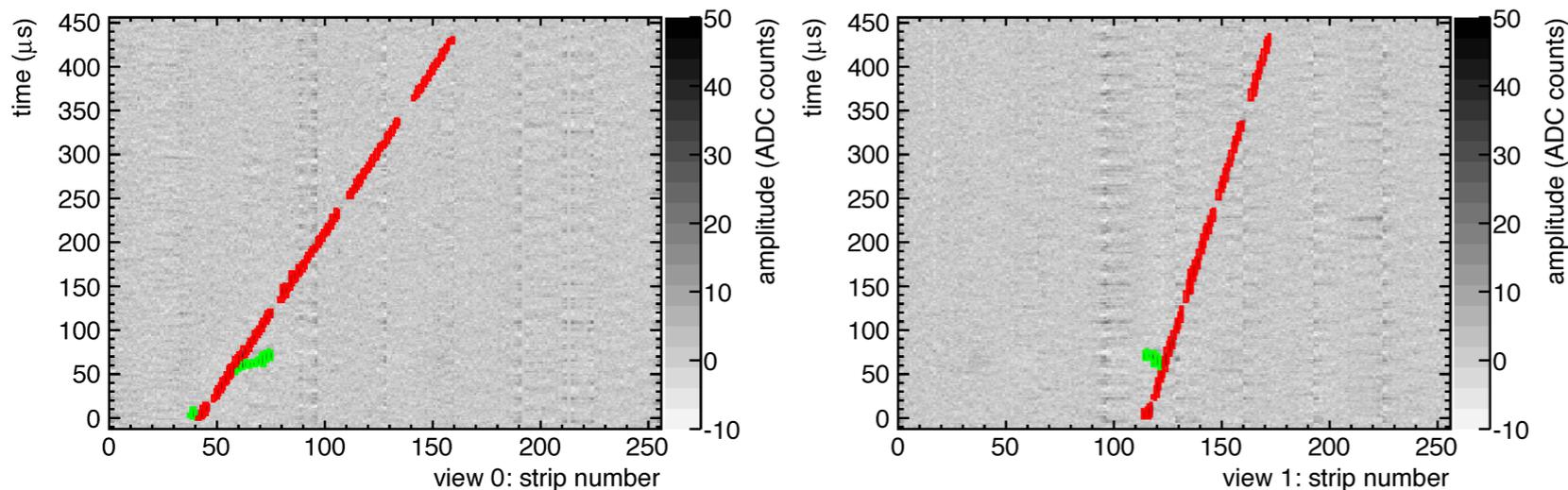
zoom on the Charge readout plane



Surge arrester  
 Signal collection plane 2  
 Decoupling capacitor  
 Signal collection plane 1  
 Anode  
 LEM

We have operated the detector for the first time in October 2011 during more than 1 month.  
 Operated under controlled pressure: 1023±1 mbar [A. Badertscher et al. JINST 8 \(2013\)P04012](#),

delta ray identified and reconstructed in 3D!



Effective gain:

$$(dQ/dx_{\text{view0}} + dQ/dx_{\text{view1}}) / dQ/dx_{\text{MIP}} (\approx 10 \text{ fC/cm})$$

$$\langle dQ/dx \rangle = 146 \text{ fC/cm}$$

➡ effective gain  $\approx 14.6$ , (S/N  $\approx 30$ )

charge sharing between the two collection views:

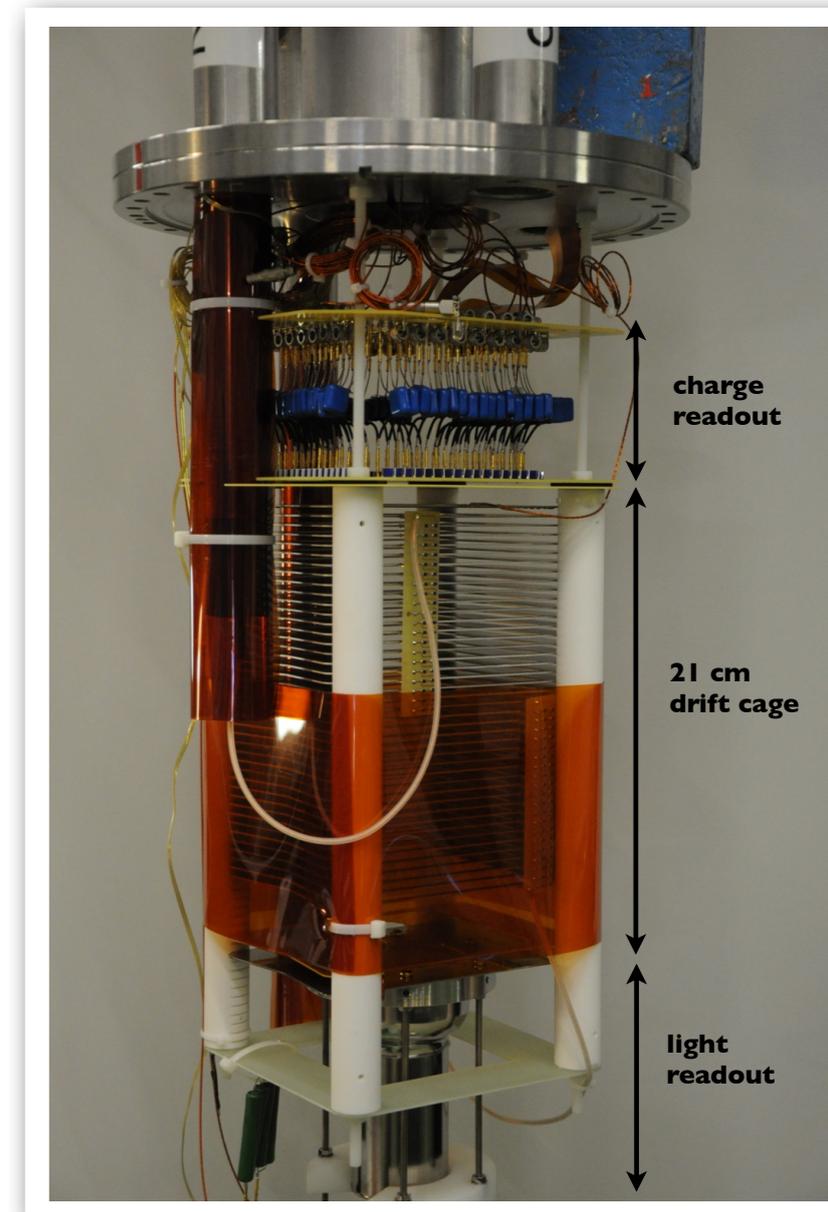
$$(Q_1 - Q_0) / (Q_1 + Q_0) \approx 8\%$$



With this small chamber, we can collect in a short amount of time a high quality and **large data-sets of cosmic muon**

Some of the things we tested:

- \* **Uniformity** of the gain.
- \* **Stability** of the gain and signal-to-noise-ratio for extended running periods.
- \* **Discharges** across the LEM (how frequent? do they affect the gain?..)
- \* How can we further **Simplify** the readout?



# Towards large area readout - anode considerations

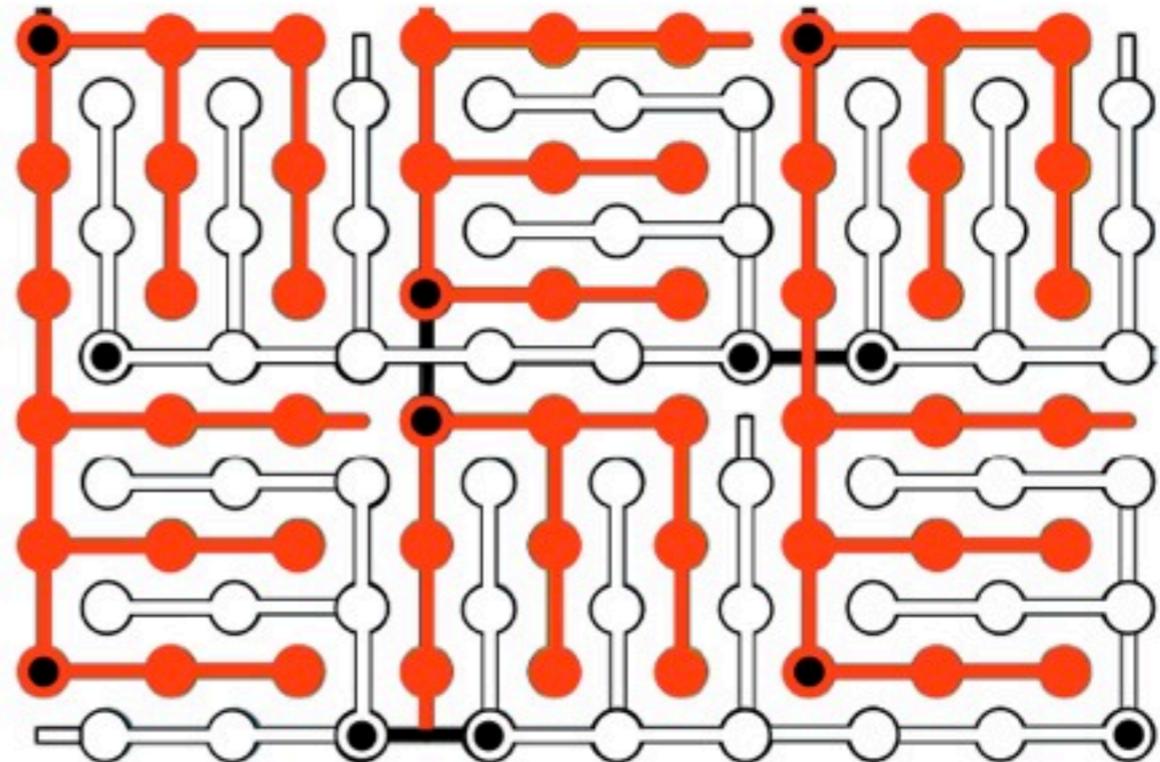
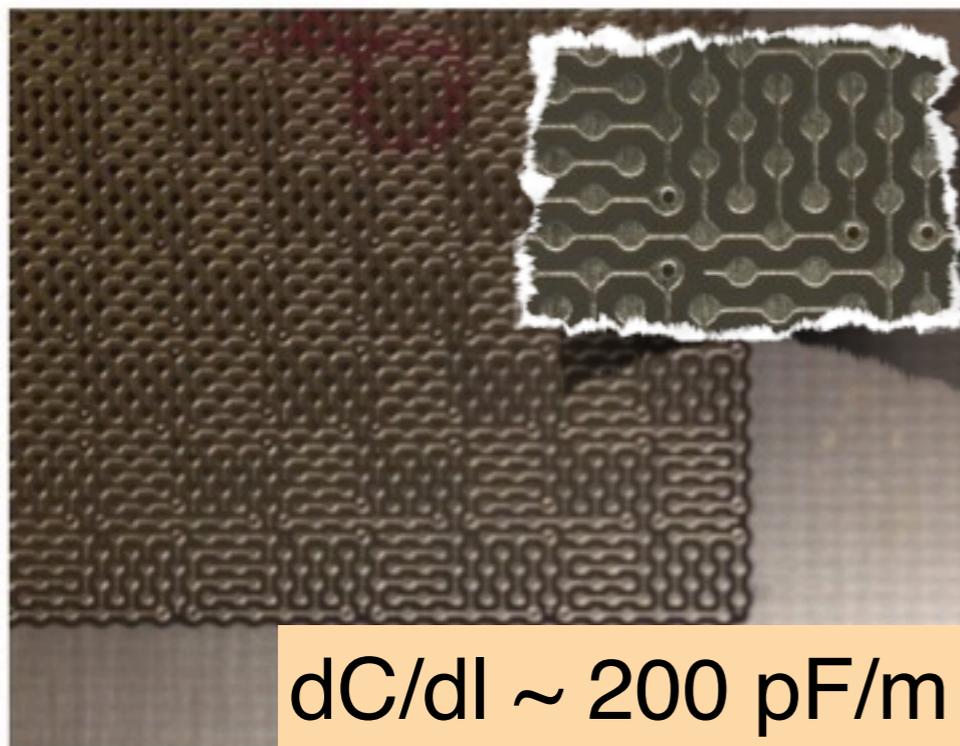
**Goal: readout of at least 0.5x0.5 m<sup>2</sup>**

**need low capacitance readouts to go large dimensions**

previous Kapton type anode  $dC/dl \sim 600$  pF/m

the anode should:

- i) be easy to manufacture on large scale
- ii) have low capacitance to have long readout strips while keeping the noise to minimum.
- iii) have equal charge sharing between both views



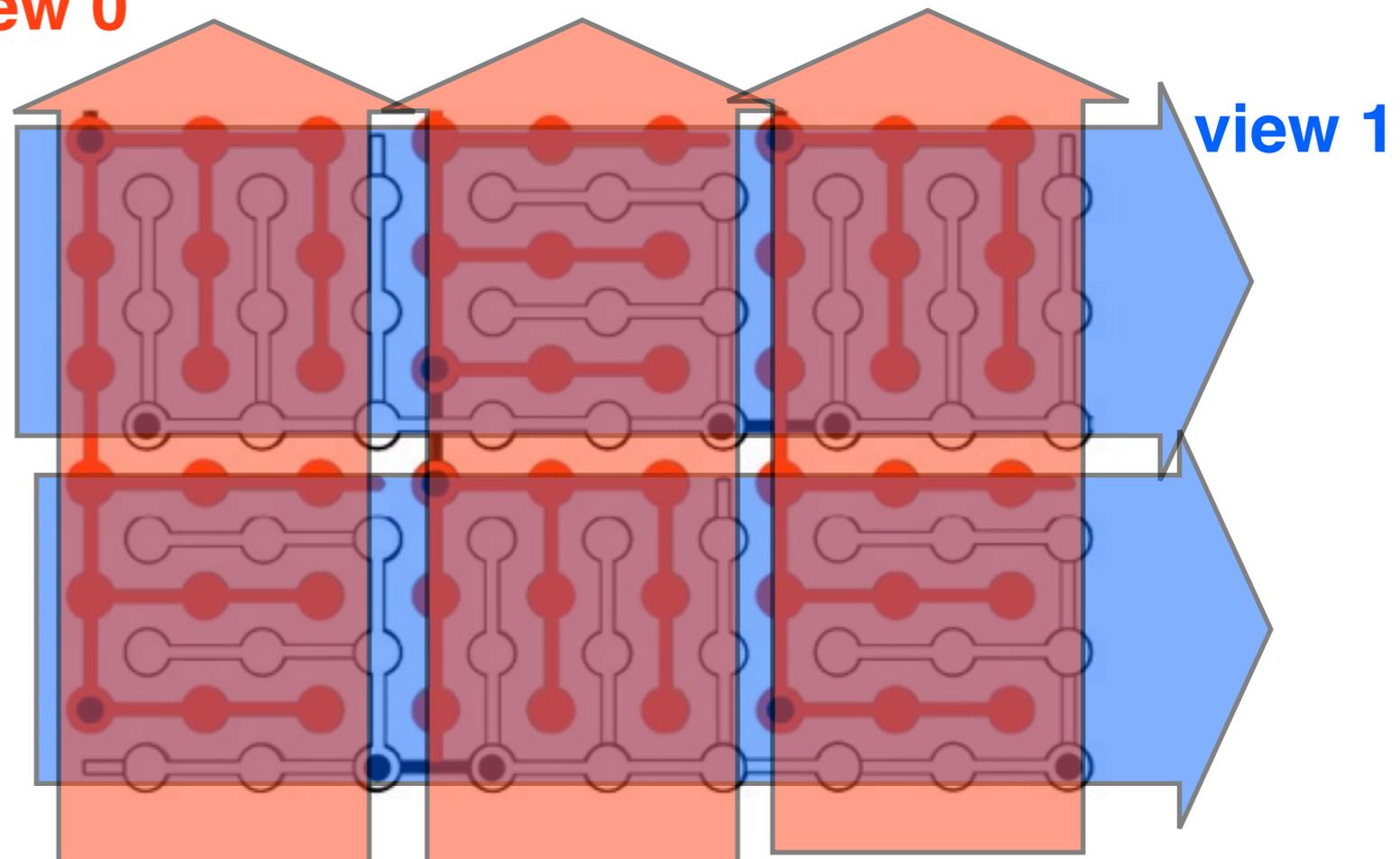
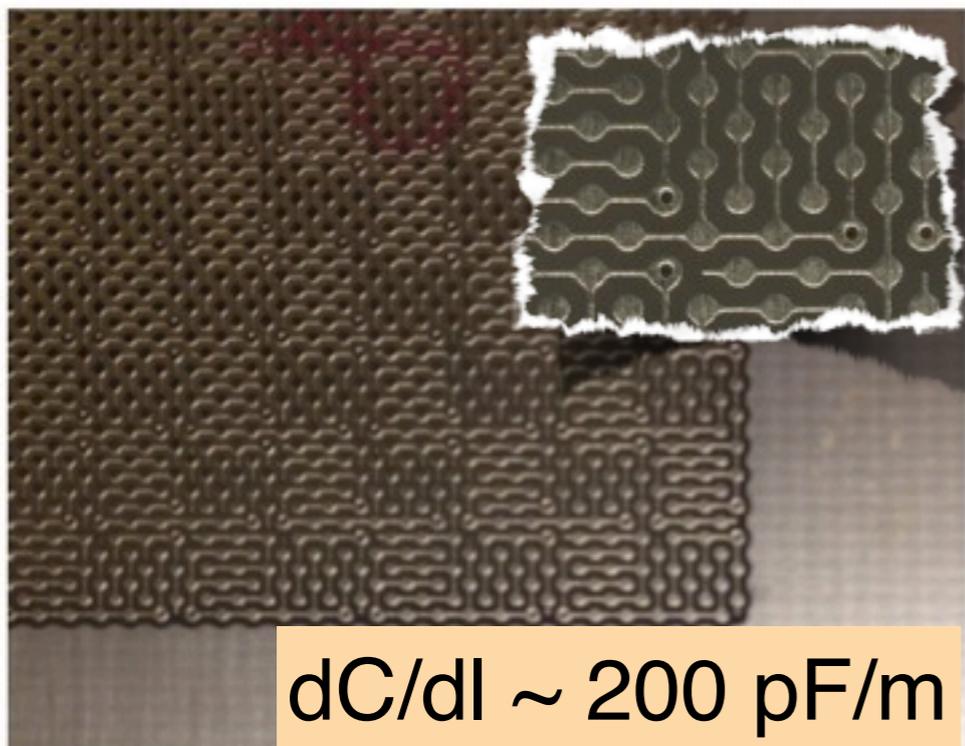
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**view 0**

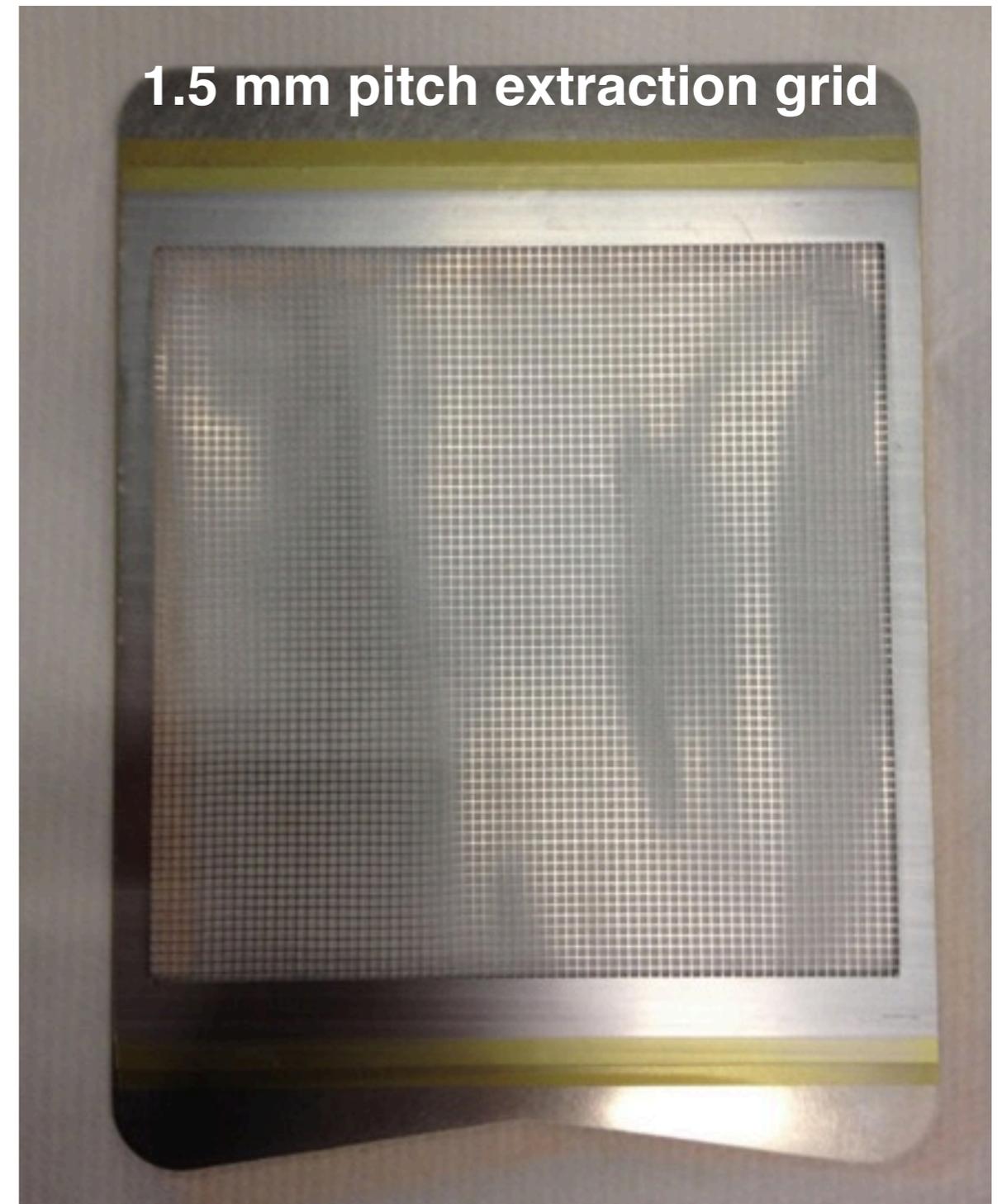
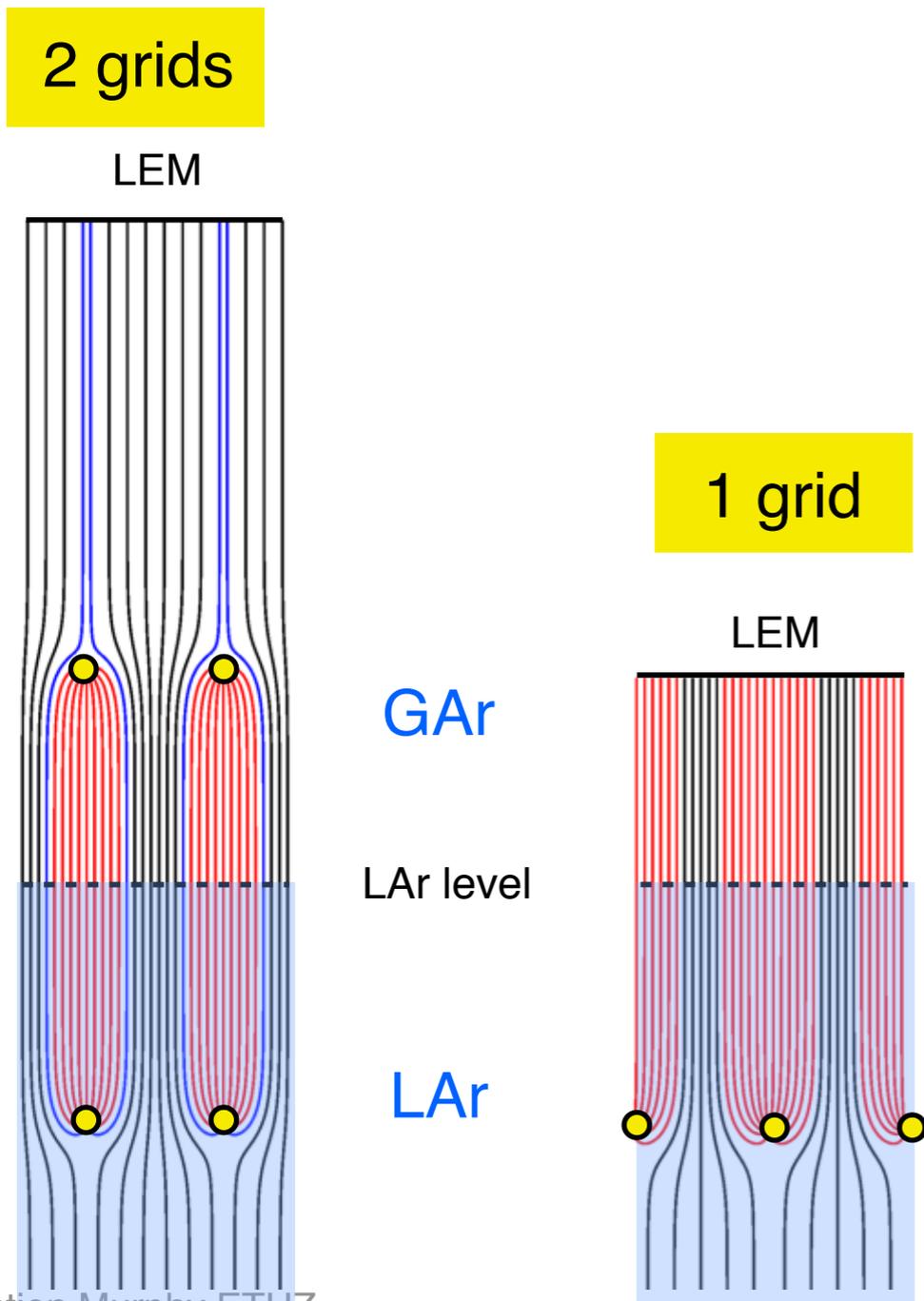


previous Kapton type anode  $dC/dl \sim 600 \text{ pF/m}$

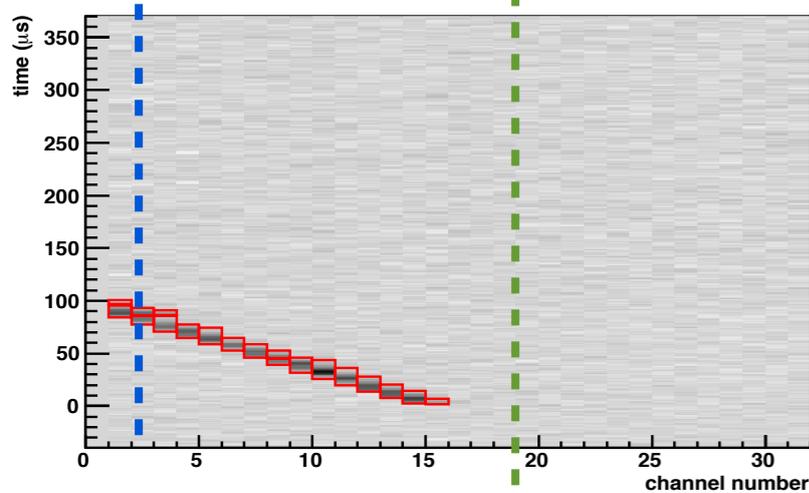
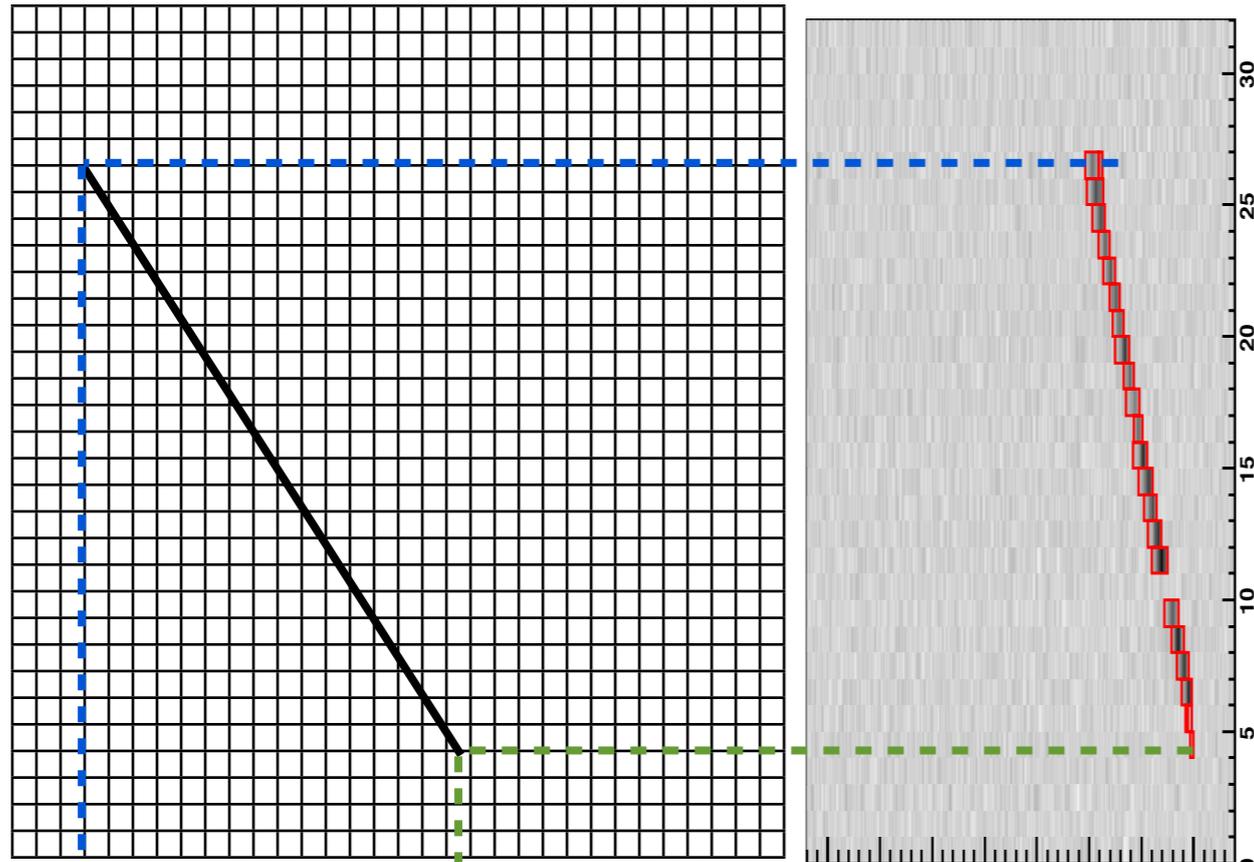
**Multi-layer PCB anode designed to be completely x-y symmetric.**

# ETH Simplifying the design- single extraction grid

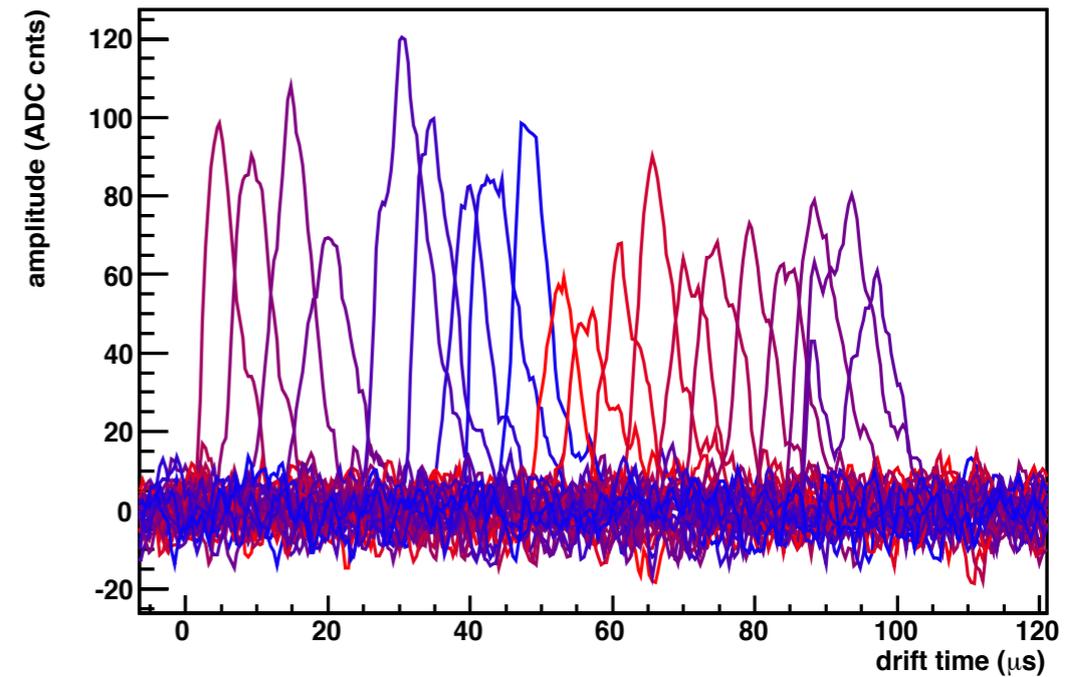
- \* Simplified scheme
- \* Higher transparency possible (no alignment of grids needed)
- \* Less absolute voltage



view 0



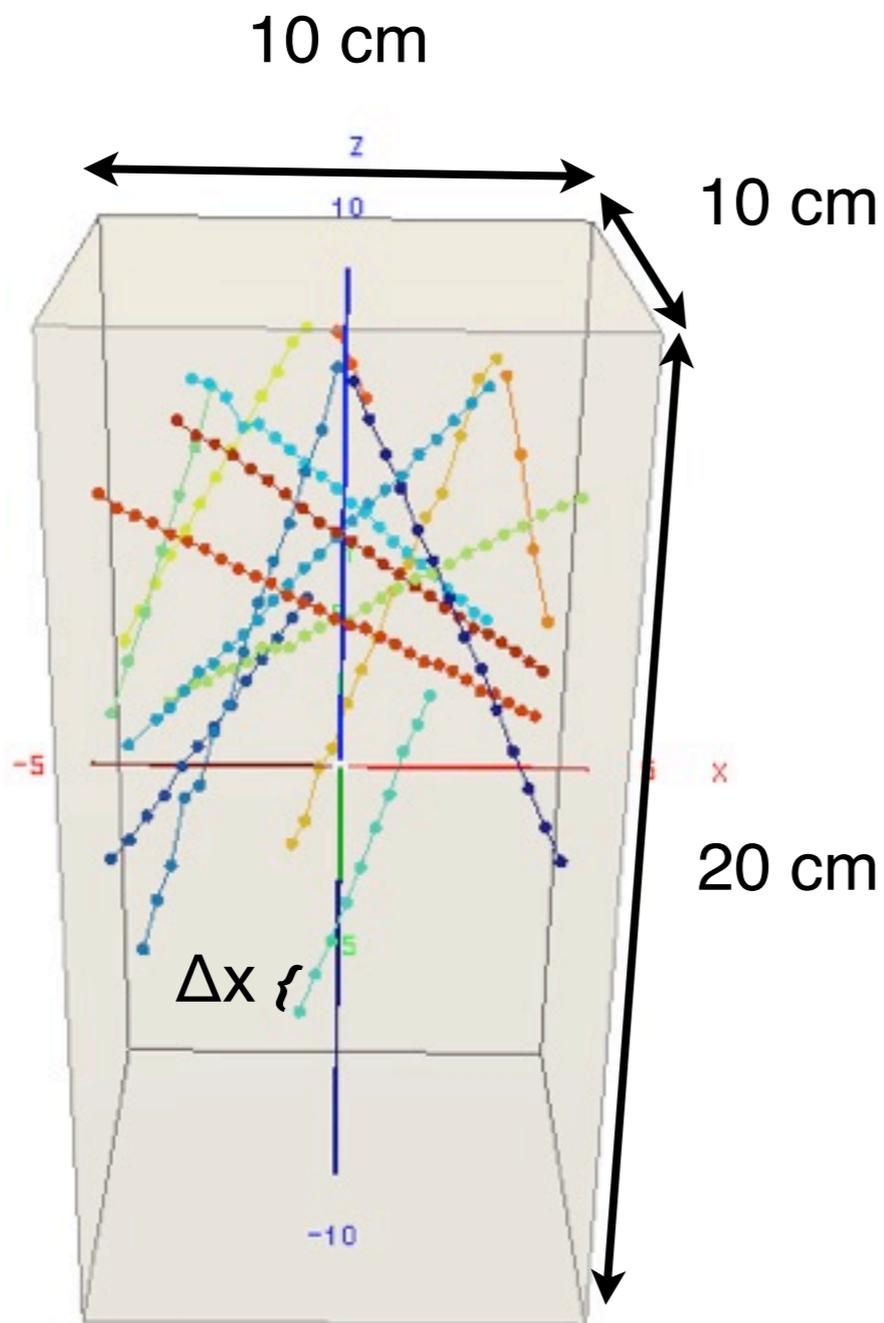
view 1



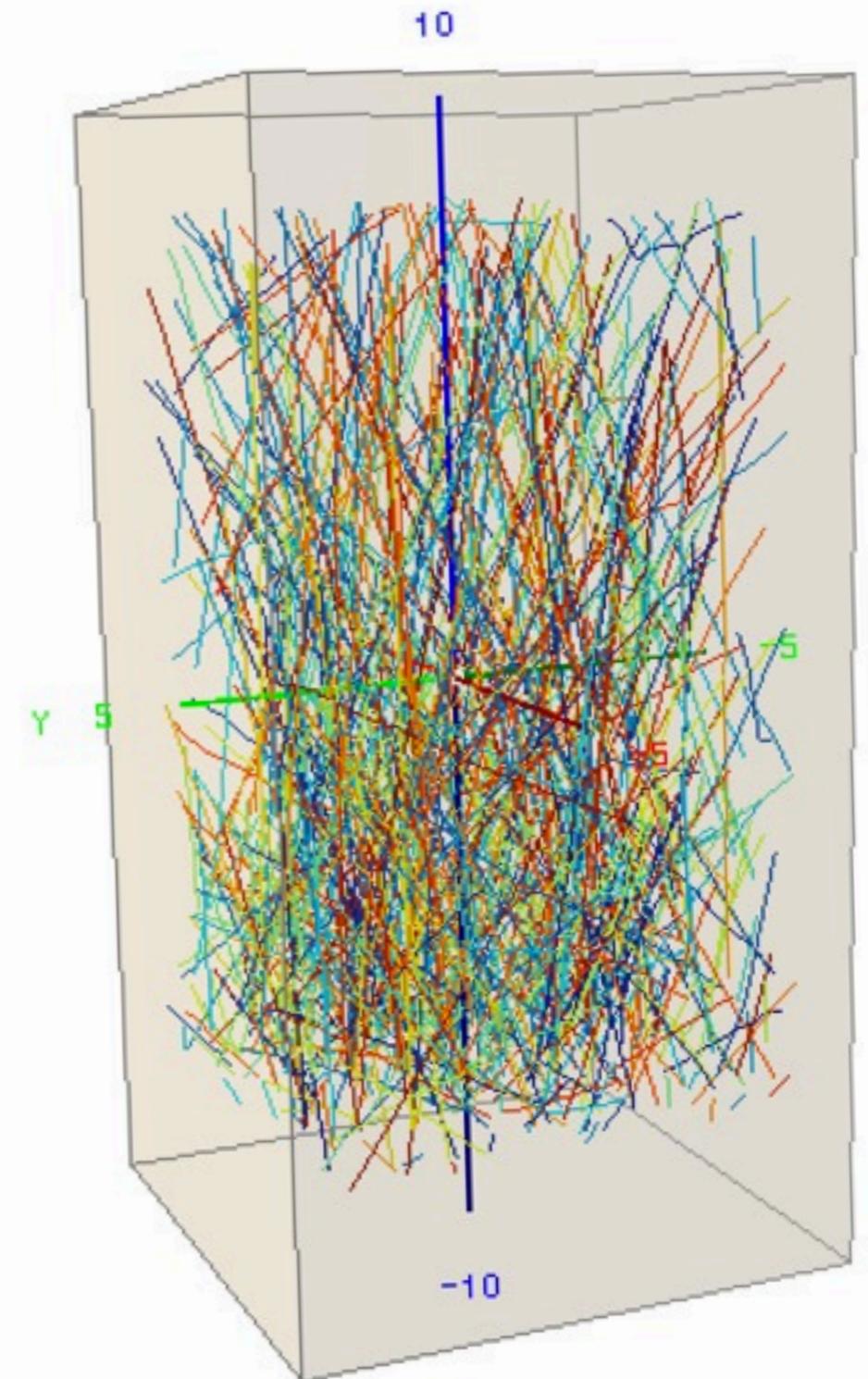
## 2 orthogonal projections (=views) are recorded

1. subtract noise, find signals (=hits, red boxes)
2. find straight tracks in each view
3. reconstruct 3D coordinates by matching coincident hits

→  $\Delta Q$  and  $\Delta x$  (3 dimensional track segment!)  
for each view, literature:  $\Delta Q/\Delta x = 10$  fC/cm  
(mip)



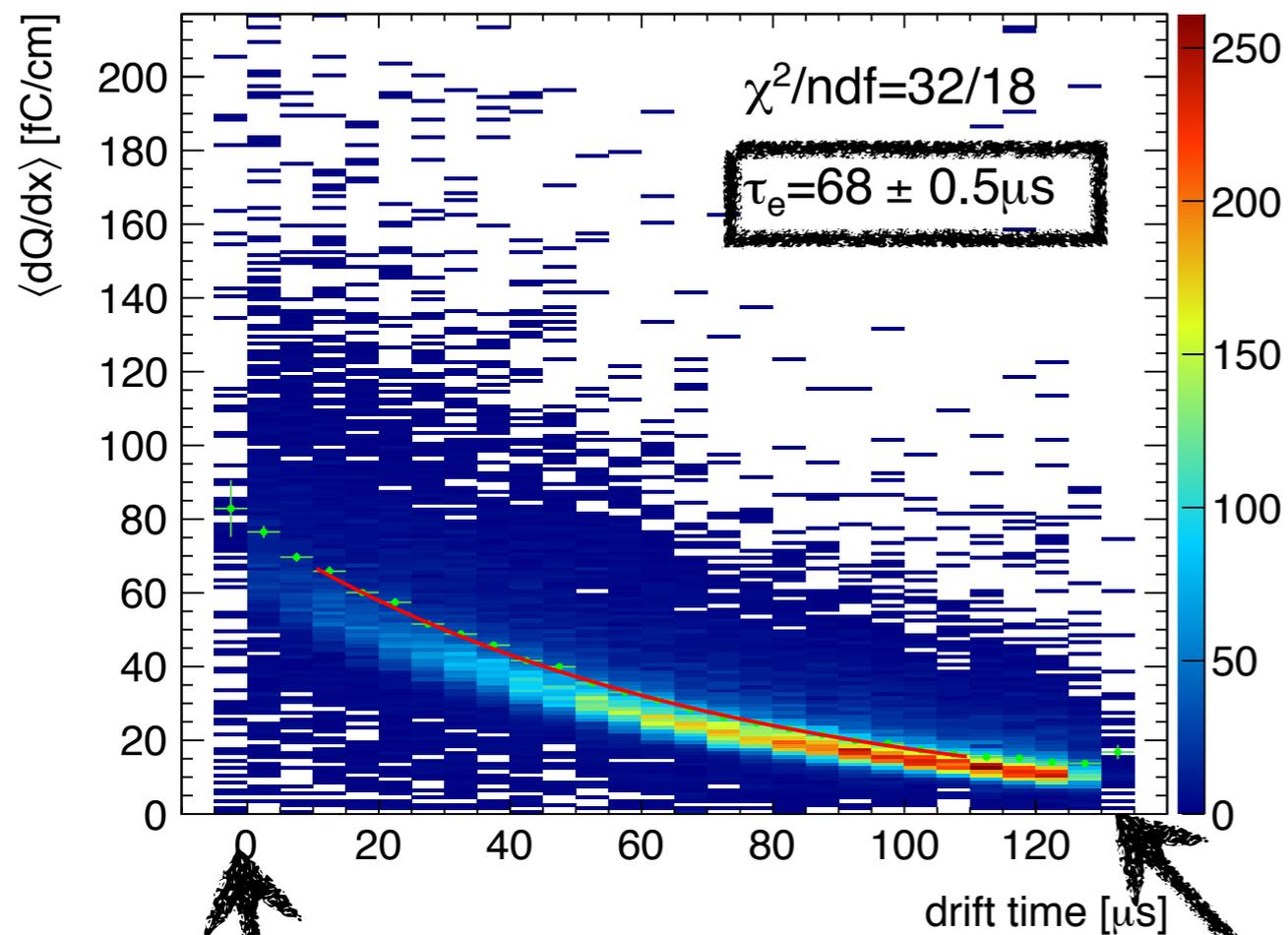
large statistics!



drifting electrons are trapped by impurities in LAr:

$$dQ/dx \propto \exp(-t_{\text{drift}}/\tau_e)$$

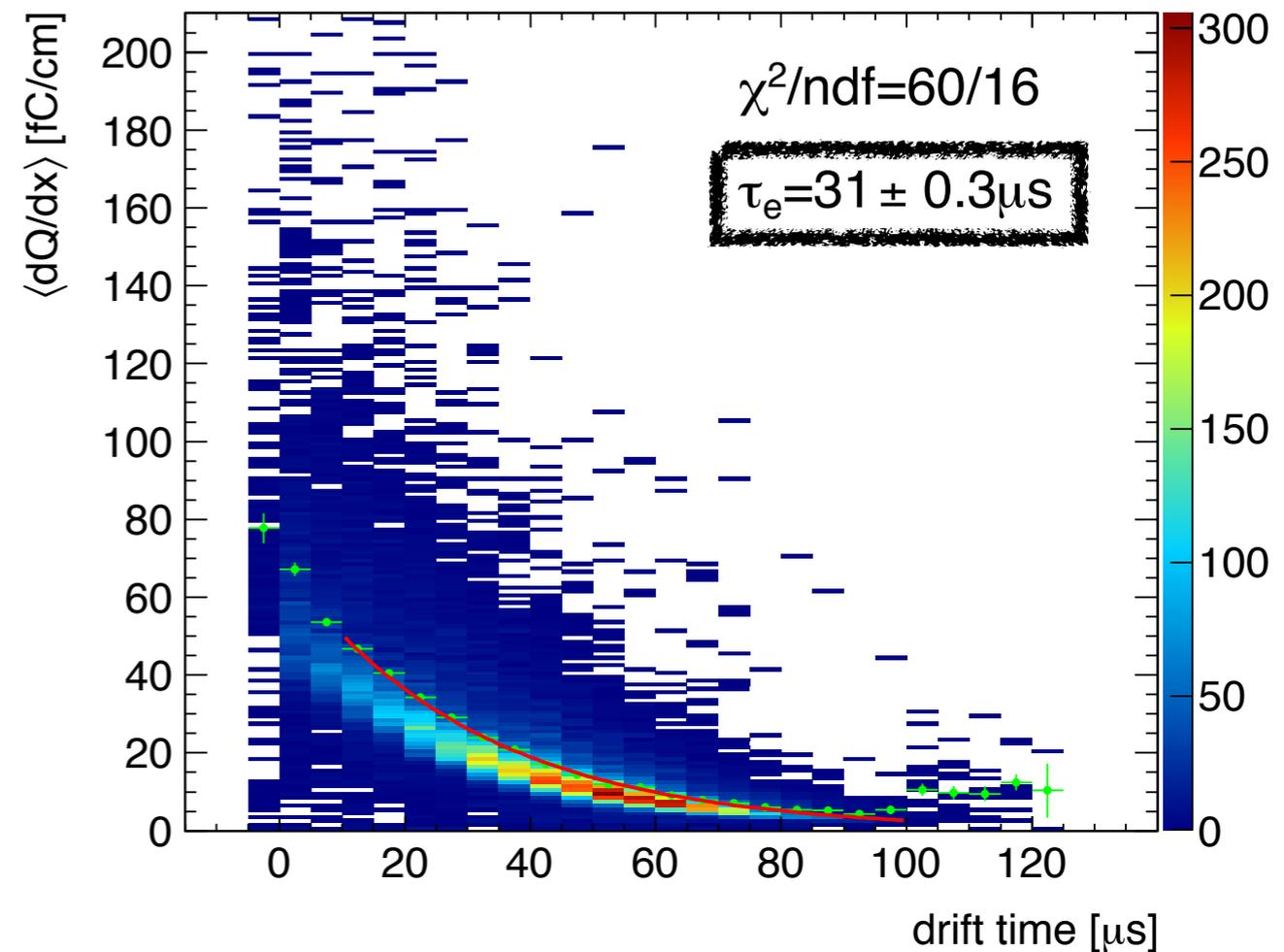
towards the beginning of a run



top of the chamber

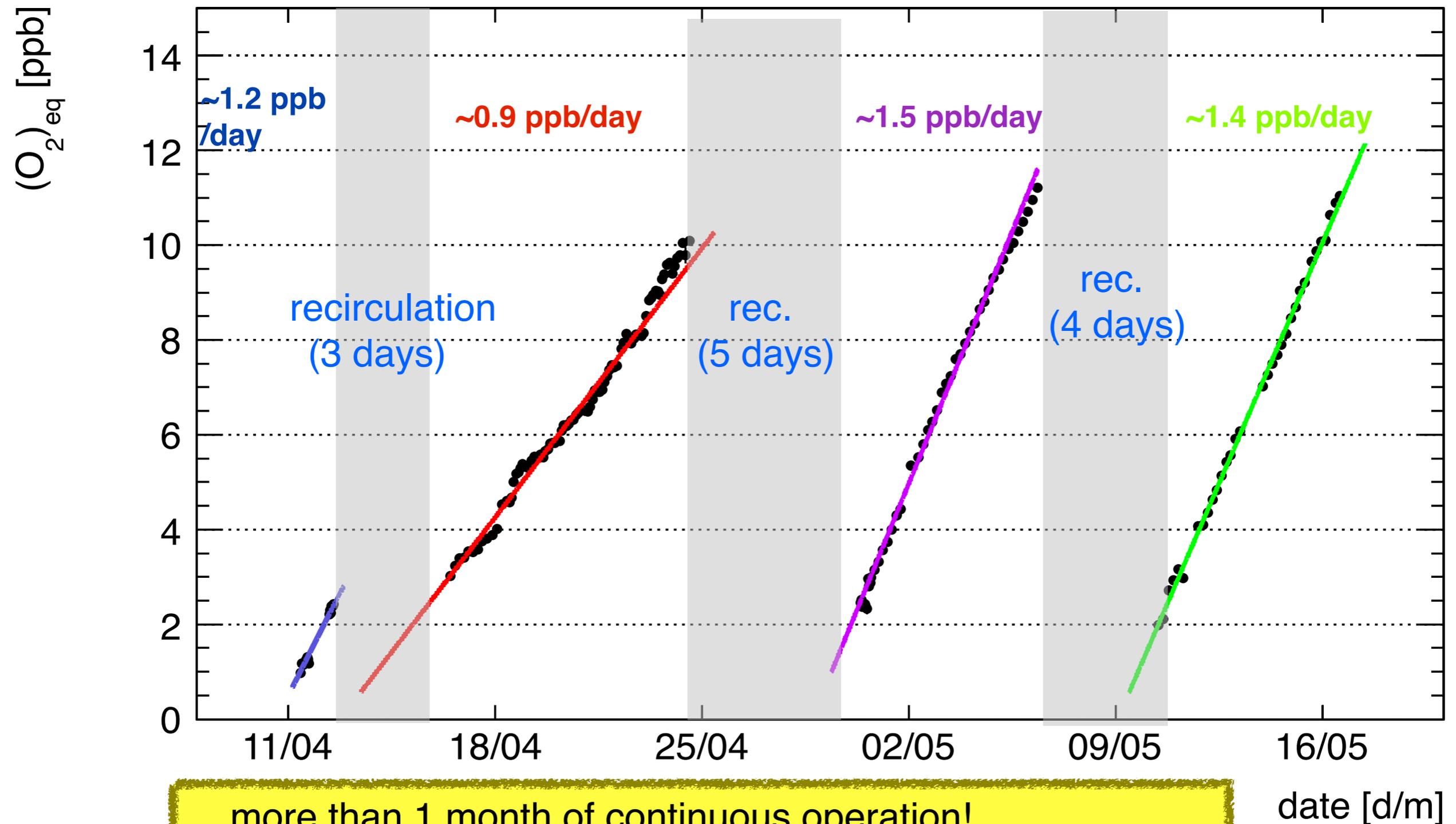
bottom of the chamber

towards the end of a run



Impurities in the liquid:  $[O_2]_{eq} \approx 300 \mu s / \tau_e$

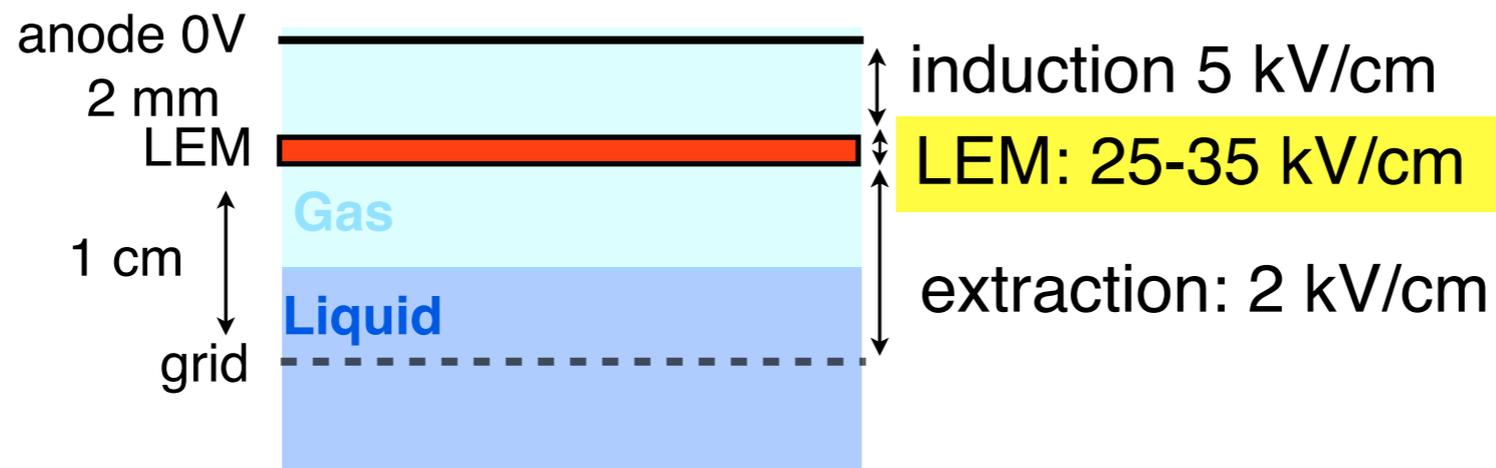
4 runs. few days of gas recirculation between each run.



more than 1 month of continuous operation!

date [d/m]

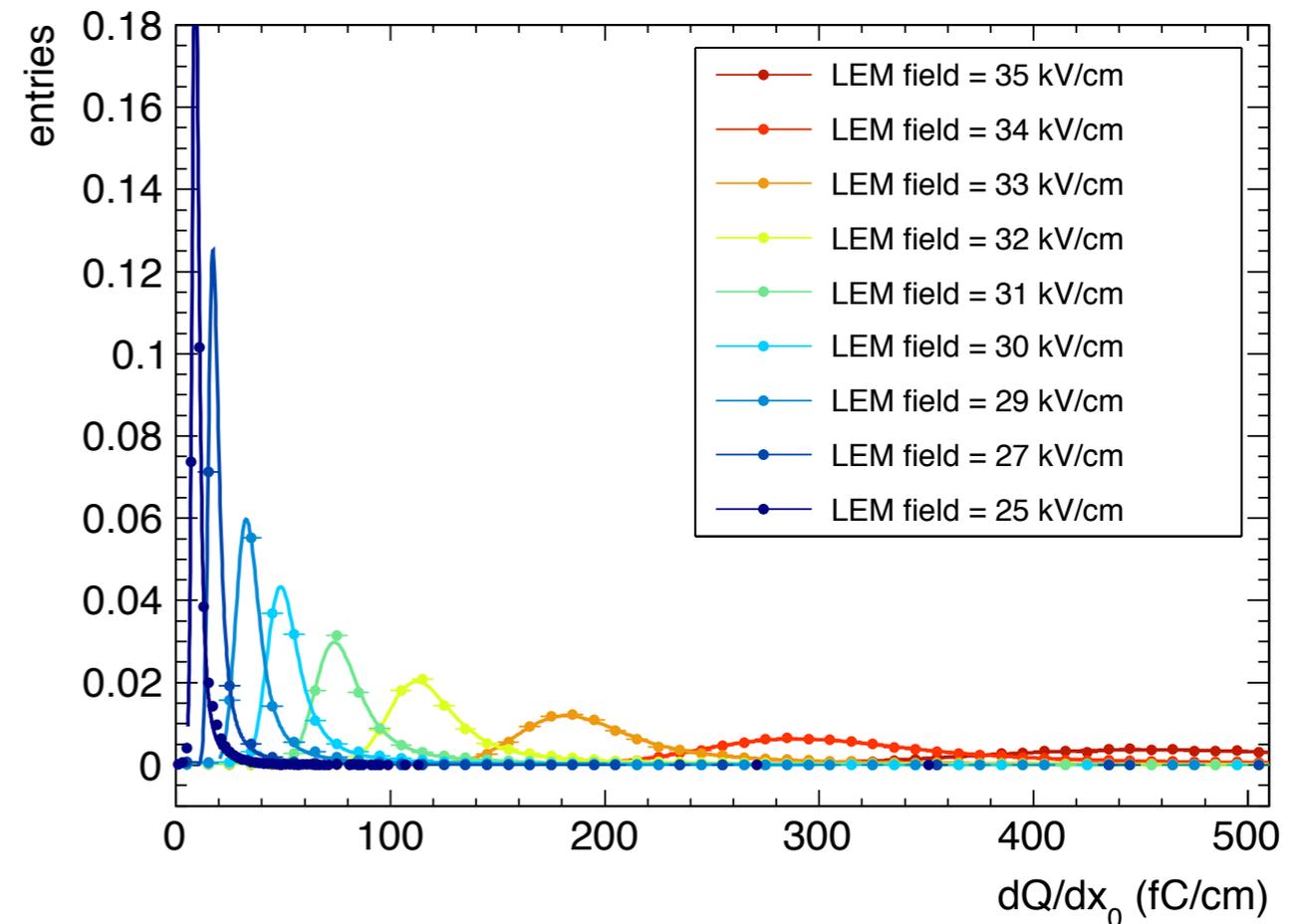
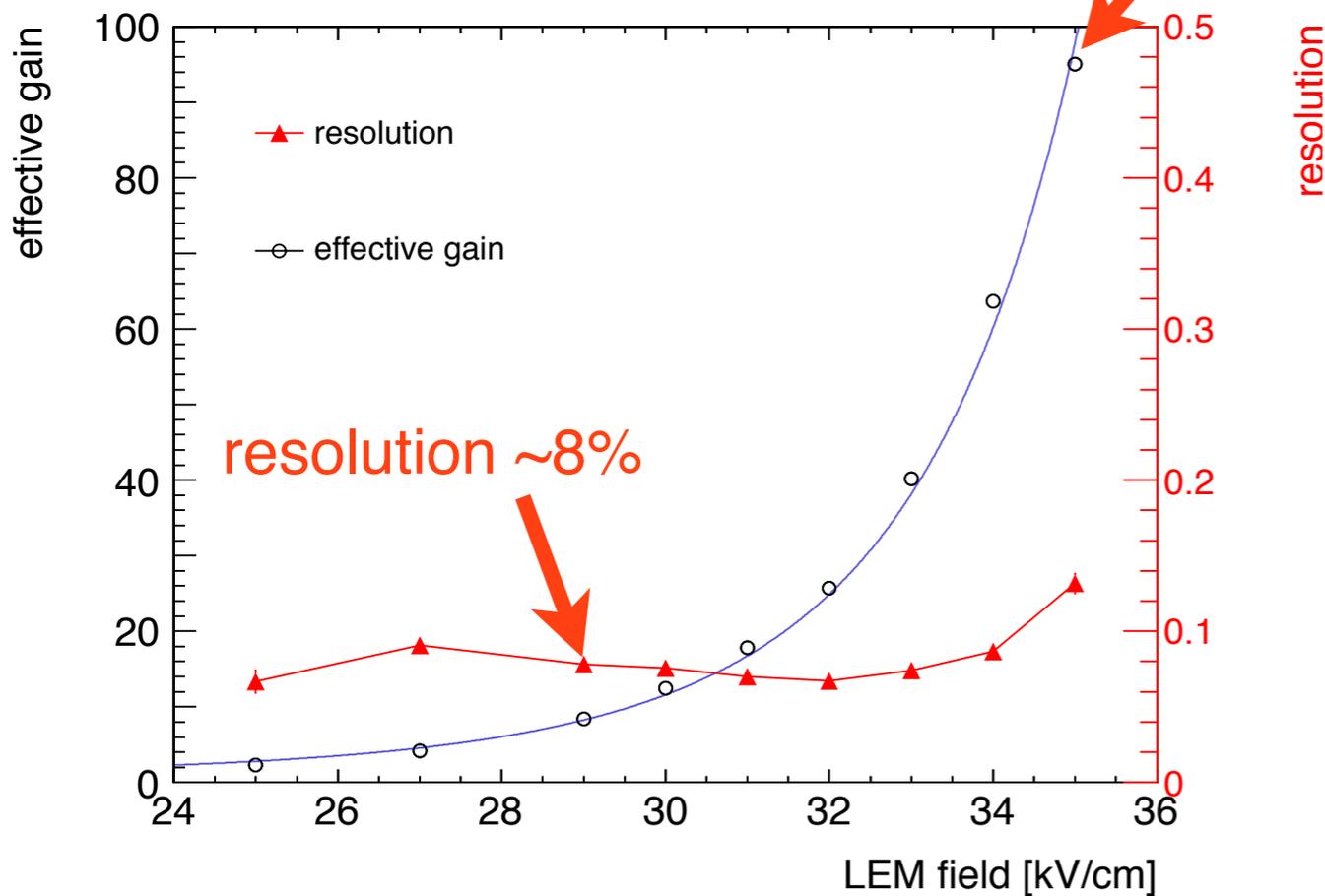
# LEM field scan up to gain 90!

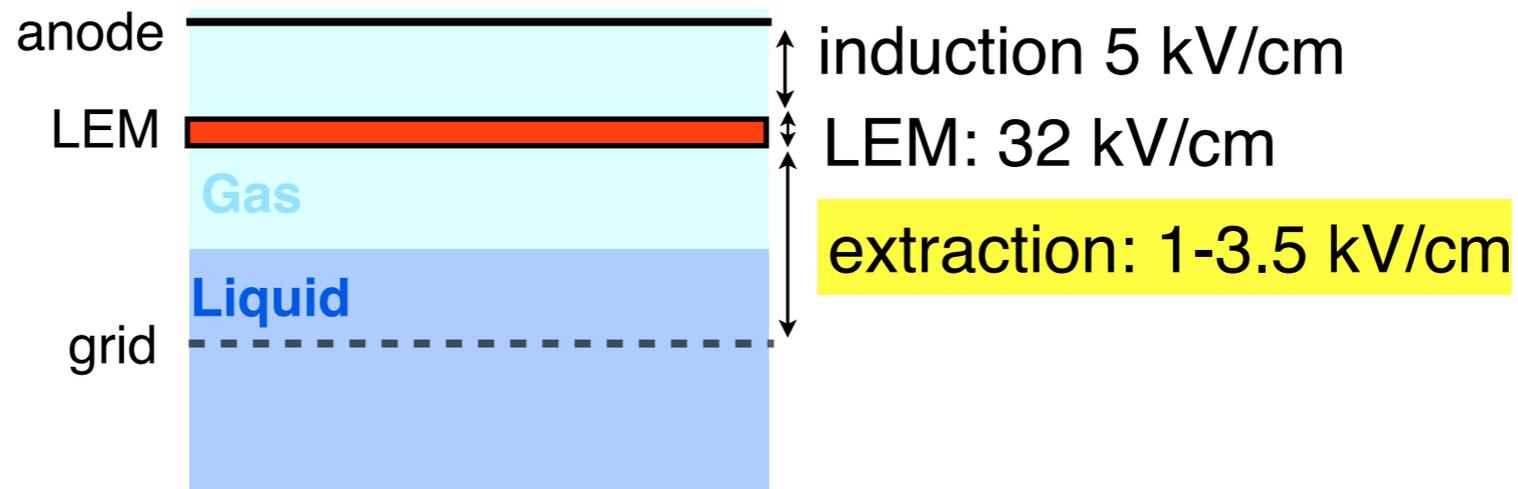


onset of discharges @ gain > 90!

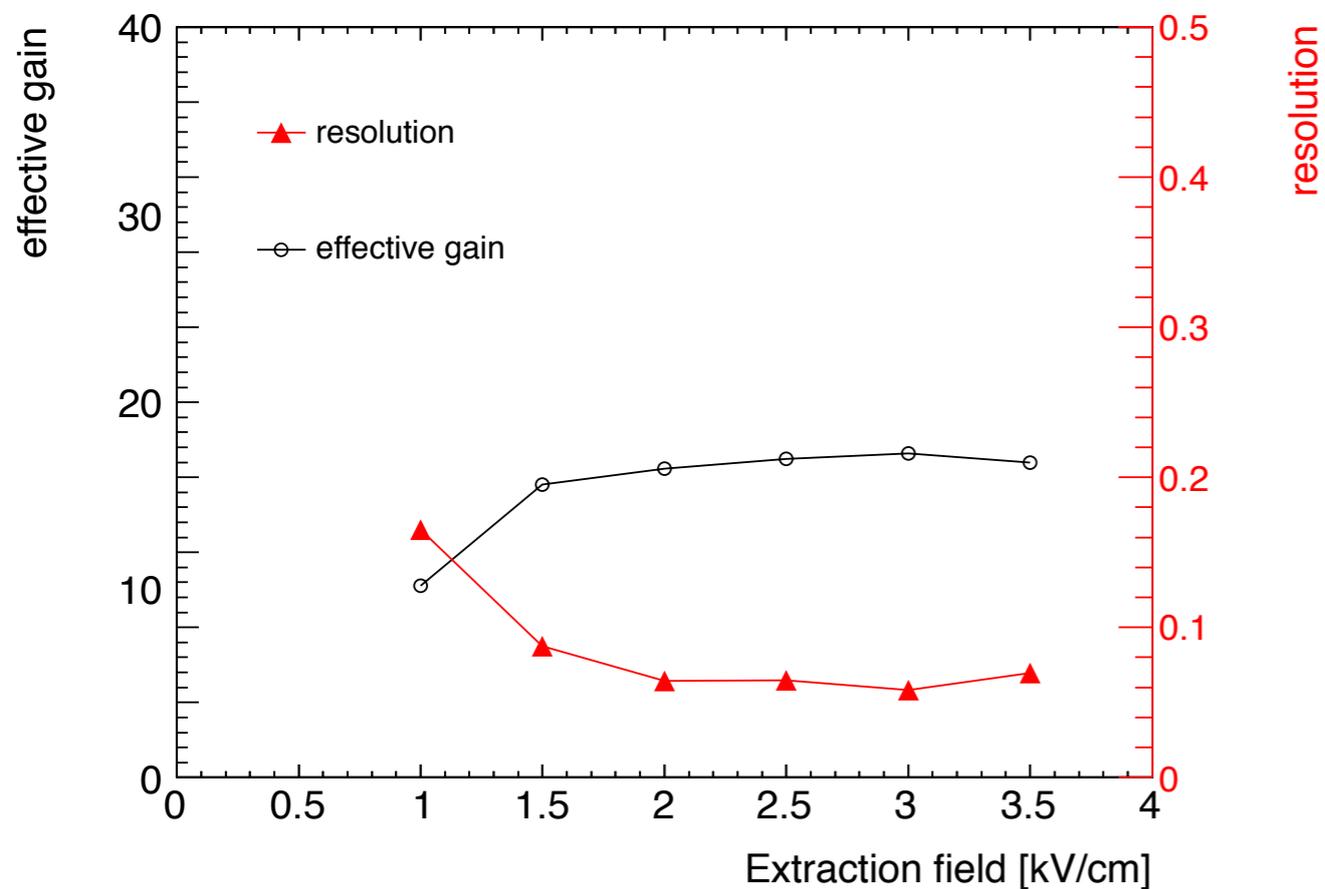
gain and resolution for diff. LEM fields

Landau distributions for diff. LEM fields

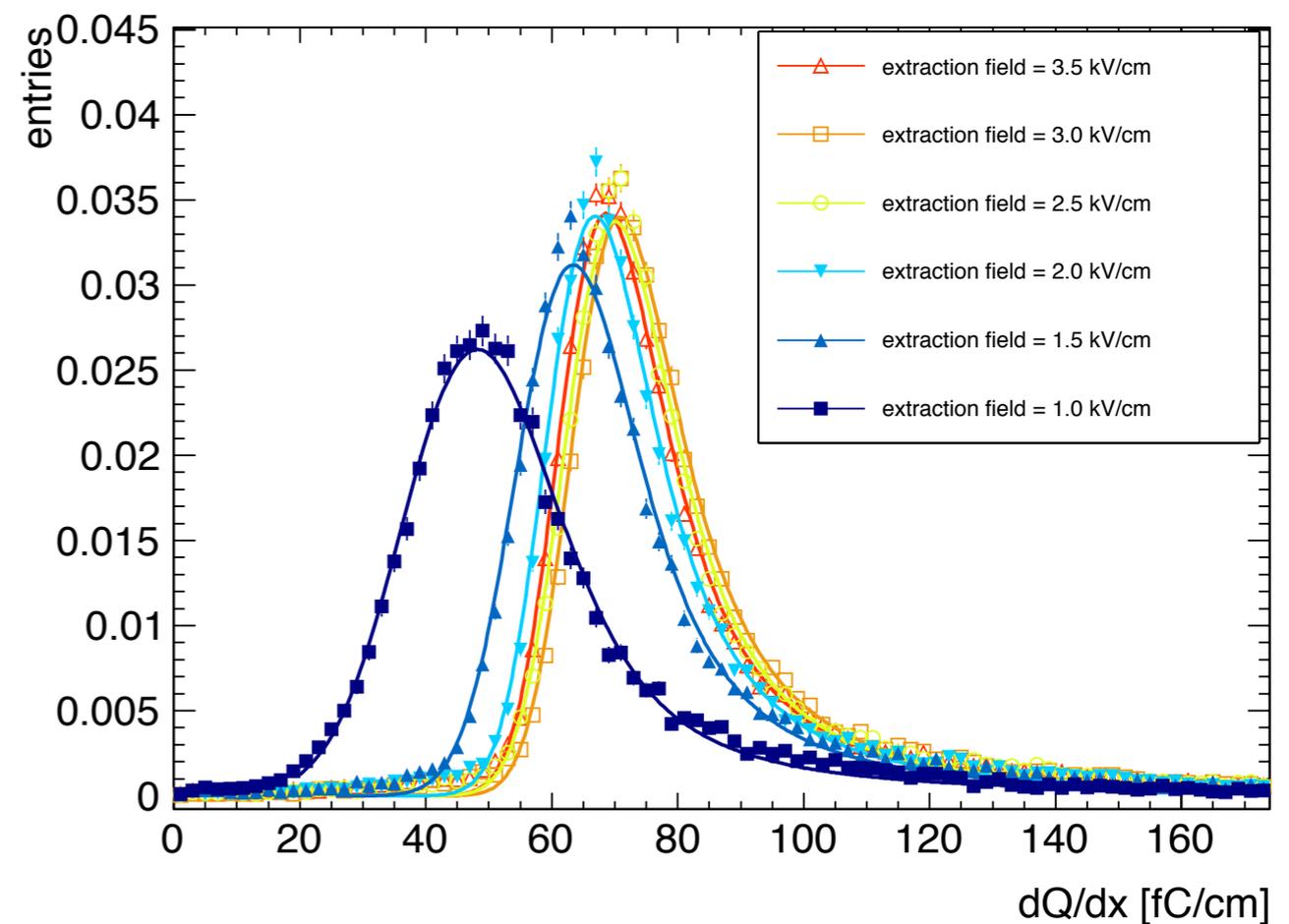




gain and resolution for diff. extr. fields



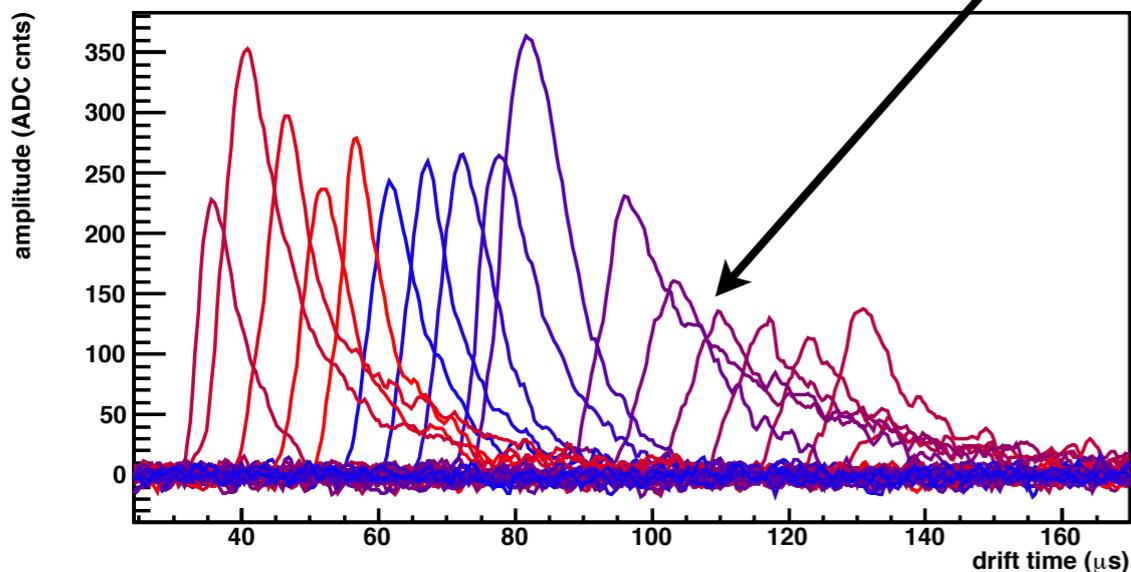
Landau distributions for diff. extr. fields



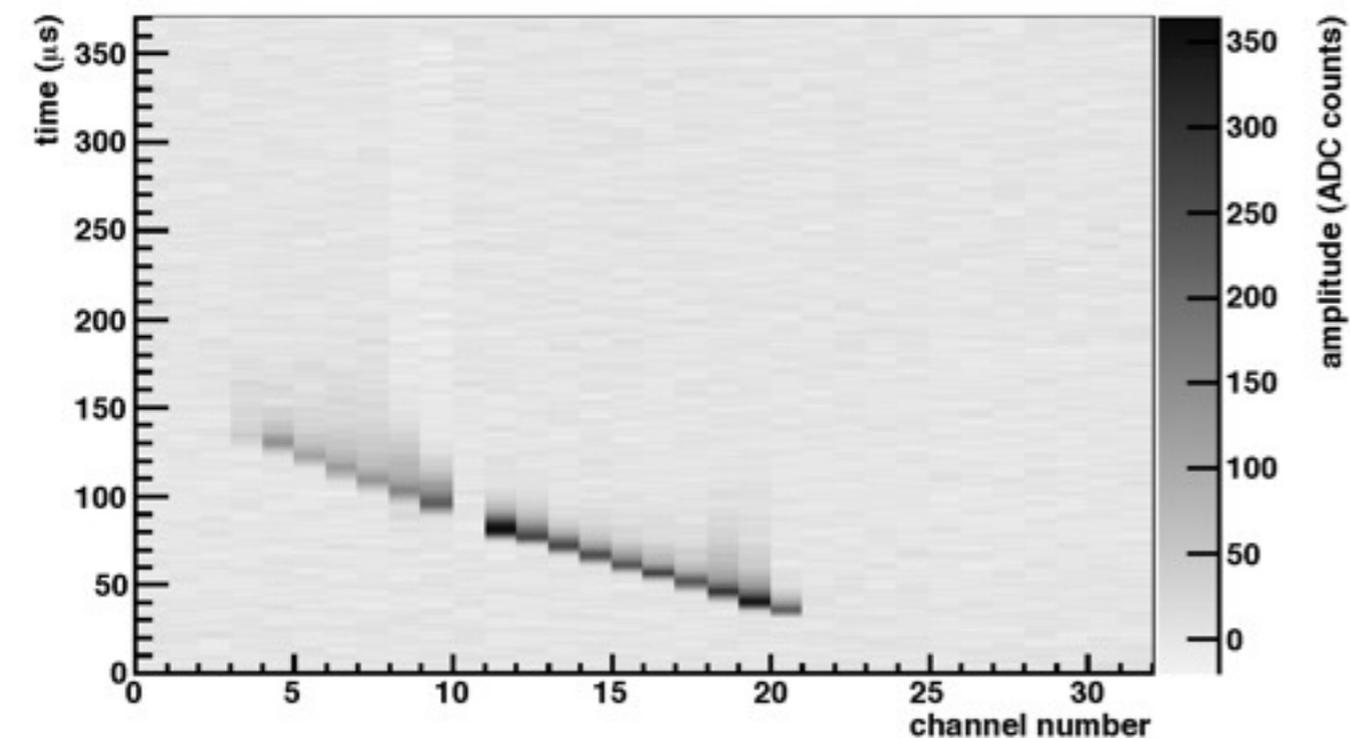
# What happens at low extraction fields?

tails, due to slow electron emission at low fields (here: 1.5 kV/cm)

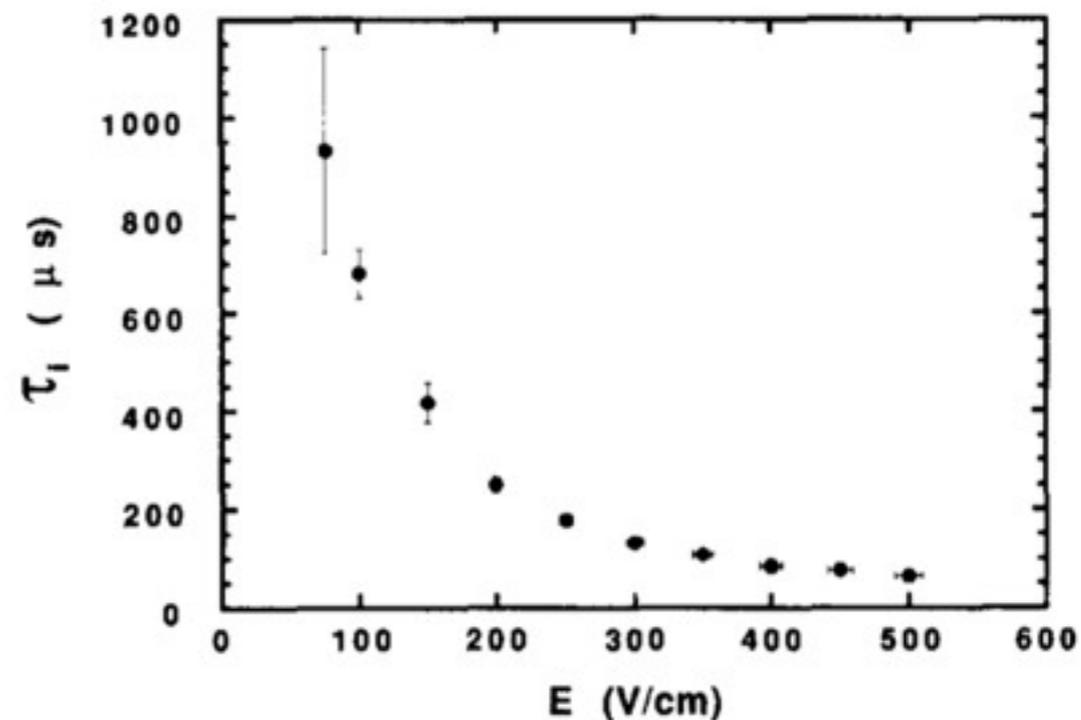
View 1: Signals (run 15957, event 6)



View 1: Event display (run 15957, event 6)

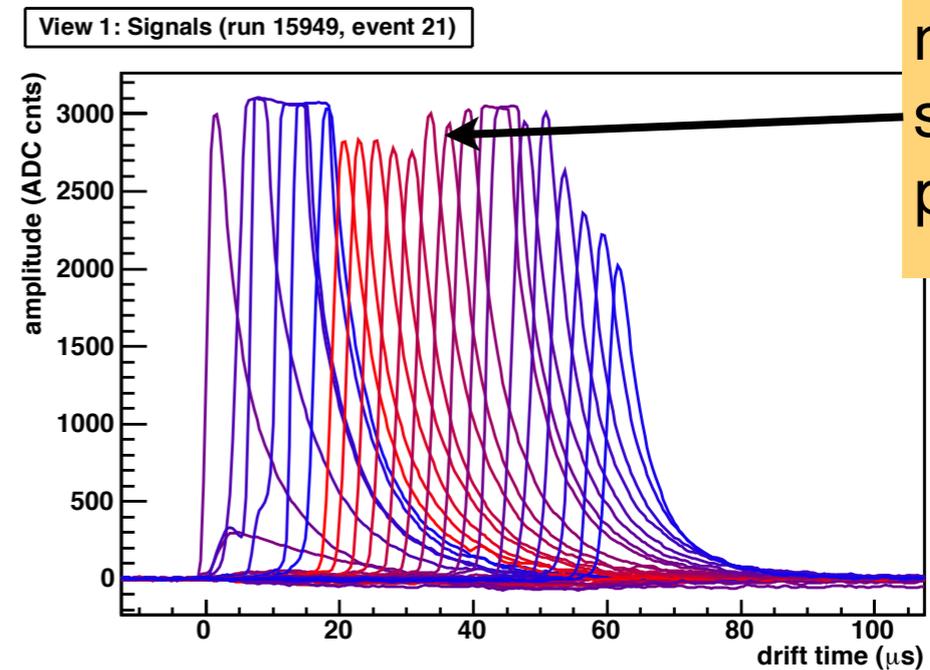
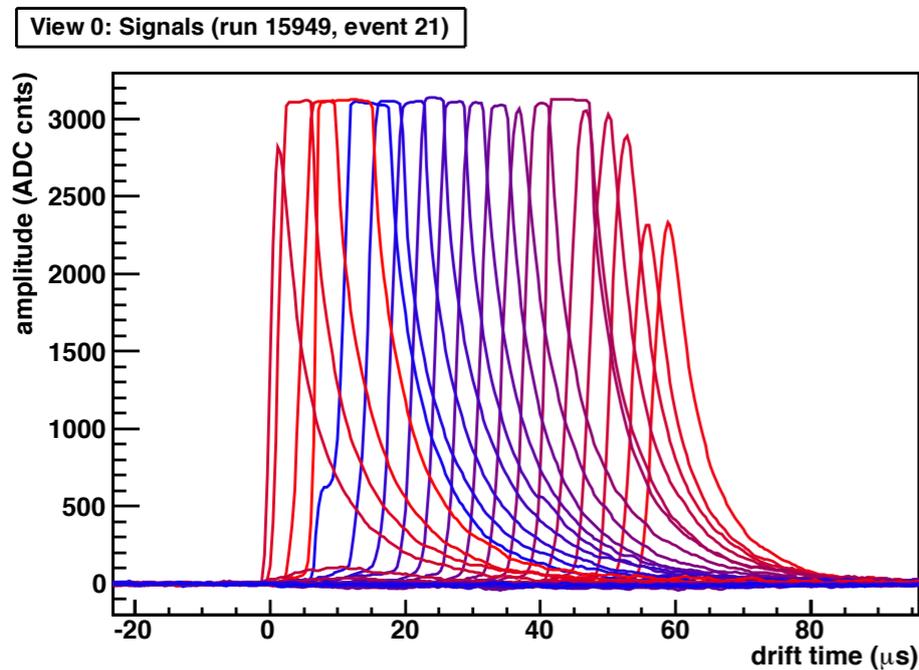
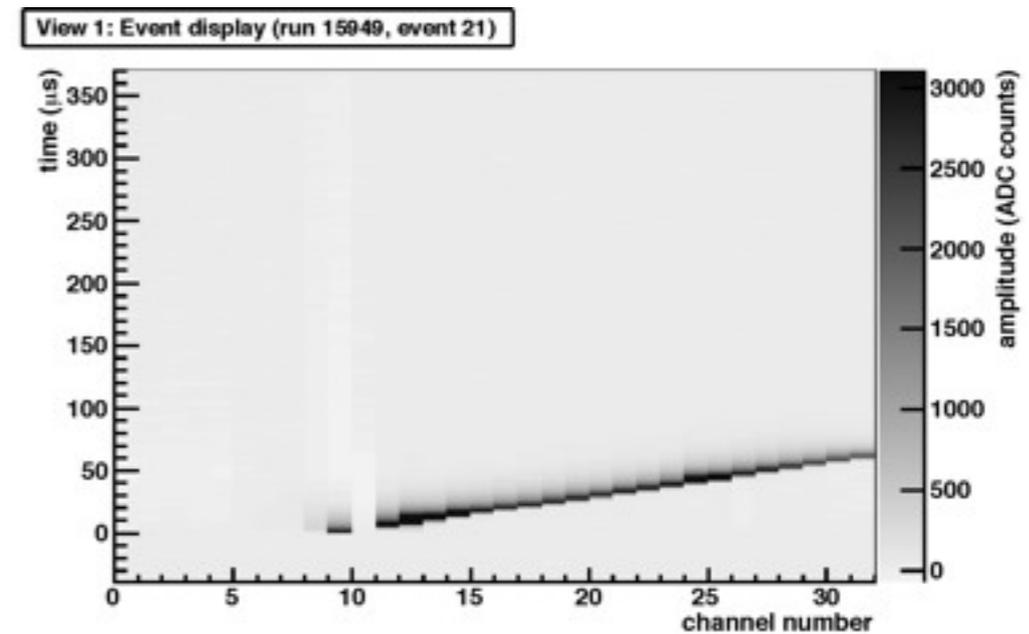
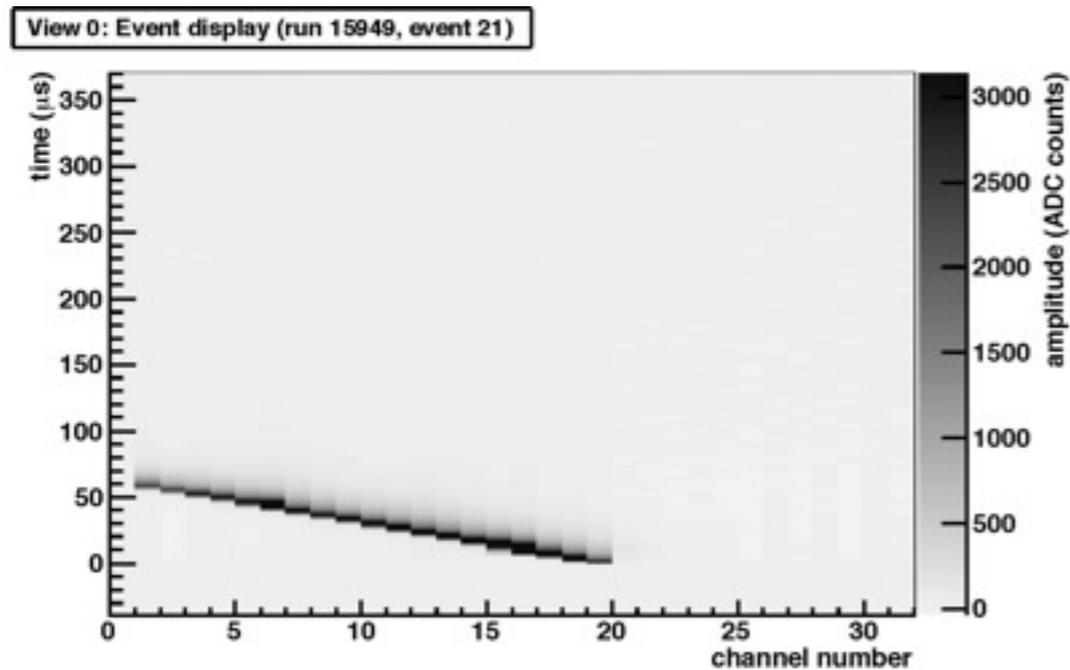


Literature:



Borghesani et al., "Electron transmission through the Ar liquid-vapor interface", Phys. Lett. A149 (9)

LEM: 35 kV/cm, induction: 5 kV/cm, extraction: 2 kV/cm, drift: 0.5 kV/cm



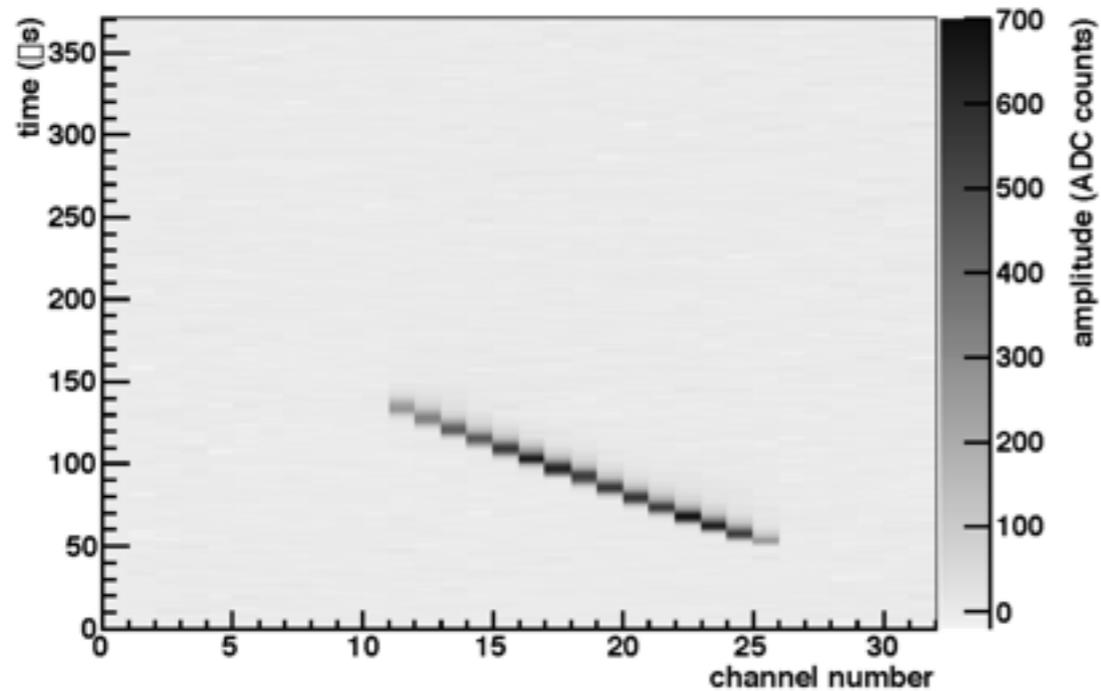
mip signals saturate preamplifier!

In future versions dynamic range of the preamp will be adapted to the gain.  
non-linear behaviour to adapt to a wide dynamic range

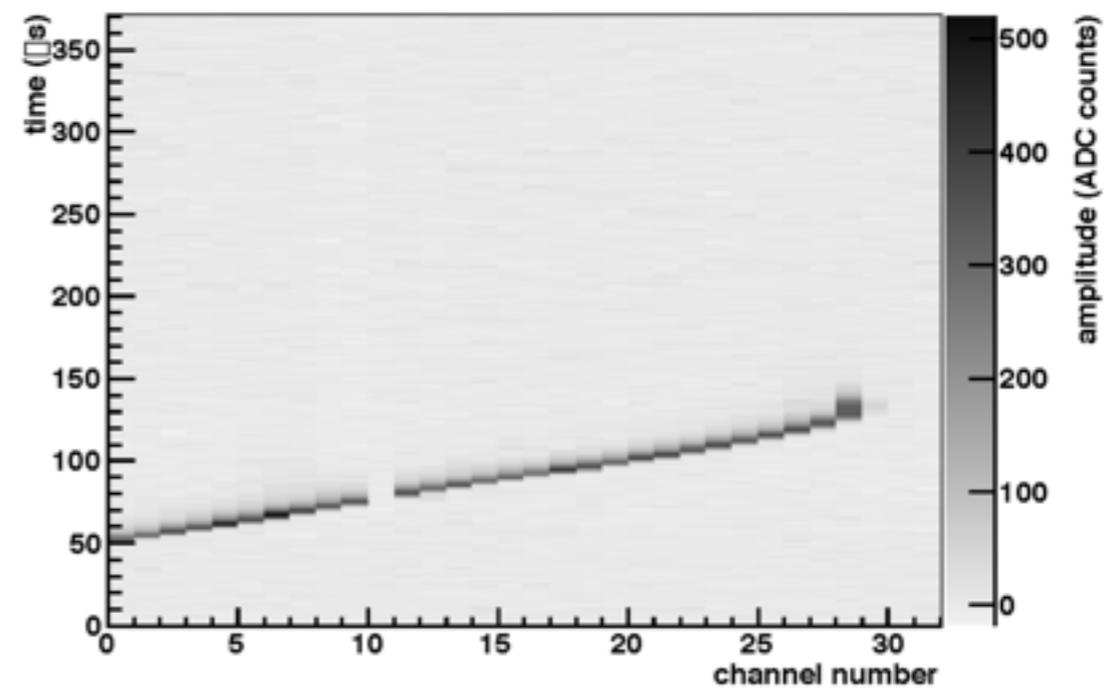
# Event at effective gain $\sim 20$

**LEM: 31 kV/cm, induction: 5 kV/cm, extraction: 2 kV/cm, drift: 0.5 kV/cm**

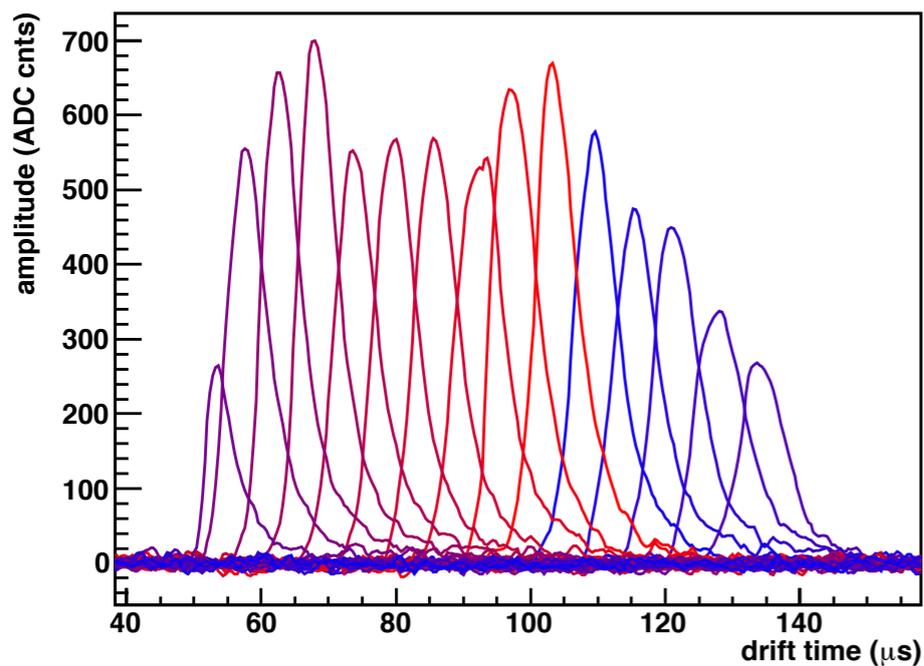
View 0: Event display (run 15937, event 22)



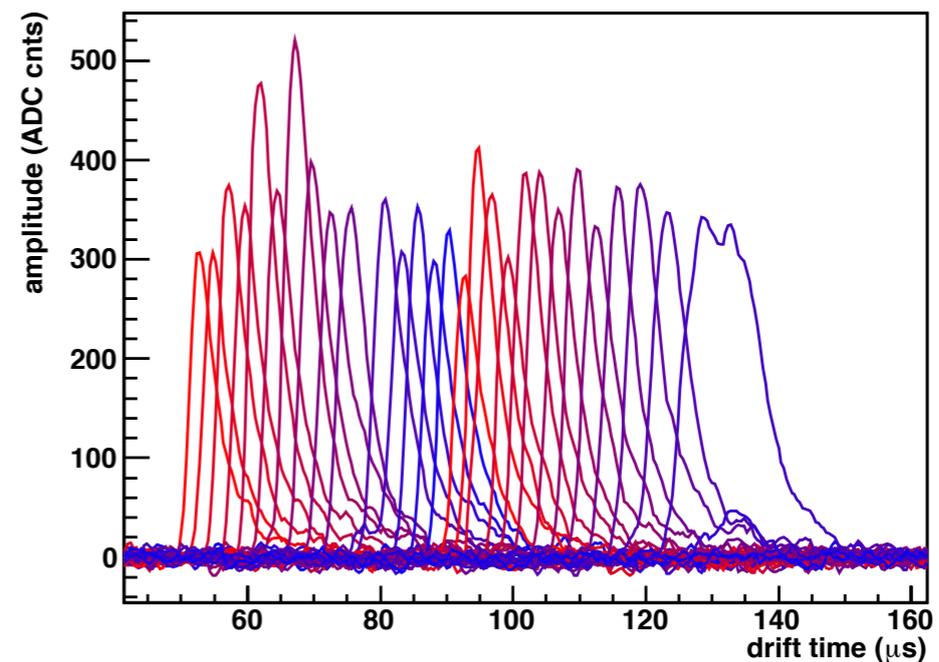
View 1: Event display (run 15937, event 22)



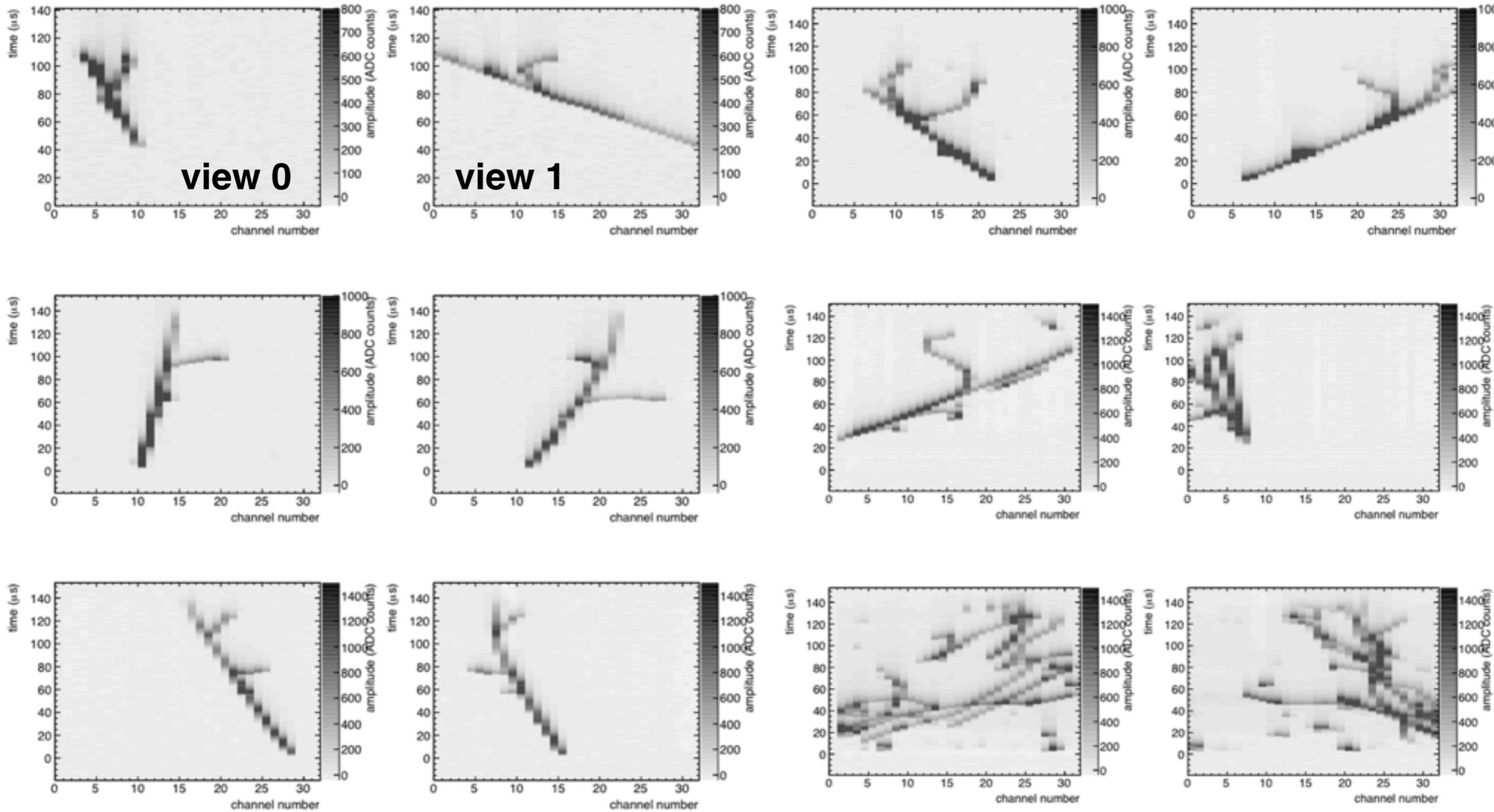
View 0: Signals (run 15937, event 22)



View 1: Signals (run 15937, event 22)



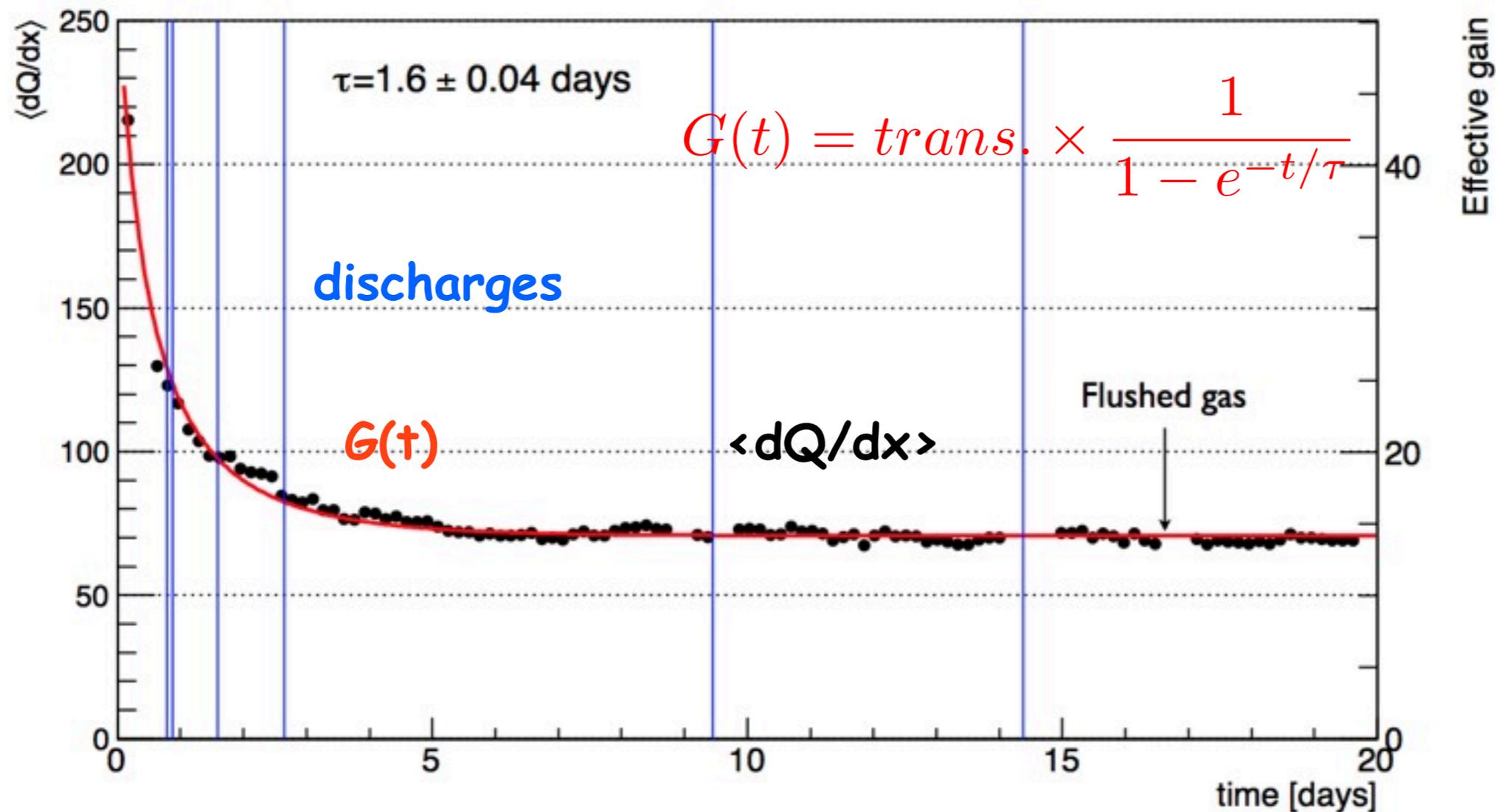
gain  $\sim 30$



Evolution of  $\langle dQ/dx \rangle$  corrected for variations of the pressure

\* Gain is stable over a period of  $\sim 15$  days once the LEM has charged up (w/ time constant  $\tau \sim 1.5$  days)

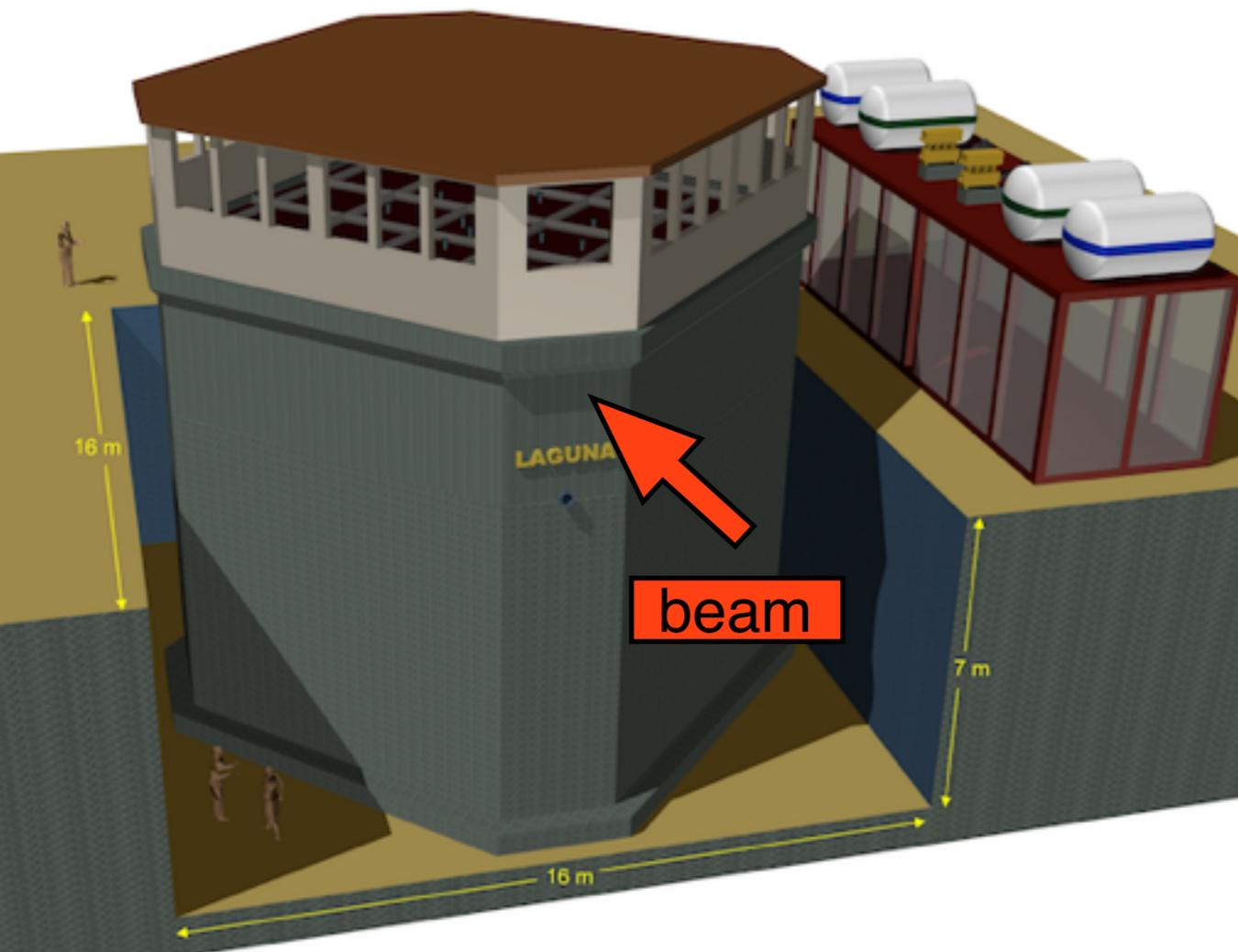
\* The discharges do not lead to a change of overall gain



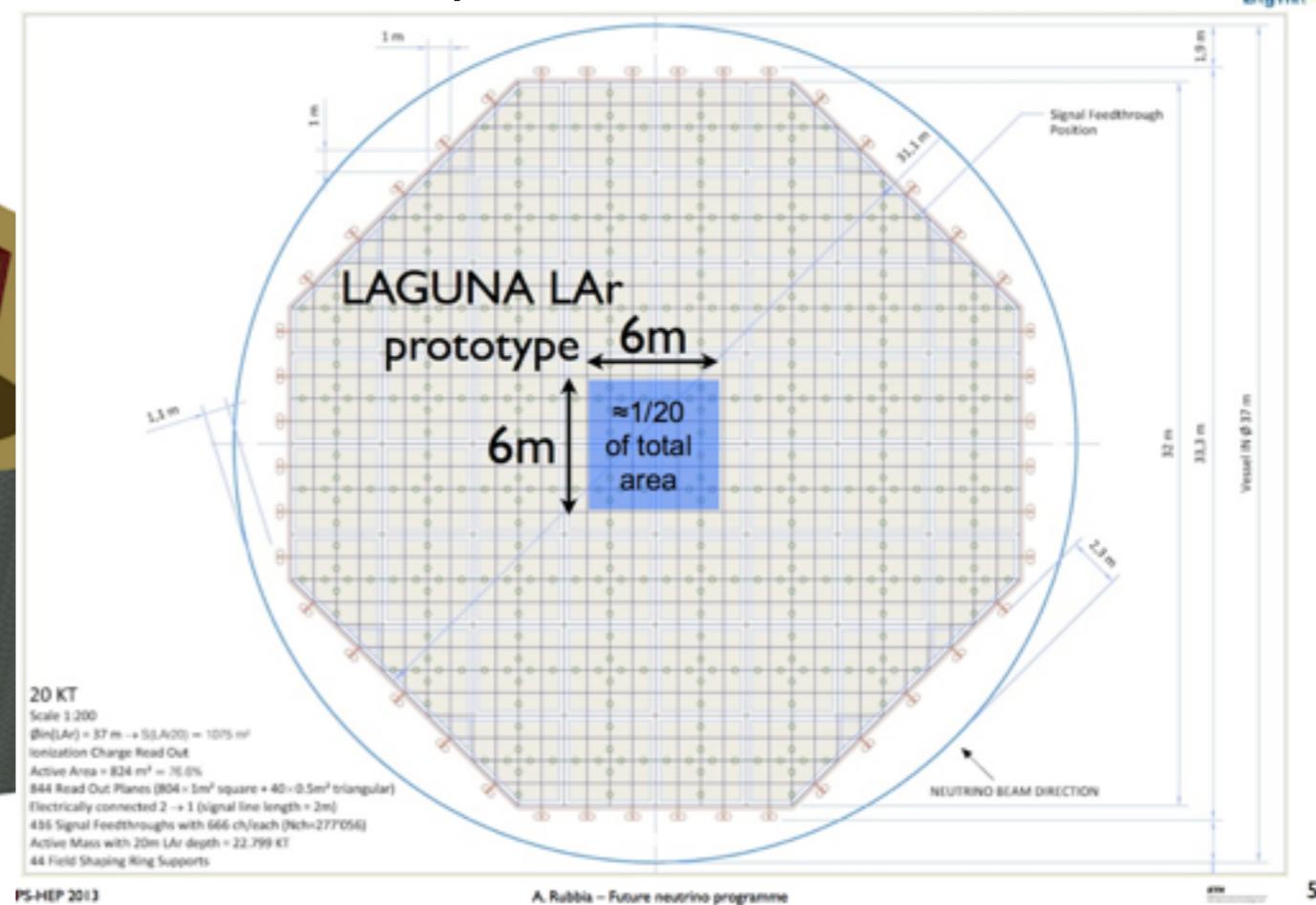
**$\sim 15$  days operation under stable gain of  $\sim 15$**

# Next milestone: 6x6x6m<sup>3</sup> prototype

**Next milestone:** Large-scale LBNO detectors prototyping at CERN, with priority emphasis on a large double-phase LAr demonstrator, using charged-particle test beams (2014-2017). TDR submitted to SPS Committee in June.

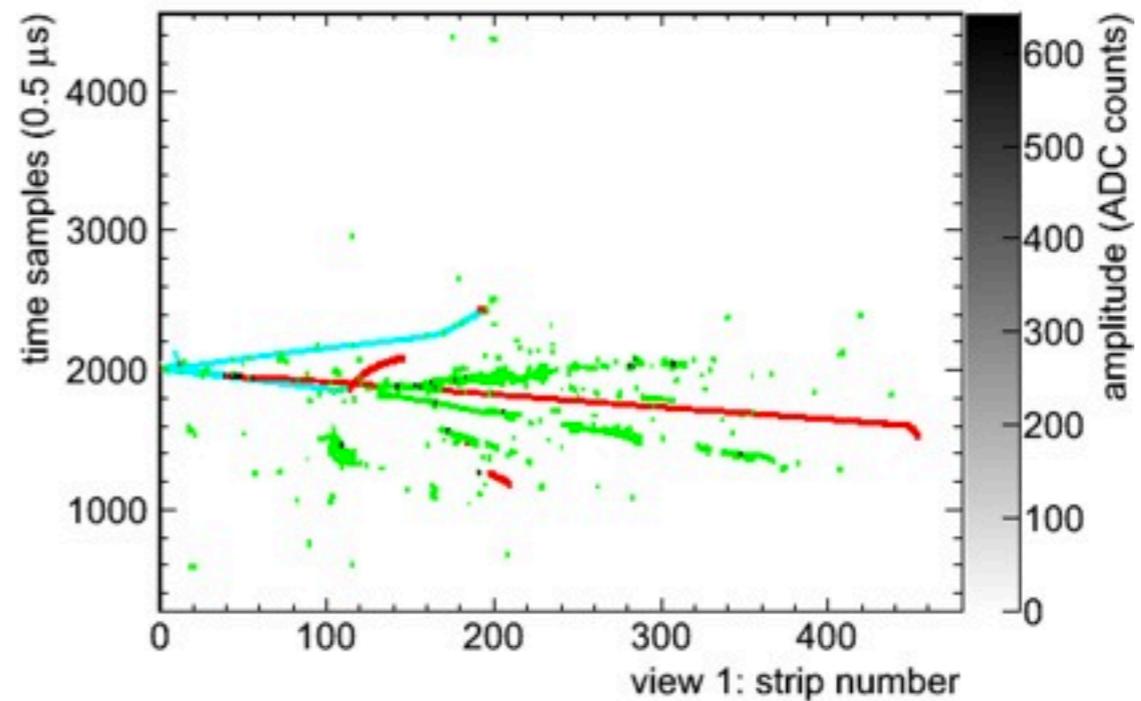
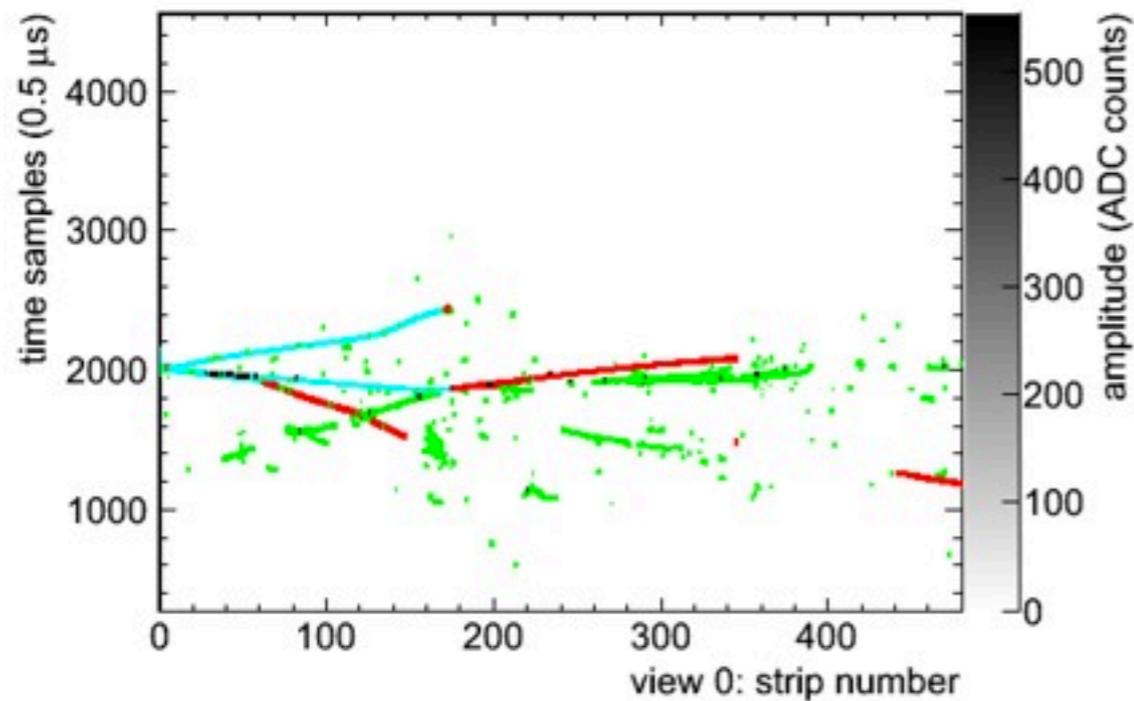


6x6x6m<sup>3</sup> compared to GLACIER 20 kt

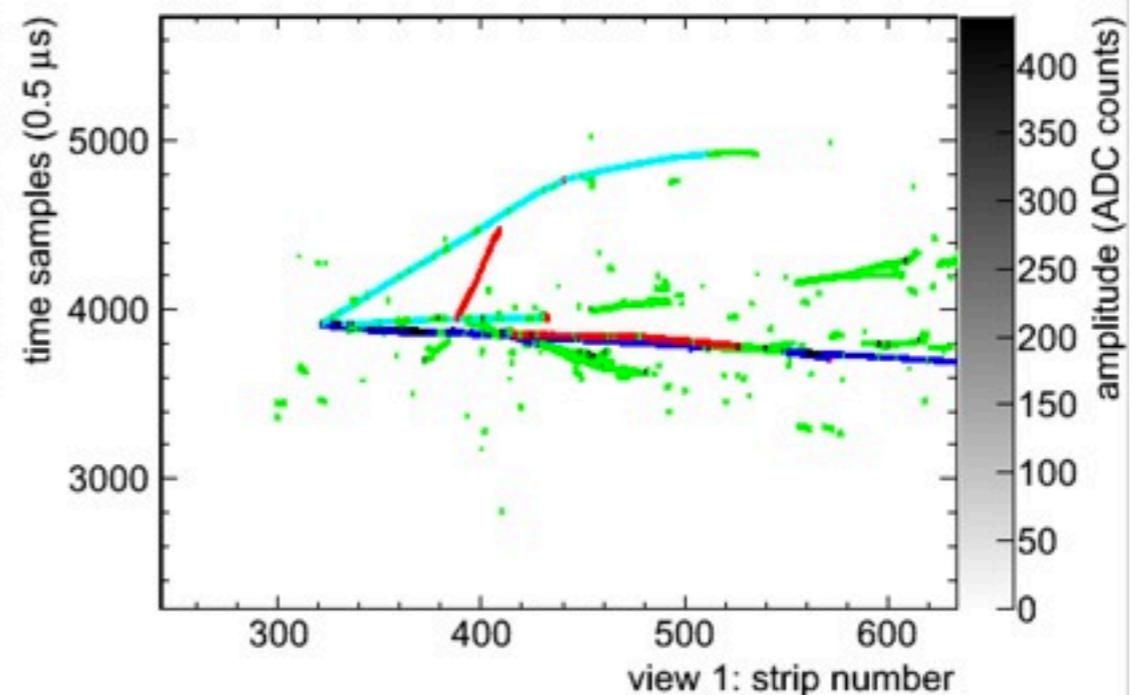
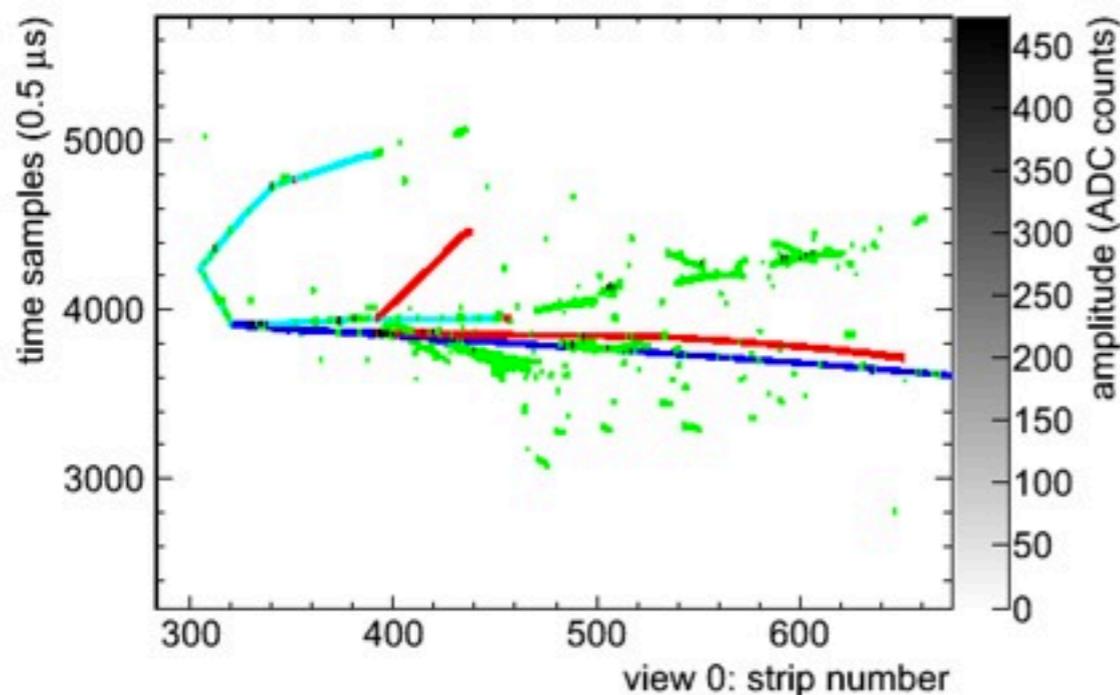


5 GeV pi-

pions, electrons/positrons, protons, muons

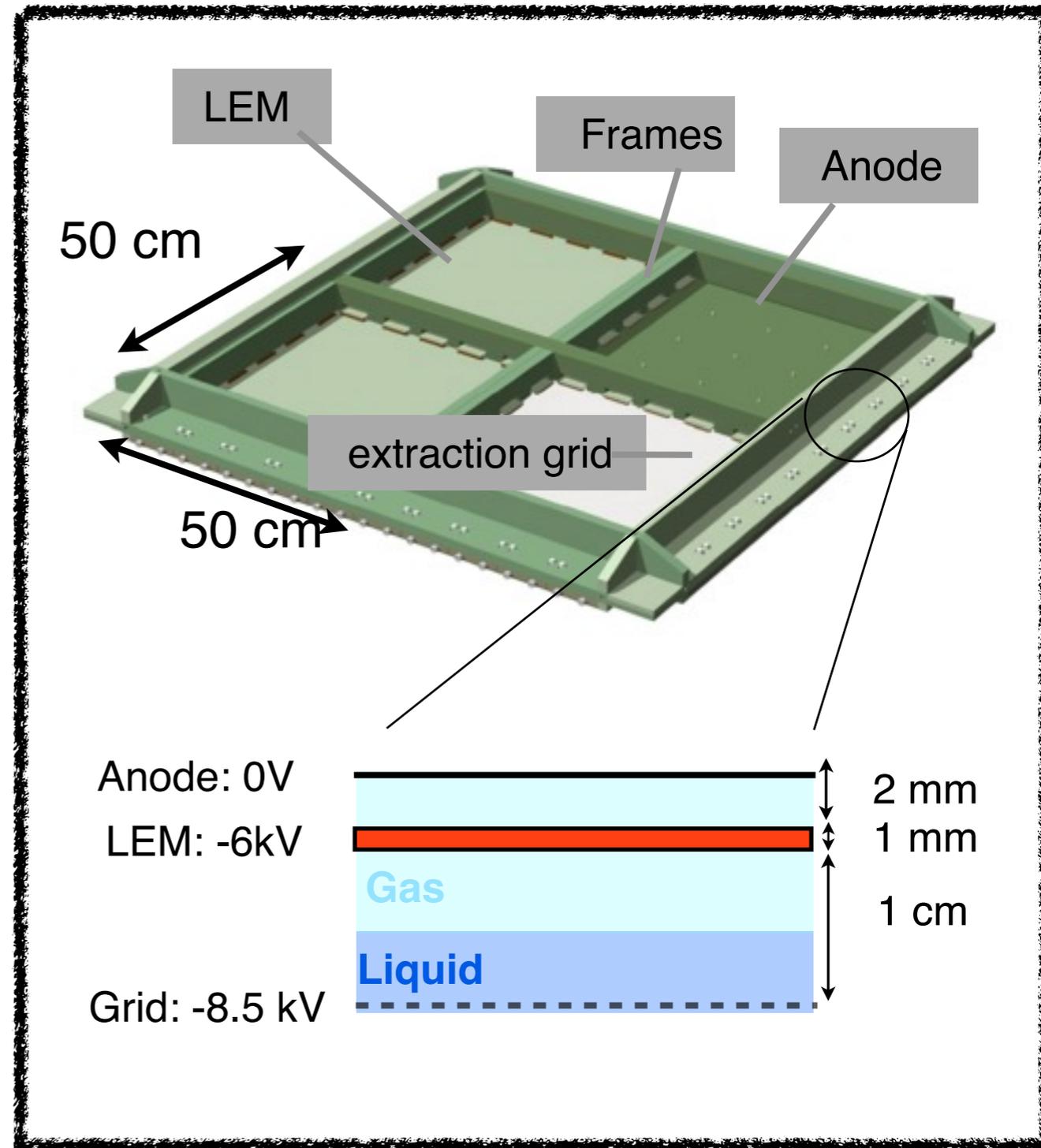


5 GeV nu\_mu

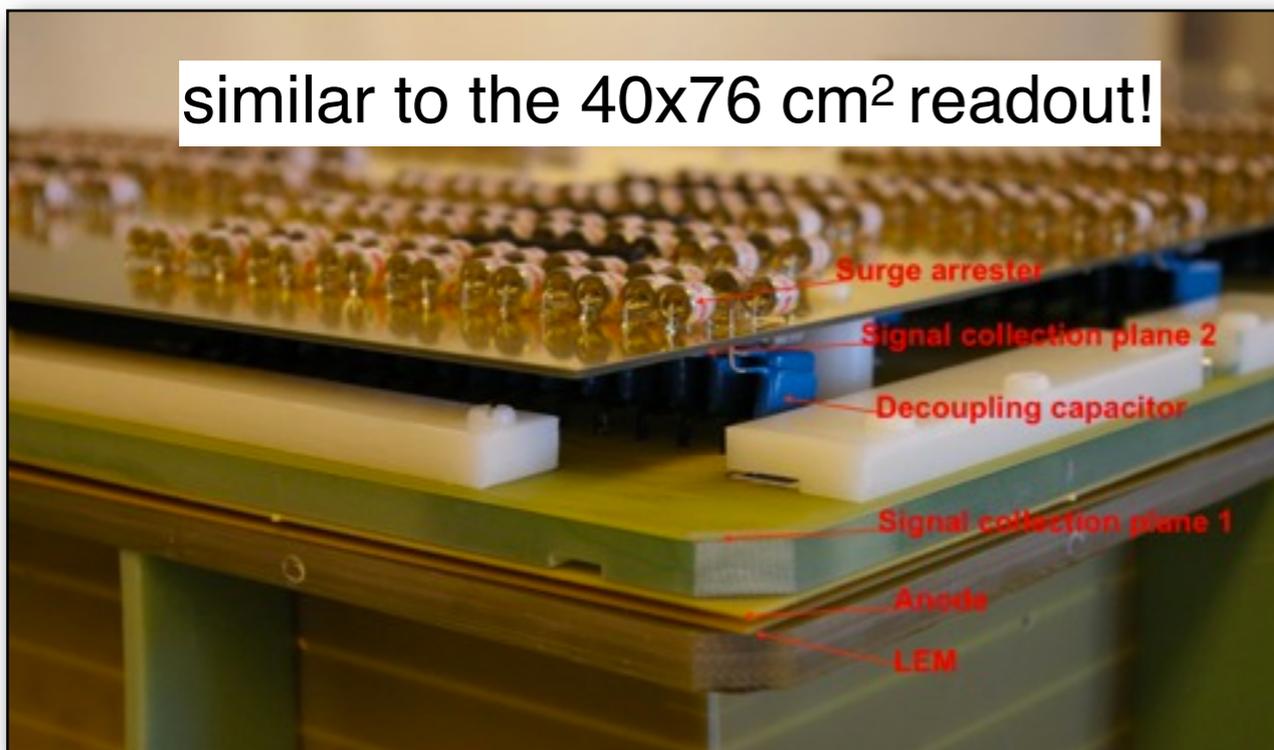


test reconstruction algorithms on data from charged particle beam

- \* Independent modules of 50x50 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- \* Single extraction grid.
- \* LEM 1mm thick 500 um holes 800 um pitch.
- \* Anode with ~200 pF/m
- \* Front end readout electronics
- \* Overall Mechanical structure



similar to the 40x76 cm<sup>2</sup> readout!



\* LAGUNA/LBNO is a project with a very rich and interesting physics program with **fundamental discovery potential**.

\* The LAGUNA-LBNO collaboration decided to propose stage I of 20kt LAr + 700 kW SPS at 2300km of baseline

\* Outstanding Physics Potential:

### 1. Accelerator based:

- Mass Hierarchy  $> 5 \sigma$  all phase space in 2y •  $\delta CP$
- MSNP precision  $\rightarrow 3 \nu$  or  $3+n$  ?

### 2. Non Accelerator based:

- Proton decay: Significantly extended sensitivity to nucleon decay in many channels.

$$\text{Br}(p \rightarrow \text{anti-}\nu K) > 2 \times 10^{34} \text{y (90\%C.L.)} \quad \text{Br}(n \rightarrow e K^+) > 2 \times 10^{34} \text{y (90\%C.L.)}$$

### 3. Neutrino Astronomy:

- Supernova neutrinos  $> 10000$ 's events @ SN explosion @ 10kpc
- Diffuse Supernova Neutrinos (DSN)
- Neutrinos from DM annihilation
- Atmospheric Neutrinos (5600 events/y)

- \* significant R&D efforts and results towards large Double LAr detectors:
  - \* optimization of the charge readout.
  - \* Good performance of low capacitance PCB anode.
  - \* reached gains higher than 90.
  - \* Chosen working point with gain about 15 is stable over a period of several weeks.
- \* We are now proposing a demonstrator for the double phase LAr technology at a relevant scale  $6 \times 6 \times 6 \text{m}^3$  ( $216 \text{m}^3$ ).
  - \* TDR submitted to CERN in June.
  - \* In the process of completing the design of a 1 square meter Charge Readout Plane

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## Expression of Interest

for a very long baseline neutrino oscillation experiment  
(LBNO)

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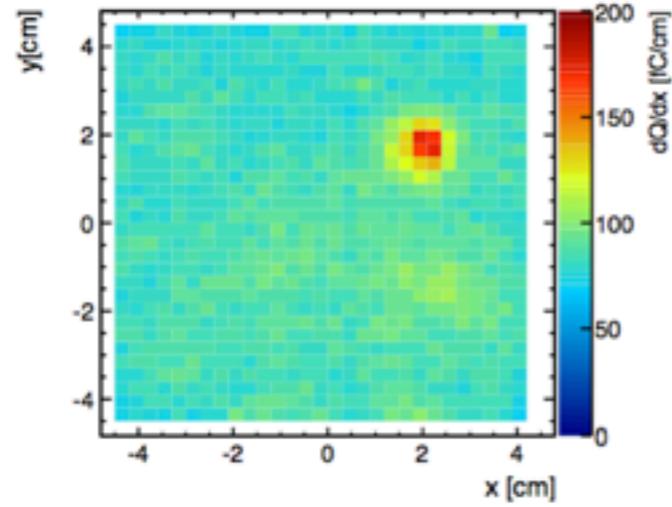
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End of LAGUNA-LBNO DS: technical designs, layouts, liquids handling&storage, safety, ...	<b>2014</b>
Critical decision	<b>2015 ?</b>
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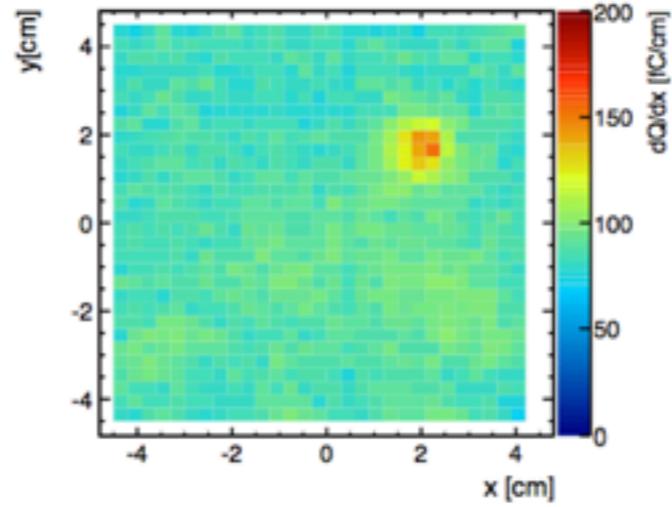
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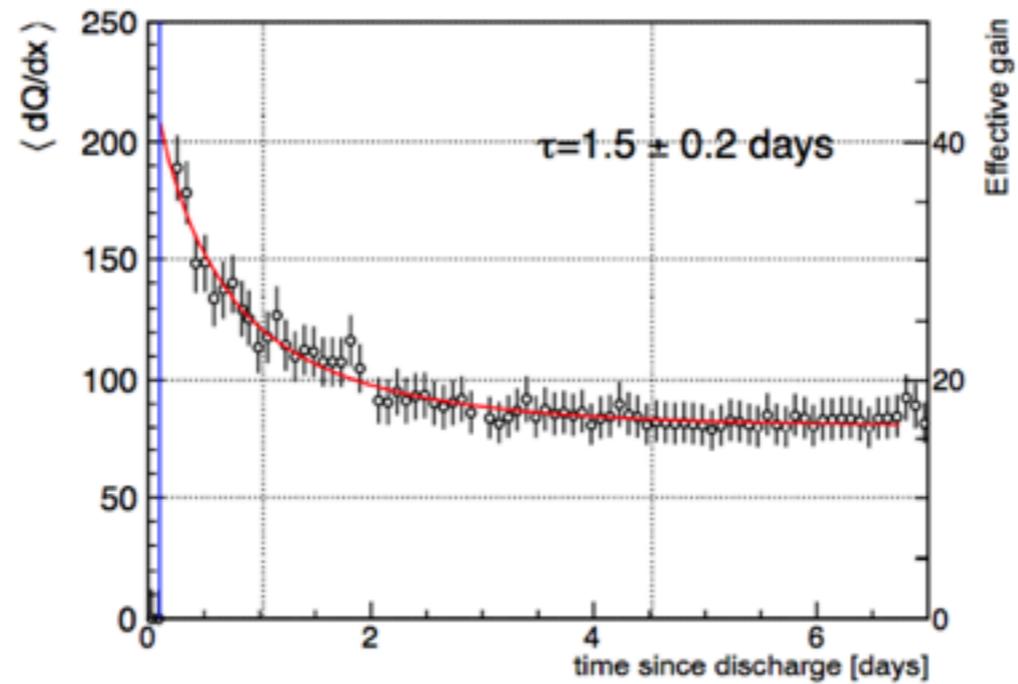
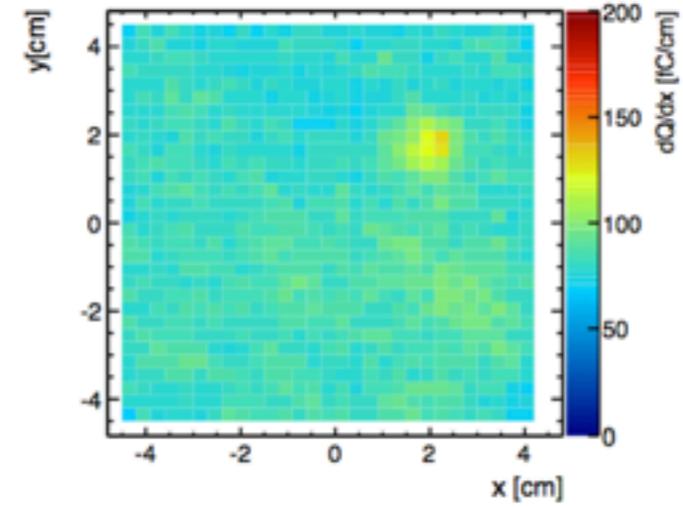
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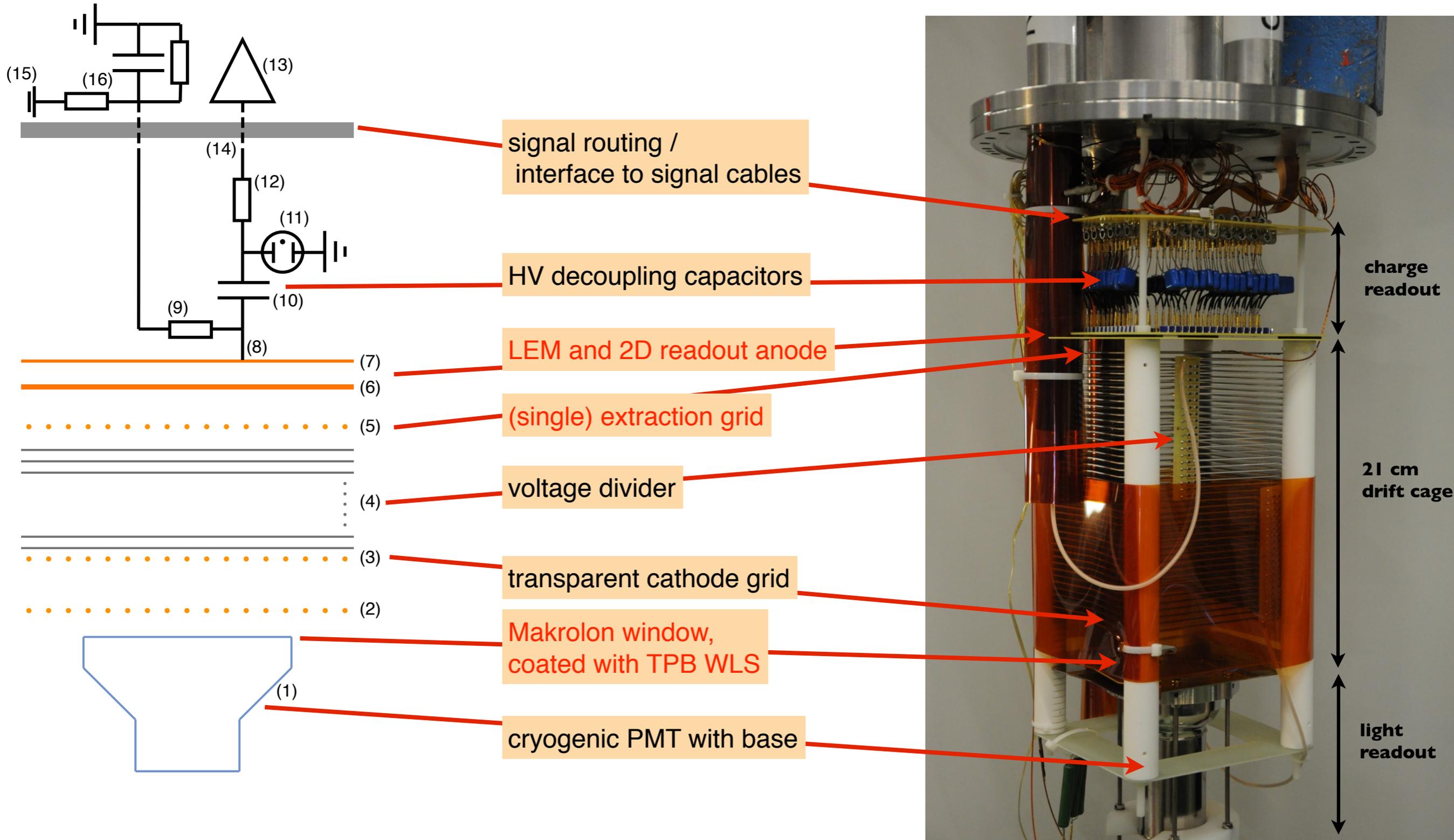
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# 10x10x20 cm<sup>3</sup> prototype: overview



**\*Proof of principle with 10x10 cm<sup>2</sup> double phase Ar LEM-TPC prototype:**

A. Badertscher et al., "Operation of a double-phase pure argon Large Electron Multiplier Time Projection Chamber: Comparison of single and double phase operation" NIM A617 (2010) p.188-192

A. Badertscher et al., "First operation of a double phase LAr Large Electron Multiplier Time Projection Chamber with a two-dimensional projective readout anode" NIM A641 (2011) p.48-57

**\*First successful operation of a 40x80 cm<sup>2</sup> device in November 2011:**

A. Badertscher et al., "First operation and drift field performance of a large area double phase LAr Electron Multiplier Time Projection Chamber with an immersed Greinacher high-voltage multiplier" JINST 7 (2012) P08026

A. Badertscher et al., "First operation and performance of a 200 lt double phase LAr LEM-TPC with a 40x76 cm<sup>2</sup> readout", JINST 8 (2013)P04012, available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/8/04/P04012>

**\*10x10 cm<sup>2</sup> double phase Ar LEM-TPC prototype: further R&D towards final, simplified charge readout for GLACIER:**

first results presented TPC-symposium, Paris Dec. 2011

**\*Future:**

1x1x3 m<sup>3</sup> prototype to test feasibility of large area readouts.

6x6x6 m<sup>3</sup> prototype to be operated at CERN NA in a charged particle beam.

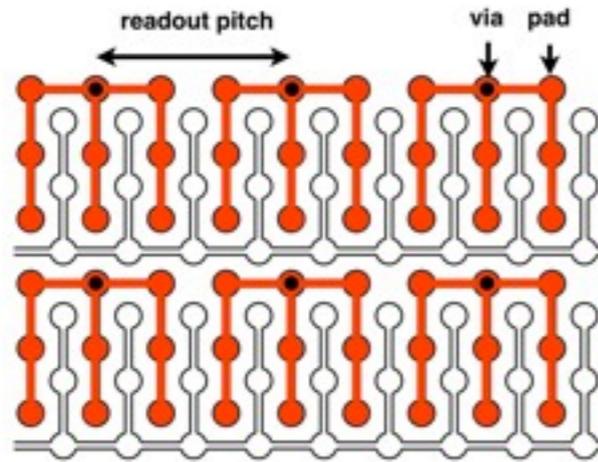
**Final goal:**

**Giant LAr LEM TPC as far detector for a Long Baseline Neutrino Oscillation (LBNO) experiment (SPSC-EOI-007)**

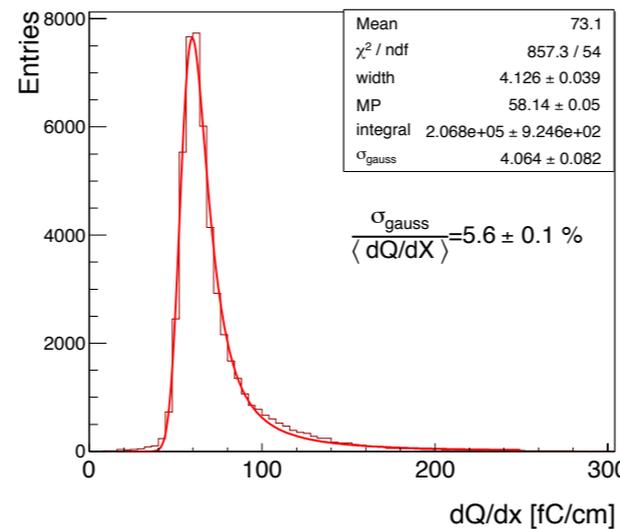
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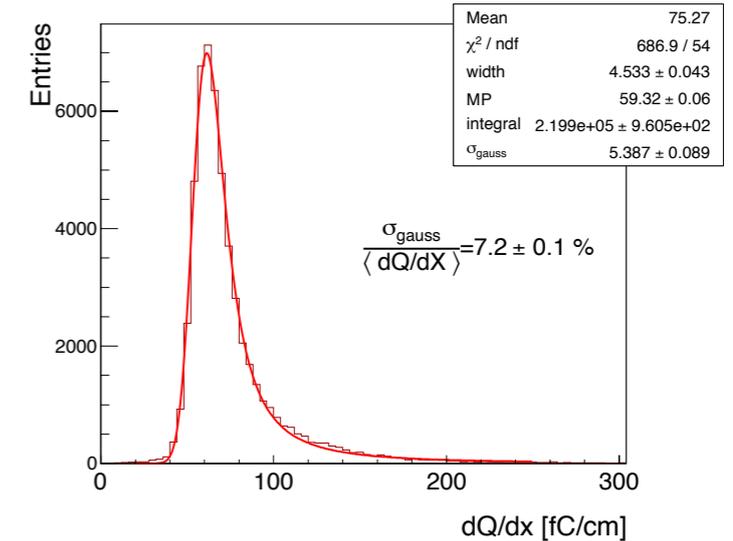
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view 0 (red)

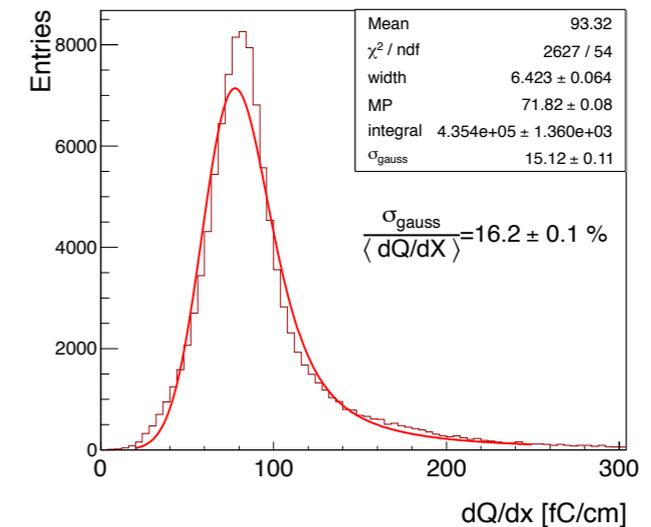
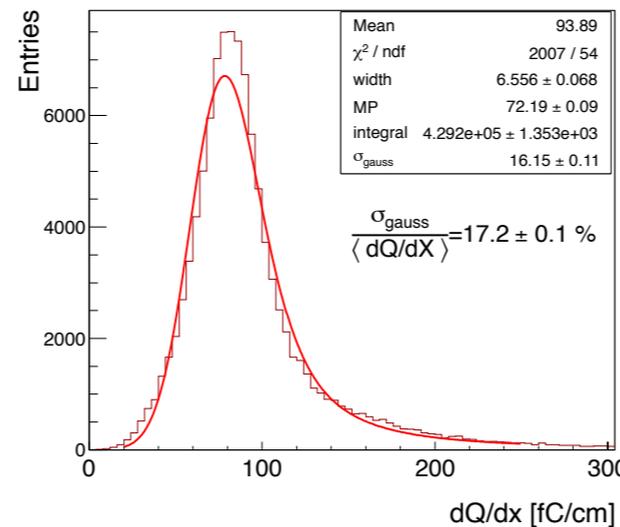
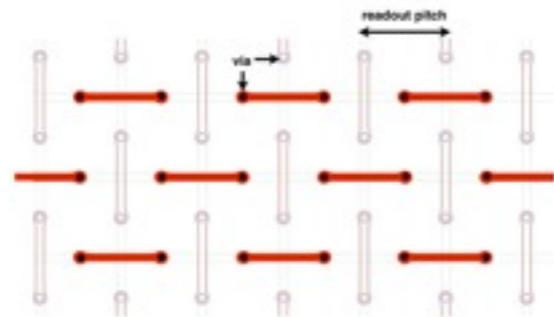


view 1 (white)



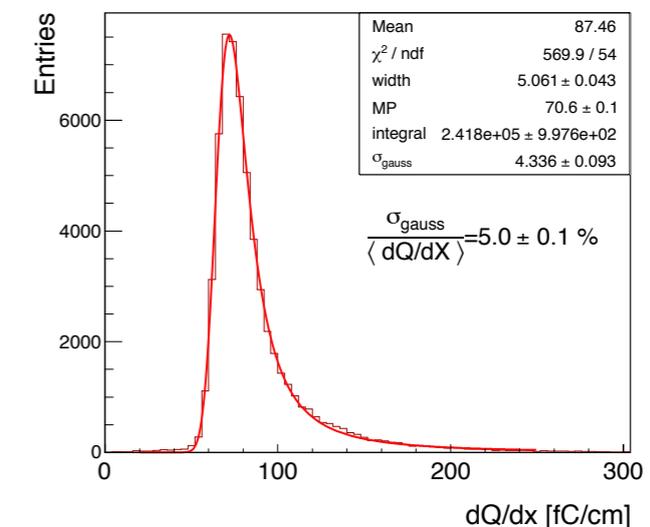
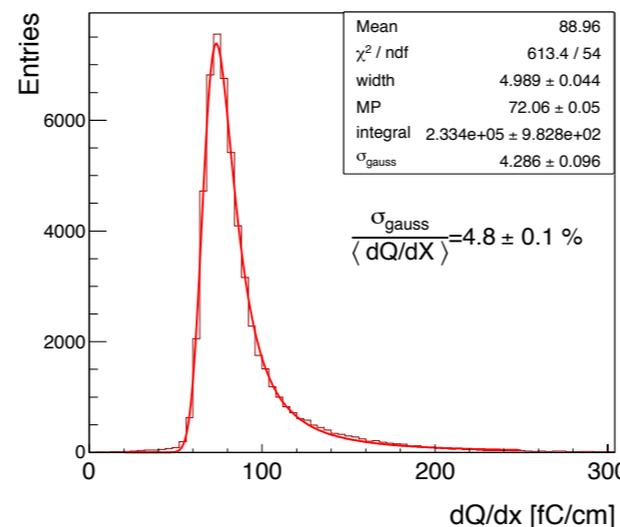
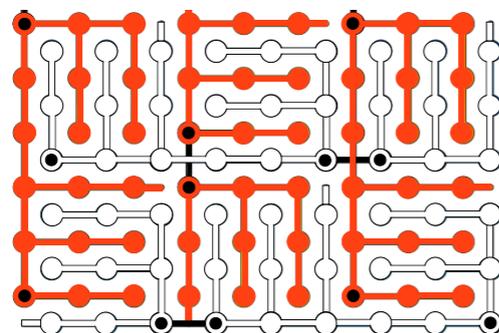
anode B

~100 pF/m



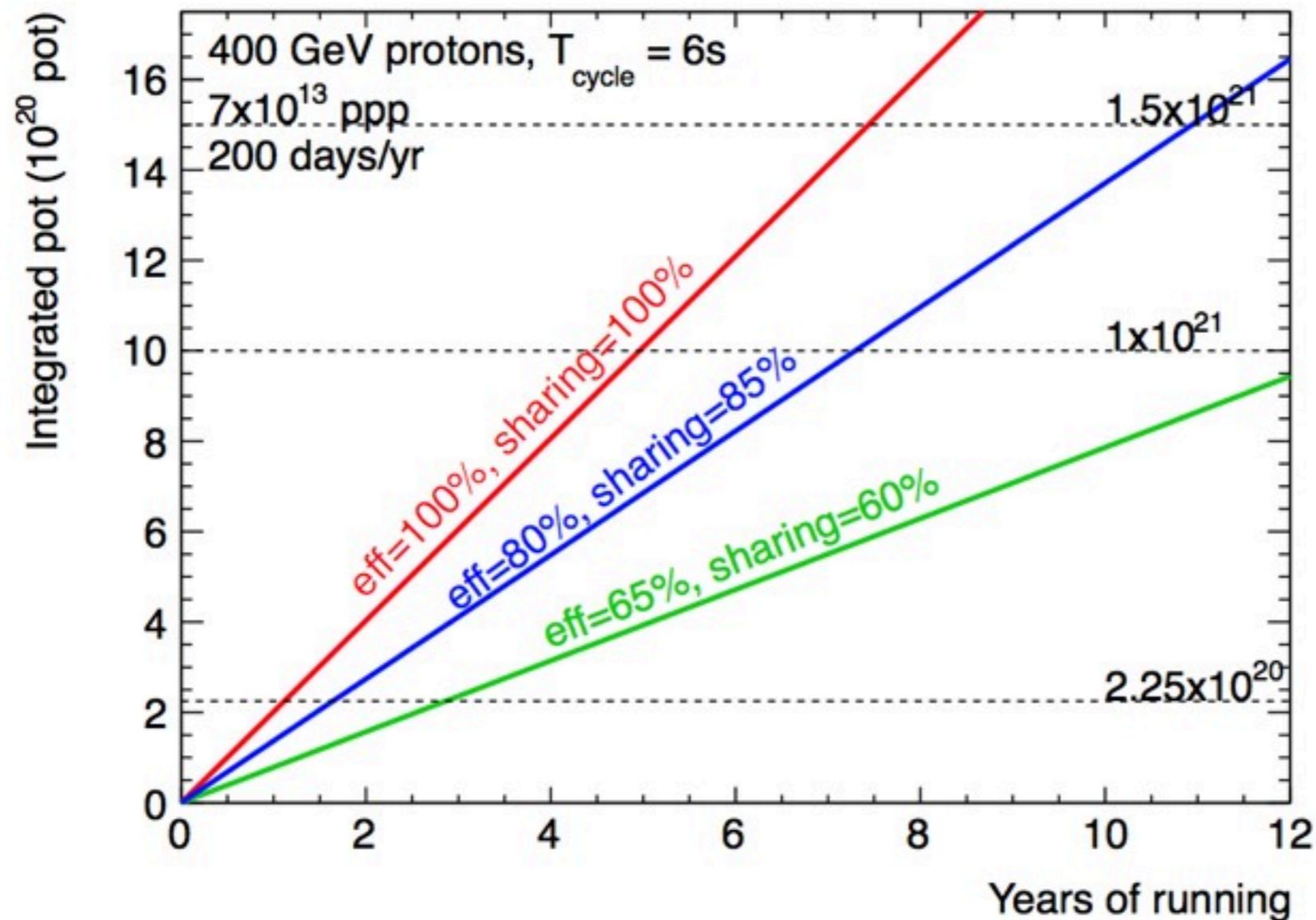
anode C

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CNGS:  $4.5 \times 10^{19}$  protons/year (w/o sharing)  $7.6 \times 10^{19}$  protons/year

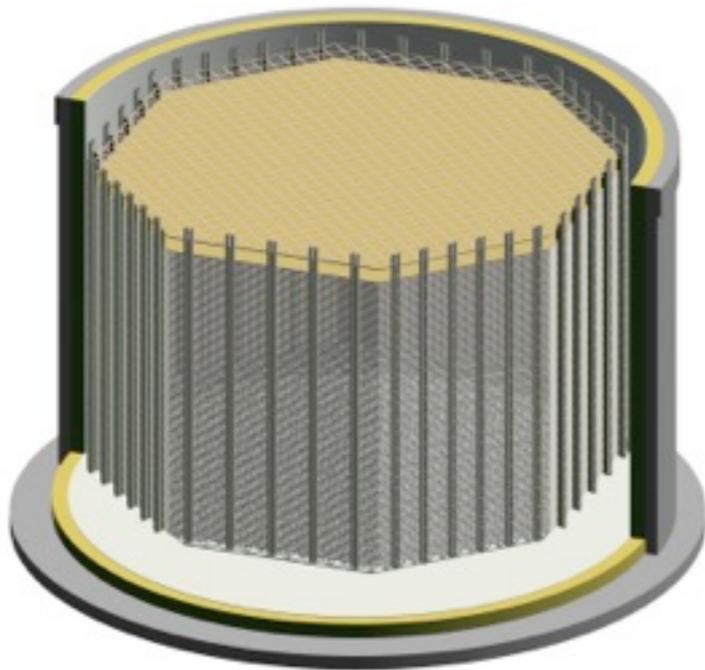
LBNO: assume  $1.5 \times 10^{21}$  pot in 12 year  $\Rightarrow \sim 1.5 \times 10^{20}$  protons/year from improved SPS intensity ( $7 \times 10^{13}$  ppp instead of  $4 \times 10^{13}$  presently) and operation sharing



✓ 60% coverage  
 CP @ 90% C.L. maximal  
 CP @ 3 sigma

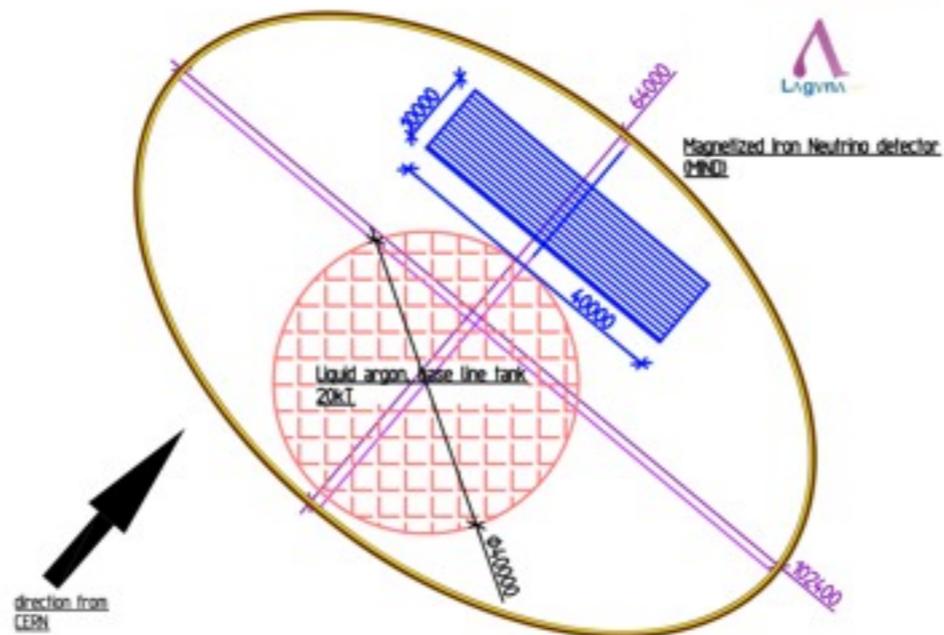
✓ 5 sigma MH

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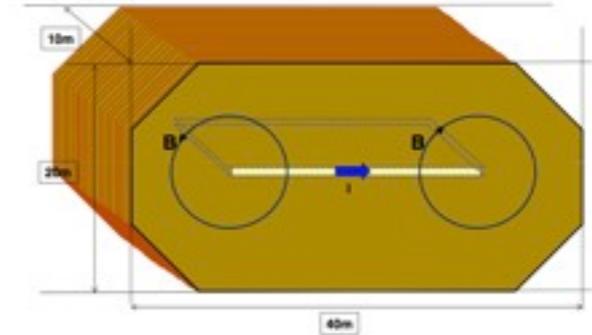


## 20,50 kt Double Phase LAr LEM TPC

- \* Low energy threshold: exclusive final states
- \* Low systematic error
- \* Excellent energy resolution on a wide energy range
- \* Excellent  $\pi^0/e$  separation: necessary to suppress NC background



## MIND



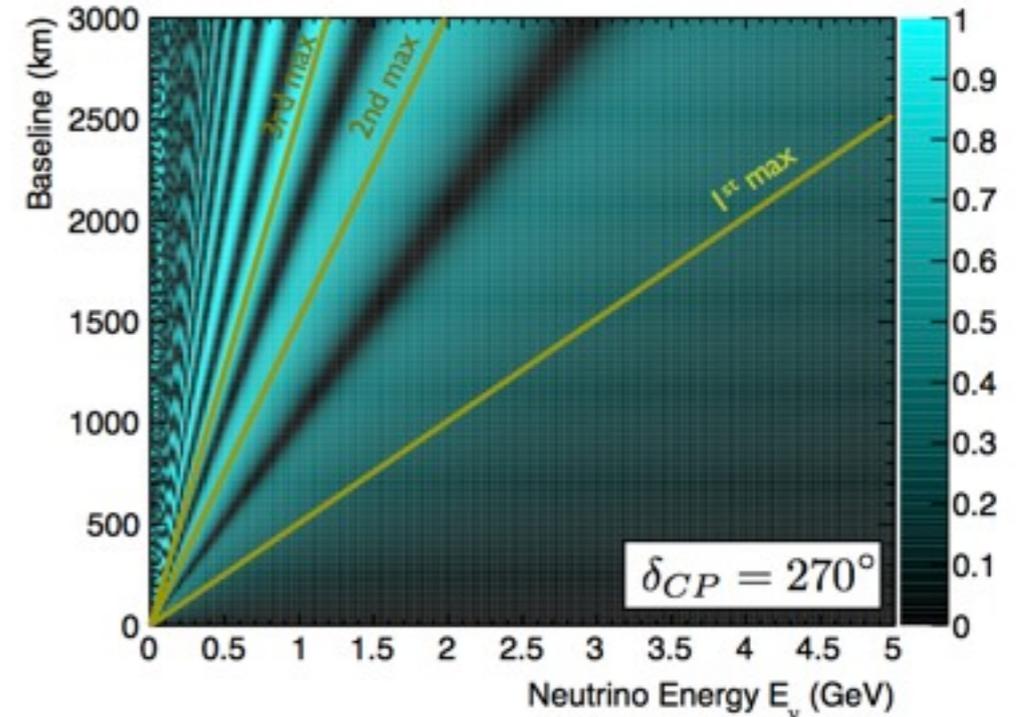
## 35 kt Magnetized Muon Detector

(3 cm Fe, 1 cm scint. bars, 1.5-2.5 T)

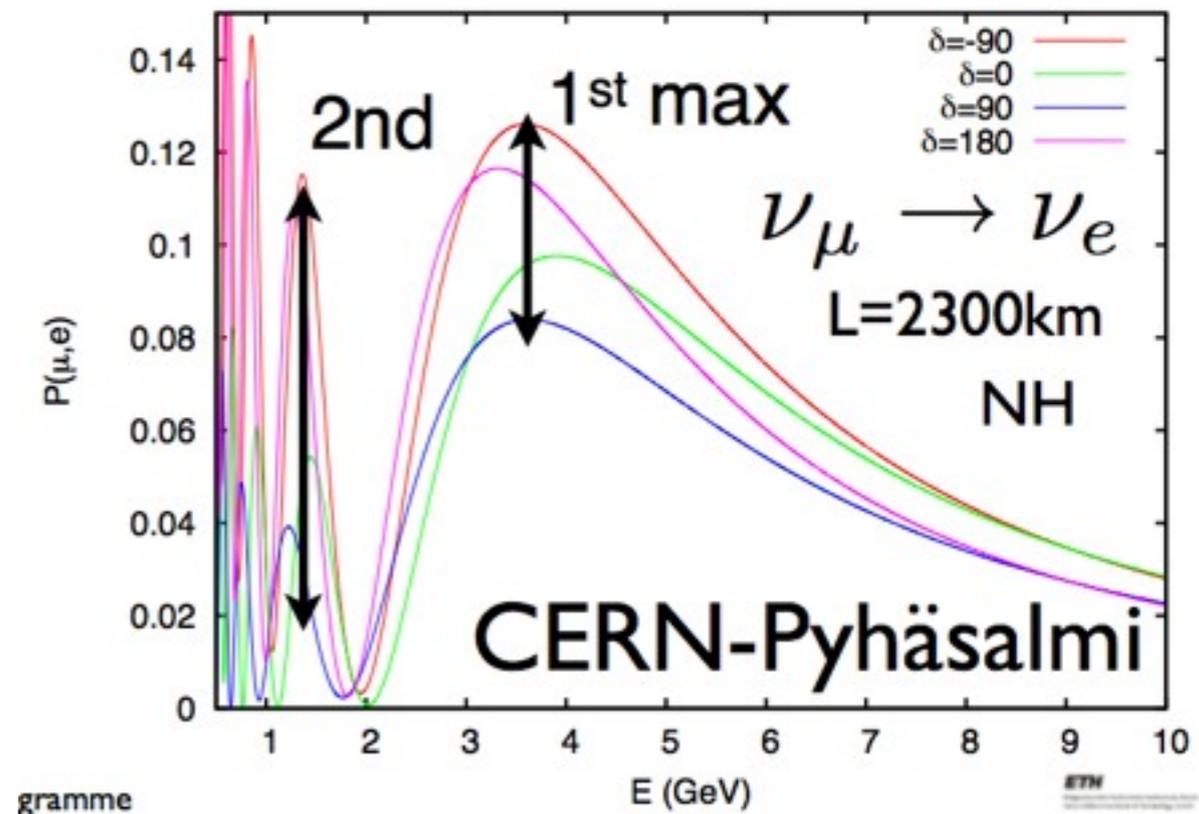
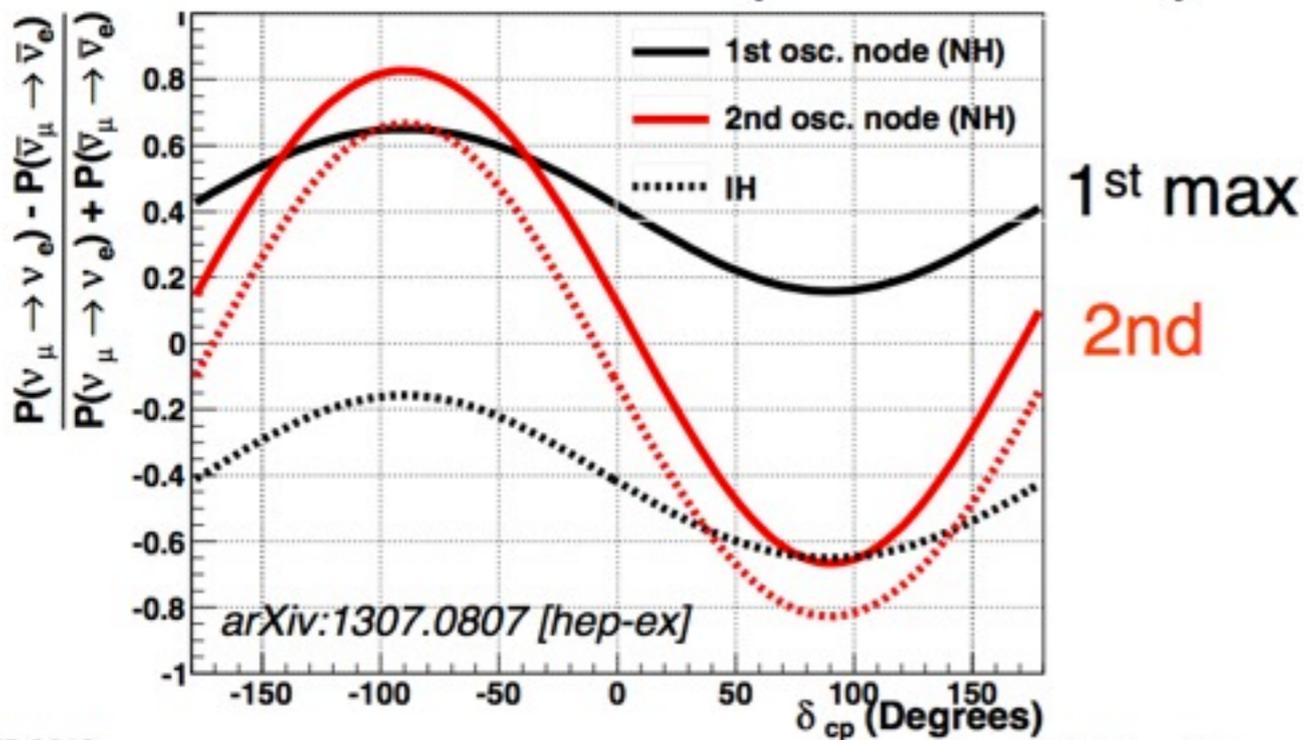
- \* Muon momentum and charge
- \* inclusive neutrino energy rec.

$$\left. \frac{P(\nu) - P(\bar{\nu})}{P(\nu) + P(\bar{\nu})} \right|_{a=0} \approx -\frac{2s_\delta c_{12} s_{12}}{s_{13}} \cot \theta_{23} \frac{\delta m_{21}^2 L}{2E}$$

Growing CP effect with  $L/E \Rightarrow$  CP asymmetries larger for 2nd, 3rd .. maxima  
 Long baseline ( $>1000$  km) needed



FNAL->homestake (1300 km)



# Enhanced CP effect at 2<sup>nd</sup> maximum

- Matter- and pure CP-terms are disentangled by their different L/E dependence and by the growing CP effect with L/E:

$$\mathcal{A} \equiv P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) - P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) =$$

$$16 \frac{a}{\delta m_{31}^2} \sin^2 \frac{\delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} c_{13}^2 s_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 (1 - 2s_{13}^2)$$

**Matter terms**

$$- 4 \frac{aL}{2E} \sin \frac{\delta m_{31}^2 L}{2E} c_{13}^2 s_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 (1 - 2s_{13}^2)$$

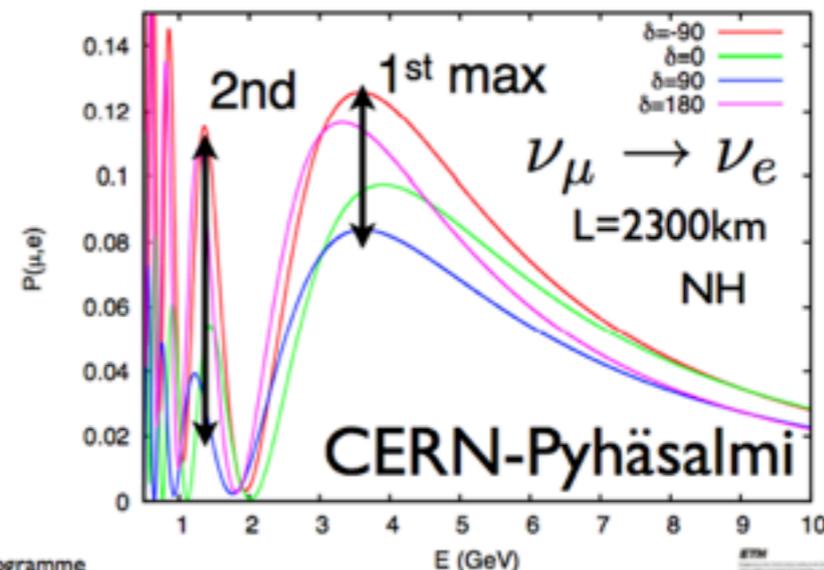
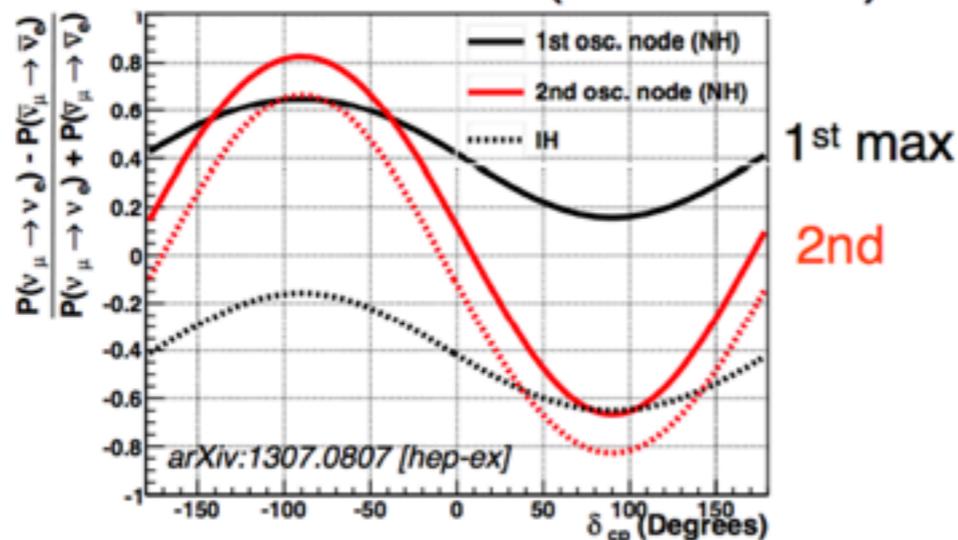
$$- 8 \frac{\delta m_{21}^2 L}{2E} \sin^2 \frac{\delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} s_{13}^2 c_{13}^2 s_{13} c_{23} s_{23} c_{12} s_{12}$$

**Pure CP-term**

$$\left. \frac{P(\nu) - P(\bar{\nu})}{P(\nu) + P(\bar{\nu})} \right|_{a=0} \approx - \frac{2s_\delta c_{12} s_{12}}{s_{13}} \cot \theta_{23} \frac{\delta m_{21}^2 L}{2E}$$

**The envelope increases linearly with L/E**

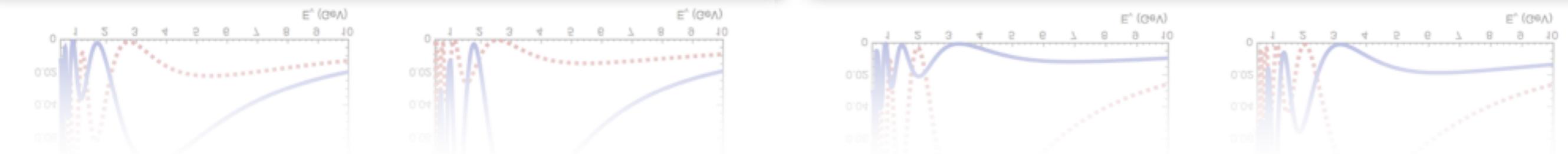
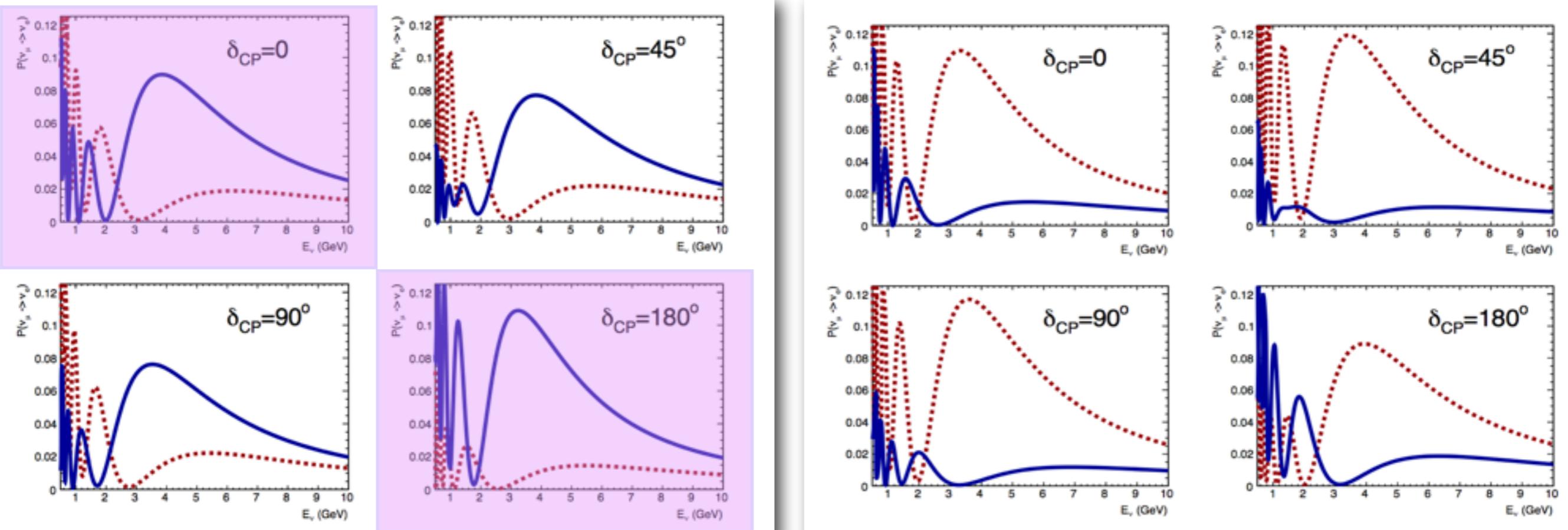
FNAL-Homestake (L=1300km)



- Long baseline=>complete swap between neutrinos and antineutrinos
- spectral information provides unambiguous determination of osc para and allows to distinguish the two CP conserving scenarios

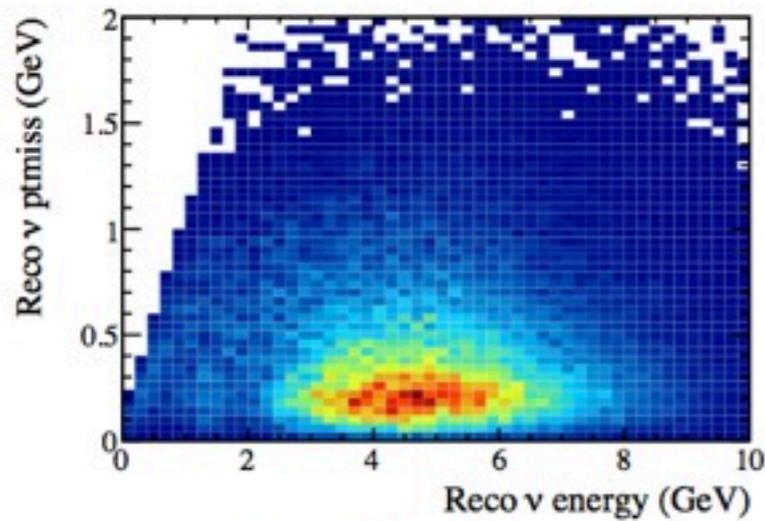
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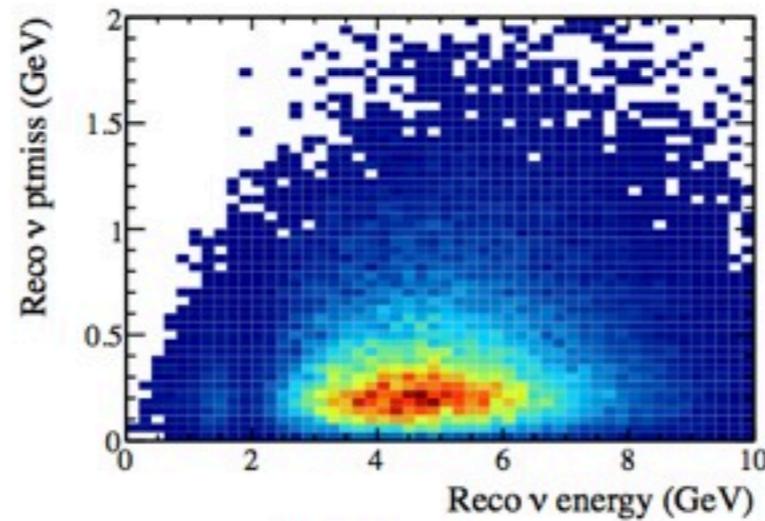
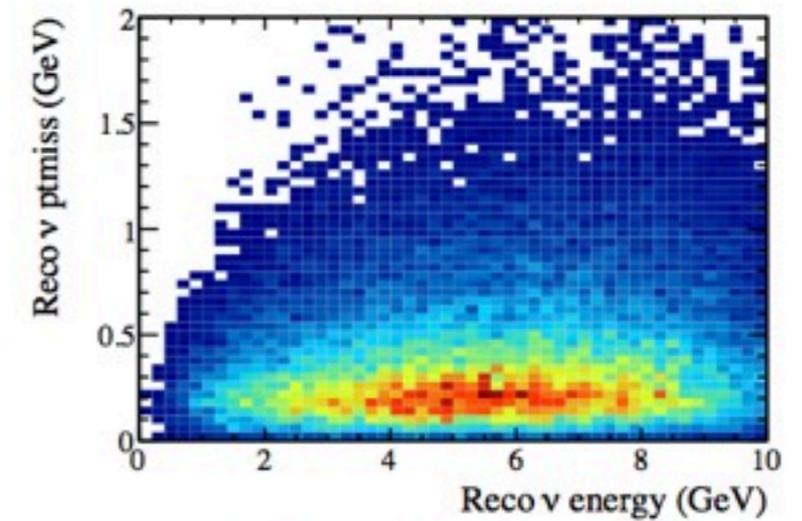
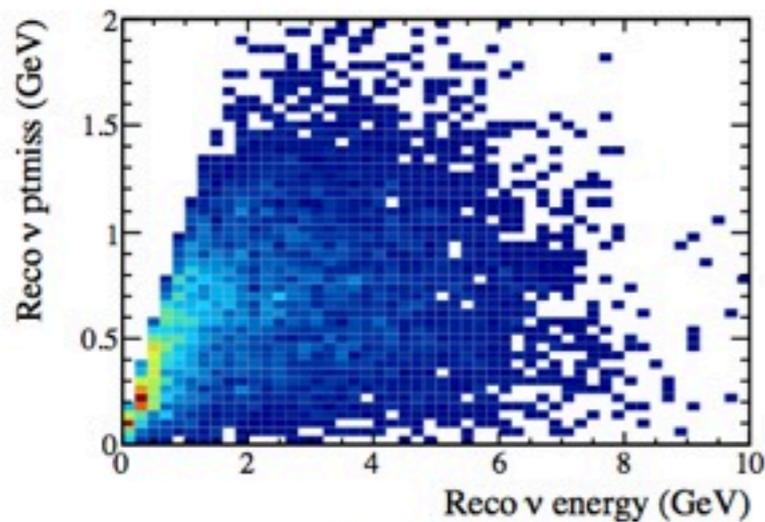
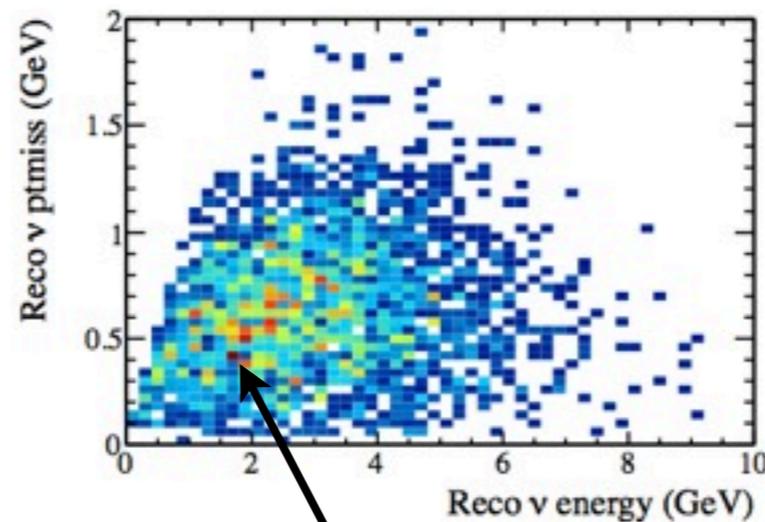
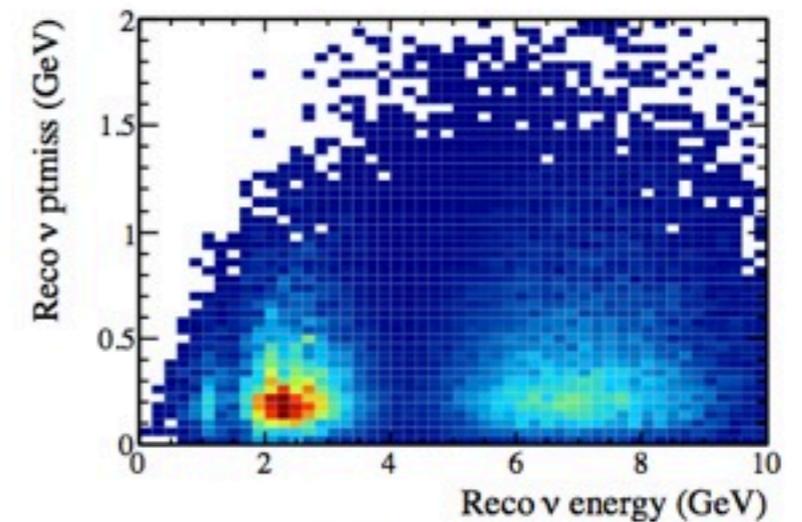


Beam	$\nu_\mu$ unosc. CC	$\nu_\mu$ osc. CC	$\nu_e$ beam CC	$\nu_\mu$ NC	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ CC	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ CC		
						$\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2,$	0,	$\pi/2$
<b>LBNO: 2300 km, NH</b> 400 GeV, 750 kW $1.5 \times 10^{20}$ POT/year 50kt years $\nu$ 50kt years $\bar{\nu}$	4128 1538	1086 396	26 6	1416 650	258 117	295 21	241 32	194 35
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<b>LBNO: 2300, NH km</b> 50 GeV, 2 MW $3.0 \times 10^{21}$ POT/year 50kt years $\nu$ 50kt years $\bar{\nu}$	10317 3981	2713 991	65 15	3538 1628	646 298	737 53	602 78	486 87
<b>LBNO: 2300 km, IH</b> 50 GeV, 2 MW $3.0 \times 10^{21}$ POT/year 50kt years $\nu$ 50kt years $\bar{\nu}$	10317 3981	2553 991	65 15	3538 1628	714 298	212 185	131 230	95 268
<b>LBNE low energy beam</b> 80 GeV, 700 kW $9 \times 10^{20}$ POT/year 50 kt-years $\nu$ 50 kt-years $\bar{\nu}$	7421 2478	2531 812	63 20	1953 876	91 28	353 30	280 50	204 62

dCP=0, NH

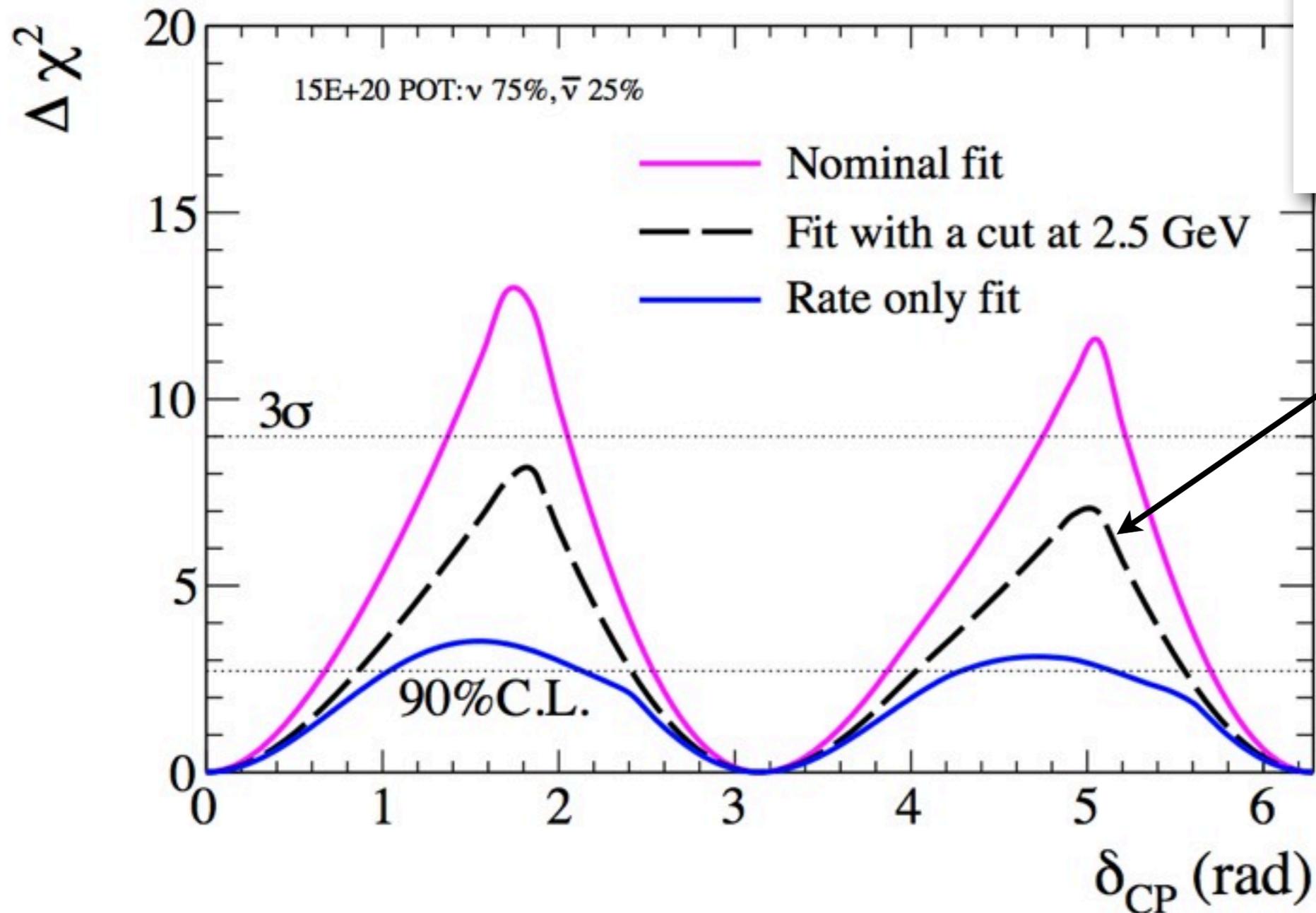


(a) All e-like

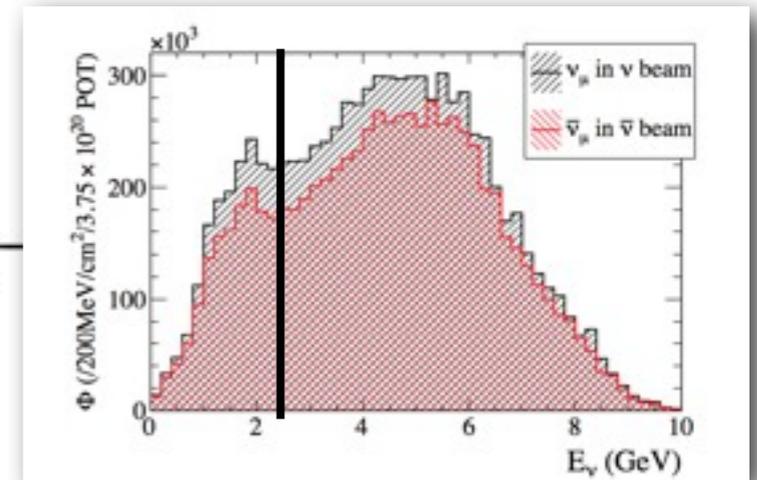
(b) Signal  $\nu_e$ (c) Intrinsic  $\nu_e$ (d)  $\text{NC}\pi^0$ (e)  $\nu_\tau \rightarrow e$  contamination(f) Mis-id  $\nu_\mu$ 

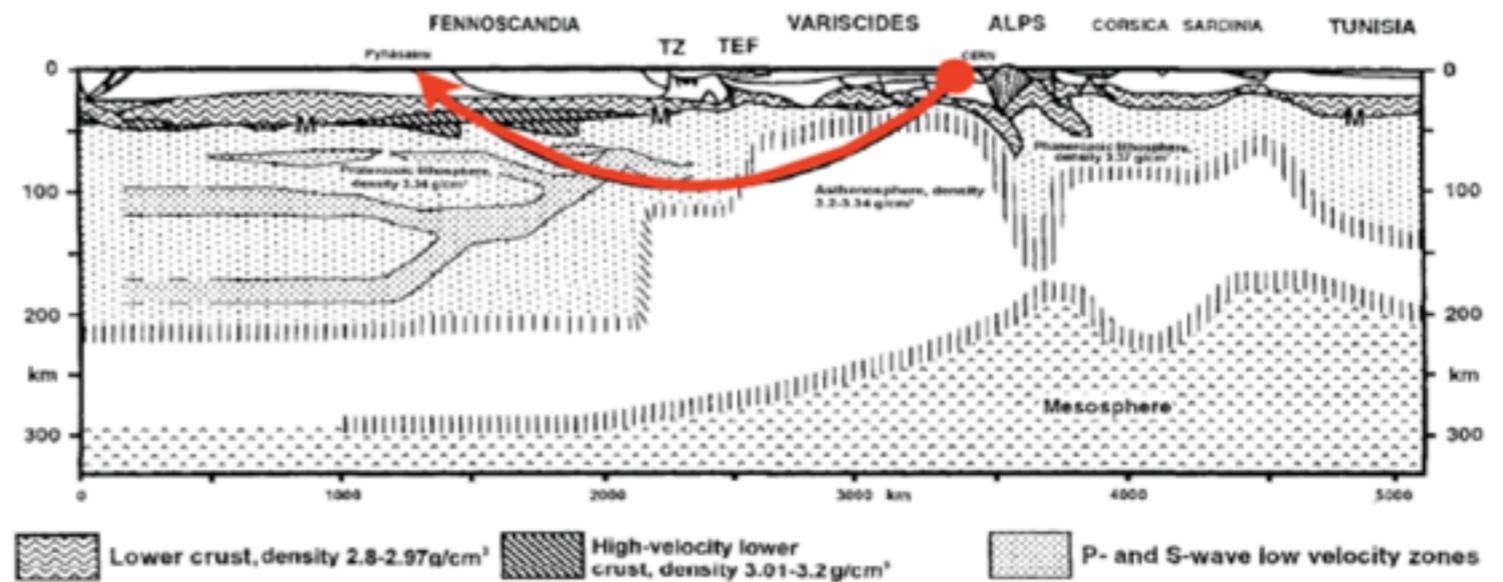
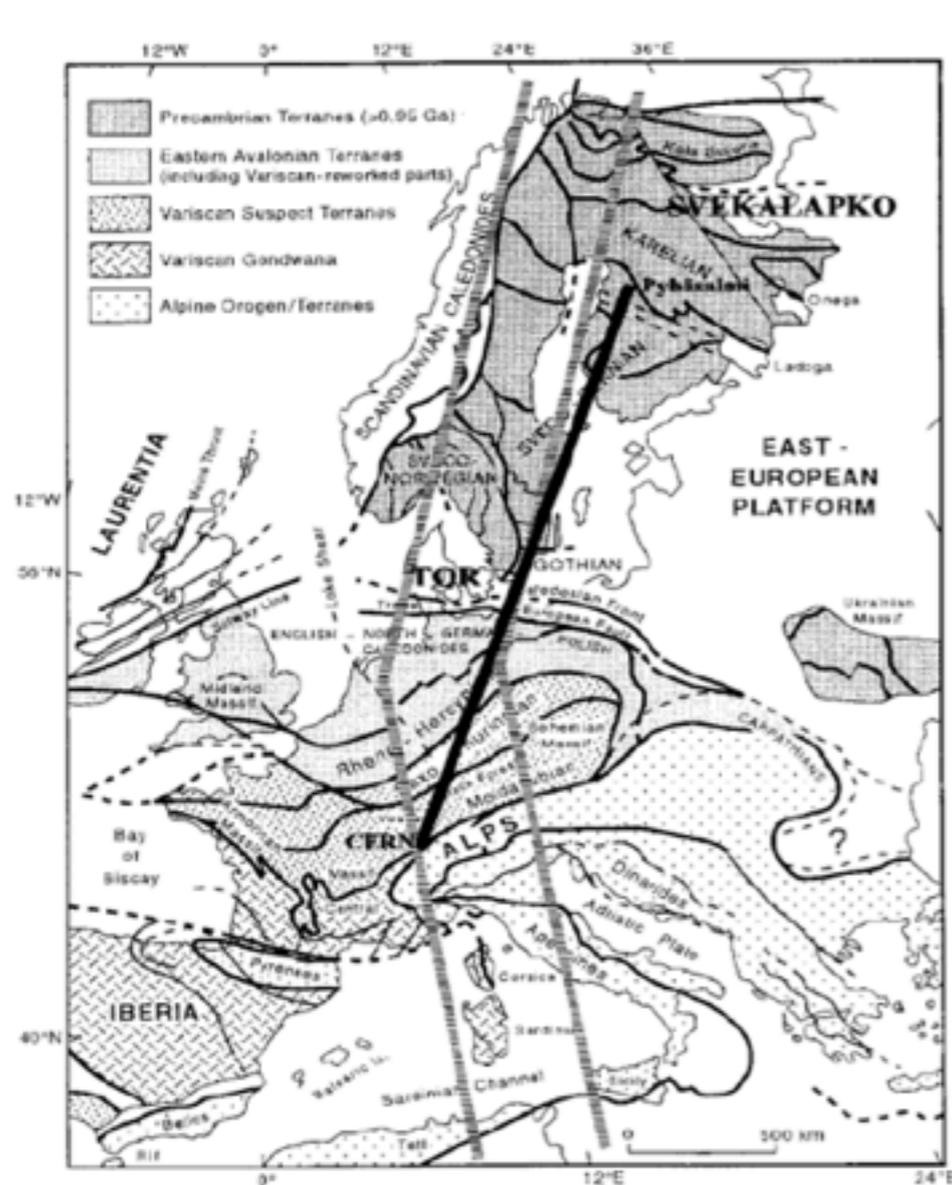
larger pt\_miss because fo two v in final state

Use all spectral information: Rate & Shape for energy range 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> max

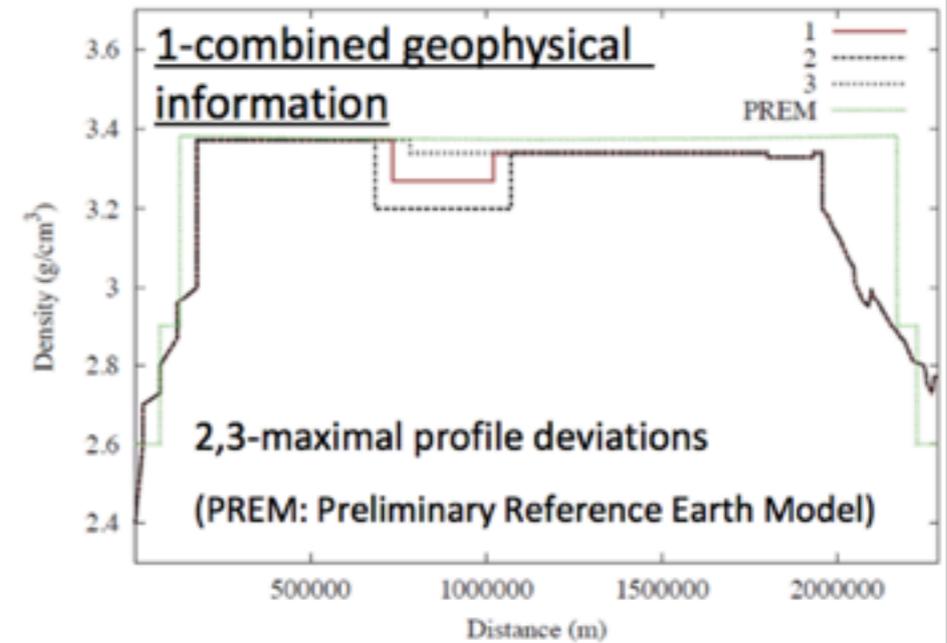


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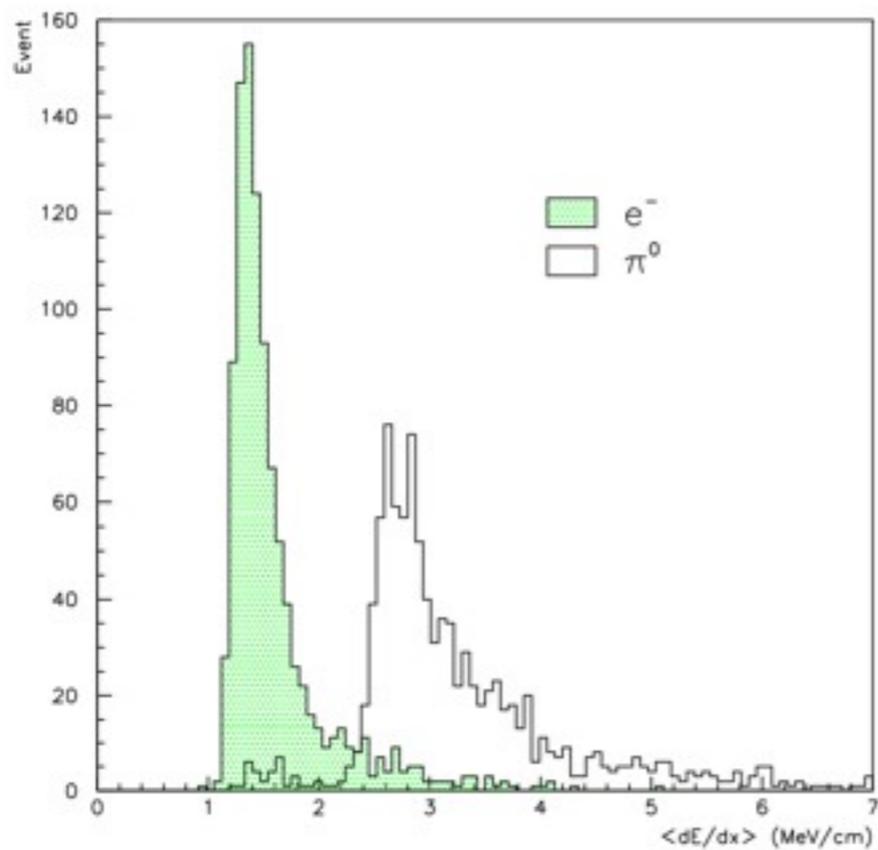
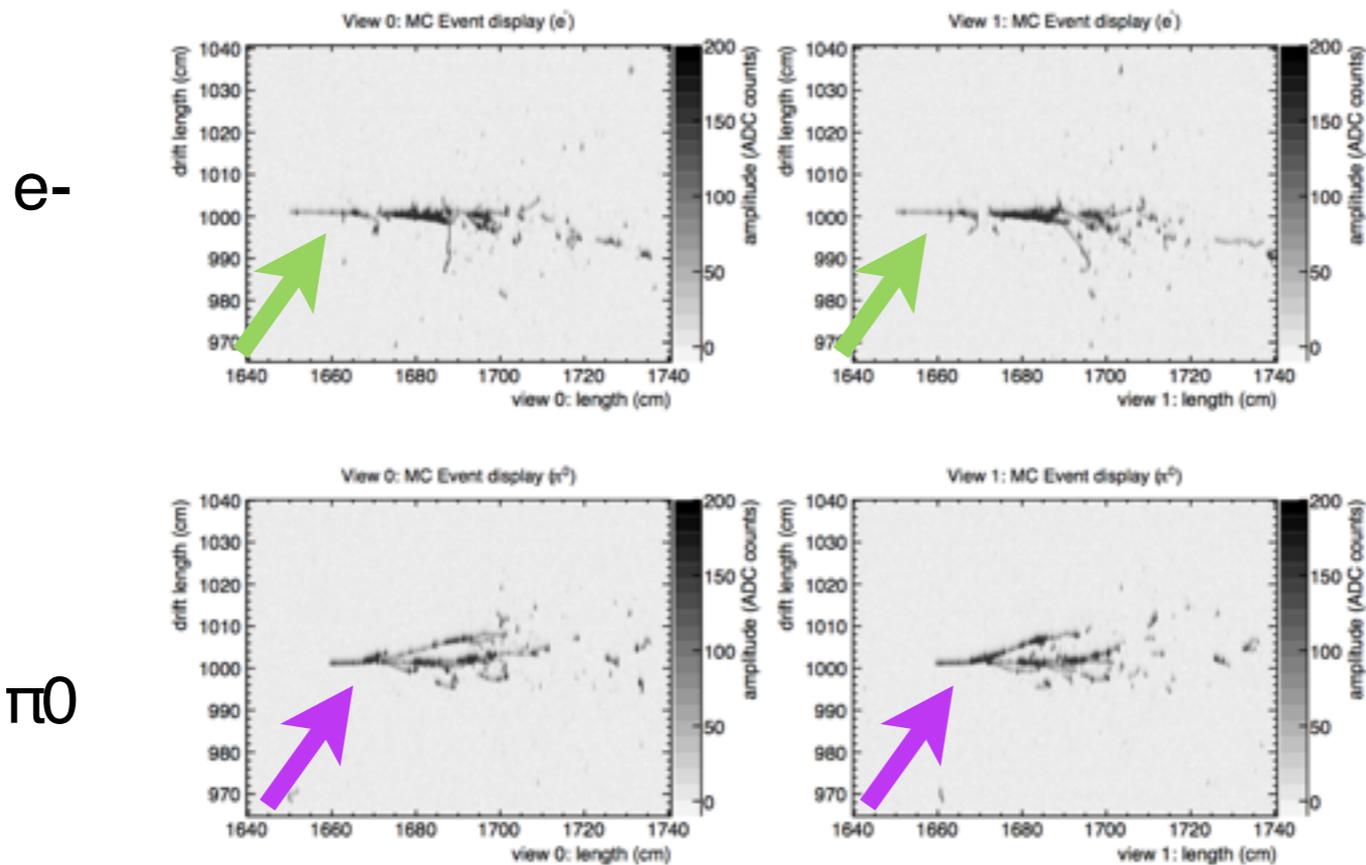




**Earth Density Profile**  
 Measured by several  
 Geophysical projects  
 $2.4 < \rho < 3.4 \text{ g/cm}^3$

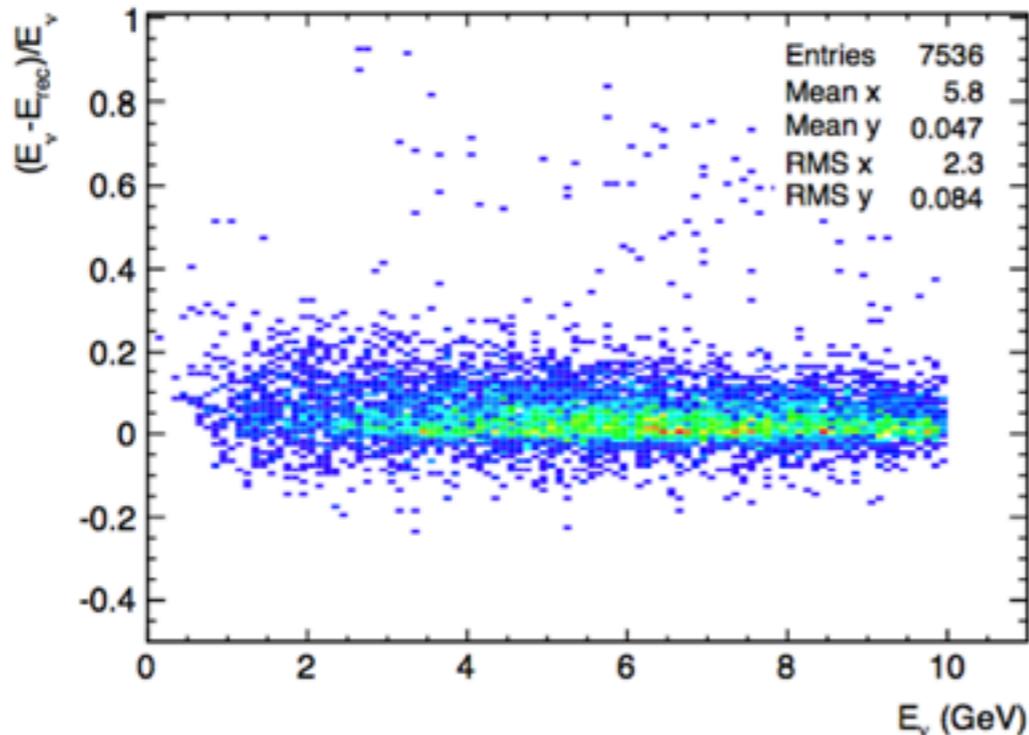
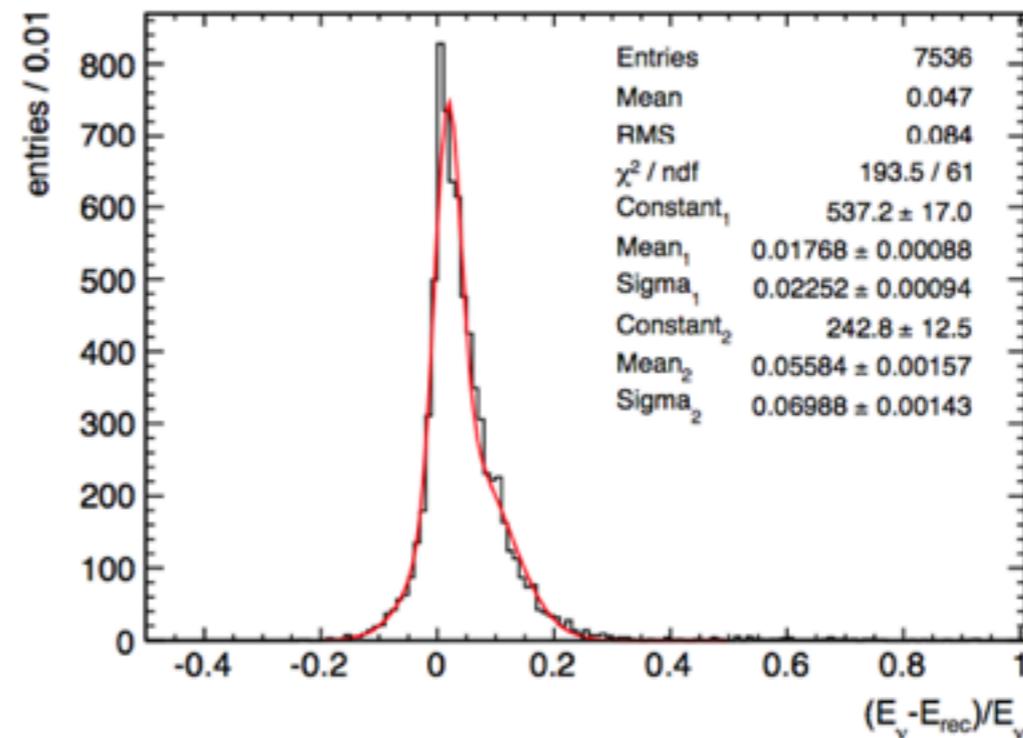
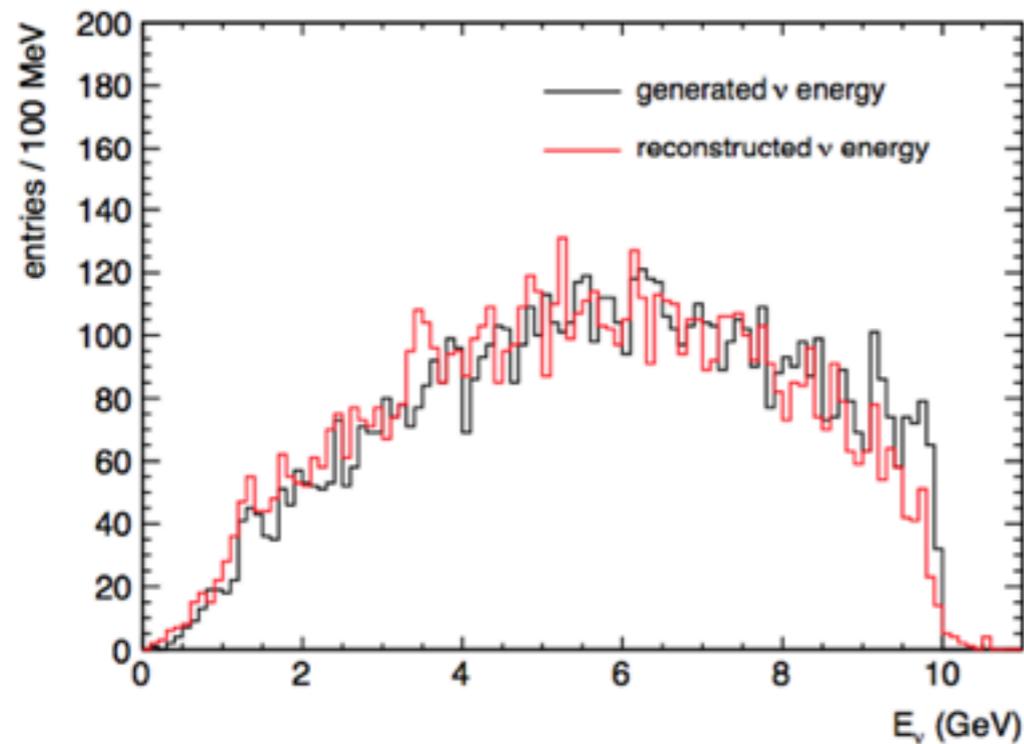


- ❑ The  $v$  line of flight is comprised in a geological section extensively studied in the past
  - mean density variations known with high accuracy
- ❑ Local density variations are estimated to be of about 5%
  - total effect on oscillation probability averages out
  - conservative approach is to assume  $\pm 4\%$  syst. error (global mean shift)



$dE/dx$  of first 30 reconstructed hits

Energy (GeV)	$\pi^0$ contamination (%)	$\langle dE/dx \rangle_{cut}$ (MeV/cm)
0.25	6.5	2.13
0.5	5.5	2.19
1	3.7	2.21
2	2.7	2.10



- tracking done with GEANT4, including electron ion recombination
- event vertex placed in the center of the detector (all events are fully contained!)

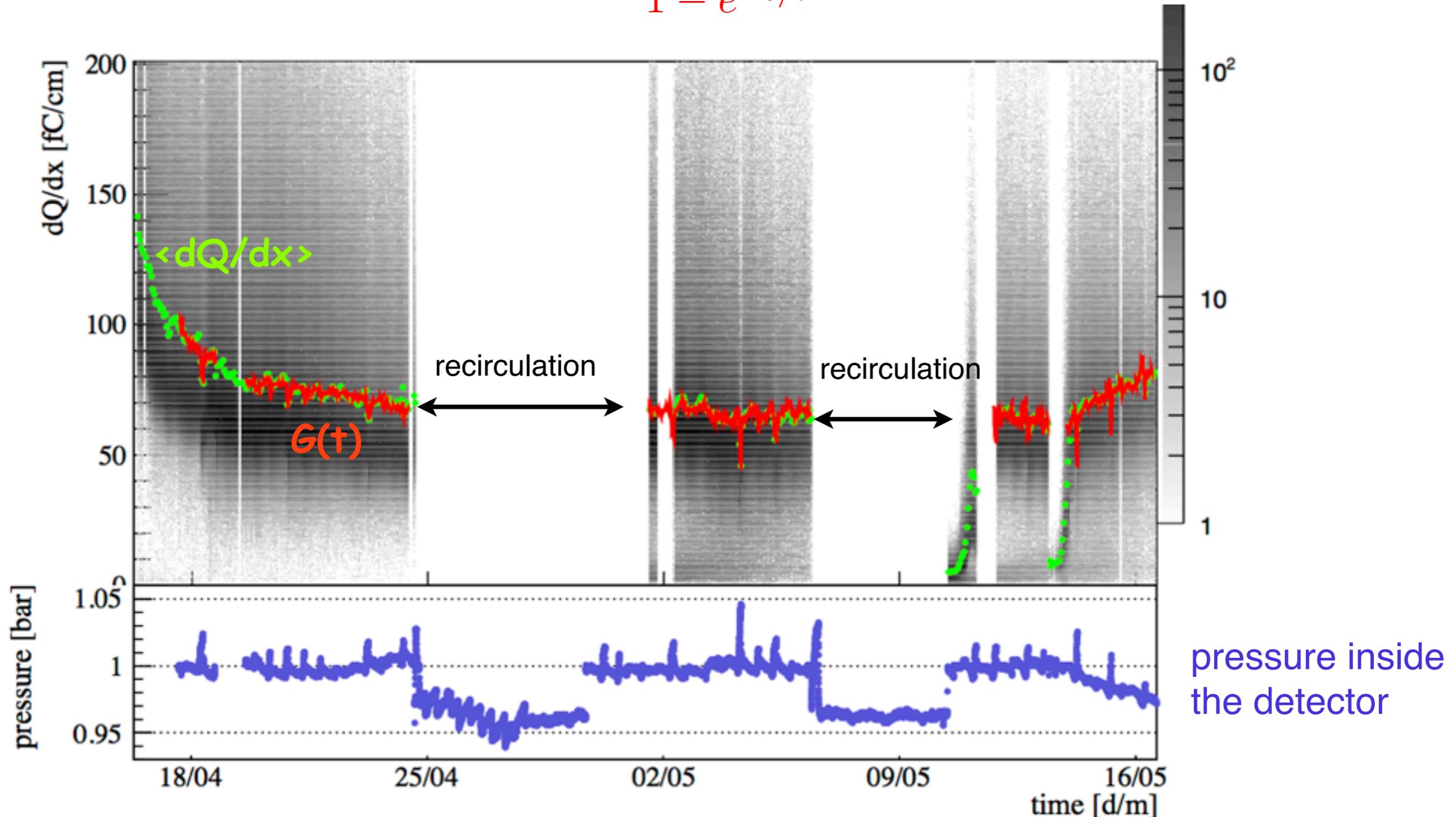
**$(E_\nu - E_{rec})/E_\nu$  RMS=8.4%**

# Stability of the gain

Gain in the LEM depends on: \* density of the gas (=pressure, temperature)  
 \* the electric field across the LEM

Well described by the function:

$$G(t) = \text{trans.} \times e^{x \cdot \alpha(p, T, E)} \times \frac{1}{1 - e^{-t/\tau}} \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha(p, T, E) = \frac{Ap}{T} e^{-\frac{Bp}{E}}$$



pressure inside  
the detector